



Reba hopes to find her Forever Home

Although the expression, “raining cats and dogs” has no specific historical origin in Bath County, it has come to mean an overwhelming influx of abandoned or surrendered dogs and cats. At the beginning of the Pandemic, adopters were abundant, as were regular happy departures from shelters and rescue organizations nationwide. As businesses and offices began to re-open, many pets were surrendered to shelters and rescue organizations. The situation has become dire for dogs and cats across the United States, and Bath County is no exception!

Bath Animal Welfare Foundation (BAWF) is a 501 (3) C organization, founded more than two decades ago, to serve the abandoned and neglected animals in our community. It is an all-volunteer charity that has provided medical care and loving

homes for hundreds of needy animals, and free spaying and neutering for dogs and cats owned by county residents. Such efforts have reduced the number of unwanted puppies and kittens.

BAWF is working diligently to help as many of the homeless animals as possible and is so grateful for the generosity of the many supporters that make this possible!

Presently, BAWF is in the unfortunate position of having more dogs than it has kennel space. There is an abundance of hounds, since hunting is such a rich tradition here. Many hounds would prefer snuggling with their owners on the couch rather than hunt! All of these factors add up to BAWF being in great need of adopters and fosters! Fostering is a wonderful experience for the one giving a loving home and care to a dog that is waiting for a forever home. BAWF pays for all food, medical care, flea and tick treatment and heartworm medications. The foster provides the love! Might that be an enriching experience that fits your life now?

If you would like to help these animals with the many expenses for caring for them, you may DONATE by going to the BAWF website: www.bawf.org or you may send your donation to: BAWF, P. O. Box 716, Hot Springs, VA 24445.

Thank you for helping us save Bath County dogs, cats and an occasional horse!