

## The Avery County Humane Society is Moving Soon!

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The dogs, cats, kittens and puppies of Avery County Humane Society will be on the way to their new animal shelter on New Vale Road in Newland on April 16 and the shelter will open to the public on April 19! Staff and board members are already preparing for the move. The new, 21,000 sq. ft. Avery County Adoption and Humane Education Center features a spacious lobby and pet boutique, 34 cat condos, 29 double dog runs, an education and community room and space for future development of a spay/neuter and veterinary clinic. A cat play room allows visitors to view our fancy felines at play, and dog and cat adopt areas provide quiet space for volunteers and adopting families to spend time socializing puppies and kittens or getting to know a special pet before adopting.

Receiving areas provide space for examination and treatment of new arrivals, quarantine space shelters sick or injured animals, and separate areas house healthy pets that are ready and waiting for their forever homes. As always, the friendly staff of Avery Humane will be standing by to help you find just the right match for you and your family.

The new shelter is located at 279 New Vale Road, behind Ingalls, in Newland, right next door to the Paws and Claws resale store. Paws and Claws will reopen for the season on Thursday, April 19, selling gently used household items and furniture and the proceeds of all sales benefit Avery County Humane Society.

**Important Dates:** The Humane Society will cease receiving animals at the Stamey Branch shelter at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13 and will close Sunday, April 15 through Wednesday, April 18, to accomplish the move and help the animals settle into their new environment. The staff will welcome the public and begin receiving animals at the new shelter, at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, 2012.

Operating hours will remain the same for the first month: Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday for adoption only from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The weekly spay/neuter clinic will be postponed on Thursday, April 19 but will begin again, on Thursday, April 26.

The new ACHS phone number will be 828-733-2333. Mail will continue to be received at PO Box 1213, Newland, NC 28657.

Volunteers are being accepted into the Volunteer Program now! Orientations will be held on the second Saturday and fourth Monday each month beginning May 12. Visit the ACHS website at [www.averyhumane.org](http://www.averyhumane.org) for more information and to apply.

Do you have a friendly smile and a welcoming spirit? Volunteer receptionists are needed beginning April 16. Call 828-733-9265 for details.

The Avery County Humane Society invites the community to visit the new facility, beginning April 19, and wishes to thank the many people and organizations who donated time, money and effort to help make this dream come true. Special thanks to the owners and employees of David Patrick Moses, Architect, PLLC and David E. Looper & Company for their tireless and excellent service.