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Moving day is today for the Avery County Humane Society, moving to the new facility on New Vale Road in Newland. On Thursday, April 19th, at 10:00 a.m., the Avery County Humane Society's Adoption and Humane Education Center at 279 New Vale Road, in Newland, North Carolina, will open its doors to the public for the first time! The new, 21,000 sq. ft. facility features a bright and 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 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. 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 reopens for the season on April 19 as well, selling gently used household items and furniture with the proceeds of all sales benefiting the Avery County Humane Society. Operating hours at the new shelter will remain 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. until further notice. The new ACHS phone number is 828-733-2333. Mail will continue to be received at PO Box 1213, Newland, NC 28657. Do you have a friendly smile and a welcoming spirit? Volunteer receptionists are needed beginning April 16. Call 828-733-2333 for details. Do you want to socialize kittens, help with animal care, learn dog training skills, provide foster care or share a special skill? Volunteers are being accepted into the Volunteer Training Program for the new shelter now! Our first orientation will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. Subsequent orientations will be held the second Saturday and Fourth Monday each month beginning Monday, May 21. Visit our website at www.averyhumane.org for more information and to apply. The Avery County Humane Society invites everyone in the community to visit the new facility, beginning Thursday, 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.