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Furkids Animal Rescue opens new medical center

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A new veterinary medical center designed to advance the future of shelter medicine and expand lifesaving care for rescue animals is now open.

On July 18, the Giaquinto Medical Center opened its doors in the heart of the Furkids Animal Rescue and Shelters foundation headquarters on Union Hill Road.

The new facility will bring surgery, dentistry, disease-specific treatment and more to the campus, allowing more animals to receive the care they need without leaving the center.

"We built this Medical Center because rescue doesn't end when an animal arrives at Furkids," said Samantha Shelton, founder and CEO of Furkids Animal Rescue and Shelters. "It begins with access to exceptional medical care."

The Furkids organization is entering its fourth year in partnership with the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine, and the new center will expand education opportunities for students.

The medical center will also support a new partnership with Auburn University and additional veterinary programs.

Since 2002, Furkids has rescued and cared for over 80,000 animals.

Furkids is Georgia's largest no-kill shelter and the Southeast's largest cage-free sanctuary for cats. Additionally, the foundation is one of the region's largest volunteer-driven rescue organizations.

In 2025, Furkids performed more than 3,500 surgeries and provided care to more than 5,400 animals.

The foundation strives to create a place where rescue, medicine, education and the community come together.

"The Giaquinto Medical Center moves us closer to that vision and strengthens our ability to serve animals across Georgia for decades to come," said Shelton.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Giaquinto Medical Center on July 18, 2026.

The next phase of growth of Furkids includes transitioning a medical suite into a community clinic that will provide affordable care, vaccinations and low-cost spay and neuter services. The organization is currently raising funds to complete this goal.

For more information about Furkids Animal Rescue and Shelters, visit furkids.org or follow on [Instagram @furkidsatlanta](https://www.instagram.com/furkidsatlanta).



Samantha Shelton gives a tour of the new medical center on opening day.

