

## **Furkids New Cat Shelter Earns Prestigious Architectural Recognition and Celebrates Success in Cumming, Georgia**

*Cumming, GA* — Furkids Animal Rescue and Shelters is proud to highlight the success of the Furkids Fort and Michelle Felker Cat Shelter at the organization's headquarters in Cumming, Georgia (5235 Union Hill Road).

The shelter has received the Honor Award from the 2024 AIA Georgia Design & Honor Awards, an Honorable Mention at the 2022 American Architecture Awards from The Chicago Athenaeum: Museum of Architecture and Design, and The European Centre for Architecture Art Design and Urban Studies. This recognition underscores Furkids' commitment to architectural and design excellence which will be further demonstrated when Furkids completes construction of the new dog shelter and medical facility.



*The Furkids Fort and Michelle Felker Cat Shelter*

The Furkids Fort and Michelle Felker Cat Shelter has quickly become a beacon of hope for homeless cats, successfully placing hundreds into loving forever homes. Designed with the well-being of its residents in mind, the shelter features 12 free-roam rooms where cats can enjoy natural sunlight and access to an outdoor "catio" patio space, creating an enriching environment. Every decision in the design of the shelter was made with the well being of the animals and caretakers in mind.



*The grand adoption room in the new Furkids cat Shelter at their headquarters property*

Visitors are encouraged to experience the shelter's thoughtful design firsthand whether you are looking to adopt or not. This cat shelter also includes a cozy cat cafe where guests can enjoy a drink while meeting the adoptable cats - or just have a nice quiet place to work.





The cat shelter is the latest addition to Furkids' growing headquarters, with more expansions planned to enhance the organization's ability to continue its life-saving work for animals in need.

"Furkids is committed to saving animals and providing inviting community spaces for our Atlanta neighbors. The architectural design excellence of our cat shelter welcomes animals and their human companions onto our campus. We are delighted to have been a finalist for these prestigious awards and we will be replicating this standard throughout our campus, including in the construction of our two new buildings, a beautiful, new dog shelter that will double our capacity, and a new, state-of-the-art medical center that will help us to save more lives than ever before," said Samantha Shelton, Furkids Founder and CEO.

For more information, please visit [Furkids.org](https://www.furkids.org).

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## ABOUT FURKIDS

Furkids, headquartered in Atlanta, GA, is a 501c3 nonprofit charitable organization that operates the largest cage-free, no-kill shelter in the Southeast for rescued cats and Sadie's Place, a no-kill shelter for dogs. Furkids also operates one of the only facilities in the Southeast dedicated to the care of FIV positive cats. The Furkids mission is to rescue homeless animals, provide them with the best medical care and nurturing environment while working to find them a forever home. Furkids heals the whole animal, physically and emotionally, restoring its health and its spirit. Furkids has rescued and altered more than 75,000 animals since its founding in 2002. Approximately 1,000 animals are in the Furkids program today, in the Furkids shelters, 8 PetSmart and Petco adoption centers, and more than 400 foster homes in the Atlanta area. Furkids is the only animal rescue organization in metro Atlanta that allows children of all ages to volunteer. Furkids volunteer programs are designed

to restore the health and spirits of injured and homeless animals while providing healing opportunities for volunteers who are strengthened by the bond of love and care between humans and animals. For more information about our volunteer opportunities and programs, visit [www.furkids.org](http://www.furkids.org).

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