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Key Programs

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New Headquarters and Adoption Center

Furkids recently relocated its cat shelter and headquarters to a new nine-acre property adjacent to the Big Creek Greenway in Cumming, Georgia. We renovated the existing administrative building to include a temporary cat shelter, a medical facility, and office space. A key feature of the building are the “catios,” which allow the cats to go outside on our deck safely for fresh air and sunshine.

In the future, we will begin construction on three new buildings on the property: a cat shelter, medical building, and dog shelter. As a result, we expect our animal control intakes to increase by 50% in the first 6-12 months and 100% in the first 24 months, bringing us from 3,000 rescues from kill shelters annually to 6,000 within two years of opening all buildings.

Our Cumming headquarters is steeped in nature, and it serves the community with programs that help people connect with animals in a beautiful environment. It is so much more than just an animal shelter! The property is open to adopters and visitors who want to enjoy the natural beauty of woodlands, gardens, and water features.

In February, 2020, Furkids opened a new adoption and community resource center – right next door to our Peachtree Corners thrift store. The Peachtree Corners Adoption Center offers volunteer opportunities for people of all ages, including our FurTales reading to cats program for children. Furkids pet fosters and volunteers in the area will also visit the Center for supplies, medical services for foster pets and for training and support provided by Furkids.

Furkids will offer public low-cost vaccine clinics at the Center. The facility will also function as a FurCab transportation hub between our numerous Atlanta area adoption locations, and will facilitate more efficient and effective shelter operations, saving even more lives!
2019-2020 Highlights

Furkids saved a total of 4,446 homeless animals
Furkids cared for 4,965 homeless animals
3,229 animals spent the night in foster homes
475 animals in care at Furkids at the end of 2019
97.7% live release rate
3,177 animals adopted to loving homes
70 animals returned to their owners
2,238 cats adopted
1,002 animals transported for adoption in northern shelters
939 dogs adopted
2,206 animals spending the night in foster care
656 Animals currently in care
267 Animals transported north
98.2% Live release rate

COVID-19 Can’t Stop Furkids!
Here’s what we’ve accomplished in 2020 (through August 31) with your help:

Animals saved 2,683
Animals receiving medical care 3,157
Cats adopted 1,473
Dogs adopted 583
Animals spending the night in foster care 2,206
Animals currently in care 656
Animals transported north 267
Live release rate 98.2%

We could never fulfill our lifesaving mission in this difficult time without YOU!