



# North Georgia Animal Alliance

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## Why Save Dogs and Cats?

The Bad News is that Georgia is a high kill state. We have low spay/neuter rates, which creates a serious homeless and abandoned animal problem.

The Mixed News is that rescues come from other states, like missionaries, to save our dogs and cats and find homes for them somewhere else.

The Good News is that **Georgia rescue groups** work around the clock to try to get people to spay and neuter and to save dogs and cats and find homes for them. **Some shelters in Georgia** are committing to doing all they can to keep from euthanizing animals. **Some local governments** are promoting spay/neuter programs and helping shelters become **places of hope rather than death.**



How we treat creatures that depend on us for help to survive and thrive says everything about the kind of people we are. Abraham Lincoln said, "I care not much for a man's religion whose dog and cat are not the better for it." Dogs and cats enrich lives with love and comfort and beg only our protection in return. Is that asking too much? Are we so focused on our own convenience and entertainment that we can't lend a helping hand to these creatures who are at our mercy?



Our mission is to help our community become a better place through the love and care of dogs and cats who need us.



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## NGAA: Our Work

Here are some numbers to help give you a picture of the work we do. Last year, we...

- > Took in 1088 animals
- > Adopted out 433 cats and dogs
- > Transferred 510 animals to other rescues
- > Paid to have 483 animals spayed/neutered
- > Paid for vet care for 532 animals
- > Had 244 community cats spayed or neutered, vaccinated and returned to their caretakers

The numbers for this year are still adding up.



**We spend a ton of time on fundraising, because this work runs us over \$70,000 a year! Our dream is to have more regular donors so our time can go 100% to rescue. Donations are tax-deductible. If you can help, please get in touch with us. Thank you!**

## Rescue Work is all about People With a Heart to Help

Donors and Volunteers give **money, supplies and time**, foster animals and **help them heal physically and emotionally**, scoop litter, **walk dogs**, bottle feed, **make vet runs**, **wade through tall grass, muddy fields, ditches** and old houses to **rescue** and help. **They help with** fundraisers, **paperwork**, **adoption** events, **education**, coordinating **with other rescues**, **working** with shelters, **managing** medical needs, **finding forever homes**. They **work** all day and often all night. **They answer hundreds of calls from our helpline**. They **give then give more**. **We are deeply grateful for everyone who helps!**





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## Mocha: A Love Story

**I was at work when I got a text from NGAA.** There was an old, aggressive cat at a shelter. She was hissing and had something wrong with her mouth. She had **30 minutes to live**, because she was slated to be euthanized.

**My husband and I had recently lost our 18-year-old cat**, so maybe I was feeling vulnerable. I said I'd take her. We named her Mocha. She weighed only four pounds. **Her body and spirit were in bad shape.** Her teeth looked like concrete. There wasn't enough room in her mouth for her tongue, so it stuck out all the time.



**We took Mocha to the vet.** She went onto antibiotics, tested positive for feline herpes, and had to have all but two of her teeth pulled. A few months later, **she got so sick**, we had to take her to an ER vet and they put her on a feeding tube and gave her a steroid shot. After a couple of days, the vet said there was **nothing else he could do.** He didn't think she would make it and suggested we take her home and make her as comfortable as possible.

**We took a week off work to care for Mocha**, and our little girl started improving. She reached six pounds and grew interested in the world around her. She started to play with our other cats.

**I don't know what Mocha's life was like before** she came to us — something awful had happened to her. But now she's a happy, clumsy, playful, loving part of our family. **She brings us joy** and makes us laugh even after the hardest day at work. I'm so thankful I found out about her and she didn't die afraid and alone at the end of a needle. She's ours and we're hers. — Kris Richardson







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## NGAA in the Community



NGAA at 1890s Days in Ringold



NGAA on Good Morning Chattanooga and This N That, May 2018



Graysville Elementary Leadership Class helped NGAA



NGAA wins Chattanooga Times Free Press NG People's Choice Best of the Best Non-Profit What an honor!!



NGAA donated supplies to help Whitfield County with their new cattery!

We thank all the people in our community who help!! You save lives!!

YOUR HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED! To donate or volunteer, visit our web site or give us a call.