



Spring 2026 Newsletter

Animal Haven of Asheville



Springtime Sanctuary Happenings

There's been a lot happening at the sanctuary this spring, including new rescues, community events, and some wonderful moments with our volunteers and animals. We're excited to share a few highlights with you.



Welcome Baby Opie!

Opie arrived at just 3 days old, born without a front hoof and in need of immediate care. Thanks to our amazing supporters like you, he's now thriving at the sanctuary and will soon be fitted for a custom prosthetic leg created by [Asheville Makers](#).

He's already stealing hearts and showing just how resilient farm animals can be.

WE NEED YOUR SHOES!



APRIL 26 - JUNE 25, 2026

DONATE YOUR NEW AND GENTLY USED SHOES TO SUPPORT OUR SHOE DRIVE FUNDRAISER!

Reduce waste and give shoes a second chance. All funds raised go toward the care of our rescued animals.

DROP OFF LOCATION:

Animal Haven of Asheville Thrift Store
65 Lower Grassy Branch Rd
Asheville, NC 28805



The shoes collected will also help support micro-enterprises in developing nations!

Every Pair Counts!



Shoe Drive Fundraiser *April 26 to June 25*

Our shoe drive is underway, and we're working toward our **2,500-pair goal!** When you donate your new or gently used shoes, you're helping animals, protecting the planet, and supporting people around the world.

Animal Haven receives funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected, and our partner **Funds2Orgs** places the shoes with micro-entrepreneurs in developing nations. These small business owners sell the shoes to support their families, giving your donation a second life and a global impact.

Drop-off location: Animal Haven Thrift Store, 65 Lower Grassy Branch Rd, Asheville, NC

[See a list of our upcoming collection events](#)

Donate your shoes today and help us reach the finish line.



Animal Haven Carving

A huge thank you to Chuck of Chuckwoodworking for creating a beautiful custom Animal Haven carving for the sanctuary, hand-carved into gorgeous black walnut.

It's a special piece that perfectly captures the spirit of our rescue family and adds something truly meaningful to the sanctuary. It's standing at the end of our smaller sanctuary bridge...come see it in person!



Earth Day at Turgua Brewing

We had a wonderful time celebrating Earth Day at Turgua Brewing with Jingles and Opie.

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to meet our animals, learn more about compassion for farm animals and sustainable living, and donate shoes for our fundraiser!



Volunteer Appreciation Day

We were so happy to celebrate our incredible volunteers on May 31. Animal Haven would not exist without the compassion, dedication, and heart of our volunteer family.

Interested in volunteering? [Fill out an application](#) and join us!

Featured Volunteer

This spring, we're proud to highlight one of our youngest and most dedicated volunteers.

At just 9 years old, Owen has become a special part of the Animal Haven of Asheville family. He discovered the sanctuary while searching for a place where he could make a difference and quickly fell in love with the animals and their rescue stories.

Owen says the sanctuary feels like home and that the animals and peacefulness of the farm make him feel happy and like he truly belongs. Inspired by his volunteer time, he combined his love of Legos with his passion for the Haven and built an amazing replica of the farm and many of its residents for our Fall Festival. It was a huge hit!

One day, Owen hopes to have land of his own to rescue farm animals. His compassion, creativity, and positive spirit inspire all of us here.



Thank you for your support. We hope to see you soon at the sanctuary or one of our events.

With gratitude,

The Animal Haven of Asheville Team

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