



2016

Annual Report

Our Mission

At Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, our mission is to provide the resources and programs to build No-Kill communities.



Our Vision

To help cultivate a community that embraces our core ethic of uncompromised compassion.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
(in separate file)

2016 By The Numbers



5,500

Animals Saved Through
Our Programming

945,035

Community Service Hours Worked

41,600

Est. LBS of pet food distributed through
our Community Pet Food Pantry annually



**Asheville
Adoption Center
open 365 days a year**



constituents
on email list



Up to **140** animals cared for
in the Adoption Center daily



Approximately **400** animals
cared for daily in foster homes
with a network of over 900
foster homes and 191 currently
active foster care providers



91 animals spayed and
neutered in our community
through BWAR-obtained funds



**Winner of Multiple
Mountain Xpress
"Best of WNC
2016" Awards:**

First Place:

Animal Shelter/
Rescue Organization

Local Hero -
Denise Bitz-

Nonprofit That
Improves Asheville

Volunteer
Opportunity

Hiking Club
Or Group -
Outward Hounds

Second Place:

Running Event/Race -
Run for the Paws 5K

Third Place:

Fundraising Event -
Drag Queen Bingo

Third Place:

Vintage Clothing -
Second Chances Thrift Store



**3 Major Rapid
Response Deploy-
ments ; Over 1,000
assisted.**

**Jefferson Louisiana
Parish flooding, Hurri-
casne Matthew
response in North and
South Carolina and
North Carolina and
Tennessee Wildfires.**



**60 partner organizations
work with Brother Wolf on
adoptions, transport,
emergency rescue efforts,
and veterinary care.**

3,000+



Individual volunteers
donated 55,000+ hours
(equalling over 26 full time
employees a week)



75,000+
Facebook followers

14
Facebook groups

The Story of BWAR

2007

Brother Wolf Canine Rescue
incorporated

2009

Adoption Center in Asheville opens

2014

Purchased the land to create
the Brother Wolf Animal Sanctuary

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2016

Five new Brother Wolf chapters created
in North and South Carolina and Virginia

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Our Programs

Through our various programs, over 6,000 animals were served and thousands of people were helped by Brother Wolf Animal Rescue in 2016.

The Joyce B. Cambron Adoption Center

Our Adoption Center in Asheville houses up to 140 animals daily, and is open every day of the year. In order to adopt out healthy and safe animals while remaining No-Kill, we provide a comprehensive set of model Adoption Center services and practices to ensure that we meet the needs of our animals and our community:

Quality of Life: enrichment, exercise, and daily human interaction for all Adoption Center animals, including teams that focus on animals with special needs.

Behavior Support: behavior assessment and individualized training and attention for each animal in our care.

Veterinary Care: comprehensive medical care by veterinary partners.

Adoption Guarantee Sheltering: an open approach to matching adopters with their most compatible companions, placement in adoptive homes with thorough counseling and support, and a guarantee to always take the animal back if needed.

No-Kill Community Development Initiative

Our newest initiative was implemented to help select communities build the resources they need to create their own No-Kill communities. Brother Wolf chapters currently include Marion, SC; McDowell, NC; Dickenson, VA; Rutherford, NC and Henderson, NC. These chapters were created because they were communities we had worked with in the past, taking in many of their orphaned dogs and cats. We quickly discovered that while we were making a difference for those specific animals, we were not helping create long term change by



helping the community get to the root of their problems and build their own programs to save those animals. Our NKCDI helps these partner communities replicate what we have done in Asheville (on a smaller scale) so that they can be responsible for caring for their own animals, with an end goal of the chapters becoming self-sustaining. In 2016, we saw remarkable decreases in euthanasia numbers in these communities along with an increased sense of hope that No-Kill is very much achievable.

Foster Program

In 2016, over 5,000 orphaned animals found new homes through Brother Wolf Animal Rescue. The majority of those animals spent some or all of their time with us in loving foster homes. Our 900+ foster families come from every walk of life, giving space in their hearts and homes to orphaned animals in need. Some fosters specialize in neonatal and senior care, and some special folks serve as 'fospice' caregivers for animals nearing the end of life, but whose quality of life is still good. Many of our foster care providers bring skills or dedicate their time to learning these skills to provide "expert" care for our many special needs animals, who require behavioral work or

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Volunteers

Volunteers are the backbone of Brother Wolf Animal Rescue. Each day our Adoption Center welcomes everyone from school children hoping to give back to their community, to retirees who call Asheville home, to girl scouts who share our passion for animals. All of these individuals spend their personal time to help care for animals in need. Volunteers help our staff at the Adoption Center, Re-Tail Store, and Second Chances Thrift Stores, as well as assisting at weekend adoption events and fundraisers. One specific example of our hard working volunteers is Rosie, who has personally logged over 1,000 hours of volunteer time with the animals of Brother Wolf. Rosie helps out weekly with our dog play groups and teaches our Shelter Dogs 101 class, which boosts our volunteer retention. Rosie is just one of many incredible volunteers who are truly vital to accomplishing our mission at Brother Wolf.

Transport Program

Here in the South, the number of animals “euthanized” is far higher than some areas in the North because of lack of resources. By partnering with rescues in those areas where demand for rescued pets exceeds the supply, we’re able to save the lives of hundreds of animals from the South who would otherwise needlessly lose their lives. Some 758 pets benefited from our transport program in 2016.



Our Programs

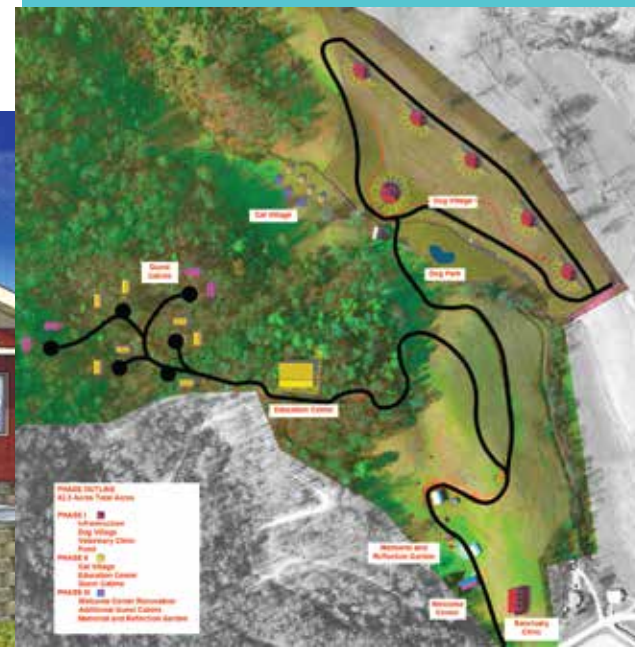
The Brother Wolf Animal Sanctuary

The Sanctuary, located on a majestic 82.5 acre property just 20 minutes from downtown Asheville, is a beautiful mix of rolling pasture and mountainside forest, with three natural springs on site. When completed, it will provide critical care for those animals so abused or neglected that they require longer-term rehabilitation. The Sanctuary will be a community and educational resource, and will feature a Veterinary Clinic for our animals. Brother Wolf's Learning Center will be the "hub" of the sanctuary and will be a place we can hold educational classes, seminars, and conferences that focus on animal welfare. Guest cabins will serve as places for folks to stay during their time with us so they can have the best volunteer experience possible, all while providing a source of revenue to help offset the costs associated with operations.

Disaster Recovery & Response

Our Rapid Response team assists with disaster response and recovery efforts whenever possible. In 2016, we responded to three natural disasters in a short time period. We deployed staff and resources to the flood ravaged Livingston Parish in Louisiana, helped for weeks before, during, and after Hurricane Matthew in the Carolinas, and helped rescue animals from the devastating wildfires in North Carolina and Tennessee.

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Foster Story

Tonya has been a foster mom for cats and kittens for eight years now, and has become Brother Wolf's go-to foster mom for kittens or pups needing bottle feeding. She has fostered and bottle-fed hundreds of kittens. She has taken in sick, preemie and underweight bottle babies and has had a high success rate with them. Our Foster coordinator, Flo, says, "I text Tonya about a baby in need, and within an hour she is at the adoption center, her bottle feeding bag in tow with all a baby needs. Once, we were taking in four bottle pups, just days old. Two foster moms who had never bottle fed had volunteered to take them if someone could show them how to bottle feed. I texted Tonya and asked if she could help. She gladly volunteered and came to the adoption center one night and gave these two foster moms a private bottle feeding lesson." Tonya also has her own feral colony in her backyard for cats and kittens that cannot be rehabbed. She is truly one of the most amazing and caring people in our community, and Brother Wolf is so lucky to have her as a foster mom.



Community Cat Care

Community Cats (those who are unsocialized and prefer to avoid human interaction) often represent the largest population of animals killed in shelters. TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) is a critical program to help our community achieve our No-Kill mission. Cats are humanely trapped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and returned to their outdoor homes and dedicated caretakers. In 2016, the lives of 755 cats were vastly improved by this program, and the births of countless unwanted kittens were prevented. In addition, our community cat team provides neighborhood mediation whenever needed to help these cats stay in their outdoor homes.

Owner Retention Programs

Our Community Pet Food Pantry provides dog and cat food for caregivers in temporary crisis to ensure that no animal ever goes hungry. With the goal of keeping pets out of shelters and in their homes, behavioral counseling is offered when behavior issues force caretakers to consider relinquishment. We offer spay/neuter assistance and Emergency Veterinary Care Loans to individuals whose animals face life-threatening injury or illness but who don't have the funds to provide immediate care. We also provide veterinary assistance to many individuals who can't afford the cost of advanced care for their pets, saving these animals from possible "euthanasia" and keeping them in their loving homes. We offer short-term care for the pets of domestic violence victims who need this support in order to escape dangerous living situations. In total, over 800 animals were able to stay in their homes through our retention programs in 2016.

Keep Me Safe

This program offers temporary foster home care for the pets of domestic violence victims, allowing them to leave unsafe living situations knowing that their animals will be well cared for until they find long-term housing and are able to get their lives back on track. We often hear from these grateful recipients that knowing their pets are safe and cared for allowed them to escape a lifetime of abuse. Their pets are oftentimes the only family they have left when leaving

Our Programs

these abusive situations.

Help Me Heal

Because we are a No-Kill organization, we are dedicated to finding homes for all of our animals regardless of breed, age, and medical or behavioral conditions. Almost half of the animals in Brother Wolf Animal Rescue's care need more than nutritious



food, a comfy bed, and the plentiful TLC we provide in our Adoption Center and in foster homes. They also need medicine for illness, surgery for injuries, and round-the-clock hospital stays in a crisis. We work hard to provide lifesaving medical care to over 2,500 special-needs dogs and cats each year, which is a huge financial cost to us.

Help Me Learn

Our growing Behavior Team of staff, interns, and trained volunteers is a vital and lifesaving component of the work we do. This team is supported by our Help Me Learn Fund, which gives animals the time and resources to build their confidence, find homes that meets their needs, and live happy, healthy, and balanced lives. In addition, our behavior team works equally as hard meeting with folks in the community to help them resolve any behavior issues that may otherwise result in relinquishment



Volunteer Story

Longtime Brother Wolf volunteer Connie developed a special bond with Barley, a dog who was in our care longer than most due to some behavioral issues. Connie visited Barley regularly in our Adoption Center, took him on walks and outings, and worked with him diligently on training and good manners. Barley was a challenging student whose exuberance and strength made him difficult to handle, but Connie never gave up on him. After more than five years at Brother Wolf, Barley finally found his forever home in September of 2016, when he was adopted by another Brother Wolf volunteer, Mick. Connie's patience and love really made all the difference in Barley's life.



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Asheville Vegan Outreach (AVO)

As Brother Wolf has evolved over the years, so has our understanding of all animals. AVO is a program of Brother Wolf that advocates in a friendly, non-confrontational way the benefits of embracing a vegan lifestyle. This means we offer folks advice and tips on how to live as compassionate a lifestyle as possible through their food, clothing, and other lifestyle choices. AVO helps produce our annual Vegan-Fest, which drew 10,000 visitors last year to learn more about this compassionate lifestyle as well as hear from speakers from across the animal welfare movement.

Lifelong Friends

This program aims to help our harder-to-place animals find loving homes by removing certain potential barriers to adoption and providing supplies, medical and behavioral support at no cost to the adopter for the life of the animal. Approximately half of the animals we take in are animals with special needs.

Humane Education

Our children will shape the future of animal welfare, so we strive to teach the importance of caring for all animals to young people in our community by visiting classrooms and hosting school and scout groups at the Adoption Center. In addition, our staff and volunteers speak regularly at civic and other professional groups when asked.



Outward Hounds Hiking Club

Our Programs

Voted “Best Hiking Club” by locals, the all-volunteer group brings adoptable dogs out to beautiful Western North Carolina trails three days a week for exercise, enrichment, and exposure. These hikes have resulted not only in an improved quality of life for the animal during their stay with us, but cultivate great awareness of our organization as our volunteers and dogs meet people out on the trails!

Events

Brother Wolf conducted over 100 outreach and animal adoption events in 2016, mostly at local businesses in the Asheville area. Our educational campaign, Asheville Vegan Outreach, held some 100 informational events as well. Five major fundraisers were held by Brother Wolf, engaging thousands of locals and tourists to learn more about and support our work.



Help Me Heal/ Medical Volunteer Story

Help Me Heal/Medical volunteer story

Chuck began volunteering in Brother Wolf's medical department in November of 2016. He supports the medical staff and helps prepare and administer medications and treatments. “I wanted to be touching and working directly with the animals,” says Chuck, who has about 15 years of previous volunteer experience with other animal rescue organizations. “The reward is huge. Seeing the animals improve medically is very exciting for me.” Chuck especially appreciates Brother Wolf's commitment to helping animals with special needs, such as those with heartworm, feline leukemia and other illnesses that would likely mean euthanasia at most other shelters. “Brother Wolf stretches its resources to provide the best care for these animals, and continues to invest in them to give them a good life,” he says. “It gives me so much pleasure to be part of a great team dedicated to helping animals. That's my ‘therapy.’”



Rapid Response Story



Brother Wolf sprang into action when devastating floods hit Louisiana in August of 2016. We sent teams to help rescue stranded pets and strays. Cheyenne was an emaciated dog who we found chained in a backyard in the flood zone. It can take time to earn the trust of a dog like Cheyenne. But our teams on the ground are made up of the most compassionate, wonderful human beings around. Volunteer Holly spent several minutes carefully calming Cheyenne and sharing treats with her as she got closer. Finally, Holly was able to secure her, and Cheyenne was transported to our volunteer veterinarians for assessment. Cheyenne was severely underweight, was heartworm positive, and had pressure sores. With loving care and attention from Brother Wolf staff and her foster mom Jamie, Cheyenne was transformed into a happy, healthy dog and found a loving permanent home with adoptive mom Jennifer.

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