

Guardians of Angels guards animals



Terry Dorsey ministers to his flock, feline and human.
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By Tom Waniewski

Terry Dorsey is well versed in animal issues. He has been quietly advocating for a long-term adoption center in Pittsboro where adoptable cats and dogs can stay until they are placed in a life long home. Guardian of Angels is a 501-C3 nonprofit that has been systematically feeding, vaccinating and fixing homeless cats in Pittsboro and have sponsored low-cost spay days for Chatham County. Guardians of Angels has also secured

grants and instructors from the Humane Society of the United States training more than one hundred law enforcement and animal control officers in effective techniques to pursue dog fighters. "I have always had a very strong creation theology, and I believe in the value of all life," Dorsey said.

Guardians of Angels has also demonstrated a commitment to animals globally as their last two events raised funds for animal victims of the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, as well as animals that are suffering from BP Oil disaster in the Gulf. But Dorsey

has been rescuing strays and injured pets wandering along the back roads of the county for the last 10 years. "I lost track but I've probably rescued over 50 animals over the years," Dorsey said.

Chatham County really needs a visible adoption center, according to Dorsey. He said the Chatham County Animal Shelter does great work but "the need is always bigger than the walls of any shelter." We also hope to include a triage station for wildlife, so as the county grows, we are not decimating the wildlife, he added.

Guardians of Angels will connect dogs and cats to life-long guardians, but from an adoption center where folks can visit them and adopt, based on an application process including a home visit and reference check. It will help educate folks on animal issues. Guardians plans to operate the center

by raising funds from private donations and by building partnerships with the community and the county. Just like every person, every animal should have a Guardian Angel.

The Guardians of Angels first annual Adoption Center fundraiser happens at the General Store Café on Saturday, September 25 at 8 p.m. with a Magical Mystery show. Playing the Beatles music later in their career will be BackBeat, the best Beatles cover band in North Carolina. The evening will include Beatles CDs and T-Shirts for most authentic and Mod dress. Tickets are \$15; \$5 for kids, available at the door only. The General Store Café will offer it's full menu.

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