



Animal Services

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Burlington Animal Services receives Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grant from Best Friends Animal Society to lead the no-kill movement by example

Burlington, NC — Burlington Animal Services is pleased to have received a Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grant from [Best Friends Animal Society](#) to help us sustain no-kill and further increase lifesaving in Alamance County.

“Even as a no-kill community, our work to help homeless pets in our care isn’t finished,” said Jessica Arias, Director of Animal Services. “BFAS grant funding has been instrumental to our ability to launch and support our Mighty Mouser community cat program in Alamance County. The No-Kill Excellence grant will allow us to focus on sustaining this essential program, ensuring we continue to save all healthy and treatable pets and maintain a 90 percent or higher save rate. We appreciate the support of Best Friends Animal Society to continue our ongoing lifesaving work.”

Since the inception of the Mighty Mouser program in 2018, Burlington Animal Services has saved nearly 4,000 community cats and has not euthanized any healthy cats. Through the Mighty Mouser program, stray/feral cats are spayed or neutered, vaccinated and ear-tipped, and returned to their home.

Burlington Animal Services is an active partner in Best Friends Network which offers help and support to animal rescue groups and shelters that save lives in their communities.

“When you choose to adopt your next pet, you are becoming part of the solution right here in our community,” said Arias.

The Rachael Ray No-Kill Excellence Grants is a grant program, administered by Best Friends and funded by The Rachael Ray Foundation™, that provides grants to shelters to celebrate and help sustain organizations in no-kill communities. The Rachael Ray Foundation helps animals in need and is funded by a portion of proceeds from each sale of Rachael's pet food, Nutrish®.

The City of Burlington’s Animal Services (BAS) operates and manages all animal shelter functions for Alamance County. BAS is committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of people and pets in our

community through our commitment to public service, enforcement of state and local laws, providing humane care, promoting responsible pet ownership, and addressing pet overpopulation in Alamance County. We seek to work together with citizens, volunteers, and the greater community towards accomplishing our goals. To learn more, visit www.burlingtonNC.gov/pets.

About Best Friends Animal Society

Best Friends Animal Society is the leading animal welfare organization working to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025. Founded in 1984, Best Friends is a pioneer in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters from an estimated 17 million per year to around 347,000. Best Friends runs lifesaving programs all across the country, as well as the nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary. Working collaboratively with a network of more than 3,500 animal welfare and shelter partners, and community members nationwide, Best Friends is working to Save Them All®. For more information, visit bestfriends.org.

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