



### **Celebrating 75 Years and a Gorgeous New Home!**

The shiny new home of Forsyth Humane Society in Winston-Salem has tongues – and tails! – wagging all over town, and for good reason. The brand spanking new facility on Country Club Road (right down the road from Butler + Burke!) boasts an incredible and beautiful 10,000 square feet of space for the care and housing of cats and dogs looking for their forever homes.

Sarah Williamson, Executive Director of Forsyth Humane Society, couldn't be more excited. "This has been a long time coming," she says. "We've gone from 1800 square feet sitting on a railroad track on Miller Street to this amazing space. It's a dream come true."

As one might imagine, such an undertaking wasn't a small one. A three-year, \$3.8 million Capital Campaign made blueprint plans a reality and the community response to do their part in both big ways and small was inspiring, to say the least. Even local Eagle Scouts jumped on board to complete their Eagle projects as certain aspects of the new space. The results are gorgeous and the team effort can be felt as soon as your two – or four – feet cross the threshold into the new lobby.

Forsyth Humane Society was started in 1941 as the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and has been a mainstay in our community ever since. Providing temporary homes for dogs and cats (no one with gills or feathers or scales, please) until they are hopefully matched and adopted by loving families, the new building covers the every need of every animal, the 27 staff members and over 1,000 annual volunteers that make things run like a perfectly well-oiled machine.

The new space is open and airy, with a wall of windows that flood the reception area, two cat colonies (feline playgrounds, if you will), a retail store (the first ever for FHS) and a community meeting room with light. There are dog and cat kennels that house twice the number of animals that the old space did, dog runs where puppies can burn energy and play with volunteers and potential new families, and a sparkling new area for volunteer veterinarians to rotate through and care for the needs of the animals. The back of the property, which is still under construction, will be home to a picnic shelter area, more dog run space, and a small walking trail where families can get to know their possible new pets.

"We couldn't be happier with how this has all gone, and are so fortunate to live in a community that made this a priority," Williamson said. "Our goal, of course, is to find as many animals as we can homes. This place will help us do just that."

Dog and cat adoptions are easy and fairly inexpensive. For \$150 for dogs and \$100 for cats and after an interview and steps to ensure compatibility, animals are sent home spayed or neutered, with all vaccinations, micro-chipped, and with a wellness exam and 30 days of insurance. So, if you and your family are looking for a new Fido or a new Fifi – look no further! Visit the Forsyth Humane Society in person at 4881 Country Club Road or online at [www.forsythhumane.org](http://www.forsythhumane.org) to learn more.