

American Humane Awards Grant to Animal Shelter

Alexander County Animal Control in Taylorsville, N.C., receives a \$4,000 Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant to build a new cattery.

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The cats at Alexander County Animal Control in Taylorsville, N.C., will soon enjoy a new cattery, thanks to a \$4,000 grant awarded to the shelter from the American Humane Association. The funds come from the Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant, established in 1969 in memory of Tressa Meacham to help shelters renovate kennels or catteries, purchase veterinary equipment or enrich animal environments.

The Alexander County animal shelter will use the funds to renovate a portion of its existing building to create separate cat housing, away from the dog kennel area. The new cattery will include a large viewing window and a special ventilation system. Shelter staff members believe the new area will help reduce the cats' stress, making them more adoptable.

"American Humane is proud to help fund this project," said Debrah Schnackenberg, interim vice president of Animal Protection Services. "Alexander County Animal Control is making great strides in improving the welfare of animals in its community. The cats will have a better experience while staying at the shelter, and a better chance at finding a permanent home as well."

For more information about the Meacham Foundation Memorial Grant, visit the American Humane website.