

Humanitarian Awards Winner

PATTY SCOTT



Love and Care for Pets and Their People

Patty is one of the earliest board members of the Animal Protection Society of Rockingham County (APSRC) (www.apsrc.org) and was there when they received their very first donation and helped the very first pet with medical care. She works tirelessly after work and on weekends to help companion animals and their humans in an area of North Carolina where the median household income is just \$31,500/year. Although she is extremely passionate about her organization, Patty is also very humble about her involvement. It took a number of coworkers asking questions casually and a fair amount of research to put together this entry – she certainly has a servant's heart when it comes to taking care of those in need.

APSRC provides pet food and pays medical expenses for low-income families who qualify. Relying upon individual and corporate donations, APSRC also provides no-cost spay and neuter clinics for these families. For the past two years, the Banfield Foundation has supported their outreach and has enabled them to pay veterinary bills for families who qualify in emergency situations and for other non-routine needs. According to Patty, APSRC is a "tiny" organization, but there is no doubt that it creates a big impact on the lives of the North Carolina families requiring assistance.



Patty and Bell, a recipient of APSRC's PCAP program.

Around the Targetbase Greensboro, NC, office, one of the things Patty is known for is that she always has a car full of kibble! Even though she runs the organization, coordinates the volunteers, and arranges for outreach and adoption services of all kinds, Patty still picks up donations of ripped and damaged food bags from local retailers to transport them to families in need. She does it so she can help people who are experiencing hardship keep their pets at home instead of having to give them up.

Patty receives countless calls and texts from people in Rockingham County asking for help throughout her day. Even when she is stretched thin personally and professionally, she always finds time to help those in need provide for their companion animals. Many days, Patty works until 7

or 8 in the evening at the office, drives 45 minutes to Eden, NC, then works through the remainder of the evening to deliver food and kindness wherever it's needed. She sacrifices her downtime to help those people and pets who are down on their luck – but she would tell you that it rejuvenates her spirit knowing that she's able to help.

APSRC currently has the following programs to support the families of Rockingham County:

- **Pet Care Assistance Program (PCAP)** – APSRC helps people with pets in need by providing pet food, medical care, vaccinations, spaying and neutering, housing, transportation, and other needed goods and services.
- **Shelter Support** – APSRC provides volunteers to care for animals held in the Rockingham County



The APSRC's Drive4Shelter fundraising campaign team presenting a \$28,250 check to the Rockingham County shelter to help fund a spay/neuter clinic.

Animal Shelter (RCAS). They exercise the animals, clean cages, feed the animals, answer the telephone, and assist the public. In addition to providing volunteers, APSRC also transports homeless Rockingham County animals from the shelter to areas of the country where they will have an easier time finding forever homes.

- **Adoption Fairs** – APSRC also brings Rockingham County animals to adoption events at local Petco stores to help find new homes for these animals.

Patty's clients already know that she's an amazing Group Account Director – we'd also like everyone in the industry to know about the important work she is doing for companion animals and their people in Rockingham County. Patty is a wonderful person with a big heart!

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“When my health failed, I contacted Patty, embarrassed and totally terrified of losing my pets, who are like my children. She quickly put my fears to rest with genuine kindness and understanding. Now she's been helping me for 10 years! Patty is an angel. She has even helped when my home was without heat. During one conversation, Patty's inspiring words actually kept me from taking my life. Because my dogs can't tell her how grateful they are for the kindness, love, and generosity she has shown them, I will say it, “God bless you for the many unselfish acts you have shared with me and my girls. Thank you, Patty. I hope one day, God willing, to pay back or pay forward all you have done for me.”

— Raynolda Shough