

With heavy hearts, we had to say goodbye to our dear friend, Jane Mehaffey, who passed away on July 15th, 2020. Jane served on the board of Animal Care & Welfare Inc. as our Office Coordinator for many years. She was an enormous asset to our organization continually working tirelessly on grants and fundraising for the benefit of homeless pets. She always made herself available to transport our adoption pets for spay and neuter appointments and was always there when we needed her.

Jane was our main Petco volunteer and photographer spending countless hours each year in the store managing events, helping support our mission and educating the public on animal care and welfare. She spent endless hours in financial meetings, managing our Facebook page and website, responding to countless emails along with managing our newsletter mailings.

Jane's generosity was not limited to AC&W. She also spent countless hours dedicating her time to helping Hancock County Animal Shelter. She was always available to stop in and take photos of new dogs and cats to post on Petfinder and help with their adoption efforts. So many of us counted on her willingness to help wherever and whenever she was needed. Jane had many notable accomplishments throughout her life, but she will always be known for her selfless efforts to help all animals.

It is difficult to find the words that best describe Jane and how she lived her life, but we think this says it all: "Jane was such an animal lover that her family is convinced she crossed the Rainbow Bridge herself and was met by the hundreds of dogs and cats she had rescued over the years. They are sure her reunion was a joyous one." We couldn't agree more.

Her loving smile and sense of humor lit up so many lives throughout her life. She will be greatly missed by all of us and has left a huge void in all our hearts. As this year marks our 50th anniversary, it hasn't been the same without Jane by our side. However, we know that she will be with us in spirit shining light on our continued efforts and future ventures. Jane's mission and passion will live forever in our hearts.