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(Continued from page 1.) heartworm free before they leave us,” Hammett added. Population control is another aspect of JSBAR in reducing the county’s number of strays. “We’re going into every community, one by one, and trying to find dogs that we can spay so that we will not have an overpopulation of pets,” said Hammett. “We’ve received grants so that we can do that. In total, it’s been about \$20,000 since 2017.” Sally Cohen, JSBAR vice-president and volunteer, was on site, Friday, September 18, while tending to one resident stray, who has since been transported to a new home. “This is Lady,” Cohen said, while playing with a recent rescue dog. “Someone dumped her out in Durant, Castalian Springs Road.” Lady was set for transport also that Friday via Great Dog Rescue in Massachusetts. Education is a main goal of JSBAR, to convince people to be responsible pet owners by having their furry friends spayed or neutered. Those steps are necessary to minimize rampant stray animal populations, according to the group. “We have no animal control in Holmes County,” said Hammett. “We are the control,” Cohen laughed. “We want laws enforced in the towns,” Hammett continued. “We have a leash law in Lexington, nobody enforces it. It needs to be enforced.”



Pictured above, Ebbie Scott, held by JSBAR President and volunteer Sheila Hammett, was found in Tchula and is currently being cared for by Hammett until she finds a permanent home. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)



Pictured above, an animal washing and grooming station is ready to be used for strays that are brought in by JSBAR for care and transport. Ultimately, to a permanent home. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

In order to minimize possible stray animals, the group also advocates for breeding permits for pet owners. Hammett and Cohen are satisfied now with the group’s direction. They now have a building, a fence and holding pens. Phase three is on the horizon with plans still in development. We also need a van,” said Hammett, “we go all over the state of Mississippi for transporting. We’d also like a cat sanctuary, but we’ll just take things one step at a time.” The group always welcomes donations to their cause of stray animal control. Puppy chow, kitten chow, puppy pads, canned pet food and pet supplies are always in demand by the group. Donations can be dropped off at Phil’s Body Shop in Lexington at 203 Depot Street.



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