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GIRLS IN TEEN UP SUMMER PROGRAM PROVIDE SUPPLIES TO ANIMAL SHELTER

HICKORY -- High school and middle school girls in the Teen Up summer program recently visited the Catawba County Animal Shelter. The teens delivered much-needed, donated supplies that they had collected. These included pet food, blankets, dog and cat toys, cat litter, cleaning supplies and other items.

Jennifer Young, an employee of the shelter, took the girls on a tour and explained the function of the facility. She also emphasized the importance of spaying or neutering pets.

Teen Up is a program for Catawba County teens that emphasizes the importance of making good life choices. It meets after school at several area schools and at other community locations. The summer program offers selected members of Teen Up an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills through community activities.

For more information about Teen Up, contact Lori Williams, social work supervisor, at 828-695-4418 or lwilliams@catawbacountync.gov. Donations are also accepted to assist with Teen Up activities. You may make a donation by writing a check to Catawba County Social Services and putting "Teen Up" in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to Catawba County Social Services, P.O. Box 669, Newton, NC 28658. Online donations may be made at <https://www.velocitypayment.com/client/catawba/socialservices/index.htm>.



Shanasia Casiano (left) and Aureon Harris play with a cat during a trip to the Catawba County Animal Shelter. They were among the Girls Teen Up Summer Program participants who visited the shelter to take supplies to the animals who are waiting for adoption.

For more information about how you can adopt a pet from the shelter, or donate to the animals' care or shelter outreach programs, go to <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/animal>, "like" Catawba County Animal Services on Facebook, or call 828-465-8228.

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