

Giles County Animal Rescue

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Overview

- Project goals
- Timeline
- Work accomplished:
 - Mockups
 - Development
 - User Testing/Bug Fixes
 - Release
- Demo

Project Goals

- Redesign/fix the Giles County Animal Rescue website.
 - Broken features
 - Redundancies
 - Hard to use/navigate
- Add new features
 - Newsletter functionality
 - Expanded animal statuses
- Train users to add content and maintain the new website

Giles County Animal Rescue - Before Redesign



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Adoption Event at Tractor Supply a Success!

Submitted on Fri, Mar 8th at 4:33 pm

On Saturday, March 8, a group of dedicated Giles County Animal Rescue volunteers brought some cute and furry friends – 8 dogs and a cat – to the grand opening of the Tractor Supply store in Pearisburg. By the end of this day-long adoption event, several dogs had found their forever homes.

Volunteers from GCAR and Luv4Hounds set up tables, made available information about spay/neuter practices, provided face painting for children, and let the adoptable animals visit with the store's customers.

The event would not have been possible, GCAR President Christine Link-Owens said, without the kindness of Tractor Supply management, who moved their own inventory around to make room for the GCAR tables and animal's crates. "Three cheers to Tractor Supply for supporting animal rescue groups such as ours," Link-Owens added.

She also extended her thanks to the numerous volunteers who took shifts throughout the day. "It shows what a great team we have right now," she said. GCAR was able to connect with many community members during this event, and several rescue groups found homes for some wonderful pets.



Timeline

- February 8th: Meet with the client
- February 15th: Submit plan and mockups for proposed interfaces/functionality
- March 15th: Give update of development status
- March 30th: Submit all implemented functionality as prototype for evaluation
- April: 10th: Finish initial development
- April 15th: Wrap up testing, bug fixes, begin user testing
- April: 30th: Finish user testing, last bug fixes, release website

Mockups

- Created mockups using Google draw



Development

- Began with fixing bugs
- Quickly realized that many things were beyond repair
 - Many of the layout files were full of hacks and quick fixes
- 2 options:
 - Find workarounds
 - Restart and design from scratch
- We chose to start from scratch

Development

- We needed to recreate the website
 - Recreated views
 - Added in content types
 - Installed necessary modules
 - Migrated data
- Once that was finished, we needed to add any new functionality

User Testing/Bug Fixes

- Users had several issues with our design:
 - Difficult to find some pages
 - Requests for additional functionality
 - Adding new animal statuses
 - Adoptable - Foster Care, At Risk
 - Lost, Found
 - Saved - Adopted, Rescued, Owner Found
 - Hidden, Hidden - Euthanized
 - Changing site layout
 - Modification of logo to include address
 - A text address was added to the existing logo using GIMP by the students
 - A few small bug fixes
 - Animal statuses not changing
 - Contact page not sending emails

Release

- We are currently working on making the website live
- Administrators will receive documentation on how to use the site
 - Video documentation for editing the site
 - User's manual

Questions?