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Some things get better with age: wine, cheese and man's best friend.

The Haven-Friends for Life Animal Shelter will be hosting an "Oldies but Goodies" dog adoption event Saturday at Cannon Park in Pinehurst from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. rain or shine.

Haven volunteer and Pet Responsibility Committee member Diana Barton estimates there will be around 10 dogs there. The dogs will all be 5 years of age or older. Barton got involved with the Haven two years ago.

"Everybody wants a puppy," Barton said. "They don't realize how much work it is. You have to house-train them, and they chew on everything for about a year and a half. They especially like good leather and furniture."

The shelter is North Carolina's most successful no-kill shelter, but older dogs aren't in as high demand as younger dogs. The dogs at the event Saturday are in need of permanent homes.

Barton is enthusiastic about the event.

"People our age? We like dogs that are calm and we can take for a walk. It works out better for older people to adopt older dogs."

The adoption fee is \$50 and includes: spay/neuter, rabies vaccination and microchip.

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The Haven will also be hosting two events at Harris Teeter later in the summer.

Barton encourages everyone to stop by. The shelter is also asking for newspapers, towels, pet toys, treats and various other supplies to be donated for those who cannot adopt.

Contact Kirsten Ballard at Kirsten@thepilot.com.

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