

Movin' on Up or Out

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A new animal shelter is opening in Okatie.

Hi, my name is Riley and I am pleased to talk with you today. I am a two-year-old pit bull, black with white markings. I am well mannered, playful, responsible, protective, smart, healthy, and family oriented. Right now, I am a lucky resident of the Beaufort Animal Control Center on Shelter Church Road. A short while ago, I was a stray running loose on the streets of Beaufort.

Yes, I was a stray, a homeless dog wandering and wondering where I'd sleep or where my next meal would come from. I had been living with a young family whom I loved very much. I played ball with the kids, and they sprayed me with water when it got hot. But one day, for whatever reason, the father got really mad, started screaming, and because I was there, he beat me, kicked me and literally threw me out of the house, telling me to get out and never come back. It was cold, I was hurt and alone. I did not know how or where I was going to live.

That outlook changed dramatically a couple of days later as I noticed two people dressed in blue approach me. One had a long pole with a loop at the end. A moment later, the loop was around my neck and I was lifted and placed in the back of a white pick-up type truck. I didn't know if I had been kidnapped or what.

Fortunately, I was taken to the place from which I am speaking to you today - the Beaufort Animal Control Center, staffed by wonderful, dedicated people who care for our welfare. (One

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