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## **City of LaGrange Animal Shelter Names Adoption Room After Family’s Donation in Memory of Parents**

***LaGrange, Ga. January 10, 2024*** – The City of LaGrange Animal Shelter plans to name its adoption room “The Franklin Room” in honor of a couple who loved to support animals.



Billy and Ann Franklin

The family of Billy and Ann Franklin recently donated \$5,000 to the City of LaGrange Animal Shelter. The husband and wife were animal lovers and supporters of animal safety, pet adoption, and no-kill shelters. Ann Franklin passed away in November 2021 and Billy Franklin passed away in April 2023. Their children wanted to honor their memories of helping animals and donated to the shelter.

“Mom and Dad have always cared for stray animals and donated to veterinary clinics to assist with spay and neutering programs,” said daughter Ginger Rider. “Mom and dad lived in Thomaston, with plans to move to LaGrange, where I live. Mom and Dad often camped at the Lake and loved spending time in LaGrange. Both mom and dad's wishes were to donate to the LaGrange Animal Shelter to support local goals of pet adoption and safety.”

Billy and Ann Franklins’ children include Ginger F. Rider, Andy Franklin, Lori F. Lee, and Rhonda F. Brown.

The donated money will be used to waive adoption fees. LaGrange Animal Shelter will have a plaque made in honor of the Franklin family.

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