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Dear Kind Humans,



My name is Hallie and I've been living at the Simpson County Animal Shelter for over 2 months. Like many of the other animals, I was abandoned and was lucky enough to find myself at the shelter where I'm loved, fed and my basic medical needs are met. But ... I can't stay here forever, nor do I want to. Did you know the shelter here in Franklin only has kennels for 16 dogs and when Animal Control brings in new dogs who are lost or stray, the shelter cannot turn them away?

When the shelter is full, that is when things get scary. The shelter building is small and very noisy, especially when all the kennels are full. I try not to get upset, but it's hard not to. There are some nice people who volunteer lots of time to help us get adopted or accepted by a Rescue group, but when the dogs keep coming in faster than adoptions are taking place it is stressful. Me? I've been here a long time and it is hard to understand why I'm still here when I see other dogs going home with new families. Enough people are not coming to visit. That is why I'm writing you.

The Friends of the Shelter are trying to raise some money to solve one of the obstacles in dogs being adopted. Often, when people come to the shelter to visit, they turn around and leave because it is so crowded and noisy. We get excited when we see people come, then to see them leave it is hard to take. The Friends of the Shelter want to build a covered structure adjacent to the shelter, yet far enough away that it isn't quite so noisy so that people who come to visit can take us out of the shelter to spend time getting to know us. They are calling it the PETIO. The Petio sounds like a really nice place that can be



used for meet & greets, training and socialization sessions, adoption events and just a quieter place to hang out with humans for a while. It will have a patio around the Petio with a walkway to the shelter. It is going to cost about \$20,000. Half of that amount has already been donated! Our Friends would like to have the rest of the money raised by the end of summer so construction can begin this fall. **Your**

**contribution will help my friends and, hopefully, me be adopted into our forever homes.**

When you write a check, you can mail it or one of the volunteer Friends will come pick it up from you and they will make sure you get a donation acknowledgement.

Check payable to: **Friends of the Shelter**

Write in the check memo: **Petio**

Mail to: **Friends of the Shelter, P. O. Box 910, Franklin, KY 42135**

**OR** Call / Text Jennifer Sturm @ **270-306-9407** & someone will come to you

Thank you so much!

Love,

*Hallie*