

"Red" Rescued by County & City Animal Control

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The phone rang at the Macon County Dog Shelter early Monday morning, and County Animal Control Officer Wayne Carver, and City Animal Control Officer Gene Turner, were called to the corner of Akersville and Brooks Road to rescue a Retriever Mix that been stuck in mud and water for two or three days before the owners could locate her.

Red's story is extraordinary, but equally inspiring are the life-saving instincts of Wayne Carver and Gene Turner, who spent most of the morning getting the dog out of a 35 foot ravine.

"Red's attitude was sweet," said Turner, "and she immediately realized we had come to rescue her. "Her strength was wearing out and we knew she couldn't hang on much longer."

"She was completely helpless and even though our progress seemed slow," Carver added, "our compassion for Red was unsurpassed as we moved her up the ravine, inch by inch."

Animals enrich our lives in so many ways, giving us joy, protection, companionship and unconditional love and these two men confronted her dilemma head on.

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"Red was so weak she couldn't even stand up as we lifted her to safety," said Carver, "so Turner would pick her up, then sit her back down and I would pull on the rope we had looped under her shoulders and across her back."

"We comforted Red the whole time we were pulling her out of the ravine," Turner added, "and her trusting eyes never left our faces. It took us most of the morning to get her out, but we were both thrilled when she finally reached safety. We laid her on a blanket and loaded her on the back of a truck for the owners to transport her to Evetts Animal Clinic on 52 By Pass East in town.

"Red was serene, yet watchful," said Turner, "and we are all blessed with the loyalty our animals give so freely. They ask for very little in return and Carver and I are thankful that we were able to save Red's life."