

## **Build-A-Bear Workshop® Bear Hugs Foundation Lends Helping Paw to Old Fella Litter Patrol**

(WAYNESBORO, Ga) **May 12, 2009** – The Build-A-Bear Workshop® Bear Hugs Foundation has awarded Old Fella’s spay and neuter program, The Litter Patrol, \$1000 to pay for spay and neuter surgeries for the companion animals of qualifying Burke County residents!

Thanks to Build-A-Bear’s generous support, Old Fella will continue in its mission to improve the lives of the companion animals of Burke County by preventing the births of unwanted litters.

If you have a cat or dog that needs to be fixed, please complete an [application for free spay/neuter](#) and mail to Old Fella. Please provide proof of residency in Burke County, GA (copy of your driver’s license, utility bill, lease agreement, etc.)

### **THE BEAR HUGS FOUNDATION**

The Build-A-Bear Workshop Bear Hugs Foundation is committed to making life more bearable for children, families and pets, in need of a helping paw.

With the sale of each full-sized Bearemy’s Kennel Pals ® friend – a collection of Build-A-Bear Workshop® plush dogs – one dollar is donated to domestic pet programs including local animal shelters, stray pet rescue and rehabilitation organizations, and pet education programs around the country.

These funds are available to qualified non-profit organizations in the United States and Canada through a quarterly grant process.



Visit [www.buildabear.com](http://www.buildabear.com) for more information.

Burke County residents, visit the **Build-A-Bear store at the Augusta Mall** and purchase a Bearemy’s Kennel Pals ® friend to support the Bear Hugs Foundation in thanks for their support of the companion animals of Burke County.

**ABOUT OLD FELLA BURKE COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE:** Old Fella Burke County Animal Rescue exists to improve the quality of life of forsaken companion animals by giving them medical care, food, water, shelter, and love via a foster home network and through efforts to find suitable forever homes. We strive to reduce the number of homeless companion animals in Burke County by providing spay and neuter surgeries and by raising community awareness about responsible pet ownership. The prevention of animal cruelty is central to all we do.