

Couple's efforts set a humane example

To The Editor: I would like to extol the virtues, humanitarian service and sense of caring demonstrated by Don and Rose Marie Gladieux, Flat Rock. As many of your readers are aware, the Gladieux's Animal Welfare Alliance has now grown to 56 dogs and some other pets. The canine population has doubled since last fall.

We had the opportunity to rescue a lost dog a few months back. We could not find a home for it, and had it temporarily lodged with the local animal shelter. Its days were rapidly diminishing, as we searched frantically for an owner. We were aware of the Gladieux's operation, and Don agreed to accept the dog into his home.

As luck would have it, Don was bitten by the dog. It was discovered the dog had parvo, which may have been terminal. However, with extensive treatment, the dog could also have been cured. Don opted to have the dog treated at his own

expense. Not to complicate the issue, the vet also thought the dog may be rabid and insisted on putting the dog down. Thankfully the results were negative.

This fine Samaritan could have died for simply attempting to assist a dog. This setback did not deter Don; he's right back at it today, going 14 hours a day with Rose Marie in caring for animals.

Don and Rose Marie take care of the animals out of their own pocket. They are truly great Americans who constantly demonstrate a selfless way of life. If you are so inclined to donate to their effort, I know it would be appreciated. The address is Animal Welfare Alliance, P.O. Box 533, Flat Rock, N.C. 28731.

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