

National Humane Education Society

16 Trees – 31 Volunteers – 119 Hours Volunteered

Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Briggs Animal Adoption Center

This was a *dog-gone* great volunteer tree planting at Briggs Animal Adoption Center! The weather was magnificent, which was especially important because this was the last tree planting of the season on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

The *top dogs* for this project—Hilary Legge, Lindsay Benitez, and Frank Fox—worked *doggedly* to get everything prepared for the planting. They contacted volunteers, sent out press releases, developed a planting plan, augured the holes, and more.

Volunteers began arriving around 10:30am and enjoyed the opportunity to meet each other, drink coffee, and prepare for the fun event.

The project started at 11:00am with a tree planting

demonstration from Cacapon Institute's Tanner Haid, who led the group in a discussion about the benefits of trees and how to properly plant trees.

After the planting demonstration, the volunteers took a group picture and then split off into smaller groups to plant the trees.

Afterwards, they were all very proud of their hard work and left the planting as *happy as a dog with two tails*.

Frank and other NHES staff have plans to water all of their trees weekly during the hot *dog days of summer*.

This was the second



CommuniTree planting at Briggs Animal Adoption Center, the first hugely successful event taking place in [spring 2016](#).

More pictures from this planting can be found on [NHES's Facebook page](#).

This has been quite the *shaggy dog story*, but in all sincerity, these volunteers did a wonderful job and we look forward to watching their trees grow!

A word from the Project Leader, Hilary Legge:

"The best part of our tree planting project was seeing the teamwork among our volunteers. People seemed to enjoy getting outside, helping our organization and helping the environment. The majority of the volunteers had never planted a tree before, so this was a great new experience for them."



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