

Lions set drive for Ark of Hope

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FROSTBURG — The Frostburg Lions Club will conduct a pet food drive and collection every Friday in August at the Frostburg Farmers Market. The goal is to collect 500 pounds of pet food and \$500 in cash donations for the Ark of Hope Animal Rescue, Oldtown.

The Ark of Hope is a non-profit animal rescue and no-kill shelter that takes dogs and cats in, nurses them back to good health and offers them for adoption.

Members of the Frostburg Lions will collect dog food, cat food, cat litter and other supplies that the Ark uses. Diane Care, operator of the Ark of Hope along with her husband Bobby, stated "We need every-

thing that you would normally use for your pet, except we need 10 times that amount." The Ark of Hope generally has 10 to 15 dogs and more than 25 cats in residence.

The Frostburg Lions are seeking donations this year for an extended project, a transport trailer for the Ark of Hope. Volunteers from the Ark go out into the community every weekend to adoption events, fairs and other activities. Currently they have to load a truck and unload it after each event. The trailer will have built in animal crates, and places for displays, tables, and chairs, and other equipment. Equipment will be housed permanently in the trailer and at the end of a weekend, the only things volunteers will need to do is

unload the animals.

"We are trying to raise \$3,000 for the trailer and to outfit it," said Linda Baker, a Frostburg Lions member. "We could use a used trailer if someone wanted to donate one."

Donations can be brought to

the Frostburg Farmers Market every Friday in August and given to Lions members who will be on hand to collect pet food and donations. Financial contributions may also be dropped off or mailed to Lions Trailer Project, P.O. Box 371, Frostburg, MD 21532.