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President's Letter

Hello and Happy Holidays from Animal House Shelter! In this season of giving thanks and enjoying time with family and friends I would like to take a moment to thank you all for being a cherished part of the Animal House Shelter community.

With your help, generosity and support Animal House Shelter has been able to save the lives of over 31,000 animals to date! While this number

may seem impressive, it is sadly very small in comparison to the number of homeless animals that are euthanized every year due to overcrowding in shelters and the lack of resources available to help them. Animal House Shelter will continue on, unwavering in our mission, until every animal knows the warmth of a loving home and a family of their own. As you read the stories on the following pages, keep in mind that it is only through donations like yours that we are able to take on so many critical cases. These donations to our 501C3 non profit, no kill organization help

provide animals that would otherwise have no chance the ability to be loved and cherished as every animal deserves to be. All donations to Animal House will not only give you the satisfaction of knowing you have done a wonderful thing for animals in need but are also 100% tax deductible. Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope that you all have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

Thank you!!

Lesley Arwin

Lesley Irwin – President AHS, inc.



A Family in Need

This poor neglected family of Chihuahuas recently arrived at Animal House Shelter after having been rescued from abandonment. Their owner moved away and left the entire family in an empty house with no regard for what might become of them.



Thankfully they survived until someone found them in the home with no food or water or way to fend for themselves! They had clearly been neglected for quite some time prior to that because the entire family has the worst cases of mange, caused by lack of nutrition and stress, that we have ever seen. The

poor puppies have absolutely no hair and were covered with open sores and scabs upon their arrival. One of the pups also had an eye infection so severe that his eye was swollen shut. They are currently undergoing treatment by Animal House in a foster home. Once they have recovered we will find them loving homes that will cherish them forever. Please consider making a donation so that AHS can give these little angels the chance at a happy life that they so greatly deserve!

A Fresh Start for Flash

Flash was found as a stray, wandering the streets of Southern IL, with a severely malformed front left leg. Animal House Shelter knew right away that we had to rescue him because a dog with his injuries would have little chance of rescue or adoption from the pound where he was being held. Our vet informed us that he had suffered severe nerve damage and paralysis to the leg due to an unknown traumatic injury and had been living this way for months. Because of how long ago the injury happened to Flash and the extreme damage caused to the bones, nerves and muscle, his leg was beyond any hope of repair by a surgeon and needed to be amputated. Animal House Shelter is dedicated to giving this sweet



boy his best chance at a long, healthy, pain free life. Please consider making a donation to help with the cost of Flash's surgery so that Animal House Shelter can not only help him, but can continue to save the lives of other dogs & cats that come to us with severe injuries on a weekly basis!

"We give animals time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return animals give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made."

-M. Facklam

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Surviving the Puppy Mill

Jojo, Lucky and Sunny arrived at Animal House Shelter after being rescued from a puppy mill. They have spent all of their lives in a tiny cage with only the bare minimum necessary to keep them alive to be "puppy making" machines for the pet store industry. They have never known what it is to be touched lovingly by a human. They were never even allowed outside to see grass or sunlight in all of these years. Beyond petrified when they arrived at Animal House, they are now learning to trust humans and the comfort of warm blankets and loving staff at AHS! After years of neglect, medical bills for their neutering, bloodwork, vaccines and dentals are piling up for AHS and we need your help. We have rescued hundreds of puppy mill survivors like them before over the last 13 years and will continue to do so until the puppy mills are shut down forever. PLEASE make sure to spread the word on how important it is to ADOPT and not to SHOP. Until people stop buying the puppies at pet stores, these poor dogs will continue to be forced to breed in dark filthy conditions year after year suffering unimaginable abuse & neglect. Please consider making a donation to AHS so that we can keep putting the pieces of these three broken souls back together and continue to rescue more puppy mill survivors!



Thank You

Animal House Shelter would like to offer our most sincere and special thanks to all of our dedicated foster homes who have made room in their homes and their hearts for our animals in need! Without your continued selfless help and support we would not be able to save the lives of so many puppies, kittens, pregnant dogs & cats, nursing moms and adult animals who require the special care that only a foster home can give. Your role in making Animal House Shelter successful in our life saving mission is immeasurable. By opening your homes temporarily to get these animals back on the feet not only saves that animal that would otherwise have been euthanized at the pound but you also save another life by opening up a space at the shelter so we can rescue another animal in need! We truly would not be able to do what we do without you! For more information about becoming a foster parent for Animal House Shelter, please visit our website at www.animalhouseshelter.com or call us at 847-961-5541. We provide all of the medical care, food, cages, blankets etc.,. All you need to do is provide a warm, safe, loving home for them until they are ready for adoption!



"Adopt, Volunteer, Foster, Donate... You Can Make a Difference!"

Animal House Shelter is always in need of volunteers, foster homes, and donors and we welcome any questions that you might have about these ways of becoming more involved. We are available by phone at 847-961-5541 seven days a week between 11 am and 7 pm, and email at animalhouseshelterinfo@gmail.com. One of the ways that you can support the saving of lives through Animal House Shelter is to pledge a monthly donation. It does not have to be much, as even the smallest amount when it can be counted on regularly, can be the difference between life and death for a pet in need. You can sponsor a specific animal every month or general medical expenses. Simply visit our website, click on the "DONATE NOW" button, and after selecting your donation amount check the box that indicates you would like your donation to reoccur monthly. We would also like to invite you to look in to matching gift donations with your employer. By checking with your human resources department, you may find that your company will match your contribution to Animal House Shelter in full! Animal House Shelter is also now accepting vehicle donations through the Cars program and you can now donate your vehicle (which is tax deductible for you) and Animal House Shelter will receive the money when your vehicle is sold! Visit the "Donations" page of our website for more information. AHS accepts donations in honor or memory of a loved one (human or animal) for weddings, birthdays, funerals, Christmas or any special occasion. We will send notification to anyone that you specify that the donation has been made! It's a wonderful way to show someone how much you care and save a life at the same time! You can do this by clicking on any Donate Now button throughout our site or mailing in your donation to the shelter.

Xena Needs Your Help!

Xena is a sweet and tiny Russian Blue who came to AHS with her littermates as a newborn kitten. She was found with her mother and siblings outside with no shelter, food or water. It was immediately apparent on her arrival that Xena was not like the other kittens in her litter. Her hind legs were malformed and bent completely upward at the knee. We rushed Xena to four different vets and an orthopedic specialist, all of who determined that there wasn't a surgery that could be done to repair the legs. The only hope was to wait until she grew and she is she could cope with the deformity.



Xena is about 7 months old now and it is becoming more difficult for her to get around in her foster home. The vets have concluded that the best and only option for her at this point is mid femoral amputation, removal of the legs just above the knee, which should improve her ability to get around more comfortably. These surgeries come at a great expense for Animal House Shelter and we need your help in donations so that this little girl who has already been through so much can have the best quality of life possible!



Giving Tree

Santa is coming to Animal House Shelter! Starting November 30th, the tree in our lobby will be filled with ornaments with a photo of a cat or dog at the shelter and their holiday wish. Select an ornament and fulfill the wish of a homeless dog or cat and place your gifts under our "Giving Tree" and help make them more comfortable during their stay with us. Santa will be hosting our Holiday Bake Sale and posing for pictures. Bring your pet and family for a photo with Santa or take a photo with an animal at the shelter you choose to sponsor! Santa photos – \$10 donation per photo to the shelter. Stop in and shop some delicious treats which make excellent



Christmas gifts and 100% of the proceeds go to the dogs & cats at AHS! Photos with Santa and bake sale are in the shelter lobby from 1 pm to 4 pm on December 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th. Hope to see you there!

Pins & Paws

Animal House Shelter will be hosting Pins & Paws at Pinstripes in South Barrington on Saturday, January 23rd 2016 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Come out and bowl to help Animal House Shelter raise money to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home more animals in need. Bowling is unlimited for the entire fundraiser and dinner will be provided! We will also have raffles and a silent auction. To purchase tickets, visit the "Events" page of our website at www.animalhouseshelter.com

Date: Saturday, January 23

Time: 6 pm – 9 pm

Location: Pinstripes - 100 W Higgins Rd, South Barrington, IL 60010

Tickets: Adults \$45, Children 12 & Under \$30

*Includes unlimited bowling, shoes, unlimited soft drinks and food

Purchase your tickets from Eventbrite!

If you have any items to donate for our raffles or would like more information on sponsorships please email animalhousefundraising@gmail.com or call 847-961-5541. All sponsorships are also 100% tax deductible!

Panera

Stop into Panera Bread in Algonquin on Saturday, December 12 and as a result of your participation 10-20% of qualifying sales will be donated to Animal House Shelter!

Date: Saturday, December 12

Time: 6 am—9 pm

Location: Panera Bread 451 S. Randall Rd. Algonquin

Remember to present the flyer when ordering. Flyer can be found at www.animalhouseshelter.com under Upcoming Events. Only valid at date, time and location specified above. Gift cards and other retail purchases are excluded from the event. Dine-in, carry-out (taken inside dining room at the counter), and drive-thru orders qualify. No phone orders. No Rapid Pick Up orders.

Dash For Dogs 2016

Dash for the Dogs is an annual fundraiser that is held to raise much needed funds for the medical bills of special needs animals here at our shelter. Animal House Shelter believes every animal deserves a chance at a long life and a loving home. We take on many animals with injuries, special needs and medical conditions which require extensive and expensive medical treatment and rehabilitation. Please join us for our 5K run/walk. You can run, walk, donate, sponsor or volunteer and help us continue our fight to give every animal a chance!

Event Date: Sunday, May 22nd 2016

Location: Citizens Park 511 Lake Zurich Road, Barrington IL 60010

Time: Registration/check in begins 7 AM, 5K run begins promptly at 9 AM, 1 mile family fun walk begins at 10:30.

Pre Registration \$30, registration the day of the race \$35

Pre Registration available online at www.animalhouseshelter.com

There is no fee for children under 10 years old

For more information call us at 847-961-5541

Dogs are welcome to join you in the 5K run/walk or 1 mile fun walk as long as they are leashed at all times and are excellent with all other dogs & children and must be current on rabies and distemper vaccines. Strollers are also welcome in the run or walk!

Not only can you help us with our important mission by participating in our event, this is also a fantastic advertising opportunity for your business! By becoming a sponsor for the Dash, you will reach our extremely large following of supporters who love to patronize business that support animal rescue. The run/walk typically has 500-600 participants. Many of the sponsorship tiers include advertising on our website, in our email blasts (sent out to over 25,000 contacts every week) and in our newsletter mailings such as this one! This advertising extends well beyond the event date itself offering you exposure to thousands of pet owners and loyal customers on a regular basis. All sponsorships are also 100% tax deductible!

Visit the "Dash for the Dogs" page of our website at www.animalhouseshelter.com to view the sponsorship opportunities available!

Animal House Shelter would like to thank our top sponsors for the Dash for the Dogs 2015!

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The Family with Feline Leukemia

Tiger, Silverstar and Kelly came to Animal House Shelter with their mother, Simone, when they were only 2 weeks old having been found outside. Their mother tested positive for both Feline Leukemia and FIV, and although these diseases aren't always passed from mother to kitten, all three of the babies unfortunately tested positive for Feline Leukemia as well.

Feline leukemia is a disease that only affects cats -- it cannot be transmitted to people, dogs, or other animals. It weakens an animal's immune system so they can become ill if exposed to other infections or diseases more easily than a cat that does not have FeLV. As long as they are in a home, never let outside and not exposed to other infections or diseases and get regular vet visits, they can live a healthy life.

FeLV is most commonly transmitted through direct contact, mutual grooming and through sharing litter boxes, food and water bowls, in utero or through an infected mother's milk. Healthy cats over three months of age and vaccinated for FeLV are highly unlikely to contract the virus from another cat.

There is no treatment or cure for FeLV and they might not live as long as a cat that does not have FeLV but Animal House Shelter is dedicated to the long term care of these sweet babies for as long as they live and we are hoping to find them an adoptive home with people who will love them. Please consider making a donation to AHS so that we can continue to care for this family and continue to save the lives of other cats like them.



Sweet little Claire

Sweet little Claire is a 5 month old Basset Hound/Golden Retriever mix who arrived at Animal House Shelter with a severe case of demodectic mange. She is currently in foster care undergoing treatments for this condition by AHS.



Demodectic mange occurs when a dog's immune system is suppressed due to age, illness, lack of proper nutrition or stress, all of which are common among stray animals. It is a skin disease, caused by the mite which lives in the dogs hair follicles and causes hair loss along with crusty, red skin that becomes inflamed, infected and can crack and bleed. The condition is not

contagious and is very treatable, but the process for treating it can be long and very costly. Because of this, many shelters do not take in animals like Claire. With the proper medical treatment, antibiotics, nutrition and a warm bed, Claire will recover and have a normal, happy & healthy life! Animal House Shelter has never refused rescue to animals with treatable conditions such as mange and with your support, we can not only help Claire but can continue to save other dogs like her.

Shelter Gear

You can help save animals and look great doing it! Check out the "shelter gear" page of our website at www.animalhouseshelter.com and order your AHS shelter gear today! Men's and women's styles are available! Shelter gear also makes the perfect Holiday gift for the pet lover in your life. Order now! on our website at www.animalhouseshelter.com and order today!



Please Like us on Facebook!

AHS thanks all the foster families & volunteers who work tirelessly to make a better life for homeless animals!