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Shelter Buzz

Mark your calendars everyone! Animal House Shelter is celebrating our ten year anniversary this year and will have many exciting events you won't want to miss! From our June 5K Run/Walk in Barrington to our August Polo for Pets in Elgin to the December Giving Tree and everything in between, we will have a fun filled 2012!



While we have all been through a troubled economy the last few years, we have remained strong in our resolve to fight for these most innocent victims -- the homeless, neglected dogs and cats in our community and those nearby. Your donations, fostering efforts, and volunteering have made it all possible! Now let's celebrate in 2012 and help raise the crucial funds needed to continue saving over 3,000 lives each year!



Thank you!!

Lesley Irwin

Lesley Irwin - President AHS, inc.

Aimee

Aimee is an adorable 16 week old puppy that was just rescued by Animal House Shelter. She had been left tied to a fence at a pound in southern Illinois where she was exposed to the elements over night. Aimee is suffering from a severe case of Demodex mange that has caused her to lose 70% of the hair on her body. She also has a terrible secondary skin infection. This sweet puppy spent the first four months of her life in pain and complete neglect. Now safe at AHS, Aimee has been started on pain medication, antibiotics and medicine to kill the mites.

She will need extensive veterinary care but her condition is treatable. Despite everything she has been through, Aimee is a happy puppy who loves toys, bones, treats and especially people! She loves cuddling and giving kisses. Please sponsor Aimee while she is with us as it will take months of treatment, costly antibiotics, good food, and love before this sweet baby is ready for adoption. You can help Aimee during her long road to recovery.



“Animals are such agreeable friends - they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms”

George Elliot

ANIMAL HOUSE SHELTER

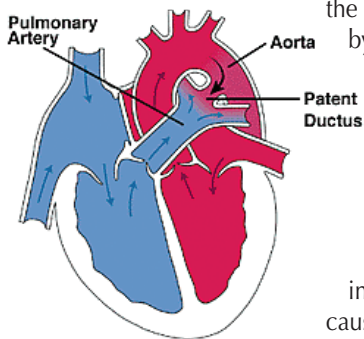
We ♥ Merry

Merry was just a tiny 10 week old pup when she arrived at Animal House Shelter from Animal Control in Indiana. Happy and full of life, she went to a foster home to get her vaccines, her spay and then she be ready to go up for adoption.



When she went to our vet to get spayed they heard a significant heart murmur and told us that she would need X-rays, complete bloodwork and an ultrasound at a specialist to assess the condition of her heart. The specialist then diagnosed her with PDA and this poor little

girl was going to need open heart surgery to fix it or she would not live a long healthy life.



Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA) is the most common congenital heart disease in dogs. The ductus arteriosus is a normal structure that is present in the canine fetal heart. Its purpose is to bypass the majority of canine fetal blood around, rather than through the lungs. This is necessary because the canine fetus lives in the fluid environment of the mother's uterus, receiving oxygen from its mother's bloodstream. At birth, the fetus' blood supply from the mother is cut off, and the neonate breaths air increasing circulation to its own lungs, causing the ductus arteriosus to close.

Failure of the ductus arterioles to close beyond 7-10 days of age is considered abnormal in dogs. This means an increased volume of blood is sent to the lungs which results in fluid build-up and eventually congestive heart failure. Premature death is likely without treatment.

We need your help with Merry! With the PDA surgery, Merry should live a normal, happy life - running and swimming like Labradors love to do!

Animal House Shelter will have costs exceeding \$3,000 from Merry's surgery and all of the pre-surgical tests that need to be done. Please consider sponsoring Merry so we can help her and others like her who would have never had a chance at life if they had not arrived on AHS' door step. Simply click on any Donate Now button throughout our website, send a check directly to the shelter or call the shelter to make a donation over the phone. Thank you on behalf of Merry and all the others yet to be saved!

Jalapeño & Jesse Home at Last

Jalapeño is a 3 year old Shih Tzu who is a puppy mill survivor who was so scared when we rescued him that he would urinate & defecate all over himself at the sight of a person. Look at him now!

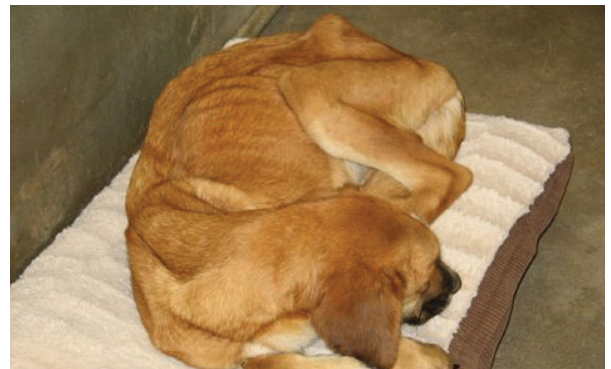


Jessie is a 5 year old Am Staff who was at Animal House for over four years, now she has her second chance in a loving home!



Gale - Starved and Abandoned

Gale is a 2 year old Hound who was found starving on side of road, discarded like garbage. Please help AHS by sponsoring Gale so we can give her the second chance that Jessie and Jalapeño have been given.



Calendar 2012

Culver's of Huntley – Tuesday, May 8
Fundraising Night for AHS
Route 47, Huntley 4-8pm

Dash for the Dogs – Saturday, June 9
Registration: 6am
5K Run/Walk: 8am, 1 Mile Fun Run: 10am
Citizens Park, Barrington
Pre-Registration - \$25, Day of Registration - \$30
Register Online Now - Just Click on any Donate Now button on the website

Bowl For Paws III – Saturday, June 16
6:30-9:00pm - \$25 per person
Brunswick Zone XL – 1611 S. Randall Rd., Algonquin
Register Online Now - Just Click on any Donate Now button on the website

AHS 10 Year Anniversary Reunion – Saturday, July 21
Shelter Grounds, Noon to 4pm

Polo for Pets – Sunday, August 12*
Rain Date: Sunday, August 19*
Dahlwood Polo Farms, 9N655 Kendall Road, Elgin
Register Online Now - Just Click on any Donate Now button on the website

Poker for Paws – Saturday, September 15
Register Online Now - Just Click on any Donate Now button on the website

Poker for Paws – Saturday, November 17
Register Online Now - Just Click on any Donate Now button on the website

The Giving Tree Celebration – Pet Photos with Santa, Bake Sale, AHS Giving Tree - Take an ornament and fulfill the wish of a shelter animal. Shelter Lobby

Saturday, December 1 – Noon to 3pm
Sunday, December 2 – 3pm to 6pm
Saturday, December 8 – Noon to 3pm
Sunday, December 9 – 3pm to 6pm
Saturday, December 15 – Noon to 3pm
Sunday, December 16 – 3pm to 6pm



Thank you Sponsors

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If you are interested in sponsoring any of the Animal House Shelter events as an individual or company, please contact Marlene at ahsmarlene@gmail.com



The Second Annual Animal House Shelter 5k Run/Walk
DASH FOR THE DOGS
And 1 Mile Fun Run for Families, Dogs, and Kids

Saturday
June 9th, 2012

Registration/Check in Begins at 6 A.M.
5k Run/Walk Starts Promptly at 8 A.M.



Held At:
Citizens Park
511 Lake Zurich Road Barrington, IL 60010

Pre-Registration: \$25 Day of Registration: \$30

Register online at Signmeup.com or in-person/by phone by visiting or calling the shelter.

The race will be timed and results will be posted on our website

Catered food will be available for purchase post race - All Proceeds go towards the Shelter

Want to help but don't want to Run or Walk? Volunteer! Email AhsMarlene@gmail.com for more info

AWARDS:

The Top 3 Male and Female finishers overall and in each age group below will receive awards:
14 & Under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-60, 60 & Over.

All pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt. Day of race registered participants will receive a shirt while supplies last.

For more information or questions, please call, email or visit us
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Sally Overcomes Cruel Treatment

A kind Samaritan found this poor little 6 month old Am Staff Terrier puppy wandering the streets in Southern Illinois. She was disoriented and bleeding profusely from her head. The kind stranger immediately rushed her to the vet where, luckily, they were able to save Sally's life. The vet said Sally was a victim of animal cruelty. Someone had held her down and without any anesthesia or pain medication, cut off her ears with scissors, most likely to use her as bait in dog fighting. Once they realized that Sally wouldn't stop bleeding, they didn't want to get her any medical treatment so they threw her out onto the streets to die. Sally recently arrived at Animal House Shelter and we are amazed with her progress and temperament. She is very affectionate, well behaved, and loves other dogs and children. Sally deserves a better life. Please consider sponsoring baby Sally during her stay at Animal House Shelter.



Caeden's Sad Story Gives Hope

Caeden had a traumatic and horrifying experience. He and his siblings were put in a shoe box and abandoned on a front porch step. The box was completely duct taped shut. As an afterthought to get them some air (at least that is what we choose to believe) an ice pick was used to poke holes in the box. The little girl was killed by the pick and the boys were in the box at least 2 days before being discovered by the returning homeowner! They had no food or water and were covered in feces and urine. It is a wonder they survived. But Caeden, with his sweet personality fully intact, still had work to do. He was adopted by Trish, a special education teacher who brought Caeden in as a therapy animal. Even though he was just a kitten and could be wild and rambunctious, he turned out to be an amazing therapy cat! He just lays limp as the children pick him up and pass him around. Caeden's story is a lesson that resonates with children who have survived trauma. He now visits the children two times a week and goes with Trish to pet stores, on road trips and walks on a leash. Caeden's owner is so glad she came to AHS to find her forever friend!



Mom Cat Won't Leave her Dead Baby -- then takes in Four Orphans!



Iris, Clover, Cosmo, Aster, Poppy, Violet and Freesia safe at last!

Traffic had come to a stop on a road near Terre Haute. A kitten had been hit by a car and the little gray momma cat was standing guard with her two surviving babies. Animal Control had to physically remove the three then deliver them to the nearby Humane Society. There Iris continued to care for her two babies but soon her tiny family grew bigger. Four young orphans were found nearby and they desperately needed a momma. Iris accepted them immediately! She groomed them and began nursing as if they had been hers all along. Her two babies, Clover and Cosmo, seemed happy with the arrangement too, although there were a few adjustments to be made at mealtime. This lovely little family is now safe in an AHS foster home and soon will be ready for adoption. Please sponsor Iris and her little "flowers" while they are with AHS so we can continue to rescue more wonderful families like this!

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