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Shelter Buzz

Hello and Happy Holidays from Animal House Shelter! I would like to thank you all for your generosity and support of our organization and for helping us save the lives of over 25,000 animals to date! Although this number may seem quite impressive, it is really only a small fraction of the number of animals in need of sanctuary that our shelter still has yet to rescue. It is only with your continued support that we



can pursue this important work and dream of a day when every pet has a home and knows the love of a family of their own. As you read the stories on the following pages keep in mind that these pets need you as much as they need Animal House Shelter, to be their voice and their salvation in a world that has cast them aside to be unseen and forgotten. Your donations, no matter how small or how large, are vital in making Animal House Shelter the unique and wonderful place that it is. Thank you again for your generosity and support and remember that all donations to Animal House Shelter are tax deductible and can be written off come tax season. I hope that you all have a safe and joyous holiday season and I look forward to seeing you at the shelter in 2014.



Thank you!!

Lesley Irwin

Lesley Irwin – President AHS, inc.

Seeing the Possibilities for Gizmo

When the litter of four came off the transport from Georgia, they were nearly unrecognizable as kittens! Apparently the kill-shelter staff decided to just let nature take its course with the raging eye infections and respiratory issues that had been going on for weeks. Poor Gizmo was in the worst shape with his right eye swollen nearly out of the socket. The pain must have been



unbearable! The whole litter is in foster care with an AHS staff member and their eyes are being medicated



8 times a day. Most have improved greatly and they are all eating and gaining weight. However our little Gizmo most likely needs an enucleation surgery—which means he will lose his eye. Fortunately, there are those wonderful people in this world who can find it in their hearts to love a one-eyed cat. Now AHS has to find the funds to give Gizmo this

expensive, pain-ending surgery, so that he gets the chance to meet his perfect family. Your gift in Gizmo's name will make this happen. Thank you!

Please Open your Heart for Peanut.

Peanut arrived at AHS only 2 weeks ago and within an hour of his arrival we knew that something was wrong. While holding his tiny little 10 pound body close to her chest, an AHS volunteer could feel his heart beating so hard and so fast it almost felt like it



was going to explode! Peanut was raced to a cardiac specialist who did not have good news to tell. This poor 8 year old dachshund, who had just been given a second chance at life, might only have a year left to live! The cardiac specialist, Dr Leuthe, said Peanut was born with a Grade 5 systolic heart murmur. The left side of his heart has had to work so hard since birth that it is now weak and damaged and he

could go in to heart failure soon. Please consider sponsoring, fostering or adopting Peanut so he can know what it is like to be loved and in a home for the short time that he has left.

“A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.”

Josh Billings

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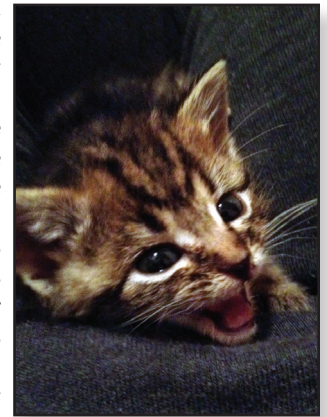
Brody -- Back from the Brink



Last May a tiny, emaciated kitten was found in a Marengo field. He was brought to AHS and placed in foster care without much hope for survival. Brody was three days old and weighed only 2.5 oz. He gained weight slowly while being bottle fed, but Brody was far behind the other foster kittens in weight and activity level. He sat and watched as they played and ran around but did not have the energy to join in. Brody's appetite was poor and he finally had to be separated from the others, as he simply could not keep up. He was now almost four months and weighed less than 2 lbs. We took him to Animal Care Clinic for an evaluation by Dr. Paul. The news was not good and Brody was given a guarded prognosis. No actual diagnosis could be determined without expensive testing. However, his foster mom and AHS would not give up, so Brody was taken to a specialist at the Woodstock Clinic for an abdominal ultrasound and a special blood test. It was determined that Brody is unable to absorb Vitamin B from his food. He receives Vitamin B12 injections weekly and is improving daily. AHS did not hesitate to give Brody this chance. His testing was expensive and there was no time to wait. Now there are the vet bills to pay. Your donation in his name will help, as well as give AHS the chance save more like little Brody.

Rocky's Horror Is No Picture Show

The crowd of shoppers at the Terre Haute Lowes stood in shock as a box of kittens and mother cat were thrown from a speeding truck. The mother cat scooped up a baby in her mouth and tried to carry him to safety but they were both struck and killed by a passing car. The horrified bystanders quickly rounded up the remaining three-week-old babies and took them to a nearby animal control. Sadly, the kittens were not old enough to eat solid food and no one there was able to bottle-feed them. They went an entire day without eating before being rescued by AHS! On arrival they got SQ fluids and eagerly drained their bottles of formula. These hungry little orphans went to a foster home where they were bathed, warmed and lovingly fed some more. Unfortunately, little Rocky didn't appear to be walking normally and had a huge bulge in his lower abdomen. He was taken to Dr. Paul at Animal Care Clinic. After radiographs and a thorough exam, it was discovered that he had a tear in the abdominal wall and his bladder was protruding through it. The hernia was most likely caused when he was thrown to the pavement. Rocky will have to have surgery once he weighs at least a pound, if he is to survive. After all he has been through, AHS wants to give him that chance. Please consider making a donation in Rocky's name -- together we can give him this gift of life!



Can Blondie Count On You?

Blondie's future was extremely bleak. After braving the streets of a small town in Southern Illinois, alone and scared and hardly able to walk, she was picked up as a stray and scheduled to be euthanized because she



was limping. Animal House Shelter saved her life and took her to our vet who discovered that she has an autoimmune mediated muscle disease. Blondie is only 1 year old and her condition cannot be treated, only controlled with steroids to slow its progress. Sadly, she may have other muscle groups affected by her condition over time.

Blondie is stable for now but might not have much time left. She is excellent with other dogs and children and is as sweet as they come. Please let her know a loving family in the time she has left. If you can't adopt Blondie at this time please consider sponsoring her.

Scared & Alone

Imagine being tiny, elderly, handicapped and wandering alone outside. You are cold and afraid and cannot walk very well, let alone run away from all of the dangers that surround you. You end up in a pound with cold concrete floors and you grow very sick, so sick that you cannot even breathe. You think that the end has come until you wake up in the arms of a new friend at Animal House Shelter. This is the story of Eileen, an 8 pound, 10 year old Yorkie with only three legs. Her hair is thin, her skin is scabby and dirty and she is extremely emaciated. Several of her teeth are so rotted that they are falling out and she has a severe case of pneumonia. Animal House Shelter will take care of all of her medical needs, including an extensive dental, but we need your help. Please consider donating to help with the cost of her care or call us to inquire about fostering or adopting this sweet girl. Help us show her that her story will have a happy ending.





Calendar

Join us for our Giving Tree Celebration!

Held in the Animal House Shelter Lo-by-Pet Photos with Santa, Bake sale and AHS Giving Tree-Take an ornament from our tree and fulfill the wishes of a shelter pet this holiday season!

December 7th from 12 pm – 3 pm
 December 8th from 3pm – 6 pm
 December 14th from 12 pm – 3 pm
 December 15th from 3 pm – 6 pm
 December 21st from 12 pm – 3 pm
 December 22nd from 3 pm – 6 pm

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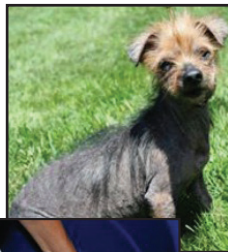
AHS sees her beauty!

Sweet Josephine has been a member of the Animal House Shelter family since late June. She arrived at our shelter in a very sad state. Most of her hair was missing,

she had rough, scaly, scabby patches and sores covering her body and she could not even open her eyes because they were sealed shut with thick pus-like-discharge.

She was immediately seen by our vet and given a medicated bath, placed on antibiotics and

steroids to help with her skin and placed in a foster home to ease her stress. She was diagnosed with severe flea bite dermatitis complicated by secondary bacterial and yeast infections of the skin and eyes. While in foster care her skin and eyes have improved greatly, some of her hair is growing back and she learning how to love life! Animal House Shelter would not be able to rescue animals like Josephine without donations from generous supporters like you!



How to Help Save More Lives

Animal House Shelter is always in need of volunteers, foster homes, and donors and welcomes 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. 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!



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CAN YOU HELP US?

Mattie and Chelsea are sisters that were adopted from Animal House Shelter about a year ago. They were recently returned to the shelter because one of the people in the house was allergic. For their first few days back at the shelter, AHS staff had to hand feed them because they were so scared, confused and depressed that they refused to eat. They are in desperate need a foster home until Animal House Shelter can find someone who will love them forever. Can they stay with you for a while? They are very calm, sweet and quiet. Please call right away if you can help sweet Mattie and Chelsea.





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Rhett needs your help

Just A Baby And Desperate For A Home
I came to AHS in August at 16 weeks old from a pound where I was scheduled to be euthanized due to lack of space. AHS found a foster home for me right away and my foster mom soon noticed that I was having



seizures in my sleep. She called my friends at the shelter for help. The vet put me on some medication and it has helped keep my seizures from coming back for now. Would you consider adopting me? I am a really sweet boy and I love other dogs and kids. I promise to pay you back in kisses and love. If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of my medication visit

the Animal House Shelter website at and click on the "donate now" button on the homepage. Make sure to tell them it's for me!

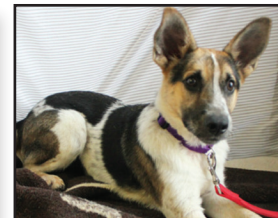
Saved from a Burning Home

Rico was rescued twice. His home burned to the ground and a fireman rescued him and his owner. Since the woman was recovering from smoke inhalation and lost her home she had no choice but to give him to the local Kill Shelter. But Rico found rescue again--this time by Animal House. He is a playful, head-butting, finger-nibbling boy who truly believes he is still a little kitten. In fact, Rico is a handsome, big lug of a cat with all the spunk of a 3 month old, and Rico absolutely adores dogs of all sizes! If you are looking for a large tabby with personality plus and do not mind some gentle play biting, Rico just might be the one for you! He is ready for his final rescue.



Meet Jesse!

Jesse came to Animal House Shelter in August from a pound in Southern Illinois. He had been dumped off by his owners after his head had been slammed in a door so hard that he started seizing. Luckily, the vet they were working with was able to revive him, however because of the trauma, he is now blind. He really needs someone to let him know that everything is okay, and that he will not be hurt again. That is where you come in! We are looking for a foster home for Jesse that can give him a stress free environment while he finds his forever home. If you are not able to foster or adopt at this time please consider making a donation to Animal House Shelter so that we can continue to save the lives of animals like Jesse.



Vote Now



Vote today and every day to help Animal House Shelter win a \$10,000.00 grant through the Petfinder Foundation's Shelter Challenge! Visit the website <http://www.shelterchallenge.com/> **And Vote Animal House Shelter!**

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