

FUZZ BUZZ



Spring/Summer 2017

"When we take the time to gain understanding about an animals nature, we come to realize they love, have feelings, loyalty and even have a soul. I am so grateful to anyone and everyone who has stood up for Earths animals"

-April Peerless

President's Letter

Happy spring from Animal House Shelter! We hope you all are enjoying the weather as much as all of the animals here at the shelter! We wanted to share with you some of the animals that we have rescued over the past several months. They have had to overcome horrifying pasts but are safe now because of your support of AHS.

Springtime also brings a major influx of puppies and kittens that need to be rescued and we can't do it without you! Please check out the Foster A Pet & Wish List pages on our website to see the many ways you can help us rescue and care for the pregnant and nursing cats and dogs and the many litters of puppies and kittens that are arriving on our doorstep!

We also have several costly projects that we will need monetary donations to help us accomplish. The parking lot at the shelter is in need of major restoration, an air conditioner and industrial washer have to be replaced and fencing repairs along our 5 acres of property must be completed. If you can help, please make a donation in the envelope provided or through our website.

We appreciate you, our community, who help make this all possible. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events this spring and summer!

Thank you!!

Lesley Irwin

Lesley Irwin - President AHS, inc.

Stoic Davey

Davey is a handsome, two year old hound who, despite arriving at Animal House Shelter with an excruciatingly injury, gave kisses and hugs to the AHS staff the moment he got out of the transport van. He had recently been hit by a car resulting in a dislocated

right hip. Davey loves people and other dogs so much that, even though it hurts him to walk, he can't help running over to greet them with a big grin on his face and his tongue rolling out. Because the injury had been left untreated, Davey is now in need of femoral head removal surgery (FHO)

so he can regain use of his leg. Please consider making a donation to help with the cost of Davey's surgery. He deserves a pain free life and a family to return all of the love that he gives.



Abandoned and Abused



Abandoned by his owners, Shamrock, had to fend for himself as a stray in Southern Illinois farm land. While searching for food, Shamrock was shot by a farmer with a pellet gun which fractured his skull under his right eye. Fortunately, animal control officers were called to pick up Shamrock who then asked us to rescue him. Despite this horrendous

treatment, he is extremely loving with every human & animal he meets!

Struggling to Survive

AHS rescued Oscar from a hoarding situation where he had been kept in a basement trying to survive without access to proper food or water. He weighed in at just 5lbs and was having trouble breathing. His body was covered from head to toe in severe matting and wounds, ears were filled with dirt, severely dehydrated, and his teeth are in such horrible condition from chewing through anything to keep from starving. He also has tested positive for Feline Immunodeficiency Virus- a condition that weakens his immune system and makes it difficult for him to fight off infection.

Oscar has been started on antibiotics, is being given IV Fluids and will be having extensive blood testing done. In spite of suffering such severe neglect, Oscar is the sweetest cat that just enjoys being held and cuddled by the children in his wonderful foster home!



ANIMAL HOUSE SHELTER

Going the Distance



While visiting a friend in Tennessee, an Animal House Shelter staff member became aware of a neglect situation. Two beautiful dogs were being kept chained outside 24 hours a day for years with no room to run or play. They only had a crudely hollowed out plastic barrel for shelter from the rain and freezing winters. Knowing that something needed to be done immediately, AHS sprang into action and solicited the help of others

to arrange transport. Fortunately, a dedicated volunteer came through and drove from Huntley, Illinois to Tennessee and back to save them. After arriving at Animal House Shelter, Gage and Rocco were immediately placed in a foster home where they were shown love and patience as they began to regain the trust of humans. Gage and Rocco have now found their forever homes where they have cozy beds to call their own.



Carl Needs a Special Family



Carl was a stray who was picked up by a high-kill shelter. Once he came to Animal House Shelter, we learned that something was wrong with his legs. He was taken to the vet who determined that he had a fractured spine that did not heal properly. It's a wonder he can even walk! Due to the injury to his spine, Carl does not have control over his

bladder or bowels. He will need a special family to take care of him. He is an extremely happy dog who loves kids and other dogs.

A Labor of Love

At only one year old, Nevaeh's life has been a nightmare of neglect, abuse, and starvation. She arrived at Animal House Shelter with filthy hair matted all the way down to her skin and nails so overgrown that they curled around twice. As an AHS staff member began the arduous task of grooming Nevaeh, the extent of her abuse and suffering became gruesomely apparent. With each layer of urine soaked, flea infested hair that was removed, a frail body began to appear. Nevaeh's ribs stuck out at her sides and her skinny legs shook under the weight of her body as she stood to be groomed. For nearly eight hours, the dedicated staff member patiently attended to her giving her frequent breaks to rest. After going through four clipper blades to remove her matted hair, an entire box of cotton swabs to clean her infected ears, and after removing more than 70 deer ticks from her body, Nevaeh began to look more like the beautiful Labradoodle that she is! She was given the name Nevaeh, heaven spelled backwards. Nevaeh is now thriving under the care of AHS. She is gaining weight and learning to love and trust people again.



Rescue Dogs Giving Back

Caesar (adopted from AHS in 2007) and Guinness (adopted from AHS in 2010) are dog brothers who give back. They are both Registered Hospital Therapy Dogs at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Multiple times a month, they visit patients to uplift their spirits and so much more! Studies have shown that therapy dogs help reduce stress, blood pressure, and the amount of medications people need to take. Caesar and Guinness are part of a team of 80 dogs sharing their love with patients at the hospital every day of the year. Each year, they are evaluated by the hospital and repeat a three day training course to receive their certifications. Their mom, Kathy, says that they are very docile and love the attention.



As if that isn't enough, these pups also help children improve their reading skills. Throughout the year, Caesar and Guinness visit the Schaumburg and Roselle libraries and have stories read to them. "They are much-loved family members and we are so fortunate to have found them at Animal House Shelter," said Kathy and Terry. Thank you Caesar, Guinness, Kathy, and Terry for all that you do for your community.



Miracles Do Happen



As the weather starts to get warmer, we often forget how cold and unforgiving the winter can be for stray animals. Miracle was a stray likely dumped by her owners in the bushes outside of Animal House Shelter in the middle of bitter cold December weather. Terrified, cold, and left to fend for herself, Miracle stayed near the shelter. For three weeks, AHS staff desperately tried to gain her trust and safely trap her and bring her in from the cold.

One particularly cold and snowy evening, a family left AHS with their newly adopted dog. They arrived at home, parked in the garage, and heard meowing from under their SUV! Miracle had crawled into their wheel well at the shelter and made the drive home with them miraculously unscathed! Seeking warmth wherever possible is not unusual for strays. Fortunately, Miracle is now in a warm and cozy foster home waiting for a forever family of her own.

Saved in the Nick of Time

Bixley, having been hit by a car and left with a shattered leg, was going to be euthanized unless a rescue group committed to taking him. Animal House Shelter pulled him from the pound and took him in for medical care. Unfortunately, the damage to his leg was so extensive that it could not be fixed and had to be amputated. Even so, Bixley now has a chance at a long life in a loving home.



Dash for the Dogs

Our 7th annual Dash for the Dogs 5K run/walk and 1 mile family fun walk is right around the corner! A crowd favorite, this event helps Animal House Shelter raise the funds needed to care for our animals. Dogs are welcome as long as they are current on all vaccines and get along with people and other dogs. Grab some friends to join you too! Groups of 10 or more receive a discounted registration rate of \$25.

Hang around after the race to enjoy music, snacks, samples from our vendors, complimentary nail trims and other services from Wet Noses Mobil Grooming, doggy bagels from Einstein Bros. Bagels, and more!

Registration: Search "Dash for the Dogs" on RunSignUp.com. Pre-registration is open through May 19, 2017

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017

Time: Check in - 7:15 am - 9:00 am, 5K run/walk - 9:00 am, 1 mile family fun walk - 10:30 am

Location: Citizens Park, 511 Lake Zurich Road, Barrington, IL 60010
Check-in at the Jewel Tea Pavilion

Cost: \$30 pre-registration, \$35 race day registration, free for kids under 10 years old

More Info.: <http://bit.ly/DashfortheDogs>

Animal House Shelter would like to thank our top sponsors for the Dash for the Dogs 2017!

- Sit Means Sit Chicago & Schaumburg Dog Training
- Crawford Intellectual Property Law, LLC
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Planes & Puppies



Come visit some of Animal House Shelter's adoptable dogs at Planes & Puppies hosted by Galt Airport. You can participate in "Stuff-a-Plane" by bringing a donation for Animal House Shelter. Our wish list can be found on our website. There are other great activities as well!

Date: Saturday, July 8, 2017

Time: Starting at 9:00 am

Location: Galt Airport, 5112 Greenwood Road, Greenwood, IL 60097

Cost: Entrance is FREE and open to the public!

More Info.: www.animalhouseshelter.com

Attractions Include:

- free airplane rides for kids ages 8-17
- flight simulators
- food and beverages
- stuff-a-plane



PAWfest

Join us for our annual PAWfest at Animal House Shelter! Pets are welcome as we celebrate our 30,000+ adoptions to date. There will be door prizes for the first 100 people who arrive!

Date: Saturday, July 15, 2017

Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Animal House Shelter, 13005 Ernesti Road, Huntley, IL 60142

Cost: Entrance is FREE and open to the public!

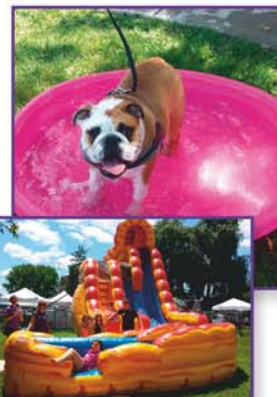
More Info.: www.animalhouseshelter.com

Attractions Include:

- \$20 vaccinations and micro chipping*
- \$10 nails trims, \$15 trim and grind
- raffle items and a 50/50 raffle
- K9 police unit demonstration
- giant water slide
- pet photographer
- face painting
- food and beverages
- shelter gear
- music
- and much more!

*Vet Clinic Sponsored by VCA Noyes Animal Hospital

Over 500 people attend PAWfest each year. If you would like to have a vendor booth at PAWfest or are interested in volunteering at the event, please email animalhousefundraising@gmail.com for more information.



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

Animal House Shelter has many opportunities for you to get involved with our rescue efforts beyond adopting. We are always in need for fosters, volunteers, and funding!

Not only do foster families allow us to take in more animals than space permits at the shelter, they also allow us to take in pregnant, senior, and special needs dogs and cats as well as puppies and other animals that need extra attention. If you have space in your home and your heart, please consider fostering. AHS provides all supplies and covers all medical costs.

You can also help by pledging a single or monthly donation. Even a small amount, when it can be counted on regularly, can be the difference between life and death for an animal in need. You can sponsor a specific animal or donate towards our general animal care and operating expenses. Furthermore, donations can be made in honor or memory of a loved one. When making a donation, we invite you to reach out to your employer about potential gift matching programs.

Please visit the Donations and Wish List pages on our website to make a donation and for other unique ways in which to help including vehicle donations, completing surveys, shopping with AmazonSmile, using the Walk for a Dog app, and more!





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A Long Road to Recovery



Hero and Triumph were only eight weeks old when they were found dumped in a ditch in Southern Illinois. They had been used as bait dogs (defenseless practice opponents for dog fighting) and then discarded like trash. They suffered significant injuries to their little faces and bodies. Hero's injuries included bite wounds, broken teeth, and a shattered sinus area resulting

in permanent changes to his face. Triumph received the bulk of the injuries including bite wounds around his head and ears, a missing eye, and a crushed skull causing his entire muzzle to be pushed up and back.

After arriving at Animal House Shelter, the pups immediately saw a neurologist. Early on, it was determined that Hero would likely make a full recovery, but Triumph needed an MRI to evaluate the extent of the damage caused by the trauma to his head and face. Triumph also had to undergo a procedure to remove fluid that had built up around his brain. After much testing, Triumph was given a positive prognosis! Fortunately, he is not expected to have any long-term neurological damage either.



A week after Hero and Triumph were rescued, Animal House Shelter was able to rescue their mother, Belle, who had been found alongside her puppies but was still at animal control. Hero, Triumph, and Belle had a long road to recovery with countless trips to the vet and over \$7,500 in medical bills. Through it all, they had the constant love and support of their foster families. Having cared for them since they came to AHS, Hero and Triumph's foster

family fell in love and officially adopted them together! Belle found her forever home too! They are all expected to live normal, happy lives.

Supporters like you help us save animals like Hero, Triumph, and Belle who would likely be put down elsewhere due to the cost of their care. Your time and donations are greatly appreciated.

Poor Baby

When Baby arrived to AHS in March, it was immediately apparent that something was wrong with her nervous system. She has difficulty following movement with her eyes, has trouble walking



straight, lifts her paws high in the air when she moves, and tilts her head. In addition, she tested positive for heartworm disease. Baby flinches when staff move to touch her acting as though she must have been hit in the past. She has been extremely hesitant to trust. It is hard to tell what her life must have been like before her arrival, but at AHS she is starting to blossom. When Baby is outside, she is able to let go and her personality is revealed

as she hops around being playful with staff members. Animal House Shelter will be doing everything possible to help Baby with her medical issues and show her that a human touch can be kind and loving.

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