

# FUZZ BUZZ

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## President's Letter

### Happy Holidays from Animal House Shelter!

Whether you have adopted, fostered, donated or volunteered your time, you have helped us save over 35,000 lives over the last fourteen years! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, we could not have accomplished this without all of you!



We have a new fundraising director this year and we will be sharing with you many unique new opportunities to support Animal House and help us in reaching our goal of saving every life possible.

The primary goal for AHS will be building our very own veterinary clinic so we can continue the medical needs of all the dogs and cats in our care, rescue many more homeless animals in need and offer low cost neutering to surrounding communities! We are very excited about this expansion of our organization. You will see the option on the Donate Now link on our website to donate directly towards the vet clinic and opportunities to have a room, 'wing' or entire building named in your honor. You can also send a check directly to the shelter with 'Vet Clinic' in the memo section. We will be sending you updates on the vet clinic via email so make sure to send us your email address if you're not already in our database.

Your 100% tax-deductible donation to our 501c3, not-for-profit organization provides us with the resources to save over 3,000 lives every year. Thank you for your ongoing support and I hope that you all have a safe and happy Holiday Season!



Thank you!!

*Lesley Arwin*

Lesley Irwin – President AHS, inc.

## Prisoner for Profit

Angel was chained outside, living under a shed with nothing but garbage to eat. She was being bred over and over again with no regard for her health or well-being so that her owners could sell her puppies. Angel is heartworm positive, suffering from ear and skin infections, has inflamed feet, and has several broken teeth and periodontal disease. Now on her road to recovery, gentle Angel wants nothing more than to curl up in a lap and be hugged.



## Narrowly Escaping

From underneath an old pile of wood behind an abandoned tool shed came the cries of an animal in pain. When a caring stranger pulled the logs apart to investigate the sound, nothing could have prepared her for what she saw. A half-grown, orange tabby cat wiggled toward her with all of the skin and much of the flesh missing from his front left leg. A coyote had viciously maimed him, and he had crawled under the woodpile just barely escaping with his life. Waldo did have to have his leg amputated, but the handsome cat has recovered and is ready for a loving family of his own.



## Albert

Albert, an 8-year-old Shih Tzu, has a condition in his right eye known as Chronic KCS (dry eye). Because Albert was severely neglected and his eye was left untreated for so many years before arriving at Animal House, he endured extreme pain and lost most of the vision in his eye. He also has a grade four heart murmur, a large inguinal growth on his abdomen, is extremely overweight, and is suffering from pneumonia. Since Albert's arrival, he has been on antibiotics for the pneumonia and to treat his dry eye condition. Albert loves to go for walks! Now that he is getting the exercise that he needs, Albert has lost weight and is so much happier!



*"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

# ANIMAL HOUSE SHELTER

## Help Lady Find a Home for the Holidays



Animal House Shelter rescues all breeds of dogs and cats regardless of age, behavior, or health condition. In addition to the day-to-day costs of all animals in our care, we incur many expensive medical bills for the treatment and rehabilitation of injured and special needs animals. Beautiful Lady, a 2-year-old Border Collie/Boxer mix, is one such example. Lady tore the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in her right hind leg. This painful injury must be corrected with surgery which is estimated to cost \$2,000. We are hoping to raise the funds so that Lady can have her surgery. Lady will need a home to recover in after the surgery. Please give us a call if you are interested in fostering Lady or would like to give her a permanent home in time for the holidays.

## Help Us Treat Heartworm

One in every ten dogs that is rescued by Animal House Shelter is heartworm positive. Heartworm is a completely treatable (and preventable) disease. Unfortunately, many of the animals in our care have suffered neglect at the hands of their former owners and were not kept on the simple monthly preventative that would have protected them from this deadly parasite. We treat over 300 cases of heartworm every year which costs \$500-\$2,000 per dog depending on the size of the dog and the severity of the infection. Because of this cost, many other shelters do not take in dogs that test positive for heartworm, leaving the animal control facilities in which they are housed no choice but to euthanize them. Please make a donation to help AHS continue to take in and treat heartworm positive dogs so that we can give them the chance at a long life in a loving home.



## Moms Matter Too

Many shelters take in litters of puppies and kittens, but will leave the moms behind because they are less adoptable or have other medical issues that need to be resolved before they are ready for adoption. Animal House always takes mothers with their babies even if they are no longer nursing. We also rescue moms left behind by other rescue groups. Please become a foster home today to help AHS show these mothers the care that they deserve and the commitment to finding them, as well as their babies, forever homes. You can sponsor these moms and babies through our Donate Now button on our website or by sending a check directly to the shelter.



## Together We Can Make a Difference



Animal House Shelter rescues over 3,000 dogs and cats each year. The sad truth is that, for every animal we rescue, there are hundreds more that we have to turn away due to limited space and resources. Each year, about 7.3 million dogs and cats enter animal shelters nationwide and another 2.7 million are euthanized. That's 7,397 dogs and cats being euthanized each day! We can do more with your help.

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.

Please visit the Donations and Wish List pages on our website to make a donation and for other unique ways in which to help.

## Quill.com Hosts a Pet Week Fundraiser

In June, Quill.com hosted a week-long fundraiser to benefit Animal House Shelter ending with National Bring Your Dog to Work Day. A donation to AHS allowed employees to bring their dogs to the office! Quill.com also donated supplies and brought a group of 12 employees to volunteer at AHS in September... in the pouring rain! Thank you for all that you have done, Quill.com.

If you are interested in volunteering as a group, please contact us. Also, we invite you to check with your employer about fundraising and donation matching programs. Not only are these great ways to give back, they are also great team building opportunities.



## 2017 Calendar Photo Contest

Animal House Shelter held our first ever online calendar photo contest from October 5th – October 29th, and it was a big hit! 294 photos were entered, nearly 650 people participated by entering and voting, and thousands more followed the contest on social media. The contest raised \$18,932! Thank you to everyone who helped make this fundraiser a success.

The top 30 photos are included in Animal House Shelter's 2017 calendar with the cover going to the top photo, Elsie and her kittens, which received an outstanding 869 votes. Elsie, pregnant with four kittens, had been dumped in a subway station in the Bronx. She was rescued and driven to AHS by Nathan Hughes (aka Dakota's Dad) a supporter and adopter of the shelter. On August 15, 2016, the day after she arrived at her foster home, Elsie gave birth to her kittens which were named after the cities she traveled for rescue: Bronx, Elizabeth, Jersey, and Huntley. Elsie was adopted on October 29th, and the kittens went up for adoption on November 5th.

You can purchase a calendar at Animal House Shelter and through the Animal House Shelter website, with an option to have your calendar shipped.



## Human Race

The McHenry County Human Race is a unique 5K that supports nonprofit organizations in McHenry County. The 2017 theme is "Get Your Hero On." Be our hero by selecting Animal House Shelter to receive the proceeds of your race fee and fundraising efforts. Win additional funding by dressing in your best hero costume at bib and t-shirt pick up, submitting race day photos, and being the top fundraiser! Invite family and friends. The organization with the most runners and walkers wins an additional \$600!

**Registration:** Begins December 1, 2016

**Date:** Sunday, April 23, 2017

**Time:** 5K run/walk - 8:00 am

**Location:** McHenry County College, 8900 US RT 14, Crystal Lake IL 60012

**Cost:** \$30-\$45 depending on time of registration, \$15 for kids under 10 years old

**More Info.:** [www.mchumanrace.org](http://www.mchumanrace.org)

## Holiday Happenings

### Pictures with Santa

Santa is coming to Animal House Shelter! Bring your pet or the entire family for a photo with Santa. Photos will take place from 1-4 pm on December 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th. The cost is \$10 for the first photo and \$5 for each additional photo.



### Giving Tree

Spread some holiday cheer to the dogs and cats at AHS. From December 1st – January 1st, you will find the Giving Tree in our lobby. The tree is filled with ornaments picturing animals currently in our care and their holiday wish lists. Select an ornament and grant the wish by placing your gifts under the Giving Tree.

### Bake Sale

Throughout December, baked goods will be available for purchase at AHS with 100% of the proceeds going to the shelter. Stop by for some delicious treats for yourself or to bring to your holiday gathering.

### Volunteering

Animal House Shelter is open every day of the year. If you are looking to do something special with your family for the holidays, consider spending some time at Animal House Shelter giving our animals some extra love and attention.

## AHS Merchandise

Show your Animal House Shelter pride while helping us rescue animals! Check out the Shelter Gear page of our website and order your AHS clothing and calendar today! These make great holiday gifts! You can also visit [bonfirefunds.com](http://bonfirefunds.com) and search "Animal House Shelter" for additional shirts and hoodies available periodically throughout the year. All proceeds go to Animal House Shelter.

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, donated, and volunteered at the following events: Dash for the Dogs; PAWfest; Woof, Whiskers, & Wine; Planes & Puppies; Dog Days; Huntley Fall Fest; Paint Your Pet; and Outreach & Adoption Events. We hope you will join us at Animal House Shelter's 2017 events which can be found on the events calendar on our website.

## Dash for the Dogs

One of Animal House Shelter's most popular events, the annual Dash for the Dogs 5K run/walk and 1 mile family fun walk, will take place on May 21, 2017. New this year will be an enhanced peer-to-peer fundraising platform which will allow participants to create teams and rally friends behind our cause! Also, dogs are welcome to join you! You can run, walk, donate, sponsor, or volunteer and help us continue our fight to give every animal a second chance at a long life and a loving home.

**Registration:** Begins January 1, 2017

**Date:** Sunday, May 21, 2017

**Time:** 5K run/walk - 9:00 am,  
1 mile family fun walk - 10:30 am

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

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

**More Info.:** [www.animalhouseshelter.com](http://www.animalhouseshelter.com)

With over 600 people participating each year, advertising with the Dash for the Dogs is a fantastic opportunity. Furthermore, advertising extends well beyond the event date offering you exposure to thousands of animal lovers and loyal patrons. Sponsorships are 100% tax deductible! Packages include your logo on the race bag and t-shirt, placement on our website, a designated email blast (over 23,000 contacts), posts on our Facebook page (over 23,000 followers), listings in our mailings, and more!

Email [animalhousefundraising@gmail.com](mailto:animalhousefundraising@gmail.com) for a complete list of Dash for the Dogs 2017 sponsorship opportunities.

Animal House Shelter would like to thank our top sponsors for the Dash for the Dogs 2016!

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## Overcoming Abuse

*“When humans act with cruelty we characterize them as ‘animals’, yet the only animal that displays cruelty is humanity.”*

– Anthony Douglas Williams

Sully’s story is one that would sadden, anger, and baffle any animal lover. As a puppy, Sully was beaten over the head with a baseball bat with such force that it permanently deformed his face and head. There is no knowing what else this resilient dog endured in the first two years of his life. Rescued from his abusive home and safely in the care of Animal House Shelter, Sully is making the most of his second chance. There is no bitter, resentful grudge against mankind; we see a dog full of life and love. It is remarkable to see what Sully has become in light of all that he has had to overcome.



## Life Without Her Person



Rosie loved the life she knew living in her quiet home with her devoted companion, but everything changed for the sweet, shy cat when she lost her person. Rosie’s owner was elderly, and when she passed away none of her relatives had room in their homes for Rosie. Rosie is quite old herself. Not only is she coping with her loss, she is in need of extensive dental surgery costing nearly \$3,000. Without the surgery, Rosie’s swelling and pain will prevent her from being able to eat on her own. Rosie is in a loving foster home where she is being cared for until we complete her dental care.

## Sweet Sandy

Sandy is a 2-year-old Bulldog mix who came to Animal House Shelter suffering from a respiratory infection, a severe case of demodectic mange, and heartworm disease. As if that wasn’t enough, she also needs a femoral head ostectomy (FHO) – a major surgery to eliminate the pain she is experiencing in her hips. Despite all of these ailments, Sandy is a very happy, silly, and loving dog. AHS is dedicated to restoring Sandy’s health no matter how long or costly the process will be. She has been treated for the respiratory infection, mange, and heartworm. Now she will need to have the \$1,500 FHO. We are desperately looking for a foster or permanent home for this sweet girl to recover in after surgery. Please sponsor, foster, or adopt Sandy!



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