



# FUZZ BUZZ

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## President's Letter

Hello and Happy Spring from Animal House Shelter! With the coming of spring and the much anticipated warm weather, we at Animal House Shelter are getting ready for the huge influx this season always brings of unwanted and abandoned pets, especially young puppies and kittens. We would like to extend to you a sincere plea to help us save as many of these precious babies as we possibly can. In order to do so, we need your support and your help. Since tiny babies are delicate and very vulnerable to becoming ill, Animal House Shelter can only take in as many of them as we have foster homes open and able to care for them while they get ready for adoption. These little ones also have greater medical needs than many of the adult animals do, requiring more by way of medication, veterinary care, milk supplements and other costly supplies that we would not be able to provide them with without your support. Please consider becoming a foster home or, if you cannot foster, donating so that we can save as many of these precious lives as possible! You can also donate supplies that we are in need of directly. Visit the "wish list" page of our website at [www.animalhouseshelter.com](http://www.animalhouseshelter.com) for a complete list of all of the supplies that we are in need of. Thank you for all of your generous and continued support and remember that all donations to Animal House Shelter are 100% tax deductible. I hope that you all have a wonderful spring and I hope to see you at the many exciting events that we have planned for this summer!



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

Josh Billings

Thank you!!

*Lesley Irwin*

Lesley Irwin – President AHS, inc.

## Pluto's Plight

Poor little Pluto arrived at Animal House Shelter on 2/24/15 as a rescue from an animal control facility in Southern IL where he had been found wandering as a stray. The moment he stepped out of the transport van, it was clear to the staff at AHS that Pluto had a serious problem with his left rear leg. He was holding his leg high in the air and was not putting any weight on it when he walked. There was severe atrophy to the muscle of the leg, making it obvious that he had been unable to use it for quite some time. Pluto was seen by a veterinarian



who determined that there was an old fracture in his femur which had been left untreated. Since the bone had been trying to heal itself without being set properly, a large callous formed a cavity in the healing bone making it impossible for the bone to fuse back together properly. This was causing Pluto to be in excruciating pain. The vet determined because of the amount of muscle loss, degree of misalignment and fractures throughout the leg, the only option to relieve Pluto's pain was to amputate the leg. Please consider donating to help AHS cover the cost of Pluto's \$1000.00 surgery so that we can continue to save the lives of pups like him!



## Tiny Fefe

Tiny Fefe is at least 12 years old, weighs less than 5 pounds and had been left to fend for herself on the streets in the bitter cold winter. This precious little girl found her way to Animal House Shelter, after wandering on her own for heaven only knows how long. She was severely matted, malnourished and her toenails had grown so long they were curling into the pads of her feet. This poor little girl had been suffering neglect for a very long time. After some tender loving care from the staff and volunteers of AHS, sweet little Fefe is feeling much better. She is enjoying the warmth of a loving foster home, plenty of food in her belly and she loves to roll on her back on her warm fuzzy blankets because it feels so good to have the nasty matted hair finally gone. Please consider making a donation to AHS so that we can continue to save the lives of precious little dogs like Fefe!



*\*Story Update: As this newsletter was going to print Fefe found her forever home!*

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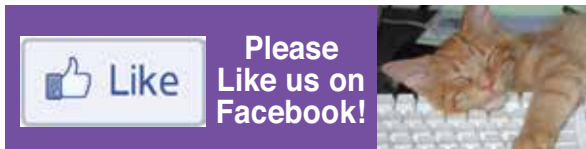
## Sweet Heidi

Sweet Heidi arrived at Animal House Shelter one bitter cold Sunday afternoon after she had been abandoned by her owner. Animal House Shelter knew that if we didn't take her in, her fate would be grim because sweet little Heidi had tested positive for FIV. This meant that no other shelter would want her, she would be deemed unadoptable and she would be most certainly be put to sleep. Animal House shelter wasn't about to let this happen to such a lovely little girl who most certainly still had a long and healthy life ahead of her. Although there isn't a cure or treatment for FIV, it often will stay dormant in the animal's body if they are well cared for and not exposed to other viruses or bacteria. FIV cats can even live with other cats as long as their temperament is docile and they do not pick fights or bite the other cats that they live with. Please consider opening your home to Heidi by fostering or adopting her and show her that even for a kitty with a grim past, the future can still be bright. If you are not able to foster or adopt at this time please consider making a donation so that Animal House shelter can continue to save the lives of animals like Heidi



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

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! 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 you 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.



## Help Save a Life, Sponsor a Heartworm Positive Dog.

About one in every ten dogs that is rescued by Animal House Shelter comes to us heart worm positive. This means that at any given time we have at least 10 dogs in our care undergoing treatment for this completely treatable (and sadly completely 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 keep them protected from this deadly parasite. If left untreated, heartworm is fatal. Animal House Shelter treats at least 60-100 cases of heartworm every year and these treatments cost anywhere from \$300-\$500 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 they are housed at no choice but to euthanize them. Please consider making 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 that they so greatly deserve.



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## Dash for the Dogs 5K Run and 1 Mile Family Fun Walk

**D**ash 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 run/walk, donate, sponsor or volunteer and help us continue our fight to give every animal a chance!

Event Date: [May 17th 2015](#)

Location: [Citizens Park - Jewel Tea Pavilion 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](#)  
[PreRegistration available online at \[www.animalhouseshelter.com\]\(http://www.animalhouseshelter.com\)](#)  
For more information call us at 847-961-5541

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 19,000 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](http://www.animalhouseshelter.com) to view the sponsorship opportunities available!

Collect pledges for your run. Take part in our Dash for Donations program! Our "Dash for Donations" Program benefits AHS & you can win prizes for participating.

Everyone is eligible to win prizes with this program whether you run, walk, or just take it easy at our event.

Collect donations to benefit the homeless dogs and cats of Animal House Shelter.



- Collect "Dash for Donations" contributions from your family, friends, co-workers, local businesses & fellow animal lovers to support the work of Animal House Shelter.
- Spread news of the important work done by volunteers like you for the benefit of the homeless dogs and cats of our community.
- Ask everyone you know to sponsor you and support Animal House Shelter as you participate in "Dash for the Dogs" on May 31st. Win prizes for your efforts!
- Everyone can collect donations whether you run, walk, or just attend our event to enjoy the festivities.

Visit the "dash for the Dogs" page of our website at [www.animalhouseshelter.com](http://www.animalhouseshelter.com) to download your "Dash for Donations" Packet!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the event. Give us a call at 847-961-5541 or email us at [animalhouseshelterinfo@gmail.com](mailto:animalhouseshelterinfo@gmail.com) for more information.

We also hope that you will join us for PAWfest 2015 at Animal House Shelter on July 18th 2015

[Animal House Shelter would like to thank our top sponsors of the Dash for the Dogs 2014!](#)



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## Join us for PAWfest 2015!



Bring your pet to Animal House Shelter for a day of Celebration and FUN!

Date: Saturday, July, 18th 2015 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This event is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Attractions include:

- Low cost vaccinations and micro chipping 12-4 pm
- K9 police unit demonstration
- Visit from the Fire Department with Fire Truck
- 50/50 raffle
- shelter gear for sale
- face painting
- Food and Beverages
- Pet Photographer
- Dunk Tank
- GIANT WATER SLIDE!!!
- And much, much more!

Location

Animal House Shelter 13005 Ernesti Road, Huntley IL 60142

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## Butterfly Needs Her Wings!

**B**eautiful Butterfly is a 5 month old Husky mix puppy who is currently in desperate need of surgery to correct femoral fractures in both of her hind legs and a shattered pelvis.



She was rescued by Animal House Shelter after she was hit by a car and left to die on the side of the road. This gorgeous little girl needs surgery immediately so that she has the best possible chance of being able to walk again. Because of the severity of the fractures, how many there are and the placement of the injuries, this surgery can only be done by a specialist and

is very expensive. Right now poor little Butterfly cannot even stand and it is only with your support that we can make sure this sweet pup has a chance at a normal life where she can romp and play like a happy puppy should be able to do. Please consider making a donation toward the cost of Butterfly's surgery so that she can have her wings!

*\*Update: As this newsletter was going to print Butterfly did have her surgery. She is currently recovering in a foster home but we do still need to raise the funds to cover the cost of her surgery.*

## A New Life for George

**L**ife has been unfair for poor George. He was brought to LAHS more when his family decided to get a new puppy. The puppy was rowdy and noisy and poor George was afraid, so he starting having issues with his digestive system. He was diagnosed with irritable bowel syndrome, and his family decided to relinquish him to the shelter. Even though Georgestill has problems, he is always in good spirits and just wants a lap to curl up on and a person to snuggle with. We are trying to do everything we can to help George with his problem, but none of the tests or



treatments that our vet has recommended so far have done any good. Animal House Shelter is not giving up though! We are determined to give George his chance at a long, comfortable life in a loving home. Please consider making a donation so that Animal House Shelter can continue to help animals like George!

## Battling Mange



**L**ucy and Ethel are two strongly bonded, beagle /sheltie mixes that were rescued by Animal House Shelter after they had been found wandering the streets of Southern Illinois together. They are currently in foster care undergoing treatment for a condition called demodectic mange. This condition 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. The condition is treatable, but the process for treating it can be long and very costly. Animal House Shelter takes in dogs with demodectic mange on a regular basis. Often these are dogs with such advanced stages of the condition that other shelters refuse them due to the amount

of care that they will require. Bella, a Great Pyranese mix, and Bojangles, a collie mix, are two other dogs currently in our care undergoing treatment for this condition. Please consider making a donation so that Animal House Shelter can continue to save the lives of dogs like Lucy, Ethel, Bella and Bojangles.

