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President's Letter

Hello and Happy Spring from Animal House Shelter! We hope that you all had a wonderful Winter and are as excited as we are for Spring!

This time of year especially brings many puppies and kittens to Animal House Shelter's doorstep. We are in need of monetary donations to cover the cost of their medications and veterinary care, donations of supplies such as milk supplements and puppy and kitten food, and foster homes who are able to give these babies the extra special care they need so that they stay healthy until they are adopted into their forever homes. Give us a call at 847-961-5541 or visit our website at www.animalhouseshelter.com to find out more about the many ways that you can help us save puppies and kittens in need. Thank you for all of your generous and continued support and remember that all donations to Animal House Shelter are 100% tax deductible. We hope that you all have a wonderful spring and we hope to see you at the many exciting events that we have planned for this summer!

Thank you!!

Lesley Irwin

Lesley Irwin – President AHS, inc.



Puppies Need Help!

Triton and his four siblings, Athena, Apollo, Calypso and Persephone, recently arrived at Animal House Shelter as rescues from an animal control facility. These sweet little puppies are all plagued by some very unfortunate birth defects.

Each and every one of them has an inguinal hernia, a heart murmur, or both. The problems range in severity from one puppy to the next but poor little Triton has gotten the shortest end of the stick on both counts. He has the most severe hernia of any of the puppies and also has the most severe heart murmur. Triton and all of his siblings will require surgery to correct their hernias and their heart murmurs put them at high risk for complications during surgery so extra precautions must be taken. Please consider making a donation to help AHS take care of these sweet babies and give them the chances at long lives in loving homes that they deserve!



Seniors Left to the Streets

Benson and Beatrice are a pair of beautiful boxers who were found fendng for themselves on the streets of Southern IL. They were found emaciated and freezing to death in a dark alley, scrounging what food they could from an overturned dumpster. They are at least 8-10 years old and, because they are amazingly friendly with people, it is clear that someone abandoned them to this cruel life just as they were embarking on their senior years. They are now safe and sound at Animal House Shelter where they are warm, well fed and most importantly, loved. Their journey is far from over, however, as they still have a long way to go before they are back to tip top health. Benson is sadly heart worm positive and both are battling respiratory infections and are severely underweight. We must find them an adoptive or foster home together as their bond to each other is deep. Please consider making a donation to help with the cost of their care so that AHS can make sure that they live long and happy lives together!



"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

-Gandhi

ANIMAL HOUSE SHELTER

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

Animal House Shelter is always in need of **volunteers, foster homes, and donors** and we welcome 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. You can **sponsor** a specific animal every month or general medical expenses. 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 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.

Little Violet



Violet is a 3 year old, Main Coon mix and ever since her arrival at our shelter she has been having trouble with her digestive system. After much extensive (and very expensive) testing by multiple vet clinics and specialists, it has been determined that she simply has a very severe form of irritable bowel syndrome which she was most likely born with. She is currently on a special prescription diet, several different probiotics, medications and holistic vitamins in order to help control the problem. Her food and medications currently cost the shelter close to \$250.00 per month. Please consider making a donation or sponsoring Violet so that we can continue to give her the care she needs to have the most comfortable life possible.

Baby Ernie

Ernie is a 9 week old Lab mix puppy who came to AHS with his mother and six siblings when he was only 2 weeks old. Ernie was born with a deformed foot on one of his hind legs. Because of the way his toes formed, Ernie's toenail grows into the toe next to it causing him tremendous pain and puts him at risk for constant infection. Our vet has determined that the best option for Ernie's wellbeing is to have the part of the toe that grows the nail removed, similar to a declaw surgery for a cat. Please consider making a donation to help with the cost of Ernie's surgery so that this sweet little boy can live pain-free and happy, the way that every pup should!

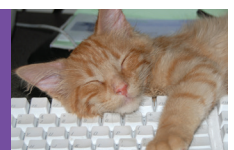


Sweet Little Sophie

Sophie is a 17 year old Maltese mix who was recently rescued by Animal House Shelter. We received a call from a local animal control facility that a small senior dog had been turned in by her owner who no longer wanted her. This dog was sweet little Sophie. We were informed by animal control that the reason Sophie's owner gave her up was because she had gotten too old, was having accidents in the house and had trouble walking. Sophie was in a terrible state physically when she arrived at AHS. Her hair was matted, her toenails were overgrown to the point of curling into her foot pads (the reason that she was having trouble walking) and her eyes were so badly infected that they were oozing pus which had crusted over the hair on her face making it impossible for her to see. Her teeth are so badly rotted that they don't even resemble teeth anymore and she screams in pain when her mouth is touched. Animal House Shelter immediately ran blood work on little Sophie to determine if she was well enough physically to be put under for dental work and we found out that she has problems with her kidney's as well. This poor little angel has a long road to recovery ahead of her and we are in urgent need of donations to help with her medical care. Please consider making a donation so that AHS can help make Sophie's senior years as comfortable and happy as possible.



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Dash 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 5K run/walk. You can run, walk, donate, sponsor or volunteer and help us continue our fight to give every animal a chance!

Event Date: Sunday, May 22nd 2016

Location: Citizens Park 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

Pre Registration available online at www.animalhouseshelter.com

There is no fee for children under 10 years old

For more information call us at 847-961-5541

Dogs are welcome to join you in the 5Krun/walk or 1 mile fun walk as long as they are leashed at all times and are excellent with all other dogs & children and must be current on rabies and distemper vaccines. Strollers are also welcome in the run or walk!

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 businesses 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 25,000 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 to view the sponsorship opportunities available or give us a call at 847-961-5541 for more information!



Animal House Shelter would like to thank our top sponsors for the Dash for the Dogs 2015!

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Join us for PAWfest 2016!

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

Date: Saturday, July, 16th 2016 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
- 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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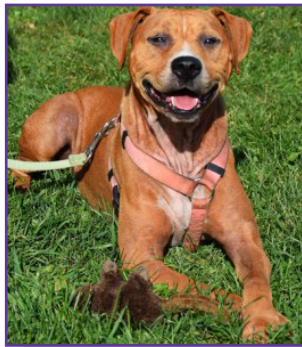
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Sweet Amy

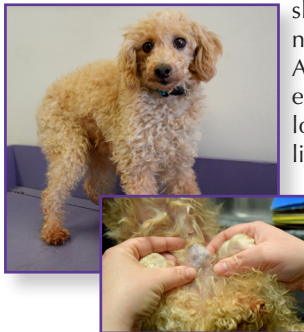
Sweet Amy was adopted from Animal House Shelter 8 years ago as a puppy. She was returned to us because her family was no longer able to afford her care. She has a mysterious skin condition that our vet has not been able to determine the cause of. The condition causes hair loss and itchy skin. She has been on a special diet which keeps the problem under control but it is likely something that will never go away completely. Recently Amy began limping and having trouble putting weight on her right rear leg. X-rays on the leg revealed that she has a torn ACL and will need surgery to correct the problem. She



is an incredibly sweet, loving and affectionate girl who is amazing with other dogs and children. She has been through so much already and she deserves to be able to run and play again and enjoy her life in her foster home. Please consider making a donation to help with the cost of Amy's surgery!

Tiny Thea

Tiny Thea is a 10 year old apricot toy poodle who has spent her entire life making puppies for the pet store industry. As a survivor of a puppy mill she is lucky, most dogs like her never make it to a place like Animal House Shelter, most are euthanized once they are no longer able to breed. Poor little Thea arrived terrified, filthy, covered in mats and sores and has been bred so many times that she has developed tumors in her mammary glands. Please consider making a donation to Animal House Shelter so that we can care for Thea and find her a home that will show her the love and affection that she so greatly deserves.



Luna and Moon Struck

Luna is a 3 year old Feline Leukemia Positive cat who was found in February 2013 in a very cold, vacant garage abandoned by her owners. She was terrified when she first arrived at AHS and she was placed in foster care so that she could receive the one on one attention that she so desperately needed. She had never been shown love or tenderness from humans before, but over time she started to see what it was like to be held, cuddled and loved. It took over a year for



her to allow her foster mom to hold her without trying to run away. Luna lives with another Feline Leukemia positive cat, Moon Struck. In addition to being FELV positive, Moon Struck has been battling chronic skin problems that flair up periodically and cause her to lose her hair and itch severely. The life span for these sweet cats isn't as long as a normal cat's would be because of their conditions but AHS believes that they deserve a chance just as much as any other cat does. We are dedicated to their care and hope that you will make a donation so that we can continue to treat their conditions and save the lives of other cats like them!

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