

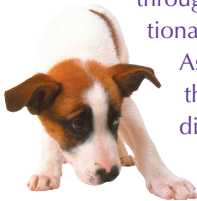


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Issue 19, Spring 2014

President's Letter

Hello and Happy Spring from Animal House Shelter! As the warm weather finally approaches, I would like to thank you all for your generous support of our organization through what has been an exceptionally cold and difficult winter.



As many of you already know, there have been several near disasters here at our shelter. Our boiler broke down, our roof needed replacing and many of our pipes in our ceiling burst. The outpouring of support we received during these difficult times was truly overwhelming and we cannot thank you enough for your generosity.

We still have a long way to go to get our shelter back in shape. Our ceiling still needs to be properly insulated, our kitten and cat room need new flooring and many of our kennel runs need new panels. If you are able to sponsor any of these projects or can offer materials or expertise please contact Cindy at 847-961-5541. Also please keep us in mind while you are "spring cleaning". Our shelter is always in need of blankets, sheets, comforters and towels and cleaning supplies of any kind especially laundry detergent, paper towels and 55 gallon garbage bags. Thank you again for your generosity and support and remember that all donations to Animal House Shelter are tax deductible. I hope that you are all enjoying your spring and I 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.

Lucky is Fighting for Her Life

Sweet little Lucky arrived at Animal House Shelter when a good Samaritan brought her to us having found her on the side of the road. We immediately rushed her to the vet who advised us to get her to the emergency clinic, as she was going to need round the clock care for the next few days if she has any hope of surviving. They believe she has probably been out wandering in the snow and freezing temperatures for at least 3-4 weeks. She had a huge, infected abscess on her shoulder that was most likely from a wild animal biting into her neck and shaking her trying to kill her. A drainage tube had to be implanted in the wound to remove infection.



Lucky is extremely anemic and the most emaciated dog the vet has ever seen that is still breathing. She is only 18 weeks and can't even walk.

Lucky is truly the perfect name for this little girl. We are so happy that we are able to give her a fighting change, but we need donations to cover the cost of her care. Please donate if you can! This poor little girl deserves a chance at life!



Louie Deserves a Chance

Louie was found outside by a good Samaritan. She took him to her vet who treated an upper respiratory infection he had but also discovered that Louie was FIV positive. The FIV virus, like HIV in humans, is not deadly, but makes it harder for the individual to fight infections. Louie makes some strange noises when he breathes and sometimes coughs when purring. The vets believed this may be caused by a polyp so he went to The University of Wisconsin Veterinary Clinic where he was put under anesthesia and scoped. Much to the surprise of the UW veterinarians and AHS staff, no polyp was found. What they did discover was that his turbinates were very inflamed, his hard palate abnormally long and soft palate was very flaccid which causes his breathing to sound funny and purr cough. They started him on a course of steroids to calm down the inflammation and we are pleased to report that he is responding beautifully! The U of W clinicians gave AHS a discount on his expenses and they were impressed that we would go to such lengths for an FIV positive kitten. But even with their generosity we are left with a bill of \$800 to cover his care. With your donations we can continue to save these perfectly wonderful cats who will one day find their forever home. And if you think you have that home, or would like to foster Louie until he finds it, please contact AHS at info@animalhouseshelter.com or call 847-961-5541.



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

Josh Billings

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Hero Wants to Survive

Hero is a very sweet, loving, 3 year old Boxer/ Bulldog mix who has a happy go lucky attitude despite the fact that his body is riddled with problems. He came to Animal House Shelter after spending three weeks at a pound in Southern IL where he had been found wandering with two of his littermates. One of his brothers died at the pound, presumably from a parasitic infection, and



Animal House Shelter rescued Hero and his littermate Sully so that they would not suffer a similar fate. Both Hero and Sully had tested positive for heart worm. (most shelters won't take in dogs with this condition due to the great expense involved in treating them.) Shortly after their arrival, the staff at AHS noticed a large lump under Hero's jaw, visible from the outside, and could see a bubble-like abscess when looking inside his open mouth. The vet diagnosed him with a sialocoele, which is a collection of saliva that has leaked from a damaged salivary gland, and has accumulated in the tissues of his mouth. This causes a swelling in the neck and oral cavity which will continue to grow until the gland is

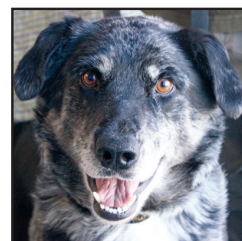
surgically removed. Hero's surgery alone is estimated to cost \$2,500.00 or more. He also needs to be treated for Heartworm, estimated to cost at least \$400.00 and these are treatments that Sully is in need of as well. Please consider making a donation to help us take care of Hero and Sully, and to give them the chance at life that their poor third sibling never had.

Please consider adopting, fostering or sponsoring one of our long term dogs & cats.

Visit our website and click on their picture for more info & to fill out an application or sponsor by clicking any donate now button or send a check directly to the shelter.



Zoey
Amstaff mix age 6½ yrs.



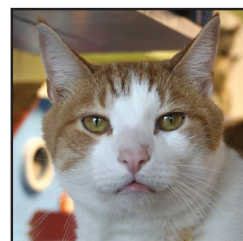
Confetti
Australian Shepherd mix 4 yrs.



Sonic
Basset Hound Mix 3½ yrs.



Kurt
Amstaff Mix 1 yr.



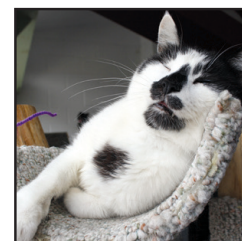
Calvin
DSH 10 yrs.



July
Maine Coon Mix 9 yrs.



Lilly
DSH 16 yrs.

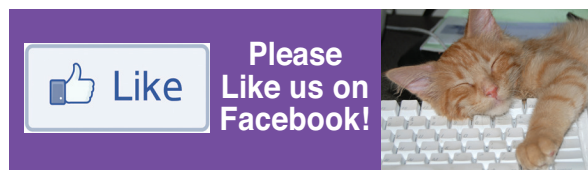


Tony
DSH 9 yrs.

website: www.animalhouseshelter.com

"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.



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

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. 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 31st 2014**

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

Time: **Registration/check in begins 6 AM, 5K run begins promptly at 8 AM, begins at 10 am**

Pre Registration \$30, registration the day of the race \$35
Pre Registration available online at www.animalhouseshelter.com
For more information call us at 847-961-5541

- Race course is certified and start/finish chip timed with results posted on our website
- Catered food will be provided for all runners and walkers
- Top 3 male and female finishers overall and in each age group will receive awards
- Age groups: 14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-60, 60 & over
- All pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt. Day of race registered participants will receive a T-shirt while supplies last
- 1 mile Family Fun Walk/Run is open to all participants, Kids and Dogs welcome too!

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 400-500 participants. Many of the sponsorship tiers include advertising on our website, in our email blasts (sent out to over 17,000 contacts every week) and in our newsletter mailings. 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!

Join us for PAWfest 2014!



Join us for **PAWfest 2014!**

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

Date: **Saturday, July, 19th 2014 12:00 pm-4:00 pm**

This event is **FREE** and **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



Visit the "Dash for the Dogs" page of our website at 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 to download your "Dash for Donations" Packet!

We are also looking for volunteers to help at the event. Please call Animal Shelter for more information.

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

email: info@animalhouseshelter.com



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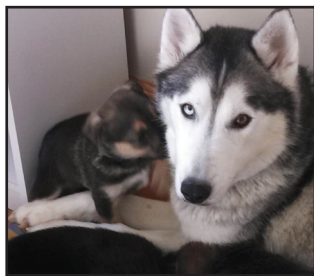
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Save Alaska!

Alaska was rescued by Animal House Shelter with her litter of 6 week old puppies. She had been dumped at a high kill shelter by her owner because she was pregnant and he didn't want to 'deal with it.' She was doing her best to take care of her family and, quite literally, every ounce of strength she had she was giving to her puppies. She came to us looking like a skeleton struggling to keep the bellies of her little ones full. Almost the moment the puppies were weaned her poor depleted body collapsed and she was rushed to the emergency vet by her foster mom. Alaska spent over a week in intensive care at the emergency clinic fighting for her life. Her white blood cell count was down to nearly 0, she had a fever of 106, a terrible infection in her mammary glands and both of her lungs had collapsed. She had to be placed



on a respirator to keep her breathing and she was hanging on to life by the smallest of threads. This brave girl is a fighter, however, and despite the grim prognosis from the vet, AHS knew not to give up on her. A week later she was taken off of the breathing machine and her lungs started functioning on their own! She is on bed rest right now in her foster home and the

infection is going down but she is not out of the woods yet. Alaska's stay at the emergency clinic has cost the shelter well over \$5000.00 and we still are trying to raise the funds to pay her bill. Alaska thanks you!

Help Sprinkles Breathe Easy

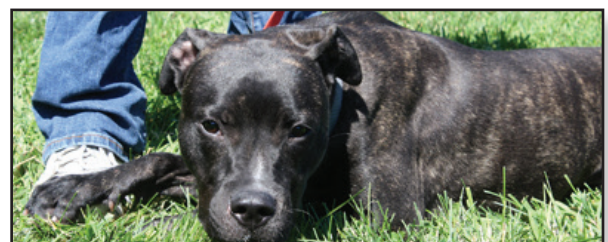
Five month old Sprinkles and her 4 litter mates came from a kill shelter with respiratory infections. After a week went by, all of the other kittens' conditions had improved greatly but the medicine seemed to have no effect on Sprinkles and she was having trouble eating. Her

pupil was also abnormally dilated. The vet diagnosed her with Horner's syndrome which is most likely caused by a polyp in her nasal passage. Horner's Syndrome causes a disruption of the sympathetic nervous system which controls involuntary functions of the body such as digestion and facial muscle function. Because of this, what she is able to eat is not being digested properly and she is rapidly losing weight. She is going to need to have her nasal passage scoped and surgery to remove the polyp or she will not survive. This procedure costs \$2400.00. Please consider making a donation to help Sprinkles, she is still just a baby and she deserves a change at a long life in a loving home.



Help Briggs Stand Strong

Briggs was adopted from Animal House Shelter 2 years ago when he was about a year old. He was just recently returned to the shelter because he had torn the cruciate ligament in both of his hind legs. His owners said they would rather end his life than consider the expense of the surgery he requires. He is going to require two ACL surgeries, each costing about \$2,500.00. We hope that you will make a contribution to Briggs' surgery fund so that he can run and play again soon with his doggy friends. Right now he has to be kenneled alone and cannot play with the other dogs because his legs are hurting him too much and he is quite depressed because he misses his family terribly. Give AHS a call if you would like more information about Briggs.



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