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Fall/Winter 2017

President's Letter

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Animal House Shelter just hit year 15 and over 38,000 animals adopted. 2017 has been the most eventful and successful year yet! We have hit record numbers in adoptions per month, fosters and volunteers this year.

With Hurricane Harvey, Irma and Maria having a massive impact, the already enormous requests AHS receives every day to rescue dogs and cats tripled and we were overwhelmed, so thank you from the bottom of our hearts to all of you that stepped up to help foster, volunteer and donate!

Animal House Shelter was also just chosen out of over 100 animal and human related charities for the Chicago Cause Grant to win a completely new website that will increase our digital marketing and help us find more homes for abandoned animals, so stay tuned to the new site going live in early 2018.

Throughout the newsletter you will see a small fraction of the animals AHS rescued in 2017 and what you have helped us accomplish, many new exciting events and our brand new Donor Plaque proudly displayed in our lobby to appreciate all of you that have helped our organization save so many lives over the years!

Please think of donating towards the dogs and cats at Animal House this holiday season. All donations are tax-deductible.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

Lesley Arwin
Lesley Irwin

A Rescue Rollercoaster



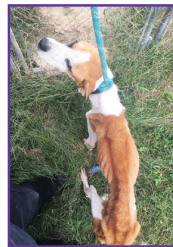
Daffodil lived all of her life tied outside on a chain in Southern Illinois. One would think that her life was taking a turn for the better when she was picked up by animal control because of the neglect; but, due to lack of space, Daffodil was going to be euthanized within 24 hours. Animal House Shelter received a call asking to rescue her, and we gave her the second chance she deserves.

Daffodil has mange, inflammation caused by various types of Demodex mites. Low numbers of microscopic Demodex mites occur naturally on mammals and typically do not affect dogs in any way. When an animal is subjected to environmental or nutritional stresses, the mites can multiply quickly affecting the hair follicles and causing secondary yeast and bacterial skin infections. It will take many baths, dips, antibiotics, good nutrition and a loving home to get Daffodil's beautiful yellow Labrador coat back, but we will get her there!

Who knows how anyone could tie a puppy up outside where it is lacking in food and exposed to all kinds of weather causing it to be in such poor condition, but Daffodil is in a loving foster home now. She will finally start to be comfortable in her own skin and know what it feels like to have people care for her. We will post updates on her progress and when she will be available for adoption on our website!



A Forsaken Friend



Alone and forgotten, a dog referred to merely as Bones lies in the backyard of an abandoned house. He had once felt the warmth of a home and the excitement and love from the children who were so eager to play with him when he was a puppy. But his newness wore off, it seemed, so quickly. He didn't understand what he could have done wrong to be banished to the backyard.

His owners had moved on without him, and now he had been hungry for longer than he could remember. He might earn a scrap from a neighbor that took pity on him, but even that was seldom. They assumed someone must be coming back for him. Yet, day after day, his outlook became more dismal.

When animal control finally seized him, he was so emaciated that you could count each of his ribs one by one without much effort. After hearing his story, AHS immediately pulled him into rescue so he could have a chance at the life he deserves. Upon arrival, he was given a new name, Cullen, and after only a few weeks at AHS he found love with a forever family to call his own.

Cullen is now gaining weight and is thriving. He spends his days cuddling on the couch, sleeping in his very own bed, and getting all the love he deserves. After so much despair and agony, Cullen is finally at home with a family that will never forget him and leave him behind ever again.



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

-Mahatma Gandhi

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Special Needs Cats

Earl, Rocky, and Emerald were transported to Animal House Shelter from a pound in Southern Illinois. They had not received medical care in the past and were ill and extremely emaciated when they arrived. In addition to their upper respiratory infections, all three cats tested positive for incurable diseases that compromise the immune system. Earl has feline leukemia (FeLV) and will not be able to live in a home with other cats unless they also have the disease. Emerald and Rocky tested positive for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV). Since these



diseases cause the cats to be vulnerable to other infection, it is dangerous for them to live in a shelter environment; thus, we are hoping that Earl, Rocky, and Emerald find their forever homes soon. They are all very sweet, affectionate cats and can thrive in the proper home.

A Sweet Song for Jazz



A sleek, beautiful black cat paces behind the bars of her cage looking out eagerly at the shelter workers that pass by. She remains nameless, but her green eyes exude hope. Inside her womb, her unborn kittens roll, kick and play; they are almost ready to greet the world. Unfortunately, the high-kill facility where she has been dumped is no place to raise a family, so she has been placed on the euthanasia list. This young mother cat has no clue that her time is limited and that she must be rescued.

Just as her time is running out, the phone rings and a tag is placed on her cage. It reads "Animal

House Shelter." Because a foster has stepped forward to take in the pregnant cat, her life has been saved with only minutes to spare. She arrives on a chilly Tuesday night and is immediately placed into the loving arms of her foster mom. She has a home and a name: Jazz. Just two days after her arrival, Jazz safely welcomes her precious family of five beautiful kittens (four boys and one girl) into the world.

Each week, countless animals are euthanized simply because they have no place to go. Because of the risk of stress and potential illness, mothering cats and dogs as well as young puppies and kittens must be able to go into a foster home in order for AHS to rescue them. Please consider signing up to foster and you can help AHS save lives like Jazz and her babies!

A Beautiful Soul



Penelope is an 8-year-old American Staffordshire Terrier that was discarded at a high-kill facility after being neglected her entire life. Once rescued by AHS, tests revealed that she is heartworm positive, in severe need of a dental work with multiple broken teeth, and has an orthopedic issue with both knees. She also has a unique condition in which her skin is prone to forming growths similar to skin tags all over her body. The growths were biopsied and are not contagious or cancerous; they just don't look pretty.

But beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and AHS sees Penelope's beautiful soul. She appreciates every hug and treat you give her and just wants to be loved. If you can sponsor Penelope, please do so through our website or by mail. Also, please reach out to us if you can provide her with a foster or forever home. We will make sure that Penelope receives the medical care that she needs.

Our New Donor Plaque!

We are very excited to have this new Donor Plaque proudly displayed on our main wall in the lobby of the shelter for all to see when they walk through our doors!



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The plaque will have a new list each year with the top donors for that year. Thank you so much everyone! Animal House Shelter could not have saved over 38,000 homeless dogs and cats without you!

AND A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Ted Kipp with Kipp Plumbing for volunteering time to fix not only our plumbing needs but all kinds of projects around the shelter!

Christian Almarez for volunteering to fix all of our phones lines in the shelter!

Lisa Giannini for donating privacy fencing for our adoption yard and Chris King for volunteering his time to install it for us!

All of our shelter and event volunteers who give so much of their time to help us save lives.

On top of your already busy schedules, you took the time to help the shelter and we cannot thank you enough!



Giving Tuesday

Animal House Shelter has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the collective power of individuals, communities, and organizations to encourage philanthropy and celebrate generosity worldwide. Occurring on November 28th this year, #GivingTuesday is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. We know we can count on you, our valued supporters, to help us make this #GivingTuesday an impactful one.

While donations are gladly accepted at the shelter or via our website at any time, we will have a coin machine at AHS to collect change from November 28th - December 4th. Our Change for Change campaign gives people of all ages the opportunity to get involved and truly communicates the message of both Animal House Shelter and #GivingTuesday: Every act of generosity counts, and each means even more when we give together.

We invite you to visit the "Donations" and "Wish List" pages of our website for information on other ways in which you can give to animals in need this holiday season. Thank you in advance for your help. You keep our mission alive!

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, 9th, 10th, 16th, and 17th. 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 & Holiday Shop

Throughout December, baked goods for both people and pets will be available for purchase at AHS with 100% of the proceeds going to the shelter. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated. You can also stop by to pick up some delicious snacks for yourself or to bring to your holiday gathering. We'll have our calendars, AHS merchandise, snow globes, and other items available as well!

Tails & Ales... and Wine Too

Join Animal House Shelter in celebrating 15 years of rescuing all breeds of dogs and cats! Tails & Ales... and Wine Too will be held at Church Street Brewing Company in Itasca, Illinois. The event is open to the public and will include Church Street's award-winning craft beer, brewery tours, raffles, live music, and so much more! Not a beer drinker? We'll have wine from Lynfred Winery and non-alcoholic beverages too.



Registration: begins November 7, 2017
Date: Saturday, February 24, 2018
Event Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Brewery Tours: 6:15 pm, 6:45 pm, 7:15 pm, 7:45 pm, 8:15 pm
Location: Church Street Brewing Company, 1480 Industrial Drive, Unit C, Itasca, IL 60143
Cost: \$15 pre-registration, \$20 at the door
More Info.: <https://ahs-tails-and-ales.eventbrite.com>

* Must be 21 or older with a valid ID. Sorry, no pets at this event please.

For more information about sponsoring the event or to make an in-kind donation, please email animalhousefundraising@gmail.com.

Dash for the Dogs

Returning for its 8th year, Dash for the Dogs 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Family Fun Walk will take place on May 20th. Not only does this event raise funds to care for our animals' everyday needs, it also allows us to take in animals requiring complex care or expensive surgeries. Join the fun while making a difference!



Dash for the Dogs is great for runners of all ages and skill levels. Dogs are welcome too! Grab some friends and create a team, or sign up for our Virtual Dash for the Dogs and run anywhere at any time. Register early for the best rate! Please visit the event website for details.

Registration: begins November 15, 2017
Date: Sunday, May 20, 2018
Time: check in - 7:15 am - 8:45 am, 5K run/walk - 9:00 am, 1 mile family fun walk - 10:45 am
Location: Citizens Park, 511 Lake Zurich Road, Barrington, IL 60010
Cost: \$25-\$35 pre-registration, \$40 race day, free for kids under 10 years old
More Info.: <http://bit.ly/DashfortheDogs>

Sponsoring the Dash for the Dogs is a great opportunity. Over 650 people participate in the race each year. Additionally, with Animal House Shelter's 35K+ email contacts, 26K+ Facebook followers, and additional marketing streams, you will reach thousands of people. Sponsorships are 100% tax-deductible! For a complete list of Dash for the Dogs 2018 opportunities, email animalhousefundraising@gmail.com.

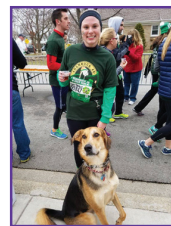
Animal House Shelter would like to thank our top sponsors for the Dash for the Dogs 2017!

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Thank you to the Petco Foundation for supporting Animal House Shelter. They have already committed to a \$2,500 Platinum Sponsorship for Dash for the Dogs 2018!

Other 5Ks Benefiting Animal House Shelter



Animal House Shelter is a charity partner of numerous 5Ks throughout the year. We will receive a donation for your participation in the following races.

Shamrock Beer Run, Arlington Heights, IL

Date: March 10, 2018

Registration: http://bit.ly/ShamrockBR_AH

*Please be sure to use Animal House Shelter's URL above when registering.

Shamrock Beer Run, Loves Park, IL

Date: March 17, 2018

Registration: http://bit.ly/ShamrockBR_LP

*Please be sure to use Animal House Shelter's URL above when registering.

Mchenry County Human Race, Crystal Lake, IL

Date: April 22, 2018

Registration: www.mchumanrace.org

*Please choose Animal House Shelter when registering.



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Hope Survives Hurricane Harvey



One-year-old American Staffordshire Terrier, Hope, was found wandering the streets in Houston, Texas just as Hurricane Harvey was hitting the coast. It was a blessing in disguise for this sweet, shy girl who was quite literally a walking skeleton with scars all over her body as she would not have survived much longer on her own in the elements. She was taken to the local animal control that was already overwhelmed with over 800 animals and more strays being brought in by the truckload with the hurricane bearing

down. Volunteer transporters from Texas were already on the phone with the Director of Animal House Shelter begging for help with over 40 animals when Hope arrived. It was quickly discovered that she was going to give birth any minute, but no one knew if Hope could survive any more strain on her body when she had so little to give. She must have known that her future was going to be brighter and gave every little bit of her last energy to give birth to 10 babies and take care of them lovingly while suffering with pneumonia on top of being emaciated. Thanks to wonderful, selfless volunteers throughout Texas and Oklahoma, Hope and her 10 babies made the long journey with 40 other adult dogs to Animal House Shelter where she immediately went into foster care. Thanks to our amazing foster, Pat Chaney, Hope is now healthy and ready for her forever home. It wasn't an easy task with having to help bottle feed many of the pups because mom had so little to give and everyone had to be on a nebulizer and on antibiotics for their upper respiratory infections. Pat is a miracle worker though, and now all 10 puppies are healthy, chunky little pups and are also going up for adoption!



The Bond of Siblings



"The world would be a nicer place if everyone had the ability to love as unconditionally as a dog." M.K. Clinton. Luna and Marshall are a fine example of such deep, boundless love and devotion. These sweet, 12-week-old puppies were trying to survive on their own in Tennessee. When they attempted to cross a major highway, Luna was hit by a car which broke her



leg. Her brother, Marshall, refused to leave her side until help came. Marshall continues to cuddle and comfort his sister. They have a beautiful bond and

deserve to live a full life together in a loving home. They are currently recovering in foster care and our veterinarian is determining what future surgeries Luna might need.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who attended, sponsored, donated, and volunteered at our events throughout the year. We hope you will join us at Animal House Shelter's 2018 events which can be found on the events calendar on our website.

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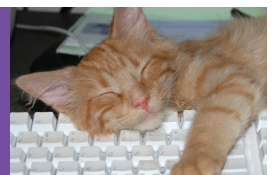
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