



FUZZ BUZZ

Spring/Summer 2018

Baby Wendy's Battle with Cancer

Wendy's story began like many other puppies rescued by Animal House Shelter. She had been rescued from a high-kill facility, getting her second chance at life, and had been welcomed into the loving arms of her foster family. She spent the next few weeks getting ready for adoption but when one of Wendy's baby teeth was giving her trouble, she went into the veterinarian for a routine extraction. However, when the veterinarian removed her troublesome tooth, he noticed some very abnormal tissue inside Wendy's mouth and sent out a biopsy as a precaution.



What came back was startling- at just 16 weeks old, Wendy had been diagnosed with a Squamous Cell Carcinoma- an extremely aggressive cancer. Wendy's only hope was to have an emergency surgery to remove the cancer from her mouth. Without the surgery, her prognosis was very poor as the cancer would quickly consume her jaw.

At many other shelters, this diagnosis would be a death sentence, but because of AHS' generous supporters, Wendy was able to have this life-saving surgery costing more than \$5000. After recovering, Wendy found a forever family to call her own. Wendy spends her time snuggling with her family, chewing on favorite toys and playing with her new canine brother- everything a puppy could wish for. Please consider donating to AHS so we can save other puppies just like Wendy and give them the chance at a full and happy life.

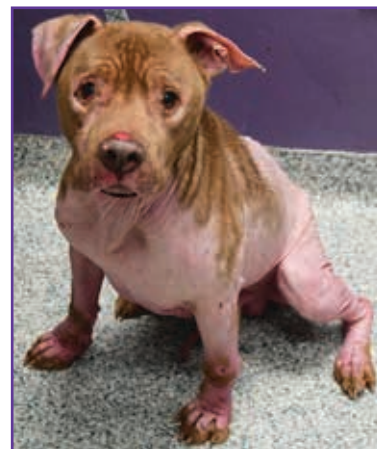


Waiting To Be Loved

Rascal is a 7 year old Am Staff Terrier who was confiscated from a Tennessee home as a victim of animal cruelty. He was emaciated, missing most of his hair and scheduled to be euthanized due to lack of space at animal control when Animal House Shelter was alerted of Rascal's dire situation.

Since Rascal arrived with us, his spirits have tremendously lifted with love from volunteers & staff. He is a sweet and calm boy, who loves to go on walks or even just sit by someone's side and watch the birds in the yard. After getting negative results on the most common tests done for hair loss, our veterinarian did one last biopsy and we just received the results that show Rascal has testicular cancer. These tumors often happen to older intact male dogs and one of the symptoms is overall hair loss. Most dogs do not develop testicular cancer, mainly for the reason that they are castrated (neutered) at a young age.

Rascal's future is uncertain but we are hoping that a family will adopt him and love him unconditionally.



Against All Odds



Addie is 4 years old and was taken in as a stray by animal control after being hit by a car while wandering the streets. Her leg was shattered in three places. Upon arrival at Animal House Shelter, we immediately took her to a veterinary specialty clinic. Unfortunately, the specialists determined that the damage was too severe and there was no other option other than amputation.

Addie desperately needs a foster home to give her a calm, quiet place to recover. She has been the most patient, affectionate and loving girl through all of the pain she has endured. She is heartworm positive as well and will have to go through several rounds of heartworm treatment. Please consider fostering or sponsoring this sweet little girl!

Employer Matching Gifts

Many employers offer gift matching programs. Not only will they match general donations, but many companies will match adoption donations when you take a new pet home! Double the impact your donation makes and save more lives by talking to your employer.

"Compassion for animals is intimately associated with goodness of character, and it may be confidently asserted that he who is cruel to animals cannot be a good man."

-Arthur Schopenhauer

ANIMAL HOUSE SHELTER

Fostering with Animal House Shelter! Be a Partner in saving Lives!

It is spring and we are already quickly becoming overwhelmed with requests to take in puppies & kittens and can only do so if they have a foster home to go into. We desperately need your help!

- All you need is a separate room in your home to keep your current pets and foster pets away from each other- (sun room, laundry room, heated garage, basement), be located within 1 hour of the shelter, and be able to drive your fosters to the shelter every 15 days for vaccine boosters (typically a total of 3 times and it takes only 5 minutes at the shelter)
- We provide you with all of the supplies you might need (playpen, kennel, shredded paper, puppy pads, bowls, food, canned food)
- All medications and veterinary visits are covered by AHS
- We give you an Emergency Contact list so even after hours you can get in touch with experienced staff members to go over any concerns you might have.
- Fostering puppies & kittens is typically only for 4-6 weeks and is the most rewarding experience you can have!
- You can send us descriptions of their personalities and likes/dislikes that we will post on their profiles on our website so you can help match them to the right home. We also love pictures & videos to add to their profiles!

Foster homes are saving more than just the lives you take into your home! If you take in a litter of 5 puppies or kittens, you enable AHS to save 5 more lives so you are saving 10 lives!! We rescue whoever needs to be pulled out of high kill facilities and that includes orphaned babies that need to be bottle-fed, single puppies/kittens, litters and pregnant or nursing moms. Litters are typically the easiest to foster as they occupy each other and is the best for socialization as they can play, eat and sleep together!

Help Heal Their Hearts



Heartworm disease has continued to run rampant throughout the animal community. In fact, we are seeing large increases in the number of dogs with heartworm that we are rescuing and are now treating approximately 80 dogs at any given time for the disease and could really use your help.

This disease does not discriminate against breed, age, gender or size. For smaller dogs like Wayland and Rooster, the treatment costs us around \$300 per dog and an average size dog of 40-60lbs costs \$400-\$600 including all of the diagnostics, treatments, medications and after care.

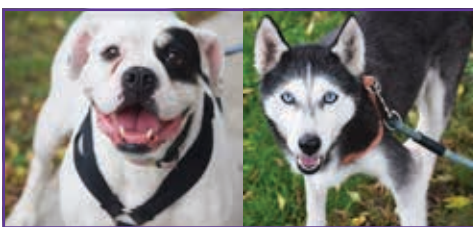
In the case of Isabelle, her fight against heartworm disease has been one of the most intense we have ever seen. AHS rescued Isabelle, at only 3 years old, a few months ago where she was scheduled to be euthanized at a high kill facility purely due to lack of space. She has such a large infestation of the worms that it is affecting her heart significantly, making it increasingly harder for it to pump blood to her body. Fluid has accumulated in her abdomen and she has off and on labored breathing. She is on medications to keep her stable to go through treatments to slowly rid her body of the worms. Isabelle has been neglected her whole life and we want to give her a chance at a healthy life with a loving family.



Double The Love

Some animals rely on people to calm their fears and anxiety. Other dogs rely on the deep bonds with another animal they have met.

Meet Oreo and Lizzie; Jax and Nala; Neeko and Liberty; and Thaxton and Kendra. These four pairs of lovable pups are each bonded with each other. Each pair has been through unstable and traumatic times and have gotten through it together. Now they are so bonded to each other that they decline physically & mentally when separated so they have to be adopted together. It's very trying for us to find homes that will adopt two dogs at once, but our hopes are high that some very special homes will open their heart and families to these bonded pairs.



Oreo and Lizzie



Jax and Nala



Neeko and Liberty Thaxton and Kendra

Fostering: The Gift of a Second Chance

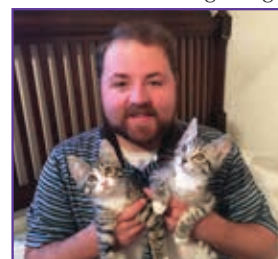
Written by Tabitha Browy

My husband and I had been considering fostering for quite some time the night Mike arrived at Animal House Shelter. The typical questions rolled through our nightly conversations: what would we be getting ourselves into, will we get too attached, are we ready to start? And then, Mike arrived...

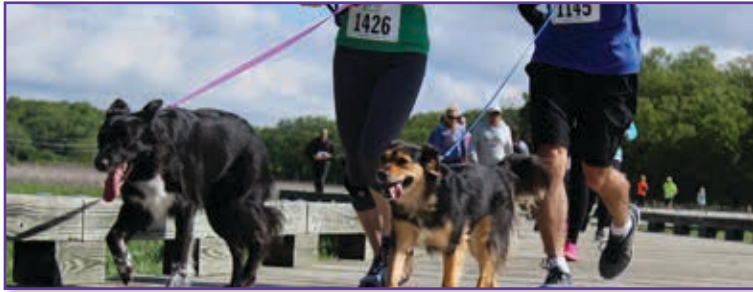
Poor, sweet Mike had been brought to AHS after he had been kicked so savagely his femur had been broken into two. He was rushed to the veterinarian but after suffering such severe damage, there was no choice but to amputate. Mike returned to the shelter and was isolated in a cage as a foster was urgently sought. I opened Mike's cage and scratched lightly under his chin; his purr echoed in the room as he looked up hopefully into my eyes. I couldn't believe it; after all that he had been through, he still trusted people completely. It was that night that I took Mike into my arms and promised him that no one would ever hurt him again.

Over the next 3 months, Mike learned to walk again and enjoyed his time being part of our family, something Mike had probably never experienced before. Then one day, we got a call that a family was interested in meeting him. This family had taken in numerous special needs pets and something in Mike's eyes told them that they had to meet him. Saying goodbye to Mike was bittersweet- I knew that I would miss him but also that we had given him a second chance. By helping him find his forever family we could open our hearts to other animals who also desperately needed that chance.

Since Mike's adoption, my husband and I have fostered 44 animals for the shelter. Each animal could be rescued because we were there to help. Every day, countless animals are euthanized in high-kill shelters because they have no place to go. If you have ever considered fostering, I urge you to take that step and apply. You will be saving lives and giving hope to those that need you the most.



Dash for the Dogs



Our 8th annual Dash for the Dogs 5K run/walk and 1 mile family fun walk is right around the corner! With over 800 people expected to participate, this will be our largest Dash yet! Dash for the Dogs is great for runners of all ages and skill levels. The racecourse winds through the beautiful Lake County Forest Preserve and Cuba Marsh. It is certified and timed, and the top three female and male finishers overall and in each age group will receive awards. The first two dogs to cross the finish line (with a registered person) will receive prizes too!

Can't make it to the race? You can register for our Virtual Dash for the Dogs and run anywhere at any time. We will mail you the official Dash for the Dogs shirt and race bag. Please visit the event website for details.

Whether or not you participate in Dash for the Dogs, you can create a fundraising page and earn great prizes! With your help, we can make Dash for the Dogs a huge success and help many animals in need. Join the fun while making a difference!



Date: Sunday, May 20, 2018
Time: check in - 7:15 am to 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>

Planes & Puppies

Each year, Galt Airport invites Animal House Shelter to participate in Planes & Puppies! Come on out to visit some of our adoptable dogs and help us "Stuff-a-Plane" with items on our wish list. You can view our current needs on our website. There will also be AHS merchandise, food and beverages, and free airplane rides for children ages 8-17 provided by the EAA Young Eagles! Dogs are welcome!

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018
Time: TBD - Please check the Animal House Shelter website.
Location: Galt Airport, 5112 Greenwood Road, Greenwood, IL 60097
Cost: Entrance is FREE and open to the public!
More Info: www.animalhouseshelter.com

Paws on the Patio



Throughout the summer, Animal House Shelter will be participating in dine-to-donate fundraisers at Port Edward (Algonquin), Public House of Woodstock (Woodstock), and other restaurants that allow dogs on their patios! You dine, and the restaurants donate a portion of sales to Animal House Shelter! Please check our website or Facebook events for updates and details for each location!

PAWfest

We are gearing up for our annual PAWfest at Animal House Shelter, and we are excited for our new additions to the event! This year, you can enjoy a cold one... with your pup! We added beer to our menu last year, and now we'll also have Bowser Beer for dogs! We'll have other treats and activities for adults, children, and pets. Join us for an afternoon of fun!

In addition to celebrating our 38,000+ adoptions to date, PAWfest is devoted to education and animal wellness. Low-cost vaccinations and micro chipping will be available and administered by VCA Noyes Animal Hospital. Also, there will be a mock adoption station where children can learn about animal welfare and adopt their very own Beanie Baby pet.

Date: Saturday, July 28, 2018
Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Location: Animal House Shelter, 13005 Ernesti Road, Huntley, IL 60142
Cost: Entrance is FREE and open to the public!
More Info: www.animalhouseshelter.com

Attractions Include:

- \$20 vaccinations for dogs and cats (rabies, distemper 5 in 1, bordetella)
- \$20 micro chipping
- pet photographer
- doggy pools
- doggy kissing booth
- raffle items
- 50/50 raffle
- giant water slide
- kids' games
- face painting
- food and beverages for people and pets
- shelter gear
- music... and much more!

If you would like information about sponsoring, reserving a vendor booth space, or volunteering at PAWfest, please contact us at animalhousefundraising@gmail.com. Booth spaces sell out, so don't delay!

Dog Days at Rosie O'Hare's

Dog Days is a great event for you and your pup! Join Animal House Shelter and some of our adoptable dogs for a fun afternoon on the patio. Rosie O'Hare's will be running drink specials with proceeds being donated to Animal House Shelter. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, raffle prizes, and door prizes!

Date: Sunday, August 26, 2018
Time: 12:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Location: Rosie O'Hare's Public House, 702 Water Street, East Dundee, IL 60118
Cost: Entrance is FREE and open to the public!
More Info: www.animalhouseshelter.com



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Hope for Hero



On a cold and windy day on the streets of Chicago, a tiny puppy peers over the tattered edge of a coat pocket. For once in his life, he feels safe and warm. Shouts sound around him as the homeless woman that had recently scooped him up begs for a meal. "Will trade for food! Will sell for food," the words echo down the city streets. Whispers pass between strangers and before he knows what's happening the warmth of the coat pocket is gone.

Luckily for Hero, he had just begun his journey to Animal House Shelter. The kind-hearted souls that happened to be passing by and saw this puppy, who clearly needed medical attention being traded for food, bought the homeless woman some food and took the puppy. They knew that this sweet little puppy desperately needed more help than they could provide so they contacted us.



Upon arrival at AHS, it was apparent that something was terribly wrong with his paw. It twists inward so that he is forced to walk on the top of his paw rather than walking normally. This causes him to limp and struggle to move. His body is also covered in scratches and scars from his time living on the streets of Chicago. Animal House Shelter is committed to helping Hero live a full and happy life. Please consider donating towards Hero's medical expenses so that he has the chance to run and play like any other puppy.

Adoption Updates

We love seeing updates from the families of the animals who have been adopted from us!



Karizma
Adopted by
**Wendy and
Brian Bondi**



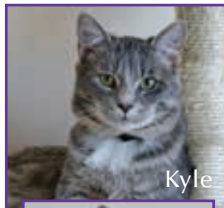
**Hemi and
Chevy**
Adopted by
Elizabeth Ann



Huntley
Adopted by
Tia Evans

Meka's Family

Meka arrived at Animal House Shelter as an expectant mother carrying 5 precious kittens. She had been rescued from a high-kill facility where she had been placed on a euthanasia list. Upon arrival, Meka tested positive for Feline Leukemia and after her kittens were born each one also, unfortunately, tested positive for the illness as well.



Feline leukemia is a disease that only affects cats-- it cannot be transmitted to people, dogs, or other animals. It weakens an animal's immune system so they can become ill if exposed to other infections or diseases more easily than a cat that does not have FeLV. As long as they are in a home, never let outside and not exposed to other infections or diseases and get regular vet visits, they can live a long and healthy life.

Mama Meka and kittens Uma, Mittens, Kyle, and Lyle are all currently residing in a foster home where they are housed with other kitties that have also tested positive for FeLV until they are able to find forever homes to call their own.

One of the kittens, Simba, was recently placed into his adoptive home and he is thriving!

There is no treatment or cure for FeLV and they may have a shorter life span than a cat that does not have FeLV but Animal House Shelter is dedicated to the long-term care of these sweet babies for as long as they live and we are hoping to find them an adoptive home with people who will love them.



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