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Fall/Winter 2018

President's Letter

Happy Holidays Everyone!

We have so many exciting things to share! With your support we have successfully rescued and placed over 45,000 dogs and cats in loving homes since 2002 that would otherwise have been euthanized at high kill facilities!

In the centerfold of this newsletter you will find our plans for a much needed expansion to Animal House Shelter. We need your help to build a vet clinic, children's education room, indoor training facility, adoption bonding rooms and sanctuary rooms for our long term residents in order to save over 5,000 lives a year and take care of their medical needs. This clinic will also provide low cost veterinary care to surrounding communities in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago.

Please look through all of the details and remember that your donation is tax deductible because we are a 501C3 organization. We can't take this next step without you. With your support we will all be able to see thousands of more innocent lives saved and the impact they have on so many families' lives!

Sincerely
Lesley Irwin
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President & Founder
Animal House Shelter, Inc

Putt For Paws

Our Annual Putt for Paws Golf Outing was a huge success! The event was held on October 1st, 2018 at Elgin Country Club and the weather was beautiful.

We would like to thank all of our players and dinner guests for attending this event. We would also like to extend a special thank you to our sponsors who helped make this event a success: Our Platinum sponsor Meyers & Flowers as well as our other sponsors: MJ Partners, Animal Care Clinic of Fox Valley, RWE Management Company, Assurance Agency, Invisible Fence of Northwest Illinois, TNT Complete Facility Care, Elgin State Bank, Motor Werks of Barrington and Kelleher & Buckley, LLC. Visit our website to see all of the amazing volunteers and companies that donated raffle and silent auction prizes.



Babies In A Barn

Midnight and her puppies were found abandoned in a broken-down barn. Someone had once loved Midnight, but she was left to fend for herself for reasons we will never understand.

Scared and alone, Midnight soon found herself having puppies, with little shelter and no food or water for herself. Barely just skin and bones, she put her puppies lives ahead of her own, protecting her babies with everything she had left in her. Midnight was at the brink of losing her life, all so that her babies had a chance at a future when the family was rescued and brought to Animal House Shelter for a new start to their lives. Midnight and her puppies are slowly recovering in foster care while looking for a place they can call home.

Robert

Robert came to Animal House Shelter in early October with what we originally thought was a simple broken leg. However, we soon found out the horrible truth: Robert's leg had a multitude of fractures, most likely caused by being run over with a car, fully crushing his leg. Due to the nature of the injury, Robert was at a high risk of needing amputation. He needed a foster that was willing to perform physical therapy several times a day in an effort to save his leg. Luckily, one of our wonderful fosters stepped up to the plate. She reports that despite all that he's gone through, Robert is a sweet, loving little boy that will make a wonderful addition to any family. Only time will tell if Robert will keep his leg, so keep up with his story by following our Facebook page.



All Mixed Up



Did you know an animal can be born with their organs in all the wrong places? That's what happened to Darla, a special 2 year old calico cat who came to us from a high-kill shelter where she was set to be euthanized. After being rescued, she arrived at our shelter scared and barely able to breathe. We were worried she wouldn't make it through the night so we rushed her to the vet right away. After examination, the vet informed us that her stomach was where her liver should be and that her intestines were sitting on top of her chest, making it hard for her to breathe. The surgery was very risky, she could die on the surgery table and would cost \$1,100, but with Darla's life on the line, we decided the surgery was her best chance at having a long life. Darla survived the surgery and made an amazing recovery while in foster care. She is patiently waiting for that special family to adopt her.

"You can judge a man's true character by the way he treats his fellow animals."

-Paul McCartney

We are expanding in order to save the lives of over 5,000 more each year, and we need your help!



Animal House Shelter takes in, cares for, and adopts out abused, neglected and abandoned animals, especially those scheduled for euthanasia at other shelters. Once rehabilitated and ready, these animals are carefully matched with prospective adopters and placed in loving homes.

Founded in Barrington in 2002, we moved to Huntley in 2006 and quickly outgrew our facility. Currently, we are transporting our animals between six different veterinary clinics in order to keep up with their medical needs. We are looking to build a state of the art vet clinic, on the shelter's property, to take care of all the animals coming to our organization from high-kill facilities throughout the year. The cost of their care would be offset greatly if we had our own vet clinic to care for their needs and we would then be able to rescue and re-home a far greater number of animals.

In addition to caring for the animals we rescue, we will be providing low-cost vaccinations, microchips, and neutering to all communities in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago to provide services to those who would otherwise not be able to afford them.



Some of the services our clinic will offer include:

- Vaccinations
- Spays & Neuters
- Microchips
- Heartworm Treatments
- X-Rays
- Fecals



Training Center

At our training center, we will have the chance to offer a wide range of on-site pet training classes.



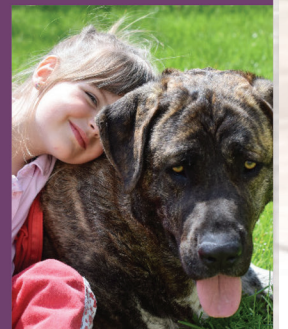
Bonding Rooms

The new bonding rooms will help adopters meet and interact with their next potential pet in a safe and quiet space.



Education Center

The Education Center will give us the ability to offer a variety of classes and uses for our community's children.



New Facility Exterior

The exterior of our new facility will be surrounded by a Bird and Butterfly Garden, as well as the Farmstead Silo Memorial Garden. Not only will these be beautiful additions to the facility, but they will offer a way for the community to remember and memorialize their loved ones.

Building Naming Rights

Naming Rights to Building with Signage	Please Contact Us
Low Cost Veterinary Clinic	Please Contact Us
Adoption Center/Lobby	Please Contact Us
Training Room	\$100,000
Children’s Education Center	\$400,000
Retail Store	\$300,000
Free Roam Cat Colony	\$250,000
Farmstead Silo Memorial Garden	\$250,000
Legacy Building	\$100,000
Feline, Bird and Butterfly Garden	\$75,000
Outdoor Off-Leash Play Yard (3)	\$25,000 each
Indoor Socialization Play Space (3)	\$25,000 each
Laundry Room	\$20,000
Bonding Rooms (10)	\$10,000 each
Sanctuary Rooms (8)	\$5,000 each
Kitten Play Rooms (9)	\$5,000 each

Tribute Bricks

Tribute Brick - 4x8	\$150 each
Tribute Brick - 8x8	\$300 each



Interested in Donating Materials?

We will gladly accept donations of building materials, to help us expand the shelter!

Memorial Trees

A Memorial Tree is a long-lasting opportunity to honor and remember a loved one. At the same time, it helps improve the beauty and quality of the Animal House Shelter grounds. Animal House Shelter has chosen Sugar Maple and Red Oak for the memorial program. A 30-gallon tree is standard, but a larger tree can be installed at a higher cost.

Trees will be planted between May 1 and October 1. You may select a specific location for your tree donation from the list on the application. The tree's exact location will be determined by Animal House Shelter. Donors will be notified once a tree has been planted and made aware of its location. Animal House Shelter cannot guarantee a specific planting date.

You may choose a memorial tree with or without an accompanying bronze marker.

Memorial Tree with Marker	\$1,000 each
Memorial Tree without Marker	\$750 each

Memorial Benches

Memorial Benches provide a good option to honor or remember a loved one, as well as offer a spot for visitors of Animal House Shelter to enjoy their surroundings. Benches may be installed at any time, weather permitting. Donors will be notified once the bench and marker have been installed, and made aware of its location. Animal House Shelter cannot guarantee installation date.

Memorial Bench with Marker	\$1,500 each
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This cost includes the installation of a 6-foot recycled plastic bench, with engraved plaque set into the back of the bench.

Marker & Inscriptions

Inscriptions will appear in the following format:

In Memory of / In Loving Memory of / In Honor of
Bob Smith
June 5, 1942 - January 7, 2010

Memorial inscriptions are limited to for whom the tree is in honor / memory of and the dates of birth and death or dedication. Additional inscriptions, religious symbols, and extraneous content is not permitted. Donors are not permitted to add additional plantings, flowers, or decorations.

New Facility Layout

Covering almost 15,000 square feet, our new facility will give us the space to better serve the homeless animals, volunteers, fosters, and adopters.



1. Adoption/Volunteer Welcome Center
2. 10 Bonding Rooms for Families to Meet & Adopt
3. Child Education Center
4. Free-Room Cat Habitat, Overlooking a Bird & Butterfly Garden
5. Kitten Playrooms
6. Spacious Sanctuary Rooms for Longterm Dogs with Private Outdoor Play Yard to Minimize Stress
7. Multiple Indoor & Outdoor Exercise Yards
8. State of the Art Veterinary Care Clinic



Holiday Happenings

Pictures with Santa



Bring your pet or the entire family for a photo with Santa to Kountry Kennels Resort in Hampshire! Photos will take place from 10 am - 2 pm on December 16th. The cost is \$10 for the first photo and \$5 for each additional photo.

Giving Trees

Spread some holiday cheer to the dogs and cats at AHS. From now through – 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. We will also have giving trees at Walmart in Huntley and Bentley's Pet Stuff in Crystal Lake during the same time frame.

Bake Sale

Beginning now through the end of 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. You can also pick up AHS merchandise for gifts while you are there!

Pins and Paws

Join Animal House Shelter at Glo-Bowl Fun Center in Marengo for a fun day of bowling, food and lots of ice cream!



Registration: Buy tickets now or at the door day of

Date: Saturday, January 19, 2019

Event Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Location: Glo-Bowl Fun Center, 101 Franks Rd, Marengo, IL 60152

Cost: \$20 per child, \$25 per adult

More info and to buy tickets: <https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/pins-for-paws>

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

Tails & Ales... And Wine Too

Back by popular demand, join us for a fabulous night at Church Street Brewing Company. Craft beer and wine will be plentiful, as well as entertainment, raffles and more. Buy tickets in advance for the best price!



Registration: begins November 21st, 2018

Date: Saturday, February 23, 2019

Event Time: 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Location: Church Street Brewing Company, 1480 Industrial Drive, Unit C, Itasca, IL 60143

Cost: \$20 pre-registration, \$25 at the door

More info and to buy tickets: <https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/tails-and-ales>

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



Putt for Paws 2019

Come join us for another year of fun! We will have breakfast, lunch, dinner, 18 holes of golf, open bar during golf, raffle items, auction items, prizes and more!

Registration Open now!

Location: Chevy Chase Country Club
1000 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Wheeling, IL 60090

Date: Thursday June 27th 2019

Check in: 10 am

Shotgun start: 11am

Cost: \$250 per person or \$900 per foursome

Dinner Only Tickets: \$50 per person

Raffle and Auctions: Starting at 4pm

Dinner: 6pm

Sign up and more info here: <https://whynotgolf.com/puttforpaws>

For more information about sponsoring the event or to make an in-kind donation, please email Ashley Feck at Ashley@animalhouseshelter.com



Yankee Candle

We've partnered with Yankee Candle to do a holiday fundraiser from 10/22/18 – 01/10/19, all purchases made online on our Yankee Candle fundraising website donates 40% off the purchase to Animal House Shelter. Please visit: <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm> At the bottom right of the webpage, enter our group # (999987292) and click the start shopping button to get started.

Come out to Ice House Mall on December 15th for the Paws for the Holiday's adoption event and family pictures with Santa! We'll have adoptable animals ready to meet their furever family. Ice House Mall will also be collecting monetary and material donations for Animal House Shelter. Please stop at Savvy Spirit, Paris Market Antiques, Flesk Brewing, and more as they are donating a portion of proceeds back to us. No current pets allowed. 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Ice House Mall 200 Applebee St Barrington, IL 60010

Happy Tails

I just wanted to update you on/ thank you for Riley Rae! SHE'S THE BEST DOG EVERRRRRR and we are obsessed with her. She got all her other shots, had an ear infection that she took drops for 2 weeks for and it's all cleared up. And my 4 year old and her are kind of connected by their souls, as you'll see in the collage. She is queen of snuggles! Enjoy the pics and thanks to you all for pairing her with us.



Vicki

I came in a couple weeks ago and adopted Blake (I was the one who called a bunch about him :)) I just wanted to email you all and THANK YOU so much for what you all do.

I attached some pictures, and it may be hard to tell, but he has REALLY come out of his shell and his personality is nothing short of amazing. From a timid shy dog to a loyal friend, he has the most amazing temperament.

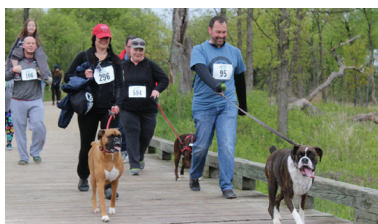
He is such a gentle and loving soul and has already so much joy to people's lives in addition to mine and my family's.



Kayla McEraren

Dash for the Dogs

Returning for its 9th year, Dash for the Dogs 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Family Fun Walk will take place on May 19th, 2019. 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. Runners & Walkers can now ask for pledges and win prizes for receiving the most pledges! Register early for the best rate! Please visit the event website for details.

Registration: Register now!

Date: Sunday, May 19th, 2019

Time: check in - 6:15 am – 7:45 am, 5K run/walk - 8:00 am, 1 mile family fun walk - 9:45 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: <https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/dash-for-the-dogs/>

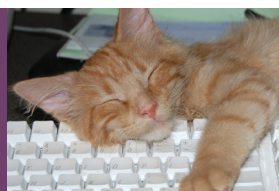
Sponsoring the Dash for the Dogs is a great opportunity. Over 800 people participate in the race each year. Additionally, with Animal House Shelter's 46K+ email contacts, 31K+ Facebook followers, 52K+ on our mailing list and additional marketing streams, you will reach thousands of people. Sponsorships are 100% tax-deductible! For a complete list of Dash for the Dogs 2019 opportunities, visit <https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/dash-for-the-dogs>.



Animal House Shelter would like to thank our top sponsors for the Dash for the Dogs 2018! Mosquito Hunters, Crawford Intellectual Property Law LLC, Sit Means Sit Dog Training, Animal Care Clinic, Nature's Select Pet Products, Hagg Press, Macello Ristorante-Pizzeria, Power Crunch, Taco Bell, VCA Noyes, Invisible Fence, Elite Health & Wellness, Canine Dimensions In-Home Dog Training, Run Forever Sports, Kelly Malec at Huntley Realty, Pure Vita Holistic Pet Foods, Platinum Heating and Cooling, Inc, CyberLife Tutors, Cadent Consulting Group, McHenry Camp Bow Wow, Authentic Self, and Turdinators.



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Porkies BBQ Fundraiser

Porkies is opening their doors to host all of Animal House Shelter's friends for a special BBQ dinner. You can look forward to delicious BBQ, a beautiful patio and plus dogs are allowed on the patio!



Registration: Buy tickets now or at the door day of

Date: Friday, June 14th, 2019

Event Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

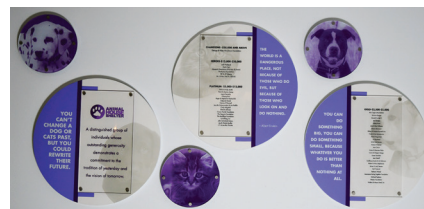
Location: Porkies Pig Roast, 2245 S Eastwood Dr, Woodstock, IL 60098

More info and to buy tickets: <https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/porkies>

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

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 ashley@animalhouseshelter.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.



Donor Plaque Recognition:
\$20,000 and above - Champions
\$12,000-\$19,999- Heroes
\$5,000-\$11,999- Platinum
\$2,500-\$4,999- Gold

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



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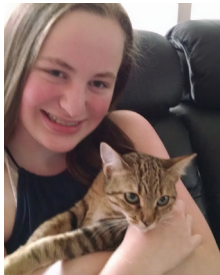
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Cassie and Her Kitties



Cassie Meadors wanted one thing above all else her entire life: to be a cat mom. Cassie's parents eventually allowed her to pick out her very own fur baby from AHS. The only problem? She fell in love with two! Callie and Creamsicle came

into Cassie's life, and they were inseparable. She did everything with them – they helped her with homework, slept in her bed, and she even got them a kitty stroller! Cassie's parents describe the kitties as the loves of her life. Tragically, Cassie passed away in a snowy car accident at the young age of 14 earlier this year. Her parents and her kitties were suddenly faced with the difficult task of learning to live without her. In lieu of flowers, her family and friends donated to AHS in Cassie's memory. In the months following her passing, over \$4000 was raised- making it possible for many more animals to be rescued and placed into loving homes. Cassie's parents have also began volunteering with AHS, cleaning and socializing the kitties. While she may no longer be with us, Cassie's spirit is living on through her kitties and her parents volunteer work.

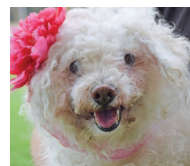


Gus the Kitten

When Gus was found by a kind person, he was wandering in the woods, crying out for help. The brave little kitten had sustained a horrific injury to his tail, which our vet later deemed to be unsaveable. At just a few months old, Gus underwent surgery to have his tiny tail amputated. After the surgery he went into foster care, where his true personality started to show. Gus showed his foster family that missing a tail didn't make him any less loving. So loving, in fact, that his foster family's good friend fell in love with him and decided to adopt him. Gus now lives a life full of love.



Dawn



Senior lady Dawn is one tough cookie. Imagine how scary it would be moving from place to place and not being able to hear or see! That is what Dawn has been going through for the past few years. The pound we rescued her from was preparing to euthanize her simply because she is a senior. But we believed she still had many years of love to give and deserved a chance at finding a forever family of her own. Upon arrival to AHS we realized her condition was worse than just being deaf and blind. She was crying in pain so we quickly took her to the vet clinic, where they discovered she had Pyometra, a life threatening infection in her uterus. Dawn underwent emergency surgery to fix this condition and has been doing well recovering in foster care. This sweet lady would love to find a forever home with a family who will love her for the rest of her life. Please consider bringing her into your home and hearts.

At the hands of Violence

Queen had given birth to six puppies and was enjoying her new role as a mother until her owner got into a domestic dispute.

The owner's girlfriend injured the puppies extensively by hitting, kicking, and slamming the dogs onto the ground. Three of Queen's babies died immediately and two more of her puppies had to be euthanized afterwards due to seizures and the skull damage inflicted upon them. Queen and her remaining baby were in line to be euthanized until Animal House Shelter came to rescue them.

A foster home stepped up to care for them as they recovered from this traumatic experience, both physically and emotionally. After just a few weeks, the foster home decided they couldn't part with Queen and her baby and decided to adopt them both!



ARS & The Home Depot Thank You

This summer our air conditioning at the shelter failed and we needed help. Our dire situation was turned around by tremendous support from the community, ARS and The Home Depot.

The Home Depot donated 9 portable A/C units & ARS generously donated all of the permanent equipment and labor to Animal House Shelter so that the other donations raised could go directly to caring for our animals and saving even more lives!

♥all the cats, dogs and staff at Animal House Shelter!

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