Winter 2021

President's Letter

Hello Everyone!

The holiday season is officially here. I hope you all have stayed healthy and happy over the last 2 years with COVID. All of us have had to adjust in so many different ways. We are eternally grateful to all the beyond gracious people that opened their homes to foster animals when the pandemic first started and there was so much uncertainty. We could not have gotten through it without you.

The last 2 years have been exceptional with over 6,000 more lives saved.

We have, however, taken a huge financial hit with not being able to do any of our in-person fundraisers due to COVID. AHS needs your help more than ever to pay our bills and get phase 1 of the shelter expansion completed.

There are still so many ways to donate towards the expansion from naming rights, purchasing bricks, trees or benches. You can make the donation in a loved one's name, your own name, in honor of a cherished pet, or as a birthday or holiday present! There's no better gift you can give than one that makes a difference in someone else's life. We will send a letter notifying the person whose name you made the donation in honor of and your donation is 100% tax-deductible. See pages 4 and 5 for more information.

Please help Animal House Shelter break ground in 2022 with the building expansion to be able to save twice the amount of lives.

Together, we can make the difference.

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season.

Sincerely Yours,

LesleyAwin

Lesley Irwin President

Rescue In Action

Tennessee Hoarding House

Our partner, Animal Rescue Corps, assisted the Jackson Tennessee authorities by removing approximately 44 dogs from a horrific hoarding situation. Upon entering the home, the smell of ammonia gas from animal waste was overpowering. Inside, the floors were piled high with feces, debris, and urine. The condemned house had no electricity or running water. At least 3 dogs were found dead in the home. These poor babies were severely neglected and were in desperate need of medical, physical, and emotional care. The majority of the animals were emaciated and



dehydrated since they had no access to food or water. Several had mange, intestinal worms, external parasites, runny eyes, ear infections, and hair loss. AHS stepped up and took in many of these animals including two mama dogs and their tiny puppies. Once they arrived at AHS, they were placed into loving foster homes where they could get the love and care that they desperately needed in preparation of finding forever homes.

Please consider donating to their ongoing care.

South Korean Dog Meat Farm

For the last few years, Animal House Shelter has been partnered with the International Humane Society. We have taken in and cared for several dogs from the horrific dog-meatfarm industry in South Korea. Recently over 170 dogs arrived to the states from yet another Korean- dog-meat farm and AHS once again stepped up and took in several of these dogs, saving them from a



horrendous death. These dogs have lived a terrible life of neglect. They were found living in crammed tiny cages standing on metal bars. Many were severely emaciated due to lack of food. They have had no human interaction and were never let outside. These dogs will not only need emotional support but intense medical care as well. Some of the dogs were so matted they needed to be shaved down to their skin to prevent any further skin infections and discomfort. Please consider donating to their care.

El Paso Texas

A pound in El Paso Texas was devastatingly overcrowded with over 600 dogs, and 220 cats on the premises. Hundreds of helpless animals were facing illness and euthanasia. Our partners, The Bissell Pet Foundation and Animal Rescue Corps, stepped in and helped to arrange transport for these animals. Animal House Shelter took in 23 of these pets. This was the largest transport effort to date leaving the El Paso pound. AHS is proud to be a part of this rescue. Now we need

your help. Please send a donation to help us continue our care for these and future animals.

Animal Rescue Corps

In November, our partner, Animal Rescue Corps along with several other rescue groups in Iowa, worked to rescue 500+ dogs and puppies from a nightmare of a puppy mill. The U.S. Department of Justice has documented conditions including dead dogs, dogs with untreated injuries and illnesses, dogs crammed in too-small cages, and more. This was a multi-day operation across multiple locations. There were hundreds of dogs and puppies who need rescue, and Animal House Shelter was one of the rescues who stepped up to help. These are some of the dogs we took in from that case.



Looking For Their Furever Home



Meet Shelby!

Shelby is a 10 year old Staffordshire/ Boxer mix. She is a warm, loving, gentle, and calm girl. She walks well on a leash and keeps her kennel clean. She is good with both dogs and kids. She also loves car rides, and a good brushing. She is not only sweet but smart as well. She knows the commands sit, stop, and stay. If you are looking for a sweet and calm pup, Shelby is your girl.



Meet Jaylin!

Jaylin is a 2-year-old Labrador Retriever/ German Shepherd mix. This happy and energetic girl is looking for her forever home. She is very smart and already knows the commands sit, paw, and down. She gets along well with other dogs and loves to run!! Could she your perfect companion?



Meet Tom!

Tom is a 9 year old Tabby/ Domestic Short Hair. This handsome boy is very friendly. He loves to be pet and rubs up on your leg when he is looking for attention. This quiet guy would love to find a home where he can get some love.



Meet Kylie!

Kylie is a 6 year old Tabby/ Domestic Short Hair. She came to AHS with her 2 sweet babies. This pretty girls is very sweet and playful. Could she be your purr-fect new addition?









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Happy Tails





My husband Bill and I were fortunate enough to be able to adopt little Ollie from Animal House. We wanted to thank you for allowing us to meet and take him home with us. He is a sweet and joyful little boy and we love him dearly.

Thank you and God bless you for the important work that you do!

Hi! We just wanted to share how our boy is doing. Shadow, formally known as Raider, fits in perfectly to the family. He has brought us so much joy and we are so grateful for Animal House Shelter for giving us a new best friend.





Porsche's meow is very faint like her purring but she will reach out with her paws quickly when she wants what you have lol

I adopted Rook in May and he is the best thing that's ever happened to me! I never knew I could be so important to someone, and he's my whole world too. Even with the three enormous cat towers that he has all to himself, his favorite place to be is still in my arms (though I have to admit, I do lose to his favorite blanket + heating pad combo from time to time...)





We adopted Birdo, who we renamed Juno, from the Nintendo litter of puppies. Juno is the light of our lives. She is the sweetest, warmest, most loving dog and adopting her made all of our lives so much better. She has been attending doggy day care at Frisky Dog since she was about three months old as we all went back to work and she adores it. I just wanted to share what an amazing dog she is!

Bella (Dancer) & Graycie (Blitzen), two of the Animal House Reindeer Kitten Litter-2020. Inseparable, adorable, sweet sisters. Very much loved.



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Animal House Shelter needs your help NOW to break ground in 2022! This expansion will help us save 6,000 lives per year! Since 2002, AHS has rescued, rehabilitated and found homes over 45,000 dogs and cats. Starting in Barrington, IL, we moved to Huntley, IL in 2004 and quickly outgrew our current facility. Currently, we are driving to six different veterinary clinics to keep up with our medical needs. With this expansion, we are looking to build a state-of-the-art vet clinic on the shelter property to take care of all of the animals coming to our organization from high kill facilities through the year. In addition, this clinic will provide low cost vaccinations, microchips and spay and neutering to all communities in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago. We need your help to make this opportunity into a reality. Animal House Shelter currently must outsource all of its veterinary needs and this forces us to deplete vital resources that are greatly needed elsewhere. We are hoping to raise funds beyond those of our current operating costs so that we can build this much needed addition to our shelter. Because Animal House Shelter regularly takes in animals with significant health problems, we often find that the funds needed to care for their medical procedures, surgeries and medications exceeds that which we have available to us. The cost of this care would be offset greatly if we had our own vet clinic to care for their needs. We would then be able to rescue and rehome a far greater number of animals. We see every day that there is sadly no shortage of animals in need of rescue and sanctuary and many of those that have even minor health problems are not being given the chance for rehabilitation and adoption into a loving home. Animal House shelter can only take in as many of these animals as we have the funds available to care for. A vet clinic of our own would allow us to not only have the resources to care for our resident animals but would also allow us to provide a low cost veterinary clinic to serve the needs of our community. It is our hope to continue our already adamant campaign that all dogs and cats should be neutered, vaccinated, and have quality health care available to them. With the addition of a veterinary clinic to our facility, we will have the ability to provide these services to those who would otherwise not be able to afford them

. Along with the veterinary clinic, we would like to also give back to the community by providing resources for a training facility as well as a children's education center for the care of animals. We have an imminent need to have the space to share our knowledge and resources with schools, community groups, after school programs and the like to better educate the community on our mission and ways they can help. The expansion of our shelter to include a veterinary clinic, training facility and education center would greatly enhance our ability to continue our important work in animal rescue and would significantly impact our ability to better serve our community. We are asking for assistance to help us reach our goal

Expansion highlights:

- Additional kennel space for animals to allow us to increase the number of animals we can save
- A child education center to host schools, groups, and more for tours and educational programs
- 10 bonding rooms for multiple families to meet with potential pets to adopt
- State of the art veterinary clinic to allow us to treat animals on site and lower costs to provide them with the best care
- Sanctuary rooms for long term dogs to make them feel more at home
- Additional indoor and outdoor exercise yards for the dogs
- Volunteer center to accommodate the many volunteers that we have

Naming Rights For Purchase:

Naming Rights to the building with signage: Please contact us

Adoption Center/Lobby: Please contact us Low Cost Veterinary Clinic: Please contact us Children's Education Center: \$400,000

Retail Store: \$300,000

Free Roam Cat Colony Habitat: \$250,000 Farmstead Silo Memorial Garden: \$250,000

Legacy Building: \$100,000

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: 4x8-\$150 each or 8x8-\$300 each

Memorial Bench: \$1,500 each

Memorial Tree with marker: \$1,000 each Memorial Tree without marker: \$750 each

Please contact us with any questions or interest in getting involved at

animalhouseshelterinfo@gmail.com or 815.353.1536

New material donations are also greatly needed and much appreciated!

- Artificial Turf
- Windows and doors
 - Bricks
 - Stone
 - Trees
 - Benches
- Commercial Kennel Equipment
 - Veterinary Equipment
 - Building Materials
 - Fencing
 - Industrial washers and dryers
 - Bath tubs for grooming
 - Flat Screen TV's
- Computers and computer equipment

Check out the virtual video, more information and ways to donate on our website at https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/expansion/







- Adoption/Volunteer Center Welcome
 Center
- 2. 10 bonding rooms for families to meet and adopt
- 3. Child Education Center
- Free Roam Cat Habitat overlooking a bird & butterfly garden.
- 5. Kitten Playrooms
- 6. Spacious Sanctuary Rooms for Long Term Dogs With Private Outdoor Play yard to Minimize Stress
- 7. Multiple Indoor & Outdoor Exercise Yards
- 8. State of the art Veterinary Care Clinic









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Medical Cases!



Vee

Vee arrived at AHS all the way from Texas where she had been wandering as a stray. Upon arrival, it was evident that she was limping. Initially, she was given anti-inflammatory medication in the hopes she had a minor sprain. When she continued to limp, she was taken to see one of our veterinarians for a full examination and X-Rays. Vee was diagnosed with not only one, but two luxating patellas (her knee caps were out

of place in both back legs). She would need to have surgery to regain full mobility. With surgery, this sweet 1 year old pup will be able to run and play pain free. The vet recommended correcting one leg at a time for optimal recovery. The total estimate for her surgeries are \$4400. Can you help?

Samantha's Injury!

Samantha came to AHS from a hoarding situation in Southern Illinois. She arrived covered in fleas and extremely malnourished. Samantha was placed with a loving family to continue her care and rehabilitation. Samantha's foster family began to notice that Samantha seemed to be limping on her left rear leg. After an examination with our veterinarian it was determined that Samantha needed FHO (hip replacement) surgery. Her injury was most likely caused by a traumatic fall. This surgery



will allow Samantha to regain mobility of her leg and be pain free! The cost of Samantha's surgery is \$1,000. Please donate to help Samantha live the life she deserves.



Meet Elsa!

Elsa is a 5 year old Staffordshire/Boxer mix. She came to AHS when she was removed from a home during a child protection case. While living in the home Elsa was either locked in a dark basement or left outside for countless hours. Upon arrival, we noticed a lump on Elsa's rear end. Sweet Elsa was just diagnosed with cancer and will need to undergo surgery to have the lump removed. This beautiful girl has been

through so much. Could you open your heart to donate for this sweet girl?

Bruce's Battle!

Sweet Bruce came to AHS from a High-Kill Shelter in Memphis Tennessee where he was found running as a stray. During his intake exam, we noticed he seemed to be limping on his right rear leg. He was taken to our veterinarian for a full examination and X-rays. Bruce was diagnosed with a luxating patella (this occurs when the knee cap moves out of its normal position causing discomfort and limited mobility), a torn ACL, as well as fractured teeth that would need to be extracted. The



