

President's Letter

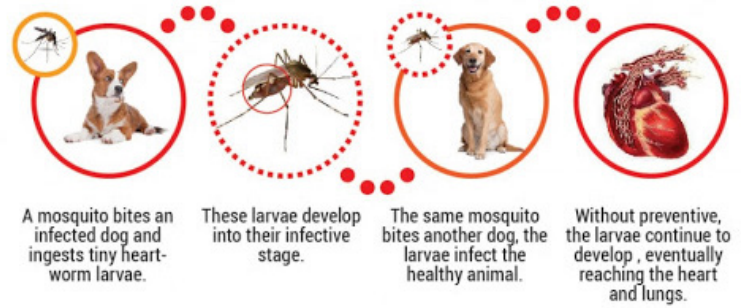
Hello and Happy Holidays!

In this season of giving thanks and enjoying time with family and friends I would like to take a moment to thank you all for being a cherished part of the Animal House Shelter community. With your help, generosity and support Animal House Shelter has been able to save the lives of over 61,000 animals to date! While this number may seem impressive, it is sadly very small in comparison to the number of homeless animals that are euthanized every year due to overcrowding in shelters and the lack of resources available to help them. Along with trying to keep up with the never-ending demand of animals in dire need, we also faced another major challenge this year. We had great hope to be able to begin phase one of our much needed expansion project, however, due to supply and demand issues and surging price increases in materials, our project was forced to be delayed. With the unexpected added costs that we are faced with, we have been forced to take a step back and raise even more funds for the same proposed project. We need your support now more than ever to help us get there. Animal House Shelter will continue on, unwavering in our mission, until every animal knows the warmth of a loving home and a family of their own. As you read the stories on the following pages, keep in mind that it is only through donations like yours that we are able to take on so many critical cases. All donations to Animal House will not only give you the satisfaction of knowing you have done a wonderful thing for animals in need but are also 100% tax deductible. Thank you for all that you continue to do for animals as well as your ongoing support. I hope that you all have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely Yours,

Lesley Arwin

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President & Founder
Animal House Shelter, Inc



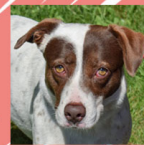
Heartworm

Heartworm Disease is a very serious and potentially fatal condition caused by worms living in the lungs and hearts of dogs, cats and other species of mammals. Dogs and cats of any age are susceptible to infection. They are infected with the disease through the bite of a mosquito. A mosquito can spread infected larvae to an animal through its bite wound. Once bitten, it takes 6-7 months for the infective larvae to mature into adult heartworms. Adult heartworms can grow to be a foot long! This giant parasite can cause inflammation in blood vessels, clots in the lungs, heart failure, liver failure, kidney failure, and ultimately death. AHS takes in and treats, on average, 170 heartworm cases per year. We are currently treating 8 dogs that have been infected with heartworm. The cost of treatment is between 400-800 dollars per dog! Due to the high cost of treatment, most shelters won't even consider accepting a Heartworm-positive dog, so many are stuck in high-kill shelters. Please help us to raise money so that we can continue to save heartworm-positive dogs who would otherwise be euthanized. We believe their lives are worth saving!

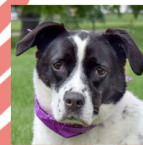
Heartworm preventatives are key!

Please remember to give your pets their monthly dose!

Current dogs going through Heartworm Treatment



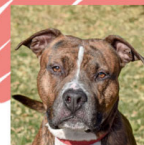
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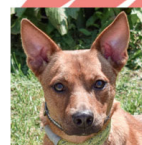
Mikey



Papa



Polly



Randall



Xena

Hoarding

Animal House Shelter is partnered with Animal Rescue Corps. Together we help to rehabilitate and find homes for animals that have often come from awful situations. Below are a few recent rescues.

Operation Dead End

On September 3rd, Animal Rescue Corps rescued 29 dogs and 4 cats from deplorable conditions in Hardeman County Tennessee. The animals were found running loose inside and outside a decaying trailer. The trailer was soaked in urine and feces to the point the floor was rotting away. The cats were kept in small maggot-filled crates. When help arrived, the animals were extremely weak and were suffering from a wide range of medical issues including broken bones, dehydration, malnourishment, severe anemia, high ammonia exposure, mange, dental disease, overgrown nails, loss of fur, skin inflammation, infections and parasites.



Operation Out of the Dark

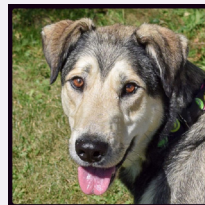
On September 4th, Animal Rescue Corps rescued 9 surviving dogs from desperate conditions in Henderson, Tennessee. When Animal Rescue Corps arrived on the scene, 9 dogs were running loose through the property. The owners stated they had moved out several years ago but had been slipping food and water through the door. The house was completely boarded up and there were no lights or electricity. Officials said the feces was over a foot deep, combined with trash and bones. There were mother dogs who had recently given birth but not a single living puppy. These dogs too were struggling with many health and emotional issues.



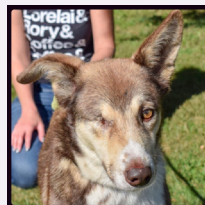
Meet the Survivors



Avril



Benno



Captain Jack



Elis



Gwen



Layne

Need Forever Home

Meet Cashew

Cashew came to Animal House Shelter after two of his family members had passed away, and the current family owner could not take care of him anymore. He is a 12-year-old tabby/domestic medium hair cat that will just melt your heart!



Cashew is litter box trained and has been around kids of all ages. He lived with dogs and is great with his cat friends in our cat room. He is a very friendly and loving guy that loves attention. Cashew will sit in your lap every opportunity he gets. He enjoys being brushed, which is something he needs regularly. Going to the vet is no problem for Cashew.

He would be an outstanding addition to any household and he would love to find a forever home that would love him to the moon and back!

Meet Ellie!

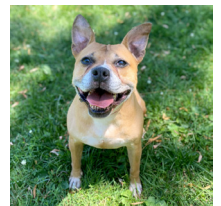
Ellie is a 2-year-old Staffordshire/Boxer mix. She came to AHS from Southern Illinois. Animal Control found Ellie tied up in a closet in an abandoned apartment.



She was absolutely terrified. Now that Ellie is safe, she is learning how to be a dog. She is finally starting to come out of her shell. She is excellent for car rides, house and crate trained. Ellie is very smart and learns quickly. She enjoys sun bathing and hanging with her family. Going to the vet is no problem for this wonderful girl. Ellie is available for adoption and is looking for a family that will make her feel safe and loved.

Frenchie

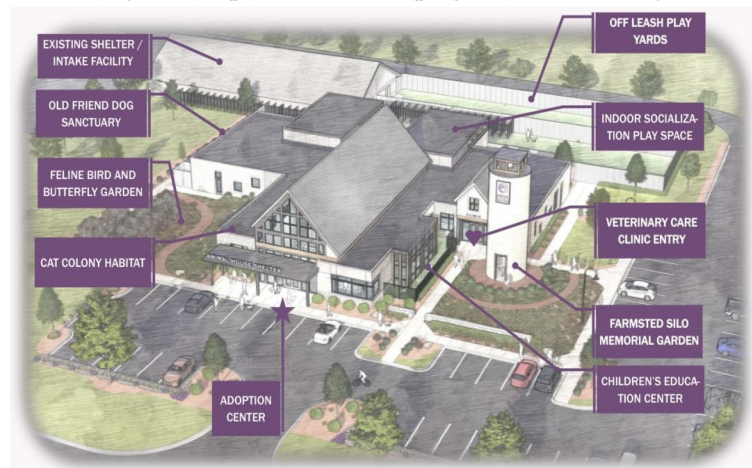
Frenchie is an 8-year-old American Staffordshire Terrier/American Bulldog. Frenchie came to Animal House Shelter from southern Illinois where she was found as a stray.



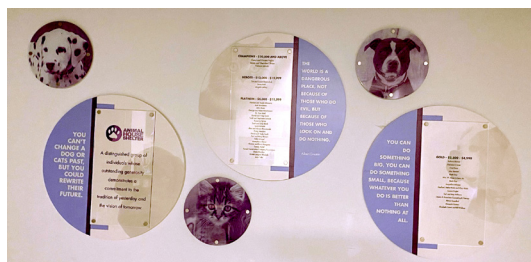
She is house trained, and knows "sit", "stay", and "lay down". Frenchie is good for her baths, ear cleaning and nail trims. She keeps her kennel clean at the shelter and walks well on a leash. You can even find her sporting some of the shelter's wearable gear. She enjoys being petted and loves to roll in the grass. She needs to be the only animal in the household, so she can get all your love and attention. Frenchie loves to play and would love to find her forever family to play with and love her.

Animal House Shelter is expanding its facility in order to save the lives of over 5,000 dogs and cats each year! Since 2002, AHS has rescued, rehabilitated and found homes for over 61,000 dogs and cats.

We need your help to make this project into a reality.



Top AHS Donors 2021-2022



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Starting in Barrington, IL, we moved to Huntley, IL in 2006 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 throughout 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.

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: \$250,000

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*- (3 out of 10 SPONSORED)

Sanctuary Rooms (8): \$5,000 *each*- (1 out of 8 SPONSORED)

Kitten Play Rooms (9): \$5,000 *each*- (4 out of 9 SPONSORED)

Tribute Bricks: 4x8- \$150 *each* or 8x8- \$300 *each*

Tribute Tree with plaque: \$1,000 *each*

Tribute Tree without plaque: \$750 *each*

Please contact us with any questions or interest in getting involved:
expansion@animalhouseshelter.com or 815-353-1536

Interested in Donating Materials?

We will gladly accept donations of building materials to help us expand the shelter. Some materials specifically needed are:

- Artificial turf
- Windows and Doors
- Bricks and Stone
- Trees
- Benches
- Commercial Kennel Equipment
- Veterinary Equipment
- Building Materials
- Fencing
- Industrial Washers and Dryers
- Bath Tubs for Grooming Dogs
- Flat Screen TV's
- Computers

Read more about our expansion project or to donate:
<https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/expansion/>



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Medical Donations Needed

Cooper doesn't let his disabilities get him down

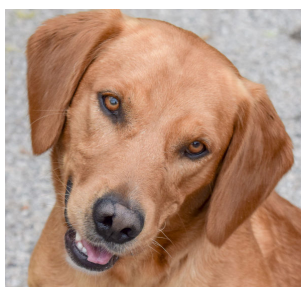
Cooper came to AHS when he was only 8 months old. This sweet and resilient boy arrived not only blind, but with a double ear infection. Cooper went in to see one of our veterinarians who then started him on antibiotics to treat the infection. The infection resolved in the left ear, however, the right ear remained sensitive and had yellow discharge. Cooper was sent to a specialist who discovered a growth/polyp in the right ear canal. The specialist recommended surgically removing the polyp. Without removal, it was unlikely his ear infection would ever resolve. Cooper is out of surgery and doing well. His infection is gone and he is enjoying his new forever family. Cooper's surgery totaled \$2,200.

Can you help?



Merlin's Surgery

Merlin arrived at AHS in August from a high-kill shelter in southern Illinois. Upon arrival, Merlin tested positive for heartworm disease. He would need to undergo vigorous treatment to flush his body of the heartworm. In addition to testing positive for heartworm, he also was limping on his right hind leg. Our veterinarian determined Merlin's hip was injured by some type of blunt force trauma. The best course of action would be for Merlin to have FHO (hip replacement) surgery. First, Merlin was placed into a loving foster home where he would undergo his heartworm treatment. Now that his heartworm treatment is complete, Merlin is finally able to get his FHO surgery. This surgery will give Merlin the chance to walk and play pain free! Merlin's care totaled over \$2300. Please donate to help cover this sweet boy's medical expenses!



Meet DeeDee!

She is an American Staffordshire Terrier/Plott Hound and she is 5 years old.

DeeDee came to AHS from a high-kill shelter in Tennessee in March 2022. Upon arrival, DeeDee was limping on her right rear leg. She was immediately sent to one of our veterinarians for a full examination and x-rays. The doctor informed us that DeeDee had a grade 3/4 luxating patella and a chronic dislocated right hip. DeeDee needed FHO surgery as well as surgery to fix her knee. First, she had the FHO surgery and once healed, they went back in to fix her luxating patella.

Now DeeDee is healed and enjoying her life pain free! She loves to run, sometimes she will even have the "zoomies". DeeDee knows "sit" and keeps her kennel clean at the shelter. She loves to play, wouldn't you love to play with me. She is super playful and affectionate. She is sometimes shy at first when meeting people but she warms up quickly and loves to give kisses! Both surgeries totaled \$3700.

Can you help this beautiful girl?



Pins Fur Paws

Where: Bowl-Hi Lanes
10520 N Route 47
Huntley

When: Friday, February 17, 2023

Cost: \$50/ticket
includes 2 hours bowling,
shoe rental, pizza
and a drink

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