

President's Letter

Spring is almost here and with that comes many events to get excited about! With the start of our shelter expansion starting soon, we need support now more than ever and there are so many ways to be a part of this amazing and lifesaving event. From purchasing naming rights to purchasing bricks, trees, or benches in a loved one's name, in your own name, in honor of a cherished pet, or as a birthday present! If you are looking for ways to get involved in person, attending and supporting our fundraising events is one of the best ways to contribute to our lifesaving efforts. With the return of our Tails and Ales event and Dash for the Dogs 5k run/walk, we are so excited to see all the familiar and new faces who want to help make these fundraising events a huge success for homeless animals. We are in need of sponsors, volunteers, and vendors for many of our events coming up. Please contact us if you think you can help! If you would prefer to help from the comfort of your own home, we need foster homes more than ever to be able to accept more animals from high-kill facilities. Please fill out a foster application today.

Thank you for caring about homeless dogs and cats and supporting Animal House Shelter.

Sincerely,
Zesty Arwin
President

Cupid's Journey



Cupid came to AHS from southern Illinois with his mom and 8 siblings when he was only 4 weeks old. This sweet guy is the runt of his litter. While in foster care, the family noticed that Cupid was not developing like his siblings. He slept much more than the others, wasn't as playful, and wasn't gaining weight. He seemed very weak and was not alert. He was sent to one of our veterinarians for a full

examination. The vet ran full bloodwork, took radiographs, and ran a respiratory panel. Cupid's bloodwork showed he was severely anemic and it was recommended he go to the ER. Cupid was rushed to the University of Madison where he was diagnosed with intrahepatic portosystemic shunt (this causes his liver to not function properly). Since Madison does not specialize in the type of intervention needed, Cupid was sent home with medication (one to reduce ammonia levels and one to prevent seizures) and put on a special liver formulated diet. We have reached out to the University of Illinois for further treatment. Once Cupid gains some weight and his ammonia levels are under 200, he can get scheduled to go to U of I for a CT scan. With the CT scan they will be able to make recommendations and estimates for appropriate interventions. Cupid's medical bills so far have totaled \$1,100. Please consider donating to this sweet boy's care.

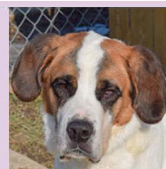
Operation Frozen Sorrow

Our partner, Animal Rescue Corps, saved 44 dogs from a Kentucky home on January 14th. Officials were made aware of the situation when the tenant was hospitalized. The tenant claimed to be running a rescue called "Everything's Going to be Alright Rescue and Rehabilitation". After the house caught fire last year, the tenant and her four small children moved into a trailer on the property, leaving the dogs alone in the dilapidated house. When rescuers arrived on site, they found several dogs in kennels outside in the icy cold temperatures with little to no shelter. Many of the dogs inside the home were kept in tiny, damaged crates, while other dogs were running loose. Inside the home, you could see your breath because it was so cold. The residence was covered in urine, feces, mice, and garbage. The animals had no food or water. Three dogs were found deceased; two dogs were frozen solid. The living dogs were suffering from infection, parasites, tumors, skin disease, eye infections, anemia, and all were starving. AHS stepped up and took in many of these dogs. Please consider donating so we can continue to help animals like them.

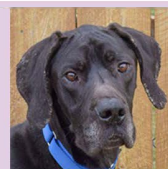


Photos by Aimee Stubbs - ARC

AHS Survivors of Frozen Sorrow



Hanley



Max

Out of the Box

Just days after the rescue in Kentucky, our partner, Animal Rescue Corps was on the ground in Missouri as a commercial breeding operation was shut down. Forty-six chihuahuas were living in awful conditions. Adult dogs and puppies were found living in small dark hutches filled with cobwebs and wasp nests. Others were running loose in the home on the property. These dogs were being bred for profit with very little regard to their health or wellbeing. AHS stepped up and took several of these dogs. Please consider donating so we can continue to save pets just like these.

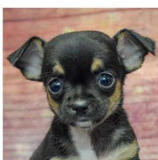


Photos by Animal Rescue Corps

AHS Survivors of Out of the Box



Valentino



Morena



Perez



Flores

Vinnie's Emergency Room Visits



Sweet Vinnie was adopted from AHS as a baby. He was sadly returned 2 years later when his family said his disposition had changed. Shortly after his return, staff noticed Vinnie was straining to urinate. The small amount of urine that passed was tinged with blood. He was immediately started on antibiotics. Even with the antibiotics, poor Vinnie was still straining. He was rushed to the emergency room where he was diagnosed

with a urinary blockage. The best course of action was to place a urinary catheter to relieve the obstruction and empty the bladder. The procedure was a success and Vinnie began to urinate on his own. Per discharge instructions, we were to keep a close eye on Vinnie in case he were to become re-obstructed. Two days later Vinnie was struggling to urinate and was sent back to the ER. Vinnie once again had a catheter placed to remove the blockage. Vinnie is feeling much better and has started a special urinary diet which will help decrease crystal-forming tendencies. Vinnie's ER visits totaled \$2,065. Can you help?

Upcoming Events - Register now to SAVE your spot

Want to sponsor or be a vendor at any of our events?
Or donate items for raffle baskets?

Contact: cindy@animalhouseshelter.com or call 630-669-9651

Shamrock Run

When: March 16, 2024

Times: Lucky Dog Run 8:30am

Shamrock Beer Run 11:30am

Where: Busse Woods, Elk Grove Village

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/bdenkv9v>



Tails and Ales

When: April 25, 2024

Where: More Brewing Company

13980 Automall Dr. * Huntley

Time: 5:00pm-9:00pm

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/3mxuuw2k>



Dash for Dogs 5K Run/Walk & 1-Mile Family Fun Walk

When: May 19, 2024

Time: 6:15am - 11:00am

Where: Citizens Park, 511 Lake Zurich Rd.
Barrington

Cost: Pre-Registration: \$35 until 4/15/24

Pre-Registration: \$40 4/16-5/18/24

Day of Race: \$50

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4fntsuu3>



Putt for Paws

When: July 26, 2024

Where: Makray Memorial Golf Club,

1010 S. Northwest Hwy., Barrington

Time: 12pm Shotgun start 5pm Dinner

Costs: \$250 / golfer or \$900 / foursome

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/mr4c5u5k>



PawFest 2024 - Free Admission

When: August 3, 2024 * Times: 11am-4pm

Where: Deicke Park, Huntley

For More Info:

<https://www.animalhouseshelter.com/pawfest/>



Pins Fur Paws



When: November 8, 2024 * Time:
6:30pm-11:00pm

Where: Bowlero Deer Park * 21080 N. Rand Rd
Lake Zurich

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/bddtdnm5>

KitNipBox

Welcome your new purr pal with a monthly box of goodies!



Sign up today at [kitnipbox.com](https://www.kitnipbox.com) with coupon code: AHS2002
KitNipBox will make a \$20 donation to Animal House Shelter
and you'll save 15% off your first box!



The Expansion is Near!

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 65,000 dogs and cats.

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



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 the animals coming to our organization from high-kill facilities throughout the year. In addition, this clinic will provide low-cost vaccinations, microchips, and spaying and neutering to all communities in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago.

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.
- Added volunteer center to accommodate the many volunteers that we have.

Donate Today

We rely on donations to help us fulfill our mission of saving as many pets as possible.

www.animalhouseshelter.com/donate/

Interested in Donating Materials?

Let us know at expansion@animalhouseshelter.com
We will gladly accept donations of building materials to help us expand the shelter. Some materials specifically needed are:

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

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
- Training Center: \$150,000 – SPONSORED
- Feline, Bird and Butterfly Garden: \$125,000 –SPONSORED
- 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 – 4 out of 10 SPONSORED (other 6 to be done Phase 2)
- Sanctuary Rooms (8): \$5,000 each – 3 out of 8 SPONSORED (to be done in Phase 2)
- Tribute Bricks: 4x8 – \$150 each or 8x8- \$300 each
- Tribute Bench: \$1,500 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:
email: expansion@animalhouseshelter.com or call:
847-951-2066

Gentle and Kind Cola



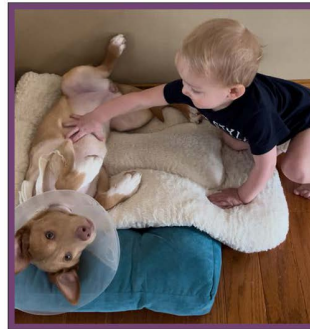
Cola arrived at AHS in November when he was only 7 months old. Upon arrival, staff noticed that Cola was limping on his rear leg. He was immediately scheduled to be seen by one of our veterinarians for a full examination and x-rays. The veterinarian determined that Cola would need FHO (hip replacement) surgery. This injury was most likely caused by Cola being hit by a car. On January 3rd, he went in for his surgery. Cola's procedure was a success and he is healing well. Cola's surgery totaled \$2,657. Please consider helping with Cola's medical bills.

Pins Fur Paw - February 2024

Thank you to everyone who participated in or donated to our annual Pins for Paws! It was a HUGE success and we could not have done it without you.



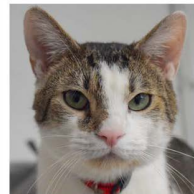
Tinsel's Tragic Break



On January 20th, AHS was contacted about a sweet puppy being attacked by another dog and was in desperate need of urgent medical care. We acted quickly and sent Tinsel to the emergency room, where they took x-rays and administered pain medication. Tinsel was diagnosed with a spiral fracture of the left humerus that was so severe that she would need to see an orthopedic specialist. On January 23rd, Tinsel went to the University of Madison for a full examination. The specialist recommended surgery where they would place a bone plate and a series of screws to stabilize the fracture. Tinsel went in for surgery the very next day. She is out of surgery and healing very well in her foster home. Tinsel's medical bills totaled \$5,000. Please consider donating to Tinsel's urgent surgery.

Fosters Urgently Needed

Fostering allows our canine companions and feline friends to thrive in a home setting where they are less stressed and can benefit from additional socialization. So whether you're a dog person or a cat person, Animal House Shelter has a fostering opportunity for you!



Presenting Tofu! This gentleman is a four-year-old tabby domestic short hair. Tofu is quite calm and is fond of affection. He welcomes the presence of fellow feline buddies, enjoys being groomed, and adores snuggling beneath his blankets. Tofu was surrendered to us at no fault of his own after having a previous home. He is also litter box trained.



Introducing Dash, a friendly dog who excels with structure and training. He is 80lbs and 5 years old. This cuddly buddy is more than a pet; he would be an extremely loyal part of the family. Dash is consistently enthusiastic about learning and is motivated by food. This adorable canine, with a kind heart and lively spirit, is sure to bring happiness and warmth to your home. Dash would thrive in a cat-free household.



This pretty girl came to AHS when her owners sadly had to move and couldn't take her with. Cicero is extremely stressed out at the shelter, and would love to find a quiet home where she can relax. Once she comes out of her shell and gains your trust she is very loving. Could Cicero be your purr-fect companion.

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