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President's Letter

Since opening our doors in 2002, Animal House Shelter has rescued over 48,000 homeless animals providing them with shelter, veterinary care, and love until they can find a forever home. Many of these animals come from abusive homes and our shelter is a haven for them, when they need it most. This is only made possible through the generous funding we have received from caring animal supporters like you. This year we are specifically seeking donations to fund our facility expansion project.

One of the hardest parts of my job is to ask good people like you – friends who have a charitable heart, but have so many competing needs for their hard earned dollars – to spare a little extra for needy animals. But, as president of Animal House Shelter I'm facing one of the greatest challenges of my life. It breaks my heart to say that we are full to overflowing while the need for our services is growing more every day. I never want to look into an animal's eyes – an animal that has been hurt and abandoned – and turn them away simply due to a lack of space.

I hope that you will be able to join in funding the much needed facility expansion project. We are specifically seeking donations of \$100 or more but we will highly appreciate your support in any amount. You can use the return envelope provided to send a Check (Payable to "Animal House Shelter"), or you can donate online at www.animalhouseshelter.com/donate-now/ Any support will be highly appreciated by us and the animals we provide a service to.

Sincerely

Lesley Irwin

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President & Founder
Animal House Shelter, Inc

Ritz

On a cold day in December, we received a call that broke our hearts: a black female pit had been abandoned in an empty apartment in Chicago. We quickly arranged for a transport to get her to safety. On the way to the shelter, she ate some Ritz crackers, and the name stuck. When she first came to us, Ritz was a heartbreaking sight to see. She was so emaciated that our vet estimated she would have not made it another day without our intervention. She also had a collar deeply embedded into her neck and scars all over her body. Despite all of the abuse she had suffered at the hands of humans, Ritz could not be any sweeter if she tried. With some much needed TLC, Ritz has flourished and showered everyone she meets with love. We can rescue more dogs like Ritz with your generous donations.



Miss Maple



Poor Maple has had some rough breaks. When we first met Maple, she was homeless and had just been hit by a car. The driver that hit her didn't bother to stop and left her as she lay on the street injured and helpless. Finally, a good samaritan stopped and took her for veterinary care for her leg, which was broken in several places.

While healing, Maple fell off a porch and broke another leg! Both have now healed and this poor girl is finally ready for a permanent, loving home. Please consider making a donation to sponsor her medical costs.

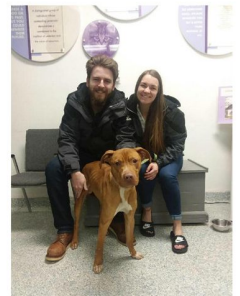


Tango Gets His Groove Back



Tango was, literally, skin and bones when he arrived at AHS. We estimate he may have not eaten for weeks, and he was starved for affection as much as he was starved for food. After receiving excellent care at AHS, he was

back to his normal weight and energy levels. Soon afterwards, a family from Michigan saw Tango on the AHS website, fell in love and drove for 5 hours to adopt him. Thanks to AHS and this loving Michigan family, Tango will never again know neglect and starvation.

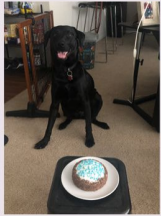


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Happy Tails

We adopted Dawson on March 24, 2018 when he was about 15 weeks old. Dawson's permanent name is Ernie and he is just over a year old. He lives with our 3 ½ year old and 6 month old and is AMAZING with these little ones. He has no idea how big he is – a gigantic 90 lb. puppy. We affectionately call him our dingo. Our circus wouldn't be complete without him – **The Hummel family**



We adopted Apollo on February 3, 2017 and we did not change his name. He has been a perfect addition to our little family and we consider ourselves lucky to have him in our lives. He is our favorite part of coming home after work each day. He's so energetic and fills the room with light. He's also very sassy and gives us lots of laughs! Thanks to AHS for bringing him into our lives! – **The Schluckebier Family**

Stugots, formally Sapphire, was adopted in the summer of 2013. She has been a wonderful addition to our family and even does well with the two children that came after her. :) – **The Gonnella family**



I just wanted to take the time to give you an update on Bowie! We adopted him June 24, 2017 and it has been love ever since! My (now) 4 year old is so attached to him, they are the best friends! We were told that he is a lab/hound mix, but we are thinking a lab/ Irish Setter. He gets complimented on how good of a dog he is and how beautiful as well every time we go somewhere. We found out I was pregnant a week after adoption and welcomed his baby brother last March. I can't say enough great things about his temperament, he truly is such a good boy! With being in the house with toddlers and a baby he has never nipped, growled or anything, we couldn't have asked for a better match for our family! We recently adopted another puppy (Stormi) and he loves having another dog in our home, always playing and so gentle even though he comes in at around 75 pounds! – **The Morrison Family**

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Volunteer!

Are you looking for more ways to support your favorite shelter? Consider volunteering! There are tons of opportunities for all levels of commitment. You can walk dogs, help out at the front desk, do donation pickups, attend fun events, hold a donation drive, and more. Visit animalhouseshelter.com/volunteer for more information.

Or come to an upcoming volunteer meeting to hear more!

May 18th from 11am-12pm and June 22nd from 11am-12pm
Algonquin Public Library (Main Branch)
2600 Harnish Drive
Algonquin, IL 60102

Long Term

These animals have been looking high and low for their perfect families. Meet them today!



Rosie

Rosie is a gorgeous and fun-loving girl who would be a great addition to any family. She was a wonderful mama to her 8 ADORABLE puppies and is now looking for her forever home! She lived with 5 – 7 year-old girls in her foster home and Rosie loved them! She is completely housebroken and doesn't require kenneling as she's such a good girl!

Carl

Carl is a special needs dog with a fractured spine. Unfortunately, the vet says there is nothing that can be done for his injury. He is extremely sweet and just wants a loving home. According to his foster family, he loves other dogs, children of all ages, is very gentle, eager to please, playful, has a great personality, is excellent on car rides, craves attention and loves to snuggle!



Zoey

Zoey is a sweet cat who loves all people and other cats. Her favorite thing is getting scratched and rubbed by anyone who comes to meet her. If you give her scratches, she will pay you back in love.

Charlene

Charlene prefers adult companions and the quiet solitude of a calm home. She would be happiest if you would make her the one and only animal in your family.



2019 Can't Miss Events!

For each shelter hosted event you attend, you are saving the life of an animal. Our events allow us to raise the money to keep our doors open 365 days a year.

Dash for the Dogs – Sunday, May 19, 2019

Check-in: 6:15-7:45am, 5K run/walk

8:00am, 1M family fun run/walk 9:45am

Citizen's Park, 511 Lake Zurich Rd,

Barrington, IL 60010

Pre-registration \$35, Day of registration \$40

Sign up now: www.animalhouseshelter.com/dash



Porkies BBQ Fundraiser – Friday, June 14, 2019



Unlimited BBQ and non-alcoholic beverages

6:00-9:00pm

Porkies Pig Roast, 2245 S Eastwood Dr,

Woodstock, IL 60098

Adults \$15, Children \$10

Buy tickets now: www.animalhouseshelter.com/porkies

Putt for Paws Golf Outing – Thursday, June 27, 2019

Check in: 10:00am, Shotgun Start

11:00am, Raffle and auctions start at

4:00pm, dinner 6:00pm

Chevy Chase Country Club, 1000 N.

Milwaukee Ave, Wheeling, IL 60090

\$250 per person or \$900 per foursome,

Dinner only tickets \$50 per person

Sign up now: <https://whynotgolf.com/puttforpaws>



Cause for Paws Dinner & Fundraiser – Thursday, June 27, 2019

following Putt for Paws Golf outing

Raffle and auctions start at 4:00pm and dinner at 6:00pm, with

cocktail hour in between

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

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\$50 per a person

Buy tickets now: <https://whynotgolf.com/puttforpaws>

PAWfest – Saturday, August 3, 2019

12-4pm, FREE entry

Deicke Park, 11419 S IL Route 47, Huntley, IL 60142

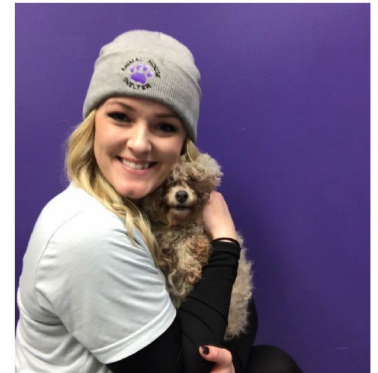
Music, games, adopter's reunions, food and drinks for purchase and more

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

Animal House Goes International

Animal House Shelter has partnered with Humane Society International to help rescue dogs from dog meat farms in South Korea. That's right.... dogs raised for human consumption!! While all animals nationwide and internationally need help, we decided to open our shelter to these babies who were among nearly 200 dogs and puppies rescued from a South Korean dog meat farm that the Humane Society International shut down last month. . These animals were in heart-wrenching condition when they arrived to AHS. One dog, named Heidi, needed to have one of her eyes and several teeth removed because of infections that had been long neglected. Other dogs were malnourished and will need work on socialization to heal from their past lives.

Once rescued, these dogs typically need a lot of rehabilitation and medical care. **WE CAN'T DO THIS WORK WITHOUT YOUR HELP.** Please consider donating to Animal House Shelter. Your donations will help to care for the animals we have and allow us to save other suffering creatures from being consumed as a meal.



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



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Shelter Cat Tales - from sad beginnings to a few happy endings...



Chap was an old stray, brought to Animal House heavily battle scarred and so frightened that he was literally frozen in place in his cage, not even moving to eat or use a litter box. After several days, a volunteer took him home and patiently worked with him, showering him with love until memories of a once-loved cat slowly returned to him. Chap's true personality emerged into a happy, affectionate boy enjoying his senior years in his forever home.

The **"Boxcar Kids"** were an assortment of 8 seemingly related orange tabbies who were abandoned at AHS in very poor condition in a plastic storage bin. Thanks to the shelter's excellent care, all regained their health and were adopted except one, Jessie, who's still looking for her forever family.

Dean is a shy, handsome little boy who's living in a cage at AHS, while all his litter mates have gone to loving homes. The volunteers have been giving him lots of attention and affection, which he seems to enjoy. But, he still needs someone with much love to give and lots of patience to bring him totally out of his shell.



Chad & Charlie are a bonded pair of sweet 8 year old's who were adopted as kittens & just recently given up by their owner. On a special diet, they are confined to a large cage in the cat room, hoping that someone will open their hearts and give them a truly forever home.

Ginny

Ginny came to Animal House Shelter with two of her puppies, Valentino and Sweetheart. When she was evaluated upon arrival, we learned she had been severely beaten. Poor Ginny had front shoulder damage, broken ribs and her front leg will need to be amputated as it can no longer function; it just dangles. According to our vet, such horrific injuries could only have been caused by repeated abuse. Ginny is a sweet girl and is starting to trust us but, understandably, she is still very timid. With time, healing and lots of love we know her personality will shine through. We look forward to seeing her placed into a forever home.



The support of caring people like you allow us to rescue Ginny, and others like her, from a life of pain and suffering. There is still so much more work to do. Please donate today and give another abused animal a way out of its misery.



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