



**ANIMAL  
HOUSE  
SHELTER**

# Fuzz Buzz

Fall/Winter 2024

## President's Letter

### Hello Everyone!

We are so excited to announce that Phase One of our shelter expansion will be completed in December, and we could not have done it without your support! While the building for this first phase will be finished, we are going to need help from our supporters to get up and running in our new space. We are in search of a Veterinarian and Veterinary Technicians who want to be involved in our state-of-the-art Veterinary Clinic in the new building. If you are interested, please email your resume to [expansion@animalhouseshelter.com](mailto:expansion@animalhouseshelter.com). Additionally, we will need more volunteers and fosters than ever before and will have many exciting new volunteer opportunities. You can now book birthday parties, craft days, movie nights, and much more on our website, all to be held in the brand-new Children's Education Center. We are working diligently to raise funds for Phase Two, where additional kennel space and sanctuary rooms will be built, helping us increase the number of animals we can save each year. If you are able to contribute, please consider making a donation to help us achieve this lifesaving goal. Please also make sure to check out and mark your calendars for all the exciting upcoming events, including our Grand Opening on June 7th, 2025! Thank you for being there for dogs and cats in need and for supporting Animal House Shelter.

Sincerely,

President



### Toph the Resilient Cat

Toph and his littermates arrived at AHS from a high-kill shelter in Illinois at 8 weeks old. Toph had severe eye infections, and his left eye was unusually small. After treatment with antibiotic drops and a visit to an ophthalmologist, it was found that Toph had no functional vision but could perceive light in his right eye. Despite efforts to save it, Toph eventually lost light perception, and both eyes were removed to ensure his comfort. Now fully recovered, Toph is a sweet, resilient kitten. His eye care totaled \$2,500. Can you help?

## From Uncertainty to Hope

On August 15th, our partner, Animal Rescue Corps, responded to a puppy mill closure in Oklahoma, rescuing 67 dogs, including English Bulldogs, Bichons, Shih Tzus, Papillons, and more. Puppy mills are breeding operations that prioritize profit over animal welfare, resulting in severe neglect and untreated health issues for the dogs.

Animal House Shelter has taken in over 30 of these dogs, all of whom share a common thread of uncertainty. Though they clearly yearn for contact and affection, their hesitation and confusion highlight the effects of their previous lives of isolation and neglect. They are slowly adjusting, receiving the medical care they need, and getting ready to find the loving homes they truly deserve.

Among them are dogs facing serious health challenges, such as mammary tumors, vaginal hyperplasia, hernias, dental issues, and pregnancy. Your donations are essential to provide the ongoing medical care they need and support their journey to recovery and adoption.



Photo by Animal Rescue Corps

## Donate Today

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

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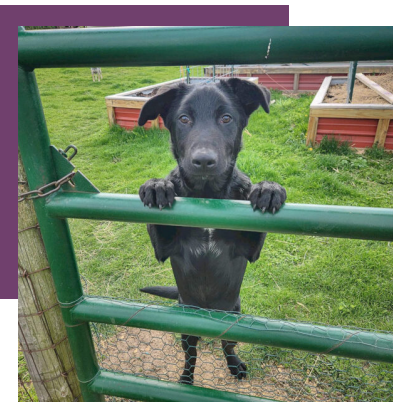
### Tyson Bagent Ambassador for Animal House Shelter

Animal House Shelter is excited to welcome Chicago Bear's quarterback Tyson Bagent as their official ambassador. A lifelong dog lover and advocate for animal welfare, Bagent will use his platform to support the shelter's mission of rescuing animals from high-kill shelters.

"My own dog, Kane Issac, was a huge part of my life, and I honor his memory by supporting this important work," Bagent shared. Known for his underdog story, he aims to uplift those in need both on and off the field.

As ambassador, Bagent will participate in fundraising and community outreach. "We are thrilled to have Tyson Bagent with us," said Lesley Irwin, CEO and Founder. "His passion for animals will inspire our community to help achieve our mission." Come see Tyson and Travis Bagent at the Grand Opening of our shelter on June 7, 2025

### Cupid's Miraculous Recovery



Cupid arrived at AHS with his mom and eight siblings when he was just 4 weeks old. At 2 months old, he was diagnosed with an intrahepatic portosystemic shunt, a condition that impairs liver function. He was sent home with medication to manage ammonia levels and prevent seizures, along with a special diet designed to support liver health. The plan was to wait

until he was 8 months old and adequately grown to undergo surgery that would significantly extend his lifespan. Without this surgery, Cupid would face liver failure and likely have a maximum lifespan of just 2 years.

Cupid has undergone surgery to place a stent and coils designed to improve blood flow through his liver and enhance its function. Over the next few months, he is expected to gain weight, experience increased energy, improve muscle development, and enjoy a longer, healthier life. Cupid's surgery will total approximately \$7,800.

Please consider donating to his much-needed surgery.

### Upcoming Events - December 2024-July 2025

Want to **sponsor** or be a **vendor** at any of our events?  
Or donate items for raffle baskets?  
Contact: [cindy@animalhouseshelter.com](mailto:cindy@animalhouseshelter.com)  
or call 630.669.9651



### Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus

When: Sat., Dec. 7 & Dec. 14 - Sun., Dec. 8 & Dec. 15  
Times: Sat. 10am-2pm - Sun. 12pm-4pm  
Where: Bentley's Pet Stuff  
1492 S. Randall Rd., Algonquin  
Cost: \$25/one digital family photo, 15 min. session  
\$5/each additional digital photo  
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4sf5thd7>

### FORE the Love of PAWS

When: Sat., Jan. 11, 2025 - Time: 1pm - 4pm  
Where: The Links Golf and Sports Bar,  
2116 E. Grand Ave., Lindenhurst  
Cost: \$55.00 for Adults and \$35.00 for Kids  
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/59e2f6um>



### Pins Fur Paws

When: Sat., Feb. 1, 2025 - Time: 12:30pm-4:00pm  
Where: Bowl Hi  
10520 N. IL-47, Huntley  
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/trnycdv5>



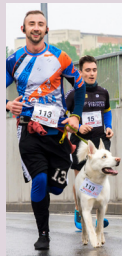
### Pictures with the Easter Bunny

When: Sat., Mar. 29, 2025 & Sun., Mar. 30, 2025  
Times: Sat., 10am-2pm & Sun., 12pm-4pm  
Where: Bentley's Pet Stuff  
1492 S. Randall Rd., Algonquin  
Cost: \$25/one digital family photo, 15 min. session  
\$5/each additional digital photo  
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4zb7b223>



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

When: Sun., May 18, 2025  
Times: Check-in: 6:15am-7:45am Race: 8:00am-9:30am  
Where: Citizens Park,  
511 Lake Zurich Rd., Barrington  
Cost: \$35 pre-registration now until 4/15/25  
\$40 pre-registration 4/16/25 - 5/17/25  
\$50 Day of Race - 5/18/25 - Children under 10 - FREE  
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/4mfmeszh>



### Animal House Shelter - Grand Opening

When: Sat., June 7, 2025 - Time: 4pm-10pm  
Where: Animal House Shelter  
13005 Ernesti Rd., Huntley  
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/5d4rkuc8>



### Putt for Paws

When: Fri., July 18, 2025  
Time: 12pm Shotgun start - 5:30pm Dinner  
Where: Makray Memorial Golf Club  
1010 S. Northwest Hwy., Barrington  
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfk6v89>



## Phase 1 - Opening Soon



### Children's Education Center

We are excited to announce the opening of Animal House Shelter's brand-new Children's Education Center! This vibrant space is designed to inspire and educate young animal lovers, providing a perfect setting for fun and engaging activities. The room will be available to book for a variety of events, including craft days, Boy and Girl Scout meetings, and even kids' birthday parties. It's a wonderful way for children to learn more about animal care while enjoying a memorable and interactive experience. Book your experience now for this exciting new space!



### AHS Top Donors 2023-2024

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## Interested in Donating Materials?

Let us know at [expansion@animalhouseshelter.com](mailto: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
- Memorial Tribute 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: 4" x 8" \$150 each; or 8" x 8" \$300 each
- Tribute Bench: \$1,500 each
- Tribute Tree with plaque: \$1,000 each
- Tribute Tree without plaque: \$750 each



Make a lasting impact and honor your loved ones with a tribute through Animal House Shelter. You can purchase a **Brick**, **Bench**, or **Tree** as a heartfelt dedication to a family member, friend, or pet. Bricks are available in two sizes: 4" x 8" and 8" x 8".

Purchase a Brick, Bench, or Tree and leave a lasting legacy today!  
Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/4y4udr4m>



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