# The Pet Gazette The Greater Huntsville Humane Society

#### A no-kill shelter re-homing displaced pets and completing families since 1969

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# We Have a New Website!

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It's time for a little change! GHHS just launched a brand-new website at www.ghhs.org. We worked with a freelance designer and pulled in many staff hours to get it just right.

# One Weekly Act of Kindness

Behind every animal sanctuary is a dedicated network of donors. Some donate their time, others donate their services, and yet others donate a small, yet steady, stream of love.

Meet Donna and Raul Briseno. They bring two bags of dog food to GHHS every week, and they've done this since they moved to Huntsville 2 years ago. Every Wednesday, they walk in with their bags, say hello to staff and new animals, then go on with their day.

They treat this like any other weekly appointment, yet their unfailing loyalty has provided over 5000 lbs, enough food for countless dogs that might otherwise go hungry.

When asked why they continue to do this, Donna downplays their role. "When we lived in Iowa, we always donated to the Humane Society up there. We wanted to continue doing that, but weren't sure where. We visited GHHS one day and liked what we saw."

"We love the facility, the people are so nice, and the animals aren't all caged up. Some cats greet you when you walk in and sometimes there are little dogs at the front desk," Donna continued. With a Yorkie at home, the Brisenos have always been advocates for adoption.

"When we come in, we also look at all the dogs. If

The new site has a revised donation form, easier volunteer application, and a special thrift store page. Please explore and let us know what you think! Any comments or suggestions can be sent to info@ghhs.org.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit no-kill shelter, GHHS relies solely on private donors to fund all of our life-saving As a Successful an one provide the second second second second second and second second and second s

- 1. Donate online. You can choose an honor or memorial donation, or even set an automatic monthly Mail in a check made out to GHHS. Send to: Greater Huntsville Humane Society, 2812 Johnson
- Road SW, Huntsville AL 35805.
- 3. Sponsor an animal and reserve a personalized plaque to be placed on a cage for a year. 4. Donate a car. We work with CARS, a specialty program that sells donated cars and gives GHHS a
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  Purchase supplies from our Amazon Wishlist.

Ways to Donate



I see a cute one, I'll call around and tell my neighbors that they need to come down to see it," said Donna. "Once, we saw the cutest little dogs, they were bonded and their owner had died so they needed to stay together. My neighbors went down to the shelter and adopted the pair.

"I would tell everyone to donate. It's just the right thing to do."

# **Board of Directors**

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# Letter from the Executive Director

Summer is here and we are very excited about all the great things that are going on here at the Greater Huntsville Humane Society.

Our GHHS dogs are certainly enjoying their outdoor kennels with freshly installed footing. The dogs seem to think these areas are racing strips that were specifically designed for them. Little do the dogs know that this new improvement was to allow them to go outside and play right after it rains!

With the new season, we have an increasing number of volunteers that are coming to walk,



enrich and socialize our adult dogs to enable them to find their perfect new homes. Thank you so much to our new volunteers!

We are about to begin our very popular annual Pet Photo Contest, both online and at Parkway Place Mall. Online entries will begin July 15th. We will have our beautiful new book, <u>Second Chances: Rescue Dogs of Madison</u> <u>County</u>, available for sale at the mall during the event too! The Pet Photo Contest provides money to keep our doors open to care for all of the animals, whether sick, injured or just left behind, until they find their new forever homes.

Our King's Community Kitchen program is supplemented by a the general public, as well as multiple private companies. A recurring donation from Big Heart Pet Food in Decatur has increased this year to more than 1000 pounds donated each month.

We are also very grateful to everyone who contributes food for this program either as one bag at a time, through pet food for the program instead of gifts at birthday parties, or by collecting in a yearly food drive like Bancorp South and Pinnacle Solutions. We anticipate that we will be able to give out more than 30,000 pounds of food this year to help keep even more animals in their own homes!

In closing, please remember to support the Greater Huntsville Humane Society with your donations. Your support of our shelter, whether as a volunteer, a donor, or an adopter, is critical. Come by and visit the animals, staff and volunteers at the shelter and thrift store. You may find a new treasure or even better- a new companion and friend this year!

Warren H. Candler Executive Director

# Eliminate teathering, for everyone's sake

By Katerra Martin, Attorney-at-Law

They range in age from 68 to two. They live in places as far as California and Texas, Ohio and Florida. What do these nine people have in common?

In a single two-week period earlier this year, all were attacked by dogs who were kept chained outdoors. Some of them were attacked by their own family dogs; others were merely passing by at the moment the dog broke free. One was a child who used to play with the chained-up family pet. He was attacked because the starving dog smelled cereal in a bowl the boy carried. Two of the people died. Others require on-going surgeries.

These attacks were not entirely the dogs' fault. When people chain and neglect their dogs, the dogs are subjected to untreated medical issues, injury, and starvation and dehydration, all sometimes fatal. Too-tight collars become embedded in their necks, they hang themselves accidently when their chain gets caught, or their water freezes during a cold snap. They develop aggression from the loneliness and extreme boredom. Dogs have a strong drive to be part of a pack, to have a safe home, to love and be loved. That is what makes their lives worth living. They are not meant to be forced into isolation or to live at the end of a chain.

This "traditional" practice of keeping dogs outside, penned, or chained destroys not just the lives of the animals, but also threatens the lives of family members, neighbors, and anyone else who happens by. Studies have shown that a socialized dog, one who is brought into the home and the family, is three times less likely to attack than a chained dog.

Talk to those neighbors whose chained dog you see every day. Don't turn away from them, for your sake and theirs.

Demand an end to throwaway, junkyard dogs. Get more information at <u>http://dogsdeservebetter.org/</u>. Then help us join the 19 states and nearly 200 communities across the country that ban or severely limit chaining. Visit <u>https://www.change.org/ petitions/1498302</u> for Madison County or <u>https://www.change.org/ petitions/1498319</u> for Morgan County.

# Shelter Wish List

#### For The Pets

- Dog & cat toys
- Cat trees and condos
- New DVDs for our cat room
- Premium Pellet cat litter
- Canvas tarps

#### For The Shelter

- Storage rack
- Cleaning supplies: dish soap, laundry detergent, hand soap, etc.
- Paper towels
- Copier paper
- Toilet paper
- Bottled water for our events
- Garbage bags (all sizes)
- Hand sanitizer (large bottles)

We have an Amazon Wish List, where you can log on and purchase supplies from the convenience of your own home. Check out our list today!



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MADDIE'S FUND The Pet Rescue Foundation www.maddiesfund.org

### Why Donate to GHHS?

The GHHS relies solely on private donors to fund all of our programs and services. We do not receive any federal tax money and we are not affiliated with any other humane organization in the United States. When you donate to the GHHS, your money stays in the community and helps displaced pets in the Greater Huntsville area.

Not only does your monetary donation help unwanted and orphaned pets find new homes, it also helps rehabilitate injured animals, educate the public about pet overpopulation, and provide help for those struggling to keep their pets.

# Pitch In Pets

Pitch In pets are special needs animals with treatable conditions. Please consider donating to help out Buddy and many of the other deserving Pitch-In Pets at GHHS!

#### May: Buddy



Buddy is a 5-year-old beautiful black-and-white cat with a terrible case of arthritis in his front legs and shoulders. He requires monthly injections for pain management and mobility.

Please consider donating towards his care. Go to ghhs.org/donate and select "Pitch-In Pet Fund."

# Ready to Adopt

These pets are ready to go home tomorrow! Come see our wonderful adult animals and give them a second chance at a forever home.



#### Lacey

Lacey is a six-year-old grey tabby who loves nothing more than cuddling in your lap. She also finds the most comfy spots for naps, and will wait politely for treats. She's the sweetest cat we know, and she would be a great addition to any family.



### Dimples

Dimples is a three-year-old hound/ pointer mix with a beautiful white ticked coat. She's got energy and love to spare, and takes her ball everywhere. She would be great for a young family or energetic couple.

### April: Corky



Corky is a Schipperke mix who loves squeaky toys and is now recovering from a severe case of heartworms.

With your donations in April, Corky has received expensive and thorough care, and he will be available for adoption soon!

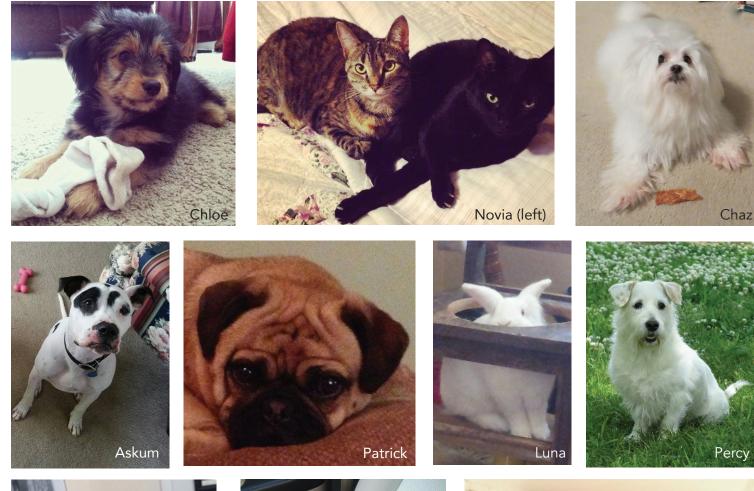
### March: Elmo



Elmo is a playful kitten with a chronic sinus infection. He required daily medications and specialized medical equipment, which GHHS purchased with help from your donations.

Thank you so much for your donations towards Elmo's care!

# Awesome Adoptions!

















# Donations, Honors & Memorials

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We greatly appreciate all of our private donors. These names represent a small portion of our dedicated community support, and we cannot thank them enough.

Thanks again to our many supporters, and thank you for allowing us to honor your names and your beloved pets.

To donate to a general fund, or as an honor or memorial, go to <u>ghhs.org/donate</u>

You can select a specific fund (like the Pitch-In Pet Fund) or designate an honoree.

You can also donate by mailing a check made out to GHHS to 2812 Johnson Road, Huntsville AL 35802.

The GHHS is dedicated to furthering the humane care and treatment of animals and providing adoption for the unwanted and homeless.

GHHS is a non-profit 501(c)3 no-kill organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

### Memorials

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In Memory of:	Given by:	In Memory of:	Given by:
Angel, beloved pet of Susan Smith	Anne & George Schlendering	Lisa Ann Hoard Johnson	Outpatient Surgery Unit Co-workers & Physicians
Aunt Pauline	Emeline & Daniel McCoy	Lynx Quicksilver	Huntsville English
Thomas Billings	Katherine & John Oftenloch	Maggie Mag, balayed dag of	Country Dancers Ann Buffaloe
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Austin King		Mark Vollmer	Emily Saile
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Bonnie, beloved dog of Beth	Rebecca & Milton Stover	Williamson	-
& David Buckelew		Michael Combs	George & Shannon King
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Cujo, beloved pet of Thomas	EE, Zack and Sinclair	Rocky	Anonymous
& Leandra Poux	Apoian	Romeo, beloved dog of Dr. Mark	Dorothy Little
Dudley, beloved dog of the	Jack & Nora Stephens	& Melissa Teague	
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cats		Tyra, beloved pet of Jani Bland	Liz, Tommy & Annie
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### Thrift Store Corner

The Thrift Store is calling all creative people who love to recycle things to join us for our second annual DIY Repurposing Contest. All entries must consist of items that once had one purpose but now have a new life. All entries will be displayed in the Thrift Store June 2nd through June 30th with the winner being announced July 1st. The winner will receive a \$50 prize and be featured in our next Pet Gazette.

Get busy on your creations and join us for this special event. If you have any questions please contact the Thrift Store at 256-881-3888.

A HUGE congratulations to our GHHS volunteer Bettie Brumley of The Thrift Store! She was nominated and received the most votes to become The State of Alabama winner of The Salute to Senior Service Contest sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care of Huntsville. Her win came with a \$500 check for GHHS. Betty exemplifies what a dedicated volunteer can do for an organization such as GHHS, giving an average of 25 to 30 hours a week of her time. We are glad to have her on our team.



#### Shelter Swag



Want to support the shelter and get some goodies in return? We've got 2014 calendars and a wonderful coffeetable book that features historic Huntsville places and rescue dogs. Stop by the shelter and pick some up today!

