



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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2013: A Year in Review (so far!)

391

animals adopted



\$45,000

raised at the Photo Contest

\$100k+

raised at the 2013 Dog Ball

\$15k+

in financial aid given for emergency pet care

800+

 books sold

20,000 lbs.

of pet food provided to needy families

25th Annual Dog Ball arriving in February!

Plans are well underway for the 25th Annual Greater Huntsville Humane Society (GHHS) Dog Ball. There will be "Very Important Dogs" (VIDs) strutting down the runway with their humans, as their stories are read to the audience. Several shelter dogs will also be in attendance looking for their forever homes. John Malone and Bonnie O'Brian from Lite 96.9 will lend their wonderful sense of humor to the evening as they serve as the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

There will be many silent auction items up for bid and a live auction that will feature fire hydrants generously donated by AMERICAN Flow Control and painted by local artists. Rocket City Pets also has graciously donated the opportunity to bid to have your pet's picture grace the cover of their magazine! Paradise Pet Resort will be our Signature Sponsor again this year and will feature the grand prize drawing opportunity to win tickets to the 2015 Westminster Dog Show and a \$2,000 VISA gift card.

This event is the shelter's largest annual fundraiser, bringing in more than a fourth of our total yearly operating dollars.

Reservations will begin in January, but in the meantime, check out our website at thedogball.org. Information and pictures will be posted as they become available. You can also view photos of past Dog Balls and our wonderful sponsors.

The Greater Huntsville Humane Society
Presents the 25th Anniversary of the Dog Ball



7 p.m. February 7th, 2014

Von Braun Center

Black tie attire requested

Tickets can be reserved in January at:

<http://thedogball.org/>

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Letter from the Executive Director

As the year 2013 comes to a close we would like to share all of our accomplishments at the Greater Huntsville Humane Society:



- Our greatest goal every day is to find the perfect homes for all the animals that are here through no fault of their own. We are sure there that are perfect homes out there for every animal we have. Adoption numbers were down countrywide last year, but we hope to have more than 500 adoptions this year!
- Our new book *Second Chances: Rescue Dogs of Madison County* is available at many locations throughout Huntsville, including our shelter and thrift store and at Amazon.com. This book would make the perfect Christmas gift and we are fortunate to have signed copies available too! The proceeds from this book will provide the seed-money for our Capital Campaign Fund.
- The 2013 "Disco Down with the Hounds" Dog Ball was held in February at the Von Braun Center and was, as always, a success and raised over \$100,000. Thanks to Tammie Berzett who chaired the event this year. Mark your calendars for the 2014 "Puttin' on the Ritz" Dog Ball, which will be held February 7, 2014 at the VBC South Hall. We are proud to have Terry Bradford as the 2014 Dog Ball Chair.
- The 2013 Hot Dogs and Cool Cats pet photo contest was held at Parkway Place Mall in July and early August. This event, once again, raised over \$45,000 for the Shelter. The 2014 calendars featuring 85 winners from the contest are available now for sale for \$12 at the shelter, thrift store and many locations throughout Huntsville.
- We provided almost \$15,000 in financial aid to people in need for emergency veterinary care for their pets.
- We provided over 20,000 pounds of dog and cat food to individuals through our King's Community Kitchen program this year thanks to generous recurring donations from Del Monte in Decatur and BancorpSouth pet food drives, as well as support of this program from our regular donors and the generous donations of pet food in lieu of birthday and anniversary presents too!

There is nothing that brings home the holiday spirit like adopting a shelter dog or cat. Please continue to keep the shelter animals in your heart and we ask for your tax deductible donations to help us continue our mission of completing families. You can also help by donating gently used items and furniture to our thrift store and shopping there too!

Our staff, volunteers and our board of directors would like to thank you for your continued support and wish everyone a very happy holidays!

Warren H. Candler
Executive Director

Holiday Wish List

For The Pets

- Dog & cat toys (durable and preferably machine washable)
- Cat trees and condos
- New DVDs for our cat room
- Premium Pellet cat litter (the only kind we actually use at the Shelter)
- Tarps- any size canvas to keep the sun off the outside kennels

For The Shelter

- Cleaning supplies, dish soap, laundry detergent, especially bleach, etc.
- Paper towels
- Copy paper
- Toilet paper
- Bottled water for our volunteers and events
- Garbage bags (all sizes)
- Small Kuranda Beds <http://kuranda.com/>
- 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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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

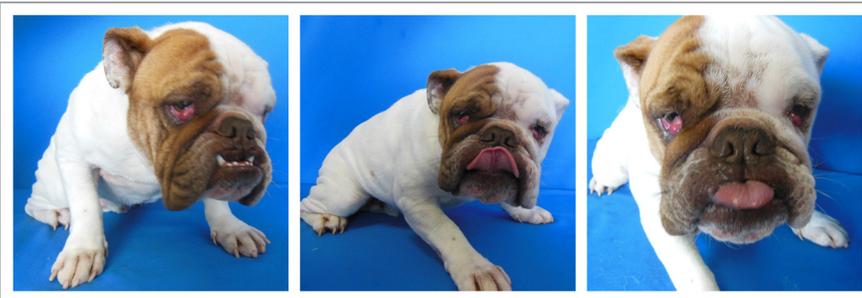
Pitch In pets are special needs animals with treatable conditions. Please consider donating to help out Max and many of the other deserving Pitch-In Pets at GHHS!

December: Max



Max's mother came to GHHS pregnant in 2008. Max and his 10 siblings were all born at GHHS! Max has been adopted out several times over the years, but has been returned for being too protective. Max has thyroid problems and requires regular blood work and medicine.

November: Bullseye



Meet Bullseye, a friendly and humble 3 year old English Bulldog with an eye disorder colloquially called "cherry eyes."

Bullseye's surgery went very well and he is now enjoying his sight! He should be ready for adoption within the month.

October: Serval



Although Serval is improving in his ability to walk, he still has a long way to go. Serval is a very sweet cat and loves to cuddle.

Serval is being evaluated by a specialist now and we are making sure that he gets all the care that he needs to make him ready for adoption, hopefully in the near future.

Ready to Adopt



Tank

Tank is a Siamese/ Himalayan mix with the most luxurious long fur and a regal stature to match! He loves to be held and petted, and will hold full conversations. Come see Tank today!



Jeb

Jeb is a nine-month-old Dachshund with love to spare!

Awesome Adoptions!



Hillary and Chelsea happy in their new yard!



Nigel (now Frank) enjoying his cozy bed.



Caroline (now Aubrey) stretching out in her happy home.



Lola happy at her new home, complete with cage and playmate!



Faith and Sophie together forever!



Lumi lives in dog heaven! Boats and hikes and the wild, oh my!

Our Friend, Mouse

by Karen and Bob Mitchell

Our friend, Mouse, came into our lives and our hearts in the summer of 1994. Our solid black cat, Grover, had passed away. We grieved for a month, but then decided that we needed a new little kitten. We visited the Greater Huntsville Humane Society a couple of times to see which kitten picked us. That kitten turned out to be a tiny adorable gray kitten with a little turned-up nose. His predecessor, Grover, was solid black but from his voice obviously had some Siamese in him. When our new little kitten was handed to us from the cage he purred and kind of squeaked and we thought that we had found a nice, quiet little kitty. It took two minutes in the car on the way home to disabuse us of that idea! How could such a tiny little thing have a voice that made you want earplugs?

We went through all of the usual "gray" kind of names: Fog, Charcoal, Zane Grey, Stone, Greystoke, etc. None seemed quite right. However, our little guy had these enormous ears and he looked a lot like Mickey Mouse. We named him Mouse because of his looks, but it turned out to be a good description of his personality, too. He was a quiet, shy fellow around strangers, but into everything when it was just "his" family.

He was ferocious when it came to "his" territory. As an inside cat, it was interesting that he felt that he had to defend his "outside territory" too. Let a visiting cat appear and he turned hyper: he pawed the windows, prowled from one end of the house to the other, growling and glaring at the intruder until the visitor, intimidated I'm sure, strolled away.

One of his favorite haunts was the screened in porch. He loved hunting the lizards that liked the porch. At times we had to pry his jaws apart to release a poor, hapless, now tail-less lizard.

Mouse loved his toys and had a drawer full in the kitchen and another in the bedroom. He also



loved impromptu toys. We had had a party one night and someone brought two or three helium balloons. Although they floated at the ceiling, one of the ribbons hung down far enough for Mouse to reach. At 3:00 in the morning after the party, we were awakened by this thumping noise coming from the far end of the house toward our bedroom. He had managed to snag a balloon and it was bouncing along as he raced to the bedroom with it flying behind!

Although our time with Mouse is past, we will always remember his sweet personality. He did not want to be picked up, but loved curling up beside us or in a lap. In fact, he often sort of bulldozed his way between the two of us. He always wanted to be with "his" people. No matter what room you were in, he had a favorite chair or rug to curl up on in that room. He would curl up and go to sleep, but if you left the room, he would soon follow you to your new location. We miss him "head butting" our legs to get attention. We miss him purring when we brushed his beautiful coat. We miss him running to the door to greet us when we return home. Our house is not the same without him.

Although no longer in our lives, sweet, lovable, loving Mouse will always be in our hearts.

A Letter from Our Vet

by Dr. Lisa Prendergast

The holidays are a special time to spend with family, friends, and pets. So that you and your four-legged loved ones enjoy a happy and safe holiday, here are some tips for pet-safe decorating:

- Ribbon and string to wrap packages can cause blockage in the GI tract if eaten.
- Hang breakable ornaments at the top of the tree to protect little paws and mouths from sharp objects
- Tinsel can be eaten and cause choking or obstruction, so keep it out of reach

- Ornament hooks can cause trauma and blockage if swallowed, make sure they're secured to the tree
- Holiday plants that are toxic: Christmas Rose, holly, lilies, mistletoe, poinsettias
- Preservatives in Christmas tree water can cause stomach upset and irritation, if ingested
- Turkey and chicken bones can splinter easily and cause serious intestinal damage

So make sure you pet-proof your home before enjoying the holidays!

Donations, Honors & Memorials

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. To make a donation to GHHS, you can go online to greaterhuntsvillehumanesociety.org or come into our facility during the week.

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

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Judy Armstrong	Ann Hamer - Special medical needs
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Randy Roper on his birthday
Carol Stewart on her 90th birthday

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John & Karla Montgomery
David Morr
Kari Morris
Patricia Ryan
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John & Elizabeth Ryberg
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Sheila Scruggs
Pride, Clay & Bird Sherrill
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Barbara Staggs
John Stevens
Martha & Marion Teal
John Vollmer
Patricia Weldon-Wilson

In Memory of:

Wrin, beloved "Second Chances" dog
Spurgeon Hendrick
Peanut, beloved pet
Schatzi, beloved dog of Tim & Nancy Schremser
Fred Hoffman
Buster, beloved dog of Charlotte Cheek
Ellis Buckelew
Annette Myers
Fluffy, his beloved cat
Buster, beloved dog of Charlotte Cheek
Edward Derrick
George Duve & their beloved dog, Apollo
Zeke, beloved pet of Gary & Margaret Watson
Roy Saile
Annette Myers
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Jupiter, beloved pet of Allen Inman
Connie Zart
Louis, beloved cat of June & Buddy Guynes
Roy Saile
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Roy Saile
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The GHHS is dedicated to furthering the humane care and treatment of animals and providing adoption for the unwanted and homeless.

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A portion of the printing for the Pet Gazette was donated by C&A Printing.

Upcoming Events

December	Tinsel Trail open! Visit our GHHS tree
December 4	Huntsville Hospital Book Event, 11 a.m.
December 7	Huntsville Christmas Parade, noon, downtown
December 14	Volunteer Orientation, 1 p.m., GHHS Annex
January 25	Volunteer Orientation, 1 p.m., GHHS Annex
February 7	25th Annual Dog Ball, 7 p.m., VBC tickets available at thedogball.org in January
February 22	Volunteer Orientation, 1 p.m., GHHS Annex

Thrift Store Corner:

Happy Holidays from the GHHS Thrift Store! It's once again time for our Christmas shop to open and our little elves are busy putting out new items daily. We have a lot of holiday decor, vintage items, trees and lights, so don't be late. You never know what treasure you might find here at the store. Check out our daily specials, something is always 50% off.

If you have any large items to be picked up, please call the store at (256) 881-3888. We accept donations daily Monday through Saturday, 10am-4pm. The end of the year is rapidly coming upon us, don't forget to donate your items for a tax receipt (we all need those!).

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our dedicated, wonderful volunteers, customers and donors. Without you, the thrift store wouldn't be possible. Have a safe a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!