

## 1-Hour-Old Puppies Saved by GHHS

Sometimes it takes a lot of work to save a life, especially when that life is treated like trash.

In early January, a man came in with puppies less than an hour old. He had purchased a dog on Craigslist, and she gave birth a few days later. He didn't want the pups, so he threw them in a bag and came to GHHS. He insisted that if we didn't take them, he would leave them on the side of the road. 5 innocent lives, 45 minutes in this world, abandoned for dead.

We had no choice but to take them, but he refused to give us the mother. The only option was to nurse them by hand, which we've done for the last 5 weeks. We're proud to say all 5 pups are healthy & strong, and the staff have all picked out favorites. Many thanks to Krystle Newby, our Kennel Manager, for fostering them through sleepless nights and many, many bottle feedings.

These guys have received a ton of interest on Facebook and will probably be adopted as soon as they're available, but we wanted to share their story. This is not an uncommon event for us, just one in the line of many. But we will fight, and we will save, every animal we can.



*Left: Puppy at 2 hours old, suckling on a volunteer's finger. Puppies still had umbilical cords attached.*



*Below: Pups at 5 weeks old, starting to walk & recognize human faces.*

## Elementary Kindness: 4th Graders Helping the Animals

By Sue Verlaan, GHHS Volunteer



Sara York and her students with donations for the animals.

Sara York's students are learning the value of giving back to the community – and having a blast doing it.

Thanks to her "Paws-itive Points" program at Ridgcrest Elementary, York has instilled in the hearts of her students not just the desire to do well in school, but the knowledge that they can turn their short term successes

into lifelong gifts of care for the animals who make their temporary homes at the Greater Huntsville Humane Society.

Each month, York consults with GHHS staff to select a pet for her students to "adopt" as their Pet of the Month. The pet's picture goes up on the classroom Paws-itive Points wall, where students keep daily track of points they earn for good behavior and academic achievement. Each Friday, students practice their real life math skills, adding up their points and determining what items they can "buy" for their class pet. Each week, parents receive a newsletter about the students' contribution to the pet's care.

At the end of the month, students and their parents and other family members visit to GHHS to make their donations of love and comfort in person. Students exchange the points they collected for pet beds, toys, treats – whatever they have chosen during the month – and play with the pet who has been the subject of their weekly and sometimes daily inquiries all month. (cont.)

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## From the Desk of the C.E.O.

2016 is off to an excellent start for us. The Dog Ball, held on February 5th, was the best one yet.

The Dog Ball Committee did a fabulous job this year. Kudos to all the volunteers led by Tia Wheeler, Chair and Co-chair Eileen Beardsley. The committee made sure we had the best food & drinks, silent & live auction items, dog-themed decorations and dogs of all sizes, shapes, colors and barks. The painted fire hydrants were beautiful works of art – each an individual as their artist, thanks to Karen, Megan and Jauneth. Of course the evening is all about the VIDs (Very Important Dogs). Most of the dogs enjoy the runway, but they really love the Parade of Paws where they can meet and greet their admirers. But the best part of this year was learning that all of the Shelter VIDs were adopted the next day! All of the funds raised at the event help provide care for the homeless animals throughout the year until they are adopted into forever homes.

And that is truly our mission: to care for homeless animals until they are adopted into a forever family. Everything we do throughout our year is to highlight our work and the needed efforts to protect animals and to find them a good home.

We thank our friends and patrons for attending the fundraisers we had at Bonefish Grill and Blue Pants Brewery. Watch for other fun events this year.

We are continuing to change and grow as we pursue our mission. Our new part-time Volunteer Coordinator Julia Coberly has been busy recruiting new volunteers, providing training and re-starting our new Foster Care program, led by Gayle Henley. Watch for more information coming about a program Paws for Reading and a photography program. Danielle Eliser is still with us and concentrating her efforts on our Marketing, Public Relations and Special Events.

Our new Financial Administrator is Susan Ried. She comes to us with a background as an accountant for a large company and experience as an adoption counselor with an animal rescue in another state. It was sad to have Debi Hornbaker leave us but wish her all the best.

All of the Animal Care Staff does a wonderful job not only caring for the dogs & cats but also loving them as well. Most of our staff has had their heart captured by a special dog or cat. This winter was no exception. Many thanks to Krystle Newby, Kennel Manager, for becoming the foster care mother for the five tiny puppies (see cover story). But now at six weeks, they are all healthy and growing well. And they are well loved by all of the staff & volunteers. It will be hard to let them go on to forever homes...but it's what we do. We provide the best care and love for all the animals we receive until a forever home is found for each one.

It means so much to have you support the work we do. As we quickly move into spring, watch for events, volunteer opportunities and ways to support our work.



*Jill A. Gardner*  
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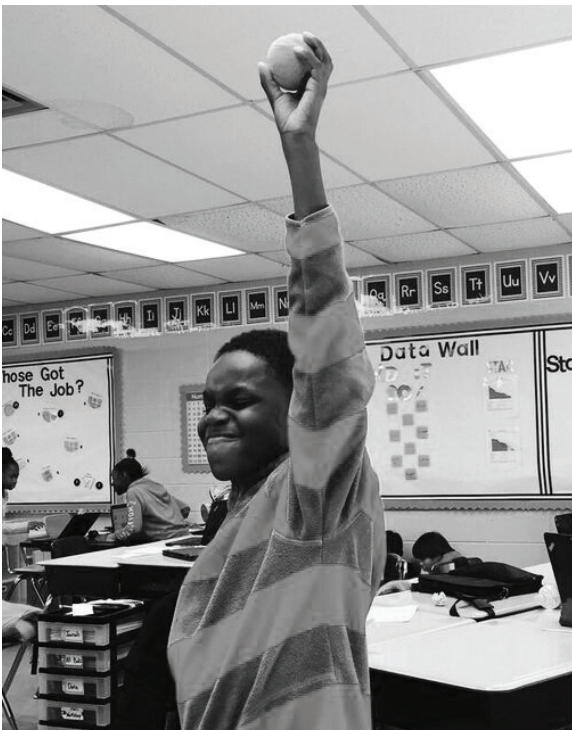
## Elementary Kindness (cont.)

York created her Pet of the Month program after she and her students discussed options for giving back to the their community, combining their love for animals with their desire to express their concern for animals' well-being outside the classroom. The program has been a success right from the start, with noticeable impact on students' sense about their own importance and the gifts they can bring to others (as well as learning how to care for pets). While practicing financial skills, York's students made choices about how to spend their points as well as goals for earning more; students gradually shifted their desires to "be good in school" from wanting to earn high marks from the teacher to earning something tangible they could give away; and some students have found a passion not just for animals but for the work of shelters that try to find the animals forever homes.

So what happens when one of York's students' Pets of the Month gets adopted? The whole class has a party! Their efforts to love and care for and socialize their pet has paid off, and they celebrate with a ceremony that includes taking the pet's picture off their wall in recognition that the pet now has a forever family.

York's success with the program speaks for itself: parents and students stay involved with the pets through the students' schoolwork, and students and parents stay involved with their schoolwork through their excitement about the pets. As York says, "once the kids were excited about it, their hearts just carried it forward and the details fell into place."

For the pets they sponsor, those details are exactly the kind of heart they need.



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- Hand sanitizer (large bottles)



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## Long-Term Residents

These pets have been at GHHS for at least several months (if not years). Please consider giving them a second chance at a forever home.



### Stella (resident for 14 months)

Hi! I'm Stella, a 2-year-old black lab. I'm a Frisbee queen, and I love to run & play. I get a little nervous in my indoor kennel, but once I'm out, I'm ready to go! We can go for a run, or to the dog park, or just drive around town. Do you know a good home for me? It doesn't have to be fancy, just a nice comfy place to sleep & someone to love me.

(GHHS note: Stella can get a little defensive of her toys, and cannot be placed in a home with young children.)



### Rascal (resident for 5 months)

Hi, I'm Rascal. I'm a chill 3-year-old orange and white tabby. I'm a big cat, but it's all muscle! I like doing my own thing, but still need some love every now and then. I'd like to be the only child in the house- I don't really like other cats or dogs. Come meet me at the shelter, and maybe we can chill together.

## Dog Ball Sponsors

Many thanks to our wonderful sponsors for the 2016 Dog Ball!

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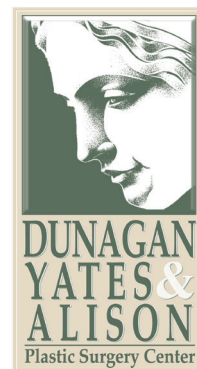


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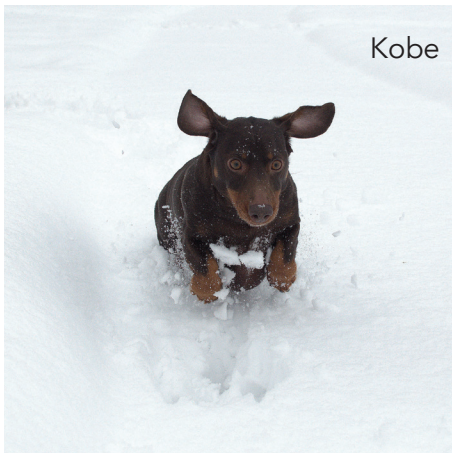
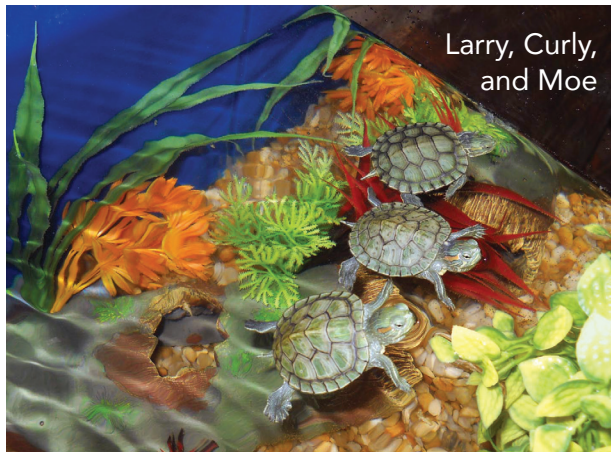
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## Upcoming Events

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| March 10 | Sigma Nu Presents Dog Dayz<br>UAH Charger Union, 1 - 6 pm  |
| March 10 | Youth Volunteer Fair<br>Early Works Museum, 3:30 - 6:30 pm |
| March 24 | Biergarten Charity Night<br>USSRC, 4:30 - 7:30 pm          |
| March 26 | Mega Adoption Event<br>Jaycees Building, 10 am - 4 pm      |
| April 17 | Volunteer Appreciation Lunch<br>GHHS, 1 pm                 |

LIKE our Facebook page to find out about more events  
(including adoption specials & pop-up events!!)

## Thrift Store Corner

Spring has sprung, and as you are cleaning, don't forget to bring your donations into the GHHS Thrift Store. They say one man's junk is another man's treasure, so please remember us in your spring cleaning! We also have a new Facebook page, GHHS Thrift Store. We'll post new arrivals & specials sales there, so make sure you LIKE the page!

A great example of turning your donations into treasures was done by one of our volunteers Andrew Wright, who turned a neglected piano into a dry bar just in time to be auctioned in the 2016 Dog Ball. Andrew used the patience of Solomon and the craftsmanship of Homer Formby. Andrew exudes the example of the volunteer spirit that is the backbone of GHHS.

As always, thank you for your support and for helping the homeless animals by shopping and donating.

## New Foster Program



We are excited to announce a foster program at GHHS! We need foster homes to take care of young puppies or kittens, or animals who need to recover from an illness before being adopted.

Fostering is a wonderful experience for you and your family- you can feel good knowing you have helped save an animal's life. To apply to be a foster, go to [ghhs.org/foster](http://ghhs.org/foster).

We also need help with foster supplies. You can purchase supplies from our Amazon Wishlist (link on page 3). Thank you!



Andrew Wright and the transformed piano