You are making second chances happen!

See Maggie’s incredible transformation inside!
A Message From The President

Dear Friends:

Advancing animal welfare and improving the lives of animals in the Southeast is the duty of our entire community. This community includes animal welfare advocates and supporters like you as well as the many animal welfare organizations in our area. Collaborations between these animal welfare organizations are key, especially considering our goals are all the same – to save animal lives. This year, we strived to lead these collaborations.

Made possible by support from friends like you, our transfer partner program collaborated with more than 100 agencies across the Southeast giving these animals a second chance in life. We’re also bringing harder medical cases, like Maggie, our cover dog, into our shelters from these organizations to provide them specialized care.

We also collaborated with these animal welfare organizations during the first Animal Welfare Conference in Macon, bringing 225 animal welfare advocates together with nationally renowned speakers in our field.

Your support this year also enabled our H.E.A.R.T. rescue team to save animals who were affected by Hurricane Matthew and respond to many calls helping animals in life-threatening crisis.

With continued support from friends like you, we look forward to doing more for vulnerable animals in 2017.

Sincerely,

Cal Morgan
President and CEO

A Healing Fix for Pixie

We don’t know what caused Pixie’s eye to swell up, but she was so injured that her eye was completely swollen shut.

It was painful, and you could tell this sweet girl just didn’t feel good.

We pulled Pixie from a local animal control facility so she could receive the specialized medical care she needed. When our veterinarians examined her, they knew the only way she would feel better would be if we removed her eye.

They performed the delicate surgery, and Pixie rested in a foster home while she healed. But this sweet little kitten hardly even noticed that she was missing an eye, playing all day with her canine foster sister. She quickly healed and just a week and a half later, Pixie was adopted through our Pets for Vets program and is now providing comfort and love to one of our nation’s heroes.

We Thank Our Sponsors
Maggie Was Fading

One Saturday, a kind man came to our Howell Mill Campus with a tiny puppy curled up in his arms. She was all but skin and bones, and only had a few tiny patches of fur on her body. We rushed her into our care and named her Maggie. Her skin was so sore and irritated from the mange, it felt like it was on fire each time we gave her a soft, reassuring pat.

But Maggie quickly became lethargic, refused to eat, and was so cold, her temperature wouldn’t register on the thermometer. We covered her in blankets and warm IV bags, and quickly pumped her tiny body full of warm fluids.

But Maggie was fading, and we weren’t sure if she was going to make it through the night.

We kept a close eye on her that evening, and Maggie spent the next few weeks in our shelter medicine hospital. Slowly, Maggie got her energy and her spirit back.

She became more adventurous and playful – chasing tennis balls and playing with other dogs. And, after three months of specialized care, Maggie caught the heart of her new family.

Sweet Wilma Survives

Every inch of her body was covered in yeast. She was constantly scratching, and her skin was continually flaking off. We gave Wilma a little hug, told her it would be okay, and started to provide her with the medical care she so desperately needed.

We started with her floppy ears, softly clearing the yeast infection so she could start to hear a bit better. Then, we gave her a warm medicated bath to ease the itchiness that had plagued her body.

We wrapped her up tightly in a warm blanket and placed her in a soft bed to rest. Through all of her discomfort, Wilma was still a sweet, loving dog. She received lots of love and lots of baths to soothe her.

And, because of your support, Wilma was able to find a loving home immediately after her treatment finished.
2016 HIGHLIGHTS

You Made 2016 A Great Year For The Animals

30,000
TOTAL ANIMALS SERVED BY AHS IN OUR
FISCAL YEAR 2016!
The most in our 143-year history.

9,231
TOTAL LIVES SAVED!

8,761
dogs & cats adopted into loving homes.

470
animals transported to places with fewer homeless animals where they were quickly adopted.

4,805
PET MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS
at the AHS Veterinary Center located on our Howell Mill Campus where we provide professional, lower-cost care.

ANIMALS SAVED by the
H.E.A.R.T. Rescue Team

AHS was called in to assist in rescue operations by state and county officials 10 times, including hoarding cases, puppy mills and other inhumane situations.

250
13,043 SPAY OR NEUTER SURGERIES

to address the extreme pet overpopulation challenges in our area:

SURGERIES performed on animals before they were adopted at our shelters.

6,231

SURGERIES provided to the public at a greatly reduced cost.

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IMPACT:

13,043 animals spayed/neutered

x 14 average puppies/kittens per unaltered animal per year

182,602 fewer potentially homeless animals to cruelly fend for themselves or perish next year

587 pets and owners provided with expert advice to give them a more rewarding relationship with OBEEDIENCE TRAINING.

More 2016 Saved Animal Tales...

9,933 TOTAL DOGS AND CATS WERE TAKEN INTO AHS

ANIMALS SURRENDERED to AHS by owners who could no longer care for them due to financial, health or other life-changing issues.

4,255

DOGS AND CATS CAME TO AHS FROM OUR 100 TRANSFER PARTNER SHELTERS throughout Georgia. These shelters do not have the resources to care for the number of homeless animals coming to them, and the animals are transferred to AHS where they can find loving homes.

5,678

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY AT AHS IN DAYS

PUPPIES 5.6

KITTENS 7.6

DOGS 17.4

CATS 28.8

3,066 youth reached through schools, scouts & other groups.

1,200 adults reached through adult education programs.

200 FOSTER FAMILIES

1,268 puppies & kittens less than 8 weeks old, senior & special needs animals cared for through our foster caregiver program.

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Chipper needed a new home at 14 years old.

Things happen... We get that. It’s why we’re here.

It’s why your support means so much. It enables us to be there when things happen, when things go wrong, when pets, and their people, need us the most.

Things happened to Chipper’s family. It was out of their control. It wasn’t happy and it wasn’t easy but it happened. And, at 14 years old, after living with his family his whole life, Chipper came into our care.

We can’t imagine how confusing it must have been for him. A new place, a different place, a strange place, without the family who loved him and who he loved so much. But we were there, and we provided him comfort, a soft place to lay his head at night, and cuddles every moment we could. And, a few days later, we helped Chipper find a new place to lay his head and find comfort with a new mom who had fallen in love with him.
There were 50 Shetland Sheepdogs living outside, in pens and metal crates.

The gorgeous shelties were covered in fleas and painful matts. They were anemic, suffering from painful tooth decay, and afflicted with skin disease. We took each of them back to the Atlanta Humane Society and curled them up into soft blankets.

Their owner had become extremely ill and was no longer able to care for them, so we took them into our care and provided them a second chance. We gave each of them specialized medical support, including one puppy named Tipsy who required months of monitoring and a delicate surgery for her congenital liver disorder.

Your support made their new lives possible. We can’t thank you enough, and neither can these shelties.

Tipsy Steals Our Hearts

Tipsy was one of the 50 Shetland Sheepdogs we rescued from a property in October.

Tipsy was tiny and bony, and we immediately noticed something just wasn’t right with her. She shook, wobbled, and acted like she couldn’t hear or see. We carefully pulled her out of the tiny crate she was living in and took her back to our shelter.

For weeks, our veterinarians cared for Tipsy and she received round-the-clock love from one of our foster caregivers. Her neurological tests and bloodwork results revealed that Tipsy had an abnormal shunt going around her liver. Typically, this shunt closes up before puppies are born, but Tipsy’s didn’t.

Tipsy saw our shelter medicine partners at the University of Georgia, and they immediately did surgery to correct the shunt. She recovered with her foster family, and within a few weeks, she was her lively, playful self again.
Evie was found wandering the streets of Atlanta, scared, alone and desperately trying to stay alive. When she was brought to a local county animal shelter, her body was covered with open wounds. Evie was suffering from demodex mange, a skin disease that causes painful, open lesions. We took her into our care where she immediately began receiving intense medical treatments. Evie was then placed in a loving foster home where she was given care and the opportunity to heal. She thrived there, and to be around her, you would never know this perky puppy was so sick.

You helped provide Evie her lifesaving treatment and a life of being spoiled and loved.

Evie will be featured in our March mailing! Be on the lookout for her, and donate at atlantahumane.org/evie or with a donation by mail to us to save more animals like Evie.

CAREGIVERS CLUB

Monthly Donations Save Animals Like Crumpet

Our Caregivers Club is for those who truly love animals and want to provide for their care all year long. It’s easy, affordable and adds up to make a big impact.

As a Caregiver, you help save the lives of animals like Crumpet, who was so emaciated when she came to us that you could see every bone in her body. We couldn’t imagine how long she had gone hungry. She received weeks of veterinary care and careful, continuous feeding. Your Caregivers Club donations save the sweet dogs and cats like Crumpet who need ongoing care to survive.

Become a Caregiver today at atlantahumane.org/caregivers.

Your $19 monthly gift – or any gift you choose to give – will go a long way toward ongoing care for our dogs and cats in need all year long.