Your support helps save animals like Zoe.
Dear Friends,

So many exciting things have happened over the past few months, and I can’t thank you enough for your continued support. Your commitment to the animals has been overwhelming and it’s because of your generosity that we have been able to help thousands of homeless animals find their forever homes.

Our vision for 2015 and beyond is to become the leader for the welfare and protection of companion animals throughout the southeast, and create a network with other rescues in need of help to care for and find homes for their dogs and cats.

To accomplish this, we have also hosted several successful recent events that have led to even more pet adoptions.

Meet Your Best Friend Epic Adoption Event
At this April weekend event, 16 animal welfare organizations from across the state joined us at our Mansell Campus for a day dedicated to pet adoption. We are excited that 92 animals found forever homes that day, with even more adopted the next week from follow-up visits at the shelters.

Saks Fifth Avenue Haute Hounds and Couture Cats Luncheon
Anne Cox Chambers was honored with our first Humane Heroine Award at this annual March fashion show luncheon fundraiser. For decades, Mrs. Chambers has been a voice and advocate for those unable to speak for themselves. Going forward, the annual fundraising event will honor Atlanta women who continue to step up when animals are in need and help raise pet adoption awareness and the funds necessary to save lives.

Animal Planet’s Road to The Puppy Bowl
At this March weekend event, our friends at the provided funds which made it possible for us to waive adoption fees for all animals six months and older. The social media buzz and publicity greatly increased our awareness and adoptions. In all, 98 animals, including some of our long-term residents, found their forever homes.

Currently, we are gearing up for the October 18 Walk for the Animals – Saving and Celebrating Georgia’s Pets at Atlantic Station. We invite you to get involved by becoming a Team Leader or participating in the Walk. Watch atlantahumane.org for more information on this exciting event coming soon.

We rely solely on the gifts of animals lovers, people like you, who want to create a more humane world for their pets and animals in Georgia. Your generous support can do so much in our life-saving mission for the animals. You will find a gift envelope included with this newsletter, and I hope you can make a contribution now to help save our animals.

Please also consider our monthly Caregivers Club that allows convenient automatic donations every month: atlantahumane.org/caregiversclub. However you choose to make a gift, it’s important you know YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE to every animal we serve.

Thanks for all you do on behalf of the animals,

Cal Morgan – President and CEO
Rescue Partners Give Us Greater Life-Saving Outreach

Recently, LaGrange-Troup County Animal Shelter and the Georgia Department of Agriculture called on Atlanta Humane Society (AHS) to help with a dangerous hoarding situation. A private foster group that works with LaGrange-Troup County to find temporary care for animals that are at risk of euthanasia due to time or space limitations discovered one of their foster families was hoarding so many animals they could not care for them all.

We helped with the rescue of 23 dogs and many domestic cats from the inhumane environment, plus several feral cats which were spayed or neutered then released. LaGrange-Troup county kept most of the animals, but there were so many that AHS brought 10 cats back to our shelters which were treated by our Shelter Medicine Team and then made available for adoption.

Thanks to the support of donors like you, AHS has the resources to assist in urgent rescue and transport situations like this. So far this year, we have participated in several transports and rescues, and each time, we were able to save and help more animals find loving homes than would have been possible by smaller, rural shelters alone.

Your Support Saves Animals Like Sunshine

Sunshine came to us from a rural shelter in northeast Georgia. He was chained in a backyard, left alone and neglected for the first months of his life. As Sunshine began to grow, like all little puppies do, the collar became much too tight, ultimately becoming embedded into his neck.

Sunshine's collar was removed immediately. Fortunately, the tight collar had not cut into the muscles of Sunshine's neck. Two more weeks tied up outside and Sunshine's situation could have been much worse. Sunshine received the medical attention he needed to heal the wounds on his neck as well as the social attention he had been missing for so long.

Amazingly, after two months with no human or animal interaction, Sunshine loves everyone he meets and soaks up all the attention he can get. He is sweet and well-adjusted.

Sunshine has a very happy ending: as a result of sharing his story with the media and on social media, a family came to us – adopting Sunshine and taking him home.
WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE ANIMALS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

**Become An In-Home Hero**

**Foster Someone’s New Best Friend**

When you become a foster parent you are truly a hero to the animals, giving them a chance at recovery that can be difficult in a shelter environment. Life at a shelter for a sick or injured animal can be stressful. Sharing your home with an animal in need gives them the specialized care and attention crucial to their healing. Not to mention the additional space you make available to AHS, allowing us to save more animals from situations that are less than ideal.

We always have many animals who would benefit from the individual care they would receive in a loving foster home. The reasons are many: upper respiratory infections, skin conditions, lengthy heartworm treatments, puppies and kittens too young to live in a shelter.

If you’ve been thinking about fostering but weren’t sure how to get started or if you have questions, please call or email today:

Nicole Haines
404.974.2836
nhaines@atlantahumane.org.

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**Meet Nick**

Meet Nick, a one-year-old Italian Greyhound who came to the Atlanta Humane Society in October. He was one of 122 animals rescued from a Mississippi puppy mill. When Nick came to us, he was weak and emaciated, weighing only seven pounds. He would hunch his body over, the sad reality of a life spent in a cage.

Nick was immediately placed into foster care to begin the necessary social and medical rehabilitation he so deserved. Fragile both emotionally and physically, Nick soon fractured his leg while jumping around. Surgery was necessary and weeks of recovery lay ahead. But, Nick’s spirits remained high and he became a favorite among the shelter staff when he would visit.

When the time arrived for Nick to find his forever home, it was important to us that he found a family who understood not only the special needs of Italian Greyhounds, but Nick’s specific needs as well. Nick’s new family had previously rescued a special needs Italian Greyhound who suffered from seizures. Nick, now Wesley, receives all the love and attention he so deserves. He also wears special shoes as he adjusts to life post-surgery and hardwood floors.

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Club Paw is an official Atlanta Humane Society donor recognition group of boys and girls between the ages of 4-12 years old. Members of Club Paw have demonstrated their support for the animals at AHS by contributing a minimum of $50 in-kind through donated Wish List items or in cash.

For more information on joining Club Paw and attending 101 Dalmatians at Atlantic Station on July 23rd at dusk with the group please email Wendy Hsiao at whsiao@atlantahumane.org.
Volunteer

Sign up now: atlantahumane.org/volunteer

We rely on our dedicated volunteers to walk dogs, help build their confidence, play with our cats and answer the public’s questions about pet education and adoption. We are always in need of volunteers who are committed, caring, and ready to make a difference in the lives of animals and adopters. By joining our team of dedicated volunteers, you will be helping to place as many adoptable animals as possible into loving homes, while positively impacting the community.

For more information contact:
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Volunteer Spotlight

Congratulations to Barrett Henderson

Meet Barrett Henderson. He has been volunteering with AHS for well over a decade. Not only did he log 4,137 volunteer hours in 2014, of those hours, 1,531 were spent fostering some of our most special needs animals. It’s because of his dedication to the animals he was voted Runner Up in the Purina Cat Chow Volunteer of the Year contest. Barrett’s dedication earned him $5,000 to be put towards a cat room refresh here at AHS.

Barrett is on “speed dial” whenever there’s a cat in need. When AHS rescued a group of four cats badly in need of a foster home where they could receive a high level of daily care and attention to become adoptable animals, Barrett took them in without thinking twice. He cared for all four cats, who had multiple medical needs, until they were healthy enough to return to the shelter to find their forever homes. One volunteer says of Barrett: “It’s more like he gives the cats his home completely and then they let him live there.”

More Ways to Help

SHOP AT KROGER

When you’re making your grocery list for the week, please don’t forget to add “Donate to the Atlanta Humane Society” to your lists. It’s as easy as swiping your Kroger Plus card at your next shopping trip after you link AHS as your preferred charity. Kroger shoppers can link their Kroger Plus card and Kroger will donate directly to the AHS (up to $24,000 per year!) by signing up at www.kroger.com/communityrewards.

Why not help our animals at the same time you shop with the Kroger Community Rewards program. Donating has never been easier!

CARS 4 PAWS

VEHICLE DONATION PROGRAM

Now there’s an even easier way to benefit the animals at AHS and clean out your driveway or garage. Through the Cars 4 Paws program, the Atlanta Humane Society will gladly accept your unwanted vehicles: boats, motorcycles, mopeds, RVs, campers, SUVs, trucks, off-road and heavy equipment vehicles.

Your vehicle does not have to be in running condition. Free towing can be arranged almost anywhere in the United States. The average pickup time is usually 24-48 hours from the time you call 1.877.540.7387 or 1.877.721.PETS and to talk our partnering company, CARS 4 PAWS.

Vehicles donated to the Atlanta Humane Society are tax-deductible and help support our mission to improve animal welfare in Atlanta and throughout the southeast by providing quality animal services through preventative initiatives, education, advocacy and adoption of animals into loving homes.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!
October 18, 2015 • Atlantic Station

Gather your team, sign up supporters, and save the lives of our homeless and hurting animals. See atlantahumane.org/walk2015

Table for Tails
NORTHSIDE

Visit participating Northside Atlanta Restaurants
NOVEMBER 2015
when they donate a portion of their sales to:

Your dollars will go
3x AS FAR
to help animals like the
3 Amigos.

Triple Match Campaign
Coming in August!

Watch your mail and email for your chance to help “THE 3 AMIGOS!”

Follow us on social media for updates on all events!

Contact Wendy Hsiao at
404.974.2819 or whsiao@atlantahumane.org
if your restaurant would like to participate, and watch atlantahumane.org for participating restaurants coming in the fall.
LOST AND FOUND

Every Friday, we feature a special animal from our shelter on social media. We call it #ForgetMeNot.

On Friday, March 13, Lucy was chosen as are our featured animals. Lucy had been surrendered to us in November by her previous owner who had adopted her from animal control. Lucy was a fantastic cat with such a sweet temperament and the staff and volunteers weren’t sure why no one had adopted her yet.

On Sunday morning, as promised, Kim was waiting at the doors by 10:45 a.m. She talked to one of our adoption counselors and explained why she was there. After giving us detailed information about distinctive markings on Lucy, there was no mistaking that Lucy was her missing Butterball.

The reunion between the two was in a word – incredible! Kim’s first reaction when she saw Lucy? “Oh…Butterball, you’ve lost some weight!”

We posted her photo on Facebook on Friday afternoon. About 24 hours later, we received a message from Kim – who said that Lucy was her lost cat – “Butterball.” She sent us photos and told us that her beloved indoor/outdoor cat, Butterball, had gone missing over a year ago, and she would be at our Mansell campus bright and early Sunday morning because she just KNEW that Lucy was her missing cat.

We want to give a heartfelt thank you to The Home Depot and Merial for their commitment to saving Atlanta’s homeless animals.

The Home Depot Corporate Service Day

The Home Depot Supply Chain Finance team does more than look at spreadsheets.

On Friday, April 24, they came to the Howell Mill Campus and mulched two of the dog play-grounds and planted new flowers in the front garden and by the Veterinary Center. AHS board member, Kristen Doherty led her team of 14 employees with rakes, shovels and donated materials to create a fresh new area for the dogs to play. The best news of the day? Two of The Home Depot team members adopted new family members when the work was complete!

For more information on how your company can partner with AHS contact:

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Merial Puppy Play Play Break

On Wednesday, April 22, the Atlanta Humane Society hosted a “puppy break” at Merial’s corporate office. Merial is a global animal health company located in Duluth. They supply AHS with Heartgard (heart worm medication) and Frontline (flea and tick medication) for our animals. There has been a long relationship with Merial over the years and we thank them for their continued support.

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HELP THE ANIMALS + REMEMBER A LOVED ONE

Remember or Celebrate with a Gift Those Who Hold a Special Place in Your Heart with a Gift to AHS

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

A beautiful way to express your love for the people or animals you have lost is with a memorial gift to Atlanta Humane Society. A memorial gift is a testimony to the life of an individual or pet who has passed on – and the gift of life for animals in need. Memorial options include cards sent to the family with your message, bricks for our memorial paths, plaques, memorial benches or kennel sponsorship.

TAILWAGGERS HONORARY GIFT

Celebrate and honor the milestones and special people in your life with an honorary gift card. Whether the event is a wedding, birthday, teacher gift, graduation or other, our TailWaggers Honorary Card is a wonderful way to commemorate special people and times.

HEART PATH MEMORIAL BRICKS

Located in front of the Veterinary Center at our Howell Mill location is our Memorial Heart Brick Path, an outdoor brick walkway. A similar path is coming soon to our Mansell Campus. The Heart Path paves the way to a second chance for animals in need. Your $250 donation for an inscribed brick is the perfect opportunity to remember and recognize friends, family or beloved companion pets.

For more information or to make a Memorial or Honorary gift, please visit:
Atlantahumane.org/donate/ways-to-give

Or contact:
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