Ending animal cruelty one rescue at a time.
Dear Friends,

It’s hard to believe that we are fast approaching the end of another year. We have made great strides for the animals this year, and we couldn’t have done it without your ongoing support. Your dedication and generosity for the animals has made it possible for us to:

- **Adopt to date over 5,572 pets**, including some of our long-term residents, and place into permanent, loving homes. Our goal for 2015 is 8,000 adoptions, and we feel confident we can reach that goal by the end of the year.

- **Spay or neuter close to 5,000 animals** in Atlanta and surrounding areas through our Low Cost Spay Neuter Initiative at both our Howell Mill and Mansell Campuses, and through our mobile program which has served 31 counties in rural Georgia.

- **Host successful events like Ales for Tails and Bone Appétit** that support our mission of helping homeless, abused and neglected animals find loving, homes forever.

Our team also transferred a number of animals from overcrowded area shelters with high euthanasia rates. This frees space at smaller shelters, giving them the ability to help more animals. When animals are brought to our higher adopter-traffic Atlanta area shelter, it gives them the chance to find a loving home quickly.

We are proud of all the hard work we have done for the animals this year. Thanks to the support of donors like you, AHS had the resources to assist in urgent transport situations. But, we receive calls for help every day. **YOU** are the reason we are able to help rehabilitate the animals, giving them a helping hand and a second chance at life.

We rely solely on the gifts of animals lovers, people just like you, who want to create a more humane world for their pets and animals in Atlanta. Your generous support can do so much in our life-saving mission for the animals. That’s why we need you now more than ever. Whatever you are able to give at this time will mean so much. We have included a gift envelope with this newsletter and I hope you will contribute what you can.

Please also consider our monthly Caregivers Club that allows you to make convenient automatic donations every month: [http://bit.ly/Caregivers](http://bit.ly/Caregivers). 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

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How Your Support Saves Lives

Puppy Mill Rescue Gives 72 Dogs a Second Chance

These rescued small-breed dogs belonged to a licensed breeder who has been charged with 74 felony counts of animal cruelty, citing inhumane conditions, prolonged suffering, unsanitary conditions and improper housing. A seizure warrant was issued on Friday, September 4; by the Macon-Bibb County Animal Welfare Department, the Bibb County Sheriff’s Office and state inspectors who seized the animals.

On Friday, September 11, the owner relinquished custody of the animals to AHS. In all, 72 Animals soon made their way to Atlanta Humane Society where they received the medical care they needed. Many of the dogs had eye and ear infections, and a few were also heartworm positive and are now in foster care.

Rescued breeds included Miniature Poodles, Cockapoos, Schnauzers, Bichon-poos and Schnoodle mixes. Animals were placed up for adoption at a special September event and all found wonderful families.

Rescued From A Life Of Despair And Given Hope

On August 21, 38 Boykin Spaniels were rescued from a puppy mill in Stephens County, Georgia. An experienced operations team of five from the Atlanta Humane Society assisted the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the Toccoa-Stephens County Humane Shelter in the rescue.

The dogs belonged to a licensed breeder who received numerous violations from the Georgia Department of Agriculture. A seizure warrant was served and the breeder signed over custody of all but two animals and relinquished his breeding license. The dogs were kept in deplorable conditions and bred repeatedly. The dogs had little to no medical care over the years and a number of them were matted and covered in fleas.

All of the dogs were taken to the Atlanta Humane Society for full medical treatment. Those given a clean bill of health were placed for adoption at a special adoption event. All of the dogs found forever homes within two hours. The remaining rescued dogs are undergoing further medical treatment in loving foster homes.

Dogs Rescued from Flea-Infested Trailer Now Living the Life

On June 21, we assisted the Prime Time Emmy Nominated television show Hoarders in a special animal rescue in rural Georgia. In all, 15 dogs, including a litter of three-day-old puppies were rescued from a flea-infested trailer.

With the hoarded conditions of their actual residence, the owner was forced to live next to the home, in a small trailer with all 15 dogs. Medical issues included skin conditions, eye infections, and severe dental problems.

All dogs were transported to the Atlanta Humane Society and given thorough medical exams, flea treatments, vaccinations and of course a good meal. Once the dogs were cleared by our veterinarian, they were placed for adoption and all found a loving home.
**Foster Someone’s New Best Friend**

**Big Dogs Need Love Too!**

Fostering a big dog is very rewarding and can be a lot of fun. They’re great to snuggle and run with. They are so very happy and grateful to have extra love and attention in your neighborhood. Not to mention, there’s nothing like seeing your big kid get adopted and go off to its forever home! Our older pups need foster for many reasons… heartworm treatment, socialization, skin issues, and some just simply do better on a couch rather than a Kennel bed! If you’re a big dog lover and have been thinking about fostering…now’s the perfect time or if you know a big mutt admirer who needs some extra love in their life, put them in touch with us and we’ll get them matched up!

If you’ve been thinking about fostering but weren’t sure how to get started or if you have questions, please call Nicole Haines at 404.974.2836 or email nhaines@atlantahumane.org today.

**Giving Your Pets a Healthy Start**

When you adopt a pet, you’ve added a new member to your family. Naturally you want everything to go smoothly with your new best friend and so do our partners at VCA Animal Hospitals. After taking care of thousands of dogs and cats, they know what it takes and their hospital teams are there to help you.

VCA has been a long-time supporter of Atlanta Humane Society and our partnership comes with extra benefits for you! Bring your newly adopted AHS pet to one of 16 Metro-Atlanta area VCA Animal Hospital locations and receive a free first exam and a Healthy Start Certificate which includes up to $250 covering most medical concerns. An experienced veterinarian will check your pet’s vital organs, look for fleas, ticks, and external parasites, discuss nutrition, and provide you with expert recommendations and answer any questions you may have. When adopting a pet from AHS, you will receive a Proud Pet Parent folder with more details.

Give your pet the best start in life. A healthy start! VCA Animal Hospitals provide a full range of general practice services to keep pets well and specialized treatments when pets are ill. For more information about VCA Animal Hospitals, please visit www.VCAhospitals.com.
Volunteer Spotlight

Meet Frauncee Ladd, one of our amazing volunteers. Frauncee stresses the importance of asking questions and listening to the answers carefully. From asking the staff about an animal to asking the adopter about their lifestyle, every answer determines which cat or dog is a good fit for its potential home.

Our volunteers pay close attention to a potential adopter’s wishes and thoughts, and they encourage ample time be spent with the animal before any decision is reached. “There’s a warm glow when an adopter comes back to AHS for a visit or to adopt again and says, “You helped me adopt my cat/dog and it was wonderful and I couldn’t be happier,” Frauncee says. “Matchmaking is the most rewarding part of volunteering to me.”

CAT ROOMS REFRESHED THANKS TO PURINA CAT CHOW

Our Howell Mill Cat Community and Visitor Rooms received a much needed facelift thanks to our friends at Purina Cat Chow. You may remember our volunteer, Barrett Henderson, was voted Runner Up in the Purina Cat Chow Volunteer of the Year contest. Barrett’s dedication earned AHS $5,000 to be used for the cat room refresh.

Thank you so much to all who voted! Our cats and kittens love the new scratching posts, cozy sleeping pods and new places to explore!

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. 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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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 please email Wendy Hsiao at whsiao@atlantahumane.org.
One of our younger, but most dedicated supporters is Haley Hooper. Haley is 14 and has been putting on the Kingswood Fun Run in her neighborhood for the past six years. The run, which took place August 15, raised more than $15,000! Many thanks to the corporate sponsors for the run, which include: Arrow Exterminators, Beth Bristow Tutoring, Buckhead Pool Company, Credit Suisse, Edge Capital, Ginger Scott of Beecham and Co., HHPearls on Etsy.com, Linder Security, Mizuno, Reliable Heating and Air, Thorpe Enterprises, WestStride and Wilson Parker Homes.

**Kingswood Fun Run Raises More Than $15,000**

**Celebrity Chef Dinner a Stunning Success!**

On June 24, 130 of Atlanta’s gourmands attended Bone Appétit: A Celebrity Chef Dinner at The Estate in Buckhead. Co-chairs Su Longman and Tony Conway (pictured left) put their magic touch on the event benefiting the Atlanta Humane Society.

Celebrity Chefs Christopher Grossman from Atlas, Piero Premoli from Pricci, Mark Alba from STK, Tim Magee from Community Smith and Kathleen Miliotis from Davios provided a brilliant five course dinner accompanied with wine pairings selected and introduced by Sommelier Ian Mendelsohn. Presenting Sponsor was BNY Mellon and Sponsors included Bentley Atlanta, Delta Air Lines, Neiman Marcus, Edward Chu, Jackie and Jeff Chiusano, Su and Al Longman, Carol Wolff, DDS and Saks Fifth Avenue. The Atlantan was the media sponsor for this event.

As the evening ended, guests received a gift from Chef Anne Quatrano of her cookbook Summerland.

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.

Visit participating Northside Atlanta Restaurants November 5, 2015

Follow us on social media for updates on all events!
LONG-TERM RESIDENT FINDS HER PERFECT MATCH

Ava was adopted in November 2013 and sadly was returned in May 2014 because she did not get along with the kids or other cats in the house.

After a year, the staff and volunteers who loved Ava were determined to find her the family she was looking for. She became their "special project."

A photo shoot was arranged and that prompted our "homeless" appeal with a photo of her resting next to a handwritten cardboard sign. The Facebook post went viral and created a buzz for the long-term resident.

Shortly after the photo was posted, a young couple came in looking for a special cat who needed a home. After spending a long time visiting with Ava, they decided she was the one for them. Ava walked into the carrier without any prompting. She knew this was the right family for her!

Special Thanks To Our Corporate Heroes

On Wednesday, June 17, AHS recognized one of these corporate leaders at the Inaugural Corporate Hero Luncheon. More than 125 business and community leaders were on hand as the Corporate Hero Award was presented to Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP, an Atlanta-based law firm with a 50-year history of strong support for AHS. The firm’s close ties with AHS began when Eleanor Constangy joined the Board in the 1960’s, and the firm has provided AHS with pro-bono legal services for many years. Accepting the award at the luncheon was Neil Wasser, Eleanor’s grandson and Partner – Chair of the Executive Committee of the Firm.

Following the award presentation, Atlanta Humane Society President and CEO Cal Morgan joined WXIA-TV news anchor and reporter Melissa Long for an interview style Q & A. Cal used the forum to describe the vision of Atlanta Humane Society and the role it must play in serving a growing population of both people and animals in Metro Atlanta and throughout Georgia.

The Corporate Hero Luncheon marked the beginning of a new effort to expand and increase corporate participation in the work of AHS. The enthusiasm and excitement on display at this gathering of corporate leaders proves the business community is ready to get more involved.

In addition to Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP, Sponsors of the Corporate Hero Luncheon included AAMCO Transmissions, FHL Bank Atlanta, Frontline Brand Products (by Merial) and The PrivateBank.

For every one of these fun books purchased, Author Cassie Moore donates 30% to AHS. Purchase yours today at Peridot.
HOLIDAY GIFTS

Celebrate the Holiday Season and Rescue Them All

DONATE A KURANDA BED

Your donation of a comfortable raised bed will provide a soft place for a dog to have a good night’s sleep. Beds are offered at special discount, come with a one-year warranty and are sent directly to Atlanta Humane Society in your name. Visit our webpage at www.AtlantaHumane.org/Donate/Wish-List/ to donate. A shelter dog will be grateful!

Thanksgiving cards (only available as eCards)
Happy Holidays or Merry Christmas cards available as eCards sent to your friends and family
Make a donation and Tribute Tailwagger Cards will be mailed for holidays, birthdays and special events.

REMEMBER A BELOVED PERSON OR PET

Make a donation and a Memorial card will be sent from you to family or friends.
Other memorial remembrances include:
- Keepsake stone
- Memorial brick installed at AHS
- Memorial bench with plaque installed at either campus
- Dog Kennel or Cat Condo Sponsorship

Please go to www.atlantahumane.org for photos of memorial options.

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

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