If saving the lives of many animals is good, savings the lives of many more is a whole lot better.

Through these difficult economic conditions, the Atlanta Humane Society’s services are required even more. The demand for a safe place to surrender a pet and a reputable place to adopt a new family member is present, and if we don’t answer the call of those that can’t speak for themselves, who else will hear? That is why we must expand and improve our animal and customer environment.

Monday, October 5, 2009 the Atlanta Humane Society embarked on an aggressive facility renovation. This expansion will enable us to handle an increased number of dogs, cats, puppies and kittens by over 25%. So, not only will this expansion add AHS’s support to animals, but it will also improve our service to the public as well. During the facelift Atlanta Humane Society will remain open for all services including adoptions, but on a scaled back schedule. In addition, animal intake and processing departments will also be renovated to prepare for the thousands of animals we anticipate helping in the future.

Our Grand Reopening is planned for Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 9:30am.

Atlanta Humane Society’s outreach to stop animal cruelty, break up dog fighting operations, rescue dogs from puppy mills and to assist in emergencies has also increased awareness of animal welfare in Georgia.

The addition of our HEART (Humane Emergency Animal Rescue Team) program has significantly increased our ability to help more animals and aid other animal welfare organizations. These animal initiatives and our progressive attitude toward saving the lives of as many animals as possible led to this much anticipated renovation.

The Atlanta metro area and State of Georgia demand and require this compassionate approach to caring for their animals. The community supports such efforts and has always been there as a partner to encourage meaningful animal welfare programs. We will not rest until every animal has a home and animal cruelty is an unimaginable memory of the past.

Your support and donations make this all possible. Be assured that all your contributions stay here in Georgia and go for the much needed AHS life saving animal welfare programs and expansion.

Please pardon our brief catnap during this renovation; we look forward to an even greater future helping animals in need. Thank you for making this possible.

Thanks for your support and generosity.

Carl Leveridge
President
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In our last issue, AHS President Carl Leveridge introduced the Humane Emergency Animal Rescue Team (H.E.A.R.T.) program. In short, the H.E.A.R.T. program was started to take the good work we do here in the Metro Area to the rest of Georgia and beyond. The H.E.A.R.T. has been a particularly good asset to areas where an animal control agency does not yet exist. In Georgia alone, there are still over 60 counties where animal control services are not provided. Knowing well that these are the areas where puppy mill breeders and dog fighters would choose to hide, we keep our team ready to be deployed and assist with raids and seizures when called upon.

In the short three months since the inauguration of the H.E.A.R.T., our team has been fully trained and has already responded to over eleven large-scale cases, saving over 340 pets. That’s 340 pets saved from dog fighting, puppy mills, hoarders and the recent deluge that flooded several of our suburbs.

In addition to the wide array of rescue techniques they receive training on, the staff is also trained to assist in disasters of all kinds, from hurricanes to chemical hazards. H.E.A.R.T. members were the first animal respondents to be allowed into the aforementioned flood zones during the September rains, where they rescued a total of 23 family pets in one day. Just a few hours later, they deployed again to Lincolnton, GA where they saved another 81 from a puppy mill.

The word is out about the H.E.A.R.T. and the staff behind it. Because we’re the only Humane Society in the region with this program, requests for assistance continue to grow. Because we can not do this alone, we are asking for your financial support to continue these worthwhile lifesaving efforts. Several sponsorships for the H.E.A.R.T. vehicle are still available. These contributions not only help hundreds of our furry friends, but also receive national exposure. Please help us and let others know that you’re as dedicated as we are when it comes to rescuing animals!
Justice Rescue

After removing a total of 22 animals from submerged houses September 28, the Humane Emergency Animal Rescue Team (H.E.A.R.T.) retraced their steps to make sure no pet was left behind. Recognizing the team, a gentleman calmly approached the H.E.A.R.T and asked if they would check if his dog was still alive. The man had been caught by the floods away from home and was not able to check on his pet due to the rapid waters washing away much of the subdivision into the nearby lake. The H.E.A.R.T. quickly set out to rescue the man’s beloved chocolate lab. After paddling across some swift waters, we reached the dog, “Justice”. With water up to his collar, Justice had spared every ounce of energy in his body to fight the water for what had been at least 18 hours of flooding. Unaware of his rescuers intent, he didn’t come willingly. But upon reaching shore, owner and dog were reunited where they rejoiced in each others company, and lots and lots of mud. At that point the owner looked up and told us that he had lost his job, and even though his house was currently under water, he couldn’t begin to express how grateful he was for getting back the one source of unconditional love he had left. Before leaving he made a point to shake every single H.E.A.R.T. member’s hand, and say “thank you”.

Here’s to good neighbors!!

Six Feet Under continues to be a great neighbor to Atlanta Humane Society! For the third year in a row, the Westside location chose AHS to be their spotlight charity for the month of October, in honor of ‘Adopt-a-Shelter Dog’ month. Six Feet Under proudly featured pictures of the shelter’s adoptable pets on table cards, along with dog bones and houses for sale that were colored and posted on the walls. Thanks, Six Feet Under. Here’s to good neighbors!

Become A Foster Care Volunteer

Foster Volunteers:

- Nurse ill or injured animals back to health
- Care for puppies and kittens under eight weeks of age
- Work with animals displaying minor behavioral issues

To get started:

- Attend a volunteer orientation
- Interview with the Foster Care Coordinator
- Complete a home visit with an AHS employee

Check the VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION dates on our website to find out how you can become a FOSTER CARE VOLUNTEER or call 404.974.2803 or email BARRETT HENDERSON at fostercare@atlantahumane.org to find out more information.
Mark your calendars for Monday, November 30th. The Atlanta Humane Society is once again partnering with Owen Halpern and Larry Pritchard to bring you a special holiday shopping party at their gorgeous gallery for home and office furnishings. Says Mr. Pritchard, “We are all excited about hosting the 4th Annual Shop for a Cause event at OwenLawrence. We look forward to being able to make an even larger donation to AHS this year with all of us working together. OwenLawrence has worked with our suppliers to bring in more moderately priced products that should have great appeal to holiday shoppers. We have terrific items from $5 that would make great stocking stuffers or teacher gifts, so come on out and shop for a great cause!”

OwenLawrence is located in the Westside Urban Market
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But, if you’re looking for something a little more unique, OwenLawrence is now carrying items from Ralph Lauren Home, Baccarat, Herend and William Yeoward. In addition to beautiful things for the home, guests will enjoy light hors d’oeuvres, beverages, and great raffle items.

Please RSVP to rsvp@atlantahumane.org by November 20. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you to all our sponsors – All Medical Personnel, Basketcase Designs, Extreme Staffing, Piedmont Bark, RSB Catering, SweetWater Brewing Company.

Peace. Love. Paws. The Art of Being Kind

When the Atlanta Humane Society began our Be Kind to Animals art contest, we were expecting a barrage of paintings and drawings depicting cats and dogs – maybe a few rabbits here and there. But when hedgehogs and lemurs began appearing, we knew this was not going to be your garden-variety art contest!

For nearly 30 years, the Atlanta Humane Society has been inviting children throughout metropolitan Atlanta to enter their Be Kind to Animals art contest and each year we’re amused by the variety of animals that show up. What was once primarily a delightful assortment of brightly colored cats and dogs has now become a kaleidoscope of animals, from camels and crabs to peacocks and penguins. Some bring a whisper, some a warning, but all of the messages in this artful anthology are filled with love and hope, inspiring all of us to widen our circle of compassion to include all beings.

Peace. Love. Paws. The Art of Being Kind benefits the work of the Atlanta Humane Society and can be a reminder to all of us that there is no greater art than the art of being kind.

Limited supply hardcover, 144 pages: $29.95. Available for purchase online at www.atlantahumane.org or www.hermeshousepress.com or call 404-875-5331.

Peace. Love. Paws. T-shirts

These t-shirts benefit the work of the Atlanta Humane Society and can be a reminder to all of us that there is no greater art than the art of being kind. T-shirts are $20 each and come in a variety of colors. To see these t-shirts please visit our website at www.atlantahumane.org/peacelovepaws.asp. T-shirts may be purchased by contacting Karla at 404.974.2875 or email her at karlad@atlantahumane.org.
Welcoming New Personnel

We would like to welcome Ashley Vitez and Karla Dempsey to the Atlanta Humane Society family.

Ashley is the new Volunteer Services Manager. She is thrilled to join the AHS team and is looking forward to working on exciting new projects with the volunteers! If you haven’t already met her, come by the office to meet Ashley and her dog Ella, an Atlanta Humane Society alum!

Karla has filled the position of Special Events Manager. She has spent several years volunteering at animal shelters throughout Georgia and currently serves as a foster parent for the AHS. Karla coordinates most of our events throughout the year, both big and small. Her biggest project for 2010 will be the 20th annual Pet Parade!

The Atlanta Humane Society is offering a thirteen month calendar featuring photos of our companion pet ‘Stars’ for the year 2010. This compilation of pet photos truly is a tribute to pet ownership, and we thank everyone who submitted entries. Your pets are all Stars in our eyes!

For only $15.00 (tax and shipping included), you can enjoy these smiling Stars year round. The calendars may be purchased by sending a check to:

ATTN: Calendar
Atlanta Humane Society
981 Howell Mill Road
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Calendars may also be purchased online, in the AHS Shop or by calling 404.974.2876.

AHS wishes to thank the following sponsors of the 2010 All Pets Allowed Calendar

NO BALL AT ALL™

The Atlanta Humane Society’s successful fundraiser, No Ball At All™, is in full swing. For the 19th year, this ‘non-event’ will raise much needed funds to help care for our “Society Pets.” So, instead of having a fancy party and paying for food, entertainment, and decorations, all the money raised goes to help offset medical expenses and rescue efforts on behalf of the AHS’ homeless pets.

However, if you do want to get together with fellow animal lovers, a No Ball At All™ Patron Party will be held the evening of Friday, April 16th at the pool house of Pamela and Neville Isdell. This event is open to all donors who make a No Ball gift of at least $350 per person. Once again, Knox Jewelers is donating a custom-designed pin and OwenLawrence is giving us a gift certificate that will be given away at the party. Johnny Cain of Southern Style Studio has agreed to photograph the event for us, and Atlanta Flower Market is providing our centerpieces.

If you’d like to receive an invitation or you need more information, please call 404.974.2877.
In Memoriam  
Bequests and gifts remembering these cherished friends...  
These memorial donations were received between June 1, 2009 and September 30, 2009. Gifts received after that date will be included in the next issue.
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A Special Way to Remember

If you would like to make a donation in memory of a deceased person or pet:

• Send your gift to A.H.S. 981 Howell Mill Road NW Atlanta, GA 30318.

A notation of “MEMORIAL” on the outside of the envelope will help speed the acknowledgment of your gift.

• Enclose a note with your check including the name of the deceased, whether the deceased is a person or a pet, the name and address of the family to be notified of your gift, and your name, address and phone number.

• The family will receive a card of acknowledgement, recognizing your gift to the AHS in the name of the deceased (the amount of your gift remains confidential). You will also be sent a note of thanks for your gift.

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Thank you for remembering your friends and family in such a wonderful, helpful way!
Friends for Life

Dear Atlanta Humane Society,

I have been reading your “Friends for Life” column for many years now and I finally decided it was time to tell you about my two very special “Friends for Life”. Way back in the summer of 1991, I began volunteering in the gift shop at the AHS. I volunteered two Saturdays a month and during that time, I decided that I had reached the point in my life at which I was able to give a cat (or cats) a wonderful home. My husband agreed to one cat, but I insisted that two would be much better (they could keep each other company when we were at work). After a few months, we made a trip to the shelter - just to look! Much to our surprise, we quickly found two kittens to adopt. They were brothers – a quiet, dark chocolate brown one with a long, silky fur and a tabby one. Just then, someone walked over and hung a sign on their cage that read “I’m being adopted”. Our hearts sunk. But, it turned out that someone was adopting only the tabby kitten. The brown kitten was ours! As I began to fill out the adoption paperwork, my husband stepped out into the hallway. He returned moments later holding a cardboard kitty carrier with a gray and white kitten inside and exclaimed “We’re adopting this one, too!” The kitten was doing his best to get out of the carrier and had managed to push his head out through the top of the box. He was spunky and incredibly adorable and we were instantly smitten! He was being brought over from Animal Receiving and hadn’t even entered the cat room yet! We felt so lucky to have seen him first! I will never forget that day, as we brought them home from the shelter – our two boys! I was both excited and terrified at the same time! Would we be the best parents for them? Would they be happy at our home? Would we be able to give them the best possible life? How would they get along? Did we make the right decision?

More than 18 years have passed since that day and we can tell you it was the best decision we ever made! Brownie (the chocolate brown kitten) and Simpkin (the gray and white kitten) have filled our lives with so much joy, so much laughter, and so much love that we can hardly even describe how much they have meant to us over the years. At 18 years old, they are both in excellent health – Brownie had a hyperthyroid condition that was successfully treated at UGA this past fall and Simpkin has a touch of arthritis in his hips. They are indoor kittens, but they spend most days on our screened-in porch relaxing (ok, sleeping!) on their kitty heating pads. For the first 10 years, we walked them on a leash each and every day. Then, we built a large fenced garden for them so they could roam around safely outside. They have spent many days rolling in the catnip we plant for them each year and sunbathing in the dianthus flowers. They investigate the garden flora and fauna (mostly fauna, i.e., insects, birds and lizards)! And despite their advanced age, they can still become quite ferocious with the feathery cat toy!

They have been with us practically through our entire married life – they have comforted us (and kept us laughing) through the trials and tribulations of life, including my own cancer 10 years ago. We threw them both a loop when we brought home our first son 5 years ago. They were both 13 years old and just entering the retirement years. If that wasn’t enough, we brought another son home 3 years later! They have endured a lot of petting and a little tail-pulling like complete gentlemen. They have never once bitten or even swatted at our sons – although once or twice, we wished they would have! We like to think that having two preschoolers in the house keeps life interesting for Brownie and Simpkin! Our children have now learned to be very gentle and compassionate with our aging cats. And Brownie and Simpkin receive lots of extra pets and kisses!

We moved from Atlanta in 1995, but I have continued to contribute to the AHS each year because it was the place I found my best friends! Because of my experience at the AHS, I have also continued to volunteer at my local humane society and spent several years teaching humane education in our local schools. We want to thank everyone at AHS for allowing our family to share in the lives of these two very special souls. We know that the job you do is probably one of the hardest in the world, but please know that you’re making a huge difference in so many lives, both human and animal! We will all be forever grateful to the volunteers and staff at the AHS. Your hearts are truly in the right place! Keep up the amazing work.

With deepest gratitude,

Patricia, Laurence, Ethan, William, Brownie and Simpkin Steinfeld
Milledgeville, Georgia

Send us your Friend For Life photo and story. Mail to Atlanta Humane Society, Attn: Heart Editor, 981 Howell Mill Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30318. We are looking for stories about animals adopted from the AHS shelter who have been constant companions for many, many years. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification.

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to the following groups for their donation of money and/or wishlist items to help the animals:

**KATE, EMMA** and **CALLIE NELSON** raised $200 by selling homemade doggie treats in their neighborhood.

**HALEY DUNSON** and **SAMANTHA ROACH** sold lemonade to raise money for the Humane Society. They made $11 and decided to donate half. Haley’s mom matched their donation bringing the total to $10.

**ELIZABETH LONG** collected donations in lieu of gifts for her 13th birthday. She raised $500.

**JACK** and **WILL COMBEE**, along with **SADYE** and **FRITZ SUMTER** raised $90.15 by selling lemonade (and Dad added $500 to this). Sadye and Fritz’s dog, Praline, came to AHS as a puppy rescued from New Orleans during Hurricane Gustav.

**PATERSON** and **MARY PEARCE SEA WELL** made a donation of $28 from their allowance.

**JACK** and **WILL POWELL** and **JACKSON, WILL, and CLAIRE FLETCHER** donated $180 they made from their lemonade stand.

**DAVIS** and **CAROLINE HATCHER** donated $7 by having a lemonade/cookie stand.

**CATHERINE OLSEN** and **REEVES TAYLOR** donated $50 by having a lemonade stand and earning money by doing chores.

**LIZZIE MALINOWSKI, MARY MILEY HICKS, KATE ROSS, CAROLINE BELTRAMI, KIRRA CARDENAS** and **ELIZABETH DARBY** donated $71.29 from a bake sale.

**CREATIVE LOAFING** donated proceeds from a book sale.

Thank you to the following sponsors for their help at the AHS H.E.A.R.T. Open House event on July 23rd.

**BRUSTER’S REAL ICE CREAM** - Hiram, **KIM LINK PHOTOGRAPHY**, **SMOOTHIE KING** - 1000 Northside Drive, **SWEETWATER BREWING COMPANY**, **THE PRIVATE BANK**, **VITAMINWATER** and **ZERO TO SIXTY**.

Thank you to **MORTON’S STEAKHOUSE** for sponsoring AHS in the Philanthropy Week.

**ACTOR’S EXPRESS** donated 50% of ticket sales from a production of Grey Gardens.

**BUCKHEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL** ticket sales promotions.

**PHILIPS ARENA** for Atlanta Thrasher/Hawks ticket sales promotions.

**SIX FEET UNDER** for being their spotlight charity for the month of October.
Join thousands of animal lovers and their pets for a spring walk through Piedmont Park.

ALL FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

LOCATION: PIEDMONT PARK
400 Park Drive
Atlanta, GA 30306

REGISTRATION:
9AM

WALK START:
11AM

Festivities continue until 1PM

*The date and location are contingent upon permitting with the City of Atlanta and Piedmont Park.

Adoptable Animals  
Vendors ~ Games ~ Contests  
Booth displays by local rescue organizations

DON’T DELAY, REGISTER TODAY!
$30 – Advance  
$35 – Day of the walk

Registered participants receive a commemorative Pet Parade t-shirt. All pets walk free of charge!

Collect donations from family, friends and co-workers through your own customized donation Web Page!

Participants can pre-register and collect funds online using their very own personalized Pledge Page and potentially win fantastic prizes!

1. Go to www.atlantahumane.org
2. Click on the 2010 Pet Parade logo
3. Create your own individual or team fundraising page

Please call the Pet Parade hotline at 404.974.2849 or visit www.ATLANTAPETPARADE.com for additional information, including vendor applications, sponsorship opportunities, online registration and pledge forms.
Becoming A Corporate Sponsor

Throughout the year, the Society hosts several events to raise funds for the animals in our care. Each event contains the opportunity for visibility within the community, recognition on all event collateral pieces, and media exposure.

To discuss any opportunities that interest you, please contact Karla Dempsey at 404.974.2875 or karlad@atlantahumane.org

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For information, call Cathy Sleva, Vice President of Development.
404.974.2877

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AHS now has an online pet store!

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SHOP THE AHS SHOP & AHS Marketplace

Find everything you need for you and your pet.
• Toys
• Apparel
• Jewelry
• Holiday Gear
• Cat Lover Gifts
• Dog Lover Gifts
• For Your Home
• Sports Fan Gear
November 26
**THANKSGIVING DAY - CLOSED**
AHS will re-open Friday, November 27

November 26
**ATLANTA MARATHON - THANKSGIVING DAY**
3097 E. Shadowlawn Avenue, Atlanta

November 30
**OWENLAWRENCE HOLIDAY SHOPPING**
1200 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta

December 5
**AHS GRAND RE-OPENING**
981 Howell Mill Road, Atlanta, 9:30am

December 12
**REINDOG PARADE**
Atlanta Botanical Garden, 1345 Piedmont Avenue NE, Atlanta

December 12, January 9, February 13, March 13
**MEND-A-HEART GRIEF COUNSELING**
AHS Administrative Area, 11am

December 31
**CHICK-FIL-A PEACH BOWL PARADE**
Peachtree Street and Ralph McGill Boulevard, Atlanta

January 9, February 13, March 13
**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION**
AHS Auditorium, 9:30am

April 16
**NO BALL AT ALL**
For more information please call 404.974.2877

May 1 - Tentative
**PET PARADE**
Piedmont Park, Atlanta