

FOR FRIENDS OF THE  
ATLANTA HUMANE SOCIETY



# *the* **heartbeat**



You give them  
**Love**

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*Read the story of Bubbles and many more inside  
to learn how your love supports them.*

# DEAR FRIENDS



Your support of the work we do here at the Atlanta Humane Society is incredible. Your donations enable us to provide animals in need the care and love they deserve. And, especially in the springtime, your support enables us to care for an influx of tiny puppies and kittens who come to us seeking love. When you choose to support the animals, and these tiny puppies and kittens, you're choosing to give them love, often for the first time in their lives.

Please take a moment to read the stories of Bubbles, Maizey and Rain that are in this issue of *The Heartbeat*. Know that your past support gave them love, and that your support today will give the animals who are coming through our doors right now the love they need as well.

We couldn't do the work we do, care for the animals we care for, and provide specialized support to these tiny puppies and kittens without you and your continued partnership. We're grateful for your kindness! Your donation of \$25, \$50 or \$100 provides them the love they deserve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cal".

Cal Morgan – President and CEO





# YOU SUPPORT LOVE

**TOTAL LIVES  
SAVED  
11,054**



More than 11,000 animals came through our doors searching for hope in 2017, and they found it in the loving arms of our staff and volunteers – thanks to your generosity. Because of you, we were able to provide them with the comfort and care they needed and find them families to love them for the rest of their lives.

**12,145**

**SPAY OR NEUTER  
SURGERIES**



Our AHS Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Georgia Initiative provides sterilization services to animals in the metro Atlanta area, and our team travels throughout the state to provide these services to areas where it is needed the most. Additionally, we ensure that every animal who we adopt out is spayed or neutered before they go up for adoption.



**TRANSPORT IN**

**6,237**

With county shelters struggling to manage their overcrowded facilities, we actively work with animal welfare organizations across our state to bring animals into our care to find them loving homes here in Atlanta.

**TRANSPORT OUT**

**944**



Our active and growing transport program also works to move animals from the Southeast to shelters in the North where there are fewer adoptable animals.



**ANIMALS IN DISASTER  
RELIEF SHELTER**

**724**

During hurricane season, we took in animals from across the Southeast who were already available for adoption in shelters in the paths of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma to open up space for displaced and lost animals in those communities.

**ANIMALS SERVED**

**30,000**



Through our programs and outreach services, we touch the lives of pets and their humans living throughout the Southeast. We provide humane education, training and veterinary care while advocating for legislation that helps to further our mission.

**12,653**

**MICROCHIPS  
PROVIDED**



Every animal adopted from our shelter receives a microchip to ensure if they ever get lost, they'll have the best chance of being reunited with their owner. We also microchip our veterinary and spay/neuter pet clients.

*Your support did so much last year! You cared for more animals than ever and gave them the love they needed.*

*Your support provided so much love last year.*

# THE TINIEST CREATURES RELY ON YOUR LOVE.



*Maizey*



*Every spring, we see an influx of tiny puppies and kittens. Sometimes they are only days old, and often times they are incredibly sick. These are just a few of the stories of the tiny creatures who come to us needing your love.*

Pregnant Maizey came into our care terrified, injured and shaking. Hours away from giving birth, she could hardly walk. Her head was covered in open wounds, only adding to the pain she was going through. Our Shelter Medicine Team gave her a warm, soothing bath, and a staff member took her home so she could prepare to have her precious puppies. Within hours, Maizey was a loving mother of six adorable little ones, and the sweet family spent the next eight weeks cuddled up with each other in a foster home. Maizey healed both emotionally and physically while her puppies grew big and strong. They all found love because of the support you gave them.



Rain was cold, alone and barely alive. Orphaned and abandoned at three weeks old, she could hardly hold her head straight, and she could barely walk. She was rushed to us and immediately given the love she yearned for. Rain was then placed into an AHS foster home where she received around-the-clock care and the specialized support she needed. Days later, Rain was rushed to our Shelter



*Rain*

Medicine Team after two massive abscesses appeared on her back overnight. We quickly drained the painful sores, provided her a gentle dose of antibiotics and told Rain that everything would be okay. Slowly over the next coming weeks, Rain grew into a beautiful and strong creature. Neonatal kittens are fragile, and without the support of our team carefully monitoring her, and the love you give, Rain would never have made it.

Bubbles was huddled against his deceased mother in the corner of a car wash. He was shaking, cold, and wet, but with one look at him, you could tell what was bothering him the most... he was all alone. Bubbles was quickly brought to our Shelter Medicine Team who examined him carefully. They found that he was missing his right eye and that his left eye had a severe deformity. Bubbles was given special care and support over the next few months, but more than anything, we knew Bubbles just needed love. Thankfully, your support was there to provide it to him.



*Bubbles*

**Our shelters are flooded with tiny puppies and kittens each spring. Your love, and your donations, provide them the strength they need.**

# YOUR LOVE PROVIDES RESCUE

We recently received a call about more than 60 dogs on a property in Bacon County. They were living outside in a large pen, occasionally being thrown food that they'd eat off the dirt, and in need of medical attention. Our Animal Emergency Services Team drove to the property alongside our Shelter Medicine Team. They immediately began assessing the dogs most in need to ensure they received immediate care. Then, one by one, we started to remove the dogs.

We placed the dogs into our transport vehicles and took them back to our campuses. There, we examined them closely and provided each of them with a specialized medical treatment plan. Some of them had heartworms which will require months of treatments. Some of them had horrible wounds and were rushed to surgery. All of them had parasites attacking their bodies.

*And now, they are all finding their loving homes thanks to your support. It's you who enables us to respond immediately when animals are in need, and your support provides the most destitute animals with the love they deserve.*



# YOUR LOVE PROVIDES COMFORT



Marvel arrived into our care from our friends at DeKalb County Animal Services. As soon as we laid eyes on him, we knew we had to help. This sweet guy was extremely thin, had a painful ulcer in his right eye and his ears were covered in scars from years of being bitten by flies.

When he came to us, our Shelter Medicine Team immediately began to perform diagnostics on precious Marvel. They provided him antibiotics for the open sores on his feet, soothing ointment for the throbbing ulcer in his eye and pain medicine for his many afflictions. Both his body and his heart had a lot of healing to do, so he was placed into a loving AHS foster home where he thrived. He gained weight and his sores healed. Marvel received the comfort he needed. His tail finally began to wag once again, and it is your love that made it possible.



Marvel's story is just one of the thousands you make possible. Watch his transformation, the transformation you made possible for him, now at [atlantahumane.org/marvel](https://atlantahumane.org/marvel).

# UPCOMING IN 2018

We have a busy spring full of puppies, kittens and other animals who need us and who need your love. Your continued support through your monetary donations means the world to them. To Maizey and her puppies, your support is everything. You'll be seeing their story in our next mailing, and we can't wait to share with you the happy endings they all had. We also have many wonderful events coming up in the next couple of months that we just had to tell you about. We'd love to see you at one of them!

The only thing keeping  
her alive was ...



## INAUGURAL TELETHON MARCH 8

Our Inaugural Telethon will be hosted on Fox 5 Atlanta and will feature the heartwarming stories of animals who have been saved by your loving care. Show your support by tuning in all day and visiting [atlantahumane.org/telethon](http://atlantahumane.org/telethon) to meet some of the animals we'll be featuring.

## GEORGIA'S CUTEST PET PHOTO CONTEST MARCH 20

Keep your eyes open for our pet photo contest kickoff! It's your pet's opportunity to be included (and maybe even featured!) in our 2019 AHS Pet Calendar. And, at the end of the contest, one pet will be named Georgia's Cutest Pet! You can learn more at [atlantahumane.org/photocontest](http://atlantahumane.org/photocontest).

## BOW WOW BRUNCH APRIL 15

Join us at this year's annual Bow Wow Brunch! Our family-oriented gala introduces the children and grandchildren of AHS donors and supporters to the importance of philanthropy and life-long giving by showcasing the lifesaving work of AHS. It's a celebratory event where more than 400 animal lovers in our community come together. You can purchase your tickets at [atlantahumane.org/bowwowbrunch](http://atlantahumane.org/bowwowbrunch).

## ZOOPAWS APRIL 28

Lions and tigers and puppies, oh my! Join us for ZooPaws: Atlanta's Pet Adoption Event! Every year, we host this mega adoption event outside of Zoo Atlanta in Grant Park where animal welfare organizations from across our state come together to find loving homes for animals in need. Come meet your furry new best friend at this great adoption event where more than a hundred companion animals will be up for adoption. Keep your eyes out for details at [atlantahumane.org/zoopaws](http://atlantahumane.org/zoopaws).