Dear friends,

We see animals with so many different stories come through our doors. Animals who have lived in horrendous puppy mills, animals who have spent their entire lives fighting for themselves, and animals who have been abused. And we are there for each one of these animals when they come to us. We are there to defend the defenseless and help them find their perfect match.

Recently a puppy named Hutch came into our care, and he needed us more than anything. You see, Hutch had a broken heart. His cough was constant, and he struggled to breathe. It was a severe heart defect, and he needed an echocardiogram.

Often, shelters are faced with very difficult situations when they have an animal like Hutch in their care. Testing and treatment are extremely costly, and it can be very difficult to find an adopter who is willing and able to care for an animal who has a special, and potentially expensive, medical condition.

**But we knew we had to do everything we could for Hutch and give him the chance he deserved.**

We reached out to a special donor who was willing to help provide Hutch the testing and treatment he needed. The cardiologist diagnosed him with pulmonary stenosis, and we immediately scheduled him for surgery to help correct it.

We still had a big hurdle to cross though... finding Hutch the perfect family who could understand his special needs and provide him the medical care he would need throughout his entire life. We expected it would take months to find Hutch that perfect home, but all it took was a single Instagram post for his new family to fall in love.

Almost immediately, we received a message inquiring about Hutch. It was from a mother who was more than familiar with pulmonary stenosis—her two-year-old daughter had the same condition, and she felt it was meant to be. We connected the family with Hutch's foster parent, and they fell in love immediately. Hutch is now living with the perfect family who can help him live the life he deserves thanks to your support of what we do each and every day.

Thank you,

Cal Morgan
President and CEO
Join us on Thursday, March 7 for the *Atlanta Humane Society Day of Giving* and show your support for Atlanta’s animals in need.

We need your help to ensure animals like Hutch continue to receive the care and love they deserve.

Visit atlantahumane.org/giving to learn how you can be an advocate for animals on this incredibly important day.
Tiny Toby Was Broken

Small, fragile and broken. Toby was just two months old when he arrived at the Atlanta Humane Society. He was a happy puppy, but he was suffering. His front leg was fractured and every excited hop ended in immense pain.

He wanted nothing more than to run and play like a normal puppy, but he just couldn’t.

Our Shelter Medicine Team swooped Toby up into their arms and ran X-rays on him to determine the extent of the fracture. With his bones still growing, Toby’s leg was placed in a cast, and we found a foster caregiver to provide him love, cuddles, and lots of crate rest. By carefully wrapping his leg up and ensuring that he stayed off it as much as possible in his foster home, Toby had the best chances of healing.

The healing process wasn’t easy for energetic Toby, but his foster mom took him to work each day to ensure he received lots of attention and love. He spent the days quietly laying by her desk, and slowly, he became stronger. Our Shelter Medicine Team kept a close eye on Toby, and he had multiple checkups to ensure that his bone was healing correctly. After weeks of rest, Toby’s leg healed, and he was finally able to get his cast off. This sweet puppy had melted our hearts, and the moment his new family laid eyes on him, he melted theirs too.

Our Shelter Medicine Team carefully evaluates each of the 10,000 animals who comes through our doors every year, providing each individual with a thorough exam and a specialized medical plan.
Defending Those Suffering From Cruelty

In just six months, our Animal Cruelty Unit has rescued 183 animals from cruel and neglectful situations.
Covered in mats and struggling to move, 40 severely neglected dogs were carefully unloaded from our van, wrapped up in blankets, and brought into our Mansell Road location. They had been used to support a puppy mill and lived in horrendous conditions their entire lives. Our Animal Cruelty Unit worked closely with the local animal control and police to ensure that these animals were brought to safety and received the lives they deserved.

The mats weighed down on their bodies and tugged at their skin. They could hardly see, and they could only feel pain. We carefully shaved each of them down, removing the years of filth that clung to their coats. Almost instantly, you could tell that they felt like new dogs. Pounds lighter and finally feeling love, each one of them was given specialized medical care and placed up for adoption so they could find families who would love them forever.

Your support ensured they received every ounce of care they needed and all the love in the world.
Because Every Animal Deserves Care

Our Shelter Medicine Team mends broken bones, heals those inflicted with deadly diseases, and provides care to thousands of animals each year.