Dear friends,

Behind all of the animals we care for are the people we care for.

Your continued support of the Atlanta Humane Society enables us to care for thousands of animals each year. We have a long legacy of fighting for them, and our community’s backing is what continues to ensure that we are able to answer the call when animals are in need. We steward your support to make the largest impact on our community, and we depend on your support to save lives.

You’ll find a few stories of the lives you’ve helped to save in this issue of the *Heartbeat*. You’ll hear stories of how neglect can turn into unconditional love and stories of how our city’s tiniest animals in need receive care.

This summer, we’ll see thousands more animals just like these come through our doors seeking refuge and comfort. And this summer, your support will enable these animals to receive the care and love they deserve.

Sincerely,

Cal Morgan
President and CEO
Something just wasn’t quite right with Henry. He wasn’t developing like he should, his head began to tilt sideways, and he struggled to keep his balance.

Our Shelter Medicine Team examined him, prescribed a nutritious diet, and placed him into the care of a foster parent who could provide him around-the-clock support. With a lot of love and care, we helped Henry’s neurological issue improve, and a few weeks later, Henry was healthy again. He was able to walk straight and play like a normal kitten!

Vulnerable animals like Henry get second chances at the Atlanta Humane Society because of your support. And now, Henry is living life alongside his brother in their forever home in Atlanta.
Puppy Mill Rescue

Our Animal Protection Unit responded to an urgent puppy mill situation in Lamar County, Georgia where 44 dogs were living in extreme neglect. Many were starving and covered head-to-toe in painful mats. All of them had lost hope... you could see it in their eyes.

We spent the day tirelessly working in conjunction with the Lamar County Sheriff’s Office and the Lamar County District Attorney’s Office to rescue each one of these dogs.

They had been living in muddy pens outside in their own feces and urine with no food and no drinkable water. But we were there to rescue them.

Alongside our rescue partners, we carefully loaded these dogs into vans and headed back to Atlanta. Once we arrived, our staff immediately began grooming the dogs to relieve the pain and discomfort from their matted fur while our Shelter Medicine Team created customized medical plans for each of them. And, while these animals were receiving love for the first time in their lives, our Animal Protection Unit worked alongside local authorities to ensure that the owners were prosecuted for the neglect they put these animals through.

In just a few hours, we saw hope return to their eyes. They finally knew what it was like to be loved, and we found each of them loving homes.
Little Harriet

When little Harriet arrived at the Atlanta Humane Society, she was covered in so many itchy, painful sores, it was hard to tell what kind of animal she was. At just 8 weeks old, Harriet weighed less than 2 pounds and was suffering from demodectic mange.

She was miserable. Her skin was hot to the touch, and she needed immediate medical attention. Her feet and belly were raw, and she shivered with chills. Our Shelter Medicine Team immediately gave her medication to soothe her skin and found the perfect foster home for her to heal.

Harriet received warm, soothing medicated baths each week until she started to heal. Life wasn’t kind to Harriet before she came to the Atlanta Humane Society, but now she’s receiving more love and care than she could ever have imagined.
Finding Levi’s Wheelchair

Levi came to us paralyzed and confused, but we knew that this little guy had the heart of a fighter.

He couldn’t use his back legs and it was impossible for him to run and play like a normal dog. He had painful callouses on his feet caused by dragging his injured legs behind him his entire life.

His mobility was so hindered, our Shelter Medicine Team determined that little Levi needed a wheelchair to live pain-free. Now, Levi is living life in his forever home, and his sweet, fighting spirit has left us all inspired.
Opening Our Hearts to Animals

This summer, more than 1,000 kittens and puppies will receive specialized care in our foster homes.