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Friends of the Animals Came out in Disguise

It was another spectacular Howl-o-ween Ball thanks to some amazing friends and sponsors. We are always humbled by the generosity and big hearts of those individuals and businesses who support the work we do. At this year's Ball, revelers helped us raise nearly \$40K. We cannot thank everyone enough for helping us continue the lifesaving work we do for animals in need.

Besides reaching our fundraising goal, it was also a fabulous evening of fun. And once again, our attendees knocked it out of the park with their array of creative costumes, from _____ and _____ to _____ and everything in between.

Party goers who opted for the VIP lounge, were treated to early entry, special food and cocktails, raffle prizes, and a first look at the plans for our new facility. Guests were greeted by our own Pet Therapy dogs and a few adoptable pets as well.

“We had a fantastic audience at Howl-o-ween Ball and were thrilled to be able to share some early details of our new facility and what we've got planned for it,” said Tom Van Winkle, Executive Director, HHS. “The future

of HHS is very bright, and the success of events like this one show just how much this community supports what we do.”

Auctioneer, Jodi Murphy helped excite the crowds during the presentation and live auction. The rest of the evening was filled with dancing to tunes from Fig Media's DJ Betty, photos and videos at the Smilebooth, silent auction, catered food and cocktails and donations of wine from Backpack Wines, and sweets from Sweet Ali's Gluten Free Bakery in Hinsdale, plus the usual loads of laughs at all of the A-game costumes.

Our thanks to all of the attendees who came out and supported us, and to all of our sponsors, donors and volunteers who made the evening a hit. Special thanks to Mistie Lucht and all of the Ambassadors. Without Mistie's guidance, creativity and drive, this event would not have been possible.

“It takes a village to pull off an event like this,” said Mistie Lucht, Ambassador and Howl-o-ween Ball Chair. “I'm just happy to be a part of that Village.”

The Beauty of Friends

We can't do what we do without friends like all of you. From everyone who came out to our events this year, to our donors, volunteers, sponsors, Ambassadors and Board members, we are so grateful for your support of our mission.

In this year of big changes and future growth, we have been buoyed by support from our volunteers, nearly 300 strong, who do everything from washing dishes and doing laundry, to walking dogs, socializing cats, and representing us at events. We also rely on our Pet Therapy teams to share the healing power of pets in the community, our Junior Board to be the next generation of animal welfare advocates and our Board of Directors to guide our organization.

Special thanks go out to our Ambassadors at this Howl-o-ween Ball time of year. They are an incredible group of young women who lend us their creativity and passion for the cause, by gathering donated auction items, sharing our message on their social media networks, and helping create the vision and look of our events.

Special thanks to this group of women who make it all happen:

Howl-o-ween Ball and Ambassador Chair:

Mistie Lucht

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Director's Desk



In this issue, you'll read about the importance of dental care for your pet, as well as a story about one poor little guy who is getting his teeth fixed because of the generous support of our donors. While most of our pets will not experience tooth decay as badly as poor Brody, we shouldn't take caring for our pet's dental health lightly.

People often don't realize that their animal's teeth can become an issue. Let's face it, there are no dentists in the wild and our pet's wild cousins seem to do just fine. The reason for this of course is that wild animals don't eat processed foods, and the food they do eat requires them to also chew on bones, which helps naturally clean their teeth. Since our family pets don't eat the same foods, or in the same manner as wild animals, plaque and bacteria build up, leading to tooth decay. If your dog (or cat) enjoys chewing on very hard bones, then they may not have many problems with their teeth because they are cleaning them the natural way. But for the majority of our pets, dental issues are a real potential problem.

As you read this issue of Humanely Speaking, you'll learn

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Our Friends at Room & Board



We can't sing the praises of our partner Room & Board enough. They have generously donated their gorgeous showroom space to us for multiple events over the years, always doing so with a smile and a "sure we can do that!" attitude.

From welcoming us in with litters of puppies and kittens for photo shoots, to opening up their entire showroom to our Howl-o-ween Ball, and even finding humor at a sneaky mystery Howl-o-ween Ball guest who left strategically-placed candy corns for them to find throughout the store, we have to give a big shout out to our friends at Room & Board, Oak Brook.

Special thanks to Francesca Andrews and Jennifer Barhorst, for always being game for whatever we come up with. The message on their front window says it all: "we are better together."

Hinsdale Rotary Run Charity Classic

It feels like the Rotary Club of Hinsdale is always there for us. From bringing the burgers and dogs to our Pet Walk & Run, to making us an ongoing beneficiary of their popular Rotary Run Charity Classic each year.

We are so grateful for their continued support. They model community action in everything they do.

Hundreds of runners and walkers participated in their October 15th 10K, 5K and 3K races. Over the past 20 years of this event, the Rotarians have raised more than \$600,000 for local charities like our's.

PAWS FOR APPLAUSE

Giving from the Heart



Our continued thanks to our littlest and mightiest supporters, now all members of our Big Hearts for Little Paws club. The different ways these littlest entrepreneurs and philanthropists come up with to raise funds are so impressive and include: lemonade stands, donated allowance, garage sales, donations as birthday gifts, first communion funds, jewelry sales, money earned for good grades (smart!), arts/crafts and toy sales, school donation drives, and one of our favorites: slime sales.

Thank you to these future leaders:

Lola & Leila | Gabriella & Julian Toczyłowski | Natalie Duba | Giancarlo & Evie | Nicholas Debellis | Jill Hooten | Evan & Ella Zydek | Brooke & Gavin | David Waight | Mia & Teagan | Sophie Wibbenmeyer | Luke Hartman | Emerson & Keaton Cassell | Mia Gottfried & Stella McCarroll | Brandon Shoults | Jack & Gabby | Ryan & Madeline | Ben Johnson | Tess | Scarlett | Kamila Sawosko | CJ & Luca | Ellie | Alana, Lilah, CJ | Jack, Hailey, Emily | Caroline Wise | Nolan Pavlik | Caroline & Catherine Cavato | Ian & Emeline McClenahan | Kate, Sophia & Hannah McCarthy | Regan Wong | Lila | Maya, Eva & Clara Gin | John Duncan | Ella Veendendall | Hannah Richter | Lilly Gierczyk | Sara | Jackie, Sophia, Ashley & Pola | DeLaura Jones | Savannah | Jessica Pokusa | Eleanore | Emanuel, Hollie, Ella | Sarsha | Faith

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Sincere thanks to the following individuals and groups for their support of the work we do: Karen Batenic via Hainsworth Associates in Burr Ridge | Barbara Lorschbach for her Great Hearts Initiative donations | Janie Rosero at the Hyatt Oak Brook | Microsoft Giving Campaign matching gift with Dan Orum and Alice Nichols | Hale Pet Door in Canon City, CO with Ken Marks | the Petco Foundation for a recent adoption event | Nate Lucht for matching donations from his executive leadership team | and Sam Vlahos of Fuller House in Hinsdale for hosting HHS and generously sharing a portion of proceeds from the night with HHS.

The Oak Brook Park District held a teen service camp in our offices to help with file and donation clean up and organization, and hosted a dog wash to benefit our shelter, in addition to inviting us to attend their first ever Mutt Miler. The Oak Brook Public Library gave us donations from the READ program. LaGrange Public Library had nearly 60 patrons participate in making blankets for our animals, and Old Quarry Middle School teacher, Elizabeth Griffin, presented a donation to our pet therapy teams who visit the school.

Our thanks to all of you for your support!

Correction: We missed the inclusion of Marie Agresti in our Memorial/Honor issue. She kindly made a donation to our animals, in memory of her dog Lucky.

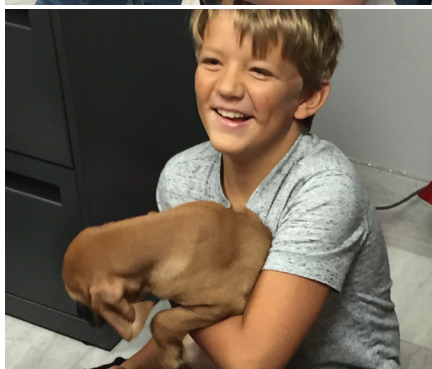
Puppy Party-Palooza

Our Puppy Party continues to grow with more visitors and more puppies every year. This year's event, held on October 1st to kick-off national Adopt-a-Dog month, brought out nearly 200 visitors to the shelter.

They got to snuggle with sweet puppies who had just returned to us from foster care. Of the ten pups up for adoption, five went home that day, as well as two cats!

Our guests enjoyed Pupcakes, Pupcorn, Pawtato Chips and Lolli-Pups as well as a balloon artist, face painting and visits with all of the other dogs, cat and kittens available for adoption that day.

We also had special guests pop in... newlywed volunteers, Allison and Matt O'Brien who were just married the night before! We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate the day after a wedding, than visiting with sweet puppies, and obviously they felt the same way!



Humane Education at HHS



Safety Month

Our Humane Education program partnered with local police and fire departments during the month of October to participate in their safety fairs. We spent time educating the public and highlighting programs such as:

- No Pet Left Behind that teaches how to best prepare families and their pets for unexpected and natural disasters.
- Dog Safety that focuses on dog body

language, general safety tips and dog bite prevention.

Big Hearts for Little Paws Program

Our youngest friends have the biggest hearts! That's why we honor them with our Big Hearts for Little Paws Club. So many children want to help our animals, and the best way they can do that is by gathering funds and/or supplies for our shelter residents. We are so very grateful for their kindness, and we honor them with parties throughout the year.

HHS offers instructor-led programs that teach important life skills, including kindness, compassion, and respect for all living things. We also work with Boy and Girl Scout programs. Please contact our Humane Educator, Jacki Rossi at humane.ed@hinsdalehumanesociety.org for more information.

Two Paws Up!



Mad Viking Beard Club

Once again, our friends at the Mad Viking Beard Club rallied their troops to gather supplies that will help our homeless animals. Their support and outreach on our behalf means the world to us. Pardon the pun, but these guys are really starting to grow on us!

Matilda Jane Clothing

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Our thanks to Jennifer Steinhagen and her Matilda Jane Clothing business, for kindly donating a portion of recent sale proceeds to our homeless animals. This sweet clothing line is as joyful as Jennifer and her kind donations to us!

Classic Kids Photography Hinsdale

Classic Kids in Hinsdale once again shared their photography expertise with us through their Dog Days of Summer promotion. For every session pet owners booked through the summer months, Classic Kids donated \$50 from each sitting to our animals.



NEWS FROM PET THERAPY



Bob at Oak Brook Public Library

Every summer the Oak Brook Public Library joins in our HHS READ program to offer their young patrons the opportunity to read with our therapy pets. This year, in addition to the library's annual generous support of READ, they gave their summer readers the opportunity to make a donation to HHS rather than receive a prize for their efforts. Bob, the cat, was pretty excited to hear this and when he stopped in with his handler, volunteer Nancy Karpen, for his scheduled READ date, he made sure to thank some of the participants who were at the library that night.

HHS is very fortunate to have Pet Therapy Teams with a wide array of experiences. Jim and Karen Wierdak along with their Goldens Marley and Glory have done extensive work with children in special education settings. When the Director of Special Education for Lyons School District 103 contacted HHS about their Extended School Year program for students with disabilities, Team Wierdak was more than excited to fit this request into a busy summer schedule. Early August at the Robinson School, the Wierdak



crew was able to accommodate therapy time with students from six classrooms. The Director told us that at the end of the visit one student said "I just can't stop smiling."

HHS CARE Teams attended Hinsdale Hospital's 63rd annual Ice Cream Social, a favorite end of summer event in the village. A big thank you to our volunteer teams Jan Forster & Grover, Amy Read & Buster, Ann Marie Casper & Lilly and Dietre Hayford & Bosco for helping out at the HHS booth. We had lots of visitors who were eager to learn about the animals in our care, our planned move to a new "home" and the work we do in our CARE program at AMITA Health's Hinsdale and La Grange Hospitals and Paulson Pediatric.

This fall, HHS welcomed our second guinea pig to the Pet a Pet program, Daisy! This Pet Partner registered therapy animal is very sweet, easily approachable and makes the most soothing purrs and engaging nose wiggles. Daisy, along with volunteer Nancy Woodard, easily made friends with more than a few of the residents and the Executive Director at Harvester Place, an Anthem Memory Care facility in Burr Ridge.



Bob and Group

Ask a Vet



Dr. Alan Main is the practice owner at West Suburban Veterinary Associates in Westmont, a group dedicated to providing cutting edge veterinary medicine and advanced treatments for their patients.

Q: Does your pet have bad breath, salivation, facial swelling, trouble chewing, or jaw pain? If so, he or she likely has dental disease. What does this mean for your pet's health?

A: Dental problems are by far the most common major health issue of cats and dogs. Despite its name, dental disease does not merely affect the oral cavity; it impacts the entire body. Dental disease has serious consequences for health and longevity of dogs and cats.

Dental disease, otherwise referred to as periodontal disease, affects the support of the tooth called the periodontium. This includes the periodontal ligament, the gum tissue, and the bone around the tooth. Initially, the disease is caused by plaque on the tooth surface; plaque is composed of mucin, gum tissue cells and bacteria. This plaque is then mineralized from salts in

the food into a hard material called tartar or calculus.

Once tartar is formed it becomes an irritant to the gum tissue which then accelerates the progression of periodontal disease. As the number of bacteria in the oral cavity increase, the risk for these bacteria to affect other organs increases. The heart, liver and kidney receive the majority of blood flow and therefore have the greatest risk for damage from the bacteria.

Regular exams with a veterinarian will provide an excellent assessment of your pet's oral cavity and the need for periodontal therapy. Over the last ten years veterinary dentistry has advanced tremendously in every phase. This means better techniques and safer anesthetic protocols. All pets should have a dental wellness plan. Remember: a healthy oral cavity is a healthy body.

HHS Memorials, Tributes and Bequests

Remember a friend, family member or beloved animal with a memorial gift. Knowing that your donation helps give animals in need a second chance at life brings comfort to the friends and family who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

You can also make a tribute or honor gift to acknowledge birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, or holiday gifts. Or purchase an engraved Memorial Brick in our Carla Fisher Memorial Garden. Thank the people and animals who make a difference in your life by giving a gift that benefits the animals in our care.

Your gift will be acknowledged with:

- A card sent to the surviving family or honoree
- A thank you card sent to you from Hinsdale Humane Society
- And a listing in an upcoming publication

Hinsdale Humane Society is deeply appreciative for the families of these departed individuals who designated memorial gifts to help our homeless animals in the past six months:

Theresa Cockrell
Joan Gutowski
Angeline Foley
Francis Jeno
Georgian Kopach
Carole Malinski
Mariel Schlesinger
Pete Tiemeyer
John Zumpano

Gifts received through wills, trusts, and planned giving are the financial foundation that makes possible the many programs the society offers for both people and animals. Make a difference today and tomorrow for animals in need when you make a planned gift. Friends who include us in planned giving enjoy the quiet satisfaction of helping us continue to provide for future generations. If you'd like more information about leaving a bequest to HHS, please contact Jen Fisher, Development Director at 630-323-5630 x12 or development@hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

The Perfect Gift: Sponsor an Animal



Animal Sponsorships just became an even easier perfect gift to give. Just in time for the holidays, we'll be revealing a new option tailor made for last minute shoppers: instant print, custom animal sponsorship certificates! What a great idea for a gift that also gives back to homeless animals, instantly.

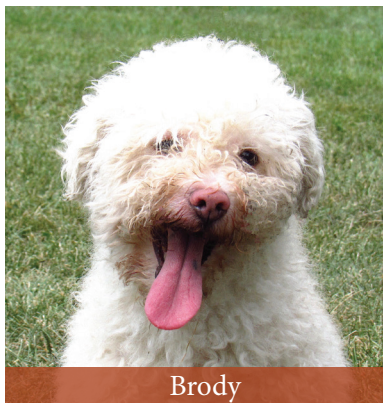
We'll share details soon of how you can get your own instant printout of your favorite adoptable to sponsor for a friend or family member. Our traditional, mailed certificates are still available as well.

To receive a printed invitation mailed from us:

1. Select the animal from our list of Available Animals, or allow us to select one for you.
2. Complete the Sponsorship information in one of the following ways:
 - Use the Online Sponsorship Form using our shopping cart function.
 - Download the Sponsor an Animal Form. Fill out and mail in with check payable to Hinsdale Humane Society, 22. N. Elm Street, Hinsdale, IL. 60521.
 - Come in to the shelter, or call us at 630-323-5630 to complete your Sponsorship.

— Meet our Dogs —

Each animal in need that comes through our doors has its own unique story. Here are just a few from recent weeks:



Brody

Our special boy "Brody" came to us with a severely broken jaw and serious dental issues that required correction prior to adoption. We are told his jaw may heal on its own, but extensive dental work was required for him to lead a normal home life. Happily, we have a generous, anonymous donor who offered to do a match in our Medical fund to generate additional funding needed not only for Brody, but also for the Texas dogs we have taken in who require expensive heartworm treatment.



Walter

You may have seen Walter's story on our social media pages. He was found as a stray roaming the streets of Chicago, covered in matts and burrs. He was almost entirely blind due to cataracts, and was clearly a senior dog. We took a chance and took him from an overcrowded shelter into our facility. Within ten minutes of being on the adoption floor, this sweet boy found his forever family in a couple who wanted nothing more than to have a sweet dog to cuddle with and have on their laps.



Holly & Miller

These dogs both came to us from shelters in Texas. After Hurricane Harvey came through, we took in dogs that were already living in shelters there, in order to make room for those displaced by the storm. Sweet Holly with her beautiful eyes, was recently adopted. But as of this newsletter printing, Miller is the only remaining Texas dog with us still waiting to find his family.

Cindy Rein Completes Her Board Term



Cindy Rein

It's always hard to say goodbye to Board members, but even more so for those that have served to their term limit of six years. Cindy Rein is one of those members who has become a part of who we are as an organization, during the past six years.

She originally came to HHS as a volunteer, before transitioning onto the Board. "I was always looking for ways I could expand my service to HHS," said Rein. "This seemed like a perfect opportunity to put my business skills to work to help

HHS meet its goals."

With her background in finance, Cindy served as the Board's Treasurer for five years, and as the Chair of the finance, compensation and governance committees. Cindy's cats are her passion, so being able to help homeless cats and dogs find their forever homes, both as a Board member and as a volunteer cat socializer and dog walker, was a perfect fit.

Since Cindy began with the Board in 2012, there have always been discussions about increasing the shelter's space to provide better care for the animal population and to enhance the services offered to the community. In 2013, the shelter's administrative staff moved into office space in Katherine Legge Park to open up space at the shelter for adoption consults, volunteer interactions with the animals, an improved cat and kitten room to provide roomier accommodations that minimize stress, and an update to the kennels.

"Now we are embarking on a move to a new location that will allow us to offer even more animal care programs to the community, bring our administrative and animal care staff back under one roof, and expand the number of animals we can house," said Rein.

According to Rein, the goal in the future for HHS is to be viewed as one of the top animal shelters in the Chicago area, and become a model for other shelters to emulate.

Now that Cindy's involvement as a Board member has ended, she plans to continue volunteering her time as a cat socializer and dog walker. Staff, volunteers and other Board members will still get the opportunity to enjoy her company. We are so thankful to Cindy for all of her years of dedicated service to this cause.

Two Paws Up!

Citadel's Shred4Rescues

Citadel of Westmont presented another great Shred4Rescues event this past summer. We love this fun event where attendees get their documents shredded in exchange for a donation that Citadel gives to the rescues in attendance.



Rosemary Clapacs

One of our wonderful Ambassadors is named Rosemary Clapacs and she is a very passionate and generous volunteer, quietly guiding and supporting us in her own special and creative ways. Our thanks to Rosemary for her sweet and encouraging presence in our organization.



WSCCI Family Health Festival

We attended the WSCCI's Regional Family Health, Wellness and Safety Festival in September and brought some of our special pet therapy teams with us, including a sassy little guinea pig named Ernie who was looking for a smooch from therapy dog Theo.





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Ask Jenny...

HHS Operations Manager and Obedience Instructor answers pet-related questions and offers advice

Q: My veterinarian told me that I should be brushing my dog's teeth to keep them clean and prevent bad breath, but he hates it when I try. How can I get him to let me brush his teeth?

A: Brushing a dog's teeth is easiest to start when he is a puppy. But it can be taught to a dog of any age with a little time, patience, and plenty of positive reinforcement. The best way to start is by getting your dog comfortable with touching his mouth/gums. Do this by gently touching your dog and rewarding him for not reacting (biting, pulling away, etc). If he does react, don't force or correct him. This just means he is not comfortable with the way you're handling him and you need to go slower. For example, if your dog is fine when you reach toward his mouth with your hand about 6-inches away, but when you get any closer than that, he moves away, just slow down. Start at that 6-inch mark and reward him for standing still. Then try to move your hand a bit, say to 5 inches, and see if your dog is okay. If so, reward him and repeat the exercise getting closer each time. Desensitizing your dog to your touch around his face can take a while, so be patient and move slowly.

- Holding him lightly in place (tucking under an arm is a good hold)
- Lifting up his upper lips
- Gently opening his mouth

Once he's comfortable with these, you can introduce the toothbrush. There are a variety of types to use including finger brushes, regular toothbrushes and even electric toothbrushes. If you choose an electric, make sure your dog is comfortable with the noise and vibration before trying to put it in his mouth.

Now you can follow these simple steps:

1. Put a small amount of dog-specific toothpaste on the tip of the toothbrush and hold it out for your dog to sniff/lick.
2. Hold your dog under your arm so you can lift up the gums without him moving too much.
3. Gently lift his lips and brush the front teeth very gently for just a few seconds, then praise and release him for some petting, play, etc.
4. Repeat this step, gradually working your way to the back teeth. Be sure to keep taking breaks. Stop altogether if your dog seems too stressed.

It's okay if he chews on the brush – it helps clean those teeth! Do this every day and your dog will have no qualms about getting his teeth brushed.

If your dog seems to have a hard time becoming comfortable with tooth brushing, you may consider finding teeth cleaning treats, bones, chews or toys. Calm chewers may benefit from American-made plain rawhides, bully sticks or other animal part chews. Heavy chewers can benefit from bones, but be sure to only use RAW bones - cooked bones can splinter and break causing major health concerns. It is always a good idea to supervise while your dog is chewing to ensure items don't become too small or are ingested. If you follow these protocols, your dog will likely have better smelling breath, and less likelihood of tartar buildup and gum disease which can help keep him healthy and save you money on dental issues as he ages.

Pet Therapy Teams Needed



From promoting calm, strengthening immunity, influencing heart health and enhancing moods, the benefits of Pet Therapy are proven facts, and the list goes on and on. There are studies on how cat owners may have fewer strokes than their non-feline owning counterparts. And kids

with ADHD can benefit from working and keeping a pet. They've even been shown to help people with rheumatoid arthritis derive benefit from movements like walking and throwing a Frisbee with their pet.

We are so glad to be able to share our Pet Therapy service with the community. But we can only do that with the help of our trained Pet Therapy teams. If you have a pet you think would be a good candidate for working in healthcare and educational facilities, please contact our Pet Therapy Coordinator, Deborah Kraus at pet.therapy@hinsdalehumaneociety.org. She can tell you more about the programs we offer as well as the different certifications required.

It's a very fulfilling way to give back to the community. And a fun activity to engage in with your pet.

Foster Families Needed



From pregnant cats and dogs, or orphaned kittens and puppies, to special-needs or injured animals, they all find homes

because of invaluable foster families. Foster care provides animals who need extra help, with the atmosphere and care they need to thrive and become adoptable. Our dedicated, foster families help these animals who might not otherwise be adopted, find their way into loving, forever homes.

To find out more about the joys of fostering, fill out our Volunteer Application on our website at www.hinsdalehumaneociety.org/volunteer/ foster-care-program, or contact our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@hinsdalehumaneociety.org. We hope to have you be part of our foster family community.

Update on our New Facility



The process to finalize the purchase of the Robert Crown Center is moving along nicely. Tom Van Winkle, Executive Director, and various Board members, have met with Village officials and received valuable feedback on the plans for the new facility.

"During the months of October and November, we will be meeting with the Village several more times," said Van Winkle. "These meetings give us a much better understanding of where we stand." The new building in and of itself is going to be very exciting. Assuming everything goes as planned, moving from a roughly 6,000 square foot facility, to one that is over 15,000 square feet, will get the majority of our attention for a while. But we're looking forward to what the new space will mean for the Humane Society and the community we serve (animals and humans).

Our new space will vastly increase: 1) the number of animals we house; 2) our community programming and 3) the services we can offer to pet owners. We want all of our surrounding communities to see the new shelter for what it is - a community resource to save animals lives, improve the human-animal bond and to come together to provide best in class humane services/education across the animal welfare industry.

Director's Desk Continued

from the experts on how to best prevent tooth decay and ways you can make caring for your pet's teeth easier. I thought training my daughter to brush her teeth when she was little was challenging, but getting my dog Freckles to sit still while I brush her teeth is not for the faint of heart.

At Hinsdale Humane Society, we want to help in any way we can to make life better for pets and their human families. Doing something as small as engaging in dental maintenance, goes a very long way toward ensuring a long and happy life with our pets.



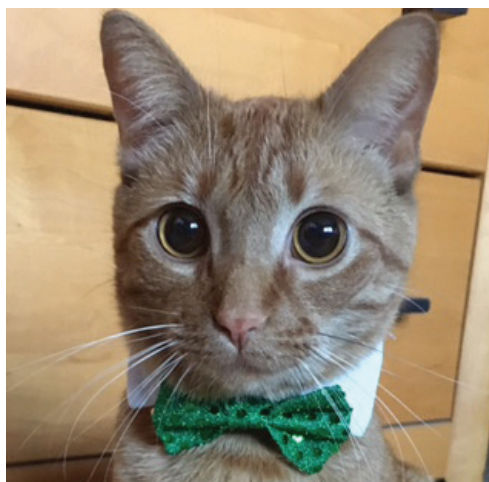
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Save the Date

Photos with Santa: December 2, 1-3pm

Oliver's Story



In December 2015 we adopted Oliver who was at the time known as Remy. The HHS staff suspected he had some sort of abnormality with his vision. We didn't care and couldn't wait to take him home as he was the cutest, sweetest and most playful kitten.

His vision impairment was confirmed by two different vets. Oliver is almost blind but you would never know it. Two years later he is happy, healthy and active as ever. His other senses more than make up for his lack of vision. He can hear things we swear he shouldn't and he for sure smells his food being served when he's at the opposite end of the house. Oliver gets supervised exercise outside and the other day he was able to chase lightning bugs and trap them in the grass. He uses his whiskers to maneuver against walls and up stairs and even uses them to weave through chairs under the dining table. At times our family had to use sound (by tapping things) to help him identify where the top of a stair may be, or where the floor may be in relation to something he climbed on. This has helped him learn where things are and adapt to some low climbing and jumping.

Oliver is just an amazing cat now and is one of the loves of our life. Thank you and HHS for taking care of him before we could. —Kathy L.