

INSIDE LOOK

Summer 2019















"We'd love to show you firsthand what we're doing to go above and beyond for the animals in our care."



Director's Letter | Tom Van Winkle

Oh no, he's talking about money - AGAIN! As a person who has been raising money for non-profits for years, I know what those "looks" mean when you see me coming... uh oh, here comes another "ask." I can't say I blame you. I feel the same way when fundraising professionals or salespeople approach me. It makes things awkward when there might be an underlying motive to a conversation.

That's why I want to talk about HHS' approach to fundraising... and to reassure you that when you see me, I do not ONLY want to talk about money.

It's no secret that non-profits have to ask for donations in order to operate. What may not be as apparent is our perspective on raising money. Our approach is dictated by "mission supported by money." Most for-profit corporations have meaningful missions, but the reason they exist is to make money. The purpose of non-profits is to fulfill their mission, which cannot be done without money. Simply changing the order in which those concepts appear in a sentence makes a tremendous difference.

When we approach you, we're not "looking for that next sale." Our objective is to speak with you about our mission (advocate, educate, adopt out more animals and encourage compassionate treatment of them) and why our work matters. Our feeling is that when we're talking, if you want more information on financially supporting our mission, then we'll gladly speak with you about it. If not, then our conversation matters just as much as if we did. Mission is always first.

This is not to say we'll never directly ask you for a donation. We will. But it will be in the form of mailed appeal letters and fundraising events and initiatives.

My team and I don't have the opportunity to meet every kind supporter in person (we wish that we could!), so we are left with sending out "direct asks" at times. But when we do get to meet you in person, please know that you are NOT a dollar sign to us. You are an individual who cares about animals and we want to convey to you the passion behind our mission of helping them and those who call them family.

While there may be some who feel we are too focused on bringing in money, that could not be further from the truth. Once you visit our facility and take a tour with me or one of our staff members, you'll hear the stories we encounter every day, and meet the faces behind those stories... we'd love to show you firsthand what we're doing to go above and beyond for the animals in our care. It all comes back to mission first. But that mission requires a considerable amount of money to help the additional animals we're now able to save each year.

If we could magically do our work without any money, I would quit fundraising today! But of course that's not possible. I want our supporters to know that we care first and foremost about their emotional support for our mission. If donations follow, so be it. So the next time myself or a staff member approaches you, please know that we just want to talk to you about our animals. We're pretty confident that when you hear more about what goes on in our facility each day, you'll understand why our mission matters so much.

Tom Van Winkle / Executive Director



THE 2019 MEMORIAL BRICK CEREMONY AND PET BLESSING

On May 19th, the 2019 Memorial Brick & Pet Blessing brought together individuals honoring family members and pets in our Carla E. Fisher Memorial Garden. The rainy weather stopped just long enough for attendees to come out, hear a blessing of the bricks from Pastor Ben Sloss, and to receive blessings for pets in attendance.

"Our blessing ceremony is always a mix of tenderness and hope for the future, in a place that is filled with kindness and caring," said Jacki Rossi, Business Development Director, HHS. "The Carla E. Fisher Memorial Garden means the world to all of us, and is such a beautiful setting to reflect on, and honor those most special to us."

We are extremely grateful to all of those individuals who honored family and pets with bricks and came to the dedication and blessing. We owe special thanks to Olde English Gardens for installing our bricks, and to Hinsdale Nurseries and their staff for all they have done to make the Carla E. Fisher Memorial Garden a beautiful and tranquil place.

Become a Part of HHS History

The Carla E. Fisher Memorial Garden

We were fortunate to have an incredibly kind woman named Carla E. Fisher as a friend of Hinsdale Humane Society, and of the staff and volunteers lucky enough to work with her. She was our Obedience Instructor and Volunteer Trainer, and had the biggest, most giving heart. Not only did she donate back her salary to the shelter at the end of each year, she also left a substantial bequest to HHS when she passed away very unexpectedly.

Stories of her humor and generosity live on through the memories of those who knew her, and her legacy carries on forever in the name of our memorial garden that graces the front of our new shelter.

The Carla E. Fisher Memorial Garden is a serene location and a place of kindness and love that provides our pets and volunteers with an area to unwind after a walk or just enjoy the weather and peacefulness.

"We offer personalized bricks that are engraved with beautiful custom messages in honor of pets and people," said Deborah Kraus, Pet Therapy Program Manager, HHS. "Those who purchase bricks have a loving tribute that is a permanent part of history. It's a beautiful legacy that also helps our homeless animals."

Bricks can be inscribed in honor, or in memory of an animal or animal lover, a donor's name, family name or business name. To learn more about our Memorial Brick Program, visit www. hinsdalehumanesociety.org/help/memorial-bricks. For questions, please contact Deborah at pet.therapy@hinsdalehumanesociety.org or 630-323-5630 x32.



A Legacy of Giving

The Tuthill Family

We are the honored recipients of a building naming sponsorship from the Tuthill Family. A new sign is in production to announce to all of our visitors and friends that the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center is here in part thanks to this caring family.

Florrie Tuthill, the woman behind this donation, wants nothing to do with accolades or the spotlight, but rather wants to see her family's donation making a difference. And it most certainly will. In Florrie's own words, "I've always believed that pets and families simply go together. The children learn so much from caring for a pet, and there's nothing like returning home to the unconditional love a pet provides. To help Tom and the Hinsdale Humane Society make pet ownership available to more and more families, well, I'm just thrilled."

You might recognize the Tuthill name from Tuthill Corporation, a privately held, global manufacturer of industrial goods that's headquartered nearby in Burr Ridge. A 125 year old, fourth generation family-owned business, patriarch Jim Tuthill served in the military, and took over the family business in the 1950s shortly after he married Florrie. Jim passed

away in 2015 from complications of Parkinson's. Florrie carries on a legacy of philanthropy along with her family of three children, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

From now on, wherever the Pet Rescue & Resource Center is mentioned, you'll proudly see the Tuthill name in front of it carrying on a tradition of giving synonymous with this remarkable family.

"Pets and families simply go together."











American English Beatles Tribute

Benefit Concert for the Animals

All you need is love... and American English to help the animals!

We were thrilled to have the guys from the band perform an incredible live concert on behalf of our animals at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove on Wednesday, May 22nd.

From "Twist and Shout" where the audience danced in the aisles, to hits from Sergeant Pepper, the band went through multiple era costume changes with fun "in-character" banter in between that kept the crowd more than entertained throughout the two plus hour show.

"This brought together two worlds I am incredibly passionate about," said Kathy Hanley, Development Manager, HHS. "Animal rescue and Beatles music! It was such a fun night and American English just blew us all away with the show they put on. We feel so fortunate that they cared so much about our cause to help!"

Feedback from concert-goers was extremely positive and plans for future live concerts are already underway.

Many thanks to American English, the Tivoli Theatre, and to concert sponsor, Hanley Flight & Zimmerman. Due to all of their support and the 500+ attendees, we raised \$20,000 to help our animals!

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Pet Walk Festival

30 Years of Pet Walk!

How do you properly celebrate the 30th year of an event? You evolve. Pet Walk has gone from a walk with entertainment, to a 5K run and now back to its roots with a walk, on top of a family festival and a live concert. But at the end of the day, it's always about the human-animal bond.

"From adoptable Miss Bucky leading the one-mile Pet Walk and cats in strollers and mesh backpacks, to Therapaws Pet Therapy pets, and visits from bunnies, turtles and snakes, the animals brought in the crowds as always," said Jacki Rossi, Business Development Director, HHS.

After a little human-animal bonding, guests enjoyed our vendor mall of fantastic businesses, kids activities and raffles, Tropical Sno and Starship Catering.

Then it was on to an evening of beer tasting from Black Horizon Brewery, the Pizza Puff Truck and an outdoor concert on our front lawn, presented by The Millennials, a famous crew of local high school and college students who perform all over the Chicago area. "We loved being able to give back by helping the animals," said Marty Henehan, Manager of The Millennials. "We have rescued two dogs from HHS and love that we can help out and give back to the animals and great staff."

Talk about an ideal human-animal bond... with an estimated 300+ attendees, Pet Walk Festival raised \$35,000 that will go on to help countless additional animals this year. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this fundraiser!

Big thanks to all of our sponsors for making Pet Walk Festival possible!

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The Suite Life

The Importance of Those Monthly Heartworm Medications

Think it's not a big deal to skip your dog's monthly heartworm treatment? Think again!

Many of our dogs come to us with a highly preventable, yet potentially deadly disease known as heartworm. Two recent shelter residents, Rocky and Duke, received treatment for it during their stay with us.

"Because they did not receive a monthly preventative medication before arriving to us, they tested positive for heartworm," said Samantha Cheatham, Animal Care Manager, HHS. "That means an infected mosquito bit them and transmitted their infection to these dogs. That infection then entered their bloodstreams and that in turn caused worms to grow around their hearts."

Heartworm is very prevalent in the South and is becoming more prevalent in the Midwest due to climate change. "The saddest part about this potential killer is that it is so easy to prevent with an affordable monthly pill and an annual test at your veterinarian's office each year," said Michele Hyduke, Operations Director, HHS. "Having to treat it once it has invaded a body can cost \$5,000 on the open market. And it can be fatal in those cases where a pet is too sick or elderly to receive treatment."

Because we have our own clinic and work in "volume" with generous veterinary partners, we are able to receive a reduced cost to get these two dogs, and many others, through a ten month cycle of treatment, and on the path to full recovery.

All dogs should receive a monthly heartworm preventative and an annual heartworm test beginning at seven months of age after adoption. Your veterinarian will be able to provide you with more information about testing and prevention. Don't let heartworm disease break your heart.

"easy to prevent with an affordable monthly pill and an annual test"

The Irving & Phyllis Millstein Foundation for Animal Welfare Medical Suite

Meet our new Medical Director, Kristin Tvrdik, DVM

This is a story that's almost too good to be true. Our new Medical Director, Kristin Tvrdik, DVM, began her journey with HHS as an intern back when she was just 19 years old. "I had the Robert Reschke Internship," said Kristin Tvrdik, DVM. "I helped with cleaning, adoptions, temperament testing, blood draws and vaccinations. That exposure to the shelter world made me want to go into shelter medicine specifically and devote my life to that instead of to a private veterinary practice."

After her internship ended, Kristin came back from school every summer and Christmas break to help out as an adoption counselor, setting her sights on returning to where she started once she became a veterinarian.

"I always wanted to work here," said Tvrdik. "I loved the environment and mission... how everyone values the animals. I love the culture and approach towards animals and the community surrounding the shelter. When the opportunity came up, I wanted to jump right in and move back to my hometown."

Kristin's journey has come full circle now that she is back with HHS. While West Suburban Veterinary Associates is still the partner vet for all HHS needs outside of our medical suite, Kristin will take care of all basic exams and tests, spays & neuters, and she will run all of our Millstein Vaccination Program clinics in the community.

Her goal for the medical suite is to get as many animals, as efficiently as possible, evaluated with a full exam, spayed/neutered, vaccinated and up for adoption. "Me being here every day through the week will help us accomplish that goal," said Tvrdik. "Another goal is to work with other rescue groups who don't have their own vet on staff. That way we can provide them with the best possible care, vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries and whatever else they need." Kristin is living back in the area with her boyfriend Todd and their two dogs and six cats. And we could not be more thrilled to have her back!











Heads & Tails

A Mother's Love

This is the story of Shadow and her baby girl Tippy. They were living in the rural south and were out exploring one day when Tippy (only six-weeks old at the time) got wrapped up and stuck in landscape netting. She could not move and Shadow could not free her on her own.

Shadow instinctively understood the pain and danger her pup was in and ran to find help. She found a man nearby doing spring clean up and barked at him until he followed her. Shadow led the man all the way back to where Tippy was stuck.

Happily, Tippy was freed by the man, but unfortunately, one of her legs was too badly damaged to save and had to be amputated. Her remaining hind leg was left slightly bowed due to blood loss during the trauma.

Shadow, a true hero dog, not only made sure her puppy was rescued, but she went on to support Tippy throughout her journey to recovery. Understandably, they became very attached to one another and our staff worked hard to get them adoption placement together.

After a number of weeks with us, lots of enrichment, playtime and healing, they went on to find a wonderful family who was committed to adopting them together. Here's to happily ever after for Shadow, Tippy and their new family!

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The Sheltered Life

Louie's Story

While every pet that comes through our doors is special, on occasion there are those that stand out just a bit more than the others.

In Louie's case, it might have been the unusually long span of time he spent with us... 198 days! Or it might have been that special something that made our staff and volunteers fall in love with him. Whatever it was, Louie had it, but it still wasn't helping him find a home of his own.

Originally, he was transferred to us from another shelter and was NOT a fan of his kennel. He kept trying to break out and became stressed at having a dog in the kennel beside him. Once we moved him to a space without neighbors, he calmed down and settled in.

Friends dropped off life-size, stuffed animals to help Louie have extra comfort and he LOVED them! Staff and volunteers worked continuously on dog introductions, getting Louie used to being around others. He responded VERY well to positive redirection training and to a supplement called L-theanine that helped with any anxiety he was still experiencing.

Louie received loads of enrichment, from field trips to McDonald's, visits to police and fire departments, staff office hangouts and his favorite, our Books, Barks, Meow program (read more on page 13) where children read to him in his kennel. During one of his sessions, as a child was sitting down to read, he picked up his bear and brought it to the front of his kennel to lay on as he listened to the story.

After all of his time and adventures in the shelter, Louie found his forever family. They had no idea how long he had been with us when they chose him. Now he has his own family and a fenced in yard all to himself. He took his favorite bear with him the day he went home, as staff and volunteers wished him well on his last day in the shelter.





During the summer months when families (including four-legged members) spend quality time together outdoors, dog parks see an influx of activity. While they can be a fantastic way to socialize, exercise and play, here are five tips to keep in mind before your next visit.

- 1. Brush up on training skills. Before you go, ensure your dog has strong "recall" and can enter the gates in a calm manner. Leashes and harnesses should be removed before fully entering. Be aware that over-excitement at the gate can cause an unsafe situation. Being able to call your dog to you if a scuffle breaks out or if your dog is feeling overwhelmed is key to ensuring everyone stays safe.
- 2. Choose the right park for your pet. For some dogs, a smaller park with designated small and large dog areas might help your pup feel more comfortable. Make sure the area you choose is fully fenced, and before going, investigate local ordinances (proof of current vaccinations and/or permits required to enter). Make sure your dog is healthy enough to withstand a lot of exercise. It's a good idea to stand outside and watch the play style of the dogs and the attentiveness of the owners. If things don't seem right, leave and consider it a successful outing anyway.
- **3. Come prepared!** Poo bags and a water bottle/bowl are absolute musts, especially on warm days. Treats and toys help if your dog needs reassurance or is still learning, but if you bring them, be prepared to be the most popular pet parent there! If young family members are joining

the outing, be aware of the boundaries of your dog and other pets who may not be used to little ones.

- 4. Understand what safe play really looks and sounds like. Dog parks should never be used for dogs who need to learn social skills. Positive dog play is a lot of rolling around, dogs on top and bottom, wiggly tails, loose body language and lots of back and forth play. If a dog is consistently on top (or bottom), or if one dog is always chasing and the other is always running away, that's not fair play. Barking and even some growling is a good thing, but if those sounds start to escalate along with body language, that's a signal that you should call your dog before it becomes dangerous.
- **5. Remember, not all dogs should go to dog parks.** Puppies under six to seven months tend to learn more bad habits than good and are at higher risk of a multitude of viruses and parasites. Dogs who have a history of fear or aggression are more likely to escalate those behaviors at off-leash parks and are more prone to start fights. Newly adopted dogs or those you have not known for more than six months, should always learn to be comfortable with YOU first by going through a positive reinforcement training class, before being put into a potentially unsure situation like a dog park.

"Safety comes first for families and their four legged members."

Our Humane Education Programming

Summer Camp!

Summer in our Humane Education program means summer camp for kids of all ages, designed to educate the next generations about animal welfare, while nurturing the human-animal bond through camp activities.

Empathy is at the heart of all four camps offered. "Every day and every animal interaction is different as our campers learn to respect, protect and understand each other and the animals that share our world," said Jen Gordon, Humane Education Manager.

Pet Campers (ages 6-7) are learning about the needs and characteristics of cats, dogs, reptiles, and small mammals, while Adventure Campers (8-9) are taking field trips to learn about wild animals, domestic pets and working animals. New this year, our Career Campers (10-11) are being introduced to the many varied careers involving animals and are receiving basic pet first aid training. Our Crusader Campers (12-14) are learning about animal welfare issues including overpopulation, rescue, breed discrimination, feral cat populations, and the historic and modern role of zoos. If you missed our camps this year, be sure to register for them at hinsdalehumanesociety.org next summer!







Books Barks Meow!

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Summer reading equals summer fun when kids read to our pets! Books Barks Meow is a parent-supervised, drop-in reading program ideal for kids age 6-13. Children sit in front of cat or dog kennels and read to our adoptable pets.

Drop-in reading sessions are available Sundays 1-3pm, Tuesdays 3-6pm and Wednesdays 2-5pm all summer. Check our website or email our Humane Education manager, Jen Gordon for more information: jen.gordon@hinsdalehumanesociety.org

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Therapaws Pet Therapy

Making a Difference in the Community

Therapaws Pet Therapy is: teams focused on animal assisted therapy in which handlers and their trained therapy pets work on human/animal interactions to aid in physical, mental, emotional and/or social needs.

Therapaws is also: heartwarming, goal oriented and sometimes just plain fun to brighten someone's day.

Our Pet Therapy teams are rooted in a core piece of our mission: promote the human-animal bond through community outreach and progressive programming. The following testimonials help convey the level of care and healing that the Therapaws program delivers to its recipients:

Testimonials

From Sophia Foley, Coordinator, Guest & Volunteer Services at AMITA St. Thomas Hospice: "I accompanied David Ore and Rico Suave to a patient at a local facility. For over 30 minutes, the patient remained asleep and non-responsive. Nevertheless, Rico remained extremely patient until the 40th minute when the patient stirred and awoke. They looked at each other, Rico sniffed his hand, and put his paw on the bed. The patient put on a huge smile and then fell back asleep. Although it

was fleeting, it was an undeniable connection and this is why we love the Pet Therapy program for our patients!"

From Cindy Casten, Hinsdale Central CARE Club Sponsor: "The Hinsdale Central High School CARE (Club For Animal Rights and Education) is honored to partner with Hinsdale Humane Society for semi-annual Pet Therapy events during final exams. The students, faculty and staff thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to spend time with the HHS Pet Therapy teams." Pictured above with CARE Club - Pat & Sasha, Nora & Sadie, Deborah Kraus (HHS), Dietre & Bosco, Judi & Kip, Julie & Klaus.

From Michelle Wright with La Grange Area Dept. of Special Education about our teams attending a suicide counseling session after losing a student at George Washington Middle School (GWMS) in Lyons: "I can't thank Dietre and David enough for bringing Bosco and Rico Suave to GWMS last night. They were so kind, respectful and mindful of the sensitive nature of the evening. Bosco and Rico Suave brought comfort to both the children and the adults they met last night. I am so grateful for our partnership with the HHS Pet Therapy program. Each team I have met is very special."

Out and About In The Community



There's nothing like the wet nose of a Basset Hound. Residents at Lexington Elmhurst know this well. Kathy Burns' Theo loves providing some morning "therapy" with a new friend.



Schools today keep students informed about healthy behaviors that help reduce stress. Our Therapaws Pet Therapy teams contributed to that information at the College of DuPage Wellness Fair. Therapaws team member Luna (Brittany Readon, handler) even ended up taking over our information table!



HINSDAL HUMAN SOCIET

Residents of Maple Glen Memory Care in Glen Ellyn came to visit our building to check out our dogs and cats. One resident even ran into family... our staff member Kelsey Barry. Residents got to meet HHS alum and Therapaws team member, Eddie with his handler Susan.



Julie Brenneman & Klaus (not pictured), Jennifer Voss & Cracker Jack, Dietre Hayford & Bosco, Gay Pollitt & Delilah, Jan Forster & Grover, Ann Marie Casper & Lilly, supported the Walk for Wellness House. Everyone loves being a part of this wonderful and inspiring community event.



Also in May, more than a few teams paid a visit to Chase Bank regional headquarters in Downers Grove to thank the staff for supply drive donations. On site to thank employees at this location were: Jan & Grover, Dietre & Bosco, Jaclyn (Chase), Marisa & Lola, Sarah (Chase), Susan D & Eddie, Susan T & Cosmo, Nora & Sadie.



In mid May, we held our first Therapaws Pet Therapy roundtable at our facility. Our goals were: getting to know other team members, touching on relevant topics, reviewing best practices, discussing challenges and opportunities, highlighting brand strategy, fund development and partnership opportunities.



HHS Summer Interns



Becca Bernier is our Humane Education and Animal Care intern. She works with the operations team helping with whatever needs to be done in support of animal care. Becca is from La Grange and currently attends Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. She is pursuing a zoology major and a chemistry minor with a pre-veterinarian specialization.

Becca doesn't need to turn any further than her own home for animal interaction. She has six dogs! Because of that, she has become very familiar with training and pack behavior. When it comes to her experience in the workplace, Becca says, "I have learned that everything is a team effort at HHS. Along with working together to provide the best outcome for each situation, my favorite part of being here is getting to know our animals and watching them get adopted into loving homes."



Meet Sol Beltran, our Dr. Robert Reschke intern. In addition to working with cats and dogs, she assists Kristin Tvrdik, DVM, our new on-staff veterinarian (see page 9). Sol is from Melrose Park and currently attends Dominican University, pursuing a bachelor's degree in biology and a minor in chemistry. Her goal is to become a veterinarian herself.

She enjoys beekeeping, gardening, socializing cats, and is eager to delve into the medical aspect of her internship. Sol's favorite aspects of working at HHS are the staff members and work environment. "HHS has been very welcoming," Sol explained. "I've learned to be very patient with each animal. Everyone that works here places focus and priority on the health and well-being of the animals, and I am grateful to be a part of it."



Yasmeen is excited to be the marketing intern this summer. She is from Hinsdale, and currently attends the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Her major is advertising with a minor in economics and she is looking to expand her marketing knowledge through her work with HHS.

As a rising junior, Yasmeen enjoys working in a professional setting and understanding how to maintain the key values of a nonprofit organization. Her love for animals grows everyday and she highly respects the work of her surrounding staff members. "I find it inspiring to see how everyone here prioritizes the health and well-being of each and every animal," said Yasmeen. "It takes true commitment, strong dedication, and pure love to provide great care for these animals."

Paws & Hearts

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Hinsdale Middle School Girls on the Run Club

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Ogden Ave School 3rd & 5th Grade Girl Scout Troops -LaGrange

Oak School 1st Grade Girl Scout Daisies - Hinsdale Oak School Kids Care Club -Hinsdale

Riverside 3rd Grade Brownie Troop 45208

Riverside Girl Scout Troop 45301







The Importance of Enrichment

Just as our dogs receive enrichment from staff and volunteers, so do our cats. They need to be mentally and physically active just as much as dogs in order to make the best pets possible when they get adopted.

Within our new *Roger & Julie Davis Cat Lodge*, we have plenty of room to let our cats roam and be free. Not only can they get out each day and experience socialization with our staff and volunteers, but now can also be out running around the lodge during the day with other cats. Our cats also have a huge variety of manipulative toys that keep their brains active all day long.

Thanks to our friends at Home Depot, they also get to experience a brand new cat superhighway with ledges and ropes that allow them to climb and jump in high spaces, as well as new outdoor catios where they can enjoy the great outdoors from the safety of a screened in perch.

At the end of a long, active adoption day, they get to relax back into their very own kitty condos and enjoy a peaceful night's slumber before the action begins again the next day. Sleep tight kitties!

"They can enjoy the great outdoors from the safety of a screened in perch."



Sponsor Spotlight

HHS and Home Depot Darien - Building Bright Futures for Rescue Animals

In May, HHS partnered with Home Depot Darien store 1905 to build enrichment activities for the resident dogs and cats of the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center (PRRC). Not only did they donate all the material supplies, Home Depot employees also volunteered all day, building, creating and painting the equipment.

"This type of equipment is so important for animals living in shelter environments because it keeps them mentally and physically well," said Tom Van Winkle, Executive Director, HHS. "Enrichment helps ensure that each animal is getting the best care possible and helps them gain confidence and trust needed to be successful in their forever homes."

The volunteers built agility equipment for our dogs that not only helps with energy levels, but also reinforces basic obedience commands and helps improve behavior.

Our resident cats now get to enjoy fresh air as they lounge in their brand new catios and have more space to jump and perch on the superhighway in the Cat Lodge. (See more on page 18).

Our community partnerships are so incredibly important to us and do so much for our dogs, cats, and programming. Thank you Home Depot Darien store 1905! Have an idea about a community partnership? Contact Jacki Rossi, at *jacki.rossi@hinsdalehumanesociety.org* or *630-323-5630 x12*.



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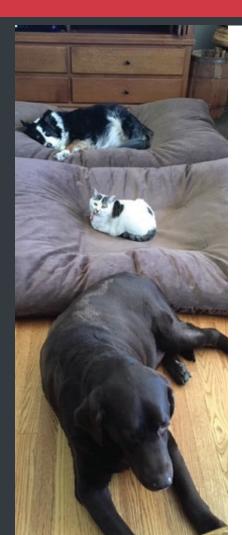
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We just wanted to give you an update on Tootsie. She fits right into our family. She is very spoiled and lets the dogs know that this is her home and they just live here. She makes us laugh every day. We are so in love with her. The first night she came home she slept with us and still does. She is just perfect.

Thank you, Blake and Kerri R.

P.S. As you can see in one of the photos, she made our 103-pound lab move off his bed so she could lay on it. LOL!!!!