



INSIDE LOOK

Spring 2023 | Celebrating 70 Years

CELEBRATING **70 YEARS OF RESCUE AND LOVE** FOR ANIMALS AND OUR COMMUNITY



70th

Anniversary Year!

**Adoption
Photos!**

Celebrating 70 years of Rescue and Love
Making a Difference for Animals and our Community

Q&A

with our
Foster Manager

2023



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Programs**

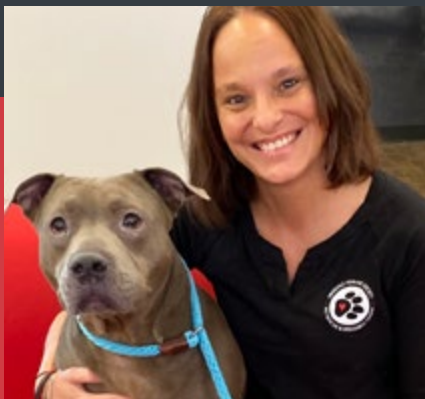
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LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jacki Rossi



Dear HHS family - 70 years ago six Hinsdale women, appalled by the condition of the local dog pound, came together to make a difference for the animals in their community and the safety of the citizens who lived there. **Today, their legacy is alive and well at 21 Salt Creek Lane.**

We continue to advocate, educate and adopt out pets. We're here for the pets who need us to be their voice and protectors. We're here for the communities we serve, the students, seniors, patients and healthcare workers who receive Pet Therapy from us, the youth who learn in our Humane Education programs, the pet families bonding in our Training classes and the friends and neighbors receiving help from the Community Resources we provide to help keep pets in their loving homes.

They, and we, couldn't do any of it without the kindness and generosity of people like you. We are so grateful to the friends, volunteers, donors, businesses and adopters who step up every day and say, "How can I help?". Whether it is getting the young puppy much needed surgery, helping a child attend summer camp for the very first time, or supporting our pet food bank and low-cost vaccination clinics, you can and do make a difference!

As we usher in a new decade of hope, please consider a donation in support of all of the pets and people that need us.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Jacki Rossi

Jacki Rossi | Executive Director

70 YEARS Growth & Rescue

Since our inception in 1953, Hinsdale Humane Society (HHS) has grown from a small space with 11 kennels to a thriving facility that serves the community. Our shelter provides a safe place for pets to stay while they wait to be adopted into their forever homes.

In the early days of the shelter, there were limited resources and volunteers. Over the years, HHS has grown and expanded its services to provide the best possible care for animals in need. We now have a more spacious facility that can accommodate many more pets. Our staff is highly trained and dedicated to providing the highest quality of care, and our volunteers are passionate about helping animals in need.

We also have a wide range of services, including spay and neuter surgical services, adoption programs, and pet education resources. Hinsdale Humane Society has also increased its reach in the community, providing education programs, youth camps, pet therapy services, low cost vaccine clinics, pet pantries, and more to benefit pets and people.

Hinsdale Humane Society has come a long way since its early days of being the first Humane Society in DuPage county. We have a safe and comfortable environment for animals, and our organization is dedicated to helping pets and people. With your help, we are making a positive impact on our community.





Zeus



Donte



Hibiscus

Going Home Day

481 adoptions in the first quarter of 2023!



Egon



Rodney



Zoey



If you would like to donate an adoption fee so that an animal can more quickly find their forever loving home, please email info@hinsdalehumanesociety.org or call us at 630-323-5630. **We would love to hear from you!**



Our Programs Make A Difference

How We Serve Our Community

The importance of Hinsdale Humane Society's programs for the community cannot be overstated. Our programs provide a safe and caring environment for homeless and abandoned animals, helping to reduce the number of stray animals on the streets. In addition to vital services such as shelter, medical care, vaccinations, and spay/neuter surgeries, we are proudly a resource for pet owners and others in our community.



BJ Chimenti Angel Fund for Veterans

Our Veterans and Pets Program includes Companion Animal Matchups, Adoption Discounts, Pet Pantry Supply Support, Emergency Medical Service Support, Wellness Support and much more. If you would like to get involved, email Andrea.Wendlandt@HinsdaleHumaneSociety.org

Books Barks Meow

Young readers 4+ are invited with a parent or guardian to sit in front of our dog or cat kennels and read to our pets. This program is designed to help develop youth reading skills while providing enrichment for our homeless animals. Our cats and dogs love the attention and enjoy being read to from novels, non-fiction, picture books and even schoolwork! Contact kelsie.weisenberger@hinsdalehumanesociety.org to sign up. *(Image - far left)*

Training and Enrichment

Training classes for your dog can be an exciting experience!

Summer Session I

Agility for Fun

Saturdays 11:30am | 7/1/2023 - 7/29/2023

Puppy Pre-K

Saturdays 1:00pm | 7/1/2023 - 7/29/2023

Summer Session II

Puppy Pre-K

Wednesdays 11:30am | 8/2/2023 - 8/30/2023

Agility for Fun

Thursdays 11:30am | 8/3/2023 - 8/31/2023

Sign up for training classes today and watch as your pup flourishes! Watch our website for more classes coming, like Kids and Canines. Not sure what class is right for you and your pet? Contact our trainer, jamie.merlo@hinsdalehumanesociety.org. *(Image - left)*

Humane Education

We have added over 100 summer camp spots this year. Campers (ages 6-12) learn pet care basics, discuss resilience, play animal themed games, learn about various careers for animals lovers, and enjoy hands-on time interacting with pets; all within a safe and welcoming camp setting. Visit our website to register your camper for an unforgettable summer experience. *(Image - main, left page)*

Therapaws Pet Therapy

Bogey just celebrated his 100th pet therapy session! He started with HHS in 2018 and appreciates all the connections he has made over the years. His favorite visits are with kids where he is read to and he loves the impact he has on memory care patients. Bogey turned 11 on May 5th and has no plans of retiring soon. If you are interested in being a part of our pet therapy program please email Andrea.Wendlandt@hinsdalehumanesociety.org. *(Image - center)*

Announcement!

We are excited to announce that this year, thanks to the 2023 DuPage Foundation grant awarded to HHS, we will be able to provide five free vaccine clinics throughout DuPage County. We are grateful to Dr. Sarah Baker and her staff at Lane Veterinary for their generous donation of time and skill to make this possible. These clinics are offered on a first-come, first-served basis, with the first event being on July 22, 2023.

Our goal is to provide life-saving vaccines for up to 1000 animals and help pet owners keep their pets in their homes. In addition to the vaccines, we will have a pet food bank and supplies available, with spots reserved for veterans courtesy of our BJ Chimenti Angel Fund for Veterans.

We hope that these clinics will be able to provide much-needed assistance to pet owners in the community. *(Image - right)*





MEET MAGNOLIA

Magnolia and her pups were found in a gravel patch in Tennessee. They were transported to us and needed immediate foster care. Seeing Magnolia's face when she realized she and her pups were safe was absolutely priceless. Fostering these pups was of the utmost importance for their survival. Not only does foster care provide safety, but it also allows for the puppies to be socialized and receive the proper nutrition and exercise from an early age. Our Foster Care Families truly make a difference!

If you would like to help support Magnolia and her pups please visit www.HinsdaleHumaneSociety.org/donate.



Our Foster Care Program: A Rewarding Experience!

A sit down with our Animal Care & Foster Manager, Carla Wudi

Carla has a deep passion for animals and their well-being. She shares a little bit about herself and answers questions about the Foster Care Program at Hinsdale Humane Society.

What inspired you to become involved with fostering?

My family started an animal foster program nearly 40 years ago, so I have always been involved in fostering. I have fostered many different animals over the years, such as exotic monkeys, lynx, and even a kangaroo for 18 months. I started at Hinsdale Humane Society working part-time with dogs, then became Cat Manager. My role has evolved over the last four years until I became Foster Program Manager.

What do you believe are the most important qualities for good foster care?

Good fosters have a willingness to learn about animals and their personalities. They are able to give love and care to an animal that may have never had it before.

What is the process to become a foster parent?

It's a very simple process. Anyone interested can fill out an online foster application and join us for an orientation at the shelter. There are two options a month to choose from.

What is the average length of time that an animal stays in foster care?

It can be as little as a few days, while some medical cases are longer. I work with the Foster Care Families and what they can offer an animal in need. Sometimes it's just a weekend.

What kind of resources does Hinsdale Humane Society provide to foster parents?

We provide every tool necessary to have a successful foster; food, training, medical supplies, crates, and toys. Our Foster Care Families just have to open their home.

How do you evaluate the success of the foster care program?

Successful fostering leads to those animals finding their forever homes. Foster families can tell us more about the animals' personalities that we can share with potential adopters. I also have a lot of repeat Foster Care Families because of the support and care they receive from Hinsdale Humane Society.

Like most animal shelters, Hinsdale Humane Society is overrun with homeless animals each year, especially during summer. Because of this invaluable foster program and its dedicated, caring volunteers, these animals who otherwise might not be adopted, find loving homes. If you are interested in being a Foster Care Family, please contact us: Foster@HinsdaleHumaneSociety.org

MEET LUCKIE

Luckie is a 4 year old DLH who was transferred in from one of our animal control partners. We tested him as we do all adult cats and confirmed he was positive for both FIV (feline immunodeficiency virus) and FeLV. On intake he was very sick with a severe upper respiratory infection, likely as a result of his lowered immune system due to his positive status. We treated him with supportive care including fluids, multiple antibiotics, appetite stimulants, and antiviral medications until he was healthy enough to be neutered and placed up for adoption. He is currently in foster home and may be adopted by his foster.



Dr. Kristin Shares Insight on Feline Leukemia

Hinsdale Humane Society has recently begun intake and adoption of cats with Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV). FeLV is a serious and contagious disease that affects cats worldwide. Many shelters euthanize FeLV positive cats, however, with our move to our new facility and established medical program with veterinary staff on-site, we have placed FeLV positive cats up for adoption with success.

FeLV can be transmitted between cats through close contact like mutual grooming, fighting, mating, sharing bowls, sharing litter boxes, etc. It can also be passed from mother cats to kittens. Because of the probability of transmission in cats sharing spaces, it is suggested that FeLV positive cats reside in single-cat households or potentially with other healthy FeLV positive cats depending on your veterinarian's suggestion. Luckily, FeLV is a very weak virus outside the cat's body, so transmission on surfaces or your clothes to other cats is highly unlikely.

When first exposed to FeLV, a cat might not show any signs of illness. Some cats that are exposed to FeLV can clear the virus completely from their body. Other cats are able to control the infection, preventing major illness. In some cats, the infection will become active and they will develop problems such as low red blood cells (anemia) or cancer. These problems can be severe or even fatal, so taking your cat to the vet regularly is important to keep them healthy and treat any concurrent diseases that might arise. As with all cats, it is especially important to keep FeLV positive cats indoors to help reduce the risk of contracting other illnesses or injuries.

Although FeLV does decrease a cat's lifespan, it is important to remember that these cats have a lot of love to give and need caring homes. Cats with the virus can still lead happy and healthy lives with the right care and treatment.

If you would like to donate to help with medical care for these cats please visit www.HinsdaleHumaneSociety.org/donate.

Membership has its perks!



- Help save lives
- Support our programs, community services, medical care, and more
- Monthly memberships starting as little as \$5 a month
- Visit our website to learn about the perks that come with being a Humane Hero!



Become a Humane Hero member today and find out more about what's included in your monthly tax deductible donation!
<https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/membership>

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Our Volunteers Make A Difference!

On behalf of the entire staff at Hinsdale Humane Society, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers. Volunteering at the shelter is no small commitment. We are very appreciative of the work you do and the care you give to our animals. You are the heart and soul of our shelter, and we couldn't do it without you.

We are so grateful for all of the time, energy, and resources you have invested in the shelter. Whether you're walking dogs, fostering cats, cleaning cages and kennels, laundry, greeting guests, or helping out in any other way, everything you do makes a positive impact. Your selfless contributions to our cause for 70 years have been immensely valuable. You have been a driving force in helping us achieve our mission of providing a safe, healthy, and loving environment for the animals in our care.

Thank you again for all you do, and please know that your efforts are greatly appreciated. We are proud to have you as part of our team and look forward to continuing to work with you on our mission.

If you are interested in volunteering, join us the second Wednesday of each month from 5pm-6pm for our Volunteer Open House or email us at: Volunteer@HinsdaleHumaneSociety.org



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Welcome to summer fun with Hinsdale Humane Society!

We have something for everyone...



Post Parade Pet Party

June 3rd | 11:30 - 3:30

Hinsdale Humane Society at
Recreation Center
2150 S. 1st St., Hinsdale

**THANK YOU FOR
MAKING OUR
SUMMER KICK-OFF A
HUGE SUCCESS!**

Join us for a summer kickoff celebration following the La Grange Pet Parade. This fun and exciting event is a great way to show your support for our furry friends. Not only will you get to meet some of the cutest animals around, but you'll also be helping to care for them. Enjoy food trucks, music, raffles, silent auction, free and ticketed activities, and a cash raffle, as you help us raise funds to provide the best care for all of our animals.



1st Annual Hinsdale Humane Society Golf Outing

August 7th | 8:00am

Seven Bridges Golf Club
1 Mulligan Drive, Woodridge

Invite your friends and join us for a morning of fun at our First Annual Golf Outing!

Enjoy a morning round of golf while you help us raise money for the homeless animals. Prizes will be awarded for the winner, along with prizes for longest drive, hitting the circle, and so much more. Lunch will be provided and fabulous raffle prizes will be available to take a chance on.



Register for all the fun today at tinyurl.com/hhs-golf23 or scan the QR code.



Hinsdale Humane Society's 70th Anniversary Gala

**September 22nd | 7:00pm -
10:30pm**

6:00pm VIP Happy Hour

The Community House,
415 W 8th Street, Hinsdale

Celebrating 70 years of dedication, it's Hinsdale Humane Society's Anniversary Gala!

This will be a night to remember, with live entertainment, delicious food, stories and fun. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on some unique items in our live auction, a silent auction, and raffles. Come learn about the work of the shelter over the past seven decades and the amazing achievements of all the volunteers and staff. Share in our joy as we share our future goals.

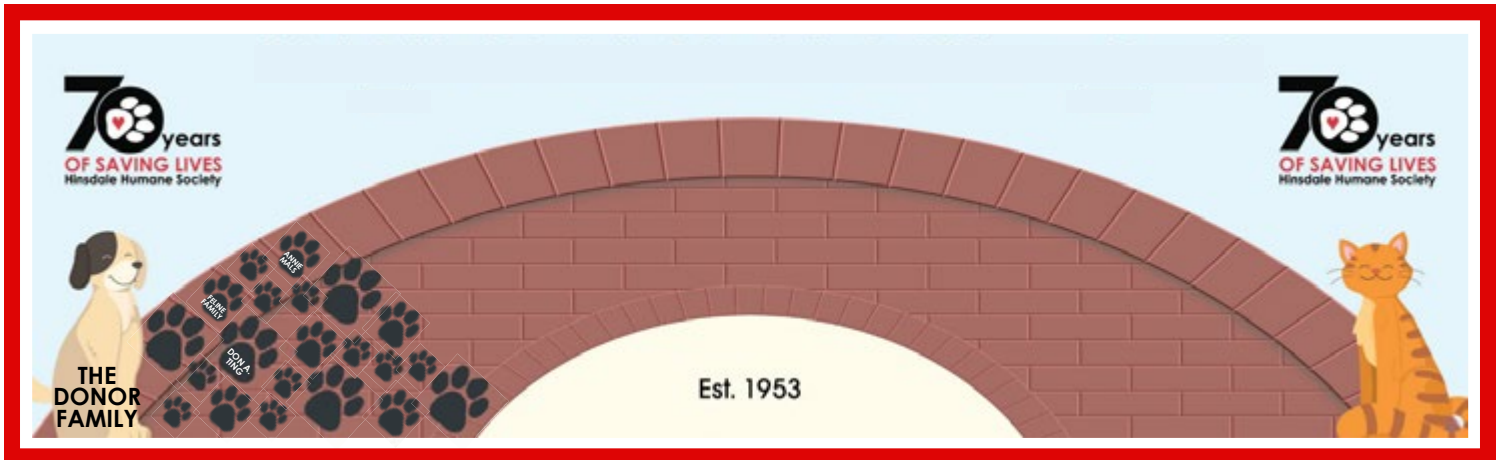
It will be a night of fun, celebration, and appreciation that you won't want to miss!

EVENT SPONSORSHIPS

Interested in becoming a sponsor or donating items for any of our events? Please contact Kathy Hanley, Development Director at k.hanley@hinsdalehumanesociety.org or call 630-323-5630 x32.



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Bridge To The Future

Join us as we celebrate our 70th Anniversary and build our Bridge to the Future!

Our goal is to raise \$100,000 over the next 12 months to help secure our future for the next seventy years.

Over the past seven decades, Hinsdale Humane Society (HHS) has provided animal welfare services to nearby communities as well as provided programs to families all over the Chicagoland area. In addition, HHS has developed several community programs including Pet Therapy, Humane Education, Foster Care, Veterans Support and Community Outreach programs such as a pet food

pantry, low cost spay/neuter surgical services and low cost vaccine clinics.

In celebration of our 70 years, A generous donor has agreed to match up to \$100,000 of donations for our Bridge to the Future campaign!

We call on you to help us build a legacy. Your generous donation will build our Bridge to the Future with special paw prints that proudly display a name of your choosing. Each paw print represents your support and commitment to the future of Hinsdale Humane Society and will be valiantly exhibited at our front reception desk. [Donate today for your very own paw print!](#)

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Morris the Cat

Hollywood Success Story

It is the quintessential American success story... a gentleman down on his luck, who achieves fame and fortune through hard work and ingenuity. In this case, the gentleman happens to be Morris, the most recognizable cat in the world. And Hinsdale Humane Society was the launching post of his career.

Morris, previously named Lucky, was adopted in 1968. As the story goes, HHS staff members noticed the cat's charming personality and contacted Bob Martwick, a professional animal trainer who worked for the Leo Burnett advertising agency. Martwick recognized a certain charisma and star quality. When Morris went to the casting call for the 9Lives commercial, "He jumped on the table... and he walked right up to the art director, the big cheese, and bumped him in the head. And then Morris just sat back," Martwick said in 1995. "The art director said, 'This is the Clark Gable of cats.'"

From 1969-1978, Morris completed 58 commercials. More than 30 years later, Morris is still remembered fondly.

All this fame and fortune didn't go to Morris' head. Morris received so much fan mail, he had his own personal secretary. He received marriage proposals from felines and humans alike. He starred in the movie "Shamus" with Burt Reynolds and Dyan Cannon, and won the PATSY, the animal equivalent of the Oscar award in 1972 and 1973. Morris personally "wrote" three books, and was the subject of another, "Morris: An Intimate Biography" published in 1974.

Morris was a media darling. He was named "Animal Star of the Year" by US magazine. He hosted "Morris' Salute to American Pets" a primetime television special that shines the spotlight on amazing and heroic pets. He appeared on "Good Morning America," "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," and "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

According to a 2007 Del Monte press release, "Despite all his accomplishments, it is important to mention that Morris never forgot where he came from." From a stray cat on the streets of Hinsdale, to world-wide fame, this is a cat that lived each of his nine lives to the fullest!



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Baby



ADOPTION STORY - Baby

Baby was a senior cat in our shelter before she met her new owner. When Baby first arrived, she just shut down, not wanting to interact with anyone. Hinsdale Humane Society is happy to give animals the time and comfort they need to adjust, however long that may be.

However, Baby's outlook changed drastically when her new owner walked through the door. The moment the two met, it was love at first sight. Baby melted into the arms of her new owner, and it was clear she had finally found her forever home.

It's been an amazing journey for Baby, and she's proof that no matter how scared or withdrawn a pet may be, they can still find a loving home. If you're considering adopting a pet, remember that no matter their age or history, they can still be loving and loyal companions.