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Fall 2019

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ANNIVERSARY**

*Over 50% More
Animals Helped!*



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Hinsdale Humane Society TODAY



For 66 years, Hinsdale Humane Society has been providing compassionate care for animals in need. Our mission and vision have expanded to help even more pets and people. During year one in our new building, we've been able to help over 50% more animals and provide services and programming to significantly more people, with an average 350 visitors each week.

Our mission is to provide innovative care and adoption services for all animals, including those that are harder to place. We educate, advocate and adopt out pets, and nurture the human-animal bond through community outreach and progressive programming to help ensure the compassionate treatment of all animals. Our vision is to prevent animal suffering and neglect and to ensure that all animals in shelters and homes are well cared for and treated with compassion.

If you haven't had a chance yet, please visit us at 21 Salt Creek Lane in Hinsdale. We'll be here with the animals and our building is open to everyone!

Community Programming at the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center

Therapaws Pet Therapy

Our volunteers visit local hospitals, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, schools and libraries with their trained pets, providing emotional support. Our facility hosts group events and therapy team training to help get the healing power of pets to more people. Learn more at [*hinsdalehumanesociety.org/pet-therapy*](https://hinsdalehumanesociety.org/pet-therapy).

Humane Education

Our goal is to teach children, teens and adults, how to respect, protect and understand animals and their special bond with humans. We offer tours, presentations, workshops, birthday parties, Books Barks Meow reading program and Summer Camp, as well as youth volunteer opportunities for all ages. Learn more at [*hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/humane-ed*](https://hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/humane-ed).

Dog Training

We offer multiple dog training classes featuring positive motivation methods designed to foster a strong human-animal bond, while promoting responsible pet care and effective ways to control unwanted behaviors. In conjunction with our Therapaws Pet Therapy teams, we've added a new Therapy Dog Prep Class. Learn more at [*hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/obedience-class*](https://hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/obedience-class).

For a complete listing of all of our programming & services, visit hinsdalehumanesociety.org

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Director’s Letter / Tom Van Winkle

We’re celebrating ONE YEAR in our Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center this fall. And what an exciting year it’s been!

Our new building allows us to care for our animals’ medical needs on site, we host all of our summer camps in the building (and we’ve added another week for campers!), our Therapaws Pet Therapy program is in such demand that we’re actively recruiting new teams, we have dog training on site to not only help families with their pets, but to work with the dogs right here in the shelter, and most importantly, we have helped save 50% more cats, dogs, chickens, rats, turtles, etc., than we were able to in our previous facility.

There is one thing missing though... when we opened our new building, we knew we were going to vastly increase the numbers of animals and families we could help. That meant we needed to increase awareness of our new facility within surrounding communities.

What we didn’t predict is the reaction visitors have when we give them a tour. We hoped they would be impressed, but when they’re told we want them to stop by, visit the animals, have a cup of coffee and just hang out, we didn’t expect

them to be so surprised this is an option. I guess we should have predicted it since traditional shelters are a place to visit when you’re looking to adopt a pet or attend an event. But we’re more than that, and I’m asking for your help in spreading the word.

Meet your friends here for coffee and a chat, invite a business colleague here for a meeting (we have free wi-fi), bring a book and read in the peaceful cat room, or wander the grounds and enjoy the scenery. Our mission is to save animals, but we’re also part of the community, and we want our community to visit us.

Next time you’re looking for something to do, alone or with family, friends or colleagues, think of the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource Center. We’ll be here waiting for you. And the animals will be too!

Tom Van Winkle / Executive Director



The Sheltered Life

Mila's Story

Mila the Shepherd mix was brought to us on March 3rd by police officers. They found her living in the basement of a condemned drug house.

Although she was three years-old, Mila had never been to the vet. She'd never been outside. Sadly, she had never left her basement.

Because of the dire and dangerous conditions in which she was found, Mila was in "protective custody" of sorts. Her picture wasn't on our website. No one knew she was here but staff, volunteers and visitors to our building. She lived in a quiet, corner kennel with her big bear lovey and two pillows as comfort.

Our staff immediately rallied around Mila and consistently and patiently worked to help her overcome her fears. Soon we discovered her favorite treats were Famous Amos Chocolate Chip cookies and that she loved the outdoors... especially her field trips to nearby Fullersburg Woods with our staff member Ryszard.

Slowly Mila began to accept kindness and was on her way to becoming the wonderful dog we always knew she could be. Sometimes it just takes time.

On September 1st Mila found her forever family and there wasn't a dry eye anywhere as she left the building with her big bear lovey and pillows in tow.

"She became the wonderful dog we always knew she could be."



Veteran's Appreciation Program

They Take Care of Us. We Take Care of Them.



As of 2017, there were 583,994 veterans living in Illinois, making up 5.9% of the population.* In recognition and appreciation of their service and sacrifices, we've created a Veteran's Appreciation Program just for them that includes:

- **Low cost veterinary services for active duty service men and women** with discounted dog and cat vaccinations and spay and neuter services for their pets.
- **50% off adoption fees to military veterans.** To ensure all animals adopted have permanent homes, eligible veterans must not be active duty and must provide proof of honorable discharge from military service.

A 2016 study by Loyola University Chicago and USC Center for Social Work indicates that 40% of Chicago area veterans have been screened for PTSD and 36% have been screened for depression.

"There is a tremendous amount of research showing the benefits pets have on people suffering from

depression and/or anxiety," said Tom Van Winkle, Executive Director, HHS. "Some of the greatest roadblocks to getting a pet are the cost of adopting, training and caring for this important partner. That's why we're taking steps to create a win-win situation where we find a fantastic home for one of our pets in need, and that pet provides an invaluable service to a person in need."

In a recent interview (see facing page 7), Dave Grooms, U.S. Army veteran and HHS Board member explained, "The new Veteran's Appreciation Program is a great example of the additional outreach that has been made possible with the Tuthill Family Pet Rescue & Resource center, which now also includes an in-house veterinary medical suite."

To learn more about how our Veteran's Appreciation Program can help you or someone you know, contact us at 630-323-5630 or visit our website at [***hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/veterans-appreciation***](https://hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/veterans-appreciation).

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Someone You Should Know

Dave Grooms - Hinsdale Humane Society Board Member

When talking with HHS Board member Dave Grooms about his background and career, it doesn't take long to realize he leads a very busy life oriented to community service.

"My relationship with Hinsdale Humane Society began when I was invited to train the staff in Pet CPR skills," said Dave who is a nationally accredited instructor of Pet CPR and first aid. "Shortly after that, I was asked to join the Board of Directors."

Appointed as lead of the Operations Committee, Dave was instrumental in finding and developing HHS' new facility. Now he's transitioned over to the Development Committee and is helping raise funds to support the new building expenses. Dave also serves as Chairman of the Board for the Three Fires Council of the Boy Scouts in St. Charles.

Before starting his career, Dave served his country beginning in 1981 with the U.S. Army during Desert Storm. Dave also served in the National Guard.

"After finishing military service, I transitioned into the civilian world, working in the technology industry," said Dave. "My career brought me to the Chicago area in 2000 where I worked as the Chief Information Officer at McDonalds for ten years, and then spent several years as the CIO for Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurants.

After a long career in technology, it was time to do something different. Dave and his wife Denise purchased an existing animal kennel business in Oak Brook that was first started in 1946.

"After purchasing and renovating the kennel in 2013, we renamed it the Oak Brook Kennel Club. It's now a full-service pet boarding kennel and doggie day care facility with capacity for 80 dogs, 15 cats and an unlimited number of birds, fish and guinea pigs. We have clients who are members of families who have boarded their pets with the kennel for several generations."

Our gratitude goes to Dave for his military service to our country, and for his ongoing community service and involvement with us. We're so lucky to have him!





OKTOBERFEST

Prost to the Pets!

We said “cheers” to our animals and welcomed autumn during our Oktoberfest: Prost the Pets! celebration on Saturday, September 28th.

This special event was held primarily outside underneath tents on the grounds of our building. There was plenty of *gemutlichkeit* at the biergarten to go along with German sausages, sauerkraut, pretzels, potato pancakes and more!

Attendees enjoyed live music from oompah band Die Musikmeisters, perfectly outfitted in authentic lederhosen, as they played polkas and waltzes on the front patio. Dancers from the Center for Dance entertained the crowds as well with traditional German dances.

Mystery craft beer 6-packs were wrapped in brown kraft paper for guests to purchase and take home to enjoy. Black Horizon brewing provided beer on

tap and Cooper’s Hawk winery served the wine, all topped off with a cigar bar on our back patio.

There was a silent auction to browse as well, and because it’s all about the animals, Therapaws Pet Therapy Teams were available to meet and greet.

“We want to thank our supporters and sponsors who came out to celebrate all things German during our first Oktoberfest celebration,” said Jacki Rossi, Business Development Director, HHS. “It was a fun evening and truly benefits our animals and helps with programs that support our community.”

Dankeschon and thank you to everyone who attended and supported this fundraiser! There were an estimated 250 attendees enjoying the evening, and together they helped raise more than \$30,000 that will support countless animals in the coming year. **Prost!**



Thank you to our Oktoberfest sponsors! Full list located on page 16.



Therapaws Pet Therapy

What a difference a year makes. We've always been fortunate to have our Therapaws Pet Therapy teams out and about in the community, but now we can invite the community to work with our teams right in our own building. Here's what Pet Therapy's been up to recently:

At the PPRC



We now host evaluations for Pet Partners, a national organization we've worked with for over a decade. Following their guidelines, we educate the human end of the leash and encourage our teams to pursue more complex animal interventions. Congratulations to Marianne Bero & Ginger for renewing their registration and thank you to our volunteer and Pet Partner Evaluator, Charlotte Keane, for nurturing this relationship.



Rogers Behavioral Health offers outpatient treatment for patients with disorders such as anxiety and depression. Their clinical staff has arranged to bring patients to our PPRC for "Fun Fridays." Dr. Brandon DeJong and Director Cynthia Cole along with 12 patients arrived to work with Julie Brenneman & Klaus and Dietre Hayford & Bosco. Feedback revealed that one typically reserved patient really came out of his shell as soon as he was able to be with the dogs.

New Relationships in the Community



From Karen Bozell at Rush Day School for special education: "Thank you to Mike and Dietre for coming to Rush Day School with Bosco and Jango. Staff and students are still talking about the wonderful time they all had with the dogs. Your entire team was so friendly and engaging."



RML Specialty Hospital invited Therapaws teams to visit their hospital in Hinsdale. Julie Brenneman & Klaus helped out at their employee bake sale with Tricia Vaisvila.



Rehab Without Walls offers post-acute neuro rehab through residential, outpatient and home-based programs. Jan Forster & Grover made the pilot visit to this new facility in our CARE program. These patients aren't always able to verbalize their thoughts, but Grover felt the calming nature of their gentle touch.

Visiting Old Friends



AMITA's Hinsdale Hospital Ice Cream Social is always an end of summer treat. Rose Krogh & Diva represented HHS and shared our stories during the festivities.



AMITA Health Bollingbrook welcomed April Mulcahy and her shepherd/poodle mix, Kevin who received a warm reception by Derek Cazeau and Samantha Sagrado before going to work in the Older Behavioral Health unit.



Our teams are always honored to visit Tommy's Kids Camp bereavement group offered by AMITA's St. Thomas Hospice. Camp Director, Laura Cottrell greeted our teams with enthusiasm. Judi and Kip are pictured doing their amazing work.



Therapaws teams are always favorites at Plymouth Place, so much so that the Women's Club invited program manager, Deborah Kraus and volunteers Michael Bresolin & Jango to report on the work of our Pet a Pet program.

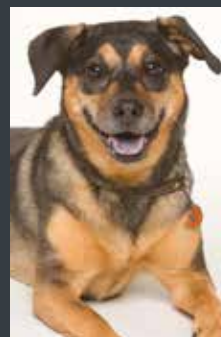
IN MEMORIAM

Therapaws involves both human and animal volunteers. When we say goodbye to therapy pets, we lose one of our own. It's always difficult to lose a pet and even harder when that pet is a working partner. We remember our own:



SASHA

Sasha Miller was a small mixed breed, HHS alum. Pat Miller was drawn to this little one the moment they first made eye contact. After attending an HHS training class with Sasha, Pat knew she had a great therapy dog on the other end of her leash. So the story began for this sweet girl who worked very hard in our READ and CARE programs. But when relaxing, her favorite past-time was enjoying homemade peanut butter and pumpkin treats and simply "hanging around" her human handler.



ABIGAIL

Abigail Aikman, a shepherd mix, was also an HHS alum, adopted by longtime volunteer, Sue Aikman when she was a puppy. Abigail retired from HHS several years ago. We were saddened to learn recently that at age 17 she crossed the rainbow bridge. Abigail worked in our Pet a Pet, READ and CARE programs and "tutored" many new teams in Pet Therapy.



BOWZER

Bowzer Altman, Jamie Altman's Australian Shepherd, retired from Therapaws in 2017 due to health issues. Jamie had to say goodbye to her special guy in September. A gentle giant of a boy, Bowzer was a favorite at our local libraries, and he always had trouble moving past all of his admirers in the Hinsdale Hospital lobby after CARE visits.



Humane Education

Teaching children, teens and adults how to respect, protect and understand animals and their special bond with humans.

Our Humane Education department has been growing in so many exciting new ways, one of them being our summer camps. We had a VERY busy summer with eight weeks of sold out camps. Here are highlights from all of them:

Kids in our Pet Camp (6-7 year olds) focused on the needs, unique qualities and characteristics of dogs, cats, guinea pigs, bunnies, birds and reptiles. Adventure Campers (8-9 yrs) learned the difference between wild and domestic animals, pets and working animals, through field trips, hands-on experiences and games.

Career Camp (9-11yrs) debuted this summer and campers spent a week studying animal careers through interactive presentations with guest speakers and field trip visits to a veterinary hospital, boarding facility and the zoo.



Career Campers learned positive reinforcement training, pet first aid and observed our very own Dr. Kristin Tvrdik demonstrating suturing techniques on a banana, while our Crusader Campers (12-14 yrs) discussed the historical and modern role of zoos, the challenges and extraordinary work of large municipal animal care facilities, and the many ways to be an animal advocate. They analyzed animal welfare regulations, met leaders in animal rescue, and enjoyed several experiential trips, even helping bathe a rescue horse!

Don't miss your chance to participate in our camps next summer. Registration will open the first week of February 2020.

Summer Camp Special Thanks

There are so many people and groups to thank for the impactful camp experiences we were able to provide this summer.

The following individuals and organizations shared their time, knowledge and talents with us and our campers and we are so appreciative!

HHS Jr. Board and Teen Volunteer Corps | Alexis Korkowski | Pet Therapy team Gail Diedrichsen and Brody | Diana Federl and the Greater Chicago Caged Bird Society | Safe Humane Chicago | Hooved Animal Rescue and Protection Society (HARPS) | Suzanne Holtz and Bunnies United Network | Newly retired Therapaws Pet Therapy guinea pigs Ernie & Edyth and their pet-mom Nancy Woodard | Therapaws Pet Therapy team Rose Krogh and Diva | Ellen Miles and CatVando | Dave Grooms and Oak Brook Kennel Club | West Suburban Veterinary Associates | Maggie Fahner and A Sound Beginning | HHS Staff members Dr. Kristin Tvrdik, Carla Wudi, Fred Dehart, and Kelsey Barry.

In Other Humane Education News

Our Fall Programming is in full swing! Junior Board is meeting regularly discussing new program ideas, and our Teen Volunteer Corps and Jr Board members have helped host many birthday parties. New Teenterns are now working as Greeters at our Welcome Desk and assisting families participating in Books Barks Meow! read to our rescues program. Members of our Compassionate Kids Corps have been hard at work keeping our shelter clean and learning about canine and feline body language and responsible pet care. We're also busy bringing humane education programs to local schools and hosting school field trip visits, scout group tours and presentations at the PRRC.

Please check our website to learn about these programs and more! hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/humane-ed

Ways to Give

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Your Matching Gift Matters.

Did you know that many corporate employers offer matching gifts for an employee's donation or volunteer hours to a charitable organization? As a valued supporter, your gift not only helps thousands of animals that pass through our doors each year, but also allows us to provide quality programming in our communities through our Therapaws Pet Therapy, Humane Education and Dog Training programs. Now you can double, or even triple, your impact!

Your Matching Gift Saves Lives.

This summer HHS was approached by PAWS (Plaquemines Animal Welfare Society) in New Orleans asking for help in relocating dogs and cats in preparation for Tropical Storm Barry. We believe that as a rescue community, we are stronger together, so we led the effort during Operation Safe & Sound with A.D.O.P.T. Naperville, PAWS, and LASPCA, to save 53 animals.

Of those animals, 20 cats and 5 dogs became residents of our Pet Rescue & Resource Center. Some needed extra medical attention; others required special training. Most of these animals have lived outside for the bulk of their lives or in a shelter environment for more than a year. We were 100% committed to helping them find their forever homes - and we did, because of support from our generous donors.

Your Matching Gift Has Impact.

We have a saying around HHS that "animals are medication without side effects." Our Therapaws Pet Therapy teams work hard every day to bring comfort to those in our communities who need it most. We recently received a note from a supporter whose dad suffered a stroke and

experienced a visit from one of our teams while he was in the hospital.

"Rico and his owner brought much needed therapy to us ALL as a family, and we are grateful for that. Our dad was a great animal lover and we know that even though he could not express it, he was very grateful for Rico's visit."

Through Humane Education, our Huggable Pets Program teaches children about the common core needs that they share with animals, reviews responsible pet ownership, and nurtures each child's sense of empathy by giving them a stuffed animal pet of their own to care for, and the knowledge to be kinder toward themselves, others and animals.

We're also developing relationships with community partners such as Willowbrook Corner (through The Community House) to bring this program, sponsored by Republic Bank Hinsdale and Klepacki & Blair Orthodontics, to underserved children in Dupage and Cook Counties.

"The partnership between the Community House and Hinsdale Humane Society teaches our children the importance of pet safety and taught them responsibility of how to take care of their new "adoptable pet," said Beth Hahn, Program Director, The Community House. "Our campers do not have access to these types of programs. It's great when we can partner with local agencies."

Now it's easier than ever to see if your employer will match your donation:
hinsdalehumanesociety.org/help/matching-gifts



Partnerships

Spotlight on our Community Partner: Hinsdale Pet Cemetery

Community partnerships are vital to the work we do for many reasons; advocacy, awareness, engagement and financial support are just a few. We work hard to build relationships that benefit all involved, and have recently partnered with Hinsdale Pet Cemetery for our bereavement services because we believe animal care, even in death, is very important.

Our staff recently visited the cemetery, learned more about their services and toured the grounds that are the final resting place for thousands of beloved pets. All animals are welcome there - from family pets to K-9 officers, service dogs and war dogs. The butterfly garden brings a sense of peace and love as well as many different species of wildflowers, and plants that attract and support populations of several species of butterflies. The cemetery is open for visitation 365 days a year, during daylight hours.

We look forward to partnering with Hinsdale Pet Cemetery in the future to bring awareness to pet bereavement services and the options pet owners have. If you have any questions about their services, please visit petcemetery.org or call (630) 323-5120.



Heidi Gebauer Memorial Golf Outing

The Heidi Gebauer Memorial Golf Outing took place on Monday, August 12, in memory and tribute of a beautiful, fun, hardworking, passionate and animal loving young girl named Heidi. Her caring family chose to honor her memory with this outing that raised incredibly generous funds for the animals in our facility. Heidi visited Hinsdale Humane Society and Cat Nap of LaGrange often and encouraged her family to adopt, become vegetarian and be conscious of their use of plastic bags, bottles and straws that negatively impact the environment.

The golf outing was very well attended and exceeded fundraising expectations which the family donated entirely to the care of the animals in our facility. We are so grateful to them for their passionate gesture and for the care, time and love they put into all of it. Our thanks to them, and to Kathy Hanley who volunteered her time to help organize this day in memory of a very special girl.



Attention Yorktown Center Mall Shoppers!

HHS and Yorktown Center Mall are partnering up to promote the mall's new year-round, dog-friendly policy, while also educating visitors about ways to support animal welfare throughout the entire animal rescue community.

Through the end of the year, visitors to Yorktown will find the HHS-led Starfish Coalition branded kiosk. The vision behind the Coalition comes from the story of a boy walking on the beach with his grandfather. When the grandfather asks him why he keeps putting washed up starfish back into the ocean when there are so many and it's pointless, the boy points out that at least he's helping some of them. The Starfish Coalition of HHS and other like-minded rescue organizations, are each doing our parts to combat a really big problem: animal homelessness.

Look for the kiosk in Yorktown Mall to learn more about partner rescue groups and shelters banding together to help animals, and how you can help! Any visitors who decide to adopt an animal when visiting the Starfish Coalition Kiosk at Yorktown Center will also receive a free doggy goody bag of bling to take home and enjoy with their new companion! All well-behaved dogs, regardless of breed, are welcome into the Center with their humans. To learn more, visit yorktowncenter.com/code-of-conduct/

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The Suite Life

Entropion

Some of the animals we take in arrive with wide-ranging medical issues, keeping our Dr. Kristin Tvrdik more than busy and challenged in her role as the veterinarian in our Irving & Phyllis Millstein Medical Suite.

One recent case was Zee, a dog who had a congenital condition called Entropion, which results in the eyelids being rolled inward. This in turn causes the lashes to constantly rub on the surface of the eyes and potentially cause ulcers. Imagine how uncomfortable that is to feel like you always having something in your eyes!

How can you tell if a dog has it? The irritation factor causes the pet to squint, and the eyelid(s) can be completely rolled over, sometimes both on the top and bottom lids, as in Zee's case.

There is a finesse involved in the surgery to repair the condition. Correcting the entropion involves removing excess eyelid tissue. It can be difficult to decide how much of the inversion of the lids the surgeon should correct when the pet is under anesthesia because their eyes and muscles relax while they are asleep. Overcorrecting the condition can also cause concerns.

Happily Zee's surgery went beautifully. The recovery period for this surgery is typically about two weeks, after which stitches are removed. The relief for the pet is visible almost instantly, as was the case with sweet Zee.

Pneumonia

Cash (nickname Cash Money) came to us as part of Chicago Rescue Day, an annual event in which rescues and shelters come together to save animals.

When Cash arrived at our facility, he was lethargic, not eating, vomiting and had a nasal discharge. He likely took a bad turn from the time he left one facility and arrived at ours. The poor guy was in bad shape and seriously sick.

Dr. Tvrdik determined he was suffering from pneumonia based on the sound of his lungs, his low temperature, and how long it took him to fully recover. He arrived to us on August 9, and after a month of antibiotic treatment and supportive care, he was finally feeling better and well enough to go up for adoption. He was a perfect gentleman and was adopted into a loving home very quickly.



Zee



Cash

Can You Help Support Our Clinic So We Can Help Others?

Our clinic is growing at such a fast pace that we're running out of surgery packs (all of the instruments required to perform general surgery like spays and neuters). You can donate to our medical needs at hinsdalehumanesociety.org/donate

We're also treating all pets for fleas and ticks and always appreciate donations of new and old medications.

We're working hard to provide Low-Cost Spay/Neuter and General Wellness services to other groups in need. If you are a 501c3 group looking for help getting your spay/neuter and wellness services completed, please contact **Dr. Kristin Tvrdik at 630-323-5630 x41 or at kristin.tvrdik@hinsdalehumanesociety.org**.



Heads and Tails

Where Do We Get Our Adoptable Pets?

When you look at the adoptable pets on our website or walk through our building, were you ever curious about how all of these wonderful animals ended up here? It's a challenging balance of intake designed to A) help the largest number of animals, community members and other rescue groups in need and B) provide our adopters with a variety of pets to choose from. Our pets typically come from the following places:

Strays

We currently have contracts with ten nearby towns that bring their strays to our shelter. (See Stray Pets 411 on facing page for details). On average we receive four stray dogs and cats each week (and sometimes a chicken or a rat)! The Police have a special door in our facility they can use 24/7 to bring stray pets to special kennels that have blankets and water waiting for them until we arrive the next day to help find their families.

If stray pets are not claimed after a 5-day stray hold and extensive search for their families, they are evaluated and put up for adoption. (Visit hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/lost-pets for more information.)

Owner Surrender

Because we are not an "open access" shelter (a shelter that must take all animals in need), individuals are not able to walk in and surrender a pet on the spot.

We are a "limited access" shelter (not required to accept every pet). That gives us the luxury of never euthanizing to make space for new animals that come through the door. But our goal is to help as many of the "open access" shelters as possible since they don't have that luxury. We do all we can to get their surplus of animals into homes, while saving enough space for strays and surrendered pets.

To surrender a pet, individuals call us and put their name on a waiting list. When space becomes available, Samantha Cheatham, our Animal Care Manager, will call, ask a few questions about the pet, and then offer an adoption space in our shelter.

Transfers from Other Shelters and Rescues

Samantha gets an average of 300 emails per week from shelters in Chicago and down south with pets needing rescue. HHS also partners with large scale rescues like Animal Rescue Corps to bring in dogs from puppy mill busts, hoarding situations or weather events like Tropical Storm Barry.

Samantha gets even more emails each week from small, rural open access shelters. The volunteers there try to get the animals without much time left, moved out for a second chance. "Those small rural groups are managed largely by women who are running on fumes doing it all themselves to try to help get the animals to safety," said Samantha. "Those pets need us too!"



NEW INTAKE PAPERWORK

As you can imagine, picking the right mix of rescued, adoptable animals, while allowing space for strays and owner surrenders, is tricky. Couple that with a random slow adoption week, and our intake of transfers has to slow down in response.

“It’s all a balancing act because there are so many animals that need rescue,” said Samantha. “I try to take in some heartworm positive and disabled dogs that would be rejected elsewhere, along with easily adoptable pets like puppies and kittens. We have our own vet on staff so it’s easier for us to treat animals with special needs and we can spay and neuter in our shelter. That doesn’t happen in most Southern shelters.”

Thankfully, animals at HHS aren’t ever going to “run out of time.” And part of our mission from our Board of Directors is to take in a higher percentage of those harder to adopt pets.

“We’re here to help the animals that have no choice,” said Samantha. “They cannot control how they got to where they are. Our job is to always advocate for them.”

STRAY PETS 411

We currently have contracts with ten police stations to take in their stray animals. The goal is to work with villages nearest to our facility so those individuals who have lost a pet will logically look to us first.

Towns that are further away will contract with facilities nearest to them. Following are the Villages we currently contract with:

Clarendon Hills	La Grange Park	Willow Springs
Hinsdale	Oak Brook	Willowbrook
Indian Head Park	Western Springs	
La Grange	Westmont	

If you find a lost pet, please bring it to your local police station first. For full information on what to do if you or someone you know has lost a pet, please visit our website hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/lost-pets



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CLEAR THE SHELTERS



Clear the Shelters is an annual one-day event promoted and run by NBC Universal. We've been fortunate to be one of the hundreds of shelters across the country who participate each year. Adoption fees are waived for all pets 6 months and older in order to help literally clear out the shelters.

And we did. This year ***we had 315 visitors and a total of 34 pets that found homes on that one day.*** We're also finding since awareness of Clear the Shelters has grown, that there is an increase in adoptions leading up to the event as well. In our case for that week prior, we had 69 adoptions!

Call it the Clear the Shelters effect, but whatever it is, this wonderful day each year helps so many animals find their homes and we couldn't be more grateful for it and for all of the families that choose adoption.