

INSIDE LOOK

Spring 2019





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Director's Letter / Tom Van Winkle

Spring is in the air, finally! I'm one of those people who doesn't like to complain about winter because I've chosen to live in the Midwest and that's where winter happens. Nonetheless, when the weather gets warmer and the days last longer, I do feel a sense of rejuvenation.

Springtime signals many things. Spirits are lifted, school is almost out and we all get a sense of rebirth. I'll go further and say that in 2019, Hinsdale Humane Society will feel the spirit of spring even moreso than ever before, because this is our first spring season in our new Pet Rescue & Resource Center (PRRC). While not insignificant in and of itself, I'm not writing in this issue about our building. I'm writing to invite all of you to renew, or become part of our new energized team to save the lives of those animals who depend on all of us.

When I joined HHS in 2017, my vision was of a shelter bustling with activity. One where the public was not only welcome, but encouraged to come and enjoy our space. One where staff and volunteers worked side by side to help our animals and one which our communities bragged about to their friends.

To accomplish any goal, a plan must be established to get there. Most visions are not realized overnight. The vision I outlined above and the one I have for our Humane Society moving forward, will take time. But we are ready for our next step. Just to recap, Step One was to solidify our HHS family as one cohesive group. Through the tremendous efforts of all of our staff and volunteers, we took that challenge head on and were ready for step

two. Step Two was completed in November of 2018 when we opened the doors of PRRC, thus giving us the physical space required to become a best in class shelter and move to step three.

I personally invite you to join us as we embark on Step Three – making the PRRC, operated by Hinsdale Humane Society, into a model animal shelter, viewed as a true community asset, that saves homeless pets by bringing humans and animals together.

There are countless ways to join our movement: adopt, volunteer, donate or perhaps just stop by for a cup of coffee. Our doors are open and we want you to visit our furry friends (and us, of course). We're more than just a place to add a pet to your family. Think of us as a community center where you can enjoy our outdoor benches, host a book club meeting or just stop by on your lunch break for a little TLC. We need you!

For those who are so inclined to go a step further, visit our new online store to sport some "HHS swag." Just visit PRRCgiftshop.com and know that you're helping spread our mission while helping raise funds at the same time.

It's a new day everyone. We're excited about the nice weather ahead of us and hope you'll plan to come visit us often!

Tom Van Winkle
Executive Director





"Come together for this night of great music and fundraising!"

American English Benefit Concert for HHS

Wednesday, May 22, 2019 | 7:30pm | Tivoli Theatre | 5021 Highland Ave | Downers Grove

This special event is a great way to break up your work week while helping our animals!

Join us at the Tivoli Theatre in Downers Grove on Wednesday, May 22nd from 7:30-10pm for an evening with American English, the Beatles Tribute band that gets rave reviews everywhere they perform.

The benefit concert includes a silent auction, with food and liquor available for purchase as well as concert t-shirts. Tickets and complete event details are available on our website. Contact Kathy Hanley with questions at 630.323.5630 x44 or kathy.hanley@hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

All proceeds from this event benefit our homeless animals and community programs. Let's come together for this night of great music and fundraising!





Pet Walk Festival

Saturday, June 8, 2019 | 2-8pm | Pet Rescue & Resource Center | 21 Salt Creek Lane | Hinsdale

Pet Walk is back for the 30th year, bigger and better than ever! Reimagined as Pet Walk Festival and moved to the grounds of our new building, the fun is set for Saturday, June 8. The afternoon-into-evening festival includes a pet walk, family activities and a p.m. concert for adults and older children.

From 2-5pm, guests will enjoy a pet-friendly family festival including a kids corner with activities, pets and fun. The event includes food vendors, raffles, a DJ and a short pet walk around our neighborhood. Visit with local businesses in our vendor mall, view pet demonstrations, visit the animals and learn about the programs and services we provide to everyone.

After 5pm, the evening takes a different turn with a special live concert from The Millennials, an exciting band of high school and college students from Hinsdale and La Grange Park areas reinterpreting rock classics. Enjoy lawn games, food and auction items. It's BYOBeverage and BYOBlanket.

Daytime Activities: (2-5pm) tickets are \$25 adults/\$10 for kids/5 and under free.

Evening Activities: (5-8pm) tickets are \$25 adults/\$10 for kids/5 and under free.

Adoption hours during the Pet Walk Festival are 10am to 2pm. The Roger & Julie Davis Cat Lodge will be open from 2 to 5pm. The Foley & Schlosser Training Center and Elinor & Jake Brickman Humane Education Center will remain open throughout the event.

Please join us for an afternoon and/or evening of fun and fundraising for the animals! Register today at **www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org**





Thank You to our PWF Sponsors!



















The Sheltered Life

In late January, a litter of eight Border Collie/mixed breed puppies was rescued after being abandoned in a trailer in the South. The eight to ten week-old littermates arrived here very scared and severely malnourished.

One of the smallest puppies was so frightened he wouldn't allow anyone to touch him. He quickly became very special to staff members who named him Tyrion after the "Game of Thrones" character.

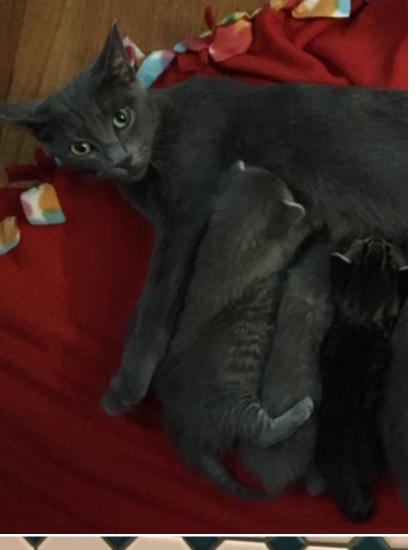
Several of Tyrion's littermates were quickly diagnosed with parvo (canine parvovirus), a serious and highly contagious virus that primarily affects dogs and is spread by direct or indirect contact with their feces. Left untreated, this virus has a very high mortality rate. Treatment for parvo often involves veterinary hospitalization and isolation, and successful recovery depends in part on quick diagnosis and treatment.

The puppies were cared for by our staff in the Irving & Phyllis Millstein Foundation Medical Suite, where they received the needed medication and treatment, together with loads of love and care.

Tyrion required extra attention, including being fed baby food through a syringe and given daily medications and IV fluids to treat his severe malnourishment and dehydration until he could begin eating puppy food and drinking water on his own.

With time, Tyrion started sleeping on top of the bed instead of under it, and he began to approach staff members with his tail wagging when they entered the kennel. He blossomed into a playful, exuberant puppy who was comfortable with people. In February 2019, just over one month from arriving, Tyrion was the last of his litter to be adopted into a forever home.

"Tyrion's story is a perfect example of why we do this job." – Michele Hyduke, HHS Operations Director





The **Suite Life**

Mia, an adult cat who was found wandering the streets of Chicago, was apparently abandoned by her owners. A caring Chicagoan found Mia and took her into her home, where Mia gave birth to six kittens. Mia and her babies were turned over to us when they were just ten days old. They were immediately put into foster care. Soon after, staff identified all of the kittens to be suffering from ringworm, an extremely contagious disease that can be transmitted between multiple animal species, including humans.

Ringworm takes a long time to cure and because it is so contagious, infected animals must be kept in an isolation room, or are cared for away from other animals by a foster family. It's a fungal infection which can develop spores that dry up and can lie dormant for 18 months waiting for a victim to infect. Exposure does not ensure infection however. It tends to affect those whose immune systems are compromised including the young, old or sick, causing sores, fur-loss and possible damage to tissue.

Ringworm is an infection that can strain the resources of rescue groups that don't have the isolation space or staff needed to treat the disease. Infected cats can become reinfected, requiring repeated treatments of sulfur dips twice a week for at least 6 weeks. However, with persistence and good care, affected animals can achieve a full recovery.

Thanks to our new on-site facility, the Irving & Phyllis Millstein Foundation for Animal Welfare Medical Suite and the availability of on-site team members from West Suburban Veterinary Associates, HHS was able to provide the necessary time and resources required to cure all of Mia's kittens of their infections. Mia and her babies have all been adopted and will go on to lead full lives thanks to the medical care and fostering they received when they needed it most.





Obedience Tips

With warmer weather around the corner, comes the chance to engage our dogs... especially the very energetic, young ones... with more frequent outdoor activities for exercise. One of these outdoor activities is a trip to your local dog park. But before bringing your dog(s) to a park, some basic preparation can make your visit safer and maximize the fun.

One of the most important things is to make sure your dog(s) have learned a reliable "recall." Recall is one of the three most important things dogs should know. The other two are "stay" and "watch me".

A successful recall command means that when called, no matter what is going on around your dog, he comes to you even if the other dogs are still playing, or if some fascinating, mysterious smell gets his attention.

A recall must be practiced by you and your dog in order for it to be performed reliably. An 'easy' way to teach a solid recall is to call your dog, reward them appropriately, and then let them go play again, once they've come and 'checked in' with you. This teaches them that they don't have to stop having fun every time they are called. This can even be taught in the backyard.

Contact **obedience@hinsdalehumanesociety.org** for additional ideas, or with any other questions you may have about training your dog. Please visit our website Obedience page for full details of our different class offerings.

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Updates from Humane Education

Calling All Animal Advocates Ages 12-14

Want to be inspired? Are you interested in learning more about the positive changes being made by local leaders in animal welfare? See the difference that dedicated, compassionate people make everyday, meet change makers and make new friends who share your passion during this field trip based camp.

CRUSADER CAMP - 4 full days of field trips, guest speakers and hands-on animal interaction.

June 24-27 | 9:30am-4:00pm July 29-August 1 | 9:30am-4:00pm Min 12 campers/Max 20. \$275

Sign up today! Register online:

https://www.hinsdalehumanesociety.org/programs/summer-camp-2019

(All Pet Camps and Adventure Camps are sold out.)

Compassionate Kids Corps

Our new Compassionate Kids Corps (CKC) completes its first session at the end of this month. These young volunteers, ages 8-13, have met weekly since February learning about animal body language, responsible pet care, cat and dog development, animal safety and all of the hard work involved in keeping our PRRC animal guests happy and healthy while in our care. These kids have washed countless dishes, assisted with many loads of laundry. made pet enrichment items, organized our supply storage, cleaned adoption counseling rooms, helped sort and stock donations, and occasionally helped socialize our cats and dogs. The CKC have been a big help to our staff and our animals, proving what a group of caring and motivated kids can do to make a difference. Our Compassionate Kids Corps has been so successful, we're looking forward to reconvening this fall. From all of our staff and pets, a big THANK YOU to our original CKC members for all of your hard work and dedication!

Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in learning more about animal welfare? Are you looking for ways to help us help the animals? Our teen volunteers are generous, kind, open-minded, hardworking, welcoming, dedicated and diverse. If this sounds like you, consider our teen volunteer opportunities to find the one that's right for you. For more information, contact our Humane Education Manager, Jen Gordon jen.gordon@hinsdalehumanesociety.org or 630-323-5630 x33.



Therapaws Pet Therapy

Our new Pet Rescue & Resource Center offers more opportunities than ever before for the community to see what we do and to interact with our Therapaws Pet Therapy Teams. (Contact pet.therapy@hinsdalehumanesociety.org for more information.)

For many years, we have relied on working with the Pet Partners organization for curriculum, practices, evaluation and testing of the animal assisted therapy teams that make up our program. Our Elinor & Jake Brickman Education Center enables us to host Pet Partner Evaluators who assess new teams for registration in this national organization for animal assisted therapy.

We're excited to announce the addition of another community partner to our Pet a Pet program. Beginning this spring, our teams will visit residents at the new Burr Ridge Senior Living community. Andi Rothenberg (pictured left) Director of Entertainment & Programming, has herself adopted a companion from HHS and is looking forward to hosting our therapy pets.



Ellie loves dogs so her mom arranges to bring her to visit us often. She was especially excited to meet Jim Wierdak and his dog Marley.



Since 1982, HHS has visited senior residences with Therapaws Pet a Pet teams. Now friends like those at The Birches in Clarendon Hills, can visit us. Cathy Daly's dog Bogey helped them enjoy the afternoon.



In January, our newest guinea pig, Edyth, passed her Pet Partners registration test with handler Nancy Woodard. Evaluation took place at PRRC.



Therapaws team member Sharon Detro held a meet & greet for the North American Coton Association, sharing her knowledge of this breed, her work in pet therapy and hosting our very first "Coton Bowl" in March.



Our partnership with LADSE includes visits to the District 105 Early Childhood Education classroom at Hodgkins Elementary School. Michael Bresolin and Jango pictured.



Our Therapaws READ teams visited with students who participated in the after-school reading club, discussing the work our teams do and the difference between service, therapy and emotional support pets.

Linda Nemeth and Helen pictured.



Our newest member of Therapaws CARe, Julie Brennemann's Leonberger, Klaus, made a "big" impression on staff during a visit to the pediatric unit at AMITA Hinsdale Hospital.



Nancy Karpen's therapy cat Bob was a legend, participating in the HHS READ program since 2014. Although Nancy and Bob lived in Chicago, they were never deterred from making the drive to the western suburbs. Bob was popular at every event he attended. Nancy let us know Bob's last message was "Thanks for the memories! Rrarr!" Thank you Bob for so many years of faithful service.



Mary Ann Darnaby's Beau was part of the Darnaby family for 15 years, and a part of HHS' Pet a Pet family for ten. He was a gentle, friendly soul, and a people magnet. As Mary Ann fondly shared with us: "He made people smile. What a good and useful life." We couldn't agree more.

Paws & Hearts

Four paws up & many hearts go out to our friends and supporters who help us achieve our mission in so many ways.

- · American English for putting on a benefit concert for us!
- The Birches for shelter supplies brought by senior residents when visiting our facility
- Brookfield Library for blankets made by young patrons for our adoptable pets
- Chicago Corgi Cavalcade for supplies and cash donations to help our animals
- · City BBQ for a shop and share event
- Clapacs Yappy Barkday Pawty fundraising for the animals
- Epic Burger for a shop and share event arranged by Chicago Corgi Cavalcade and Real Dog Moms of Chicago
- · Frugal Muse for a book signing
- Hinsdale South High School Program Success Classes made us handmade dog toys
- North American Coton Association provided donations made by attendees in thanks for use of our Foley & Schlosser Training Center
- Trina Mae Studio's event partnership

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- St. Francis Xavier Parish
- TGM Willowbrook
- The Cat Nip Project

Special thanks to Sam Chung who chose us for his Eagle Scout Project and built and installed shelving in our storage room!

Correction From Our Winter Issue:

We apologize for the omission of the following Memorials in our listings:

In memory of husband: Louis Agresto by Marie Agresto In memory of pet: Lucky Agresto by Marie Agresto We do our absolute best to get every listing correct within our "In Honor and Memory" section, but if your tribute gift is missing or misspelled, please contact our Development Director *jacki.rossi@hinsdalehumanesociety.org*





Heads & Tails

Bonded Pairs

It's not unusual for us to receive siblings or entire litters of kittens and puppies that need permanent homes of their own. When separated and adopted at an early age, they adapt well to their new home and ultimately form strong bonds with their new caregivers.

When it comes to puppies, we do not recommend keeping siblings together. "Sibling puppies will get to a bonded stage, or have Littermate Syndrome, and then may not bond with the humans in their lives," said Samantha Cheatham, Animal Care Manager, HHS. "They can become so bonded that they rely on each other for everyday life."

However, when adult animals have spent years living together, they are frequently referred to as a "bonded pair," meaning they have become accustomed to living closely with each other. A bonded pair relationship can be healthy for the animals because of the mutual support and companionship it provides.

Jack Russell Terriers Annabelle & Emma (pictured left) came to us as a pair who had a healthy bonded relationship. After spending time observing them together in the shelter, as well as behavior testing both dogs, it was clear we could only adopt them out together. They quickly found their home with a loving family together.

On the flip side, we recently took in three dogs we were told were bonded. "After observation and testing, we realized they don't necessarily all need to stay together based on what we saw," said Cheatham. "They're doing fine on their own and it will make them easier to adopt out sooner since it would be tough for someone new to take on three dogs."

While we don't recommended adopting two puppies, cats are a different story. "We actually see more success adopting out multiple cats," said Kelsey Barry, Adoption Counselor/Foster Care Coordinator, HHS. "When kittens are adopted together, they learn better manners, and how to play with each other and with toys, not hands. There's a benefit to having a friend at home who can get them tired." Bonded kittens or cats are also ideal for someone who works full time because the cats will entertain each other.

We recently had a case of two bonded cats surrendered to us at seven years old. Sebastian & Livvie (pictured left) had been together their whole lives and are an example of a bonded pair who are used to playing, eating and living together. Bonded pets like them can take more time to find a home, but it's well worth the wait to keep them together. Sebastian and Livvie were adopted very quickly into a loving home. They are living happily ever after as bonded seniors, with the best possible outcome.







Making a Difference Through Giving

Dog Kennel & Cat Condo Naming Opportunities

Looking for a unique way to recognize a special person, pet, or a business in a public way? Consider a dog kennel or cat condo sponsorship that supports the care of our animals!

Sponsorship of a dog kennel or cat condo comes with a prominent display of a personalized plaque that will be recognized for 20 years. Each plaque reads, "Guest Accommodations provided by, or in memory of, and the name of the individual, business or pet." Opportunities are limited with a remaining five dog kennels and 37 cat condos left. Please contact Kathy Hanley for information on purchasing a kennel or condo sponsorship at *kathy.hanley@hinsdalehumanesociety.org* or 630-323-5630 x44

Match Me Up Campaign Success!

Thanks to very generous friends and cat lovers, we quickly met our initial Matching Cat Campaign goal presented to us from friend and supporter, Vinaya Sharma. Four of our harder-to-place cats, Big Lou, Blondie, Elizabeth and Aura, had their adoption fees waived by this campaign, and have already found their homes.

Big Lou's (pictured left) microchip was linked to a Trap, Neuter, Release program in Missouri as a feral cat where his name was recorded as Loretta. Since he is, in fact a male, he became Big Lou. He was an outdoor cat and was likely bitten at some point, so was FIV positive, which qualified him for this campaign. Big Lou, the big, loving cat who crawled into laps for a nap, has already begun his happy life of napping on laps in his forever home.

Blondie (pictured bottom left) was a very shy, timid girl. At ten months old, she needed some special help coming out of her shell. She loved to nap and cuddle. And we caught her many times fast asleep in odd positions with her head under her arm or with her foot in her ear. Happily, she can nap in crazy positions to her heart's content now that she's found her forever home.

Elizabeth was our long-term resident, supermodel kitty who loved to strut her stuff. She came to us pregnant and gave birth to a litter of kittens in foster care, who were all adopted from us quickly. She was still waiting for her own forever home when she was recently swooped up for adoption thanks to the Match Me Up Campaign.

Aura the beautiful, timid girl, seemed afraid of the entire world. With love, TLC from volunteers and staff, and a boost from this campaign, she found her way home quickly.

We are so grateful to all who donated to this campaign, and to Vinaya Sharma for suggesting and supporting this idea that has already helped so many harder-to-place cats find loving homes. If you have an idea for a campaign that could help more animals, please contact Jacki Rossi at <code>jacki.rossi@hinsdalehumanesociety.org</code>.







Sponsor Spotlight: Hinsdale Nurseries

Four paws up to Hinsdale Nurseries, our loyal and generous sponsor and partner who helps us reach our goals in so many different ways. They kindly donated the landscaping and sprinkler system for our new building, partnered with us on various events, and donated auction items to our special events.

Most recently, during their slow season, their staff members came to volunteer for us, helping with everything from building maintenance to storage organization, shelf and locker building, and so much more. They always arrived with smiles on their faces, brightening our days and making such a difference in the work they did for us.

A family-run business since 1926, Hinsdale Nurseries offers complete landscape services, from consultation and design to installation, landscape maintenance and seasonal color changes, both for garden beds and containers.

"We've had a great partnership in a lot of different ways with Hinsdale Humane Society," said Jim Cirrincione, President Hinsdale Nurseries. "Most of my employees have pets and they immediately connected with the idea of helping out at the shelter when we are in our slow season at the nursery. We enjoy doing it!"

We couldn't be more grateful to Jim and everyone at Hinsdale Nurseries for their ongoing and tireless support of our work. We encourage everyone to support Hinsdale Nurseries, just as they support HHS!

Visit them online at hinsdalenurseries.com, or at 7200 S Madison St. in Willowbrook, 630.323.1411. We look forward to honoring this wonderful local company at our Blessings Event on Sunday, May 19.



Meet Our New Operations Director

We are thrilled to introduce Michele Hyduke as our new Operations Director!

Prior to joining HHS, Michele had a long career in customer service, working in medical, manufacturing, and retail industries, most recently at Crate & Barrel handling all customer service escalations to the CEO.

Outside of her corporate career, she always had a passion for animals. While still working at Crate & Barrel, she felt the need to have her career follow her passion. She set a personal goal to find a job where she could help enrich the lives of both people and animals.

Fortune quickly intervened when Michele's dog groomer told her about an Adoption Counselor opening at HHS. In a very short span of time, she got the position and it didn't take long for her to determine this was what she was meant to do.

She loved her position as counselor, but again, destiny intervened when she interviewed for, and was offered, the Operations Director position Kym Iffert left vacant when she stepped down due to her family moving out of state.

Michele clearly understands the HHS mission and the challenges of her new position. "Customer service is ingrained in me and this is like any other business in terms of the importance of it," said Michele. "We need to continue providing a great experience and interactively educating the public through HHS programs like Humane Education, Behavior Training and Adoption, to name just a few."

One of Michele's many goals is making sure adopters feel supported in their decisions and that they walk away with a positive experience whether or not they chose to adopt from us.

"My new position as HHS Operations Director is a dream come true," said Michele. "Working with animals has always been my passion. It feeds my soul. I'm very excited about working at HHS and making a difference for the animals and the people who adopt them."



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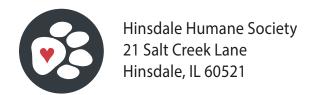
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