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Pet Walk & Run Fun!

A Record Year!

Summer Camp
2017

Meet Our New
Executive Director
IN HONOR AND MEMORY

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Record Crowds at Pet Walk & Run 2017

In our 28th year of Pet Walk and our second year of adding a 5K run component to the event, record crowds of more than 500 were on hand to help support the mission of our shelter.

Held on Sunday, June 4th from 8am-noon in Katherine Legge Memorial Park, moderate weather provided ideal running conditions for the 116 registered runners and 400 attendees.

When the runners crossed the finish line in the park, they joined the hundreds of attendees who stayed for the entertainment and vendor offerings, as well as awards presentation by Judy Hsu, from ABC-7 Chicago.

“This year’s event exceeded all of our expectations,” said Mistie Lucht, Race Director. “From the Harley rider who led the runners, to the bubble art, agility and frisbee dogs, petting zoo, pony rides and our awesome vendors, there was so much fun for everyone this year.”

Thanks to generous sponsors, pledgers, raffle purchasers and of course, attendees, initial fundraising totals are nearly \$55,000, with more funds continuing to come in.

Visit hinsdalehumanesociety.org and type Race Results into the search function to view all runners’ times.



Our thanks to everyone who came out, raised pledges, donated and sponsored. Count on even more fun and fitness in 2018!



Special thanks to our wonderful event photographers: Nicee Martin, Rachel Dlack, Stephanie Scilingo, Jimmy Woulfe & Brittany Tisza

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Pet Walk & Run 2017 would not have been possible without the support of our generous sponsors. Our thanks to all of them!

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Meet our new Executive Director

We are excited to welcome Tom Van Winkle, our new Executive Director, to the HHS family.

Tom was selected after a rigorous search process conducted by a committee of the HHS Board of Directors, and facilitated by Margie DeVine, an executive search consultant.

“While we had several impressive candidates to consider, we are especially excited by Tom’s potential to lead us to our future goals,” said Matt Booth, President, HHS Board of Directors.

“He has served a number of non-profits, particularly in animal welfare, and has the background, knowledge and expertise ideally suited to this position and our organization.”

“The Board sees great potential for expanding all aspects of our mission, for the benefit of the animals and people we serve. Tom’s leadership, experience and skill sets are particularly well-suited to lead us through the next steps on this journey.”

Tom has served as executive director at other animal welfare organizations, and will also leverage his experience from development positions at a variety of not-for-profit organizations. He holds an MBA in International Finance from Loyola University of Chicago, and previously worked in banking and other for-profit corporations, in addition to his not-for-profit experience.



“I’m excited to start the next chapter in my professional life with Hinsdale Humane Society,” said Mr. Van Winkle. “This organization is a perfect fit with my skills and I’m eager to help lead the team to the goals the Board has laid out in the years ahead.”

Tom has been married for over 20 years and has a daughter currently in college. He also has a 12-year old dog named Freckles and a 13-year old cat named Precious.

We look forward to embarking on this next chapter for HHS, and to having our friends and supporters meet Tom in the coming months.

Happy Campers

Our first sessions of 6-8 year old summer campers learned about geckos, lizards, snakes, birds, ferrets and more, in addition to finding out how they can advocate for the humane treatment of all animals.

Did you know you should always keep at least two ferrets together because they are very social animals? Campers no doubt came home from Pet Camp full of knowledge about animal care and why the humane society is needed.



Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders learned about our area native animals and the people working to rescue and rehabilitate them at the Willowbrook Wildlife Center. They discovered how horses are helpful as therapy animals for people with disabilities at the Hanson Center. Finally, a trip to the Brookfield Zoo offered campers a glimpse behind the scenes at what it takes to care for exotic animals. (Field trips change yearly to accommodate repeat campers.)

Tweens in grades 7 and 8 focus on advocacy work in their camp, learning how they can make animals’ lives better through political advocacy, personal choices, and the eventual career path they choose.

Camps run from 9-noon, meeting at Pet People in Western Springs, and are limited to 20 children per session. The \$175 fee includes a T-shirt, water bottle, daily snack, and Humane Society tote bag. Learn more at www.hinsdalehumane-society.org/programs/summer-camp or contact Humane Educator, Jacki Rossi, at humane.ed@hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

Letter from the President

Three years ago this month my family adopted two kittens from HHS. I’ve had cats for most of my life, so bringing home two new fur balls wasn’t nearly as nerve-wracking as bringing home my first child. I was an experienced feline father. And I was excited about our little additions. Still, there were a lot of unknowns: How would our current, older cat react to her new companions? Would the kittens adapt easily to their new environment? Would we be able to give each of the three cats enough attention?

Fast forward to today. The kittens have grown into healthy, happy adult cats with their own unique personalities. They get along well with their “mother” - it isn’t unusual to see all three cats taking an afternoon nap together in our master bedroom. Our transition to a three-cat house



HHS Board President, Matt Booth & Rizzo

hold appears to be a huge success. All it took was some hard work, patience and love.

Here at HHS, we are about to embark on an exciting transition of our own, and I’m confident that we have the special ingredients for creating our own happily-ever-after: Hard-working and skilled staff, volunteers and board members; the creativity, vision and patience to execute our long-term strategic plan, and a mutual love and commitment to fulfilling our mission of animal advocacy – focusing on the compassionate treatment of animals, and educating each other about how furry, feathered and other creatures enrich our lives.

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HHS made headlines, social media news feeds and tv broadcasts with Pet Walk & Run this year!

From our pet-loving friends at WGN-9 and their Adopt-a-Pet segment on May 19th, to a studio, streetside segment with ABC-7 and Judy Hsu on June 1, and the live broadcast with Judy on June 4th, as well as all of the local newspaper and magazine support, we are so grateful to local media for helping us spread the word about our mission.

We saw a noticeable jump in registrations after the June 1 airing on ABC and cannot thank the station and producers there enough for their support.



Above: Judy Hsu and our raffle winner, Cindy Cook, with her son Nathan and their HHS alum, Coco. Below: the live broadcast on ABC-7.



Our local newspapers and magazines helped us bump registrations both with editorial coverage and non-profit advertising rates. We are so grateful to the wonderful media in our community who support the work we do in so many ways. Our thanks to all of them!

PAWS FOR APPLAUSE

All of our donors mean the world to us, and this is one of our favorite sections of the newsletter when we get to acknowledge their kind deeds, starting with our youngest donors who have us in awe of their selflessness at such a young age. Whether they are skipping birthday gifts to collect supplies for the animals, or giving their allowances or lemonade stand proceeds, we are just so thankful to them and their parents, for thinking of homeless animals. Our thanks to the following children who are now a part of our Big Hearts for Little Paws club:

Harper Carroll | Macy | Bridget | Sabrina | Benjamin | Stephanie Zeis with friends Emmie & Hailey | Priyanka | Tyler DeMartino | Alexa, Maya, Bella | Giancarlo | Caroline | Makenna J | Anna P | Stella K | Makenzie P | Eden & Gibson M | Ellie W, Carolina D, Jane M | Emerson & Leighton M | Alexia K | Olivia M, Madeline & Bella L | Madeline B & Alice M | Garrett S



Alli P, pictured with puppy, held a concert and sang to her neighbors, raising almost \$1300 for the shelter!

Erin S & Katie M delivered dog beds made by Ms. Alex's 7th Grade sewing class at Clarendon Hill Middle School (CHMS). Ethan, Jack & Daniel organized



a supply drive at (CHMS). "Crazy People's Club" Field Park 3rd graders had a lemonade stand. Additional support was provided by Daisy Troop 55197, Girl Scout Troop 51563 and Girl Scout Troop 58456 which donated \$883!

Our thanks are also due to the following corporations and foundations, as well as to their staff members for participating in our matching gifts program: Follett Corporation | JLL Community Connections | Marmon Group | McKesson Foundation | Microsoft Giving Campaign | Tootsie Roll Industries.

Special thanks to Mendard's of Countryside for hosting a supply drive for the shelter during the month of May.

Vantastic!

We are thrilled to present our newly updated shelter van graphics. Pictured with our HHS transport van, are Chelsea and Jessica, members of the family responsible for donating it to our shelter. Many lives have been saved with this vehicle with many more to go! Our thanks to this very generous family.



Ask a Vet

Dr. Keith True is a veterinarian at Animal Care Center of Downers Grove, which is currently in the process of building a new state of the art facility scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

Q: What cues or behavior changes should I look for if my pet is not feeling well?

A: Anything from allergies, to respiratory infections, to orthopedic injuries are common during the warmer months since dogs are out and about and more active. Owners should look for changes to their pet's daily routine. Are they eating as normal?

Is their energy level decreased? Are you noticing coughing/sneezing, itchiness, or difficulty getting around? If you answered yes to any of these questions; it's time to call your veterinarian.

Q: Does my pet really need heartworm and flea/tick prevention?

A: Heartworm disease is a very serious life-threatening parasitic infection transmitted by mosquitos (yes, mosquitos can get inside). Heartworm is a very difficult and expensive disease to treat, but is preventable (cheaper too!) with a variety of different medications or injections available. Flea/tick prevention is just as important. Several diseases are carried by ticks, and flea infestations can be extremely difficult to resolve. Make sure to speak with your veterinarian to see which product is best for your pet.

Q: What are the most common diseases you see in dogs as a veterinarian?

A: Veterinarians see a wide variety of cases on each day. The most common is skin infections. During spring/summer/fall there are a wide variety of allergens pets are exposed to. Canine allergies tend to manifest as itchiness of the skin. This can lead to self-trauma and infection. Luckily for us, there are new medications and injections available that can keep your dog comfortable and itch-free.

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From the moment I joined the HHS board in 2013, it was clear that this organization had great potential. What we have always needed was more space to take our level of animal care and adoptions to even greater heights and to expand programs that are crucial to our mission, including pet therapy, pet camps for kids and obedience training. We're working hard to find a space that will allow us to reach that goal and remain in Hinsdale while increasing our square footage with a more accessible location, and bring together our full staff under one roof.

The other immediate need at HHS was to find our new leader. After an extensive search, we have hired a new executive director, Tom Van Winkle, to lead us into this important next stage of our growth. Tom is fantastic at connecting with people, plus he brings a wealth of experience in shelter management, business, marketing and development. I can't wait for him to take the reins

at HHS, as he builds on the foundation created by Lori Halligan, our immediate past executive director.

You can read more about Tom, and the big changes ahead for HHS in this and upcoming issues of our newsletter, as well as on our website. In addition, I invite you to be a part of our exciting journey by getting to know us. Stop by the shelter to see the animals looking for forever homes. Consider adopting one. Come to the Howl-o-ween Ball in October. Donate to a specific cause, like our animal care fund, or to support our general growth. Tell us what we are good at, and how you think we could be better.

Then, when we look back three years from now — like I did today with my cats at home — we can smile together at how far HHS has come.

Matt Booth
President, HHS Board of Directors

Two Paws Up!

PetPeople

The PetPeople store in Western Springs has been a wonderful partner and friend of the shelter, not only hosting staff events, Board meetings and our Pet Camp drop-offs and pick-ups, but also donating generously to our mission with special fundraisers, most recently through the sales of t-shirts.



Amy Hughes & Alison Burke of PetPeople Western Springs, present a check to HHS Development Director, Jennifer Fisher.

Pledges

So many friends raised pledges to help us reach our record-breaking fundraising goals at Pet Walk & Run 2017! Our top 5 pledge earners were: **Dr. Bishop & Dr. LoPiccolo** from Willowgrove Pet Clinic, the **HHS Pet Therapy – Powerful Paws Team**, (with special thanks to **Deborah Kraus**, our Pet Therapy Coordinator, and all of the wonderful team members who make up that program, as well as the facilities and teachers that host the programs) and of course, our individual top pledge earners, **Tracy Nummer**, **Paige Kaminski** and **Anisha Garodia**. Thank you to everyone who raised pledges on behalf of the animals. We couldn't do what we do without you!



First place Pet Walk & Run runners for each category, including first dog through the finish line.

IN HONOR AND MEMORY

The following list reflects the generous response of our supporters as of January 1 through July 1, 2017.

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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 us at info@hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

Michael R. Sieg

Hinsdale Humane Society gratefully acknowledges a generous bequest from the estate of Michael R. Sieg. Mr. Sieg was a Staff Sargent in the United States Marine Corp and proudly served in the Viet Nam War. His wife Karyn L. Wilson passed away in 2010.

Mike and Karyn were the adopters of a special needs dog named Buddy, who became the inspiration for Hinsdale Humane Society's Buddy Fund, which provides veterinary care for shelter pets with extraordinary medical needs. Over the years, the Buddy Fund has assisted pets with heartworm treatment, expensive surgeries, necessary amputations, dental care or other veterinary procedures which would otherwise be too costly for HHS to provide.

Mike and Karyn's pets Buddy, Maui, Bootsie, Wolff, Sweetie Pie and Toodie were like human children to them... and they never forgot the other shelter pets. In Karyn's words: "Thank you, everyone, for taking such wonderful care of us until we had a new home. We are now one big, happy family and our 'parents' think we are great pets. Please continue to provide food and fun for other dogs and cats at your shelter until they find a 'Dad and Mom' too!"

The Siegs would bring Christmas presents for the shelter pets and holiday treats for the staff, too. After Karyn's death, Mike continued this annual holiday tradition. And now with this generous bequest, the Buddy Fund will continue for generations to come, leaving a lasting legacy.

If you'd like to learn more about leaving a planned gift to Hinsdale Humane Society, please contact us at 630-323-0251.

Meet our Summer Interns & Externs!

For the past few months, HHS staff have had the pleasure of working with four outstanding individuals selected for our internship and externship programs. Following is a little bit about this hardworking crew:



ANDREA BIANCALANA

Andrea is currently attending Northwestern University studying both Spanish and Biology, with a concentration in Cell Biology and Physiology. Originally from Arizona but living in Elmwood Park, Andrea has always been interested in Biology and medicine. She chose this career path all thanks to an Anatomy and Physiology course in high school, and decided on becoming a vet due to her love and attachment to animals.

She is grateful for the amazing opportunities that Hinsdale Humane Society has given her, including observation and taking part in animal medicine. Andrea currently has three dogs and a parakeet, and an unstoppable love for animals.

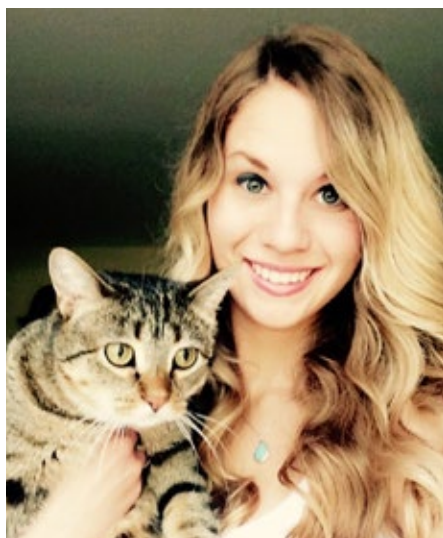


ANDREA SPINASANTO

This summer Andrea is working at HHS as an intern focusing on graphic design, public relations and

advertising. She will be a senior in the fall at Illinois State University, studying Graphic Design and Psychology.

As a designer, she keeps busy with freelance projects, internships, and working retail on the side. Andrea has always wanted a dog and looks forward to adopting one from the shelter in the future after graduating college. When asked why HHS she said, "I love HHS because of their love for animals. It's one thing to say how much you care, but at HHS you can see the passion people have for helping the animals. They are making this world a better place, and I am so thankful to work at such a great organization."

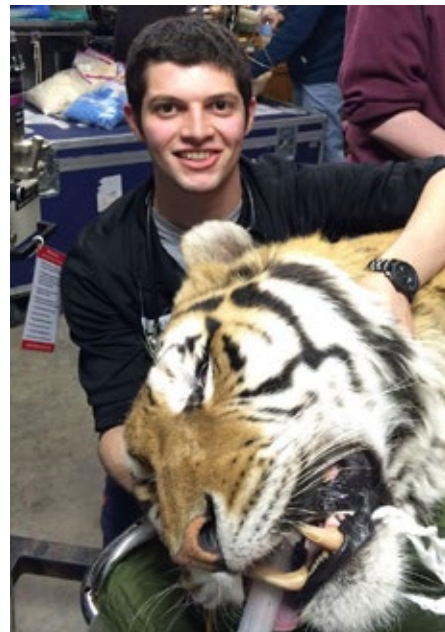


ARIANA SCHRAMER

In 2014, Ariana interned for HHS which sparked an interest in shelter medicine and animal welfare. Ever since she was a little girl, she has wanted to be a vet. One of her primary goals in the field is helping decrease the amount of homeless pets in the United States. She graduated from Elmhurst College in 2015 where she majored in Biology and minored in Chemistry and Psychology. She is currently attending Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine to get her DVM.

In the past, she has fostered kittens for Feral Fixers (Lombard, IL), interned at Willowbrook Wildlife Center (Glen Ellyn, IL) and Cosley Zoo (Wheaton, IL). As a veterinarian, her mission is to effectively

use her medical skills and knowledge to educate owners on the importance of spaying and neutering, as well as advocating for pets to be adopted from shelters.



MICHAEL MCCALLION

Michael is currently attending the University of Illinois for his DVM degree and completed his undergraduate degree in Biology at Augustana College. He loves HHS because of the high quality care and knowledge staff provide to the animals they help.

When asked why he chose to work with animals Michael said, "Not only is it tremendously rewarding to improve the wellbeing of animals, but it also challenges you to use sciences, math, and other academic fields on a daily basis." He also expressed how thankful he is for the countless opportunities this field gives you to make the world a better place.

The Jordan Crist Memorial Externship program is named in memory of an exceptional young man who truly cared for the well-being of animals. In this program, veterinary students work alongside staff at West Suburban Veterinary Associates as well as with HHS.



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Ask the Trainer...

HHS Volunteer Coordinator and licensed Obedience Instructor Kym Iffert answers pet-related questions and offers advice.

Q. My dog is really active and needs a lot of exercise. How often should he be going out for walks?

A. There is a lot of pressure to exercise high energy dogs, and we are often told to walk 3 times a day, but is that really best? Chicago weather can work against our dogs. Remember that high temperatures put them at risk of heat stroke, paw burns and dehydration, and cold winter months can bring about dangers of frostbite and salt burns or sores. Multiple or long walks may create "Marathon Dogs": the dog that started out just walking around the block and after a few weeks, needs a mile before he's tired, then builds to 3 miles, 5, etc. This is how humans train for a Marathon, but not what the average pet owner with an active dog really needs.

What does your dog do that makes you feel he needs more? Is he jumpy, barky, attention seeking? Consider a training class. While a tired dog is a good dog, a well-trained dog is even better. Positive training not only teaches our dog good manners and alternate behaviors, it helps to create a stronger human-animal bond and engages your dog mentally, which will also help make him/her tired. (Think about those days you spend problem solving in front of a spreadsheet or following up on constant emails. It can be exhausting!) Is your dog destructive if not given multiple walks each day? Destructive chewing, stealing items, barking, digging, etc can often be signals of boredom or anxiety. In both cases, engaging your dog with mentally stimulating toys, using treat dispensers at meal-times instead of a basic food bowl, playing training games, making a "digging pit" and/or hiding treats in special toys in the yard or throughout your home can help a pet work through that excess energy in a positive way and teach more appropriate behaviors without taking up hours of your time or causing more problems. You may also consider acclimating your dog to a crate where he can spend time with safe, interactive toys to save your furniture, shoes and rugs.

When is your dog most active? Often the excitement of the whole family coming home will set off a flurry of running, jumping, barking and general chaos. Keeping him in a crate and/or ignoring your pup until he calms down is an easy way to teach him that general craziness will not get the attention he craves, but calm will earn him praise, pets and love.

Is your dog one of the handful that doesn't enjoy going for walks? I personally have a border collie mix that is constantly on alert while walking, ears pinned back, pacing back and forth, panting heavily, tail-tucked and pulls like mad to get back home. For months I tried to train her to walk nicely on a leash the way my others do, until I finally realized, she was anxious the entire time and miserable being taken out each day. A romp in the yard with a tennis ball, frisbee or flirt pole toy, along with some hide and seek games with the kids and she is engaged, worn out and happy!

Our dogs do need exercise, but think about what is best for Fido and family. When the kids go back to school, who will maintain those routines? The better option might be, rather than "training the marathon dog," opt for general obedience training, engagement and more mental stimulation for a happier, well-behaved and calm companion.

Blessing of Pets & Memorial Bricks

More than 60 guests, many accompanied by canine companions, attended the Blessing of Pets and Memorial Bricks on June 25th at the shelter's Carla E Fisher Memorial Garden.

Musician Christian Naval provided music, followed by a welcome and tribute by HHS Director of Development, Jennifer Fisher. She shared memorials for departed canines from our Pet Therapy program including: Savannah Kapicak, Cindy Johnston, Jesse James Turek, Rumpus Arnold, Benson Ruby, Teddy Bear Czizik and Tessa Aikman. All of these wonderful pets were recognized for their contributions.

Rev. Ben Sloss, Associate Pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, La Grange, prayed for shelter animals and departed pets, and shared observations on the significance of animals.

Following the blessing, animals in attendance received an individual blessing, blessing certificate and collar charm.

The Memorial Garden continues to expand with the addition of new bricks which can be purchased throughout the year in anticipation of the 2018 Blessing ceremony. Please visit Hinsdalehumanesociety.org for additional details.



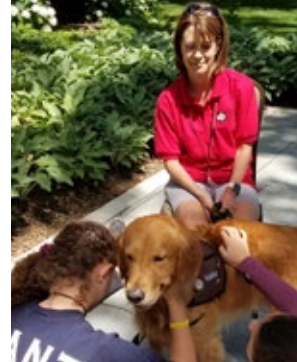
Pet Therapy News

Our Pet Therapy teams have been busier than ever this summer with so many wonderful experiences and new friends made just over the past few weeks.

Summer kicked off with the Wellness House walk where we provided support at their Remembrance Wall for those whose lives have been touched by cancer. Jamie Altman & Bowzer, Ann Marie Casper & Lilly, Rose Krogh & Diva, Gay Pollitt & Delilah, Jan Forster & Grover, Dietre Hayford & Bosco and Nancy Woodard with Erine in absentia, were able to provide inspiration to emotional participants who shared their stories.

Laura Donohue and her cat, Edelweiss, visit young patients at Paulson Pediatric. Therapists tell us patients have increased attention to difficult tasks when a therapy pet is with them. It is easier for a young child to focus on goals when soothed by petting a cat like Edelweiss or giving her a treat.

We had the privilege of visiting Tommy's Kids Camp, a program through St. Thomas Hospice (AMITA Health), created for children who are grieving. According to Camp Director Laura Cottrell, "Our campers are at a bereavement camp but we want them to work towards understanding that it is ok for them to smile and have fun. The animals are a great start for that to happen."



Above: Dietre Hayford & Bosco, Taylor Andrews (Miss Teen Illinois & Hinsdale Central student), Rose Krogh & Diva, Jan Forster & Grover, and Nancy Woodard. Amy Reed & Buster pictured at left.

Our thanks to Dietre Hayford & Bosco, Pat Miller & Sasha, Amy Read & Buster, Jean Trzos & Mr. Max, Judi Wemer & Kip and Nancy Woodard & Ernie who took part in this wonderful camp. And thanks to all of the Pet Therapy Team members who carry on the important work of this program.

Pennies for Paws

We are so grateful to the following schools for participating in the 9th annual Pennies for Paws campaign:

- St Francis Xavier Girl Scouts
- Whole Foods Market Hinsdale
- Walker School
- The Lane
- Sandburg Middle School Student Council
- Ms. Bledsoe's Class/Indian Trails Middle School
- Cossitt 6th Grade Student Service Council
- Celebration Preschool
- Oak School
- Costello School
- Madison School

This year's total came to \$2594.13 pushing us over \$50K total raised since this program began in 2008!

To find out more about this program, contact Jacki Rossi, Humane Educator: humane.ed@hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

Kennel Dedication



Donors entered the kennel area at HHS to see the unveiling of the kennels and floors they made possible.

New kennel doors and floors were completed and unveiled at a Kennel Dedication ceremony on April 22nd, thanking those donors responsible for funding the new housing for the dogs.

About two dozen donors participated in the ribbon cutting

for each of the kennel spaces they contributed to, and for the first time, saw the kennel plaques honoring their donation. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to be a permanent part of the Hinsdale Humane Society legacy," said Marilyn Pavlik, a long-time donor, volunteer and friend of the shelter.



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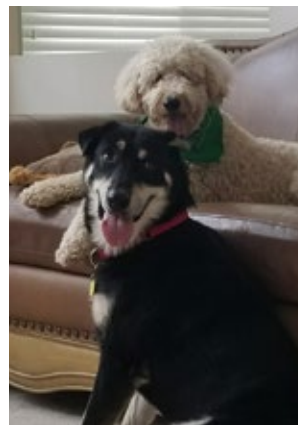
Save the Dates

Clear the Shelters | Saturday August 19 | 10am-4pm | HHS

Puppy Party | Saturday Oct. 7 | 1-3pm | HHS

Howl-o-ween Ball | Saturday Oct. 29 | 8-midnight | Room & Board

UPDATES



Yosemite (now Toby) was rescued by Animal Rescue Corps (ARC) from deplorable conditions in Tennessee. He had multiple medical issues related to neglect. He was also one of a few dogs not initially selected in a plea from ARC to rescue groups. When the second plea went out, HHS took him. Here he is with his forever family!

Hi friends at Hinsdale! — It's been a week since I was adopted ... I have had the chance to explore ... and meet so many dogs along the way, get spoiled with my own memory foam bed, and have playtime with my owner's boyfriend's puppy!

I've met so many new people and I can't get enough of all the love and attention I am receiving from them! So many pets, hugs and kisses! How could a dog get so lucky!! ... Lots of love and thanks to all my friends and family at Hinsdale! You guys are some of the best people I have ever had the chance to meet!! — Toby (and Paige)

We had to share this adorable photo. This was a first ever for us - a guinea pig wedding! Scott and Nancy Woodard celebrated their own anniversary with the wedding of their guinea pigs, Ernie & Daisy (Ernie is an HHS Pet Therapy pet).

