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HHS Medical Fund & Our Adopters

Making a Difference in the Lives of Pets



Josie the Coonhound.

Bemo, now Debo,

his adoption day.

beaming with pride on



Rosie the Coonhound.



Cody, now named Lucky.



Indy the Australian Shepherd mix.



Lucky selfie with his new family.

In April 2016, we embarked on a Medical Fund campaign for a group of shelter residents with special medical needs. We are fortunate to have an active and compassionate group of donors who go above and beyond to ensure all animals who arrive at our doors are safe and cared for.

Among the pets in need were dogs Indy, an Australian Shepherd mix and Josie and Rosie, both Coonhounds. Prior to their rescue, they lived together chained up and in pens outdoors with six other dogs. They were discovered when their owner passed away.

As part of our assessment when they arrived, we found they were all heartworm positive. Left untreated, heartworm disease is fatal. Treatment typically consists of an in-house blood test. If that comes back positive, more blood and urine samples are sent to a lab for a CBC/Superchem and urinalysis, and radiographs are taken to assess potential damage to the heart and lungs. This also determines if the dog is a good candidate for treatment.

Once all systems are go, treatment begins and it is manageable, but extensive. Over a number of months, the dog is given Heartgard pills, antibiotics and injections of Immiticide which kills adult heartworms. At the shelter's discounted rate, extended through the generosity of our network of veterinarian's offices, it costs us about \$500 per dog to treat.

Six months after treatment has stopped, the adopter takes the dog for a heartworm test.

Two other dogs, Bemo, a Pit Bull mix, and Atticus, a Labrador mix, arrived around the same time as Josie, Rosie & Indy, and also tested positive for heartworm. Bemo was originally purchased as a puppy from an ad. He lived in an outdoor pen the past year of his life and was surrendered when the family no longer had enough time to take care of him. Atticus was a repeat stray who was eventually placed for adoption. Thankfully, both dogs have now landed in very happy forever homes. (See sidebar for the story of Atticus' adoption).

Bemo (renamed Debo Jangles) is in the early stages of his heartworm treatment. "You would never suspect he has heartworm by his behavior, other than an occasional cough," said Maria N. To keep his activity minimal, his new family walks him and gives him toys to play with in the house. "He loves treats and snuggling. He is also a good watchdog," said Maria. A huge plus for the family was that at three years old, he was completely potty trained. "He is a good boy and we are lucky to have found him!"

While heartworm is a medical challenge, that wasn't the only medical issue we encountered related to our Medical Fund drive. A sweet boy named Cody, now named Lucky, had a severe injury that required his leg to be amputated. His amazing personality shone through despite his setback, drawing his adopters to him. "He was so loving and when we first met with him, he was jumping on us and giving us hugs," said Lexi B. "Losing his leg has not set him back at all. He adapted very quickly to having three legs. He brings such a light into our lives. He truly is an inspiration and he makes our home complete."

Thanks to individual donors, and a very generous benefactor who matched all medical fund gifts, \$8755.30 was raised to help all of our animals with medical needs.

Meet Atticus

After Atticus was lost and returned to us multiple times, and with his resulting bout of heartworm, we could not be more thrilled to share the story of his new family:

Molly A. believes that Atticus was meant to land at her household. Having lived around the corner from our shelter since 2015, she stopped in a few times to visit the dogs, but wasn't ready to add another one to her household.

She fought cancer herself in 2004 with her loving dog Rocky by her side from diagnosis all the way through treatments and surgeries. "As much as your family and friends can be there for you, there is just something about a dog's love and happiness that can pull us through



Atticus selfie with Maggie.



Atticus with his new sister, Livvi.

the rough times," said Molly A. "That was my dog Rocky." He was there to comfort her, always happily wagging his tail and ready to chase tennis balls. After getting her through such rough times, her love for Rocky was hard to put into words. When he eventually passed away at 14 years old, she was heartbroken.

She did have another dog, Livvi, who she thought wouldn't miss Rocky since they didn't play together much. But she was wrong, and found that Livvi was becoming depressed. So this past fall, walking home from town, something made her go into the shelter. She visited the sweet puppies who were there, but when she saw a huge black dog laying down, she stopped in her tracks. He lifted his head, got up, walked over to her, sat down and swished his tail across the floor. His sweet face and eves resonated with her, so she took him for a walk.

When she got back she learned how he had been left several times, likely had to sleep outside, and was heartworm positive. She knew right then that she wanted him to come live with her children and Livvi, who bonded with Atticus the minute they met. She wanted to help him the way Rocky had helped her.

Maggie equates Atticus' heartworm to a cancer diagnosis: "We learn what we need to when we need to and not only understand it inside and out, but hopefully become an example. Heartworm is totally avoidable, but can be managed and cared for when/ if it's caught early. Just like cancer! It doesn't win every time," said Maggie.

Her biggest challenge today is keeping Atticus from running outside which is something that needs to be watched with heartworm. She is thrilled to report that he is happy, wags his dog butt off, and belongs with them completely. Like her Rocky, Atticus loves chasing a tennis ball. Maggie suspects it might have been Rocky who guided her toward the shelter that day to find Atticus.

DIRECTOR'S DESK

"You get a strange feeling when you're about to leave a place, like you'll not only miss the people you love but you'll miss the person you are now at this time and this place, because you'll never be this way again." -Azar Nafisi

After nine years as Executive Director of Hinsdale Humane Society, the time has come for me to step away. I will miss you tremendously: the staff and volunteers, donors and supporters, community partners, and of course, the animals. When people ask me about my role as Executive Director, they often remark, "It must be so sad to work there." I can assure you it is joyful beyond measure. Each day is filled with the satisfaction of knowing the animals are safe and healthy until they find their forever homes. I see shining examples of compassion and empathy every day. I get to hang out with dogs and cats and people who love them. I am truly blessed.

You know the old saying "If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life." So why am I leaving a place I love? Simply put, to follow someone else's dream. My husband has taken a leadership role with a nonprofit organization, feeding 250,000 hungry people in Kentucky. It's an important and admirable endeavor. And one that will take me away from here.

I am committed to ensuring a smooth leadership transition. The Board of Directors has established a search committee to determine next steps. They are conducting a needs assessment and gaining input from staff, the Advisory Council and others to formulate a transition

GOOD NEWS!

HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Each holiday season we are reminded of the goodness in people when we see the outpouring of generosity for our animals. Donations at this time of year go a long way toward paying for the many expenses of maintaining the health and well-being of our animals. From the wonderfully generous checks we receive in response to our Holiday Appeal mailing, to our Sponsor an Animal certificates, and the funds raised in just one day each Giving Tuesday, we are so grateful for the support. Thank you to all of our friends who have kicked off an excellent start to the new year for HHS and its residents.



Charlie, an HHS Pet Therapy dog, spreading holiday cheer.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

About 75 volunteers came out Nov. 13 to enjoy fabulous food donated by Casa Margarita's Chase Lotfi, who kindly went even further with his generosity, to host the event at his LaGrange restaurant.

Lori Halligan, Executive Director and Kym Iffert, Volunteer Coordinator, presented volunteers with special awards for milestone years of service. (See listing in Paws for Applause). We are so fortunate to have so many amazing and dedicated volunteers who come out to help us all year long with everything from cleaning, laundry, opening and closing of the shelter, to animal transport, dog walking and events.

We count our blessings everyday for our volunteers who give so much to help our homeless animals.



Just a few of our wonderful volunteers at the Appreciation Dinner.





Lachlan Jackson

The next generation of kind hearted animal lovers is growing daily. We are so proud of the children who make up our Big Hearts for Little Paws Club. They all looked beyond themselves to donate funds to the animals, raised from lemonade & apple cider sales, Halloween candy buy backs, allowance money from chores, as well as birthday donations in lieu of gifts, supply donations and money to help the animals at Christmas.

Thank you from all of us, to these children: Lachlan Jackson (with friends Jimmy, Philip, Jackson, Kevin, Andrew and Jake) | Lauren & Emily T. | Reese Lutz | Wren Finnane | Eliza & Violet W. | Graham & Reese Hutter | Georgia M I Jake Carollo I Mira C. & Evelyn S. | Margaret Walsh | Evelyn & Viviene Rosenberg | Elia M.

Friends of HHS

Thanks are also due to these local businesses and organizations who have supported us in many ways in 2016: Citadel's Shred4Rescues Event | Grace Episcopal Church Pet Blessing Event | Village Cellar's Wine Tasting | Casa Margarita's Paw-tio Promotion | Morton Arboretum's Tails on the Trails event | PetPeople's Give Paws T-shirt promo | Bella Cosa Jewelers for their Dog jewelry sales promotion | Darien's Frugal Muse Books "Shop & Share" promotion | ATI Physical Therapy & Hinsdale Orthopedics for their supplies drive | Vern Goers Holiday Shop & Share | And special thanks to our neighbor, Razny Jewelers for donating a percentage of proceeds from sales of their Dog Fever line of jewelry.

Volunteers

The following volunteers have donated hundreds of hours of their time helping HHS in our quest to help animals in need:

Sandy Hayes: 2345 hours Eileen Zaba: 1883 hours Over 1000 hours: Vicki Jacobsen, Paul Hollis & Michelle Mason Over 750 Hours: Marilynn Pavlik Over 500 Hours: Joan Hoffmann, Barb Parsons, Kathie Irving, Cindy Rein, Bill Santucci, Mistie Lucht Over 250 Hours: Georgann Grecco, Susan D'Alexander, Judy Kapicak, Jill Kurth, Dee Downs, Dawn Fertig, Rafael Tenorio Over 100 Hours: Sharon Detro, Danny Herrera, Lauren Fertig, Susan Riefe, Ann Marie Caspar, Karen Wierdak, Jim Wierdak, Barb Boyle, Susan Haeflinger & Jill Clarke.

We also have the good fortune to celebrate length of service from our loyal volunteers who have stayed with us and supported our ongoing mission. Thank you to these volunteers for working so hard for us all of these years:

5 Years: Vicki Gerberich, Jeff Jede, Jim & Karen Wierdak, Sharon Detro, Sandy Buie, Jim Dybas, Paola Orozco, Michelle Mason, Wendy Austin, Gay Pollitt, Kaitlyn Christenson 10 Years: Betty Tetens, Nancy Townsend, Joan Hoffmann, Kelly & Pat Corry, Maxine Mar 15 Years: Patti LaMantia, Joyce Meyer, Mary Beth Turek 20 Years or more: Mary Alex, Deborah Kraus 30+ Years: Sally Porter

Santa's WOOFShop

What could be better than shopping, pets and Santa? How about shopping, pets and Santa that benefits homeless animals? Approximately 40 people attended our first WOOFshop – an afternoon of holiday shopping, photos with Santa, and all around fun benefitting HHS furry friends.

Staff member Kym Iffert, spearheaded the event with two volunteer event planners – Marilynn Pavlik and Dee Downs. Together they sourced and delivered unique products from custom ornaments and charm jewelry, to specialty pet products, t-shirts and more.

"We wanted to create a holiday shopping boutique that brought Santa's WOOFshop to the shelter," said Kym Iffert, HHS Volunteer Coordinator and Obedience Instructor. "We had a great time visiting with our shoppers, most of whom went on to get their photo taken with Santa. We raised \$1,500 with more coming in via post-event sales. We look forward to expanding this event next year with even more vendors and products."

Our thanks to all of the attendees who came out in support of our shelter, and walked away with some unique gifts for the holidays.



Our fabulous volunteer photographer, Nikki Kuchenbecker of NMK Photography.

HHS Staff Member Samantha Cheatham's daughter Anna, and their dogs Joey (in Santa's arms) and Gibbs.

Directors Desk continued

plan. While we don't know how long this process will take, we promise to continue uninterrupted service to the animals and to the community. It is important to note that the goals of the organization do not change under new leadership. We have new and exciting transformations coming this spring, including remodeling the dog kennels and launching our updated website. I will continue my service here for the next few months.

One definitely gets a strange feeling during this process. It's a certain feeling of apprehension along with a dose of pride. I am so proud of Hinsdale Humane Society and the amazing things that all of us accomplish while working together.

I will forever be grateful for the amazing animals who have showered me with their unconditional love. I will cherish the stories people reveal about their rescued pets. I will especially treasure the children who walk through the doors with their hearts full of tenderness, asking questions and wanting to help homeless animals. I will never forget sitting with grieving adopters when their pets have passed away, sharing tears of utter despair... but knowing that the depths of their pain are a direct reflection of the love made possible by the animal-human bond.

My life has been infinitely changed by the privilege of working here.

Lori Halligan Executive Director

PS: If you have comments or suggestions about leadership transition, please contact me by email director@ hinsdalehumanesociety.org or phone 630-323-0251. Thank you.

TWO PAWS UP!

Two Men and a Truck

Our thanks to Two Men and a Truck Movers who once again, donated food and maintenance supplies for our animals, amassed during their Movers for Mutts collection drive.



Target Store Ongoing Donations



Every week like clockwork, an HHS volunteer rings the bell at our local Target store on Rte. 83, and is presented with a basket filled with food and supplies they cannot sell due to mishaps like broken food bags or dented boxes of dog biscuits. Receiving these items each week helps us drastically reduce the cost of caring for our animals and we are so grateful to Target for their ongoing support. On occasion, we recieve items we can't use. When that happens, we take those items to HCS Family Services Food Panty for families in need.



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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.



Linda Regnery's Bailey



Dietre Hayford & Bosco with Cindy K. at Hinsdale Central.



Tessa at College of DuPage.



Marley & Glory with Staff at Hinsdale South.

News from Pet Therapy

We are so proud of our Pet Therapy program and the groundbreaking work of our teams, helping individuals in need benefit from the healing therapy of pets. Here are the highlights:

LADSE

Jim & Karen Wierdak and their Goldens Marley and Glory, have worked with the La Grange Area Dept. of Special Education (LADSE) for several years in the Emotional Disability class at Westchester Intermediate School. One of the teachers, named Kellie, commented that they are so fortunate to have benefitted from the partnership between LADSE and HHS' Pet Therapy READ program. Kellie was also responsible for introducing us to Ruthanne, a teacher at Westchester Primary. Teams Wierdak took on an additional assignment with Ruthanne's classroom of younger students.

PLYMOUTH PLACE

Our Pet-a-Pet Program has been visiting local senior facilities for over 30 years. Occasionally we get special requests like the one this Fall in which we were contacted by a case worker affiliated with Plymouth Place in La Grange Park. She had a patient - Jack - who was having difficulties, and wondered if one of our teams could take a bit of extra time with him. PAP Team Dietre Hayford and Bosco accommodated this request. After the visit, the unit director told us she wanted to thank us for sending Dietre and Bosco. "What a joy for Jack, and Dietre is so sensitive to our residents with memory loss!"

LIBRARY EVENT

The Downers Grove Public Library celebrated its 100th Birthday in October. As an HHS R.E.A.D. partner, our teams were invited to participate

in the festivities. After the event, Children's Program Coordinator, Traci, was kind enough to pass along her thanks. "R.E.A.D. to the Dogs was a HUGE success. In three hours your teams saw a total of 49 people. Everyone just LOVED the program. Thank you for helping make our birthday even more special."

SCHOOL VISITS

Our Pet Therapy Teams work hard. And sometimes "working" is simply spreading some love when needed. Final exams are stressful for students, family and staff. Our teams covered several venues this December including College of Du Page, Hinsdale Central and South, and the Hinsdale Public Library.

After wrapping up our last visit of the month in the Counseling Office at Hinsdale South, Lara (Counselor) raved about our teams: "Yesterday was AMAZING! Thank you again."

AMITA HEALTHCARE

After rolling out our CARe visits to the La Grange Campus of Amita Healthcare earlier in 2016, we now accommodate units at both the Hinsdale and La Grange locations. Lauren in Spiritual Care Services summed up the hospitals' enthusiasm after a visit by one of our CARe Teams: "Ellen and Stoli were an absolute joy! Stoli was beautiful and well-behaved. Ellen was very compassionate and professional. I'm very thankful I was able to work with them!"

HHS is grateful to have received a generous donation from the Nayar Family Foundation to support our Pet Therapy program in 2017.



10 year old Maggie.

Pennies for Paws 2017 Spare Change Drive

"Pennies for Paws" Spare Change Drive returns this year, April 1-30. In its 9th year, the program illustrates to students that every penny counts.

In conjunction with local schools, HHS raises awareness of homeless pets by presenting animalrelated lesson plans and talks. As part of the program, students are invited to collect spare change that goes directly to our homeless animals. The program has brought in more than \$45K since its inception in 2008.

Last year alone, area schools raised more than \$5035.59, with Madison School in Hinsdale collecting \$2172.18! Additionally, a few middle schools have had students research animal welfare concerns and write papers or help create awareness campaigns along with assisting with this fundraiser.

Some money donated this year helped pay for the care of our senior cat, Maggie, who came in with terribly matted fur. Her toys and the blankets she snuggles in were made possible through donations. (Many of her toys and blankets were made and donated by our Big Hearts for Little Paws Club kids.)

To get your classroom, club or group involved, contact Jessica Lamb at 630-323-5630 x33 or email humane. ed@hinsdalehumanesociety.org. For more detailed information, visit our website under News & Events.

Keeping Pets Safe this Winter

Midwest winters can be a challenge for even the most robust people, but we often think our pets are more resilient to cold due to their forever fur coats.

In reality, they are just as susceptible to the bitter cold and can be prone to more safety concerns than most of us are aware.

Furry coats may not be enough to keep pets warm and some may require a coat. Remember that tips of ears, toes, paw pads and wet noses are particularly susceptible to frostbite, so limit the time they spend outside. Paw pads can become irritated by salt, so bring a towel on your walks to wipe paws or remove ice from feet and remember that older/arthritic pets have a harder time walking on snow and ice.

Be aware of antifreeze spills and keep garages clean. It's always good

to bang on the hood of a car before starting - some outdoor animals may find those small enclosed spaces to be a cozy spot to try to keep warm.

For indoor pets, routines often change during winter. Less exercise should equal less food (a few extra pounds are not "extra insulation") and more mental stimulation. Playing games, refreshing training and puzzle toys, can help prevent destructive behavior. Make sure sleeping spots aren't near space heaters and keep small pet cages away from drafty windows.

Finally, make sure your pet has a microchip and identification tags. Snow and ice cover normal scents, so if a pet becomes lost, it is less likely to find its way home.

Following these few simples tips will go a long way toward keeping your pet(s) safe this winter.





Corporate Sponsorships/ Matching Gifts

SPONSORSHIPS

If you are part of, or know of, a corporation interested in aligning itself with our mission and having exposure in front of our diverse and loyal audience, then please consider our sponsorship opportunities. Our two biggest events each year: Pet Walk & Run and Howl-o-ween Ball offer high visibility of corporate or personal logos via ads, banners, newsletter, eblasts, Facebook and more! Updated offerings for our 2017 Pet Walk & Run on June 4, are available now online at http://bit.ly/1ovCMIO. Details of what comes with each sponsorship level are available there. Sponsorship is a great addition to advertising plans. Details for our October Howl-o-ween Ball sponsorships will be available soon, but for early access to dual event sponsorships, contact our Development Director, Jennifer Fisher at development@ hinsdalehumanesociety.org or at 630-3235630 x12 Jennifer can also talk about custom opportunities with you.

MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies offer a matching gift program in which your donation to us doubles or triples with their support! All you need to do is check with your company to see if Hinsdale Humane Society is eligible for the program and then fill out the paperwork and submit it to the shelter with your gift.

Here are companies who have made matching gifts to us in 2016: Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Tootsie Roll, Harbor Capitol Advisors, United Health Group, Microsoft, Allstate, Follett, CNA Foundation, Marmon, Aon and Discover Services.

Since we are a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on philanthropic support from area businesses and community members wishing to help our cause and have exposure to our audience, and we send our sincere thanks to those that have helped us continue on in our mission.



Ask the Trainer...

HHS Volunteer Coordinator and licensed Obedience Instructor Kym Iffert answers petrelated questions and offers advice.

Q: Our family has a really nice dog that we would like to train to be a therapy dog so we can take him out in public. Where do we start?

A: This is a common question now that Comfort Dogs® and other therapy pets have become more prevalent in the media, and pets are being seen in public more.

The first thing owners should know is that there are many levels of "helper dogs"; Therapy dogs, Service dogs and Emotional Support Animals (ESA). Of the three categories, only Service Animals are allowed open public access (able to go into any public areas like shopping malls, restaurants, on public transportation, etc). These animals are not considered a pet; instead, they are seen as a piece of necessary medical equipment to help the handler who has a diagnosed disability. This can often be misunderstood as not all disabilities are obvious (like dogs who help alert to a diabetic episode, PTSD or oncoming seizure), so many people get the wrong impression. These dogs are trained to always be alert to their handler, inconspicuous in public and must not have any anxious, reactive or aggressive tendencies, before even being considered for training. It is crucial for the safety of their handler/owner and the public around them that they are highly trained and always "working" in public.

An ESA is generally a pet who helps the owner cope in situations of anxiety, depression or extreme emotional stress/discomfort. While they are addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it is only for reasons of access to public housing (a landlord would require a letter from medical professional stating that the animal should be allowed to live on premises). Owners of these types of animals are required to ensure that their pet has been appropriately trained, and are still liable for any aggression, reactivity or damage to person/property. Having an animal as an ESA does NOT legally allow public access.

Therapy Pets don't fall into either of these categories. They are well-behaved pets that generally go through training and require an evaluation process to become registered to visit in public facilities such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools, etc.

All Hinsdale Humane Society registered therapy animal teams must have passed the Pet Partners® course and have passed a "team evaluation" process. All pets must be comfortable in social settings, not jump on strangers, must walk nicely on a leash (or be comfortable being carried), be house trained, and dogs must know the basics of "sit, lie down, stay," and come when called. They must be able to walk past another dog without reacting or trying to visit, and be able to take a treat gently from a stranger, among other behaviors.

If you are interested in becoming a therapy team, start with the basics... teach your dog to walk nicely on a leash, sit at your side and not jump on people when greeting. A good basic training class will go a long way toward a potential therapy pet! The next step would be to do a little research and find a local therapy program (HHS has three) and find out if there are any workshops or if an online course is available. These courses help the owners learn how to communicate with their pets and read their reactions to surroundings, helping prepare teams for an evaluation. Finding/passing an evaluation is the final step to becoming a registered team. Once you and your pet have completed these, you can join a local program and start bringing smiles and happiness to the community. Working as a pet therapy team is a great way to get out and bring joy to people in challenging circumstances, and you often get to bring your "best friend" along too. Humanely Speaking is published quarterly for friends of Hinsdale Humane Society

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Thank you to our Graphic Designer, Katrina Garagiola, who artfully designed this newsletter.

The Year Ahead Save the date for these upcoming HHS events

World Spay Day



Tuesday, Feburary 28

Join us as we work to put an end to pet overpopulation. Beginning February 1st, in conjunction with World Spay Day, HHS offers vouchers for FREE spay/neuter surgeries. Generous participating vet clinics donate their services to grant the free surgeries to low-income families (proof of government assistance required).

Kitten Shower



Saturday, April 22, 1-3pm HHS

This popular FREE event returns for a fourth year, featuring cupcakes, lemonade, face painting, balloon animals and best of all, kitten cuddles! Bring kitten supply donations, and join the party!

Pet Walk & Run



Sunday, June 4, 9am-1pm

Pet Walk returns to Katherine Legge Memorial Park for its 28th year, with the added 5K Run we debuted last year to great success. We were so thankful for all of the support and are thrilled to present this family fun, run and walk day.

Puppy Party



Saturday, October 7, 1-3pm HHS

Last year's event had record attendance. We'll do our best to accommodate all of the wonderful visitors in the third year of Puppy Party. Attendees get to meet and snuggle our puppy residents. Dog food donations are requested at this FREE event.

Howl-o-ween Ball Returns...



Watch our website, social media and our next newsletter for more details on the return of our popular Howl-o-ween Ball Costumes and Cocktails fundraiser!

Great Hearts Initiatives

You may have seen our recent posts about an innovative new organization called Great Hearts Initatives. We have already received generous donations from them, simply by friends of HHS "liking" the Great Hearts web page and donating their "free clickets" to our organization. Those clicklets are dollars generated by Great Hearts Community members, that are then dispersed to non-profits like ours.

Great Hearts was created to help people make a difference in our high-tech, fast paced world in an efficient way. Currently Great Hearts has over 100 causes it supports, and members have a combined social media reach of 500,000.

When you join the Great Hearts Community, you share your favorite causes, welcome them to the community, receive messages that feature inspiring causes and their programs, and earn award clicklets for Giver's Choice Awards in which organizations "win" amassed funds based on how many clicklets have been awarded to them.

Help the nonprofits you support have a broader social media reach by visiting:: www.greathearts.community

New at HHS

Memorial Bricks

Our Memorial Bricks are now available for purchase on our website. While individuals can still purchase via the hard copy insert in this newsletter, now brick purchases can also be made directly online. Just type Memorial Bricks into the Search box on our site at www. hinsdalehumanesociety.org.

Kennel Naming

Keeping our shelter residents safe and comforable is one of our top priorities. After 15 years, the time has come to resurface our kennel floors and replace our doors to continue the level of care we have been able to provide for the past 63 years.

The estimated cost for these updates is \$50,000. Sixteen individual donors stepped up to "sponsor" the new kennels for \$2500 each and will be acknowledged with a plaque on one of the kennel doors.

Our thanks to these generous donors who are helping to make this installation possible! Watch for the improvements in April of this year.



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Save the Dates! KITTEN SHOWER: April 22 PET WALK: June 4



Hello kind folks at Hinsdale Humane Society. We wanted to let you know that our newly adopted kitten is doing well...thriving, and taking over as king of the castle! We adopted him at 5 1/2 months as "Carl" but due to his very inquisitive and exploratory nature, we quickly renamed him "Scout," as he always seems to be scouting around for one thing or another. He becomes quite cuddly in the evenings and snuggles down with us on our bed at nighttime. And he is a TALKER! We've learned that he is capable of about 6 different kinds of "meows" including one that actually sounds like he is saying "hello!" -Sharon & Rich S.



I recently adopted Drizzy from you and want to say he is all settled in his new home. He is a purr machine and has made my apartment his. He loves to follow me and climb up on the counters and bed as well as play with toys. He is cuddly and welcoming and very happy.



Hi! Sending a friendly picture of 2 Siamese cats we adopted from you: the bigger one, Roxy aka Lilly, and the little one, Paulie, aka Brad. We are so blessed to have them and they are very happy and playful buddies.

Thank you!!! - Kellee M.



Friends at Hinsdale, Here is a picture of a happy Veda (and Jay) walking out to the workshop in the back yard this a.m. She has been outside several times with us today, walking in the yard and is loving it! We have decided to name her Laika-a variation of a word that means beautiful-and that she is in every way!

Thank you again for our wonderful dog! -Jay & Jan K.

Thank you, - Daina V.