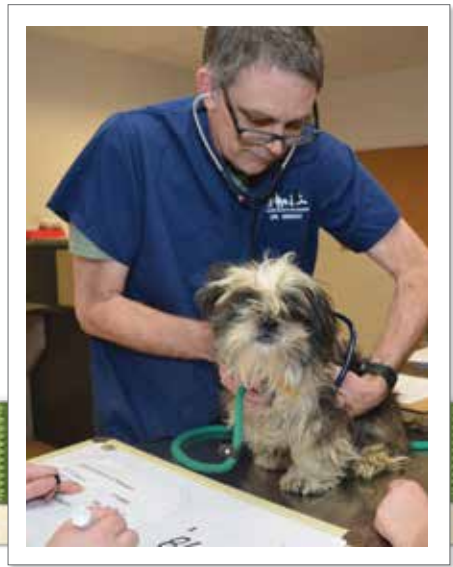


Tails



PROVIDING SECOND CHANCES TO ANIMALS SINCE 1870



Your Donations At Work

Nearly 200 Dogs and Cats Rescued

The Humane Society's Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) rescued 196 dogs and cats during the Fall of 2017. This life-saving work is primarily funded through the generosity of individual donors. Thank you!

Pictured above: Dr. Mark Wright, director of Shelter Medicine, examines Bethalto, rescued December 20 from Bates County. Bethalto is much happier after treatment and grooming and now has a great, forever home.

DECEMBER 20

Bates County – The Worst Ever

Eighty-four dogs and 17 cats were in a desperate situation when HSMO's ACT team arrived. "These animals were forced to live in truly squalid conditions, the worst I have encountered in more than 40 years of rescuing animals from abuse and neglect," said Debbie Hill, HSMO's vice president of Operations. Tragically, this isn't the first time that animals have suffered from this hoarder. In 2011 more than 50 dogs were rescued under a warrant obtained by the Bates County Sheriff's Office.

In this filth-filled, unsafe house, many layers of soiled newspaper were stacked in the bottom of the animals' crates leaving them little room to move or stand. Others dogs suffered outdoors, with little-to-no protection from the weather, their crates filled with animal waste. Some single-dog crates contained two or three dogs. The majority of the animals didn't even have water. A concerned citizen contacted the Humane Society of Missouri and the Bates County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's office requested HSMO's assistance in removing, transporting and sheltering the animals.

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Crates had so many layers of feces- and urine-saturated newspaper, the dogs had little room to stand.



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Adoption Centers: Adoptions, Pet Lost and Found, Cremation Services

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Best Buddy Center	314-951-1588
Kuehner Center	636-530-0805

Adoption Centers Hours

Mon.-Fri.	10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat.	10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun.	noon-4 p.m.

Animal Medical Center of Mid-America

All locations 314-951-1534
 Patients seen by appointment
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Mon.-Thurs.	8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri.	8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat.	8:00 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun.	CLOSED

Donations

314-951-1542
 Memberships, auto donations, planned giving

Volunteer Program

314-951-1577

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636-583-8759

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Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Other adoption hours by appointment

Location Addresses

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 Maryland Heights, MO 63146
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SEPTEMBER 20

Franklin County

For two years, multiple state agencies tried working with the owner to encourage proper care of his dogs and cats. As the last step, the Sheriff obtained a warrant so that 32 dogs and cats could be brought to safety. The dogs and cats arrived filthy, with horribly matted fur, and infested with fleas. All needed to be shaved. And, now all have the second chance they so very much deserved.



Frank, one of many rescued Bichon Frises, is a lot happier after treatment and grooming.

OCTOBER 10

Montgomery County

Family members and ACT worked together to remove 35 dogs and one cat from an overwhelmed woman with dementia. A few animals remain with her; ACT investigators left recommendations for their care. The rescued dogs were covered in fleas and suffered from either severe hair loss or severe matting. Several of them had tennis ball sized mats of hair mixed with feces. The smell was overwhelming. Happily, the majority of these once desperate animals are living the good life in new, loving homes.

OCTOBER 17

Bates County

The Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued 27 Yorkshire Terriers, aged 7 weeks to 12 years, from a suspected unlicensed, substandard breeder. Eighteen dogs were living outside with only unheated sheds and a horse trailer for shelter. An anonymous caller to HSMO's Animal Cruelty Hot Line led to Investigator Rick Smith visiting the property and talking with the owners. They agreed to surrender them. All of the dogs were flea infested, some suffering from hair loss or were severely matted, many suffering from dental disease.



Bitsy at the scene of her rescue. Read her story on the next page.

Great Adoption

Bitsy Goes Home



Bitsy on rescue day



Bitsy after her TLC



Bitsy on adoption day

Yorkshire Terrier Bitsy, rescued from a life-threatening situation in October, went happily to her forever home with Rachel and Steve Milsteen. When they heard about the Yorkies' rescue, they drove all the way from South Carolina to pick her up once she had recovered.

Among Bitsy's problems were fleas, matted fur and teeth so bad they had to be removed. Not coincidentally, in 2009, the Milsteens adopted a rescued Yorkie from the Humane Society of Missouri after seeing their 91-dog rescue featured on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*.

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Volunteers celebrate every time a pet goes home. Pet Pals not only walk shelter dogs, they help socialize them becoming familiar with their habits and personalities. Dog walkers give special attention to dogs who've been in the shelter for a while; they are ecstatic when one finally finds the perfect, loving home.

One such celebration was for Jaxsom, adopted in August after coming to the shelter in April. "When dogs are here a long time, we get to know their likes and dislikes and get attached to them. We don't give up on any dogs. It's such a good feeling when an adopter recognizes what we've seen all along – they're getting a great pet," said Nancy Sibelski, a veteran HSMO Pet Pal.

Valiant Volunteers



Jaxsom with his new forever family



HSMO's volunteer dog walkers give every dog lots of special attention.

Learn more about volunteering as a Pet Pal at www.hsmo.org/volunteer/volunteeradult

Generous Birthday Gifts Brighten Shelter Pets' Days



This birthday girl chose to give up her gifts, instead asking for items for shelter animals. The animals appreciate this selfless gesture from some great kind kids!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wagon Days at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

Spend the day outdoors with our ranch animals. Free. Wagon rides included. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MARCH

24

APRIL

21

MAY

12

JUNE

9



Humane Kids

Bonding Through Books

On a first-time visit to the Humane Society of Missouri, 69 enthusiastic Ready Readers from North Spring Head Start Center learned about the needs of cats while reading the book *Lola Gets a Cat* by Anna McQuinn.

Thanks to a generous donor, each child was able to take home a copy of the book personalized with his or her name. "This experience is sure to be a positive, heart-warming memory that lasts forever, much like the unconditional love of a pet," said JoEllyn Klepacki, director of Humane Education. She added, "Seeing their excitement brings us joy."



Bark in the Park at Cricket Field in Forest Park

MAY

19

Fun times with your best friend. Proceeds help shelter animals. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Olivia delivered nearly \$160 to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in the Fall of 2017. She raised the money selling lemonade and donated the cash to the Safe Stay Fund. Longmeadow staffer Gabe Skinner helped Twister say thanks. The Safe Stay Fund supports replacement of the ranch's 30-year old fencing and other maintenance projects.



Allergies Can Plague Pets

QUESTION

Can pets have allergies?



Dr. Kelly Ryan, director, Animal Medical Center of Mid-America

Dr. Ryan: Just like people, pets can have allergies, and they can develop at any point in your pet's life. Pets can suffer from seasonal allergies, environmental allergies, food allergies, and even flea allergies. If you notice your pet chewing the tops of his paws, scratching frequently, has hair loss or sores, give us a call. Sometimes it is easy to pinpoint what is causing the reaction. For example, if your pet seems symptomatic after spending time outside every spring, it may be a seasonal allergy. Other times, allergies can be harder to diagnose, and your veterinarian might recommend allergy testing or a food-elimination trial.

Treatment for allergies depends on your pet's symptoms. Supplements and special shampoos may help itchy skin, and allergy shots may help pets with airborne allergies. If your pet has food allergies, a strict special diet may be prescribed. Antihistamines like Benadryl can be helpful, but for your pet's safety they need to be used under the direction of your veterinarian. Finally, if your pet suffers from flea allergies, you will need to use a flea preventative year-round.

*The Animal Medical Center of Mid-America is a division of the Humane Society of Missouri.
To make an appointment at one of AMCMA's three locations, call 314.951.1534 or visit www.amcma.org.*





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