

Tails



PROVIDING SECOND CHANCES TO ANIMALS SINCE 1870



Rescued from horrible filth

Your Donations at Work

The Path from Rescue to Adoption

Whether it is one animal or many, like the 106 pets that came through our doors one day last fall, HSMO staff work tirelessly to do the very best for each animal.



Adopted into loving home

Upon arrival, every animal is evaluated by our veterinary and shelter care team. All get blood tests for heartworm and other parasites, followed by flea/tick preventive medication and vaccinations.

Most even get a bit of a “spa” treatment—nails trimmed, ears cleaned, hair cut for those suffering from matted fur.

Those with serious health issues are given a treatment plan. Those needing lengthy care, like for heartworm disease, or those too young for adoption are placed in the care of our volunteer foster parents.

Behavior observations and notes are made while the animals are at the rescue site and again when they arrive at the shelter. Pheromones, medications and individual modification plans are developed. Staff, volunteers and a group of selected trainers work with our shelter animals to help them adjust to everyday life.

When they are well, each dog and cat is spayed or neutered, then moved to the public adoption areas of our shelters.

Dog kennels come complete with raised comfortable beds, automatic water stations, tempered glass doors for better people interaction. They also feature public and private areas to allow for thorough cleaning and a “chill out” space if the animal needs it. Each dog also receives nutritious Purina food and plenty of daily TLC from shelter staff and volunteers who walk and socialize them and make sure they have blankets and toys. And, our youngest volunteers read to them which helps shy dogs come to the front of their kennels and jumpy dogs settle down to “listen” to the story.

Each cat has a separate condo with a shelf to lounge above the fray and a private litter box area. Kennel Enrichment and Shelter Buddy reader volunteers keep our felines happy, too.

Adoptable animal photos and biographies are posted on our website. Adoptable pets also are featured in local and national media outlets and promoted on special days like “Love Your Pet Day” in February.

It usually doesn’t take long for dogs, cats and critters to get their second chances for a loving, forever home thanks to HSMO staff, volunteers and the pet-loving community. But no matter how long it takes, adoptable animals stay with us until their new best friend comes along.

Help HSMO’s Disaster Response Team prepare for rescuing, sheltering and rehoming animals in the next disaster. Visit hsmo.org/florence.

Directory

Websites

hsmo.org
longmeadowrescueranch.org
amcma.org
STLLostPets.org

Main Number 314-647-8800

Report Animal Abuse and Neglect

314-647-4400 or 800-383-9835

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

St. Louis City Center 314-951-1562
Best Buddy Center 314-951-1588

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

St. Louis City Center and

Best Buddy Center hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun. CLOSED

Donations 314-951-1542

Memberships, auto donations, planned giving

Volunteer Program 314-951-1577

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch 636-583-8759

Open House: Fridays noon-3 p.m.
Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Other adoption hours by appointment

Location Addresses

Headquarters/St. Louis City Center -

1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110

Best Buddy Center - 11660 Administration Dr.,

Maryland Heights, MO 63146

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch -

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The Humane Society of Missouri is an independent, non-profit organization not affiliated with any national animal welfare organizations. We do not receive tax support or United Way funding. We rely on the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations and fees for services.

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Every time a rescued animal comes to the safe haven of HSMO shelters, the goal is to take the best care possible of that pet on their path to a second chance for a good life.

Into our safe haven



Examined for injury, disease and parasites



Treatment plan developed

Cats and dogs with matted fur are shaved



Behavior evaluated/modified

Forever home!



Volunteers and staff socialize dogs and cats



Adoptable animals promoted



Nursed back to health



Some go to foster homes



Available for adoption



Animal Cruelty Task Force

Four Winter Rescues; Three Repeat Offenders

NOVEMBER 16, 2018

Lincoln County – Unlicensed Shelter

Eighty cats and 29 dogs were living in filthy conditions on the site of a former animal shelter in Elsberry, Mo. when the HSMO team arrived.

The cats were found throughout a building/living area, mostly crowded into a three-room apartment reeking of urine and visible feces. Many of the cats had matted or very thin coats; eye, ear and upper respiratory infections and flea infestations. Many of the dogs were housed in indoor/outdoor kennels; those found inside the living area had hair loss from parasites, visible tumors and very long nails.

In recent years, the owner had been licensed as an animal rescue facility, but the license was not renewed due to citations for improper care. The Missouri Attorney General's Office filed a lawsuit alleging violations of Missouri's Animal Care and Facilities Act.

The animals were taken to HSMO's Macklind Avenue Headquarters for treatment and care.



OCTOBER 23, 2018

Lincoln County – Long-Term Neglect

Newborn puppies were among the 32 dogs, birds and a rabbit found in filthy conditions inside a home heavily smelling of ammonia, and outside on trash-strewn property. All animals were without visible food or water. Several of the dogs were severely matted and some were underweight. Several dogs were injured. The owner has been charged with multiple counts of animal abuse and neglect.



"We had previously worked with this owner to educate her about proper care for her animals but ultimately we had to act on behalf of the animals," said Debbie Hill, HSMO's vice president of operations.

**70 DEGREES
AND OVER
DON'T TAKE
ROVER!**

 

**If you see an animal locked in
a parked car or in heat-related
distress, contact your
local police and the
Animal Cruelty Hotline.**

314-647-4400

NOVEMBER 8, 2018

Harrison County – Horses Dying and Dead

It's the stuff of which animal lovers' nightmares are made.

Contacted by the Harrison County Sheriff's Office, an HSMO animal cruelty investigator found 11 deceased horses in various stages of decay and 16 others on the edge of starvation. Live horses were found in the same enclosures as dead ones.

The owner admitted she could no longer properly care for so many horses. She voluntarily surrendered the 16 horses in the worst condition. The owner also agreed to secure food and proper veterinary care for three additional horses remaining on the property. Our HSMO investigators are continuing to check on the condition of the remaining horses. "We have turned our case file over to the Sheriff's office and prosecutor for possible charges," said Hill.

The rescued horses were transported to HSMO's Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in Union, Mo. Because they were in critical condition, they require a lengthy (and costly) rehabilitation before they can be made available for adoption.



FEBRUARY 15, 2019

Bates County – Serial Hoarder Collecting Again

For the third time in eight years, HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued numerous dogs and cats from a property in Bates County in western Missouri. This time, the owner voluntarily surrendered 21 dogs and 20 cats to HSMO following her arrest by the Bates County Sheriff's Office on charges stemming from the seizure of more than 100 dogs and cats in December 2017.

The dogs and cats rescued in February were living inside a

waste-filled, trash-strewn, dilapidated small house. Many were in crates with multiple layers of feces- and urine-saturated newspaper. Crates with animals in them were stacked on top of each other. Some single-animal crates contained two or more animals. Two cats found in a crate outdoors were in peril of dying. There was no running water on the property, and the majority of the animals didn't have access to water. There was no visible food available to the animals.

Many of the animals were suffering from eye, ear and skin infections, infested with parasites, and had overgrown nails. The animals were transported to HSMO headquarters in St. Louis where they received veterinary and shelter care with the goal of making as many available for adoption as possible.



Please donate to the Animal Cruelty Fund to help rescue animals in jeopardy and hold their abusers accountable by visiting www.hsmo.org/donate.

Volunteer Staff

Claire Wolford, manager of Volunteer Programs, welcomed Jenny Ryoo as the new Volunteer Training Coordinator in July of 2018. Ryoo leads new dog walkers and feline friends through their mentoring sessions as well as helps support all volunteer programs. Wolford, who joined HSMO in November of 2017, helps train and supervise the hundreds of volunteers who make lives better for the rescued and abandoned animals we serve.

Learn more about volunteering hsmo.org/volunteer/volunteeradult.





Travis Arndt is the newly appointed director of the Animal Medical Center of Mid America. Dr. Arndt is a long-term staff veterinarian for the HSMO's AMCMA.

What You Should Know About Home Remedies for Pets

More and more pet parents are seeking alternative treatments for their pets for a variety of conditions. When used under the direction of your veterinarian, some supplements and home remedies work very well. But sadly, a lot of alternative treatments have not been studied specifically in dogs and cats. The lack of long-term analysis, combined with a great deal of misinformation on the Internet, is putting pets in danger.



Let's take a look at a few pet home remedies that you may have wondered about:

Essential Oils

Essential oils are the part of plants that give the fragrance and taste. While most people can tolerate concentrated essential oils or essential oils used in a diffuser, our pets cannot. Additionally, there are very few studies regarding essential oils and pets so you should not use essential oils for your pet until you talk to your veterinarian.

Several types of essential oils are dangerous for dogs and cats. The most common essential oil to cause toxicity in pets, and one that people use frequently, is tea tree oil. In an attempt to treat skin conditions or to eliminate fleas, people are putting tea tree oil on their pet or administering it orally. Signs of poisoning include coughing, wheezing, difficulty breathing, red gums, and unsteadiness. Toxicity could lead to liver failure if not treated right away.

CBD Products

CBD, or cannabidiol, is becoming more and more popular and can be found in a variety of forms for pets including liquid, topical balms, and treats. CBD pet products are made from hemp, which

despite being related to marijuana does not contain THC. THC is the compound that gives marijuana its intoxicating effects, and dogs and cats have a very low tolerance for it. Currently, there are no regulations on CBD products, so they vary in quality, and the safety and risk for usage in pets has not been studied long-term. There have been multiple reports with ASPCA Poison Control Hotline of pets showing signs of marijuana toxicity — despite only having ingested label-recommended amounts of CBC products.

Probiotics

Just like humans, our pets can benefit from the use of probiotics. Probiotics contain live organisms like those found in the gastrointestinal tract of all animals. When the organisms in the gut are destroyed or damaged, it can result in upset stomach and poor immune system function. Probiotics can restore the damage and help the immune system to better fight viruses and infection. There are many different varieties of probiotics to choose from, so it's best to talk to your veterinarian about the best one for your pet, how much you should give, and the duration.

Arthritis Supplements

Pets are living longer, thanks to the advances in veterinary medicine. With that comes more wear and tear on the joints and better chances of pets developing arthritis. Studies on joint supplements have been shown to help with the pain and inflammation associated with arthritis. Your veterinarian can help you determine the best joint supplement for your pet.

Alternative home remedies may sound like a great way to help your pet with naturally and safely. Unfortunately, there are not many long-term studies for some of these treatments. By using prescription medications, following recommendations from your veterinarian, and only using tested and approved supplements, you can have the peace of mind that you are choosing the best alternative treatment for your pet.

To make an appointment at one of AMCMA's three locations, call 314-951-1534 or visit www.amcma.org.





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A collaboration of:
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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

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MAY

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JUNE

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Spring Fling

APRIL

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Longmeadow Rescue Ranch

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Pet rescued horses and the world-famous Barn



Buddies. Watch professional riding demonstrations. Go for a wagon ride. Meet Twister, the horse that paints!

\$10 per person or \$20 per carload. Free for children 12 and under.

26th Annual Bark in the Park

MAY

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Cricket Field
Forest Park

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Benefiting the HSMO
Animal Cruelty Fund

Register at hsmo.org/bark

