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The ads in *Tails* do more than average magazine ads. Each ad is evidence of a beneficial corporate partnership between a sponsor and the Humane Society of Missouri.

Along with personal donations and charitable grants, corporate sponsorships are an important source of revenue. The Humane Society relies solely on donations; we receive no tax revenue or United Way funding. While sponsors certainly deserve the good feeling they get from helping animals, they enjoy marketing benefits, too.

Measured by advertising surveys and opinion research, pets wield great power over their owners' spending. For example, a Petfinder.com survey found that 16% of Americans buy cars with their dogs in mind. 45.9% of Missouri residents own a dog, the fourth highest in the nation. In the St. Louis Metropolitan Area, some 775,000 households own at least one pet. HSMO corporate sponsors reach a large, passionate audience!

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# Best Buddy Pet Center & Animal Medical Center of Mid-America

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(above) HSMO's new Best Buddy Center is destined to become a landmark for commuters driving on Page Avenue in Maryland Heights. (left) Members of the HSMO staff at the entrance to the Faye Beth and William T. O'Byrne Pet Pal Adoption Center following a hard hat tour of the nearly completed facility. (below left) The Animal Medical Center of Mid-America main entrance takes shape. (below right) Workers install windows in the spacious two-story lobby of the Pet Pal Adoption Center.



For Grand Opening details, visit [hsmo.org/BestBuddyPetCenter](http://hsmo.org/BestBuddyPetCenter).



# ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE

## Innovative Plan Rescues 33 Dogs

### Ripley County, June & July

In a somewhat unusual case, property owners themselves called the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Hot Line. They were overwhelmed by dogs being “dropped off” to fend for themselves and needed our help.

ACT investigators discovered this rescue would not be as easy as merely driving to the site and loading animals onto our climate-controlled rescue trailer.

Three obstacles had to be overcome.

First, the 20 acres where the animals roamed were not accessible by road.

Second, a creek running across one end was too deep for HSMO’s 30’ long, low slung trailer to cross.

And third, the dogs were very skittish and they were scattered throughout the property. In most cases rescuers can coax dogs into crates or carry them out, but not this time.

ACT team members solved the issues by building a 25-foot-square kennel on-site and supplied dog food for bait. The owners gradually contained a final count of 33 dogs.

With their four-wheel-drive trucks, animal cruelty investigators transferred the strays to two large rescue trailers located a mile away (the nearest available site).

“The dumped animals had hair loss, long nails, bad teeth and other signs of neglect,” said Mike Perkins, director of HSMO’s Animal Cruelty Task Force.

“Dropping off a dog to fend for itself is sentencing it to death by starvation, predator attack or automobile impact,” he added.

“The project required many hours of planning and multiple trips to the property to set up for the final day of rescue,” praised Kathy Warnick, president of the Humane Society of Missouri. “Kudos to team members Mike Little, Mike Langford, Carmen Skelly, Jessica Crampton, Melanie O’Connor and Mike Perkins for this innovative solution to help not only the animals but the people, too.”



*A handsome  
brindle mixed-  
breed dog was  
one of the 33  
dogs that had  
been dumped.*



*Carmen Skelly, ACT Investigator,  
and Nico, who is suffering from eye  
and skin infections.*

## Hoarder Kept Dogs in Filth

### Newton County, March 31

A tip from a concerned citizen led to the rescue of 28 dogs from a hoarder who kept them on a waste-filled, trash-and debris-strewn property and in an abandoned, dilapidated trailer.

The dogs were so neglected that it was difficult to determine their exact breeds. Most of the dogs had severe hair loss and were constantly scratching due to an intense burning, itchy skin irritation.

“Hoarding cases are so sad,” commented Kathy Warnick, president of the Humane Society of Missouri. “The hoarders do not appear to realize they are harming animals by accumulating so many and not being able to properly care for them.” The owner agreed to voluntarily surrender the dogs to the Humane Society where they were immediately transported to headquarters to be examined, treated and made ready for loving homes.

“Our experience tells us that, unfortunately, people in this situation will continue to acquire animals until they receive court-ordered, professional intervention and treatment,” said Warnick. “Therefore, we presented the results of our investigation in this case and recommended prosecution to Newton County officials.”

*To report suspected abuse or neglect of animals, call the confidential hotline at 314-647-4400 or 800-383-9835.*

## Second Chances for Heartworm-Infested Dogs

Humane Society volunteer foster parents were crucial to saving the lives of many heartworm-infested dogs rescued from a distressed animal shelter in the state of Louisiana.

March flooding and April storms severely damaged the shelter in northern Louisiana, forcing it to close. The Humane Society of Missouri accepted all of its 101 dogs. Unfortunately, 40 of them tested positive for heartworm disease.

Heartworm disease is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Prevention is as easy as monthly heartworm medication. Treatment is tedious, requiring eight weeks of diligent care. Untreated, the dog will die.

Foster volunteers stepped up for the dogs, welcoming them into their homes for eight weeks. Treatment begins with an injection, after which the dog must rest for a month. It can be difficult to keep a dog from jumping and running, but physical exertion increases the rate of damage in the heart and lungs.

"It was as hard on us as it was the dogs, to keep them quiet," said one foster parent Linda Giese. "We took Fred in the yard on a leash to keep him from running. And when he carried a toy in his mouth, we had to fight the urge to throw it for him."

After the first month, volunteers and dogs made two more trips to the shelter for injections, followed by four more weeks of low-impact exercise.

"A lot of love and care was given to these dogs by our volunteers," praised Sue Alkire, manager of the Macklind center's foster program. Three of the dogs were adopted by their foster families, she added.

"Foster Program volunteers were crucial to saving these dogs," said Dr. Mark Wright, HSMO's director of shelter medicine. "One thing we noticed about this group of dogs was how friendly they were. They deserved the special attention HSMO staff and foster parents gave them. We are very happy they are now healthy in loving homes in their new state of Missouri."

*To learn about becoming a volunteer foster parent, visit [www.hsmo.org/volunteer](http://www.hsmo.org/volunteer).*



## 8-week foster turns permanent

Although Linda Giese was a long-term volunteer, she and her husband William (pictured above) had never been foster parents. When the shelter needed help with heartworm-positive dogs, she asked for one dog in particular: Fred.

The couple had said goodbye to both their dogs the previous year and they were looking for a new buddy. Linda volunteers once a week with all the dogs, but she had yet to feel a bond with any new dog. Then Fred fixed his gaze on her.

"It was the way he looked at me. I fell in love. When I told my husband I wanted to foster him, he predicted we would keep him," laughed Linda. "We would have to give him up, though, if he did not pass our 'Feline Test'. We have three cats."

During his eight weeks of treatment, Fred and the cats were simpatico. Now Fred the foster is forever home.





*(above) Stan after rescue (left) Stan and Emily today*

Updates on Some of Our Unforgettable Rescues

# Where Are They Now?

## Thoroughbred's Fateful Trip

In 1987, a Thoroughbred was born and tattooed with his unique ID number. The racehorse never raced, living mostly in obscurity.

In his 19th year, with ribs showing and bowed tendons on his front legs, the horse now called Stan was loaded on a truck with 41 other horses headed for a slaughterhouse. Tragically, the trailer overturned on Interstate 44 near Sullivan, Mo. Stan waited in the trailer for seven hours while dozens of trained rescue volunteers worked diligently to save as many of the mangled, injured equines as they could. For the next two years Stan recovered at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch and waited for his perfect forever home.

In 2008, touched by Stan's ordeal, Emily Grady Jolliff took the long-legged beauty home.

"We hit it off immediately, but he was wary of other individuals," said Jolliff. "Over time Stan became friendlier with both people and other horses. Where he was once a bit standoff-ish, he now wants everyone's attention."

Soon after arriving in his new barn, Stan figured out how to open the top of his stall's Dutch windows. Every morning between 5 and 6 a.m. Stan stuck his head outside to neigh for breakfast and turnout.

"We always have to be careful about closing the stalls and barn doors as he has a knack for getting those open as well," added Jolliff. "Stan has made fast friends with our farrier, who drives his truck into the field with his tools in the truck bed. Stan roots through the truck bed to find anything he can pick up and carry off or throw around. The most common items he goes after are the farrier's hat (generally while he's wearing it), sunglasses, water bottle, and the occasional tool."

Jolliff rode Stan regularly the first few years but now he is a full-time relaxer. When Jolliff arrives, Stan trots over to her for hugs and conversation. "Our vet said that with Stan's good health he has many more years to live. I think he would like to be considered 29 years young, rather than the old guy out on retirement."



## Scars Remain but Life Is Good

A neighbor heard the horse's screams as it lay on its side being dragged down a roughly paved road behind a pickup truck. The Sheriff seized the two-year-old bay and asked Longmeadow Rescue Ranch to take custody. That was July of 2008. In December, the former owner pled guilty to one count of felony animal abuse.

It took three months for Mason's severe injuries to heal but the scars are there for good. Everyone who knew Mason's story hoped he would land in clover when he went to his forever home.

Did he ever! Mason was adopted in 2009 by lifelong horse lover Joe Mathews. Now ten years old, the gelding has done nothing but hang out in the 60-acre pasture he shares with other rescued or retired horses for the past seven years.

"He's a cut up, good guy," said Mathews. "We don't plan to ride him, just let him be. He's been through a lot."



(top) Joe Mathews and granddaughter Maggie (above) Mason, cruelly dragged behind an ATV.

## Basset on the Brink



Watson, Dan Dexter and family.

Basset Hound Watson breathed a sigh of relief when he went to his forever home two years ago.

It is no exaggeration to state that Watson and his littermates were on the brink of death, gasping for every breath. Three of the litter of 13 had already died when an inspector with the Missouri Department of Agriculture ordered the breeder to turn the pups over to the Humane Society.

"The puppies were so ill we weren't sure they'd even survive the trip to St. Louis," said Mike Perkins, ACT director. Saving

the dogs took round-the-clock care from the staff and volunteers but eventually the puppies went to forever homes.

For Watson, that's ancient history. He's too busy now getting into mischief such as shredding cardboard toilet paper rolls.

"When we go to the lake, we have to keep a close look out," said adopter Daniel Dexter. "If he finds a scent, he's off. The body follows the nose." Watson loves walks, people and other dogs. "But he doesn't like car rides," Dexter added.



## Marshall the Miracle Dog

When the Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued Marshall from a hoarder in 2010, multiple wounds on his body indicated he had been viciously attacked by other dogs. A bloody, gaping wound covered the left side of his head and one leg had to be amputated. It seemed a miracle he had survived.

Throughout his ordeal, his tail never stopped wagging. In 2011, Marshall left the shelter for a home free of danger and full of love. He has his own book and movie, *Marshall, the Miracle Dog*; and his own anti-bullying campaign.

"When I saw his video online, I just had to have him," said Marshall's adopter Cyndi Willenbrock, who did not know the dog's history when she was smitten. "When I heard what he had suffered I could relate because I was also victim of bullying."

Willenbrock, familiar with character education programs, developed an anti-bullying program tied to Marshall's story. Designed for students, the program received a tremendous boost in August when the National 4-H clubs licensed it for use with its six million youth nationwide.

In his early days with Willenbrock, Marshall had frequent nightmares. Now when he dreams, his tail wags just as it did when he was being healed at the Humane Society of Missouri.



## Rescued from a Life of Misery

In 2009, a multi-state raid on dog fighting criminal operations brought 500 horribly mistreated animals to safety. The Humane Society of Missouri played a leading role in what turned out to be the largest dog fighting raid and rescue in U.S. history.

The Humane Society coordinated with more than a dozen rescue groups that have expertise with so-called "Bully Breeds." Hundreds of the rescued dogs, mostly American Pit Bull Terriers, found forever homes all across the U.S.A.

Willis, one of the hundreds of dogs rescued in the raid, stayed in Missouri and shares his home with adopters Kelly and Jason Garrison and his sister dog Bumper. They are one big happy family.

"He is a combination of the class clown and the high school jock," laughed adopter Kelly Garrison. "Pit Bulls are so misunderstood. Our hearts have been stolen by the Bully breed and our home will always have an adopted block head."

Like all Terriers, Pit Bulls need vigorous exercise and lots of mental stimulation. Willis looks forward to his annual play dates in area water parks. He and Bumper endure hilarious Facebook costume shots and comments on their Facebook page called (what else?) Bumper and Willis.



(above) Marshall and his forever friend, Cyndi  
(right) Marshall on his rescue day



Rescued from dog fighting, Willis and sister Bumper at home with the Garrisons.





(top) Trooper gets a hug from his best friend, Greg.  
(above) Trooper after his surgery.

## Super Trooper is Still a Star

Four years ago, a puppy's horrifying ordeal touched pet lovers around the world. The poor guy was dragged down a major highway tied to the back of a truck. (The driver was unaware of the pup's presence and the perpetrator was brought to justice.)

It was unclear the first few days whether or not he would live. But he pulled through multiple surgeries and a long recovery, earning his name "Trooper."

Today the dog who touched the world has everything he needs from his best friend Greg Weible. Weible works from home so Trooper has the constant personal presence that he also received during his year-long stay at the Humane Society. Daily hikes and walks help drain his high energy and give him social opportunities.

"People sometimes ask about the scars and I tell them about all the other animals in need, so he's become an HSMO ambassador," said Weible.

At home, Trooper spends hours in his big back yard, chasing bugs, frogs and squirrels. Indoors, he curls up on his couch for a petting session, finishing up with a big contented sigh. The affection is reciprocal. Added Weible, "Sometimes I need a Trooper hug!"

Trooper has his own book Facebook page (Team Trooper), updated weekly. "Trooper is very happy," reported Weible. "We're both very happy."

## Tortured with a Rubber Band

The young calico cat arrived at the Humane Society of Missouri with something embedded in her neck. It turned out to be a rubber band, placed there so long ago it had painfully fused to the skin. After surgery and treatment against infection, she quickly healed and was ready for adoption just two weeks later.

"There was just something about Miss Cathy's face when I saw her online," said Kila Chambers, a first-time adopter. "And when I went to see her, she got right in my lap and I knew she was the one."

Because the rubber band constricted her vocal cords, Miss Cathy was unable to meow. "It was more like a bird chirp," said Chambers. Happily, the cat regained her voice within the next few months. "She's such a joy. I laugh because she has lots of toys, but prefers the cheapest kind—a cardboard box," Chambers added that Miss Cathy spends hours on top of a closed box or inside an open one.

Miss Cathy goes to work with her adopter, where she is a favorite among clients waiting for appointments. It means a car ride, but so far there've been no complaints—neither chirps nor meows.



(above) Miss Cathy totally at home with her new best friend Kila Chambers. (left) After the rubber band was removed



# Meet a Volunteer Who Plants Seeds

**"Preach always and sometimes use words."**

This beloved quote by St. Francis of Assisi personifies volunteer humane educator Jan McMichael. "A humane educator plants seeds of kindness that grow, blossom and open hearts and minds," said McMichael, who marked ten years of service in August.

"Nothing in this world makes me happier than helping children become ambassadors for animals," she proudly exclaimed.

McMichael has taught countless education programs and conducted guided tours to thousands of children in our community.

"These educational experiences in our shelter really help children make that jump from loving animals to feeling a real responsibility for their welfare," she said.

She is working at the roots, preventing animal abuse and neglect by imparting the important messages of respect, responsibility and compassion for animals and people alike.

As a classroom teacher, McMichael has made an incredible impact on her students at Churchill School. In addition to organizing multiple fundraisers and donation drives to benefit shelter animals, she created an animal club and has served as a mentor for the school Rainforest Club.

She loves sharing the shelter animals' individual stories of rehabilitation and it warms her heart when she reads her "fan mail" (thank you cards) from young visitors. It's clear from the cards, that the children absorbed her messages, i.e. the importance of spaying and neutering or how to interpret animal body language.



"As human beings and valuable community members, children of all ages have the ability to make a positive impact on our world," she concluded.

Praised JoEllyn Klepacki, director of Humane Education, "We couldn't agree more with our beloved friend and devoted volunteer."

*If you would like to work alongside Jan McMichael and the other amazing volunteers on our Humane Educator Action Team, please contact the Education Department at (314) 951-1579 or [education.office@hsmo.org](mailto:education.office@hsmo.org).*

## We are so proud of our Shelter Buddies!



Children 6-15 regularly volunteer their time to comfort and read to the shelter dogs!

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## November is Senior Pet Month



### Wellness Care for Your Aging Pet

Like people, pets need special care during their senior years. The Animal Medical Center of Mid-America offers comprehensive plans, which include services meant to prevent and detect health problems that affect older dogs and cats.

All senior plans include:

- Preventive care exam
- Additional wellness exams
- Routine vaccinations
- Fecal exam
- Screening bloodwork
- X-Rays (3 views)
- Urinalysis
- Dental Cleaning (Senior Plus Plan only)

### Dental Health in Aging Pets

As pets age, they are more susceptible to illnesses of their vital organs. Proper dental care, including regular cleanings, help keep major health problems away. The sooner you have your pet's teeth professionally cleaned, the better. Schedule a dental consult to learn about your pet's specific needs.

### Therapeutic Laser Treatment

If your senior pet suffers from arthritis, pain, or mobility issues, non-invasive laser therapy provides relief. Treatments reduce inflammation provide blood flow and release natural endorphins. It is non-invasive, causes no discomfort and generally does not require sedation.

Improvement can be seen in as little as one laser therapy session.

Gabby, a 15-year-old dog, benefited from laser treatment for her arthritis. Standard medication took off the edge, but she was still limping when she started her treatments. After the third session, she was acting like a puppy again.

Laser therapy is offered at the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America's St. Louis City and Chesterfield locations.

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*The AMCMA operates three nationally accredited veterinary practices in the St. Louis area. Proceeds benefit thousands of abused, neglected animals helped by the Humane Society of Missouri.*



# Nine Years of TLC from the WLC (Women's Leadership Council)



Founded in 2007 as a fundraising and professional networking group, the Women's Leadership Council focuses on support of the Humane Society Animal Cruelty Task Force. WLC, well known for its Purses and Pumps for Pooches and Pals annual event, is raising money this year to underwrite the cost of an animal cruelty investigator. The group has also raised funds to furnish a climate-controlled Animal Rescue Trailer (pictured), new rooms for adoptable animals, and kennels for animals in need of extensive rehabilitation due to abuse or neglect.

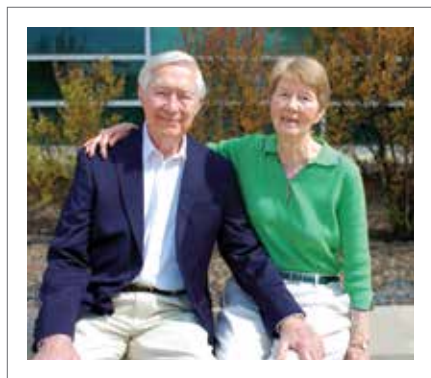
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## Steering Committee members of the Women's Leadership Council

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Kathy Warnick

## Which came first? Giving or Volunteering?



Lois and George Tomazi

Lois and George Tomazi have been Humane Society of Missouri volunteers and donors since 1985. They cannot remember which came first, donating or volunteering.

"We may have decided to donate because we've always adopted shelter dogs," mused George, a retired engineer. Adopting also may have led to Lois' decision to become a volunteer Pet Pal dog walker.

"Dog walkers are not just walking the dogs. They are the ones who roll around in the grass with them, then give them baths. Their work makes the dogs good candidates for adopters," said Lois. "We give tummy rubs, too," she added with a smile.

George Tomazi's volunteering began when then-board president Edwin B. (Bud) Meissner asked him to review building plans for what was to become the new headquarters building. "Bud told me it would take three or four hours a week for a few months," laughed George, recalling the many hours he spent on the project.

The first hurdle was the lack of original drawings. "Even the sewer district did not know where the sewer lines were," he recalled. Because of his knowledge and experience, George saved HSMO more than a million dollars in construction costs. He also became the de facto project manager for three more major projects over the years. His latest service is managing the construction of the Best Buddy Pet Center slated to open in April 2017.

Married for 58 years, Lois and George have two sons, six grandsons and five other young men "who are very special to us," said George. "We have been blessed in so many ways," he added. "The Humane Society is one of our means of returning some of those blessings."



# Playtime for Shelter Dogs

Shelter dogs now have their own fenced play area at the Humane Society's St. Louis City headquarters, with another one planned for the soon-to-open Best Buddy Center in Maryland Heights.

A portion of the Carol Gates Throop Memorial Park has been enclosed as a playground. Pet Pal volunteers have a place for dog romps. The park is ideal for running and game playing and is designed to accommodate even the smallest of dogs. But wait! There's more to come.

"Our plan is to add several pieces of agility equipment to increase the opportunity for exercise and enrichment," said Linda Campbell, Shelter Animal Behavior Manager. Campbell added that future plans include the possibility of creating small play groups of carefully matched dogs, another innovative strategy for helping dogs become more adoptable. A similar dog park is in the works for the new Best Buddy Center in Maryland Heights.

Campbell reported that volunteers who have used it are pleased. We will hazard a guess that the dogs, too, are pleased.



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# Holiday Gift Guide

## Unique Gifts for Animal Lovers *also* Help Animals

### Holiday Card

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*Card sales benefit the abused and neglected animals cared for at the Humane Society of Missouri and its Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.*

Artist: Mary Badenhop  
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### **New!** Fur-Ever Friend sponsors receive a snuggable plush pet.

Sponsor Miss Catty or Frisco to help shelter animals with your gift to our new Fur-ever Friends fund. Your gift recipient will learn about Miss Catty on the brink of death because of a rubber band around her neck. Or Frisco, the Golden Retriever found during a meth lab raid. He was near starvation and covered with mange. Both found Fur-ever homes thanks to generous donors.



Frisco



Miss Catty



### Gift Shops Hold Surprises

Stop in any of our three St. Louis area locations and Longmeadow Rescue Ranch for a delightful array of animal themed T-shirts, socks, jewelry, gifts and toys. We sell books written about two HSMO rescue stars: Marshall the Miracle Dog and Trooper's Triumphs. Our T-shirts are unique to our organization. Bring your gift list, have fun and help the animals.

### HSMO Gift Cards

Always the perfect size and color. Your gift recipient can redeem for pet adoptions, veterinary services, children's classes and camps and gift shop purchases.

**Available at all HSMO locations.**



### Tribute & Memorials in Throop Park

Honor a special person or remember a beloved pet at Carol Gates Throop Memorial Park on the grounds of the Humane Society of Missouri's city location. The serene park is anchored by an inspiring fountain and surrounded by flowering trees and shrubs. Choose from a variety of memorial items, including a personalized brick paver, bird bath or tree. Visit [www.hsmo.org/donate](http://www.hsmo.org/donate) for tribute and memorial options.

### Amazon Smile

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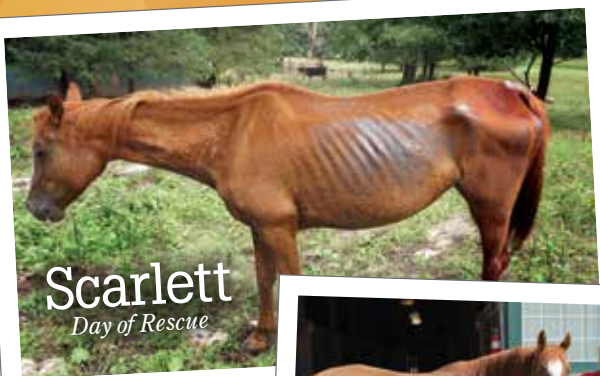
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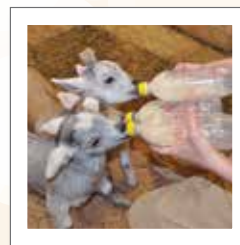
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# Saying Goodbye

## Long-time Volunteer Dorie Wilner



A generous, loving friend to people and homeless animals, **Doris "Dorie" Wilner** died August 13, 2016. She was 85 years old.

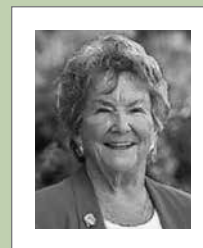
A 50-plus-year volunteer at the Humane Society of Missouri, Wilner spearheaded the 1975 founding of the Humane Society of Missouri Auxiliary which donated more than \$2.5 million over the years. The funds came largely through collecting pennies, dimes, quarters and dollars through bake sales and canister contributors at area grocery stores.

The Auxiliary's first project was operating a pet supply store located in an HSMO shelter. The Auxiliary also made major donations to capital projects, provided a rescue truck, rescue boat and other equipment for disaster response, fully equipped a spay/neuter clinic, helped launch a program for low-income pet owners and contributed to the Cinderella Fund for injured strays.

In addition to her service as president and board member of the HSMO Auxiliary, she also was a long-time member of the HSMO Board of Directors. Burton J "Burt" Wilner, her husband of 64 years, also served on the Auxiliary Board.

Dorie will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

## Friends Council Member Betty Sims



**Elizabeth "Betty" Sims**, an active supporter of animal welfare and member of

the HSMO Friends Council, died August 22 at age 80. Known in the community for her dynamic leadership, she was a two-term Missouri state senator who especially advocated for children and women's health. We mourn the loss of our good friend.

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