

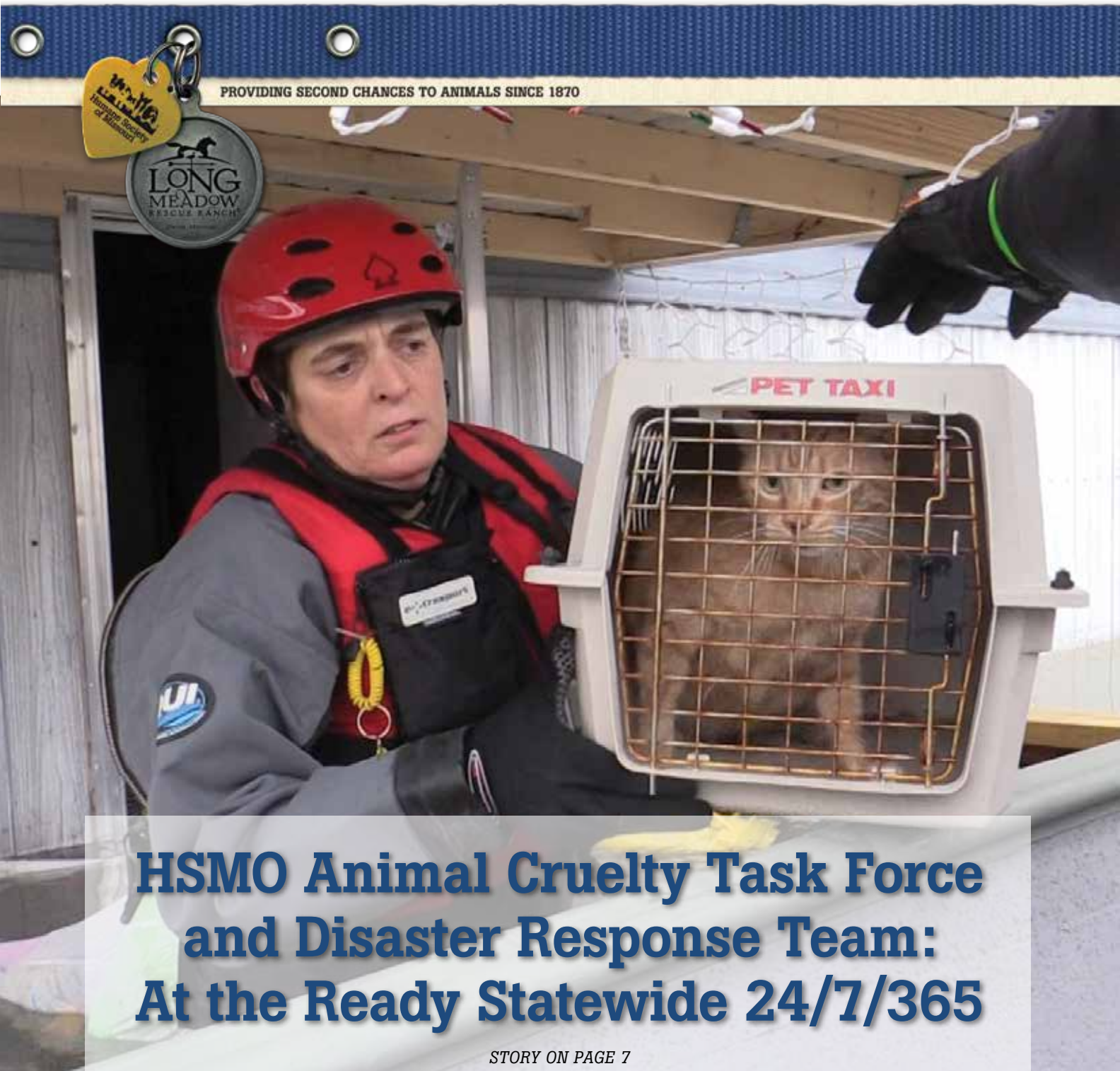


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Humane Society of Missouri

Tails

Spring 2016



**HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force
and Disaster Response Team:
At the Ready Statewide 24/7/365**

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www.longmeadowrescueranch.org
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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
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Kuehner Chesterfield 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

St. Louis City Center, Westport Area Center,

Kuehner Chesterfield Center hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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Sat. 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Donations 314-951-1542

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Longmeadow Rescue Ranch 636-583-8759

Open House: Fridays noon-3 p.m.

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Location Addresses

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Service Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043

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1928-2016

In Memory of Faye Beth Baer O'Byrne

A wonderful and dear friend of the Humane Society of Missouri, **Faye Beth Baer O'Byrne**, died January 4 after a long illness.

Her more than 30 years of service to HSMO included founding the Friends Council and chairing numerous special events, serving as an officer and member of the Board of Directors and bringing friends and supporters into our cause. "Perhaps what many of us will remember and cherish most about Faye Beth was her enthusiasm and zest for life, her empathy for all living creatures and her unending devotion to the people and causes closest to her heart," said HSMO President Kathy Warnick.

In 1947, she wed S. Charles Baer, grandson of the co-founder of Stix, Baer & Fuller. Soon after the wedding, the couple added two Terriers to the family. Returning by train to St. Louis for a visit, the Terriers generously shared "their" lower berth with the newlyweds. Faye Beth was widowed in 1991 and in 1993 married William T. (Fiery) O'Byrne.

More recently, a large part of her life had revolved around her German Shepard Erin adopted from HSMO more than a decade ago, and Schnauzer Tasha. Erin was rescued from an unscrupulous breeder, who kept her continuously caged for two and a half years. The traumatized dog was coaxed patiently out of the corner and into Faye Beth's loving arms.

"We loved Faye Beth as much as she loved all the abused and neglected animals in our care. We are honored to have known her and very grateful for her significant contributions to animal welfare in our community," said Warnick.



ON THE COVER: A cat stranded by December flooding is rescued by Patience Scanlon and other members of HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force and Disaster Response Team.

photo: Courtesy David Bentley Studio



New Best Buddy Pet Center and Animal Medical Center of Mid-America

Construction on the facility at Page Avenue and Schuetz Road began in October 2015.

Holland Construction and their subcontractors worked through the heavy downpours of December and February snow to stay as close to schedule as possible. Bi-weekly construction meetings help ensure progress is made each week. "We knew we might have weather setbacks," said HSMO President Kathy Warnick, "but we are adjusting and moving forward quickly. It's so exciting to see our long-dreamed-for building rising!"

Slated to open in Spring 2017, the new veterinary center and shelter will feature an open, bright and colorful layout inviting to adults and children. Both shelter and privately owned dogs and cats will receive exceptional care from veterinarians and staff with access to state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and world-class facilities. Plans also call for plenty of space for educational and community activities.

To date, \$15.5 million of our \$16 million campaign goal has been raised. You, too, can help make this project to transform animal welfare in St. Louis become a reality.

To donate, visit hsmo.org/BestBuddyPetCenter. Or contact Judy Miniace at 314-951-1515 or jminiace@hsmo.org.



From left: Polly Whitchurch, Kuhlmann Design Group, Inc.; Anne Goeckner, CFO Humane Society of Missouri; Miranda Stevens, Holland Construction Services, holding an adoptable puppy from HSMO; George Tomazi, member HSMO Board of Directors and volunteer oversight engineer for this project, Kathy Warnick, president Humane Society of Missouri holding her rescued dog Christy; Fred Dintelman, Holland Construction Services; Jim Niemeyer, Holland Construction Services



Despite the snow, work continued

ANIMAL CRUELTY TASK FORCE

Cat Wounded with Arrow

Despite much publicity and a \$2,500 reward, the person responsible for cruelly shooting a cat with an arrow has not been identified.

The arrow impaled the grey, adult male cat all the way through the upper left leg muscle. HSMO rescuers named him “Little John.” A concerned citizen in the Wildwood, Mo. area found the suffering cat in his barn and called HSMO’s Animal Cruelty Hotline.

The arrow had gone completely through the upper muscle of the leg and, according to Dr. Mark Wright, director of Shelter Medicine for the Humane Society of Missouri, appeared to have happened several days before he was rescued. “The wound and entry and exit areas were full of pus and infected,” noted Dr. Wright. Fortunately, no bones were broken and, with expert treatment and care, Little John made a full recovery.

Although the handsome, roving cat was known in the neighborhood, no owner came forward. After weeks of TLC from HSMO veterinarians and staff, Little John has found a great place to live his life to the fullest.

The Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) is offering a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the offender(s) who shot the cat in November 2015.



Fast-Rising Flood Strands Pets

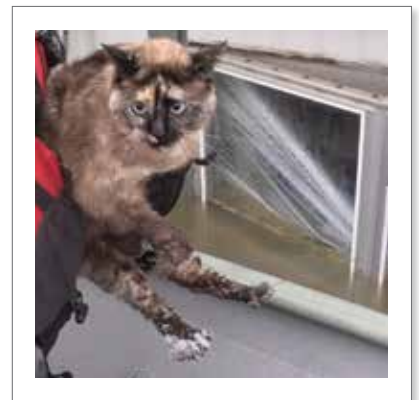
A cat using its litter box as a raft was among the pets rescued by the Humane Society of Missouri’s Disaster Response Team during the late December/early January flood that affected the Mississippi, Meramec and tributaries in and around the St. Louis area.

Flood waters rose quickly after as much as 10 inches of rain fell in a matter of hours. Some people had time only to grab a few belongings and their pets. Others faced the grimmer prospect of not being able to reach their homes and their animals left behind.

“Our training and animal handling experience really paid off for this poor cat and the other animals we helped,” noted HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force Director Mike Perkins. “We know how to safely go into a potentially dangerous situation and help scared and injured animals. It’s very gratifying to return a once-stranded animal into the arms of a relieved pet owner.”

In addition to rescue efforts, HSMO operated receiving stations in Arnold and Fenton, Mo. The Humane Society of Missouri Disaster Response Team and shelter support staff and volunteers aided nearly 80 pets with rescue, temporary shelter, reunification and emergency supplies, all at no cost to their owners.

“We are incredibly thankful for our dedicated rescue team and the generous donors who make HSMO’s disaster response efforts possible,” said HSMO President Kathy Warnick. “Thanks to all of them, HSMO will be ready and able when the next disaster strikes.”



**If you must
evacuate, please
do not leave your
pets behind!**

The Humane Society of Missouri has been named by the Missouri Emergency Management Agency as the lead animal welfare agency in emergencies and disasters. Donations to support these efforts may be made at www.hsmo.org/donate or by calling 314-951-1542.

ACT Helps with Huge North Carolina Rescue

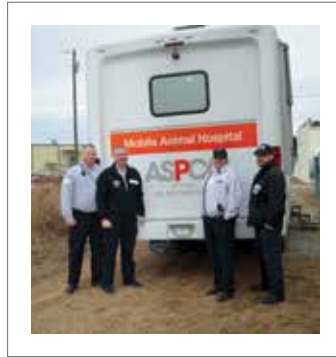
Six members of the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) responded in February to an ASPCA request for help in caring for 700 animals seized in late January from an unlicensed shelter in North Carolina.

For years, the property was the source of community complaints and finally was shut down by North Carolina authorities in late January. The dogs, cats, horses and pot-bellied pigs were suffering from serious, untreated medical issues and kept in filthy kennels, cages, outdoor pens and paddocks, many without protection from the elements. The owners of the facility were arrested on charges of animal cruelty. The ASPCA assisted with evidence collection, animal removal, transport, sheltering and medical care.

HSMO Responds

Upon arriving for a 7-day deployment, ACT team members rolled up their sleeves and got to work cleaning, feeding and exercising the rescued animals. It wasn't smooth sailing; some dogs were difficult to handle and the horses were so ill-mannered they could not be trusted outside of their stalls.

"Due to the training, experience and hard work of our responding team, the credibility of the HSMO team was established in a very short time," said Mike Perkins, ACT director. "At every day's end we were extremely tired but satisfied we were able to provide expert animal care and leadership for other volunteers. We are proud we have the management and donor support to be able to quickly respond to animals in need whenever and wherever a situation like this arises."



The dog and cat shelter team: Mike Little, Mike Perkins, Patience Scanlon, Matt Huffman



The HSMO equine team: Carmen Skelly, Jessica Crampton



700 animals were rescued from an unlicensed North Carolina facility. Photos courtesy ASPCA

Your Pets Are Counting on You!



In an emergency, the single most important thing you can do for your pets is to take them with you. Even if you plan to be gone only a few hours, during an impending disaster there's no way of knowing if you will be able to get back to them. Animals left to fend for themselves may not survive. Leaving dogs tethered could be a death sentence.

In Case You Are Not Home

In case a disaster strikes when you're gone, make advance arrangements for a trusted friend to bring your pets to safety. A pet-sitting service may be able to help, but make arrangements now, not in the midst of the crisis. If your pets have medications or special food, make sure they can be easily located.

Identification

Get your pet(s) microchipped now. It's easy and painless and takes only a minute. Add your cell phone number and the number of a friend or relative to the chip registration and to tags on their collars. Keep a photo of your pet in your phone or wallet in case it is needed to prove ownership after the disaster.

HSMO's Animal Medical Center of Mid-America offers microchip services at all three St. Louis-area locations. Call 314-951-1534 for an appointment.

Plan for the Worst

If you have to leave in a hurry, you won't have time to assemble everything your pet needs. Keep a Pet Disaster Kit handy and stocked with:

- Medications, veterinarian contact information and medical history
- Food and water for at least five days
- Cat box, litter and scoop
- Leashes/harnesses and carriers for transport
- Photos of your pets to prove ownership if you get separated
- Paper towels, newspapers and trashbags

A man in a police uniform, wearing a black cap with a white patch and a grey t-shirt with a badge that reads "SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF ANIMAL CRUELTY K-9 FORCE Investigate", is holding a small brown and white dog. He is wearing a black tactical vest with a GoPro camera attached. The background shows a white fence and green foliage.

There's **NO EXCUSE**
for Animal Abuse

Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Task Force



ANIMAL ABUSERS BEWARE. Members of the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) are very serious about their mission to save animals from cruelty and neglect. It's grueling, heart-breaking work, with the tragic circumstances too often repeated: the sights of suffering, the sounds of distress and hopelessness, the overwhelming odor of urine and feces.

"I wish we could bottle the smell and uncork it during our court appearances," more than one of HSMO's Animal Cruelty Investigators have commented. "That alone would support charges of animal abuse."

For ACT members, it's more than a job. It's a calling.

Again and again, they rescue animals that have gone without food, water, veterinary care and humane, sanitary living conditions. Such unwavering intervention on behalf of mistreated animals traces back to the very beginnings of the organization.

Mission from Day One

In 1870 the Humane Society of Missouri was founded by people whose sensibilities were assaulted by rampant mistreatment of animals, especially work horses. Despite their crucial jobs of transportation and hauling, many were underfed, overworked, cruelly beaten and deprived of shelter.

The first HSMO investigator wasted no time in issuing citations and bringing charges. Newspapers joined the cause and the word spread to owners: Treat your animals right or face the Humane Society of Missouri.

Today, ACT team members annually travel more than 265,000 miles throughout all 114 Missouri counties and the City of St. Louis making more than 11,000 responses to reports of animal abuse and neglect. In most cases, owners are willing to

be educated about the proper care of their pets or farm animals and make appropriate changes. Investigators keep an eye on these cases to monitor improvement.

When it's Time to Rescue

However, when conditions do not improve for the animals or they are in immediate jeopardy, ACT investigators work closely with law enforcement officials to intervene on their behalf. The animals in crisis will be transported to HSMO shelters or Longmeadow Rescue Ranch to begin their recovery.



Many investigations are triggered by reports from concerned citizens. If you suspect inhumane treatment, call the animal abuse hotline and your local law enforcement office. You may remain anonymous if you choose; however, the more information we receive, the more thorough the investigation. **All tips are investigated.**

HSMO Animal Abuse Hotline:
314-647-4400 or 800-383-9835 or make an on-line report at hsmo.org/animal-rescue.

After the Rescue

ACT follows through for animals by helping hold owners accountable for their abuse and neglect. While the animals receive expert care and TLC from veterinary and shelter staff, ACT prepares for the associated legal cases. To reinforce ACT's recommendation for prosecution, HSMO investigators and veterinarians provide prosecutors with extensive photographic and written documentation of the conditions the animals were living in and their health at the time of rescue. They also provide testimony in court, when necessary.

"We also request the rescued animals be awarded to HSMO," said Mike Perkins, director of HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force. "Normally our petition is granted because we follow the law and only support the removal of animals when they are at serious risk and either the owner has voluntarily agreed to surrender the animals or a warrant has been obtained."

Incredibly, sometimes hoarders or substandard breeders ("puppy mill owners") acquire more animals, in defiance of court orders. ACT investigators routinely ask law enforcement officers about new complaints and sometimes visit an offender's property to ensure compliance.

"We believe there's no excuse for animal abuse," continued Perkins. Until people universally treat animals humanely, the Humane Society of Missouri will continue its mission of protecting, rescuing and advocating for animals.

**Animal Cruelty Task Force:
By the Numbers in 2015**

Responses and Follow Up	11,028
Animals Examined	28,596
Counties Served	115
Miles Driven	266,391



Highly Qualified, Highly Regarded

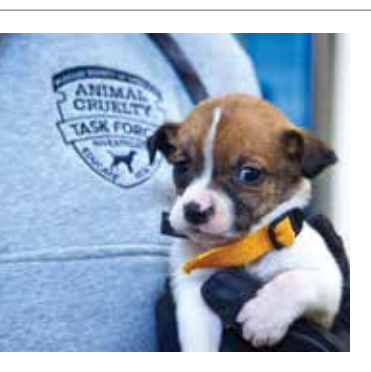
Regarded as one of the best animal rescue teams in the U.S., the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Task Force works statewide, 24/7, 365 days a year on behalf of abandoned, neglected and abused animals.

ACT members are certified and trained to meet the demands of all animal-related emergencies, including natural disasters. Requirements to become an investigator include:

- National Animal Cruelty Investigator School, levels 1, 2, and 3
- Missouri Animal Control Association Certification
- FEMA ICS Classes, 100, 200, 700
- Swift Water Rescue Training
- Ropes Training
- Large Animal Rescue Training
- Boat Operations Training
- Report Writing Class
- Courtroom Testimony Class
- Evidence Collection Class
- HSMO 6-week training period

The Humane Society Disaster Response Team is one of the most respected in the nation. As such, the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency has designated HSMO as the lead animal welfare agency during disasters.

Whether rescuing animals trapped by flood waters or bringing neglected horses or starving dogs and cats to a safe haven, team members must have the professionalism and skills to get it done while protecting their own safety.



Calypso, Juniper and Jack Retire

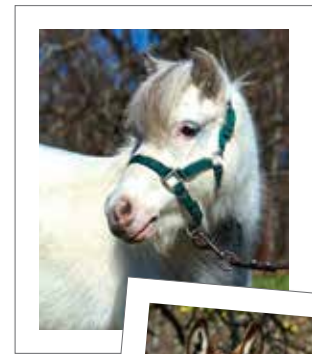
After seven years as Barn Buddies, Jack, Calypso and Juniper have retired. All three were born at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in 2009.

When Jack the Sheep made his entrance into the world, his sweet personality and handsome looks stole the hearts of everyone. He quickly learned to walk on a harness and attended his first Barn Buddy event in March 2010 when he was just five months old.

Mini-horse Calypso was born at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch on April 30, 2009. She weighed 32 pounds and was just 26 inches tall. As a newborn, Calypso was shy at first, but with lots of loving attention from her ranch caretakers, she became very friendly and enjoys having her long mane and tail brushed.

Less than a week after Calypso arrived, Juniper was born during an Open House. Visitors had the once-in-a-lifetime experience of seeing the birth of a miniature donkey. She weighed only 25 pounds and was just 24 inches tall. Juniper is social and playful and likes to bound around the pasture.

Jack, Calypso and Juniper traveled with their Barn Buddy friends to appear on NBC's *Today Show* and the Fox Network's *Fox and Friends*. They have been much-loved ambassadors for Longmeadow Rescue Ranch and deserve their well-earned retirement.



Calypso



Jack

Juniper

Barn Buddy sponsorships make great Mother's Day, grandparent, birthday and holiday gifts. Go to longmeadowrescueranch.org for sponsorship details and learn how to meet your favorite Barn Buddy in person any Friday (noon-3 p.m.) or Saturday (11 a.m.-3 p.m.).

The Pony with a Little Girl All Her Own

Pretty pony Helga was one of nine rescued from Miller County in February of 2015.

The mixed herd of Gypsy Vanner crosses and ponies were suffering from neglect, left in a field to fend for themselves. Only two had even been halter-trained, said Amanda Mullen, director of Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.

"Someone had just let them keep breeding and didn't bother to socialize or even train most of them on what a halter and lead rope is used for," she said.

Ranch employees, trainer and training assistants worked frequently and consistently teach them to accept human contact. Once they were able to be caught, they were taught how to accept a halter and lead from a rope. They progressed from there with ground work training and then training for riding, if appropriate.

Fortunately, Pony Helga found just the right adopters with a sweet little, pink-booted cowgirl to love her.

At some point Helga was used for target practice; six buckshot pellets were lodged under her skin.



[above] Helga was underweight and pregnant when she was rescued. She later delivered a healthy foal at the ranch.

Newly renamed "Princess Helga" with her pink-booted adopter.



Visit Longmeadow Rescue Ranch any Friday (noon-3 p.m.), or Saturday (11 a.m.-3 p.m.). Directions at longmeadowrescueranch.org.

Kids are Shelter Dogs' Best Friends

An innovative “Shelter Buddies” reading program launched at HSMO in January. Children sit next to a shy dog’s kennel and read. An amazing transformation occurs!

“It’s wonderful to watch a dog cowering at the back of the kennel, slowly come to the front, literally mesmerized by a child reading from a story book,” said JoEllyn Klepacki, assistant director of Humane Education at the Humane Society of Missouri. “Equally as wonderful is that children get to see the immediate impact of their volunteer efforts.”

HSMO's Shelter Buddies, ages 6 to 15, attend a 90-minute training session to learn about shelter pet behavior, why reading to the dogs helps them get adopted, how to reward the dogs' positive actions, and how the reading program works. A parent or guardian also attends the training session and accompanies the child whenever they volunteer.

A collaboration between HSMO's behavior, shelter and education staff, the Shelter Buddies Reading Program

*Not many things are
cuter than children
reading to dogs.*



adds another enrichment activity to help dogs become and remain adoptable during their shelter stay. High energy dogs

benefit, too, as, intrigued by the reading, they calm down and pay attention. "It's a win/win situation," continued Klepacki.

“Shelter dogs learn appropriate interaction with people and kids learn the value of volunteering and can practice reading skills in a non-judgmental setting.”

Currently offered at the Humane Society of Missouri's headquarters locations, Klepacki expects to expand the program at all HSMO locations, even Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.

To learn more about the Shelter Buddies reading program and other programs and activities for children, visit hsmo.org.

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Shelter Buddies Reading Program Attracts National Media Attention

What's better than children and dogs helping each other? Nothing! According to *NBC Nightly News*, *The Rachael Ray Show* and other media outlets and animal shelters worldwide!

And we agree. The Humane Society of Missouri Shelter Buddies Reading Program gained national attention March 3 as the featured story on the *NBC Nightly News with Lester Holt Making a Difference* segment and on *The Rachael Ray Show* on March 21. HSMO's Assistant Director of Humane Education JoEllyn Klepacki and several caring kids shared with the world the transforming effect kids reading to shelter dogs has on both.

The response has been overwhelming with requests to share our story from on-line, print, and broadcast media in Brazil, Great Britain, France, Russia, Germany, and many other countries, not to mention from throughout the USA.

And, best of all, we've had hundreds of requests from shelters all over the world asking us about our innovative program. We are very happy to be spreading the message of respect for all living creatures to children (and adults!) far and wide.



One of HSMO's Kind Kids being interviewed by the NBC Nightly News crew

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Bark in the Park has been Raising Dollars for Dogs for 23 years! The Humane Society of Missouri's largest fundraising event, Bark in the Park is a 5K Run, One-Mile Walk and Pet Festival benefitting the HSMO Animal Cruelty Fund. Register as an individual, form or join a "Pack" and raise dollars by asking friends, family and co-workers to sponsor you and help you achieve your fundraising goal. Then on May 21 gather your Pack and come to Cricket Field in Forest Park to run, walk or just enjoy the festivities at the Midwest's largest pet festival, with more than 5,000 people and their dogs attending each year.

Dollars raised through Bark in the Park provide second chances to animals who have suffered severe abuse and/or neglect. Sometimes living in deplorable conditions with no access to food, water or shelter, these animals are rescued by the Animal Cruelty Task Force and brought back to the Humane Society for treatment, rehabilitation, socialization and finally adoption into "fur"ever homes.



Join Fox 2's Lisa Hart and her dog, Gunner, as they lead the Walk and emcee the event!

Saturday, May 21 8 am to 1 pm

5K Run at 9 a.m. • One-Mile Walk at 10 a.m.
Cricket Field, Forest Park

Register online at www.hsmo.org/bark

Early Registration: \$35 thru April 30

May 1-May 21: \$40

Kids 12 and under are free

Registration fee includes participation in the 5K Run and/or One-Mile Walk, official Bark in the Park t-shirt, swag bag and all festival activities.



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- Day 4** – Ask 5 co-workers to sponsor you for \$20 each
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And other animals at the Humane Society of Missouri

- \$30** Microchips 6 newly adopted animals
- \$50** Helps test 5 homeless cats for Feline Leukemia
- \$100** Provides medical exam of an injured or abused animal
- \$250** Funds 5 routine cruelty investigations or inspections
- \$500** Rescues abused, neglected animals from deplorable conditions
- \$1,000** Provides heartworm tests for 150 animals
- \$2,500** Educates children and adults about humane treatment of animals
- \$3,500** Pays for response efforts rescuing animals from natural disasters



Winston was rescued with 77 other animals from a hoarding situation. His fur was extremely matted and his skin infected with parasites. Today, he is healthy and strong and living in his "fur"ever home!

Thank You to Our Sponsors!



Affordable Monthly Vet Care Plans

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For what you might spend on a dinner out each month, you can now give your dog or cat the highest quality veterinary care at the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America. Their Preventative Care Plans are broken up into affordable monthly payments so your pet can stay healthy and happy all year long.

Prevention is key to catching major and minor health issues before they progress into more serious (and expensive) conditions. No matter what life stage your pet is in, the Animal Medical Center offers a plan that's right for them. There's even a specially discounted plan for Humane Society of Missouri adopters!

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- Multiple locations and convenient hours for easy scheduling

The Animal Medical Center of Mid-America operates three nationally-accredited veterinary clinics in the St. Louis area. Proceeds from these clinics benefit homeless animals at the Humane Society of Missouri. To view Preventative Care Plan pricing, or to request an appointment, visit amcma.org or call 314-951-1534.



Outstanding Volunteer is also Outstanding in her Profession

Amy Ribick, seven-year volunteer for the Humane Society of Missouri, was singled out for praise by the St. Louis Business Journal as a "40 Under 40" honoree.

The newspaper's annual list cited Ribick's work in its "Banking and Financial Services" category. She serves as advisory services principal at Brown, Smith, Wallace LLP public accounting firm, headquartered in St. Louis.

Since 2008, Ribick has logged 955 hours as a volunteer, primarily a Pet Pal dog walker. "Caring and reliable volunteers like Amy are the backbone of our organization," praised Emily Fishman, volunteer manager. "We wish we had dozens more just like her."

Tributes & Memorials

The following individuals and companies have contributed \$50 or more to the Humane Society of Missouri as a memorial or in honor of someone special. Donations were received between Sept. 1, 2015 through Feb. 15, 2016

In Memory of Pets

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