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Directory

Websites

www.hsmo.org
www.longmeadowrescueranch.org
www.amcma.org
www.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
Westport Area 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
St. Louis City Center, Westport Area Center,
Kuehner Center
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

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
Westport Area Center – 2400 Drilling
Service Dr., Maryland Heights, MO 63043
Kuehner Center – 17357 Edison Ave.,
Chesterfield, MO 63005
Longmeadow Rescue Ranch – 480 Josephs
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Mission

Since 1870, the Humane Society of Missouri
has been dedicated to second chances.
We provide a safe and caring haven to all
animals in need—large and small—that have
been abused, neglected or abandoned.
Our mission is to end the cycle of abuse and
pet overpopulation through our rescue and
investigation efforts, spay/neuter programs
and educational classes. We are committed to
creating lasting relationships between people
and animals through our adoption programs
and our shelter pet training program.
We further support that bond by making
available world-class veterinary care.



Kelly Backes, Jake Long, David Backes, Trevor Rosenthal and HSMO President Kathy Warnick had a laugh handling squirmy pets during taping for the Spay it Forward Campaign.

Spay It Forward Campaign Launched with Athletes for Animals

Recently, we had a lot of fun with some wonderful professional athletes and a few of our mostly-cooperative shelter dogs and cats to videotape messages about the serious topics of pet overpopulation and funding for our spay/neuter efforts.

Teaming up with Athletes for Animals, your Humane Society of Missouri has launched the **Spay It Forward Campaign** to raise \$250,000 to fund an additional 2,500 spay/neuter surgeries in 2015. St. Louis Blues Captain David Backes and his wife Kelly, founders of Athletes for Animals (A4A); A4A Ambassador Jake Long, offensive tackle for the St. Louis Rams; and A4A Ambassador Trevor Rosenthal, relief pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, are providing a major voice touting the importance of funding spay/neuter surgeries to curb pet overpopulation and end the needless suffering of homeless animals.

Spay It Forward is being supported through a year-long campaign using advertising, social media, direct mail and other printed materials and personal appearances to get the word out.

As you may know, St. Louis is facing a stray animal crisis. In 2010 the St. Louis City Animal Shelter stopped accepting stray and owner surrendered pets. With nowhere else to go, **an additional 20,000 unwanted pets** have come to the Humane Society of Missouri. The costs of caring for these homeless animals are staggering – **more than \$5 million**.

A vigorous, affordable spay/neuter program is the solution. As the largest provider of spay/neuter services in Missouri, the Humane Society of Missouri can stop pet overpopulation in its tracks. With the help of Athletes for Animals, our Spay It Forward Campaign will bring in needed funding for this vital community service. To help visit www.hsmo.org/spayitforward.

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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Together Making a Big Difference for Homeless Animals

Congratulations to our 200 strong Women's Leadership Council members for spectacularly surpassing their \$75,000 goal to raise \$89,000 in 2014 for two "Get Acquainted" rooms in HSMO's new Best Buddy Pet Center! Get Acquainted rooms serve a very important purpose in animal adoption, allowing families to meet with potential new pets in a quiet and comfortable environment. Shelter animals are twice as likely to be adopted if they are able to interact with families, rather than be viewed from behind caging.

2015 WLC membership support will help purchase large animal kennels in HSMO's new Animal Rescue and Rehab Center.

To learn more about the WLC please visit hsmo.org/wlc, email sprewitt@hsmo.org or call (314) 951-1508.



From left to right: (back) Stacey Hutchens, Casey Kleekamp, Suzie Easton, Anita Campbell, Harika Fava, Stephanie Prewitt, Dorothy Diehl, Angie Fletcher, Susan Ittner, Ann Wells, Celeste Sprung, Julie Keil, Helen Antoine, Sandy Schlicht, Jan Torrisi-Mokwa – WLC Chair, Cathy Berges, Kathy Warnick – HSMO President

Steering Committee Members not pictured: Sheryl Andrews, Kathie Day, Pat Erb, Marilyn Gaffney, Judy Gruender, Kathy Leonard, Lisa Richter



Newly named U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Ireland Kevin O'Malley (right), with HSMO Pet Pal Dena O'Malley and "the boys" Liam and Kieran.

Labradors Named Ambassadors to Ireland (sort of)

By Dena O'Malley, Volunteer Pet Pal

Our Labrador mixes were a year old when they were surrendered to the Humane Society of Missouri in 2009. They were put up for adoption on a day I was volunteering as a Pet Pal (dog walker) and I fell in love with these two handsome boys. My husband and I adopted them three days later. We named them Kieran and Liam. The Irish find it amusing that we use "people names" for our dogs, but we assure them that this was done years before Kevin was named as their new U.S. Ambassador.

The boys love their life at Deerfield Residence in Dublin. There is a large enclosed garden toward the back of the house, about the width of a football field and three-fourths as long, where they race around at full speed.

I've been in contact with three people from different animal welfare groups here. They are all interested in my participation as the ambassador's wife in helping their efforts to improve the lives of animals in Dublin and all of Ireland. I'm anxious to get started in assisting in whatever way I can.

To learn more about being a volunteer dog walker, or helping animals in other ways, go to hsmo.org/volunteer.



Our animal friends want the keys to your old car!

Whether it runs or not, your donated vehicle takes homeless animals to their destination: a second chance for a forever home. The Humane Society will arrange to pick up the car and send you a letter you can use to claim your tax deduction. **Learn more: 314-951-1542 or e-mail development.office@hsmo.org.**

Animals Trot Home from the Ranch



Fancy



Olga

Beautiful Fancy and sweet Olga who went 'forever home' in November 2014.



Tweety

We're pretty sure Tweety's Christmas wishes came true. This sweetheart gained more than 300 pounds during her extensive rehabilitation. On December 23, she got a forever home and little girls to adore her! That's every pony's dream, right?

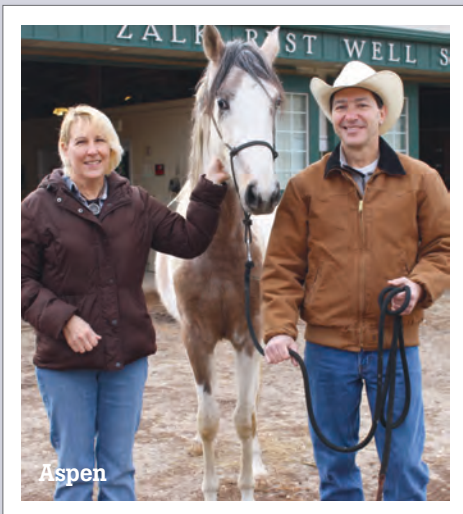


Olaf

Olaf and Sven came to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in May of 2014 from a property where dozens of animals were being neglected so badly their ribs were showing. Now healthy, these handsome guys found their forever homes in January.



Sven



Aspen

Aspen went home on December 31, 2014 to enjoy many "new years" of loving care.

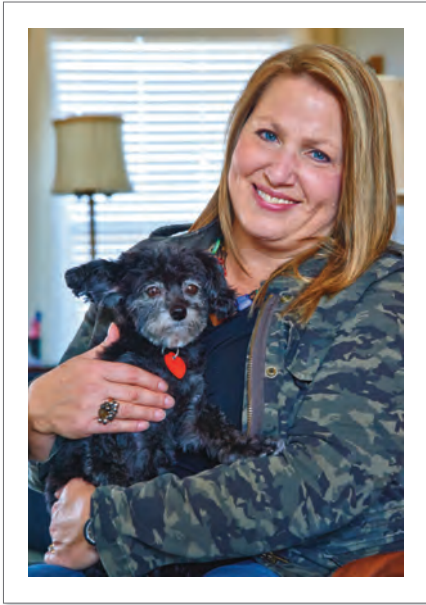


Roo

Roo was born at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch and went home in time to ring in the New Year.

Many thanks to our Facebook friends, donors, volunteers and adopters for your support. We're looking forward to many more positive outcomes for rescued animals in 2015. We can't do it without you! www.longmeadowrescueranch.org

Raven Gets Second Chance to Fly



Raven was brought to the adoption center because her owner was ill and could no longer care for her.

The eight-year-old Yorkie/Poodle mix had an old injury to her leg that her owner failed to treat. Because of that neglect, amputation of the injured leg was

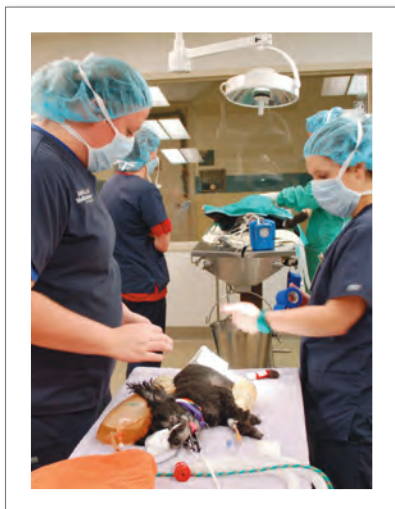
the only option to give her the second chance she deserved.

Just before Christmas, Raven had the surgery paid for by the HSMO Cinderella Fund. After ten days of careful monitoring and recuperation at our Westport Area Center, Raven was ready for her forever home with Robin Grebing.

"We knew this special little girl needed an extra special home to help continue her rehab and closely monitor her veterinary care as she aged," said Pam Whitcraft, adoption center manager. The Humane Society took to the airwaves to spread the word about Raven. On January 5, the adorable girl got her shot at fame as the featured adoptable pet on the KSDK-TV morning news broadcast.

Inquiries about Raven and applications to adopt her began pouring in. Staff reviewed all applications and found a perfect fit for her. Thanks to the dedicated veterinarians, shelter staff, volunteers and donors at HSMO, this little Raven has a second chance to fly.

The Humane Society is grateful for KSDK-TV and our many media partners for featuring adoptable animals.



The Cinderella Fund pays for extra medical procedures such as removing noncancerous tumors, treating temporary infections and setting broken bones. To donate, call 314-951-1542 or visit www.hsmo.org/Cinderella.



Kitten Is Adored Across the Ages

First-time adopters represent three generations.

Although Bettie Kyles had taken in strays and done some cat sitting, her trip to an animal shelter to adopt her own pet was a first.

Kyles, her granddaughter Jazlynn and great-granddaughter Jewel thought they were "just looking" when they visited in January. The three women, who reside together, had just finished a cat-sitting gig. "The cat stayed with us an entire month and when we had to give her back, we were very sad," said Kyles. "That's when we decided we needed our own."

The family visited a little kitten in the HSMO Get Acquainted Room at the Macklind headquarters. "We instantly knew Mattie was ours and we just had to take her home," said Kyles.

The youngster is living up to her promise of being an ideal companion. "Her manners are great and she amuses us for hours with her playfulness." While they have bought her several toys, the kitten snubs them in favor of plastic rings from milk cartons.

The family's first time at an adoption center was a success on every level, according to Kyles. "We had a wonderful experience. We talked about it for several days afterward."



55 Jack Russell Terriers Rescued from Freezing Cold and Lack of Food



The former owner of 55 dogs called them her babies, but this dog's jutting bones and overgrown nails show serious neglect.

Starving and diseased Terriers eagerly await their rescue. Deplorable conditions and no veterinary care made life very difficult for these dogs.



Willow being rescued by Brian Thomas, investigator, HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force. The mother of four pups was in a makeshift pen with no food or water.

When Willow was carried out of her makeshift pen, she tucked her nose into the coat of Brian Thomas, Humane Society Animal Cruelty Task Force investigator. "It's as if she knew she was safe and would be taken care of," he said. He added that in only one day Willow was sweetly

seeking affection from the Humane Society staff.

Willow was one of three dogs nursing puppies, and one of 55 animals rescued on January 21. Although the majority were Jack Russell Terriers, the owner claimed she was not a breeder. The lack of older puppies or younger dogs seemed to belie her claim.

Developing a Rescue

The story of the Terrier rescue is also the story of the sometimes lengthy process the HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) must go through to ensure animals are properly cared for and owners comply with the law. If not, ACT rescues the animals and, working with law enforcement, brings owners to account when they can't or won't give animals proper care.

Unless animals' lives are in imminent jeopardy, they cannot be removed from a property without the owner's permission or a warrant. As a first step, ACT investigators often leave recommendations with owners to help them understand standards for appropriate care.

June – The eventual rescue began after a concerned citizen called the Washington County Sheriff's Office to report a dead dog being eaten by two other dogs on the property. The sheriff's office contacted the Humane Society. When ACT Investigator Brian Thomas visited the property to investigate, he was not allowed in. Talking through a door, he did make animal care recommendations.

August & December – Despite repeated visits from ACT and promises by the owners to improve conditions, nothing changed. Though the Humane Society offered to take some of the dogs so the owner could properly care for the remainder, the offer was refused.

January – With information supplied by HSMO, the Washington County Sheriff's Office obtained a warrant to inspect the property on January 13. The HSMO Animal Cruelty Task Force and an independent veterinarian accompanied law enforcement to the site.

"The veterinarian had never been on a rescue," said Thomas. "He was worried about determining if the animals were at risk so he asked a lot of questions beforehand. But after taking a few steps inside the trailer, he immediately knew." Rescuers know to expect the overwhelming odors of urine and feces, as well as the pitiable sights of neglected animals.

"I wish we could bottle the smell and uncork it during our hearings," commented Thomas. "That alone would support the charges of animal abuse."

Many of the dogs were inside a filthy trailer while others, including the four nursing mothers and puppies, were outside exposed to freezing temperatures. The dogs had no food and no access to clean, unfrozen water. The owner picked up an empty bag of dog food and stated she would provide more in three weeks when a check came in. Some slices of bread were scattered on the feces-encrusted floor.

Trailer floors were covered in feces and urine. Many of the dogs were emaciated and suffered from mange, extreme hair loss, internal and external parasites, and eye and ear infections. The owners stated that they did not provide care because they did not know a veterinarian.



A grateful dog already offering affection to Mike Perkins, ACT director. Most rescued dogs are amazingly quick to give humans a second chance.

Safe and Secure

The rescued dogs and puppies were brought to HSMO headquarters. Necessary treatments were begun and, as Willow seemed to believe when Thomas rescued her, she and the other dogs now had a warm, safe place for recuperation.

Because the animals were taken under a warrant, a disposition hearing was held to determine if their removal was justified and to determine permanent custody. Humane Society actions and evidence of the animals' conditions when they were rescued, along with veterinary reports on every animal, were submitted to the court.

At the February 7 hearing, the dogs were permanently awarded to the Humane Society of Missouri.

"Our hearts are broken anew each time we witness this suffering," commented Kathy Warnick, HSMO president. "But we are so grateful to have the resources to rescue these deserving dogs and give them second chances for wonderful lives."

Thomas added that rescued animals can make good pets. "Some are hesitant at first, but most seem to instinctively know that people deserve second chances, too. They are ready to give us their unconditional love."

No MO Puppy Mill Cruelty



The fight isn't over.

We need people and groups to publicly speak up about holding on to these standards. There are many animals still out there counting on us to do the right thing.



Despite unrelenting attempts to undo the progress HSMO and others remain vigilant to protect pets

In 2007, Missouri led the nation in large-scale, often inhumane dog breeding operations.

Approximately 1,800 were licensed by the state; many others (possibly as many as 1,200) were unlicensed. Over the years, thousands of dogs were rescued from tiny, wire-floored pens with no food, no access to clean water, open sores and broken bones.

To end the suffering of animals barely surviving in such heinous conditions, thousands of Missourians worked with passion and diligence to pass the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act in 2011.

Since then, the number of licensed breeders in Missouri has dropped to 824 (Source: Missouri Department of Agriculture). While some were shut down by state inspectors and the Attorney General's office, others chose to go out of business rather than make improvements.

Interestingly, other breeders entered the market for the first time.

"Of the 824 licensed facilities, approximately 200 are newly established, operating from Day One within the improved legal and humane standards," pointed out Debbie Hill, vice president of Operations for the Humane Society of Missouri. "New facilities are a significant indicator that it is possible to make a profit while providing humane care."

Hill stressed that the issue is humane standards for animals, not the closing of commercial breeding facilities. "Our mission is to care about animals in all situations of neglect, abuse or abandonment, not only in the breeding industry," she said.

When Proposition B passed, a vicious backlash sprang up immediately. Within weeks, Missouri legislators repealed the law. Advocates rallied to defend animals. Pressure from HSMO, the Missouri Alliance for Animal Legislation (MAAL) and the Governor's Office resulted in a compromise, titled the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act (CCPA), that improved standards of care for the animals and strengthened the Attorney General's Office's ability to prosecute.

Truly a Team Win

The Humane Society of Missouri is deeply appreciative of supporters and donors who helped pass Proposition B.

"For many, the campaign was an eye-opener," commented Kathy Warnick, president of the Humane Society of Missouri. "They became aware of the substandard breeding situation in Missouri and did not believe the opposition's claims. People were appalled and ashamed about what was going on in the state. Without them, the improvements could never have happened."

However, attempts to erode the CCPA are never-ending. Hill added that the current state administration is supportive, but that could change after the 2016 elections. "It could all be wiped out tomorrow," worried Hill. "We can never rest. We will continue to work with MAAL and other animal welfare advocates to protect all companion animals."

Want a purebred puppy?



Rescue Day



Adoption Day

- Adopt a shelter dog. Purebred puppies are quickly adopted, but you can register your breed preference at hsmo.org/adopt/young-dogs.html. Scroll down to the link for "register your breed interest" to be contacted when one is available.
- If you buy a puppy from a breeder, buy from one who takes good care of their dogs. Visit the breeder's location. Ask to see the adults and where they live. Ask about temperament, health issues and vaccination records. If the breeder is hesitant on any point, that's a sign to be concerned. A good breeder also will interview you about your future care of the puppy. Most breeders will give you a written health guarantee and breed and veterinary records.



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AHHHHH...school's out!
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Give us a week and we'll introduce them to some life-changing principles! Filled with character values and even some STEM initiatives, our summer programs are a unique experience! (Yikes...don't mention science and math to your kids, but we weave them in gently through an introduction to the world of veterinary medicine and the science of our animal friends.)



Kids for Critters Camp is a week-long fun camp introducing your child to 'all things animal' in a fun, interactive setting. They'll meet some extraordinary animals like police dogs and service dogs, and investigate careers with animals including veterinary medicine and rescue work. On Wednesday, we'll hop aboard a bus that takes us to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in Union, Missouri to visit the rescued horses and ranch animals in our care. Animal-related games, crafts and hands-on activities make this a camp to remember!

Kids for Critters Camp runs Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Cost of camp is \$300 per camper for one week.

Select the camp that's right for you!

Dates: June 29 - July 3 ages 6-8
July 13-17 ages 9-11
July 27-31 ages 9-11

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$300 per camper for one week

Location: HSMO Headquarters
1201 Macklind Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110

After Care Option: Animal-Related (G-Rated) M-O-O-O-VIE Matinees are offered every day after camp between 3-5 p.m. The cost is \$30 per day to stay past 3 p.m. We must have advanced notice one week prior to camp if you plan to stay past the 3 p.m. pick up on any day of camp. A snack and drink are included.



Can't join us for a full week? No problem. We have just the fun-size class for you!

Animal Adventures are three-hour creature encounters that are interactive, engaging and fun for everyone! Each class features at least one guest speaker and includes a make-and-take craft to take home. With extra time on their hands, this is a wonderful opportunity for children to gain some insight into our animal friends and learn how they can help make the world a better place for pets...and people!

Check out the complete menu of programs on our website and register online at www.hsmo.org



Bark in the Park has been Raising Dollars for Dogs for 22 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 16 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.



Saturday, May 16 8am to 1pm

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

Register online at www.hsmo.org/bark

Early Registration: \$30 thru April 30

May 1-May 16: \$35

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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- \$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

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Estate Plan Reflects Couple's Concern for Mistreated Animals

By Shannon Reynolds Torbett
Director of Planned & Major Gifts

Long-time donors Joyce and Michael Edwards have shared a love of helping and supporting animals during their nearly 45 years together.

For much of their marriage they have had a minimum of one dog and one cat. Currently their sole animal is 18-year-old Kitty. She came to the Edwards as one of a bunch of kittens that was dropped under a bridge near their home.

Joyce and Mike began giving to HSMO more than 25 years ago. Joyce vividly remembers receiving a mailing from HSMO raising awareness about "batchers." In the late 1980s dogs began missing from St. Louis area backyards at an alarming rate.

Disingenuous individuals were stealing dogs from backyards and getting enough dogs together to create a "batch" of dogs that they would sell to scientific research labs. Joyce remembers a lot of upsetting news about this and when she received the mail piece

from HSMO, she made her first donation. She liked that HSMO was dealing with this serious and troubling issue. The Edwardses have been giving to HSMO ever since.

Long-time animal lovers and supporters of animal welfare, they checked out the Humane Society and liked that it wasn't a "redistribution charity." Joyce commented, "We felt the money we donated to the organization would actually go to help the animals and there was a direct line between our money and something actual. We also really liked knowing the money was staying locally."

Joyce and Mike only give to a few charities; they sit down each December and decide what to give to. Giving is an intensely personal matter and the Edwardses give to HSMO because it's the right organization for them. "The more you know, the more you feel comfortable," Mike said. "We walk down the aisle, see the dogs and know that it's local, direct, that the organization is clean and well-run."

"HSMO seems to have a good set of controls and uses the money wisely." Joyce added, "It's a priority for me to give to animals."

Joyce and Mike are very interested in the work of the Animal Cruelty Task Force. It goes back to the reprehensible "batchers" as well as people dumping animals. "It's such important work to rescue animals from negligent homes, hoarders and terrible situations."

Mike addressed his motivation for their personal philanthropy. "Both of our parents were poor. My dad had an eighth grade education. I had goals when I got out of high school; I wanted to work in a lab and be a scientist."

"We've had a very good life. When you are given that much, it's not for the individual to use selfishly," commented Joyce. "One of our causes is animal welfare. The animals can't speak for themselves."

A few years ago, the Edwardses let HSMO know that they intended to provide for the organization in their will.

Joyce said that they wanted to make sure their legacy would be donating enough to take care of many, many animals. "We would like to know that a large number of animals will benefit from our donation."

Mike added, "We couldn't think of a better use of our money and lifetime of work than giving to HSMO. It's just natural for us to give and help as many animals as possible."

To discuss your estate planning needs, including how to donate, please contact Shannon Reynolds Torbett at (314) 951-1584 or storbett@hsmo.org.



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Nearly \$14 million of the \$16 million dollar goal has been raised for the new Best Buddy Pet Center and Animal Medical Center of Mid-America to be located at Page and Schuetz Roads in Maryland Heights. HSMO President Kathy Warnick remarked, “There is no doubt the services we will be able to provide at the new facility will be transformational for the animal welfare community in the entire Bi-State area.”

The new Center will replace the overcrowded 1970s-era building in Maryland Heights which was designed to shelter far fewer animals, has only a small veterinary clinic and is located on a low visibility property with no room to expand.

Co-Chairs Pam Nicholson, CEO and President of Enterprise Holdings, and Frank Steeves, Executive Vice President General Counsel and Secretary of Emerson, the Board of Directors and the Steering Committee have successfully secured significant gifts from foundations, corporations and individuals. Donors include Enterprise Holdings and the Crawford Taylor Foundation, Emerson, the Dana Brown Charitable Trust, Centene, the Laclede

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The building will include a people-friendly Adoption Center, state-of-the art animal rescue and rehabilitation programs and facilities, a world-class Animal Medical Center of Mid-America, and areas for Humane Education and Character Building programs for adults and children as well as meeting areas for staff and the community.

We would like to offer the opportunity to our valued supporters to participate in the Campaign by making a contribution to this project. There are still many Naming Opportunities available between \$500 and \$2 million. Please consider making a generous gift from your personal funds, corporation or foundation.

For more information about how you can help support the New Horizons Campaign for the Best Buddy Pet Center and Animal Medical Center of Mid-America, please contact Judy Miniace, Campaign Director, at (314) 951-1515 or jminiace@hsmo.org.

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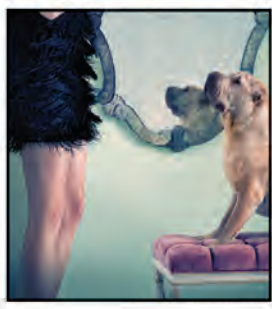
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