

# Tails

PROVIDING SECOND CHANCES TO ANIMALS SINCE 1870



## ***Our Largest Rescue of the Year:*** Your Support Saved the Lives of 63 Puppies and Dogs Found in a Desperate Situation

When it comes to large-scale rescues, it takes planning and preparation. It also takes resources to bring dozens of dogs to safety, to address their immediate medical needs and to provide comfort and care throughout the healing process. In early June your support made it possible to rescue 63 Yorkshire Terriers, yorkie mixes and other small breeds from a hoarding situation in Franklin County. This is the largest rescue we have had this year.

The animals ranged in age from newborn puppies to senior dogs. The dogs were all living in squalor and were frightened, filthy, and infested with parasites. The property was unsafe, showing serious signs of structural decay.

A concerned citizen raised the red flag, and our Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) responded immediately.

They were able to bring the dogs back to the Humane Society of Missouri's headquarters in St. Louis City the same day for triage. Many of the dogs had never been to a vet. Your support made it possible to give all of them state-of-the-art veterinary treatment, including medicines, dental care, healthy diets, life-saving procedures and spay/neuter surgeries.

The dogs continued to receive care and attention from shelter staff, until they were ready to become part of a family and forever home. Second chances for 63 pups! It is something we can all look at with pride!

Humane Society of Missouri

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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.

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**Animal Medical Center**  
OF MID-AMERICA



## Dear Friends,

Your support of the Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) is powerful.

Because of your ongoing support, each year our ACT travels nearly 300,000 miles to respond to more than 18,000 reports of abuse and neglect involving more than 22,000 animals.

Those are big numbers! What is equally gratifying is to know that your generosity makes it possible for us to care for each and every animal we rescue for however long it takes. Your support means that puppy mill puppies are removed from cruel circumstances and pampered until they are healthy enough to be adopted into a loving, forever home. Your support means we can hand-feed a filly that has been rejected by her mother, who herself was terribly abused. Your support means we are able to care for animals in need during natural disasters. And your support means we can put all these animals on the path to a well-deserved second chance.

In the nearly 50 years that the ACT has worked side by side with state, local and city law enforcement officials to investigate and help prosecute animal abusers, it has grown into one of the largest animal rescue/disaster response teams in the United States.

**I thank you and certainly, the animals thank you. Our field-tested, professional animal cruelty investigators and staff also thank you. What they see and what they endure would be unbearable if they didn't know that each of those heartbreaking situations would end in a happy tale.**

From all of us, please know how much we appreciate your interest and support of the work we do.

With gratitude,

Kathryn W. Warnick  
President



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# Benton County Rescue Update: It's A Girl! And Another Girl! Fillies are Flourishing at Longmeadow, **Thanks to Your Love and Support!**

When six starving mares were rescued and brought to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, it was not clear if they would recover from their neglect. They were severely underweight, extremely malnourished and host to a variety of internal and external parasites. And even more worrisome: two of the mares were pregnant. Would their foals survive?

From the start, because of our generous supporters, the team at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch was able to commit to their costly and lengthy care. The team knew they could take extreme measures to bring Hermès and Fendi to a healthy weight and support their pregnancies. The mares were put on a diet of special grain and alfalfa hay that provided the extra nutrition they needed. Staff members spent hours removing cockleburrs from their manes, tails, and coats, administering vaccines, deworming & lice treatments, hoof trims, and everything else needed to give Hermès and Fendi a fighting chance.

On April 30th, Hermès gave birth to her filly, affectionately named "Prada." Prada was standing less than an hour after she was born and nursing within two. Fendi went into labor on May 17th and gave birth to her filly, Chanel, that evening. Despite giving birth to a healthy baby, Fendi displayed symptoms of an uncommon phenomenon called 'Foal Rejection' and wanted nothing to do with the baby, refusing to nurse or bond with the newly birthed Chanel.

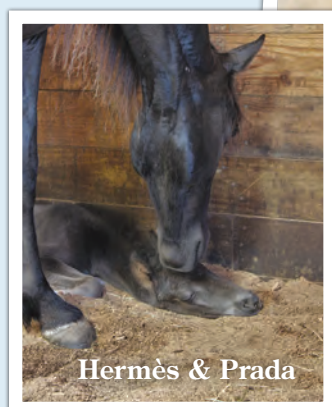


Chanel

It was essential that Chanel be separated from her mother, for the health and safety of them both. Longmeadow staff were able to begin milking Fendi shortly after the birth, ensuring Chanel was given the colostrum, or first milk, essential for the health of newborns. Young Chanel is happy and healthy, but has essentially become an orphaned foal, completely dependent upon the round-the-clock care of the Longmeadow staff instead of her mother.

Despite the challenges presented to our Longmeadow staff, we are fully committed to supporting these fillies until they are ready for adoption. Your continued support means we will care for these horses, no matter how long it takes.

**This kind of love and care is only possible because of you. Thank you for being there for Prada, Chanel and all the other animals at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch.**



Hermès & Prada



Chanel





## Fredrick's New Leash on Life

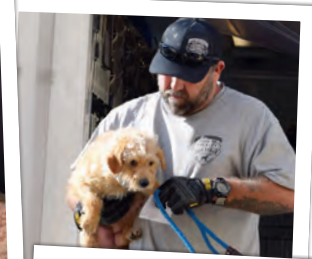
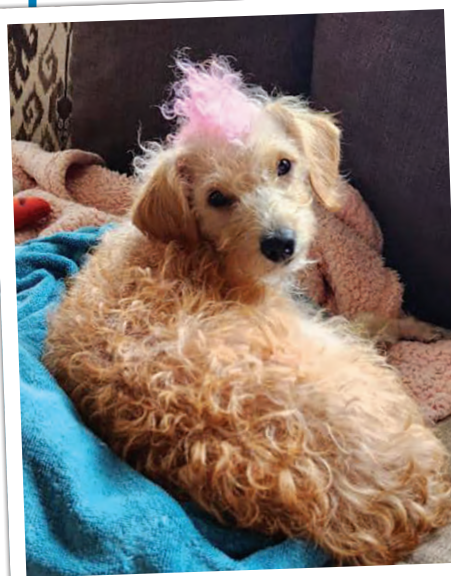
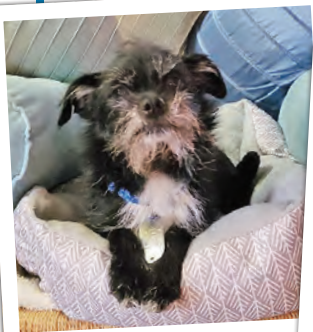


Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? Fredrick came to us as a stray, limping and suffering from severe periodontal disease. This 9-year-old dog barely weighed 10 pounds and didn't belong on the street.

At HSMO, Fredrick finally experienced the safety and care he deserved. He was neutered, received routine vaccinations, and was given a full dental workup. His future was looking bright! But soon after arrival he developed a hernia and lingering respiratory infection. It would take several weeks of uncertainty and care before he recovered. Luckily, he caught the eye of staff and was taken on as an in-office foster. Little did Fredrick know; this was the first step in finding a perfect home.

Fredrick's friends at HSMO were determined to see him thrive. They began laying the groundwork by sending his photos to a potential adopter. Finally, a meet-and-greet was arranged. It was love at first sight, and his new family took him home the same day! Now Fredrick has a new leash on life. His adopter has years of animal handling experience and prepares soft foods for him daily. Thanks to your support, this distinguished elder dog will never face hardship again.

**Thanks for supporting our shelter animals – throughout every stage of life!**



## Rock on, Noomi!

Our supporters are rock stars, giving second chances to the thousands of animals we serve. Animals like Noomi, who was rescued from a hoarding situation by our Animal Cruelty Task Force. She was found with **eight puppies**, cowering on the floorboard of a dilapidated vehicle. They had been living in unsanitary, inhumane conditions without fresh food or clean water. It was clear they had never been seen by a veterinarian and were understandably wary of humans.

Our team transported the family, **along with 33 other dogs**, to our headquarters for compassionate care. Noomi would need routine treatments like deworming and vaccinations, but grooming was vital for this poodle mix. Her hair was so matted that she lost pounds of weight after shaving.

Noomi cleaned up nicely and turned out to be quite the showstopper! She moved into a foster home with the puppies until they could be weaned. Her babies were finally placed for adoption while mom patiently waited for her turn.

Thanks to you, Noomi was able to take the time needed to recover and find a great home. After months of care, she was adopted by a loving, forever family. Now she lives the good life and has the best hairdo in town!

**Thank you for giving Noomi and her eight puppies a second chance!**



# Made Possible by YOU!

## Say *Cheese*, Mozzarella!

Mozzarella came to Longmeadow with a foal by her side. It was clear she didn't have much groundwork history and feared being handled. Luckily, our dedicated staff has the patience and experience to work with donkeys like her. She was slowly introduced to halters, lead ropes, and people in general. Before we knew it, Mozzarella and her baby Taleggio were friendly, playful and ready for adoption!

A sweet couple came to us looking for a donkey. When they heard the story of Mozzarella and her baby, they knew they had to have them both! Taleggio was ready to go, but Mozzarella would need a little more time learning to lift her feet for the farrier.

Because of supporters like you, we can provide specialized training and veterinary care to the animals who need it most. Mozzarella and baby Taleggio were finally reunited thanks to these services. We are thrilled the two of them will continue their stories together!

**Thank you for supporting Mozzarella and all the other farm animals at Longmeadow!**



## Odie's Dog Days are Over

Odie's story is proof that incredible things happen thanks to your support! He came to us as a stray in the cold of winter, covered with infected bite marks and catastrophic injuries to his front legs. Our veterinarians believe he had been attacked by multiple dogs. At only 7 months old, this sweet boy had an incredibly rough start to life.

Our team got to work caring for him, cleaning the wounds and treating the pain. But Odie faced a long road to recovery. Thankfully, because of your partnership, we offer an In-House Foster Program. This allows long-term residents to spend their days "working" in the office with HSMO staff where they receive lots of love and attention. Odie was a fan-favorite, rotating between nearly every department during his recovery! After several weeks with us, he was given a clean bill of health and quickly found a forever family.

**Thank you for supporting Odie every step of the way!**



## Mama's Family



Mama was adopted from HSMO in 2016. A loving family took her in and couldn't imagine their lives without her. But in 2021, Mama went missing. They made lost reports and looked for her everywhere to no avail. The loss was heartbreaking.

Two years later, Mama made her way back to us. Shelter staff scanned her for a microchip and were *thrilled* to learn this lost Tortie had people looking for her! Her family, relieved she was safe and sound, rushed to the shelter to be reunited.

Lost pets have the best chance of being returned when they are microchipped. Thanks to your support, HSMO microchips every adopted animal, so cats like Mama can find their way home.

**Your support made their family reunion possible!**







## We Heard *You!*

All of us at the Humane Society of Missouri are deeply grateful for your completion of our annual Loyal Friends Survey. By sharing your thoughts you've proven — once again — to be a dedicated friend to our community's most vulnerable animals.

### Your participation helps us determine:

- 🐾 Which programs you think are most needed for animals in the community.
- 🐾 What matters most to you as a supporter who cares about animals.
- 🐾 How to engage with more animal lovers like you. The more people we can reach ... the more animals we can rescue!

### Here's what we learned:

- 🐾 You ranked **shelter services** as our most important program.
- 🐾 **Love for animals and the desire to help them** is the main reason you support HSMO.
- 🐾 **Saving animals** is the most important reason you choose to donate.
- 🐾 Our supporters are very generous people! **Over 94% of you give to other charitable organizations**, with respondents rating food banks and family services the highest.
- 🐾 Most of our supporters have pets in the family! Dogs reside in nearly 45% of households, and over 30% of you live with a cat.

**Thank you for your loyal friendship — and for sharing your thoughts!**

## Lucky Dogs: *Your Support Gave Second Chances to Oscar and Bunny*

Oscar and Bunny are lucky pups. Their fates would have been sealed had it not been for a concerned citizen who heard them barking, if had not been for the quick response from our Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) and if had not been for supporters like you that make it possible for the Humane Society of Missouri to respond to calls for help near and far.

Two young dogs, an Aussie mix and a lab mix, had been tossed into a metal dumpster, left to die. It was already 77 degrees outside when a woman heard their desperate barking. The temperature inside the dumpster was rising fast. She acted quickly to flag down a passerby to borrow a phone and make an urgent request for help.

**Within minutes our ACT investigator arrived on the scene and moved the young dogs to an air-conditioned rescue vehicle. Aside from a much-needed bath, Oscar and Bunny escaped their ordeal without injury. It was clear from their wagging tails that these loveable pups are grateful to all who played a part in giving them a second chance.**







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to support the pets of  
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## Fall in Love with the Barn Buddies

Looking for a meaningful gift? Want to support the animals at Longmeadow? Sponsor a Barn Buddy! Every sponsorship comes with an adorable, plush animal replica. We ship to your home, or directly to the gift recipient.

Order soon to guarantee delivery by the holidays!

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## GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, 2023

Every donation goes towards rescuing, sheltering, and rehabilitating homeless and neglected animals. Early giving is now open!

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Thursday — October 26

5:30PM to 8PM

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