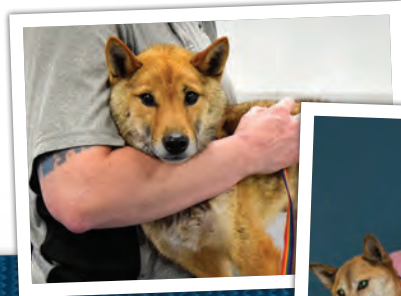
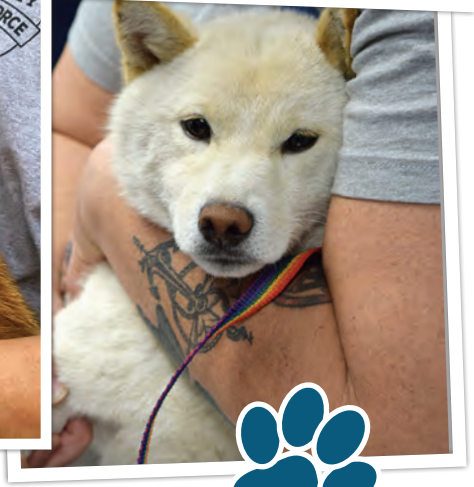


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PROVIDING SECOND CHANCES TO ANIMALS SINCE 1870



Resilience Amidst Tragedy: *Shiba Inus Find Hope, Healing and Homes with Your Reliable Support*

The unwavering support from our donors means the world to 43 Shiba Inu dogs who managed to survive harrowing living conditions. Though tragically, not all were as fortunate. In October, because of your care and concern, we acted quickly in response to one of the most flagrant cases of neglect and abuse that had already taken nine lives.

A concerned citizen reached out to the Douglas County Sheriff's Department to report dreadful neglect. In response, a detective promptly engaged the Humane Society of Missouri's Animal Cruelty Task Force (ACT) to rescue and assume temporary custody of the dogs, who ranged in age from one year to 14 years old. Upon receiving the request – which included photos of sick and extremely emaciated dogs – the ACT team acted immediately, joined on-site by a staff veterinarian from

the Missouri Department of Agriculture. The living Shiba Inus were starving and suffering from various injuries and health conditions. They received urgent veterinary care at HSMO's Macklind headquarters, as well as compassionate attention from our shelter staff and foster families.

Emergency rescues of this nature demand that we act quickly. The availability of reliable funds allows us to act with the urgency required. We extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to our mission of providing a fresh start to animals who undeniably deserve a second chance at a loving, forever home.

Your generosity made a profound difference. Take joy in knowing that they are now living their best lives!

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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.

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



Dear Friends,

It is our unwavering mission that one day we end the cycle of neglect and abuse endured by our beloved companion animals. Your support moves us ever closer to that vision.

You enable us to act with urgency when we see neglect and abuse. **Because you are there for us, animals are rescued from substandard puppy mills, neglected farms and hoarding situations.**

We know that spay/neuter programs have already dramatically reduced the number of unwanted and uncared-for litters of puppies and kittens, creating a safer and healthier community. Inflation has dramatically increased the prices of our surgical supplies, but thanks to your belief in our mission to end animal suffering, we continue to offer low-cost spay/neuter procedures to the community. **You are the key reason we have the largest low-cost spay/neuter program in the area.**

Moreover, we know that engaging our children in Humane Education is a path to a better future. The goal of our humane education programs is to end the cycle of animal abuse and neglect before it begins. In 2023, we more than doubled the number of children and adults we reached through humane and character education programs. **Your support helps secure that future.**

I am incredibly grateful for the impact we had in 2023 and I hope you feel immense pride in the role you played. **We could not accomplish this without your steadfast support.**

With Gratitude,

Kathryn W. Warnick
President



Paddington's Triumph: A Heartwarming Journey from Adversity to Adoption



We've all heard of Hollywood's famous Paddington Bear. Meet *our* Paddington: an adorable mini poodle mix brimming with charm. Because of you, he received life-saving medical care and got a second chance at a happy and healthy life!

FURRY FACTS: Fiscal Year 2023

We faced many challenges together last year. A staggering number of starving and neglected animals came through our doors. The rising costs of food, medicine and other supplies tested our resilience and ability to meet the special needs of so many animals.

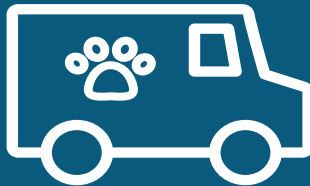
With a community of supporters behind us, we faced these trials, remaining steadfast in our commitment to providing second chances. In fiscal year 2023, HSMO...

Conducted **29,004** client visits and surgeries through our AMCMA veterinary clinics.



Placed **6,981** cats, dogs, critters and ranch animals in forever homes.

Traveled **303,349** miles to conduct **8,409** responses to reports of abuse and neglect involving **23,010** animals.

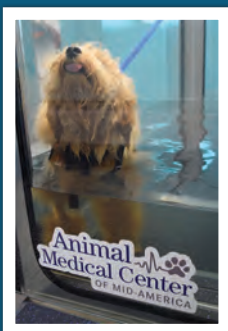


Performed **8,208** spay/neuter surgeries with **2,965** of those performed through our low-cost spay/neuter program, Operation SNIP.



Reached **20,166** children and adults through our humane and character education programs.

Today we can celebrate these accomplishments that YOU helped to make possible!



Paddington was part of a group of 33 puppies and dogs transported to HSMO at the request of the National Mill Dog Rescue and BISSELL Pet Foundation. He was suffering from a deformity and could not bear weight on one of his hind legs. His mobility was further challenged by a kneecap injury to the other rear leg. Our dedicated veterinarians at our Animal Medical Center of Mid-America recognized the need for amputation, but first focused on surgery to repair the other injured limb. State-of-the-art medical treatment, including water treadmill therapy at our Pain Management Center, ensured the best possible outcome.

Rehabilitation would take several weeks, so Paddington was placed with a loving foster family. After a successful recovery from his first surgery, Paddington underwent amputation of his other hind leg. He continued to heal in the comfort of his foster home until he was ready to get a second chance with his forever family.

Paddington had a long road to recovery. Thank you for supporting him every step of the way!





Pineapple's Pawsitively Perfect Pupdate!

Pineapple was rescued just in time. This sweet yellow lab mix was found chained and without access to food and water. It was feared that her owner had moved and left her behind.

Our team rushed this sick and starving pup to our shelter for treatment. Weighing only 48 pounds, she was a walking skeleton. She was also suffering from a respiratory infection and internal parasites, which made it difficult for her to gain weight. Our team worked tirelessly to provide her with compassionate care, and soon her sweet personality began to shine.

Pineapple was a "fan favorite" of our staff. Within a few weeks, she started gaining weight and confidence in the shelter. And with her gentle nature and resiliency, we knew it wouldn't take long for her to find her perfect home! Pineapple is now living with her furrever family here in the St. Louis area.

Thank you for giving Pineapple a second chance at a happy and healthy life!



Thistle Blooms in Her New Home!

Thistle was one of four starving horses rescued from the rural property of a neglectful owner. Thistle, the youngest of the four, was in the worst condition. She was severely emaciated, weighing only 727 pounds, with overgrown hooves and external parasites.

She was covered in lice and desperately needed dental care. She had never had her hooves trimmed and was terrified of our farrier. We knew it would take some time for her to come around and settle into Ranch life, so our staff began her rehabilitation and hoped for the best.

Her personality began to show as she healed and gained strength. This 7-year-old Thoroughbred was full of spunk and energy! She loved eating, running and playing with friends during turnout. She constantly peeked out from her stall, hoping for the attention of our visitors. Before we knew it, Thistle had turned into a gorgeous and playful horse. With her dappled coat and darling features, we knew she would be adopted quickly.

Our Lead Ranch Assistant, who was there throughout the entire rehabilitation, knew that Thistle was coming home with her from the moment she helped unload her from the ACT trailer. She saw potential in the grey mare (her dream horse since she was a little girl) and didn't have to think twice.

Thank you for supporting Thistle and all the other animals at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch!

Made Possible by YOU!

LA's New Leash on Life!

LA came to HSMO from an overcrowded shelter as part of our Second Chances Transport Program. He was suffering from heartworms and desperately needed treatment. The staff got to work immediately.



Since heartworm treatment is so lengthy, he was placed in a foster home. He flourished there and made many new friends along the way. One of these friends fell hard for this handsome boy and decided to adopt him ASAP. After weeks of recovery, he's now living his best life as an "only child" in a loving home.

Thanks to supporters like you, we can transfer animals from overwhelmed shelters across the country. Your care and concern means dogs like LA will get life-saving medical care and a second chance at happy lives!

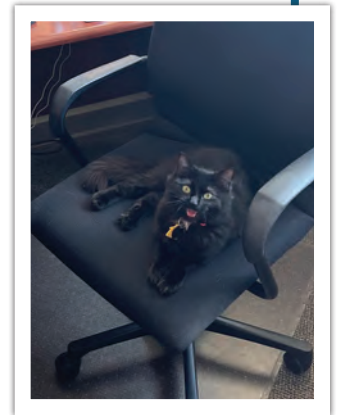
Your support made LA's recovery and adoption possible!



Emma's Purrfect New Life!



Emma came to HSMO as a stray, limping from multiple fractures in her front leg. Staff knew it would take months to heal, so she was placed in our In-House Foster Program. This allows long-term shelter residents to hang out with employees during the day. Her recovery would take nearly two months, but after lots of loving care, she was finally ready to be adopted. Now Emma is living her best life in a furrever home!



Thank you for being there for Emma every step of the way!

Jimmy's Dog Days are Over!



Your support of the animals in our care means we will give animals second chances at happy lives no matter how long it takes. And for Jimmy, it took a really long time.

Jimmy came to HSMO last June when he was found tied to a pole outside our shelter. He was incredibly frail, and we could see almost every bone in his body. Our shelter and veterinary team got to work right away to help this sweet boy gain weight.

While he was in the shelter waiting for his adoptive family, Jimmy got to participate in some paw-some activities! Jimmy met all of our volunteers and quickly became a favorite amongst them. He went on a Frozen Friday field trip, helped with our summer camp and even found a loving foster home where he could wait on a couch instead of in a kennel.

After 123 days in the shelter, his forever family came to meet him. It was love at first sight, and now Jimmy is home for good!

Because of you, Jimmy now has a new leash on life!





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Saturday,
April 20

Join us for family fun at **Spring Fling!** Spend time with rescued horses and farm animals, meet the Barn Buddies, and enjoy a wagon ride through the countryside!

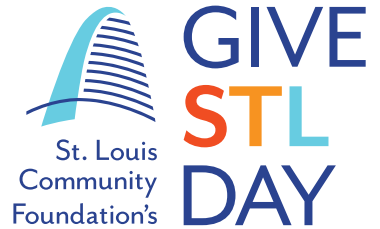
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Thursday,
May 9

Help give second chances to homeless, abused and neglected animals right here in St. Louis. Donations made on **Give STL Day** are matched, so your gift will have twice the impact!

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HSMO Headquarters - St. Louis City

Thursday, June 20

Sip cocktails and sample hors d'oeuvres at our annual raffle and auction. Purchase a chance to win designer items from Louis Vuitton, Gucci, Jimmy Choo and more! All proceeds benefit our Animal Cruelty Task Force.

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Purses and pumps
for *Pooches*
and pals

Saturday,
May 18

The Midwest's largest pet walk and festival returns! Join us for **Bark in the Park** in Tower Grove Park. Activities include shows by the Purina Pro Plan Performance team, guest appearances by the Barn Buddies and a 5K run!

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