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PROVIDING SECOND CHANCES TO ANIMALS SINCE 1870



Thanks to You, Thousands of Animals Were Rescued This Year

It has been another big year for the number of animals that came to our shelters, either as strays or rescues from our Animal Cruelty Taskforce. It started in January with the rescue of 97 Labrador Retrievers from an unlicensed breeder, and then we were called to an emergency rescue for dozens of dogs who were in danger of freezing and starvation. It took several months, but every one of these rescued pups found their forever homes.

As the year went on, we were called upon to rescue more animals who were being abused or neglected, or both, from all over the state and within our own metro area. Our rescues included dogs, cats, horses, birds, goats, pigs, lots of critters and even an emu!

Beyond the rescued are the strays that arrived and continue to come to our shelter's doors every day. Some are brought by good Samaritans, some are dropped off by first responders, and others are simply left in an overnight surrender kennel. Whatever the circumstances, our doors are open to them so they can find their way to their forever home.

None of the thousands of animals who are spending the holidays this year in a safe, loving home would have made it without you. Your generosity and love for these innocent animals fuels the work we do all year long. Thank you for helping give them the second chance they deserve.

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All locations 314-951-1534 or amcma.org
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Donations 314-951-1542

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 world-class veterinary care available.

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,

The numbers tell part of the story: by year's end, we will have rescued a record number of animals. As a generous supporter of the Humane Society of Missouri (HSMO), your compassion has empowered our Animal Cruelty Task Force to save innocent animals across the state — victims of abuse, neglect and abandonment.

But the journey from rescue to recovery to rehoming is the heart of the story. Despite rising costs, every animal receives the specialized care it needs. Our state-of-the-art veterinary facilities and dedicated medical team provide lifesaving treatment, giving each animal the best chance for a happy, healthy future. Meanwhile, our shelter and adoption staff offer ongoing care and compassion throughout their stay. Our animal behaviorists work tirelessly to rebuild trust in animals who have only known cruelty — some once confined to filthy cages, others who have never felt grass beneath their paws.

Your support also ensures that we remain an open-admission shelter, never turning an animal away. We can invest in every animal because of you. The work is often hard and heartbreaking, but the reward is seeing these animals find their forever homes and bring immeasurable joy to their new families. The hope lies in those happy endings, made possible by your unwavering support.

Thank you for standing with us — and for standing up for those without a voice.

Gratefully,

Kathy Warnick
President
Humane Society of Missouri



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Kids Thrive At HSMO Summer Camp Thanks To You

It was another paw-some year at Kids for Critters Summer Camp! Over the course of seven weeks, 268 campers spent time at HSMO's Macklind headquarters and Longmeadow Rescue Ranch, learning how to be kind to animals and having a great time while doing it.

Campers put compassion into action by working on service projects that benefit our shelter animals, including making animal enrichment toys and decorating kennels to showcase the adoptable animals. They also had the chance to go on scavenger hunts through the shelter, observe surgery at AMCMA, read to shelter dogs and socialize kittens.

On Wednesday each week, campers loaded into a school bus to spend the day at Longmeadow, where they had the opportunity to meet the Barn Buddies and learn about all the work that goes into rehabilitating rescued horses and farm animals.

Summer camp sells out quickly each year, and we are so grateful to donors like you for making it possible.

Don't miss when registration for our 2025 summer camp opens on Feb. 5!



Fueled by Your Support, Our Commitment to Animals Continues to Grow

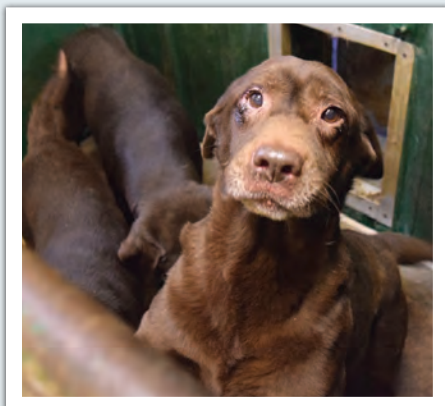


Shortly after the start of the new year, we will publish our annual Impact Report, which will highlight some of the work we've done over the past twelve months in terms of the number of animals we've served, the number of SNIP procedures we've performed, the number of children that have participated in our educational programs, and more.

The numbers that tell the story of our Mission more than any other are the animals rescued by our Animal Cruelty Taskforce and the stray animals brought to us for care and rehoming. Although the year isn't over yet, we are trending well ahead of where we were last year.

Of course, with the increase in the number of animals who need us, the cost of caring for them has also increased. That's why we couldn't do it without you. Our rescued animals routinely need weeks of medical care, behavioral care and more before they're available to go to their forever homes. For the animals at Longmeadow, it can be even longer. But as long as we have your support, we will never give up on animals who need us.

It is thrilling to see a pet who was rescued and in dire need of our help grow strong and healthy and confident and go into the arms of a loving family. Thanks to you, we will keep doing it for many years to come!





Gabriel's Happily Ever After Starts Now



In May, the HSMO's Animal Cruelty Task Force rescued 22 malnourished Coonhounds from an unlicensed breeder in Gasconade County. They were experiencing a range of conditions from wounds to respiratory issues. Thanks to donors like you, we were able to treat them and give them the loving care they deserve.

Though several of the dogs found their forever families, it took a little longer for pups like Gabriel. Gabriel had open wounds, ticks in his ears, and battled respiratory issues in his early days after arrival. He was initially hesitant to accept love and attention from humans but warmed up over time working with our behavior team. As the weeks went by, he gained confidence and was excited to greet his new friends.

When the time came to go to his forever home, Gabriel was all smiles and wags on his way out the door. We are so grateful to supporters like you for making Gabriel's story a happy one!

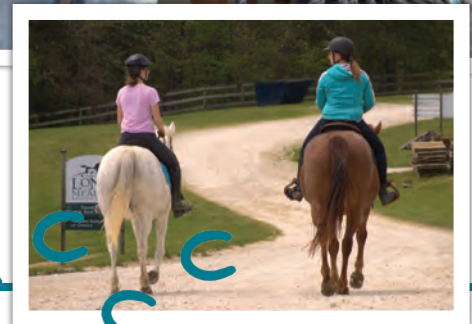
You Never Gave Up On Suri

Suri's story is one that spans nearly seven years. This beautiful quarter horse initially came to Longmeadow Rescue Ranch in 2017 and was adopted shortly after her arrival. Unfortunately, her adopter didn't have the time to care for her, so she returned to the ranch shortly after.

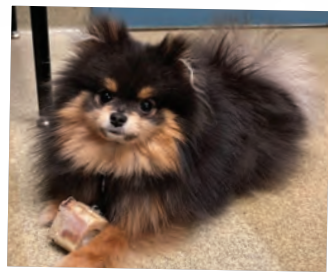
Longmeadow's trainer Courtney knew Suri was something special. She saw Suri's potential and knew she would need to find the perfect home with an owner who understood how Suri operated both under saddle and on the ground.

Enter Allison. Allison had been volunteering at Longmeadow for a while and had grown up riding horses. When her Thoroughbred lost his companion, she began looking for a horse to keep him company. She and Courtney arranged a few meet-and-greets with Longmeadow horses, and when Allison met Suri, it was clear it was a match made in heaven.

Suri went to her forever home in August and is fitting in perfectly with Allison's family. Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, we are able to give horses like Suri the second chance they deserve – no matter how long it takes!



You Gave Tumbleweed a Second Chance



In June, the Humane Society of Missouri transported 35 pups from the National Mill Dog Rescue to its headquarters on Macklind Avenue. The group of dogs included Pomeranians, Shih Tzus and other small breeds retired from breeding facilities across the Midwest. Among them was a 3-pound, 5-month-old Pomeranian named Tumbleweed, who was diagnosed with luxating patellas (rotating kneecaps) upon arrival. She had also retained her baby teeth. With support from generous donors like you, Tumbleweed and the other pups in her rescue group received the veterinary care and loving support they deserved. In time, Tumbleweed was ready to find her forever home. She found the perfect family, complete with cat and child friends to keep her entertained. Her mom loves to carry her around (as she only weighs a few pounds), and she gets to go on all kinds of adventures.

There's a whole new world out there for our friend Tumbleweed, thanks to you!



From Hoarder to Home, You Supported Winchester

In July, a cat named Winchester was rescued from a hoarding situation in Schuyler County. This once-beautiful Persian cat was malnourished, covered in mats and had fleas. He and the other cats in his rescue group were in rough shape from living in subpar conditions, and his road to recovery would take weeks. That's where donors like you come in!



Because of your help, we were able to give Winchester the extra support he needed before he found the perfect forever home. We are so fortunate to be able to give cats like Winchester the second chance they deserve.

Donations Like Yours Mean New Partnerships and More Rescues



Earlier this year, the Humane Society of Missouri formed a partnership with the National Mill Dog Rescue, a group that rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes retired commercial breeding dogs. Through this alliance, HSMO has helped hundreds of dogs from this group find their perfect forever homes this year!

It all began with the transport of 62 dogs in April. The rescued breeds included Pugs, Standard and Miniature Poodles, Great Danes, Border Collies, Shih Tzus and Chihuahuas. The community welcomed these pups with much enthusiasm and were eager to welcome these dogs into their homes.

In the months since then, HSMO has partnered with the National Mill Dog Rescue on several occasions to transport dozens of dogs to St. Louis, where they've received veterinary care and been evaluated for behavior before finding their forever homes.

"Because of important partnerships like this, our team can help give these dogs the care they need and the second chance they deserve for healthy and happy lives," said Kathy Warnick, HSMO president.



Ongoing Support for Hay Fund Needed Now



Once again, extreme weather across Missouri and in other parts of the Midwest has greatly impacted the quality and quantity of hay available for our Longmeadow Rescue Ranch animals. This results in significantly higher costs PLUS the need to use supplemental grain feedings. Over the last 18-24 months, our feed costs have more than doubled. In addition, we continue to take in extremely underweight, often starving horses at the ranch. The Hay Fund was created last year to stave off this crisis and ensure we are meeting the specialized nutritional needs of our ranch animals as they recover and wait for their forever homes.

This year, we have sadly seen a drop in the number of horses being adopted. This is likely due to several factors, including the very realistic cost of feeding a horse with the high, sustained price of hay and feed. But with the lack of adoptions, the number of horses at our ranch has remained unusually high all year.








Last year, many of our generous donors supported our Hay Fund, helping us address the impact of the cost of feeding the horses in our care. We are deeply grateful for those who helped keep these wonderful animals safe, sheltered and fed. But as is often the case, the need continues! **With your ongoing support of the Hay Fund, we will continue to be there for any horse who needs us.**

35 Degrees and Below? Protect Fido!



Freezing temperatures and winter weather have arrived! It's tempting to think your pet's fur will keep them warm while they're outside. But remember — if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet!

Here are a few tips to ensure that your pet is safe during the cold winter months:

-  **Bring Your Pet Inside.** Wind chill makes the air colder than the actual temperature reading. Limit your pet's time outdoors to prevent frostbite on ears, tail, and paws.
-  **Beware of Antifreeze.** Antifreeze collects on pavement. It can smell and taste good to pets but is highly poisonous and lethal. If you suspect your pet has ingested antifreeze, don't wait to contact your veterinarian!
-  **Dry off Wet Pets.** Dry your pet after it's been in the rain or snow and clean your pet's paws. Rock salt, sand, and chemicals used to melt ice can become embedded in paws, causing pain.
-  **Provide Adequate Shelter.** This means a doghouse that is insulated and draft-free. The opening should face south and have a sturdy, flexible covering to prevent icy wind from entering. Insulate doghouses with cedar chips instead of towels or blankets, which easily dampen and make the space colder.
-  **Watch for Hypothermia.** Warning signs include strong shivering, trembling, rapid or labored breathing, and lethargy. Ears, paws, and skin may be extremely cold to the touch. If you notice any of these symptoms, bring them inside right away! Dry pets off with a towel and warm them with a blanket. If they continue to show signs of stress, call your veterinarian or our Animal Medical Center of Mid-America *immediately* at 314-951-1534.





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to support the pets of
the Humane Society of Missouri.



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February 13, 2024 — *Mark Your Calendars*

HSMO's 3rd Annual Day of Giving returns! Donations from this vital fundraiser will give second chances to needy animals across Missouri. Hear incredible rescue stories and make your gift by visiting our website on the Day of Giving – February 13, 2024!

HSMO.org/DOG

Fa-la-la-la-Llama!

Looking for a meaningful gift? Want to support the animals at Longmeadow Rescue Ranch? Barn Buddy sponsorships have you covered!

Sponsorships start at \$60 and include a plush animal replica. We ship to your home, or directly to the gift recipient!

Orders must be received by December 14 for holiday delivery.

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Secret Santa for *Shelter Pets*

Not every animal has a home for the holidays. But YOU can make their days merry by providing an item from our wish list!



To play Santa, scan the QR code and have items shipped directly to the animals in our care.



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