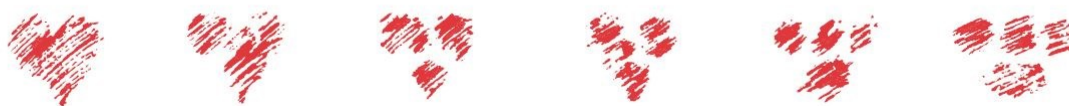


# Warm hearts

for cold noses

## humane society of pulaski county

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### THE COMFORT AND JOY ISSUE

FALL/WINTER 2020

Dear Humane Society Friend,

Looking back at 2020, a year of insurmountable misfortune, we saw the healers step up as they always do. They came in many forms: healthcare providers, essential workers, counselors and even pets.

**Maggie Snipes** and her mom Patty were active volunteers with HSPC's Puppy Love Program. For several years Maggie never passed up a warm lap or held back the offer of sweet kisses on the noses of residents in Pulaski County retirement facilities. The pandemic stopped the program in February and we recently lost our little hero Maggie, but her legacy will go on. Ginger Watts and Sweetpea Capel (pets of Betty Watts and Leah Capel), as well as many more, will continue bringing unconditional love therapy when the program resumes. And it will...

As social distance becomes even more necessary, so does the bond between people and their pets. Our animal companions expect little, but they bring us **comfort and joy** which are always the best gifts of the season.

Embrace the Season,  
*Debbie Howell*

On behalf of the Board of Directors



**Puppy Love Canine Volunteer:  
Maggie Snipes**

*"When I look into the eyes of an animal,  
I see a living being. I see a friend. I feel a  
soul."*

~ A.D. Williams

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## The Puppy Love Team Sends Virtual Halloween Greetings

It has been almost a year since the Puppy Love team has been able to visit the residents in **8 local retirement homes**. They missed their special friends, so they came up with a creative way to reach out to them and let them know they were still in their thoughts. Patty Snipes and Dee Sadler teamed up to create a Halloween Greeting video. Puppy Love volunteers sent in photos and videos of their pets and themselves in Halloween costumes and settings.

The recipients were grateful for the gesture and were able to view the presentation on iPads. DVD's were also sent to the facilities. The volunteers were also happy to be a part of the program again if only virtually. The team is already planning on a Christmas video as well. Their goal was not only to let them know they missed the residents, but that they were definitely planning to come back when they can!



**Ruby** (owned by Kellye Neal) and **Donna Warmack & Rocky** send Halloween Greetings to residents in retirement homes.



## Our Shelter Wish List

### Purina Chow Brand Food:

Dog Chow - Green Bag  
Puppy Chow - Blue Bag  
Cat Chow - Blue Bag  
Kitten Chow - Yellow Bag  
Kong & Interactive Toys  
Chew Toys (No Rope Toys)  
Stuffed Toys (No Beads)

Leashes - Clip or Slip  
Collars - Dog & Cat all sizes  
Hand Sanitizer  
White Copy Paper  
Zipper Bags all sizes  
Bath Towels & Blankets  
(new or used)  
Odo Ban from Sam's Club

Batteries all sizes  
Plastic Storage Containers  
Cat Grass Seed  
Milk-Bone Original Dog Treats (plain only),  
sizes mini, puppy, small and medium  
Tractor Supply Company Brand Equine Fresh  
Pine Pellet Stall Bedding (used in litter boxes)  
**Monetary donations are always welcome!**

**Amazon Wish List:** Please go to [warmhearts.org/wish-list](https://www.warmhearts.org/wish-list) and click on "Amazon Wish List"





## ♥♥ Spotlight on Warm Hearts ♥♥ Our Anonymous Angels

In this section of our newsletter, we focus on individuals or groups who have been very special to HSPC and our mission. For the past several months, a large number of **anonymous angels** have shown up at our doorstep outside our closed shelter. They bring gifts and messages of encouragement. Sometimes they knock and hand us a check or cash through the door, but most often they just leave their gifts on a table outside the front door with no expectations of a receipt or acknowledgment of thanks. We want them to know that we do notice and are extremely grateful for their kindness. **Thank you** for the pet food and supplies including medicine, towels, blankets, items for our vintage booth, PPE, numerous other items and especially your personal notes and letters. We are very touched by your thoughtfulness. ♥



## We Are Grateful For Grants!

Our sincerest thanks to the following foundations and organizations for their support of HSPC through generous grants. Thank you for your belief in our life-saving mission! ♥

**The S L Gimbel Foundation & The Community Foundation of Riverside, California:** Veterinary Emergency & Specialty Medical Treatment

**Arkansas Animal Rescue Foundation (AARF):** Vaccinations

**The Petco Foundation:** Spay/Neuter

**Subaru & American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA):** Adoption Fees

**Bissell Pet Foundation:** Adoption Fees



Arkansas Animal  
Rescue Foundation



BISSELL PET FOUNDATION™

## 29th Annual Reigning Cats & Dogs, The Pajama Party!



This was the year of monitoring and adjusting with our public health crisis. That did not stop our annual event from happening (virtually) or our sponsors, item donors and bidders from rallying! The event opened with Facebook Live and an adorable video of our animals on the red carpet created by our friends at CenterRock Advertising. A week long online auction followed. With the absence of a party complete with food, wine, a band and fellowship, our loyal supporters still came through for us. With their contributions, the event netted its normal funds without those expenses. Thanks to everyone who made this happen!

### 2020 Reigning Sponsors

Arkansas Veterinary Emergency  
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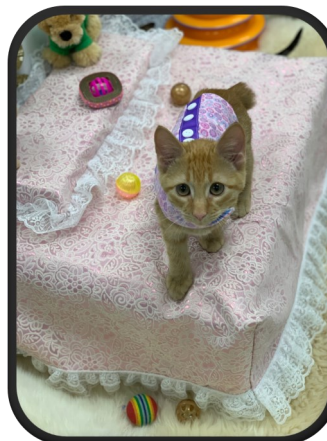
Melissa Miller ♥ Sonya Miller

Marvin Moody ♥ Paula & Rick O'Brien

Keena & Roy Ridings

The Pharmacy at Wellington

Sara Schultz ♥ Lisa Snow





## HSPC 2021 Wall Calendars Are Here!



These beautiful calendars are only \$15 each.

You can purchase them at the HSPC shelter by ringing the bell at the front door. We will safely handle your transaction.

If you'd like to order for shipping, please visit [warmhearts.org/wallcalendar](http://warmhearts.org/wallcalendar)

**Great  
gift  
idea!**

Our sincerest thanks to our wonderful supporters who entered their pet in our **Adorable Arkansas Pets Photo Contest** earlier this year!

## Holiday Baking For Your Pets

### Peanut Butter Cookies For Your Dog

2 cups flour (whole wheat or unbleached is best)

1 tablespoon baking powder

1 cup peanut butter

1 cup non-fat plain Greek yogurt

Water as needed

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Combine all of the ingredients until it forms a soft dough. You can add a small amount of water if the dough is dry. Roll out the dough on some parchment paper and cut out using holiday cookie cutters. Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet and bake for about 15-18 minutes. Cool and serve! Store these for later use in an airtight plastic container.

### Tuna Cookies For Your Cat

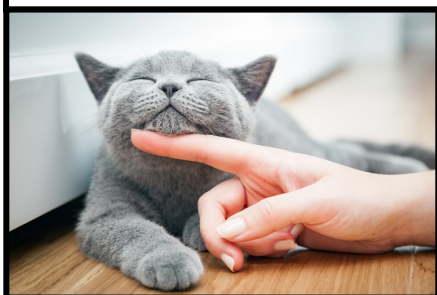
1 cup whole wheat flour

1 6-ounce can tuna in oil (do not drain)

1 tablespoon oil

1 egg

Mix all ingredients in a mixing bowl, adding a little water if dough is too stiff. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/4-inch thickness. Cut into shapes with your favorite cookie cutters. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes or until firm. Store in an airtight container.



***"Be with those that bring out the best in you, not the stress in you."***  
~ Unknown

## ♥ ♥ ♥ **Special Pets Need Special People** ♥ ♥ ♥

A sad reality of animal shelters is that older animals and pets with special needs are often the last to be adopted, if they are adopted at all. Yet in many ways, these unique pets are actually a treasure waiting to be discovered. A pet with special needs can mean several things, but it basically refers to an animal whose needs are beyond a typical pet due to medical conditions, behavioral concerns and sometimes age.

Adopting an animal with medical needs may affect your purse, but not always. Senior and injured animals frequently require little or no more care than their healthy counterparts, and can provide years of love and joy to their adoptive families. Likewise animals with behavioral needs like extremely shy dogs or cats needing a little more socialization may take a little extra time, patience and attention, but the paybacks of unconditional love and appreciation are worth it!

The experience of adopting a special needs pet has much to teach us about endurance, perseverance, and the power of kindness and compassion to overcome physical setbacks. If you're thinking about adopting a pet, we hope you'll consider making a special needs animal a part of your family.

(With acknowledgment to Cecily Kellogg [figopetinsurance.com/blog/adopting-special-needs-pet](http://figopetinsurance.com/blog/adopting-special-needs-pet))

A few of our animals currently at the HSPC shelter with special needs are listed on **Page 7** of this newsletter. Are you ready to make a change for good?

### **Bissell Pet Foundation's** **Empty The Shelters** **Holiday Hope Event**

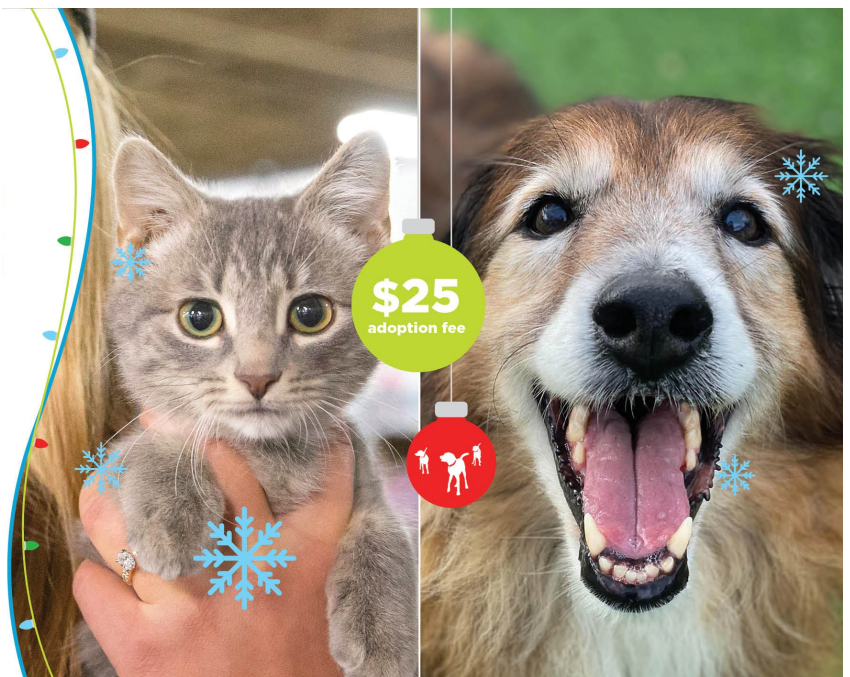
## **\$25 Adoption Fee**

**Wednesday, December 9th  
through  
Sunday, December 13th**

Visit [bissellpetfoundation.org/ets](http://bissellpetfoundation.org/ets)  
for more information



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Until every pet has a home.



This newsletter was created with love by Debbie Howell (Board President), Sharon Morris (Board Member), and Julie Austin (Development Director).



### **SPECIAL NOTICE**

- Due to limited staffing, we will no longer list honorariums and memorials on the HSPC website.
- We will continue to send Thank You and Acknowledgment Cards by mail or email.



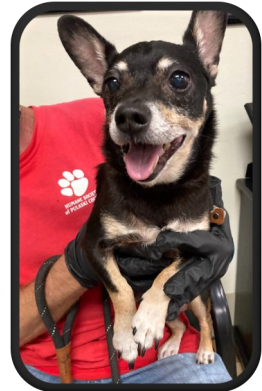
♥ ♥ ♥ **Special Need Pets Available For Adoption** ♥ ♥ ♥



**Abigail**



**Mitchell**



**Bubby**

**Abigail** is just under a year old. Though she is wonderful with other dogs and familiar people, she needs reassurance and time to overcome her shyness. She came from a terrible hoarding situation where human kindness was in short supply. We know she will thrive with her own special people.

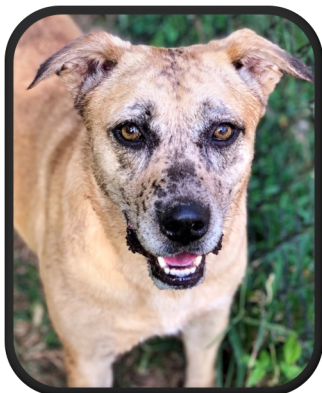
**Mitchell** was transferred to us from another shelter. He is a large long-haired 5-year-old tabby. Though he's a very funny guy, he objects to being picked up and sometimes bullies his playmates. Though he has made progress with our staff, he could use some help with socialization and manners in a less stressful environment.

**Bubby** is a 10-year-old Chihuahua with diabetes who lost his home because his owner could not care for his needs. Bubby likes children and has been around other dogs. He's a good boy and loves to play like a young dog. He needs daily insulin and frequent blood sugar testing.

**Freckles** is a beautiful 7-year-old girl with very unique markings. Though she is very active and loves running and playing in our dog park, she was diagnosed with early renal disease. The good news is that it is regulated at this point with a special prescription diet. There is no way to predict, but it is possible she will survive to a normal life expectancy.

**Erik** is a 4-year-old tabby cat who likes people and other animals. When he came to us as a kitten, the lower part of his body was paralyzed due to a spinal injury. This does not stop his mobility as he pulls himself with his upper body and covers a lot of ground quickly. He needs assistance with bladder expression.

Twelve-year-old **Little Foot** was tied outside our shelter one evening after closing. Because of his microchip we found out his name, age and breed (chocolate lab). His owners would not respond to our calls. He was heartworm positive, but has been treated. This gentle soul deserves much better than this in his golden years.



**Freckles**



**Erik**



**Little Foot**

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