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for cold noses

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THE FAITH ISSUE

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Dear HSPC Supporter,

We rescued **FAITH** May 5, 2020 from a hoarding case along with 22 others. She never had a dog bed, house, toys, vetting, healthy meals or an owner who treated her like she was special. Slowly with the help of caring HSPC staff members and volunteers, Faith began to accept that people are good and that someday all of the missing parts of her early life would be fulfilled.

One year to the date of her rescue she met that family and their German Shepherd, Rusty. Though shy and still a little unsure of strangers, she was drawn to this

sweet couple and their dog. After just a few days in their home, the couple reported that Faith exceeded their expectations and she had found that home every dog deserves at last. Looks like sunshine and roses ahead for our sweet Faith.



Though it may not be stated in our mission statement, every day we are inspired by what we can't see, but believe can happen. On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your **faithful support** of our efforts.

Sincerely,
Debbie Howell
HSPC Board President

“Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase.”
~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Two Stories of Rescue and Redemption



Bill's Condition Upon Intake

BILL was found in a ditch cold, wet, and covered in matted fur filled with debris. After removing the fur, the gruesome reality of his emaciation was apparent. Nothing was certain including whether or not this boy was strong enough to survive, but he did. After the slow process of nursing him back to health including in-home foster care from our veterinarian, Dr. Teresa Medlock-Pratt, he began to thrive and his breed became apparent: Cocker Spaniel.

Angie came to our shelter to see another dog, but unfortunately it was not the right fit for the family. Disappointed,



Bill Today

she was preparing to leave when we suggested considering a dog we had just released from medical, Bill. She was tearful when she saw him and expressed that all her life she had wanted a Cocker Spaniel and his story touched her. We received this email from her the next day.

"Thank you so much for Bill. He's exactly who I needed, someone to spend time with me and get me out of the house to walk for rehab. Bill is a love bug. After we got home Bill explored the house, coming back to touch base with me every few minutes. I really needed to feel needed. Bill is perfect."



Mazzie - Special Needs Kitty

The curiosity of a kitten and its need for warmth in the winter can lure him/her into the warm engine of a car. Unfortunately, disastrous results can happen when the engine starts again.

MAZZIE was found on the side of the road in early January. Her hind limbs had been partially severed. Was it possible to save her? Again HSPC took that **leap of faith** and a bilateral amputation was performed. Then we waited for the right person to take on this special needs kitty. Enter Cici, a champion adopter who is dedicated to saving the ones that need a little more. Here are her words...

"Mazzie is doing great! She's very active and is getting around great even though we have wood floors in the main part of the house. In my office, where she spends her days, she has a rug but mostly hangs out in a kitty tube that I bought for her or on my desk while I work. And when I sit on the couch she will often climb up the little stairs to sit on my lap – I finally have a lap sitter! We're so happy to have her!"



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

Announcing our 3rd Annual Pet Photo Contest!

Adorable Arkansas Pets Photo Contest



Get ready for our 3rd Adorable Arkansas Pets PHOTO CONTEST at gogophotocontest.com/hspc! Beginning June 1, you can enter your pet and begin voting. The 13 photos with the most votes will be seen on the cover and as monthly featured pets in our 2022 wall calendar. There will also be other options for making sure your favorite pets are included.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page and warmhearts.org to get updates

Contest runs June 1 - July 15, 2021.

With Special Thanks to our 2021 Pet Photo Contest Sponsor:

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Our Shelter Wish List

Purina Chow Brand Food:	Leashes - Clip or Slip	Batteries all sizes
Dog Chow - Green Bag	Collars - Dog & Cat all sizes	Plastic Storage Containers
Puppy Chow - Blue Bag	Hand Sanitizer	Cat Grass Seed
Cat Chow - Blue Bag	White Copy Paper	Milk-Bone Original Dog Treats (plain only), sizes mini, puppy, small and medium
Kitten Chow - Yellow Bag	Zipper Bags all sizes	Tractor Supply Company Brand Equine Fresh Pine Pellet Stall Bedding (used in litter boxes)
Kong & Interactive Toys	Bath Towels & Blankets (new or used)	Monetary donations are always welcome!
Chew Toys (No Rope Toys)	Odo Ban from Sam's Club	
Stuffed Toys (No Beads)		

Amazon Wish List: Please go to warmhearts.org/wish-list and click on "Amazon Wish List"

Our Test of Faith and Plea for Justice



SHAGGY was tossed from the window of a moving car resulting in a fracture to his leg and a severe eye injury. After surgery for his fracture and removal of his eye, Shaggy was made available for adoption. For those of us that work with this sweet boy at the shelter, we know he will make a great pet. Unfortunately, his trust in humans has been shaken. His new potential owners will need to move slowly to gain his trust. This should not have happened and unfortunately his abusers will never be punished.

Sadly domestic animal abuse and neglect occur all over Arkansas often. Though there are laws to protect animals from it, there is a lack of enforcement. HSPC as well as other rescues have limited means to treat the aftereffects of the problem and can never replace **County Animal Control Agencies and Law Enforcement funded by taxes to do so**. We are asking for your help by addressing concerns starting in your area to Animal Control. If there is no Animal Control, the responsibility of addressing animal abuse and neglect falls to Law Enforcement. Remember, everyone has a boss and you are tax payers.

We are driven by the fact that with your help, we know things can get better.

***“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
Nothing is going to get better. It's not.”***
~ Dr. Seuss



Would you like to become an HSPC Constant Companion?



Window Cling

One of the questions we get frequently from people who want to support us is “What do you need the most?”

The simple answer is that financial gifts are the most needed. As a private shelter, we depend entirely on donations and grants. With financial gifts, we can feed and house the animals, perform vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries, and provide life-saving medical treatments. All of these things allow us to care for dogs and cats in need and prepare them for a happy life in a home of their own.

By becoming an **HSPC Constant Companion** through monthly giving, you provide a much-needed source of regular funds.

To show our appreciation, we will be supplying window clings to our Constant Companions so that you can proudly display your support of HSPC!

We simply couldn't do what we do without the support of people like you. **Thank you** for all you do for the dogs and cats at the Humane Society of Pulaski County.

To become an HSPC Constant Companion, please go to: warmhearts.org/monthlygiving

Hot Weather Safety Tips for Pets



- ♥ **Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle**, which could lead to a fatal heat stroke. If you see an animal trapped in a hot car, record the make/model/color/license plate number of the vehicle. Notify the managers of nearby businesses so they can make an urgent announcement. Call 911 or animal control and do not leave until help has arrived.
- ♥ Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them **plenty of fresh, clean water** when it's hot or humid outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful not to over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot. Kiddie pools are great for keeping dogs cool!
- ♥ **Know the symptoms of overheating in pets**, which include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor or even collapse. Symptoms can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees. To prevent overheating, walk your dog earlier in the morning and later in the evening.
- ♥ Animals with **flat faces**, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- ♥ **Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool** - not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water which contains chlorine and other chemicals.
- ♥ Open unscreened windows pose a real danger to pets, who often fall out of them. **Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed**, and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.
- ♥ It's OK to trim longer-haired dogs, **but never shave your dog**. The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat. And be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.
- ♥ When the temperature is very high, **don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt, sidewalks, or sand**. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.
- ♥ Commonly used **rodenticides, lawn and garden insecticides, and cocoa bean mulch** can be harmful to pets if ingested. Keep citronella candles, tiki torch products and insect coils out of pets' reach as well. More than **700 plants*** (link below) have been identified which can cause harmful effects in animals ranging from mild nausea to death. Cats are poisoned by any part of a lily. Call your veterinarian immediately if you suspect your animal has ingested a poisonous substance.
- ♥ **Food and drink commonly found at barbeques can be poisonous to pets**. Keep alcoholic beverages away from pets, as they can cause intoxication, depression and comas. Snacks enjoyed by your human friends should not be a treat for your pet; any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe digestive ailments. Avoid raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate and products with the sweetener xylitol.
- ♥ Please leave pets at home when you head out to **Fourth of July** celebrations, and never use fireworks around pets. Exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns or trauma, and even unused fireworks can contain hazardous materials. Many pets are also fearful of loud noises and can become lost, scared or disoriented, so it's best to keep your little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered and escape-proof area of your home.

* [aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants](https://www.aspca.org/pet-care/animal-poison-control/toxic-and-non-toxic-plants)

♥ ♥ ♥ *Turning a Dream into Reality* ♥ ♥ ♥

As our organization turns 75 and our current building ages 21 years, we recognize the need for an upgrade to our facility. **Ms. Rebecca Rice** - a longtime supporter, adopter and volunteer - helped us take that dream into fruition with her incredibly generous donation to cover most of the cost of our **Main Kennel renovation**. She was sharing an inheritance she received with HSPC and hopes her gesture will encourage other people to remember HSPC in their wills. Since the beginning of the project, others have stepped up to assist with those costs. We are thrilled and grateful for those donations and want to share with you the changes in progress.



Rebecca Rice & Friends



Main Kennel Before Renovation Began





♥♥ Spotlight on Warm Hearts ♥♥ Our Hard-Working HSPC Staff

This issue's spotlight is on the hard-working individuals we see every day - **HSPC's Staff!** We salute their amazing adaptability and their buy-in to our organization! This year has presented exceptional challenges: from the changes due to the Coronavirus, to a major building renovation. **Thank you** to the dog walkers, clinic personnel, painters, pressure washers, cleaners, gardeners, lawn attendants, dog bathers, cat brushers, gate removers, gate re-installers, mask wearers, adoption assistants, playgroup supervisors, laundry doers, adoption counselors, pet photographers, media promoters, employee supervisors, feeders, donation sorters, supply orderers, poop scoopers, comforters, dog pool fillers, etc. **You are our heroes!**



***"Faith, hard work and a bit
of common sense will get
you through most things in
life."
~ Unknown***



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Thanks So Much for Saving our Special Needs Animals!

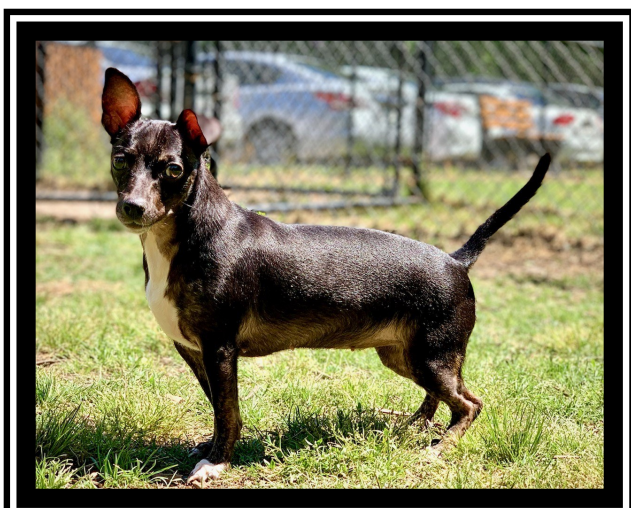
Four of the special needs animals featured in our last newsletter have since been adopted: Abigail, Mitchell, Bubby & Little Foot! Please consider two more: Amy and Daisy.

AMY was surrendered to us when her owner passed. What we know is that she is a very sweet girl and deserves to find a home where she can be surrounded by love. She does have diabetes which requires daily insulin injections and occasional blood glucose tests. Amy's estimated date of birth is 8/1/2009 and she weighs about 10 pounds.

DAISY is a Chihuahua just under two years old. She is suffering from neurologic issues (probably due to a brain injury) that cause balance and walking challenges. However, she is a sweet dog that could do well in a home without stairs, children or rambunctious other pets.



Amy - Special Needs Kitty



Daisy - Special Needs Chihuahua

