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THE 75th ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

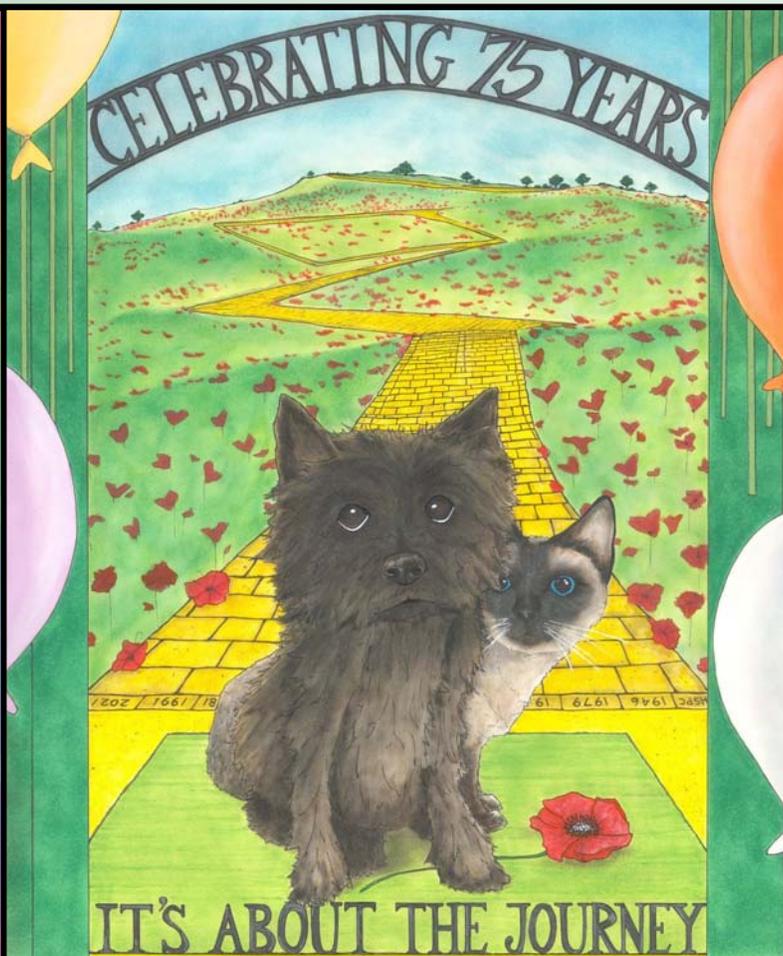
FALL/WINTER 2021

Dear HSPC Friends,

On November 29th, our organization officially celebrated its 75th Anniversary! In this issue we are happy to share some highlights of our life-saving journey made for the animals in Pulaski County and across the state of Arkansas. Over the years this success story was underwritten by people like you. It will continue because of you.

On behalf of the HSPC Board of Directors, **Thank You** for joining us on the Journey!

Debbie Howell
HSPC Board President



“We may run, walk, stumble, drive, or fly, but let us never lose sight of the reason for the journey, or miss a chance to see a rainbow on the way.”

~ Gloria Gaither

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Home Again, An Artist Statement By Leon Robertson

We have been blessed with so many artists over the years who have stepped up to support us. Leon Robertson is a gifted new artist who found us last year. This year he agreed to design a very special piece for our 75th anniversary. Here is his abbreviated artist statement. To see more visit: warmhearts.org/30th-reigning-cats-and-dogs

“Home Again was inspired by the story of *The Wizard of Oz*. It parallels the HSPC’s mission of finding homes for those they hold in their shelter. Not only do they find homes; they rehabilitate... And in a way, wasn’t that what was happening with the characters in *OZ*?

I got out my inks, pressed play on the *OZ* soundtrack and began to illustrate this story. I changed the perspective to be where the person that answers the door (you), looks out across the poppy field to take in the distance of their journey. The poppies are symbols of remembrance for all the lives saved and lost within the shelter’s 75 years. If you look closely, some of the flowers are actually hearts inspired by HSPC’s hearts to paws logo. It appears that Toto and *OZ* (the cat chased by Toto in the movie) arrive during a party. And the Celebrating 75 Years Rainbow was inspired by the fact that the land on which is now HSPC property was a former chinchilla ranch.



**Artist Leon Robertson with *Home Again*
HSPC 75th Anniversary Artwork**

The most important detail: That yellow brick road. Its sharp turns are symbolic of the hard times and the graceful curves are the good times. There is also a fork in the loop which represents decisions and challenges. There’s the short way, the long way, or one that leads you in circles. The dates listed at the end of the path represents milestone years for the HSPC. Their inception, the years in which legislation was created to help in the protection of animals and the current year are all etched in the honor bricks. If you turn the artwork to where the sky is on your left and the title *It’s About the Journey* is to your right, you will see that the yellow brick road spells LOVE. LOVE is a journey.”

Our Shelter Wish List

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| 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”

A Brief History Of Our Journey

On November 29, 1946 the Humane Society's Journey began. A group of compassionate pioneers petitioned the Pulaski County Court for incorporation as the Pulaski County Humane Society. Their basic mission was committed to the prevention of cruelty to animals through law enforcement and humane education. As our scope broadened years later, we requested the court to change our name to the Humane Society of Pulaski County.

We started with only an office address. Later we were gifted with a piece of property on Colonel Glenn Road with an old vacated Chinchilla Farm which became our first shelter. Humbling as it was, it was finally a space to house our animals hoping for a new chance at life.

As our work grew, our donors noticed, and a plan was set in place to build a large indoor shelter. Through the donations of many including Dr. Charles Winn, we were able to make a down payment to begin construction. In August of 2000, the new building opened brimming with excitement for a better place for our animals. It was a beautiful 25,000 square foot facility with just about everything.

Daily enrichment is a must in relieving stress in kennels, so two years later, a five unit dog park was created using funds donated by Bill and Margaret Clark.

Over the years, we continue to find ways to upgrade and improve our building. A few months ago, our Main Kennel and largest room for housing animals underwent a makeover funded by Rebecca Rice and other generous donors.

Our Main Cat Show room was upgraded from steel banks to cat condos and new disease resistant cat furniture was installed for enrichment.

Though we think of our shelter as a temporary space for cats and dogs in our care, we are no-kill and our home is theirs no matter how long it takes.



Achieving Milestones Along The Way...



Governor Bill Clinton Signing Arkansas Animal Advocacy Legislation



STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

November 29, 2021

As Governor, it is my privilege to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Humane Society of Pulaski County.

Since its founding in 1946, the Humane Society of Pulaski County has served as a beacon of hope for animals throughout the state. From rescue to rehabilitation, this organization has aided thousands of dogs and cats in finding their forever homes. Through intensive advocacy efforts, such as promoting policies to eliminate compression chamber use and writing legislation deeming inhumane shelter conditions illegal, the Humane Society of Pulaski County has impacted the well-being of animals across all of Arkansas.

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, congratulations on your 75th anniversary. I look forward to the continued success of the Pulaski County Humane Society and the value it will bring to animals and citizens in the years to come!

Sincerely,
Asa Hutchinson
Asa Hutchinson

**Official Letter From Governor
Asa Hutchinson to HSPC In 2021**



The accomplishments and advocacy impact during HSPC's 75 years was recently recognized by Governor Asa Hutchinson in a letter. He wrote " Since its founding in 1946, the Humane Society of Pulaski County has been a beacon of hope for animals throughout the state. From rescue to rehabilitation, this organization has aided thousands of dogs and cats in finding their forever homes."

Through intensive advocacy efforts the Humane Society has authored, endorsed, and promoted legislation for the well-being of animals in Arkansas. Those laws include:

- 1979 - Prohibiting the use of decompression chambers as a means of euthanasia
- 1981- Making the horrific practice of animal fighting a Class D felony crime
- 1981 - Requiring that all animal shelters and rescues spay/neuter dogs and cats before releasing them to adopters
- 1991- Criminalizing inhumane conditions in pet stores known as the Arkansas Retail Pet Store Consumer Protection Act
- 2009 - ACT 33, Arkansas' first animal cruelty law with a felony provision. HSPC was the first to see the power of this act after rescuing Tony the Pony. His abusive owner was incarcerated for felony animal cruelty.

Recently in 2021, HSPC joined dozens of animal rescue advocates across the country in endorsing the United States H.R. Bill 3335 - The Greyhound Protection Act. If passed this law will phase out the inhumane practice of Greyhound racing across all fifty states.

Governor Hutchinson graciously concluded his letter with a congratulations and this final thought: " I look forward to the continued success of the Pulaski County Humane Society and the value it will bring to the animals and citizens in the years to come!"

Thanks, Governor Hutchinson! We are looking forward to it too!

And The Rocky Roads Are Worth It...

There is no way to share all of the thousands of HSPC's rescue and rehabilitation stories in the last 75 years. However, we did want to hit a few highlights. Note that most of our rescues are limited to single animal situations. Occasionally, we are able to take on larger numbers of animals in desperate situations. Because we are no-kill our space is always limited, so we rely on Animal Control agencies to do their part and appreciate the many other rescues in our state also committed to helping those who cannot help themselves.

Several dogs were rescued from this property in 2017 where they had survived in squalor. The elderly resident who had cared for them the best she could was taken in for long-term medical care while annoyed neighbors threatened these poor dogs' survival.



In 2020, **BILL** was found clinging to life in a ditch emaciated, wet, freezing and covered in mats. With a little TLC and medical support, he pulled through and went on to be adopted to a very special family.

During the flood of 2019, HSPC assisted devastated owners by distributing donated food and pet supplies and set up temporary fosters for others in desperate need. **GOLDIE** who was heavy heartworm positive needed months of medical treatment and monitoring. She was adopted by her foster Caroline.



BUDDY was a part of a terrible abuse case. He was an older dog that had been beaten severely with a belt across his head. Though he was traumatized and lived with the ongoing effects of his abuse, he was placed in foster care where he lived the remainder of his life in a loving home.



ERIK is our lobby cat who has been with us since he was a kitten. He came in with an injury that paralyzed the lower part of his body. Though he gets around by his front legs, he needs special assistance relieving himself. He is personality plus and we know that there is a special owner out there for him.

FROST was found as a tiny puppy with a broken jaw. Because of his age, it had to heal on its own over time. In the meantime, he had to be fed through a straw by our Veterinary Assistant who ended up adopting him.



Perhaps our most talked about case revolved around a horse named **LUCKY CHANCE**. He was dragged several feet down a road when his dilapidated trailer fell apart. The accident caused severe burns down the side of his body. Our own veterinarian Dr. Teresa Medlock-Pratt and Dr. Pam Howard from the Burn Center at Arkansas Children's Hospital performed a surgery to repair the injury through multiple skin grafts taken from Lucky himself. It was a national news event as it was highlighted on the Today Show. Lucky still resides with Dr. Medlock-Pratt.



30th Reigning Cats & Dogs - More Than A Fundraiser!

Our usual one night event turned into a two-week online celebration as we commemorated our 75th Anniversary! On November 1st we began showcasing our organization's history on Facebook while highlighting items from our upcoming auction. This preview culminated in a very special red carpet event with eight adoptable pets playing roles as characters from The Wizard of Oz. The video can still be viewed at <https://bit.ly/3oKQRwI>. The week that followed resulted in a highly successful online auction! As for the next 75 years, we are ready to "ease on down the road!"

Special thanks to all that made our celebration a success including our generous sponsors.

2021 Reigning Sponsors:
**Arkansas Veterinary
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 Arkansas Family Dental
 James & Sally Britt
 FirstStaff
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 Barbara Sugg
 Bark Avenue
 Damascus Division, LLC
 Debbie Howell
 Cecelia & Drew Kelso
 Online Technologies
 Shackelford Road Veterinary Clinic
 Nancy & Bob Watkins



Glinda: Debb (available)



Flying Monkey: Mollie (adopted)



Cowardly Lion: Graceful (available)



Scarecrow: Thor (adopted)



Toto: Mole (adopted)



Wizard: Marmaduke (adopted)



Wicked Witch: Elfie (available)



Tinman: Jake (available)



♥ ♥ **Spotlight On Warm Hearts** ♥ ♥
HSPC Alumnus “Patches” Is A Hero!



Though our spotlight is usually on our two-legged friends, this one goes to an HSPC alumnus. Patches was adopted as a pup a little over a year ago. James and Brenda always knew he was special, but last spring he did something remarkable. Brenda was preparing dinner on the stove, but decided to take a brief timeout to read in her room. Unfortunately, she fell asleep. Patches was behind a closed door just down the hall and smelled smoke. He managed to get out of his room and go in and wake Brenda by tugging on her blouse. Though she could hear the smoke alarm, she could not see through the smoke-filled hallway. Patches insisted she follow him by barking and then led her out to safety!

When James arrived home, he saw smoke billowing from the house and Brenda and Patches calmly sitting on the porch swing. If Patches could have spoken, he might have said something like, “I got your backs, Dad!”

2022 HSPC Wall Calendars Are Here!

humane society of pulaski county 2022 CALENDAR

Owner: Jenayn Aherbton
 Lucette was taken by animal control from a drug house in KC, KS after a raid. I adopted her at 18 months old in April 2009, while living in KC, MO. She loved to ride in the car. On ocean beaches, she chased the waves, running when they came back! Walking was a favorite, everyday pastime and after moving to AR, we hiked many beautiful trails. Lucy loved presents, tearing off wrapping paper, scratching to get inside the boxes. Sit, shake, high fives. Scatter the toys & she would pick them up & put them back in the toy box. She was my shadow who followed me around & my parents' beloved grand-dog. Lucette died of cancer on February 16, 2021. Now there are crumbs under the table & extra milk in the cereal bowl.



Calendars are \$15 each. You can purchase them at the shelter by ringing the bell at the front door. We will safely handle the transaction.

If you'd like to order for shipping, you can visit warmhearts.org/wallcalendar



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



This newsletter was created with love by Board members *Debbie Howell and Sharon Morris*, with photo acknowledgments to *Pamela Mackey and Julie Austin*.

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**The HSPC Board, Staff And Volunteers Wish You And Yours
A Very Happy Holiday Season**



Barbie

Kittens available at:
warmhearts.org/adopt



Todd



Ken

**“And The Dreams That You Dare
To Dream Really Do Come True”
~ The Wizard of Oz**

