

# Warm hearts

for cold noses

## humane society of pulaski county

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### THE CELEBRATION ISSUE

FALL/WINTER 2022

Dear Humane Society Friends,

It is that special time of the year when we celebrate so many things in our lives like accomplishments and friendships. At HSPC we are particularly proud of being a part of seeing so many lives turn around through our rescue and rehabilitation efforts. Our greatest joy starts with adoption and continues as we see pets flourish in their new homes.

**Oliver**, a 133 pound Giant Alaskan Malamute, was surrendered to our shelter this summer. His breed was better suited for a cooler climate, so we began a nationwide search for his perfect home only to find it a few miles from the shelter. He was adopted by Dmitry and his dog Thor. They loved to go for morning hikes in the cool of the day while spending the warm afternoons in air conditioning. Now their bond continues to grow as does their popularity in the neighborhood. They are often seen at a local brewery working a room of friends.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we wish you and yours many reasons to celebrate the best of the season and the year to come!

Best,  
*Debbie Howell*  
HSPC Board President



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## Celebrate The Holidays With A Gift That Benefits The Animals

### HUMANE SOCIETY OF PULASKI COUNTY • 2023 CALENDAR



OWNER: BARRY BUCKNER

Hello, My name is Hemingway, but I prefer to go by Hemi. Dad tells me that I was adopted from the Humane Society of Pulaski County nine years ago. I am a very happy boy and I love to eat! My dad will sometimes even buy me a steak if I am a good boy.

The HSPC **2023 Wall Calendars** are here! The calendars feature all of the entries from our summer **Adorable Arkansas Pets Photo Contest**.

Calendars are \$15 each and make great holiday gifts for your animal-loving family and friends. Calendars can be purchased at the HSPC shelter or ordered online from our website.

To order one or more calendars to be mailed to a single address, please visit:

[warmhearts.org/donate/wallcalendar](https://warmhearts.org/donate/wallcalendar)

If you'd like to order one or more calendars to be sent as gifts, please call the shelter at: 501-227-6166

**Pet Sponsorships:** Drop by our shelter to take advantage of the Pet Sponsorships or Giving Tree Cards. There are ten beautifully framed photos of pets currently in our shelter that you can sponsor for \$50 each. You will get the framed photo and a plush unique Paw stocking to give as a gift or keep for yourself. Your name will be added to the pet's bio as well.

**The Giving Tree:** The Giving Tree is decorated with lovely photos of pets currently at our shelter. They come with envelopes for mailing as well and they sell for a minimum donation of \$5 each. This is a unique way to send special Christmas cards to people who appreciate animal rescue.

**Monthly Giving:** Become a monthly recurring donor and help the animals all year long. Learn more at: [warmhearts.org/donate/monthlygiving](https://warmhearts.org/donate/monthlygiving)

**Legacy Sidewalk:** Purchase a memorial or honorarium brick for \$100 to be placed in our Legacy Sidewalk at the front of the HSPC shelter. We will have it engraved with up to 3 lines and up to 18 characters per line. [warmhearts.org/buy-a-brick](https://warmhearts.org/buy-a-brick)

**Shelter Wish List:** Just purchase items from our wish list and drop them off at the shelter. Be sure to stay and visit with the animals while you're there! We also have a wish list on Amazon.com and items purchased there can be shipped directly to the shelter.

## 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://warmhearts.org/wish-list) and click on "Amazon Wish List"



## 31st Reigning Cats & Dogs: Reunion!

On November 12, after two years of virtual celebrations, we were reunited again and it felt so good! Over 250 supporters turned out for our special celebration along with current special needs pets at our shelter and three returning alumni and their adopted families. Ashley King and Adam Bledsoe from THV 11's *The Vine* brought sparkle and hilarity to the event while the talented classic David Higginbotham Jazz Trio provided musical entertainment. Even the Oscar Mayer Wienermobile made an appearance! We are grateful to our sponsors and guests as well as event planners and volunteers.

(Several photos courtesy of Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/Cary Jenkins)

### 2022 Reigning Sponsors

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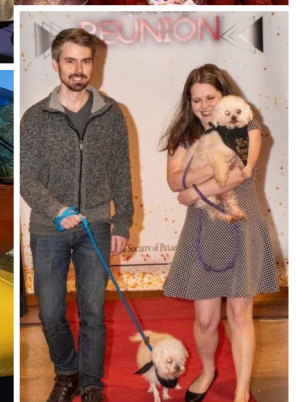
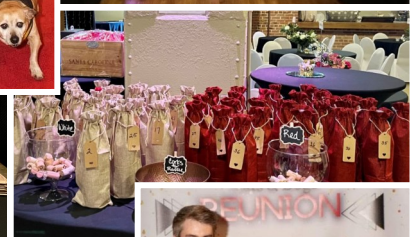
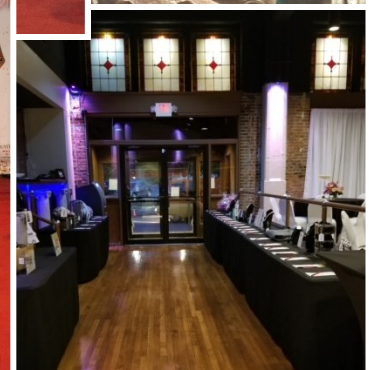
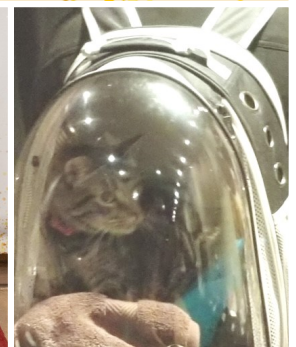
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## Celebrating Special Occasions With Your Pet

When you adopt a pet, you may not know their actual birthday. That's why so many adopters celebrate their pet's "Gotcha Day", which is the anniversary of their pet's adoption day. Gotcha Day, the holidays, and other special occasions are great opportunities to acknowledge and thank our pets for the love and joy they bring into our lives every day.



### Great Ways To Celebrate!

**Special Meal or Treat:** What better way to celebrate than with your pet's favorite treat? Whether you bake your cat or dog a special pet-friendly cake or buy their favorite store-bought treat, they're sure to be happy! Make it an event by letting them help you prepare their special treat. They'll love getting to play "taste-tester".

**Host a Playdate:** If your dog (or sociable cat) has a particular buddy they enjoy playing with, host them for a playdate. If your dog needs more room to run, head to the local dog park for frolicking fun!

**Let Them Pick Out a Special Gift:** Take your dog or adventurous cat on a trip to the pet supply store. They can walk through and pick out their own gift! If your cat or dog doesn't appreciate trips outside of the house, pick them out a toy or treat you know they'll love, or bring home a few options to see what their "toy-type" is.

**Spend Time with Your Pet:** There's nothing your pet loves more than getting to spend quality time with you. Take some time to do an activity your pet enjoys together. Grab a teaser toy and play with your cat, or set aside extra time for fetch with your dog. If your dog isn't as active as they used to be, take them out for a meandering walk where they get to sniff to their heart's content. And both older cats and dogs will enjoy extra snuggle time with you on the couch.

**Commission a Pet Portrait:** Celebrate and commemorate your pet by having a portrait made of them. You can commission a portrait of your cat or dog, or head to your local portrait studio for a picture to be taken of you together. There are lots of options online that can expertly photoshop your dog or cat into amusing outfits or famous art pieces. Who wouldn't want to prominently feature their pet front and center in their art collection?

**Throw a Party:** If big celebrations are your pet's idea of a good time, host your pet's friends (or your friends) for a "paw-ty" with decorations, pet-friendly cupcakes or cake, fun training games, and party favors of treats and toys for guests to take home.

**Donate to a Shelter or Rescue in Your Pet's Name:** Give other pets the opportunity to positively impact someone's life by donating to a shelter or rescue in your pet's name. Spread the word and raise more funds by sharing social media posts and telling your pet's personal adoption story. These donations are vital to a shelter or rescue and allow them to house and feed pets while they get ready for adoption.



**Share Your Pet's Adoption Story:** Special occasions are the perfect time to share your love for your pet on social media. Share their adoption story or your favorite memory of them and include a fun picture. Your pet's story may even inspire others to adopt a dog or cat of their own!

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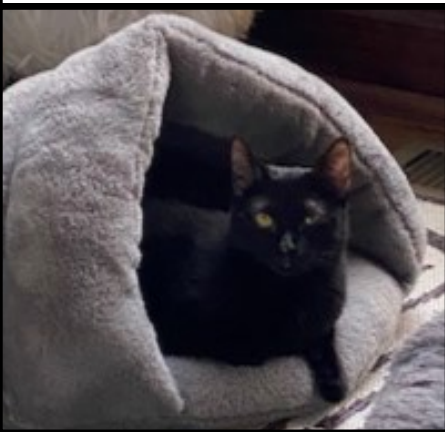


## ♥ ♥ Spotlight On Warm Hearts ♥ ♥ Celebrating Exceptional People

Cici Conger-Portie and her family are special needs adopters. In 2019 they adopted Bambino, a mature dog suffering from Addison's disease. He had spent most of his life at the shelter due to his health issues as well as his limited tolerance for other dogs. This family saw Bambino as deserving as we did and gave him a second chance. Later the family adopted **Mazzie**, a kitten who had lost part of her back legs due to an injury inside a car engine. She was given her own accommodations including a special room where she could spend quality time with Cici. A few months ago they welcomed **Jack**, a blind Maltipoo, into their family. Jack had lost his owner and was living in a dark world. All of these animals presented numerous challenges, but nothing too great for this exceptional family.



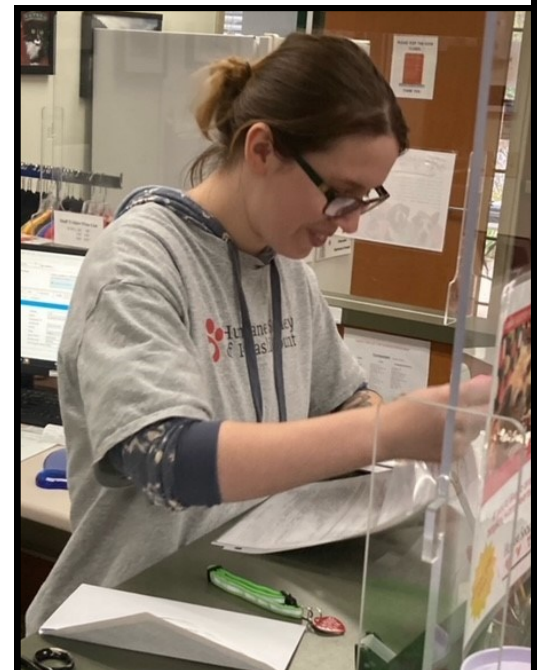
Cici Conger-Portie and Family with Jack



Mazzie Conger-Portie

**MERRY**  
*and*  
**BRIGHT**

We also recognize the warm heart of **Amber McClintock**, our front desk receptionist and exceptional adoption counselor. Amber demonstrates an enormous empathy for all - humans and animals. As an adoption counselor, she is patient and goes the distance to match the adopter with the right pet while giving excellent post-adoption advice. Amber is more than a receptionist; she is a team player ready to take on any task needed at the shelter including assisting with medical and grooming needs and wherever help is needed. We are blessed to have her on our team.



Amber McClintock



*This newsletter was created with love by Board members Debbie Howell and Sharon Morris.*

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## Adopting A Second Dog: What You Should Know



Adding a second (or third or fourth) dog to your family is a big decision. A multi-dog home is different than sharing your life with just one dog. But it can be incredibly rewarding for humans and canines alike if done with careful thought and planning.

It's important to understand whether bringing another dog home is right for your current dog. Will they enjoy having another dog around? Will you be able to continue to provide each of them with the attention and care they need? Consider becoming a foster volunteer first if you're unsure about the full-time commitment of a second dog or if you want to see how your current dog might get along with a new housemate.

**Cost.** Two dogs mean twice the dog food, veterinary visits, flea, tick, and heartworm preventatives as well as additional supplies such as dog beds, crates, playpens and more.

**What age of dog will work best for your home?** Puppies and younger dogs are a lot of work. Are you prepared for the challenges of raising a puppy while also making sure your current dog can maintain the level of care they're used to? Is everyone in your home ready to pitch in? If you have a senior dog, an energetic adolescent dog might overwhelm or accidentally injure them during play. Some adult dogs simply don't enjoy puppy antics, while others genuinely enjoy having a ball of energy around.

**What size or breed of dog will work best?** Breeds have different energy levels and needs. If your current dog is "low maintenance", bringing home a dog with different grooming, exercise, or training needs is a significant change and one you should be prepared for. If you currently have a small or fragile dog, a second dog's size and experience with smaller dogs plays a big role in their physical safety.

Some preparation beforehand will go a long way to making the transition easier on your human family and your growing canine family.

**Create safe spaces.** Set up a safe space for your current dog where they can rest undisturbed when they need a break. This might mean installing baby gates or setting up a puppy playpen for the new dog to hang out in while they acclimate to their new home. Crate training (with lots of positive reinforcement) can be an excellent tool to help separate the dogs when you can't supervise to ensure everyone is getting along.

**Dog proofing!** Go through your home room by room and make sure there isn't anything potentially dangerous or toxic they can get into. While your current dog might not find electric cords or potted plants an enticing chew toy, a new dog might.

**Make a plan.** Think about who will be in charge of the many responsibilities of caring for multiple dogs. This is especially important if your children will be helping to care for their canine family members. Talk with them ahead of time about duties and a schedule. Dogs thrive with routine, so staying consistent from the get-go sets everyone up for success—especially when it comes to house-training. Talk with your veterinarian who can instruct you on the best ways to introduce the two dogs and avoid situations that could cause conflict and stress.

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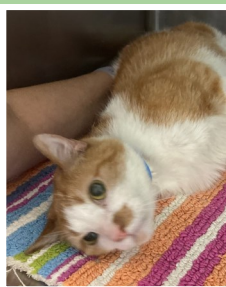
## Celebrate Making A Difference: Adopt or Foster!

Would you like to make a real difference in the life of a pet? You can do just that by adopting or fostering one of our special needs pets. The five animals **below** (Patricia, Kito, Candy, Peaches and Freckles) all have special needs such as diabetes, hyperthyroidism, renal issues, advanced age, etc. They will require more attention, patience and effort than the normal adopter can give. They may also qualify as medical fosters. Are you that extra special person who will step up and give one of these deserving pets a home? They will return the favor with plenty of unconditional love! For more details about the five pets **below**, please email: [hspcvet@warmhearts.org](mailto:hspcvet@warmhearts.org)

Patricia (12)  
Female Terrier Mix



Kito (10)  
Male



Candy (14)  
Female Yorkshire Terrier



Peaches (10)  
Female



Freckles (9)  
Female Catahoula/Lab Mix



Reggie (5)  
Male Hound Mix



Spencer (2)  
Male



Hollow (4)  
Female Lab Mix



Viola (7)  
Female



Zadus (3)  
Male Lab Mix

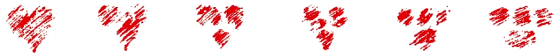
The five animals **above** (Reggie, Spencer, Hollow, Viola and Zadus) are not special needs pets. For reasons we simply don't understand, they have been overlooked and have lived at our shelter for far too long. Their holiday wish is to be adopted and have a family of their own to cherish. For more details about the five pets **above**, please go to the HSPC website: [warmhearts.org/adopt](http://warmhearts.org/adopt)

## Another Reason To Celebrate: 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! ♥ ♥



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### ***Celebrating The Power Of Love***

Casey's adoption closed another HSPC hoarding case. Stacey and her son Nate were looking for a special pet. They saw **Casey**, an extremely shy and fearful dog, and immediately decided he was the one. After committing to weeks of visitation with him at the shelter, they finally took him home in July. Stacey recently sent us this wonderful update on Casey:

"Casey has adapted even better than I imagined and he's progressing more every day! He lies around on the floor during the day soaking up the sunshine coming through the windows. At night he gets in the bed without me if he's ready before I am. He **LOVES** dinner time! He gets so excited for his bowl, he dances. The kids at Nate's school love it when he comes with me to pick up Nate. He also plays with me and toys too! This is his newest accomplishment and it truly lifts my spirits and warms my soul. **It's like he gets to be a dog for the first time in his life. To experience what life as a human companion can really be.** It's been wonderful for Nate as well. He loves on him, feeds him, and sympathizes with him at "the doctor". **In a way, Casey has also rescued us. I didn't realize how much we needed him too.** He's our baby, our friend, and our fellow conqueror. We're all in this together. We so appreciate everything HSPC has done for this phenomenal little guy!"



#### ***Casey with Nate***

*After four years at our shelter, Casey is spending his first Christmas in a home with a family!*

