

Warm hearts for cold noses

humane society of pulaski county

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THE "SPREAD THE LOVE" ISSUE

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Spread
Love
& Be
AMAZING!

"Receive/Give/Repeat"



Amazon loading a truck bound for HSPC



HSPC loading a truck bound for other rescues



Dear Humane Society Friends,

HSPC is grateful to be blessed by many supporters who believe in our work. Yet we also know that we are not alone in animal rescue and share with others like us when possible. This year something **amazing** happened for all of us. Dedicated workers from two **Amazon Fulfillment Centers** saw a way to help shelter animals. Pet products that come in with damaged packaging cannot be delivered to their customers, but their contents are still usable and much needed.

Amazon employees Irene and Kaity reached out to us to see if we would be interested in partnerships to benefit our animals. We responded that we certainly would, but that we could do even more with their generous gifts. We are happy to pick up donations from both locations weekly and bring them back to our shelter where we distribute pet food and related items to other 501(c)3 animal rescues in need. Of course this has created extra responsibilities for our staff as well as for Amazon, but knowing that we are helping so many makes it totally worth it for all.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,
Happy Holidays!
Debbie Howell
HSPC Board President



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world."
~ Margaret Mead

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“Amazing” Teamwork From Our Amazon Friends! (Cont’d From Page 1)



Irene & Alexie



Jenny & Anita in Damage Land where awesome is found!



Kaity, Alethea, Clay & Keith

What Rescues and Shelters are saying ...

“This year has been one of our hardest in rescue. We have 150+ cats in foster homes at any given time. We are going through hundreds of pounds of food and litter a month to provide for all of them. This program through HSPC has helped us tremendously. It has taken a burden off us from having to buy as many supplies, so that we can focus primarily on the health of our kitties. We appreciate all they’ve been able to give us, so that cats can continue to thrive in our program. Thank you for helping support hundreds of cats this year through your donation program.”

~ Sarah Richardson, Community Cats of Central Arkansas



“The Humane Society of Clark County wishes to thank HSPC and the Little Rock Amazon Distribution Centers for the incredibly generous donation of a truckload of dog and cat food to our animal shelter. The impact of your contribution reflects a shared dedication to creating a compassionate and supportive environment for animals in need. Your commitment to the well-being of animals in need is truly commendable, and we are honored to have partners like you in our community and look forward to a continued partnership. We also plan on paying it forward by sharing with a couple of small rescues in our area. Together, we are making a positive difference in the lives of these beloved creatures.”

~ Whitney Womble, Shelter Director, Humane Society of Clark County

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”

Gift Giving Guide For Animal Lovers



Bella

Owner Phil Eivety
Bella was rescued about 14 years ago. She loves her grilled chicken and salmon mixed in her daily food. She's been the best pet ever and of course, part of the family ever since.

Humane Society of Pulaski County
2024 Calendar

2024 HSPC Wall Calendars are HERE! \$20* each



*Does not include shipping. If you'd like to order for shipping, you can visit <https://warmhearts.org/donate/wallcalendar2024>

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Warm Hearts for Cold Noses

Embrace the challenge of gift-giving to those on your list that need nothing but to know that you thought of them. Here are ways to honor them through gifts that provide support for HSPC animals.

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.

Memorials and Honorariums: Donations can be made in memory or honor of a person or pet. We are happy to include personal messages with the acknowledgment card. warmhearts.org/memorial-gifts

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

Legacy Sidewalk: Purchase a memorial or honorarium brick for \$150 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

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 here! We also have a wish list on Amazon.com and items purchased there can be shipped directly to the shelter. warmhearts.org/wish-list



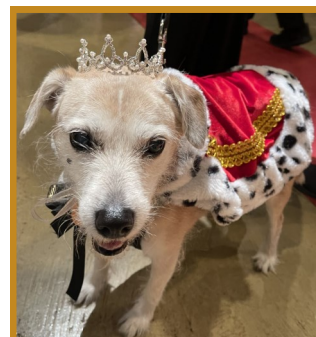
32nd Reigning Cats & Dogs: Keeping It Royal!



**Reigning Cats & Dogs
artwork by Little Rock
artist René Hein**

The 32nd annual Reigning Cats & Dogs kept it royal this year! From the bling of guests decked in tiaras to a record number of sponsorships and attendees, the event was one of the best ever. Emcees Ashley King and Julissa Garza from THV11 charmed our regal audience throughout the night beginning with a royal sponsor salute and grand red carpet entrance of shelter dogs decked in shimmering gold robes created by volunteer Ann Jones. Even Bella, our 2024 Calendar Cover Girl, made an appearance.

The event was a financial success in itself, but the following week-long online auction brought the numbers up again. This event is dedicated to replenishing our Emergency Medical Fund used for the treatment of disease and injury beyond normal wellness care.



2023 Reigning Sponsors

Doug Quimby—In Memory of Garnet

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Regan Ellis ★ Debbie Howell ★ Johnson Farms—Damascus Division LLC ★ Cecelia & Drew Kelso

Marvin Moody, Mark Allen & Ruby ★ Robertson Oswalt & Nony ★ Nancy & Bob Watkins

Many thanks to our Tom Cat and Lil' Cat sponsors too!



♥ ♥ Spotlight On Warm Hearts ♥ ♥ Teresa “Doc” Medlock-Pratt, HSPC Veterinarian



Truman and Truman’s Cat “TC”

Teresa Medlock-Pratt, DVM has been the Humane Society’s veterinarian for over 16 years. Though she has a busy load with around 200 animals all the time either in the shelter or in foster care, her workday does not begin or end with normal business hours. This compassionate veterinarian begins her morning and ends her evening with a few HSPC animals in her personal care. **TC** or “**Truman’s Cat**” was named when one of her bloodhounds became his companion. TC was a tiny kitten suffering from upper respiratory disease and a failure to thrive. He is now a healthy adult still living with Dr. Medlock-Pratt.

“Doc” lives on a farm where she fostered horses for us for a while. Though most of them are gone now, one special horse **Lucky Chance** is still a resident after 14 years. He was severely injured when his horse trailer fell apart and he was dragged down a road on his side receiving severe burns. His surgery performed by a burn specialist was televised on national news. Sadly, his body suffered so much that he would need the care of our veterinarian for life.



Lucky Chance



Dr. Medlock-Pratt with Leo

Though there have been many that went home with “Doc” that needed brief special care, there are a few special need animals still residing in her home. **Leo**, a lab mix, has extreme allergies causing irritation and hair loss. He depends on daily oral medication, a special diet, medicated baths and TLC which he receives in abundance!

We are all grateful to our veterinarians for what they know and can do to help our pets. At HSPC we are especially proud of Dr. Teresa Medlock-Pratt and her exceptional dedication.

Holiday Safety Tips For Your Pets

- Keep people food out of the reach of your pet. Make sure your pet does not have any access to food items containing chocolate, xylitol, grapes, raisins, alcohol, or yeast.
- Never leave your pet alone in a room with lit candles, a decorated tree or potpourri.
- Keep holiday plants (especially holly, mistletoe and lilies) out of the reach of pets.
- Consider leaving the tinsel off your tree if you have a cat.
- Secure your Christmas tree to keep it from falling over if your dog bumps it or your cat climbs it.
- Provide a safe place for your pet to escape the excitement (such as a kennel, crate, perching place, scratching post shelf or hiding place) if you are entertaining guests.
- If your pet is excitable or scared, consider putting them in another room with some toys and a comfortable bed.



Adopting Another Cat: Cat Introductions 101



**Sam & Hermes
are available
for adoption**

- ★ Have your cats examined by your vet before introductions to make sure they're all healthy.
- ★ Put the new cat in a small room with her carrier, litter box, food, water, scratching post, toys and a bed.
- ★ Feed your resident cats and the new cat on opposite sides of the door to this room so that they associate something enjoyable (eating) with each other's smell. Don't put the food so close to the door that the cats are too upset by each other's presence to eat. Gradually move the dishes closer to the door until your cats can eat calmly while standing directly on either side of the door.
- ★ Try to get your cats to interact with a toy. Tie a toy to each end of a string, then place it so there's a toy on either side of the door. Be sure to remove the string toy when you're not supervising.
- ★ To animals, smells are far more important than appearances, so you want to get your cats used to each other's scent before they meet face-to-face. Swap the

blankets or beds the cats use or gently rub a washcloth on one cat's cheeks and put it underneath the food dish of the other. When the cats finally do meet, at least their scents will be familiar.

★ Once your new cat is using her litter box and eating regularly while confined, let her have free time in the house while confining your other cats to the new cat's room. It's best to introduce your new cat to a room or two at a time and increase her access to other rooms over a few days. This switch provides another way for them to experience each other's scents. It also allows the new cat to get familiar with her new surroundings without the other animals frightening her. You can do this several times a day, but only when you're home to supervise. If you have to leave the house, put your new kitty back in her room.

★ With the cats in their designated areas, use two doorstops to prop open the dividing door just enough to allow the animals to see each other—supervised, of course.

★ It's best to introduce your cats to each other gradually so that neither one becomes afraid or aggressive. Once the cats are face to face, there may be some mutual sniffing and grooming. They may sit and stare at each other. You can provide distraction by dangling toys in front of them at the same time. This may encourage them to play together.

★ If there are signs of aggression (flattened ears, growling, spitting and crouching), make a loud noise by clapping your hands or throw a pillow nearby to distract them. If the standoff continues, very carefully herd them into separate parts of the house to calm down. The "calming down" process could take up to 24 hours or more, and the cats may take out their stress on you.

★ If the cats fight repeatedly, you may need to start the introduction process all over again and consider getting advice from a veterinarian or animal behaviorist. Never try to break up a cat fight by picking up one of the cats. You're bound to get hurt.



**Sabin & Graphitee
are available
for adoption**



TIPS TO REDUCE TENSION

- ♥ Have one litter box per cat plus one extra one.
- ♥ Try to keep your resident cats' routine close to what it was before the new cat's arrival.
- ♥ Make sure all cats have a safe place to which they can escape.
- ♥ Use a synthetic pheromone spray like Feliway in the areas where the cat introductions will take place.
- ♥ The introduction process can take anywhere from a few days to a few weeks. Please be patient.



Spread The Love By Volunteering!

Volunteers are the lifeblood of nonprofit organizations like HSPC. Volunteering is all about kindness and selflessness. Volunteers share a skill, get to know their community, demonstrate a commitment to a cause, and gain leadership skills. Volunteering is all about special moments when you give to others and in return you receive a smile, a purr, a wagging tail, appreciation, and the knowledge that you are making a difference and saving lives. **Volunteering feels good!**

*We ♥ our
Volunteers*

Volunteer opportunities at HSPC include the following:

Special Events: Staff HSPC booths at public events and assist with special projects. Talk with people, hand out information, sign up new members, and assist with animals.

Maintenance/Repair: Assist with various maintenance and repair projects: electrical, plumbing, roofing, fencing, carpentry, painting, equipment maintenance, grounds maintenance, etc.

Reigning Cats & Dogs: Our silent/live auction gala is usually held in November. Volunteers are needed to solicit auction items, plan the event, work on publicity, help with event setup, and work the event.

Puppy Love: Conduct animal-assisted therapeutic visitations to local healthcare facilities such as nursing homes and rehabilitation centers.

Humane Education: Conduct animal awareness education programs for local civic groups, schools, and youth programs.

Hands-On Animal Care: Take dogs to our dog park to run and play and help with basic training. Socialize and play with cats in our cat rooms.



Atticus

Foster Care: Provide a home environment to feed and care for animals needing short-term special care. A foster application can be found at warmhearts.org/foster. You could care for animals like 3-year-old **Atticus** who came to us after being injured by his previous family's dog when he was very young. While there is no visible injury to his face, Atticus has an endearing whistle at times when he breathes due to a sinus injury. Though he requires some warmup time, Atticus is very lovable and playful.

Ready to get started? Go to warmhearts.org/volunteer-opportunities, fill out a volunteer application, and our Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch!

Bissell Adoption Event: December 1-3, 6-10, and 13-17

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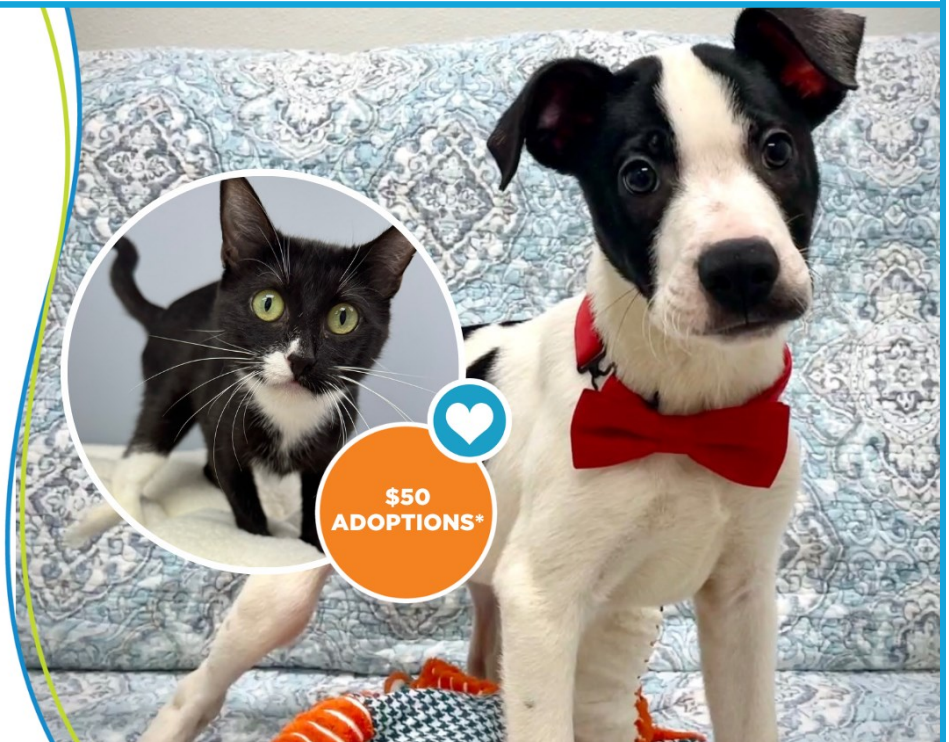


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This newsletter was created with love by Board members Debbie Howell and Sharon Morris.

“Spread The Love” \$5,000 Matching Challenge

Recently a very generous donor gave us \$5,000 and asked for others to join in his support by making donations to match! His gift and all matching funds raised will be added to our Emergency Medical Fund to help animals with exceptional medical needs. It will benefit animals like **Stormy**, a 9-year-old Cockapoo who was surrendered by his owner who could not care for him. Stormy has Cushing’s Disease which is a syndrome that causes the body to produce too much steroids and requires medications for life. This super sweet deserving boy has other medical concerns as well, which we are currently monitoring. We hope to move him on soon to a home or a medical foster.

To participate in this challenge, please go to warmhearts.org/donate and select General Donations. In the **Comments** box, please add the phrase “**Matching Challenge**”.



Our sincerest thanks to our \$5,000 donor, to all who choose to participate in this matching challenge, and to everyone that has lovingly supported our life-saving mission in 2023. We hope that the New Year brings much joy and prosperity to you and yours.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE
HSPC BOARD, VOLUNTEERS
AND STAFF!**



Stormy