

# Animal Tracks

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## Our Services

Every year Animal Humane Society cares for more than 23,000 companion animals in need and helps thousands more through programs for people and pets.

### Adoption

Visit cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, and critters available for adoption.

[animalhumanesociety.org/adoption](http://animalhumanesociety.org/adoption)

### Humane investigations

Our humane agents work with law enforcement and investigate reports of animal neglect and cruelty.

[animalhumanesociety.org/investigations](http://animalhumanesociety.org/investigations)

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Post missing or found pets or view stray animals in our care.

[animalhumanesociety.org/lostandfound](http://animalhumanesociety.org/lostandfound)

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We offer free and low-cost animal services that empower low-income pet owners and improve the lives of pets in underserved communities.

**651-788-4685**

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### Pet boarding

Peace of mind pet boarding available at Animal House in Golden Valley and at Now Boarding in South Minneapolis.

**763-489-2222**

[animalhumanesociety.org/animalhouse](http://animalhumanesociety.org/animalhouse)

**612-454-4850**

[nowboardingpets.com](http://nowboardingpets.com)

### Pet Helpline

Our free Pet Helpline provides caring, compassionate animal advice and resources.

**952-HELP-PET (952-435-7738)**

[animalhumanesociety.org/pethelp](http://animalhumanesociety.org/pethelp)

### Pet loss and end-of-life care

Humane euthanasia and cremation services are available to the public, and a pet loss support group is offered on Monday evenings in Golden Valley.

[animalhumanesociety.org/lossofpet](http://animalhumanesociety.org/lossofpet)

### Pet training

More than 100 family-friendly classes a week offered at four convenient locations.

**763-489-2217**

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### Surrender

Companion animals may be surrendered by appointment at any of our four open admission locations.

**952-HELP-PET (952-435-7738)**

[animalhumanesociety.org/surrender](http://animalhumanesociety.org/surrender)

### Youth programs

We offer fun, educational experiences for kids who love animals, including camps, scout programs, story hours, and more.

**763-489-2220**

[animalhumanesociety.org/youth](http://animalhumanesociety.org/youth)

### Veterinary care

Our Veterinary Centers offer high-quality, low-cost sterilization, dental, and wellness services for pets of people in need.

**952-435-7738**

[animalhumanesociety.org/vetcenters](http://animalhumanesociety.org/vetcenters)

## Locations

**Coon Rapids** 763-862-4030  
1411 Main St. N.W.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

**Golden Valley** 763-489-2201  
845 Meadow Lane N.  
Golden Valley, MN 55422

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1115 Beulah Lane  
St. Paul, MN 55108

**Woodbury** 651-730-6008  
9785 Hudson Road  
Woodbury, MN 55125

**Now Boarding** 612-454-4850  
6002 28th Ave. S.  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

## Mission

To engage the hearts, hands, and minds of the community to help animals.

## Vision

To compassionately and responsibly create a more humane world for animals.

## Core Values

Be good to animals.  
Partner with people.  
Lead responsibly with compassion.

# WELCOME TO *Kitten Season*

**Most people refer to** warm, sunny months — when the grass is green, flowers are in full bloom, and the days last longer — as summer. But at Animal Humane Society, we know them by a different name: kitten season.

It's our busiest time of year as stray, orphaned, and abandoned kittens flood our shelters.

## KITTEN SEASON

400 more kittens each month

100 more kittens each week

14 more kittens a day

1 kitten every two hours

## ALL SEASON LONG

Of all the animals that come to AHS, kittens are among the most vulnerable. Newborn felines enter the world weighing as much as a deck of cards. They rely completely on their mother for warmth, food, and protection.

When kittens are separated from their mothers, the task of caring for them often falls to humans. At AHS, this committed group of kitten lovers are known as Bottle Baby volunteers. Each year, these volunteers partner with shelter staff to provide specialized care, including round-the-clock feedings, a constant source of heat, and help going to the bathroom, which the



kittens can't yet do on their own.

It's hard work, but it saves lives.

As kittens grow, they transform into the energetic bundles of joy we know and love. At 5 weeks old, kittens can see, hear, and make the transition to solid food. Once they're healthy and old enough for sterilization surgery, they'll return to AHS ready to find new homes.

Kitten season sounds cute, but there's nothing cute about a homeless kitten that's not receiving the care they need. Thanks to people like you, these delicate animals find support at AHS.



## FOUR THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT KITTENS:

1. Kittens can't see or hear for the first 10-14 days of life. Their eyes are sealed shut and their ears are folded in.
2. Cow's milk isn't good for kittens. It can actually cause life-threatening complications. Kittens should only drink Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR).
3. Kittens can't regulate their body temperature until 4 weeks of age. They require a constant heat source to stay warm.
4. Kittens can become pregnant as young as 5 months old. AHS spays and neuters all kittens before adoption to decrease the homeless cat population.

# From Texas to Minnesota, a new future for Checkers and her kittens



**It's not unusual for** cats to be seen in or around a home improvement store. As avid hunters who help reduce rodent populations, they're even welcome as regular staff.

But not in all stores. Checkers and her siblings — born at a Home Depot in Fort Worth, Texas — were often considered a nuisance. Born as strays with feral tendencies, they avoided human interaction as much as possible, finding both safety and food in the shadows of the garden center. But Checkers, a petite Tortoiseshell, was different. She allowed people to touch her, and the cat-loving staff worked hard to build on that trust.

Over time, Checkers grew close with some of the employees at Home Depot. She'd even follow them around the store as they worked. One day, they noticed Checkers' belly looked a bit swollen. The active kitty's body kept growing, and it was soon clear that Checkers was pregnant.

Just a few weeks later, Checkers gave birth to four kittens in a box of blankets in the same garden center where she was born. Staff eventually discovered her mewling babies, their eyes just beginning to open.

The night manager didn't want more cats around the store and asked that they be euthanized, but the staff who had grown close to Checkers refused to let that happen. Jessica, a store employee, brought

Checkers and the 3-week-old kittens into the safety of her home. The little feline family acclimated quickly, and the trust the store employees had worked so hard to gain was strengthened even more.

Two weeks passed, and it was time for Jess and others to say goodbye to Checkers and her litter of four. It was a difficult and tearful farewell.

"It was a very sad thing for us (my husband and co-workers) to let her go. Giving them to the shelter after getting close to them was so hard," Jessica says. "I don't think I'll be able to forget the look she gave me as I drove them to the shelter."

Jess didn't know it then, but her timing was just right. As she pulled into the Fort Worth shelter parking lot, a plane that would bring 140 animals to Minnesota was landing at a nearby airport. Checkers and her four tiny kittens — along with dozens of other cats and dogs (and eight pigs) — were loaded onto that plane. The flight was paid for and organized by Wings of Rescue, a California nonprofit organization that facilitates transport and second chances for animals who might otherwise face euthanasia.

The plane landed in St. Paul at 2:30 p.m. on a chilly Sunday afternoon. Animal Humane Society and its

partners at Feline Rescue and Ruff Start Rescue worked quickly to load the animals into transport vehicles. More than 60 of the 140 animals aboard the flight received medical care and behavior evaluations at AHS before being adopted.

For animals in the south, where shelters are often crowded and already overwhelmed, the future can be grim. Every year, thousands of dogs and cats journey from southern states to Minnesota. Many of these animals spend months, even years, in the shelters they came from, yet they are adopted within days after crossing the Minnesota border. For animals like Checkers, it's a lifesaving trip.

After initial medical exams by AHS staff, Checkers' kittens went to foster care to grow stronger before coming back to our adoption center. And as the young mama cat said goodbye to one family, she said hello to another. Checkers' long journey from a Fort Worth garden center to a Minnesota shelter to the loving arms of her new adopter was possible thanks to you and the support of our animal-loving community.

Checkers is a shy and quiet kitty, but we're certain if she could speak she wouldn't hesitate to tell you one thing: thank you.

Learn more about Animal Humane Society's transport program at [animalhumanesociety.org/transport](https://animalhumanesociety.org/transport).

# Planning for your future should include a plan for your pet



## Join the Legacy Circle

and help more animals in need

**You help animals in** need each and every day. You're the reason dogs, cats, and critters in our care get second chances. Now you can make an even bigger impact.

A generous Animal Humane Society supporter is donating \$200 (up to \$20,000) for every new Legacy Circle member who joins through July 31, 2019. To take advantage of this gift, include AHS in your estate plans and let us know by contacting our Planned Giving Officers at [plannedgiving@animalhumanesociety.org](mailto:plannedgiving@animalhumanesociety.org).

**No matter your age**, it's important to have a plan for what happens when you pass. Creating a will is an easy way to ensure your wishes are respected, and it isn't as complicated or time consuming as you might think.

We know your pets are a part of your family. We want to help our supporters and their pets at every stage of life, including the end, so we sat down with Animal Humane Society's Planned Giving Officer, Alison Schneider, for a quick chat about how easy and important it is to make a will.

**Q: How many animals are surrendered to AHS due to their owners passing away?**

**A:** In 2018, 154 animals came to AHS due to the death of their owner. Another 291 were surrendered due to a caregiver's declining health. We welcome these animals into our shelters with open arms, but there are other options for pet owners.

**Q: What can pet owners do to make sure their pets are cared for after they pass?**

**A:** Make a will. First and foremost, talk to friends and family to determine who might like to care for your pet. Then secure that plan by creating a will. Creating a will ensures you're leaving your pet to someone you know and trust.

Start writing your free will  
by visiting [freewill.com/ahs](https://freewill.com/ahs).

**Q: If I don't have a large estate, why do I need a will?**

**A:** Think of a will as a document that can ensure your wishes are carried out after you pass. When you have a will, no one has to guess what you'd like to have happen with your belongings or your four-legged best friend. A will is simply an expression of values for the people and causes you love. No matter how old you are, or how much you own — that's something worth having.

**Q: Does it take long? What else can you leave in a will?**

**A:** We've partnered with FreeWill — an online service that provides animal lovers with a free, easy-to-use tool to create a will. It takes less than 20 minutes. FreeWill guides you through all the steps, including designating who you'd like to care for your dog, cat, or critter if something should happen to you. You can leave instructions on anything — like who gets control of your social media. You can even leave gifts to causes close to your heart, like AHS!

**Q: Are there any benefits to leaving a gift to a non-profit like AHS?**

**A:** Absolutely. If you leave a gift to AHS as part of your estate, let us know and you'll become a member of our Legacy Circle. As a Legacy Circle member, you can also enroll your pets in our one-of-a-kind Loved for Life program, which ensures that your beloved pet will always have the lifelong, caring home you pledged to provide them. It's our way of showing our appreciation, especially on behalf of the animals.



## Humane agents answer the call to help more than 400 animals in need



Humane agents Amanda Oquist, Keith Streff, and Ashley Pudas

**Brutal winter weather can't** stop our humane agents from pursuing justice for animals in crisis. Since our last issue of *Animal Tracks* went to press, our agents have investigated more than 300 cases of abuse and neglect across 61 Minnesota counties, helping nearly 400 animals escape inhumane treatment.

In December, our humane agents assisted deputies in Pine County with a cockfighting investigation that led to criminal charges against four Twin Cities men. AHS took in all 11 roosters seized in the case and cared for them until they were placed with local chicken rescues.

In January, our Critical Response Team worked alongside Carver County deputies to remove 38 Husky mixes and nine cats from a rural property after the unexpected

death of their owner. The dogs exhibited feral and pack behavior, and most had developed severe medical and behavioral challenges as a result of indiscriminate breeding. Our medical and behavioral experts evaluated the animals and worked with Adopt A Husky Minnesota to place 15 of the dogs.

In March, we responded to a hoarding case in Todd County where more than 100 cats were living in unfathomable conditions in a mobile home and surrounding buildings. AHS partnered with the property owners and caregivers, who willingly released the animals. Our team recovered 117 cats, one rabbit, and one chinchilla from the property and transported them to AHS for evaluation and care. To date we've placed 79 of the cats through our adoption programs and 14 others through our rescue partners.



In April, our humane agents removed eight starving animals — seven horses and a donkey — from a rural Fillmore County property. The remains of two horses that had starved to death were also recovered. The surviving horses are recuperating at the Anoka County Equine Center. Criminal charges are pending.

No matter the weather, we're able to respond to cases like these thanks to support from animal lovers like you.

# REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE

## Humane Agent Wade Hanson



Humane Agent Wade Hanson made helping animals his life's work.

**Animal Humane Society** and the people of Minnesota have lost a tireless champion for animals.

Humane Agent Wade Hanson died December 23 at his home in Pine City, Minnesota. During his 24-year career at AHS, Hanson helped hundreds of thousands of animals. His work protecting animals from abuse and neglect took him to every corner of the state.

Hanson brought kindness and compassion to his lifelong endeavor to confront animal cruelty.

"Wade committed himself — seven days a week, 365 days a year — for 24 years to his job of being a humane agent. That's who he was," says AHS President and CEO Janelle Dixon. "In all those years he never lost sight of the 'humane' part of the work and the humanity toward animals."

Wade Hanson joined the Humane Society of Ramsey County as a humane agent in 1995 and continued in that role when the organization merged with others to form Animal Humane Society in 2007. For the last decade, he focused on combating animal abuse and neglect in the northern half of Minnesota. Until 2018, he was one of only two full-time humane agents in the state of Minnesota.

"Wade embodied our mission," says Chief Government Affairs and Community Engagement Officer Kathy Mock. "He cared very deeply about the animals we serve and the people he worked with at AHS and in the community. He showed us on a daily basis what it means to compassionately and responsibly create a more humane world for animals."

Hanson reflected on his work in a 2017 interview. "Every morning I'm excited to get on the road and make a difference for animals. They're such an important part of people's lives and they deserve to be treated properly. And when they're not, I want to be there to help, simple as that. I'd keep doing this work forever if I could."



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# OUR MOST MEMORABLE CASES

BY MARY TAN

## AHS VETERINARIANS RECALL SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE CASES FROM THE PAST YEAR — LIFESAVING WORK MADE POSSIBLE BY YOUR SUPPORT

**M**innesotans rely on Animal Humane Society to care for some of the state's most vulnerable animals. Our expert medical team works tirelessly to provide exceptional, compassionate care to the 23,000 animals we take in each year — and we pour our hearts into each and every one.

Thanks to your support, we're caring for — and saving — more animals with serious health and behavior issues than ever before. Last year alone, our shelter veterinarians diagnosed and treated 29,511 conditions. That total includes many illnesses and injuries that were considered impossible or impractical to treat in a shelter environment less than a decade ago.

"Our veterinarians are at the forefront of shelter medicine," says AHS President and CEO Janelle Dixon. "We have one of the largest and most sophisticated veterinary teams in the state." That team includes 15 full-time veterinarians, 10 relief vets, and more than 60 veterinary technicians who've dedicated their careers to caring for animals.

Shelter medicine is as rewarding as it is challenging, says Dr. Graham Brayshaw, who leads the veterinary team at AHS. "If you talk to our vets, you'll learn that most of us chose shelter medicine over private practice because of our desire to make a difference in the lives of animals in need."

But the work isn't easy. "To be a vet at AHS requires a special skill set. We operate at a much faster pace than private practice veterinarians, and we're always pushing ourselves to do more," says Brayshaw.

Practicing medicine in a shelter environment — where animals live and interact in close quarters — often requires extraordinary measures. Many conditions that are simple to treat in a private clinic can be difficult to manage in a shelter, where contagious illnesses spread more easily.



Sasha and her puppies

AHS veterinarians also provided care to more than 15,000 animals through our public Veterinary Centers, which offer low-cost services to income-qualified pet owners, military personnel and veterans, and other non-profit rescue organizations.

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Whether in shelter or in the clinic, our veterinarians believe in the work they do and the mission they support, says Dixon. "Their work changes lives — not just for animals but for the people who love them."

Every animal and every interaction shapes our work and our organization — but some hold a special place in our hearts. We asked our vets to reflect on some of their most memorable cases over the last year. Here's what they had to say.





Sasha's puppies: Summer, Mitch, Arrow, Dottie, Captain, and Autumn

## SAVING SASHA'S PUPPIES

Dr. Ashley Trock, Golden Valley

Sasha, a sweet, white German Shepherd mix, came to us from an overcrowded shelter in Mississippi. She was shy, but very affectionate. The day I met her she walked up to me in my chair and slowly lowered her head into my lap. She looked up at me with her dark brown eyes and I instantly fell in love with her.



During her intake exam we noticed she had a very round abdomen, and radiographs revealed she was pregnant with seven tiny puppies.

**"At first everything went smoothly, but after a few hours Sasha started showing signs of distress."**

I checked on her every day, sometimes several times a day. After a little more than a week in our care, she started going into labor.

At first everything went smoothly, but after a few hours

Sasha started show-

ing signs of distress. She managed to birth five of the puppies herself, but the last two just weren't going to come out on their own. I was so nervous! I decided to

call in my colleague, Dr. Shelli Stulken, who is an expert at C-sections.

Late that Saturday night — long after the shelter closed — Shelli and I delivered the last two puppies by C-section. But it was too soon to celebrate, because the puppies weren't breathing. We did everything we could to resuscitate them, methodically rubbing and moving their bodies to allow blood flow. I was so relieved when those tiny puppies began to breathe on their own!

It was a long night, but we never gave up. Together we were able to save this sweet family.

A few days later Sasha and her puppies went to a loving foster home, where her little ones were able to grow big and strong. When they made their debut in our adoption center, both mama and her babies found new homes in no time. Before Sasha left the shelter with




Tiny Mitch at just two days old

her new family, she looked up at me one last time with those big brown eyes. I think she was saying thank you. I couldn't have been more proud.

## LITTLE PEANUT'S BIG RECOVERY

Dr. Angelica Dimock, Golden Valley

Peanut was like so many  of the kittens we see here at AHS. Super cute, super tiny, and super vulnerable.

But Peanut was more vulnerable than most. She and her littermates were found in a Twin Cities garbage dump. Only days old, Peanut was the smallest of the bunch. She weighed only ounces — less than a deck of cards — and was so tiny she was able to curl up and fall asleep in the palm of my hand.

Kittens that size can't regulate their body temperature so this little girl was freezing cold when she arrived at our Golden Valley shelter. We used heating pads made of rice to warm her up and did our very best to hydrate and feed her.

I've worked with countless neonatal kittens in need and I knew Peanut's condition was dire. But something about her was different. Looking down at her fragile, helpless body, something pulled at my heart. I knew deep within her, she had the strength to make it — and I knew I could help.

To make matters worse, Peanut's weakened immune system left her susceptible to an upper respiratory infection. But with lots of oral antibiotics and round-the-clock care from a dedicated and selfless foster family, her condition improved and she put on the weight needed to get her ready for adoption.

I was sure it wouldn't take long for this adorable little cat to find a loving home. Today she is happily living in suburban Minneapolis with two new feline siblings. She now goes by the name of Cheddar, but I'll always remember her as our little Peanut.



Peanut weighed only ounces when she arrived at AHS



Today Peanut is thriving in a loving home

## SANDY'S PAINFUL SECRET

Dr. Elaine Rayne, Woodbury

I could smell Sandy before I could see her. I've seen neglected animals before, but I have to say seeing Sandy shocked me to my core. She was so matted and dirty it was hard to tell what kind of animal she was. But I knew we could help her.



We didn't know it then, but Sandy was a beautiful, 10-year-old Cocker Spaniel. She'd been surrendered to us after her elderly owner became too ill to care for her. I was amazed at her sweet demeanor — especially once we discovered what was concealed under all her painfully matted fur.

Our vet techs sedated Sandy and spent three hours carefully shaving her matted fur and trimming her nails, which had grown so long they curled up into her paw. The smell was almost unbearable, but with each passing minute — as we cut and peeled the matted fur off her body — we knew we were changing her life.

While trimming her fur we discovered a painful skin infection was causing the horrible odor. Over the next week we treated her skin infection and removed five rotting teeth.

Sandy was a new dog. Once her health issues were resolved, she was ready for a home. She found her new family within a few days of being available for adoption.

I'm so happy I was able to help this wonderful little pup. She was so determined to make the best of a sad situation and we all felt so fortunate to have the opportunity to help her.



Sandy's painful mats



Sandy today

Sandy's unbreakable spirit reminded me why we do everything we can to help animals in our care.

## BUDDY'S WEIGHT LOSS JOURNEY

Dr. Josh Dwuznik, Coon Rapids

I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw him. At 200 pounds, Buddy, an 8-year-old lab, was so overweight he could barely walk. My heart broke for him.



Buddy's owner wanted us to euthanize him because he was having trouble moving. But it just seemed unfair. It wasn't Buddy's fault he was in this condition. I wanted to help Buddy walk again, help him run, or chase a ball. I knew we could give him his life back — but it wouldn't be easy.

It was clear that Buddy was eating table scraps and hadn't exercised in years. Our first step was to change his food to a veterinary prescription diet for overweight dogs. He ate three times a day, and his food was carefully measured. Even though he was a good boy, there were no extra treats for Buddy!

Once we got him on a restricted diet, we began searching for a foster home where he could continue his carefully planned meals and start getting some exercise. It took a while to find the right foster family. Buddy

was so overweight he couldn't climb stairs — and lifting him was no easy task.

After settling into his new routine, Buddy dropped the first 20 pounds. He was able to take a few steps with lots of breaks in between. Eventually, he started going farther and farther.

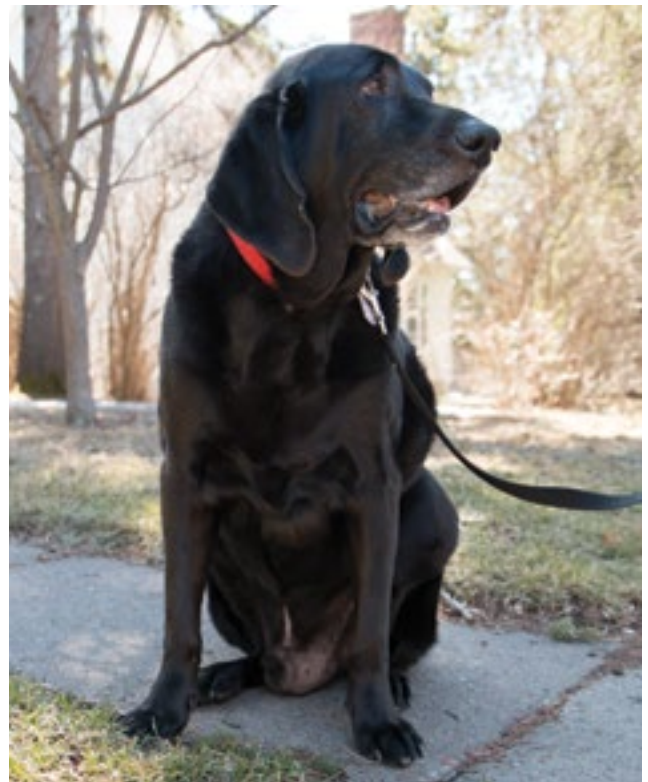
When his weight dropped to 158 pounds, I decided Buddy was ready to leave foster care and continue his weight loss journey in a new home. We needed to find a special family that would commit to helping him reach a healthy weight. Within a few days, a family from Duluth met him and fell in love.

Buddy is now named “Big Boy Buddy” or “Big Boy” for short. His new family takes him for several long walks every day — and now he even runs with other dogs, chases squirrels, and plays with his elderly feline sister.

After weigh-ins every other week since his adoption, Buddy has finally reached his ideal weight. At 100 pounds, Buddy is half the dog he used to be — but twice as happy and healthy as ever.



Buddy at 200 lbs.



Buddy today

## SMOKEY'S MASSIVE TUMOR

Dr. Kaitlin Monson,  
Golden Valley/St. Paul



I will never forget the first time I saw Smokey and the massive, baseball-sized tumor hanging from his lip. I couldn't believe it. It was hard to imagine how this sweet 18-year-old cat managed to navigate the world with a huge mass swinging from his face.



Smokey's owner told me he had lived with the tumor for more than five years because she couldn't afford the expensive surgery to remove it. During that time, it had

grown larger and larger — and she had begun to lose hope.

Through a friend, Smokey's mom

**“He had lived with the tumor for more than five years.”**

learned about the low-cost services available at our Veterinary Center in Golden Valley, where the surgery could

be performed at a fraction of the cost. She was relieved and overjoyed. It was clear how much she loved him.

Because of the way the tumor was attached to tissue in his mouth, the surgery took much longer than I anticipated. After about an hour I had finally removed the mass. I had to perform reconstructive surgery so his lips lined up.

We sent the tumor to the lab to make sure it wasn't

cancerous. The pathologist let us know a few days later it was just a benign cyst. Smokey's owner cried tears of relief, and I nearly joined her. I was so happy to know Smokey would live the rest of his days without pain or discomfort.

Freed from the weight of the tumor, Smokey now moves with grace and his head held high. His life is forever changed because we were able to help him. That feels pretty amazing.



Smokey's tumor

## HAZEL'S HORRIBLE TRAUMA

Dr. Julie Steller, Golden Valley

I remember the shock I felt when I discovered Hazel's horrible injuries. My heart dropped.



Hazel was a 4-month-old lab mix who came to us from a shelter in Alabama. She was such a sweet little girl, full of life and energy. When I examined her, I was stunned to see she had severe trauma to the left side of her upper and lower jaw and a terrible infection in her gums, teeth, and bone — likely the result of terrible abuse.

We immediately scheduled her for surgery to repair her jaw and remove the dead tissue, which included several large pieces of bone from her face. We also had to remove all of the puppy teeth on her left side.

Hazel had a long recovery ahead of her, but within a few days she was already feeling much better. After three weeks, the gum tissue had fully healed and Hazel was eating just like any other dog. Unfortunately, her upper and lower lips will always be scarred and fused close to her muzzle. As a result, her tongue sticks out of the left side of her mouth — which makes her look more adorable than ever.

We'll never know what caused Hazel's horrible injuries. But in a way it doesn't matter. All that matters is that we were there for her — and so many animals before her. I will always remember helping Hazel heal.



Smokey today



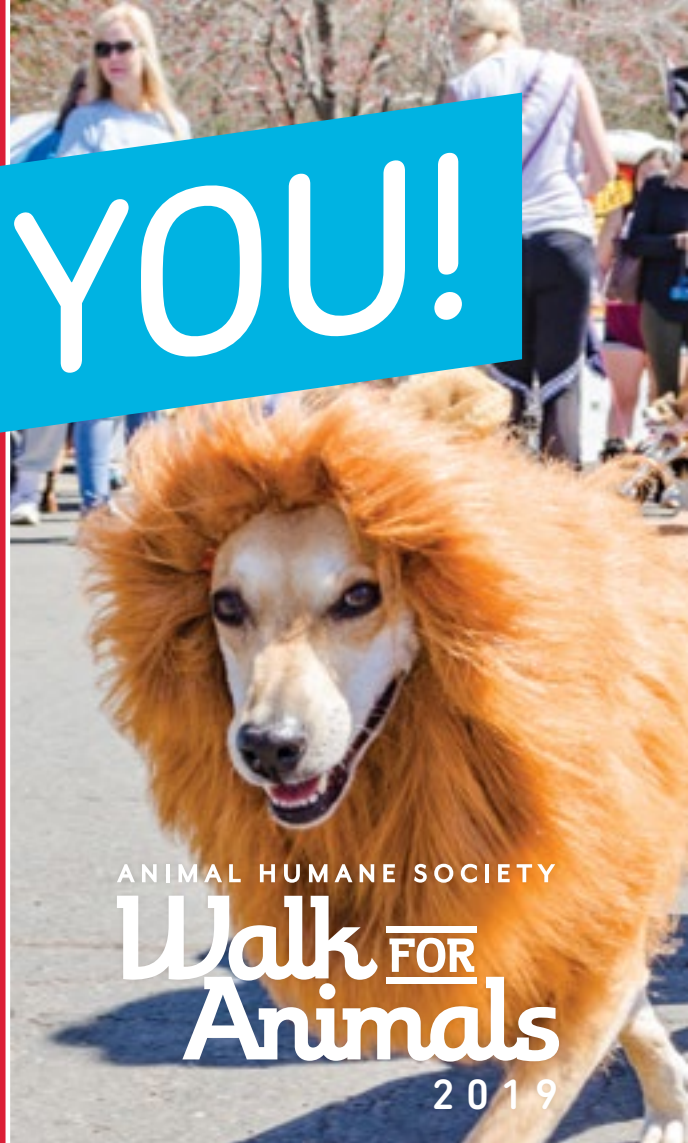
Hazel

# THANK YOU!

On Saturday, May 4, thousands of animal lovers and their pets came together to donate, walk, and celebrate — making the 2019 Walk for Animals a monumental success!

Together, we raised \$1 million to help animals in our community get the second chances they deserve. Every dollar contributed helps Animal Humane Society provide lifesaving treatment and compassionate care to the 23,000 animals that come through our doors each year. **Thank you for supporting animals and Animal Humane Society.**

**We hope to see you at next year's Walk on May 2, 2020!**





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# Your support saves lives.

Animal Humane Society receives no federal, state, or local government funding. We rely on the generosity of individuals like you to help thousands of animals in need each year.

## Donate

Your donation helps provide shelter, medical care, and most importantly, the love animals deserve while they await happy new homes.

[animalhumanesociety.org/donate](http://animalhumanesociety.org/donate)

## Become a sustainer

By making an ongoing monthly gift, you're providing a reliable source of funding that enables AHS to help animals all year long. Sustaining gifts are an easy and convenient way to make a big impact every month.

[animalhumanesociety.org/sustainer](http://animalhumanesociety.org/sustainer)

## Match your gift

Many companies match their employees' charitable donations. Double your contribution through a matching gift from your employer.

[animalhumanesociety.org/matchinggift](http://animalhumanesociety.org/matchinggift)

## Make a memorial or tribute gift

Honor a loved one or pet with a memorial or tribute donation.

[animalhumanesociety.org/donate](http://animalhumanesociety.org/donate)

## Leave a legacy

Make a lasting impact on animals by including AHS in your will or estate plan.

[animalhumanesociety.org/legacy](http://animalhumanesociety.org/legacy)

## Contribute to our wish list

With more than 23,000 animals to care for every year, AHS needs a substantial amount of supplies. You can donate needed items any time.

[animalhumanesociety.org/wishlist](http://animalhumanesociety.org/wishlist)

## Donate a vehicle

Donate your car to care for animals in need. Your vehicle will be towed free of charge and you'll be eligible for a tax deduction.

[animalhumanesociety.org/vehicle](http://animalhumanesociety.org/vehicle)

## Volunteer

Help make the world a more humane place for animals by volunteering with AHS. From walking dogs to assisting with adoptions, volunteers are integral to the work that happens every day at AHS.

[animalhumanesociety.org/volunteer](http://animalhumanesociety.org/volunteer)

## Foster

From the comfort of their own homes, our foster volunteers provide essential care for animals that aren't yet ready for adoption.

[animalhumanesociety.org/foster](http://animalhumanesociety.org/foster)

