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Happy Tails 
FALL 2021



Parvovirus Update

Thank you for your generosity!

The challenges of 2020 continued in 2021, as Shelby Humane experienced a Parvovirus outbreak in June. When we needed your help, you answered the call with your generous support!

Shelby County provided us with a temporary intake building in order to quarantine the strays brought in by Animal Control. Donations were used for life-saving medical care, and to purchase crates and cage banks for the temporary intake space.

Thanks to this support, and the efforts of our Veterinary Partners, we were able to save 30 puppies and contain the spread of the virus in the shelter.

Upcoming Events

October

2nd - Vaccine Clinic - Jim Burke Subaru 9am - 11am
5th - Outreach - Maplewood Lane Assisted Living 10am-11am
8th - Adoption - Ross Bridge Farmers Market 4pm-8pm
21st - Outreach - Premier Assisted Living 10am-11am
23rd - Adoption - Oak Mountain Harvest Festival 9am-4pm

November

1st - Outreach - Maplewood Lane Assisted Living 10am-11am
6th - Bark in the Park & Vaccine Clinic - Veterans Park, Alabaster 9am-2pm
12th - Adoption - PetSmart Alabaster 10am-2pm
13th - Adoption - PetSmart 280 10am-2pm
14th - Fundraiser - Photos with Santa - Myers Nursery, Pelham
18th - Outreach - Premier Assisted Living 10am-11am

December

7th - Outreach - Maplewood Lane Assisted Living 10am-11am
16th - Outreach - Premier Assisted Living 10am-11am



Ken Jackson's recently adopted cat, Martin, generates a \$5,000 donation to Shelby Humane.

After Ken's 17 yr old cat, Pinot, passed away in November, he began exploring adoption options. He connected with "Martin" at the Shelter and after numerous visits, they mutually decided to "move in together." He is named after his friend, photographer Spider Martin, and his favorite cognac, Remy Martin.

Ken is a long-time supporter and advocate of Shelby Humane. He has been a resident of Hoover and Shelby County for over 30 years. In 2010, he established the **Remy Fund for Pets and Animal Services** at the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham and has provided over \$400,000 in funding to local animal organizations. He is the donor of "Remy's Dog Park" at Red Mountain Park, the 8ft Bronze statue of Blaze (the dragon) at UAB, and is a supporter of Hand In Paw and the Alabama Spay/Neuter Clinic. Jackson is also known for donating his time conducting over 300 live auctions for diverse Birmingham nonprofit organizations, raising over \$10m since 1991.

Martin has found his forever home with Ken.



Controlling Overpopulation

Shelby Spay/Neuter is Key

Our flagship program, Shelby Spay/Neuter, provides low-cost or free surgeries to people in our community who might not otherwise be able to get their pets spayed or neutered.

We are grateful for major grants and individual donations to fund this important program. We hope you will consider a gift to help us control unwanted litters.

Alabama Spay/Neuter is our primary vet partner in this effort and they have performed over 1,500 surgeries in the past 18 months for us. The shelter has spayed or neutered an additional 400+ shelter pets this year, preparing them for their forever homes.

\$50 will spay or neuter one cat.

\$75 will spay or neuter one dog.

\$500 will spay or neuter 10 cats.

\$750 will spay or neuter 10 dogs.

Make your one-time or monthly contribution @ ShelbyHumane.org/donation

Hiking Buddies



Do you love the sun on your face and wind at your back?

We know some dogs that do too!

Fall is the perfect time of the year to don your backpack and get outside! Our **Hiking Buddies** and **Weekend Warrior** programs can team you with a canine companion to join you on your outdoor adventure.

Dogs that have been in the shelter for 30+ days, and are in need of Enrichment and Socialization, are hand-picked by our staff for this program. This "outing" is critical, as these long-term residents need a break from the stressful kennel environment.

Visit us at ShelbyHumane.org/hikingbuddies to pick out a pet, send an email to volunteer@ShelbyHumane.org or call our Volunteer Coordinator for more information @ 205-669-3916, ext. 2002.

HOLIDAY ornaments

This ornament is the first in a collectible series. Each year we will feature a plan, project or accomplishment at Shelby Humane. We hope that you will join us in celebrating our 2021 Annual Plan, **All Steps Lead Home**, which outlines the steps we have taken this year to ensure that each animal entering our doors receives all the necessary resources to find a forever home.

Best Friends of Shelby Humane is selling the ornaments for \$50 each. They may be purchased at the shelter, will be for sale at upcoming events, or contact donnamcfe@charter.net to place a mail order. S/H \$5.95.

The design of these ornaments was graciously donated by SusanMeyerDesign.com



Program Updates

Spay - Neuter Vaccinate - Release

SNVR addresses the problem of Feral Cats in our community. With the assistance of volunteers, we have humanely captured, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and released 140 cats back into one of 24 managed cat colonies in the last 9 months. If you are interested in helping with this program, contact the SNVR Coordinator at **205-669-3916 ext. 2009** or email snvr@ShelbyHumane.org

Transport Program *Freedom Drivers Needed!*

While most of our animals are adopted by local families, many of our pets are selected for transport to Shelter Partners in the Northeast, where strict spay/neuter laws create a need for adoptable pets.

We make 3-4 trips per month and we have several trips planned that still need a Volunteer Driver (travel expenses are covered.) If you are interested in making one of these Freedom Rides, please contact the Transport Coordinator:
205-669-3916 ext. 2012
transport@ShelbyHumane.org

October 27 - Chicago
November 23 - New Jersey
December 21 - New Jersey
December 29 - Chicago

Foster Program

120 families strong!

Shelby Humane is fortunate to have an amazing group of Foster Families who are currently housing over 200 shelter animals. These caring individuals have opened their hearts and their homes to over 1,250 pets this year and allowed us to reduce the number of animals living in the shelter.

Adoption Ambassadors (AA) are longer term fosters who have the pleasure of finding a forever home for their foster animal. As an AA, you'll promote your pet on social media, take them to pet-friendly places, come to our adoption events, and talk to family and friends. Once you find the perfect match, you place the pet directly in their forever home.

Other "Specialty" Fosters include those for Pregnant/Nursing Mothers, Neonates & Bottle Babies, Medical Rehab and Behavior Rehab.

If you are interested in joining our Foster Program, fill out an application at ShelbyHumane.org/foster or contact our Foster Team for more information:
205-669-3916 ext. 2005
foster@ShelbyHumane.org

How you can donate:

Text: SHELBY to 26989

Visit: ShelbyHumane.org/donation

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