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**SUMMER 2022**

## SHELBY HUMANE LEADERS IN THE COMMUNITY

### Shelby Humane Speaks with Students at Greystone Elementary

Educating the community on animal welfare starts at an early age. When children learn about safety with pets, animal care, adoption, fostering, and volunteering, they are more likely to have healthier animal relationships throughout their lives. Also, educating future animal owners on the importance of spaying and neutering reduces animal overpopulation and cruelty. So when Greystone Elementary asked Shelby Humane to speak with the students on the importance of animal welfare, there was no hesitation.

Adoption Coordinator Sidney Qualls, Foster Coordinator Eliana Echols, Feline Coordinator Katlin Fulton, and resident sweetheart Cletus educated K-5 students on caring for pets and the programs at Shelby Humane. The students had lots of questions and loved visiting with Cletus!

If you are interested in having a representative from Shelby Humane speak to your school or civic group, please contact [publicrelations@shelbyhumane.org](mailto:publicrelations@shelbyhumane.org).



## June

**4th - Vaccine Clinic & Adoption Event** - Sage Bar & Grill 11am-2pm

**18th - Pitty Party** - Shelby Humane 11am-3pm

## July

**1st - Adoption Event** - Starbucks at Greystone 12pm-2pm

**23rd - Vaccine Clinic & Adoption Event** - Lee Branch Farmer's Market 8am-10am

Visit [www.shelbyhumane.org/events](http://www.shelbyhumane.org/events) for a full list of our upcoming events.



# Program Updates

## Velvet

IN MEMORIAM

Velvet came to Shelby Humane in December of 2020. Calera Police Department found her wandering the streets and brought her to the shelter in hopes she would find her forever home. Velvet, however, was not in good health. After a medical evaluation, we determined that she had numerous sites of Mass Cell Sarcoma and was only given three months to live. Velvet was immediately placed into hospice foster care. Though she was only given three months to live, she had other plans. Velvet pushed pass her three months and persevered for a little over a year, winning the hearts of staff and volunteers, and even making an appearance on Fox6 News.

Not long after her tv debut, the shelter called former staff member, Vivian Casey to come quickly. Velvet had taken a turn for the worse. Not wanting Velvet to be alone during her last days, Vivian took Velvet home, feeding her french fries and cheeseburgers, giving her all the love she could muster, and making sure Velvet was comfortable during her final hours.

Velvet passed away surrounded by her friends and family from Shelby Humane. While we miss her, we are comforted knowing she is at peace.



## NEW VIRTUAL FOSTER PROGRAM

This new program is a fantastic way to engage with shelter animals without fostering them in your home! Virtual Fosterers are volunteers that are assigned an adult animal (cat or dog) to promote. They come by the shelter at least once a week during business hours and spend a little time getting to know the animal of their choosing - going on a walk, spending time in the meet and greet room, or going on a doggy date. We ask that they write a cute bio about the foster pet to help them get adopted, and take pictures and/or videos to share with the world.

Here are just a few examples of how Virtual Fosterers can promote their foster pets:

1. **Photoshoots** - Update their profiles with new appealing photos
2. **Bios** - Write bios that advocate for your foster animal(s)
3. **Enrichment** - Try training sessions with your foster animal, give them frozen treats, puzzle toys, and more
4. **Donations** - Give your foster animal toys, blankets, treats, or help pay for their adoption fees or spay/neuter surgeries
5. **Marketing** - Promote your foster through personal social media platforms

Please contact [volunteer@shelbyhumane.org](mailto:volunteer@shelbyhumane.org) to become a Virtual Foster!



# Program Updates

## VOLUNTEER

Summer is upon us! School is out, the sun is shining, and enjoying the outdoors is a must. What better way to enjoy your summer than by giving back and volunteering at Shelby Humane? There are so many ways you can volunteer! From puppy and kitten cuddling, taking dogs for walks, washing dishes, answering phones, participating in our dog and cat enrichment programs, or joining the shelter staff at an event, there is something for everyone!

Shelby Humane relies on volunteers to help ensure all our shelter animals receive the best care possible. Volunteer today and help bring joy to an abandoned animal!

Contact [volunteer@shelbyhumane.org](mailto:volunteer@shelbyhumane.org) or visit [www.shelbyhumane.org/volunteer](http://www.shelbyhumane.org/volunteer) for more information.

## Freedom Drivers Needed

Shelby Humane's Transport Program found forever homes for over 400 pets last year. 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 planned that need a Volunteer Driver (travel expenses are covered.) If you are interested in helping us facilitate a transport, please contact the Transportation Coordinator: 205-669-3916 ext. 2012 or [transport@ShelbyHumane.org](mailto:transport@ShelbyHumane.org)

### TRANSPORT DESTINATIONS

Chicago, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin, and more to come!

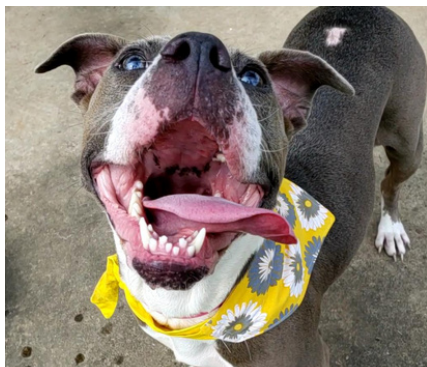
## PAWPARAZZI

### Did you know Shelby Humane has Volunteers who take photos of our shelter animals?

Having a great photograph helps our shelter animals look appealing to potential adopters. Many shelter animals have a hard time "showing" in our kennels. Kennel stress can be overwhelming, and far too often some animals are overlooked by potential adopters. Having a great photograph can help capture our shelter animals "good side."

Our **Pawparazzi Program** allows volunteers to take beautiful, professional, and candid photographs of our shelter dogs and cats. Each animal's picture is on our website and showcased on our social media sites.

Volunteer Coordinator, Alexis Martinez, will pair you up with shelter animals in need of new photos and the rest is up to you. Don't be afraid to use your imagination! Get creative, use props, or simply show off your photography talents!



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# Shelby Humane Highlights

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



### Rhonda Stallings

Rhonda Stallings is our Volunteer of the month! Rhonda volunteers by participating in our Barkin Baths program regularly. Most recently, she bathed 100 dogs that were transported to partnering shelters in the northeast. Rhonda also attends fundraisers, cleans kennels, and attends our low-cost vaccine clinics. A dog lover, Rhonda has adopted 3 dogs from Shelby Humane and has fostered several puppies throughout the years. Thank you, Rhonda!

## SHELBY HUMANE Wins Best of the Best!

The results are in, and we are proud to announce that Shelby Humane was voted Best Local Cause for Shelby Living's Best of the Best 2022! "This is another milestone for Shelby Humane," said Shelby Humane's Director of Operations, Dr. Bill Rowley. "We've been diligently moving the shelter into a positive direction for a while now. Knowing the community sees our efforts and supports us is an amazing feeling." Rowley says the shelter is just getting started. "We will never stop learning how to serve better or how to care better and with the support from our community - we will be better!"

*We'd like to thank shelter staff for all their hard work and dedication to the animals, our Board of Directors for paving the way to success, and last, but not least, our wonderful donors for their continued generosity.*



# How you can help:

## FOSTER SUPPLIES needed



A robust Foster Program is critical to maintaining a No Kill status.

Kitten and puppy season is upon us and Shelby Humane has our hands full with expecting mothers, nursing mothers, and newborn neonatal kittens and puppies. We rely on the care and support of foster parents to care for these abandoned animals, and we provide all food, formula, and other supplies. To donate foster supplies, visit [www.shelbyhumane.org/donation](http://www.shelbyhumane.org/donation).

To learn more about becoming a foster parent visit [www.ShelbyHumane.org/foster](http://www.ShelbyHumane.org/foster), send an email to [foster@ShelbyHumane.org](mailto:foster@ShelbyHumane.org), or call our Foster Coordinator for more information @ 205-669-3916, ext. 2005.

## Amazon Wishlist

Did you know Shelby Humane has an Amazon Wish List? Items in need are listed on the site for people to buy and donate to the shelter. Scan this QR code and go shopping!



## HOW YOU CAN DONATE:

**Text:**

**SHELBY to 26989**

**Visit:**

**[www.ShelbyHumane.org](http://www.ShelbyHumane.org)**



**Mail:**

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## GETTING TO KNOW INNIE

*Ambassador for Shelby Humane*

So, there I was - hurt foot, scared and in a sheriff's vehicle. I heard the angels talking to the man. His name was Deputy Campbell. The angels told him they "would see what they could do." I was so tired, so very tired. "Why are they looking at my foot and my leg...oooh that hurts...just let me rest!" The door swung open, then there were more people! They were talking so loudly. An old lady was bending over beside me. She rubbed my back and looked at my face. She said I had a nice healthy coat. She talked to the angels. They all looked happy. I heard them say "VET." Whatever that is - must be good, OUCH!! That is my bad foot....be careful....."and the next thing I knew, one of the angels put me into yet another car. I was so tired I went to sleep.

I woke up early the next morning feeling pretty rotten. I tried to stand up, but something was off. Imagine my shock and surprise when I discovered my old hurt leg...was completely GONE! And when I tried to check it out, I had something around my head that kept me from even giving it a good sniff. Not sure about all this....what happened to the angels?

**Stay tuned for more about Innie  
in upcoming newsletters!**



Best Friends of Shelby Humane is a group of volunteers who want to make a difference in the lives of homeless pets in Shelby County by providing financial support through the planning and execution of special events and fundraisers. **Designer Bag Bingo** was one such event, held last month at The Club in Homewood. For information on how you can get involved, email [bestfriends@shelbyhumane.org](mailto:bestfriends@shelbyhumane.org).