

Humane Society of Cherokee County

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Dear HSCC Donor:

HSCC has had another great year, with a record 800+ rescues, along with the adoption and transport of many long-term shelter dwellers. Sincere thanks to all HSCC supporters.

An especially sweet story is that of Lily. Last spring volunteers stopped by a home in Hulbert to vaccinate a litter of puppies and discovered Lily dragging herself around a porch (search for *Little Doxie Hulbert* in youtube.com to see the video taken of her that day). This long-haired Dachshund had a traumatic injury which rendered both of her back legs unusable. The original owner said veterinarians had referred Lily to a Tulsa clinic, but the operation would require several thousand dollars, with no guarantee of success. HSCC took her in and Lily lived in two separate foster homes in Tahlequah for most of the year. She wore a diaper and was fitted for a homemade 'wheel cart' to allow her mobility. Lilly recently found her forever home in Missouri.



Lily



Lily with her wheel cart



Lily in Missouri

Tripod the cat was found abandoned and skinny with an injured eye and a missing leg. He was taken to our shelter, where he received the care and love he needed to become strong again. His eye was so damaged it had to be removed but that didn't stop an adopter from seeing what a wonderful boy he is. Tripod was adopted by a person who saw past his physical appearance and discovered his great personality. She had previously adopted Lil' Joe from us and he needed a buddy. Tripod is now Colby and lives happily in his forever home with Lil' Joe. They both are receiving lots of love and attention.



Tripod (now Colby)



Little Joe at home with Colby



PAWS Chicago intake manager with newly arrived transport dogs from Cherokee County



An HSCC puppy checks in at PAWS Chicago



Brock was discovered living in dampness under a house on Stickcross Mt. Road. From the intense humidity he had acquired a fungus in his nose that could have been fatal. Nearly a year of anti-fungal meds saved his life, but resulted in the loss of 50% of his vision.

HSCC's "Shelter Buddy" program, started more than a year ago, has blossomed and I'm happy to report that a majority of our shelter animals now have their own Buddy. Participants in the program visit a shelter dog or cat for an hour at least once each week and provide the loving human contact these animals crave. Hard to adopt animals receive affection, treats, go walking, and are made to feel special when their Buddy shows up. People who love animals but are unable to have them in their homes still can enjoy the fulfillment of caring for a needy animal. A silver lining of this program has been an increase in shelter animal adoptions. We need more Buddies as there are still animals who do not have one. Come to our shelter and find a lonely animal; you and your Buddy will both benefit.

HSCC handles an increasing number of animals each year. Each dog and cat needs vaccinations, wormer, and other medications to prepare for adoption. Sick and injured animals require more treatment and expensive boarding. All animals not transported out of the county must be spayed or neutered. The expense to HSCC is enormous.

Frankly, our donations this year fell far short of covering these growing operational costs. We ask for your help just once a year, so please do all that you can to keep our organization saving lives.

Look at Triumph, the unfortunate dog below. This is what I mean by animal suffering. When HSCC got him, he was at the point of starvation and was eaten up with mange. He was unable to stand up for five days, but he is a wonderful dog and today he can run and play.



Triumph

Resolve to be a part of HSCC's lifesaving work while improving the quality of life in Cherokee County. KNOW that your gift will bring salvation, restored health and a forever home to more ill-fated animals like Triumph. Keep in mind that donations to national organizations are of no help to our animals.

Make your check payable to "HSCC." We have provided a coupon and self-addressed envelope. You may also donate online by PayPal or credit card. Go to www.humanecherokeecounty.org and click on the "donate" button.

Be sure to stop by the Humane Society Resale Shop before Christmas. You will find many fine items at great prices. Located at 17736 S. Muskogee Avenue in Tahlequah (across from Cherokee Nation Headquarters). Open 12:30 to 4:30 Tuesday thru Saturday.

**\$140 gets one homeless animal off the street, healthy, and into a loving home.
Your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.
Please help as many animals as you can**

The public is invited to the monthly HSCC meeting, held at the Tahlequah Public Library, (120 S. College, Tahlequah) at 6:30 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month.

As always, HSCC members and the dogs and cats are grateful for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Lou Hays
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