

# HUMANE SOCIETY of PULASKI COUNTY™



## Our Mission: Rescue, Care, Home

The mission of the Humane Society of Pulaski County (HSPC) is:

- to rescue, care for and find homes for abandoned, abused, homeless and unwanted animals;
- to reduce suffering of animals; to investigate, prosecute, and prevent abuse; and
- to reduce the number of homeless animals through adoption, spay/neuter, and through education.



Think Stock

We provide access to low-cost, healthy, inoculated, sterilized animals to people seeking to adopt animals as pets only. Adopters are screened to see if they can provide the basics of care for the animals, proper housing, and continued veterinary maintenance; and have no history of animal abuse or irresponsible ownership.

HSPC is a private no-kill shelter, supported solely by donations, fund-raisers, bequests and grants. We receive no city, county or state funding, nor are we affiliated with any other organization.

We have been rescuing animals since 1955 and have been in our present building since 2000. HSPC maintains a 25,000 square foot shelter, with a clinic, a full-time veterinarian, and staff of 15-20 people caring for over 200 animals. We clean, feed, walk, train, exercise, love, and find good homes for these animals. Our shelter manager, Kay Simpson, a Certified Abuse Investigator, investigates, rescues and prosecutes in instances of extreme abuse and neglect.

We have a strong volunteer base. Our volunteers are involved in animal care, fund raising, computer work and off-site events.



HSPC is proud of our 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, which means the smallest percentage of our donations are administrative ... just about all of our income goes directly to caring for the animals.

## Community Outreach

We have a special community outreach program, called Puppy Love, which takes puppies (and sometimes kittens) to visit residents of nursing homes, retirement centers, and women's shelters. Touching and hugging these little pups, and receiving their unconditional love, uplifts the morale and the well-being of these citizens.

Our Puppy Love program has makes approximately 40 visits to local facilities each year. Some of these visits were made with school or church service clubs, providing the added benefit of teaching young people the benefit of giving their time to help others.

HSPC also has a Humane Education program, which works to teach and respect for animals, proper pet care, and responsibility and to educate towards ending animal abuse and overpopulation.



Brett Kaemurer/Everyday Boxer

Our Certified Humane Educator, Christine Henderson, presents age-appropriate programs to schools, churches, libraries, scout groups, corporations.

In 2009, HSPC adopted out almost 1000 animals, and provided over 850 spays and neuters.

By caring for homeless animals, investigating and acting on reports of animal abuse and neglect, as well as making low-cost pet ownership available, HSPC provides a needed and very beneficial service to the community.

## **Your Role: Adopt, Donate, Volunteer**

### **Meet Faith:**

This great puppy came to the Humane Society after she was found running down the street on fire with a band around her muzzle so she couldn't cry out for help. She was lucky. Another puppy set on fire in the same area didn't make it – his burns were too extensive, the pain too immense. The only reason that Faith is alive today is because HSPC was there to provide the emergency medical care that she needed to heal.

Faith is just one of dozens of abused, neglected and injured animals that HSPC helps every year – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in Little Rock and Pulaski County.

Unless an animal's injuries are too extensive, or their suffering too great, HSPC works to save the lives of these animals and reunite them, if possible, to worried owners. The animals who cannot be reunited with families are adopted into loving homes.



[Warmhearts.org/adoptable-dogs/?petID=41816860](http://Warmhearts.org/adoptable-dogs/?petID=41816860)

Imagine how you would feel if your favorite companion became lost and was injured. Due to overcrowding and cost, injured animals picked up by the city and county animal services are nearly always euthanized. Faith survived only because a caring Animal Service worker brought her to us. Sometimes the injuries are terrible and euthanasia is the kindest of all acts. But in many cases, injuries could be easily treated, like a broken leg, a bad cut, a partially amputated tail, etc. With immediate medical attention, these animals could live long, healthy lives and be reunited with their families. HSPC is the best chance your pet has for getting the medical attention and care it might need if injured.

Unfortunately, HSPC's rescue service is in jeopardy. Emergency medical care is costly, beginning around \$150 for the mildest of wounds and increasing with the degree of injury. Faith's medical bills were about \$250 and many are far beyond this despite the generosity of area vets. Many owners never reimburse HSPC for the cost of treating their animals and we simply don't have the funds to continue to rescue these animals on our own.

Without City or County funding, the animals we rescue depend solely on the contributions of caring, compassionate animal lovers. We desperately need your help to be able to save the hundreds of cold noses that need your warm heart! Make a contribution to our emergency medical fund, tell your friends and coworkers about this need, sponsor a fund-raiser at church or the office, become an HSPC foster home for animals with special needs, and volunteer your time. Then, maybe, someday if your beloved companion needs help, HSPC's rescue service will be there!

Please help if you can. We appreciate your contribution to HSPC.



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