

# Peace ♥ Love ♥ Rescue

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# YOUR SUPPORT SAVED JAX'S LIFE!

Your donations, in 2021, enabled GBHS to serve 17,000 animals, rescuing them from neglect, starvation, and abuse. But there is never enough space in our shelters for the animals that need immediate help. That's why GBHS' Foster Program is so vital to animal rescue. When a foster family opens their home to a scared animal, it increases the number of animals we can save. Most of our fosters do not have the funds to buy the supplies needed to care for the fragile animals they receive. Your money provides these incredible volunteers with everything they need to get these precious babies healthy enough for adoption or transport to sister shelters.

**Jax is just one of hundreds of success stories you made possible this year!**

Jax was found lying in the street. He was emaciated, scared, and in need of emergency vet care. Your support pays for this care and, within a few days, Jax was cleared to be a foster. Jax's foster parent, Lisa Acton, worked with him day and night, providing a warm bed, healthy food, and urgently needed socialization, so that he could learn to trust humans again.

The bond that developed became so strong that Lisa couldn't let Jax go. Now Jax is living the life all companion animals deserve... freedom from suffering and starvation, and space to run and give love.

**Please send your urgently needed donation now. We cannot help animals like Jax without your support.**



**JAX BEFORE, 41LBS**

**"Fosters take on the most fragile animals, who often need 24/7 staff and vet support. The program is not inexpensive, but the lives it saves are priceless and the fosters themselves are truly angels walking on the earth."**

*-Stephanie Sullivan, Shelter Operations Manager, Snow Drive Adoption Center.*



**JAX AFTER, 81LBS**

# BECAUSE OF YOUR DONATIONS, RECORD # OF DONOR SPONSORED ADOPTION EVENTS IN 2021!

**Your gifts relieve over-crowding throughout the year!**

GBHS is recognized nationally for operational excellence and our work to save pets, respond to disasters, and serve at-risk pet owners. We are a trusted partner to national sponsors, including Hill's Pet Nutrition, Bissell Pet Foundation, Abbey Residential, and the PetSmart and Petco Foundations.

These companies know that our community has too many abandoned pets that need homes. So, each year, they provide funds and marketing support to promote adoptions and massive events like Clear the Shelter. Volunteers work tirelessly to prepare for these events, but the reward is seeing hundreds of animals find loving homes in just a few days! Because of your donations, thousands of homeless pets were placed through donor-sponsored adoption events this past year.



**Thank you! Contact GBHS now to sponsor an event!**

# RESPONDING TO DISASTERS

**You make it possible to rescue animals facing immediate danger!**



Every year, the donations you give during November and December determine the budget for our Disaster Team. Unfortunately, climate change is resulting in more storms in the gulf, and more desperate calls to GBHS for help.

GBHS is now one of the largest disaster response teams in the southeast. When a hurricane is predicted to hit a shelter, or after a tornado has ripped through a community, our volunteers and staff spring into action to help. The animals we take are often injured or found wandering the streets.

We would like you to meet Boudie, one of the many animals you helped save this year. Boudie was rescued after a hurricane hit the same shelter in Louisiana two separate times. He is a 12-year old chi-mix, with a severe injury to his palate. Emaciated and afraid, he was treated and placed in the foster home of Heather Echols.

Fast-forward one year and look at him now!

**"So often older pets get overlooked because of their appearance, age, or medical condition but these animals often have the biggest hearts," said Boudie's foster mom on why she chooses to foster underdogs.**

Boudie was transported to Wisconsin and adopted and is living his best life with his new brother, Bruce Wayne, and the rest of his loving family. His transformation and journey shows the impact your gift makes to provide the support needed by these animals. Last year, our ability to save animals through transport and disaster programs almost doubled – and that is because of your generosity!

**Animals need your help today! Please call or go to [www.gbhs.org](http://www.gbhs.org) to give your life-saving gift so that we may continue to save more animals like Boudie!**



**BOUDIE BEFORE**



**BOUDIE AFTER**

# FREEWILL

As the holiday season begins, the Greater Birmingham Humane Society continues to advocate for the humane treatment of people and animals in our community. Your generosity provides support for our Adoption and Animal Care Programs that ensure every pet has a home, is cared for, and loved. That's why we want to share one way you can elevate your impact on the animals in our care before the end of the year.

Regardless of age, we encourage our community to write their wills to protect the things they love, and create a legacy that ensures that the GBHS mission continues.

To make this process easier, we have partnered with FreeWill to give you a simple way to write your legally-valid will and plan a gift to the GBHS in 20 minutes or less. Also, you do not have to name a gift for GBHS to use this free service.

FreeWill, which has been featured in Forbes and Oprah's 31 Best Ways to Make a Difference, removes the expensive legal fees associated with writing a will, making estate planning free and accessible for all, and has been used by over 370,000 Americans to write their free wills.

FreeWill allows you to consider your loved ones and pets, while ensuring GBHS continues to be a place of refuge for animals for generations to come.

**For more information, please visit: [www.freewill.com/gbhs](http://www.freewill.com/gbhs)**

# Giving Center

## CONSTANT COMPANION

*Save animals year-round!*

The Constant Companion Monthly Giving Program is a group of generous donors who support the shelter consistently throughout the year by making automatic monthly donations. All you have to do is sign-up and designate the amount you want to give. Your contribution will automatically be charged each month to help animals in need and you may cancel at any time.

We applaud our current Constant Companion donors, who have been supporting the animals of GBHS for years. Together, they have made a real difference in the lives of so many!

**There Is A Level For Every Budget; Your Monthly Gift Of:**

**\$10** provides a nutritious meal for three animals in our care

**\$25** supplies vaccinations and preventive medication for one pet

**\$50** provides spay or neuter surgery for one animal

**\$150** provides heartworm treatment for one dog

Become a Constant Companion at [www.gbhs.org/donate](http://www.gbhs.org/donate) or by calling (205) 397-8537. Sign-up today and receive a special GBHS Constant Companion Window Decal!

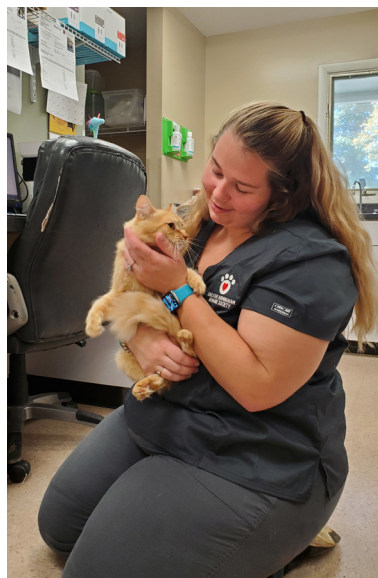


## Anonymous donor matching up to \$15,000!

**THIS YEAR GIVING TUESDAY IS NOVEMBER 30, 2021**

The gifts you made during last year's Giving Tuesday resulted in a record-breaking day for our animals. These funds were used to help our Critical Care Clinic, which provides all of GBHS' spay/neuter surgeries and vet needs.

Low cost spay/neuter is critical to saving lives. Did you know that, in 6 years, two unaltered cats, and their progeny, can produce more than 66,000 new cats and two dogs up to 67,000? Your support has made the GBHS Hospital the largest spay/neuter clinic in the state. This program, under the supervision of Dr. Lindy Alverson DVM, trains 4th year



Auburn University and Tuskegee University students in soft-tissue surgery.



**GI•INGTUESDAY**

# 45,087

The number of spay/neuter surgeries your donations have accomplished since our Critical Care Unit opened in April of 2015! That's IMPACT!

These life-saving services would not be possible without the support of you, our generous donors and corporate partners.

**Please make your gift online at [gbhs.org](http://gbhs.org) or call (205) 397-8537 on November 30th, Giving Tuesday.**

**Your gift will be matched up to \$15,000 by an anonymous donor.**

