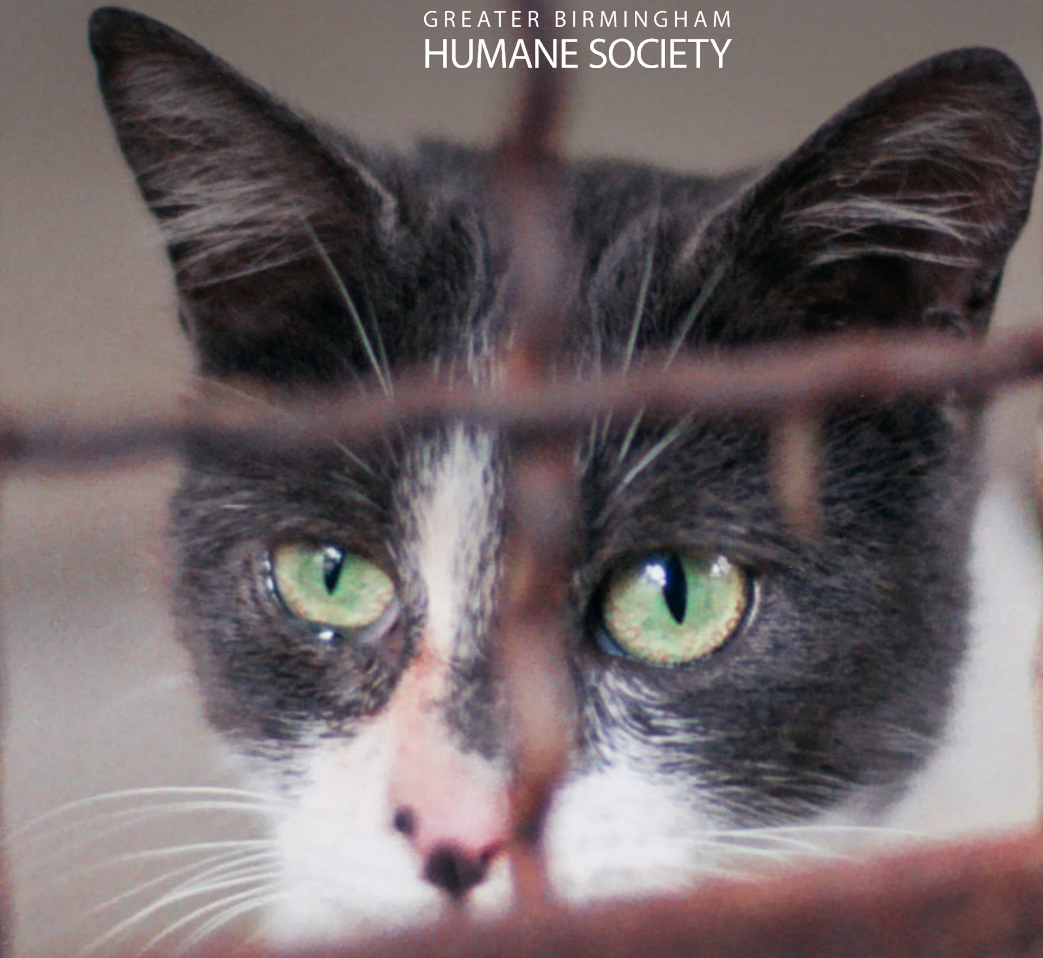


2021 GBHS SUMMER NEWSLETTER



GREATER BIRMINGHAM
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SIMON UPDATE: YOU MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!

A little over a year ago, a broken, bruised, and nearly lifeless dog came into our care. This "elephant dog" was Simon. As the saying goes, time heals all wounds, and for Simon this is especially true. Thanks to you and the love and care of his family, his skin is slowly healing, and tufts of white fur are sprouting on his feet and back. The devastating heartworms that once labored his breathing are finally gone, freeing Simon to run and play without debilitating pain in his lungs and heart.

While his recovery is steadily underway, Simon still has a long road ahead. His fractured pelvis still must be rebuilt, and he will face a lifetime of treatment for chronic conditions.



SIMON TODAY



THANK YOU!

Despite what some would say were insurmountable challenges, this resilient boy's spirits have remained strong! Thanks to your gifts and healthy food donated by Hills, he will never again know the pain and suffering of life on the streets.

I've had dogs all of my life, all of which have been rescues coming from varying living conditions. But until now I had never seen anything like Simon, and I feel so fortunate to see his transformation, receive his love and trust, and allow our daughter to experience the miracle of animal rescue.
-Taylor Hollingsworth, Simon's Dad

Your support enables GBHS to continue saving hundreds of animals just like Simon. Your contributions allow our team to reach the starved, beaten, and defeated animals that desperately need a safe place to call home.

WILL YOU HELP US CONTINUE THIS LIFE-SAVING MISSION? CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE BY MAIL VIA THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, ONLINE AT GBHS.ORG, OR TEXT SIMON TO 243725.



GBHS TRANSPORT

THE WEATHERED WAY HOME YOUR DONATIONS DIVERT A DISASTER AND DELIVER HOPE

Each year, more than 14,000 animals find their way into GBHS. While we may not always know why they come to GBHS, we do know how we want them to leave – delivered into a loving home. There are not enough adoptable animals in the north, and this creates a high demand for these beautiful animals. Your giving and volunteer hours have grown the GBHS Transport Program into one of the largest and most successful life-saving operations in the country.

But this spring, you did something really incredible.

In early March, waves of devastating tornados ripped through our community. As a result, many pet owners were left homeless without the necessary supplies

to care for their pets. In anticipation of this need, the staff and volunteers at GBHS swiftly orchestrated the most extensive transport in our history. Within 48 hours, the GBHS Transport Team, led by Elisa Tillis, organized with partner shelters in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to rehome more than 100 of GBHS' adoptable animals - that's 69 adult dogs, 22 puppies, 24 adult cats, and 3 kittens, to be exact!

Your gifts assisted staff and volunteers as they loaded the GBHS Sprinters full of animals to make the 10-hour drive to each partner shelter. These transports are driven by some of our most valuable assets, GBHS volunteers! Eventually, the wheels stop, the door slides open, and a sea of new

faces are waiting to shepherd these southern pets to a new life. Wagging tails and smiling faces are the result. A line of adopters anxiously awaited just around the corner to set their eyes on their new best friend and to give these pets what they have been searching for – a safe, loving and permanent home.

Of course, each one of these trips is impossible without community support. It is because of your generosity that thousands of animals can find their way to a loving home.

CAN YOU HELP US LEAD MORE HOME THIS SUMMER? DONATE ONLINE AT GBHS.ORG/DONATE OR LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING AT GBHS.ORG/VOLUNTEER.

LULU & BUCK

YOUR SUPPORT SAVES DOGS LIVING AT LOCAL COMPANIES

As temperatures dropped below freezing in January and February, GBHS was alerted to the plight of two helpless dogs living in the woods behind companies located on Lakeshore Drive.

Lulu was surviving behind a grocery store, and quickly became known as "The Publix Dog." Customers coming out of Publix would feed her scraps and even leave her toys, but it was clear she needed veterinary attention and help.

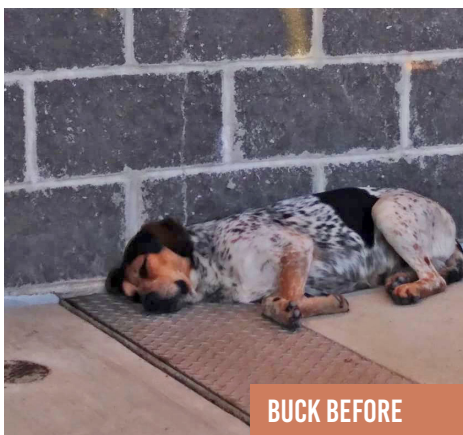


LULU BEFORE



LULU AFTER

Buck lived on the scraps given to him by truckers pulling into the Dollar General Distribution Center, which is how he got the nicknames Buck and "DG". But the Dollar General staff feared Buck would be hit by a truck or cars on Lakeshore and begged for help to catch him safely. So many of you began giving your time and resources to help these dogs,



BUCK BEFORE

but for over a year all efforts proved unsuccessful. Local animal control officers tried repeatedly to capture Lulu and Buck, but years of living in the wild had taught them to be fearful of humans. This is when GBHS was called in to help. Because of you, GBHS equipped our animal control officers (ACO's) with humane dart guns, and provided the extensive training needed to use them correctly.

Even with these advanced tools, Lulu and Buck were able to spot officers, recognize their trucks and scent, and disappear again. GBHS ACO Supervisor Chris Angst realized that this mission was different and would require special efforts. Chris spent several nights studying the dogs' habits and during one of those nights, successfully darted each dog and brought them safely into our care.

Your donations and generosity have now provided Lulu and Buck with warm and loving homes as well. They have received veterinary care, and can now spend their nights on soft beds with warm blankets.

PLEASE HELP US SAVE EVEN MORE ANIMALS LIKE LULU AND BUCK. VISIT GBHS.ORG TO DONATE AND TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR RESCUES.



BUCK AFTER

WHEN TIMES GET DESPERATE, 52¢ A DAY CAN SAVE A LIFE

PLEASE HELP US RESCUE THEM FROM SITUATIONS THEY DID NOTHING TO DESERVE



For more than 138 years, GBHS has worked tirelessly to end animal abuse and neglect. Your calls come in 24/7 and because of you we are able to respond 24/7. Your support has helped GBHS become a nationally recognized leader in animal protection and placement, but none of it would be possible without regular monthly gifts from the angels we call Constant Companions.

Please become a Constant Companion today. It is easy, and it is the most effective way for us to fight animal abuse and cruelty, and to make a difference for animals all year long.

Your recurring monthly gift will be automatically and conveniently deducted from your credit or debit card each month and put to work immediately for the animals in our care. You may change the amount, date, or payment method of your donation whenever you like, or cancel at any time.

SIGN-UP TODAY AT GBHS.ORG/DONATE OR CONTACT US BY TELEPHONE AT 205-397-8537

PLEASE HELP US SAVE A LIFE. BECOME A GBHS CONSTANT COMPANION TODAY AND RECEIVE A GREATER BIRMINGHAM HUMANE SOCIETY CONSTANT COMPANION WINDOW DECAL.

YOUR GIFTS TURN A LIFE-SAVING DREAM INTO REALITY

A dream in the works for years is finally coming true for abused, neglected and abandoned animals in our community. Last month, GBHS and the Jefferson County Commission announced they will finalize a land purchase in June that will serve as a single location for all animal services. GBHS manages animal control and impoundment for the county in Woodlawn, while providing veterinary services in Hoover, and adoption and education at Snow Drive. The new campus co-locates all of the buildings and programs and will feature a large lake, walking trails to Red Mountain Park, a dog park, and separate facilities for dogs and cats.

The Woodlawn building has no central heating or air, and cinder block walls with kennels in constant disrepair. The drains are collapsing, there is no isolation area to quarantine sick animals, and the electrical wiring is in need of replacement. It's a move officials say will not only mean better standards of animal care, but also improved safety for employees and a more inviting place for the public to visit when they are looking for a lost pet or volunteering.

"Everyone knows the county building at Woodlawn is falling apart, but there are other important reasons for the project," said Chief Executive Officer Allison Cornelius. **"GBHS runs one of the south's largest and most respected transport programs, and the organization has become a regional leader in disaster response providing assistance to five coastal states. We need additional space and a different kind of shelter design to continue these critical programs. Every day GBHS employees load 30 to 40 dogs and cats into crates and onto Sprinters at both Snow Drive and Woodlawn, drives to Hoover for the animals' vet care and spay/neuter surgeries, loads everyone back up, and drives back to Snow for unloading. The redundancies are ridiculous and increase not only our operating costs but place tremendous stress on the animals which increases illness rates,"** Cornelius added.

The county will build a new impoundment facility and GBHS will construct a new teaching veterinary clinic and hospital, and new adoption, transport, and education center. A capital campaign will begin soon.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT ALLISON CORNELIUS AT 205.568.2342 OR ALLISONC@GBHS.ORG.





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