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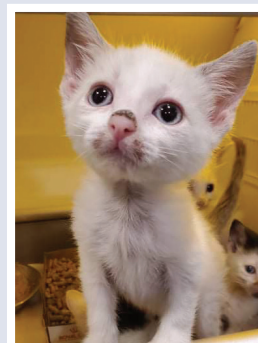
Over 130 Animals Rescued

Earlier this summer, St. Hubert's played a huge role in the dramatic rescue of over 130 neglected cats and kittens from hazardous and dangerous conditions inside a single New Jersey home. This is the type of lifesaving work that donor support — *your support* — makes possible. And for this we are forever grateful for your generosity and kindness.

While most of the felines we rescued were severely ill — some even injured with broken bones and parasitic eyes — many are now healed and on their way to living their best life with loving adoring families. With donor support, we were able to treat the injured as our behavior team worked with the most severe cases. The youngest kittens, like Coconut and Peanut seen here, are still being cared for in our kitten nursery, and they are growing stronger and stronger by the day.

This rescue proves that even those animals who come from extraordinary situations can go on to live perfectly happy, perfectly ordinary lives. And none of this vital work would be possible without the help of our supporters like you.

From all of us here at St. Hubert's, thank you for making second chances within reach for every animal who comes into our care.



The Journey:

New Initiative Saves Big Bayou Boy's Heart



Just a few months ago, Big Bayou Boy's future looked grim. The homeless four-year-old, 85-lb. gentle giant lab mix had spent his life wandering the streets of a small town in Louisiana, searching for food, and being shot by pellet rifles in the hands of

annoyed neighbors. One concerned person finally brought him to a shelter, where an exam revealed he was not only riddled with pellets but infested with heartworms — an excruciatingly painful parasite that can result in severe lung disease, heart failure, and, if untreated, certain death.

Enter **Save a Heart**, a new partnership between St. Hubert's, Greater Good Charities, Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health, and Banfield Foundation. Save a Heart flies adoptable homeless asymptomatic heartworm-positive dogs to shelters on the East Coast where they can be treated and placed with loving families looking for a pet. This past April, Big Bayou Boy was one of 76 dogs boarding a flight from Louisiana to St. Hubert's for "a new leash on life."

In the months since his arrival in New Jersey, he has been adopted by an adoring family, has bravely battled his disease, and is expected to make a full recovery. And because of generous donor support, St. Hubert's will be able to continue to partner with Greater Good Charities, welcoming, treating, and finding permanent loving homes for adoptable heartworm-positive dogs through April 2022!

A Message from Lisa LaFontaine

The past year has been intense, even for an organization that is used to hard work. Much will be written about this time — books, articles, and research studies — but when asked to sum up what we've learned, not just as an organization, but as a country and society, I can do it in just four words: **We are stronger together.**

In 2019, St. Hubert's Animal Welfare and the Humane Rescue Alliance came together as one organization, resulting in the first regional, multistate animal care, adoption, field services, and community support organization in the nation. As one organization serving New Jersey, Washington, DC, and communities throughout the mid-Atlantic, we have a more systemic and holistic understanding of our region's needs. This groundbreaking merger came just in time as 2020 and 2021 brought in a wide array of difficult new challenges.

Despite every obstacle, St. Hubert's staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure **both new and longtime pet families have the resources and support to stay together.** We helped new pet parents acclimate through virtual behavior classes and participated in post-adoption calls to support the development of unbreakable bonds. For families struggling with illness, food or housing insecurity, and other challenges, we provided low-cost veterinary services, free food and pet supplies, and whatever support we could offer to keep animals with their families.

Happily (and contrary to what some in the media are saying), the vast majority of animals adopted during the pandemic **are still with their families today.** Throughout this period of isolation, stress and uncertainty, many people have realized something we have known all along — animals are beloved members of their families.

Keeping pets with their families **is only part of what we do** here at St. Hubert's. In this issue of Humane News, you'll get an update about the 130+ cats we rescued from neglect; advice on how to keep your pet safe and healthy on vacation; news about a new partnership that helps to save dogs from a horrific disease, and more.

On behalf of our dedicated and hardworking staff, who have cared for animals selflessly during the pandemic, I want to thank you for your stalwart support. Your generosity makes our lifesaving work possible. In this issue, we've included information about our **St. Hubert's Angels**, a special group of monthly supporters who power our work year-round. I hope you'll consider being an Angel for our precious animals. From the bottom of our hearts, we appreciate your support and friendship throughout this past year. Together, we have made an impact — and together, we will continue to do so.



All my best,

Lisa LaFontaine
President and Chief Executive Officer

IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND BEYOND



Dmitri and Champ Find Their Way Home

Your generous support helps us secure safe housing for pets while giving their people peace of mind. Our **Safe Haven** program enables domestic violence victims to leave abusive relationships while ensuring that their pets remain safe from harm. This lifesaving program provides emergency sheltering and foster or in-shelter care for all types of pets — in addition to any necessary medical care, like spay/neuter — and provides guardians with visitation opportunities until they can be reunited.

Likewise, our **Emergency Boarding** program was created for people like Dmitri, who lost his job and income during the pandemic, and feared losing his dog, Champ, too. When Dmitri reached out to Jennifer, our Community Programs Manager, we quickly found Champ a great foster home so that Dmitri could look for a job and new housing. After four months, Dmitri found a place that accepted pets, and the family was reunited. Follow @StHubertsAnimal on Facebook and Twitter to see more of these heartwarming stories your donations make possible.

Kellie Doucette, a Lifelong Angel

Kellie Doucette has always known the love and companionship of pets. One of her earliest memories as a child was being gifted a shelter dog named Heidi by her mother. When Kellie and her family moved to New Jersey 13 years ago, she fulfilled a promise to her own kids by adopting a dog named Nellie (left) from St. Hubert's. Kellie was instantly drawn to St. Hubert's mission and lifesaving work, which inspired her to become an Angel, a St. Hubert's monthly donor. When asked why she supports St. Hubert's as an Angel, Kellie stated "because of the way they step up in challenging situations and tackle the longer-term systemic issues around animal welfare. They are always using their resources and partnerships to solve problems and make the world a better place not only for animals but for people too and I find that inspiring." Kellie's support as a monthly donor allows St. Hubert's to step up for every animal, partner, and family who need our help. In the last year, Kellie and her family adopted another pup from St. Hubert's named Stryder (right) who is described as "the goofiest bundle of love" and has quickly worked his way into the hearts of the Doucette family forever!



Become a St. Hubert's Angel

Will you consider increasing your commitment to St. Hubert's by becoming an Angel today? If you are already a St. Hubert's Angel, we thank you.

Becoming a monthly donor is easy — just return the attached form in the enclosed envelope, indicate the monthly amount you'd like to give, check the box for "Monthly," and your tax-deductible donation will be automatically deducted on the 15th of every month. St. Hubert's Angels receive regular photos and stories of shelter pets, special event invitations, a subscription to our exclusive "PawPrints" e-Newsletter, and more.

Thank you in advance for being an Angel to animals who need one the most.



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Paws to Celebrate: Keeping Your Animal Safe and Happy This Holiday Season

Dear Adrienne: I'm planning a busy holiday season with family. What are the must-haves and must-dos to keep my dog safe and comfortable? – Holidazed in Hillsdale

Dear Holidazed: Like you, I'm eager to celebrate with loved ones this holiday season. But remember: your pet needs to reacclimate to travel and visitors too. Here are a few tips to keep the season festive and stress-free for pets and people alike!

Prep for Guests: Before guests arrive, provide a safe area for down time for your pet, and a chew toy to keep them busy. Ask visitors to call prior to arrival to give you time to leash dogs, secure cats, or grab treats; no one wants to search for a loose pet on a holiday. Inform guests about any food restrictions for your pets.

Watch for Toxic Foods: Onions, chocolate, nutmeg, grapes, and raisins can be deadly. Call a vet immediately if your dog ingests any amount of these foods. Avoid cooked bones — which can splinter and puncture your dog internally — as well as high-fat foods like poultry skin and nuts, which can trigger pancreatitis.

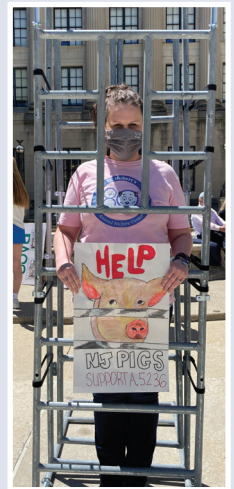
Pack Smart: Hitting the road? Make sure you pack essentials: food, treats, a favorite toy, poop bags/kitty litter, a pet first aid kit, and vaccination records, which are crucial if you find you need to board your pet.

Safety First: Make sure your pet's ID tag has your cell phone number, so that if your pet goes missing you can be quickly reached — and bring recent photos of your pet, on your phone or in your travel bag, for identification purposes. If your pet has a microchip, contact the manufacturer before you leave to ensure all your information is accurate, and have your vet scan the chip to make sure it's functioning properly. Bone voyage!

LATEST EVENTS

State of the Animals: Advocacy in New Jersey

This summer we partnered with a distinct group of organizations in New Jersey and DC to host two animal advocacy trainings as part of our ongoing series of Community Conversations designed to provide learning opportunities for the community. In New Jersey, we were excited to be joined by counsel from U.S. Senator Cory Booker's office and representatives from the Animal Legal Defense Fund, the Humane Society of the United States, and People for Animals to discuss federal animal welfare initiatives; protections for companion animals; the use of animals for cosmetics testing; humane management of community cats; and intensive confinement of farmed animals, which is not only unnecessarily cruel but has been identified as one of the top drivers of zoonotic disease emergence. Through our advocacy work, we are building partnerships with diverse organizations and empowering individual advocates to advance policies that recognize that human health and animal health are interdependent and bound to the health of the environment. If you would like to get more involved, please reach out to us at advocacy@humanerescuealliance.org.



OUR MISSION

St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center is dedicated to the humane treatment of animals. We believe in and provide services that support the human-animal bond and seek to foster an environment in which people respect all living creatures.

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