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MILLIE'S EYES | YOUR GENEROSITY ENDS A LIFE OF ABUSE



MILLIE, BROKEN TO REDEEMED

A Good Samaritan walks into GBHS carrying a dog he found on the side of a highway.

Millie is an odd shape, short legs attached to a long, emancipated body. Her head hangs low. She is ghostly grey. Her skeletal frame is shocking - how can she be alive?

But her huge dark eyes capture everyone's attention.

Millie's eyes tell the story of a thousand unanswered prayers and unspoken suffering.

Taylor approaches Millie slowly with medications and food that your generosity has provided.

Millie tenses and draws back, but Taylor slowly and gently begins to pet her fur. Taylor offers the nourishment tenderly. Tension begins to lessen,

Millie's eyes close in relief.

No more hurt.

A woman sits at home searching a website for her next pet. She sees a photograph of a dog and all she can think about is the eyes staring back at her.

Leigh Ann desperately hopes and prays for Millie. Surely someone will adopt her.

But hope isn't enough. Leigh Ann decides to act.

Leigh Ann volunteers to foster Millie for months and slowly helps her gain the weight and trust she will need to survive.

As the days and weeks pass, Leigh Ann realizes she is receiving much more from this dog than she is giving.

Leigh Ann says she has experienced the profound

"Just imagine what our world would be like if we loved and nurtured others, our neighborhoods, our hometown and all living creatures."

joy that comes when you give of yourself. "When we give of ourselves it shows in part who we are. It's amazing what the power of love can do." Leigh Ann adopted Millie and now encourages you to get involved.

"When you feel strongly about something, when you really want to help, you should act. Hope and prayers are wonderful, but they don't buy food, provide shelter, or pay for vaccinations and emergency surgery," she says.

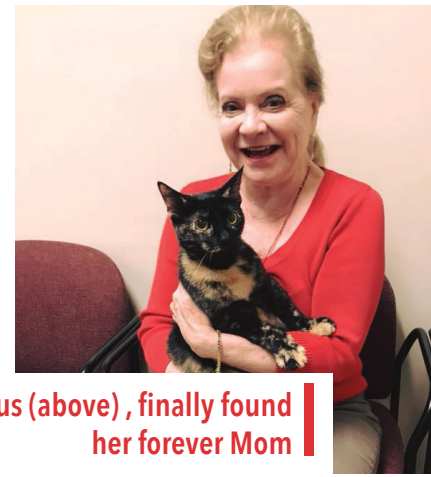


Because of your compassion, each year 20,000 animals like Millie have access to caring veterinary technicians as well as life-saving medical treatment, vaccinations, surgery, and 24-hour care.

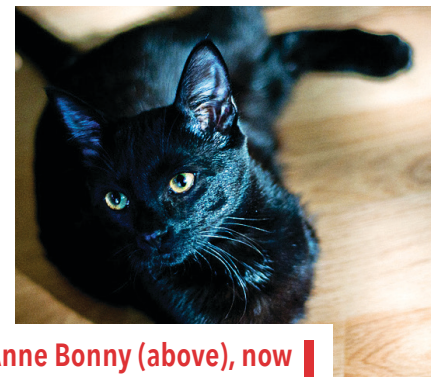
Give hope. Your support ends animal suffering.

Choose love. Your mercy gives these animals a second chance.

Share kindness. Please encourage others to be kind to all animals and help the "Millie's" of the world.



Venus (above), finally found her forever Mom



Anne Bonny (above), now happy and loved

A TALE OF TWO "CATASTROPHIC" CATS

YOUR TIME AND GIFTS GIVE SHELTER FROM THE STORMS

"Please help! Our shelter is in desperate need of space. We need to move adoptable animals out to make space for the hundreds coming in! Shelters and rescues in southern Florida are flooded and without power! Please, any shelter that can take cats? Cats especially. If you have the ability please help!"
--Email from an Animal Disaster Coordinator in Sebring Florida.

Hurricanes create thousands of animal refugees. Shelters in Texas and Florida needed immediate space for lost animals to help owners have a better chance of finding their pets.

Thanks to you, GBHS was able to take supplies to Texas and Florida and evacuate adoptable dogs and cats from desperate shelters.

Lucky for two very special cats, their residency at GBHS was very temporary.

Anne Bonny was a three-legged cat evacuated from a Hurricane Harvey impact shelter. Her soon-to-be mom, Hayden Wood, saw her photo online and said it was "love at first sight." Anne Bonny had only been in Birmingham 3-days when her new mom showed up at GBHS with adoption papers in hand, ready to take Anne Bonny home.

Venus was a Hurricane Irma refugee, and was the last Irma animal in the shelter when her soon-to-be mom, Allen Brooks, came into the GBHS looking for a cat. Sweet Venus had spent a month at GBHS, but it was worth it, as she found her wonderful forever home.

Your monthly gift helped transport more than 1,600 animals to safety this year!

Please, don't wait. Make your holiday donation today!

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A NEW YEAR, A NEW HOME!

THANKS TO THE KINDNESS OF A DONOR FAMILY.

It is January 1st, 2017. GBHS Clinic Manager, Annie McCormick, is on her way to work when she sees an injured dog in the median of I-65. The dog, that she eventually names Valhalla, is struggling and lying on its side.

Annie pulls over. The dog lifts its head and tries to crawl.

Annie can see the poor animal has been hit by a car and cannot use her back legs. She immediately calls Dr.

Latham, the Chief Veterinarian Officer for GBHS.

Because of you, our shelter is fortunate and grateful to have a dedicated veterinary medical team available to our staff, fosters, and our animals 24/7.

Dr. Latham rushes in to evaluate Valhalla. He comforts her as the x-rays reveal a fractured pelvis that will require surgery.

Valhalla requires numerous surgeries over the next several months. She quickly becomes a favorite of the Auburn externship vet students and the GBHS staff.

Valhalla makes a full recovery but only because of the kindness of a donor

family. Without their contributions, the life saving surgeries wouldn't have been possible.

Your gift rescues animals in need. Help us share kindness in our community. Give today.



Valhalla (above) will enjoy the holiday season with her new adopters, the Higginbotham family

Give the Gift of Hope, Love & Kindness this year!

For each gift, we will send your family, friends or clients a holiday card!

(1 recipient per \$25 donation please!)

A GREAT GIFT FOR THE GREAT LAKES:

YOUR TLC TRANSPORTS AND TRANSFORMS A PUPPY'S LIFE

Gloria is just one of 354 puppies that came into our shelter in a single month.

She is very shy and fearful. She cowers. And like many orphaned animals she can take longer to get adopted. To improve her chances of finding a home, Gloria is placed with Whitney Taylor Locklin, a GBHS foster parent and one of our best socialization experts! Your monthly giving helps us recruit, train and support foster volunteers for GBHS.

In a single month you help foster volunteers care for hundreds of animals that are too sick, too young, too antisocial, or too small for surgery.



Gloria (above) came to GBHS cowering and afraid of everyone.

After a few weeks of training and playing with Whitney (and her patient husband Matt), Gloria was sent to a destination shelter in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Destination shelters have fewer animals, giving animals like Gloria a better chance of being adopted.

Donors like you help provide the food, supplies, enrichment toys, and veterinary care required by foster pups like Gloria.

Whitney is one of our most creative parents! She makes incredible personality profiles for every animal so that potential adopters will appreciate these incredible pets. Volunteers

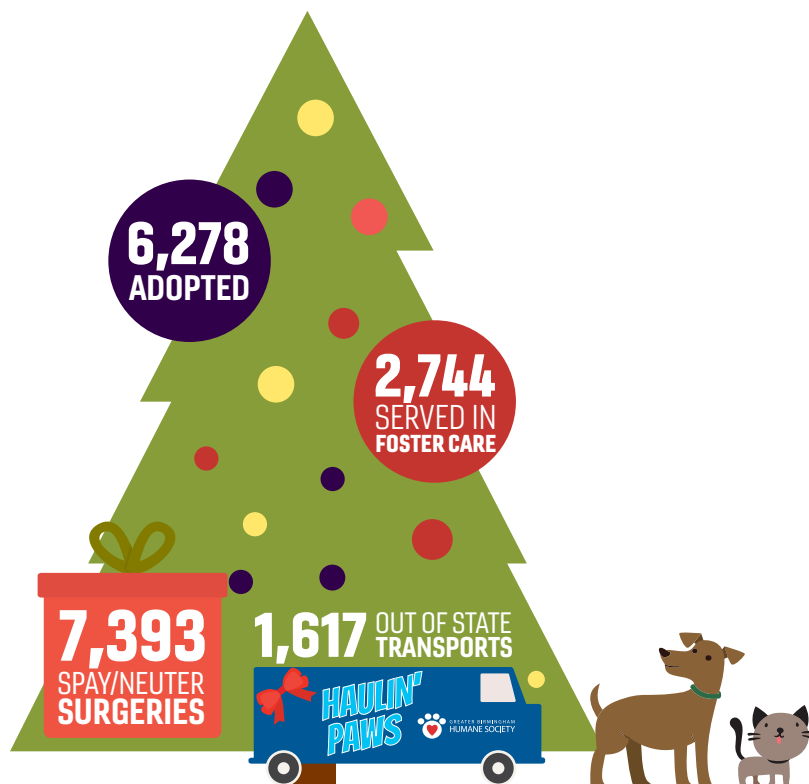
serve as transport drivers and your gifts and support provide the special vehicles and gasoline for every trip.

Thanks to you, Gloria didn't have to hope for her forever family for very long. She arrived in Brookfield on June 17th and was adopted on June 18th!

Would you consider a monthly gift today? Please support your local humane society and the animals you care about so much.



Today, Gloria (above) enjoys long walks and going to the dog park with her new family.



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