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*Save Him!*

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GREATER BIRMINGHAM  
HUMANE SOCIETY

# Rescued

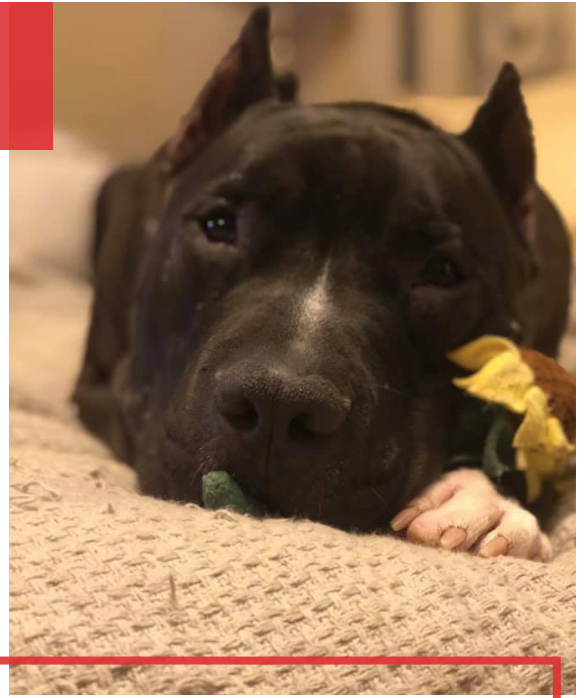
## A STORY OF ONE PERSON'S COURAGE TO BE A RESCUER.

On a hot day in late May, we received a call from Frieda Edwards about several dogs that had been abandoned at a house in Sycamore, Alabama. Frieda had tried calling animal control and the sheriff's department, but nobody would help. She was convinced the animals were going to die if someone did not do something.

Sycamore, Alabama is not in the Greater Birmingham Humane Society's jurisdiction, but Frieda knew something had to be done to save these innocent lives. GBHS tried without success to get local authorities to respond, and time was running out. Because of your generous gifts we were able to answer Frieda's call to rescue - - and what we found was horrible.

There in the blazing sun a large, grey dog was chained to a porch post. The chain was so tight he could not move. His ribs and spine stretched his skin. He was surrounded by trash, rats, and filth. GBHS Animal Control Supervisor Chris Angst removed the chain and rushed the dog to the GBHS hospital. Dr. Latham confirmed that had the dog not been brought in, he would likely have died within 24 hours.

Zeus' story was covered by local news. The sheriff's office has pledged to do better and partner with GBHS to improve responses. Because of YOU and brave citizens like Frieda, Zeus is thriving in his new life



**Please, continue to support GBHS' life-saving rescue efforts - with your support we can respond around the clock to cases like Zeus.**





# A TINY MIRACLE

Imagine spending the whole 15 years of your life in a dark basement all alone. Then imagine developing an injury to your leg that goes untreated for months, leaving you lame and close to death.

For Edith, a tiny, grey poodle, this nightmare was real. When the Greater Birmingham Humane Society rescued Edith, no one thought she would survive. But thanks to YOUR caring support and the kind heart and determination of our clinic director, Stephanie Sullivan, Edith not only survived the amputation of her degloved, maggot infested leg, but she now happily hops around trying to keep up with Stephanie when they come to work together.

When she arrived at the shelter, Edith weighed only 3.4 pounds, but YOUR GENEROSITY gave her a second chance at a happy life and thanks to YOUR LOVE AND DONATIONS she is now up to almost 6 pounds!

I wish Edith's story was an isolated incident, but unfortunately many of our animals require amputation to keep them alive.

**With YOUR HELP there will be more success stories, and more happy "tripods" finding new homes in our community. Please make your gift today, and be sure to watch the video of Edith on our website at [GBHS.org/Edith](http://GBHS.org/Edith).**



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# RESCUE RES-KYOO

TO FREE OR DELIVER FROM CONFINEMENT, VIOLENCE, DANGER, OR EVIL

I'm a rescuer. Guess I always have been, and since you're reading this newsletter, I'll bet you are, too. Here at GBHS, that's what we do—we rescue, liberate, release, save—and we couldn't do it without you.

I remember my first rescue. It was a crisp fall evening. Mom and I were leaving the theatre and as we rounded the corner to where my dad was picking us up, we saw her. A beautiful collie lying on her side against the building. We rushed over. She was alive but whimpering. Just then my dad pulled up.

"Oh no. We are not taking that dog home," my dad said, frustrated, "she belongs to somebody." "Please dad, I think she's really sick and she needs help." My mom and I stood there pleading with him. Of course, how could he win? We loaded the collie into the car.

There was an odd smell and we knew she needed to see a vet. But we didn't have that kind of money. I spent that night brushing her fur and comforting her. She was a gorgeous full-bred collie. Mom and I tried every name we could think of trying to get a response.

The next day we took her to the vet. She was diagnosed with an acute UTI and it was going to be expensive. I overheard mom negotiating, explaining it was a stray. The vet agreed to accept payments.

We got her back home and over time she recovered. We ran a classified ad and located her owners. When they arrived at our house they were overcome with joy. "Lassie! Lassie! Thank God you're ok." My mom and I looked at each other and laughed. Lassie was the most popular television show on at that time. It featured a collie that saved lives and did good deeds, and not once had it occurred to us to try that name.

I was about six years old when we rescued Lassie. My family was always rescuing strays and either reuniting them with their owners or rehoming them. I'm glad my parents raised me to show compassion. They taught me not to walk away when I see someone or something in need.

It takes all of us to protect our community's lost and abandoned pets.

Your generous contributions have made more than 14,000 rescues possible this year, but we desperately need your help to rescue all the other animals who are suffering.

**WHAT'S YOUR RESCUE STORY? WILL YOU JOIN THE GREATER BIRMINGHAM HUMANE SOCIETY AS WE BUILD A COMMUNITY OF RESCUERS? I HOPE YOU'LL CONSIDER MAKING A MEANINGFUL GIFT THIS FALL AND JOIN THE WONDERFUL GROUP OF RESCUERS WHO MAKE UP OUR GBHS FAMILY. I INVITE YOU TO SHARE YOUR OWN RESCUE STORY AT [ALLISON@GBHS.ORG](mailto:ALLISON@GBHS.ORG) FOR A CHANCE TO BE FEATURED IN OUR RESCUE SERIES.**

Allison Black Cornelius  
Chief Executive Officer



IN JUST  
**1 YEAR**  
THIS CAT  
BECAME **A MAMA**



AT **6 MONTHS OLD**  
SHE BECAME A MOTHER  
AT **1 YEAR OLD**  
SHE BECAME A  
**GRANDMA**  
— AND A —  
**GREAT GRANDMA**

GAVE BIRTH JAN 1



GAVE BIRTH APRIL 1



GAVE BIRTH JULY 28



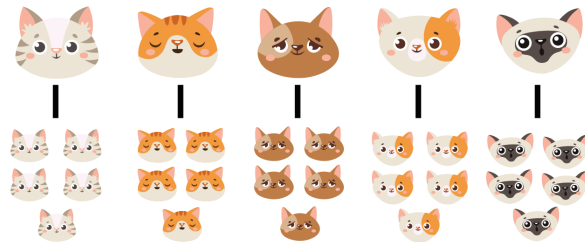
GAVE BIRTH OCTOBER 19



AND SHE BECAME  
A **GREAT GRANDMA**

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KITTENS BORN JANUARY 1 CAN GIVE BIRTH IN EARLY JULY



KITTENS BORN APRIL 1 CAN GIVE BIRTH ON OCTOBER 27



25 KITTENS BORN EARLY JULY CAN GIVE BIRTH LATE DECEMBER



## YOU SAID YES TO YES SAVE!

On July 1st, 2018, YOU said yes to saving more lives in our community with the creation of the Greater Birmingham Humane Society's YES SAVE program. One aspect of the Yes Save initiative combats cat overpopulation in a big way! Your support has allowed us to save over 2,000 owned and community cats from entering the shelter. These generous gifts allowed us to assist those in your community with medical care, spay/neuter procedures, and resources, including food, shelter, and rehoming tools for cats.

*Please help us continue to make a positive impact in the lives of owned and community cats in your backyard. To make your gift today, donate at [gbhs.org](http://gbhs.org) or contact Kristie Nix Moorer at [knix@gbhs.org](mailto:knix@gbhs.org) or 205.397.8539*