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IT'S SHOWTIME!

Showtime steps into the spotlight and finds his furever home!

Every year, **over 14,000 animals** make their way to GBHS. All come from different backgrounds, but their goal is the same – to find the FURever home they deserve. Earlier this year, a special feline made his way to the GBHS Adoption Center.

After his owner tragically passed away, the cat sought refuge under the protective tarp of his owner's boat. After the boat sold at an estate sale, the new proprietor was shocked to find a 13lb grey cat living on it. With nowhere else to turn, the man brought the cat, named Showtime, to GBHS.

Showtime quickly stepped into the spotlight and became a staff and volunteer favorite. Everyone believed that this gentle giant would be adopted quickly, but sadly, this was not the case. He was overlooked by adopters who were looking for smaller or younger cats.

Star volunteer, Mitchell Morrow, quickly fell in love with Showtime. "I visited him often and while I am not typically a cat person, Showtime was different," said Morrow. "I brought my mother to meet him and would not rest until I was able to bring Showtime home." After some convincing, Moore's mother agreed to allow him to adopt this A-List resident - now named Winston. "I never thought I would be a cat owner, but Winston changed all of that. He is glued to my side every moment I am home. I have been volunteering at GBHS for years and sometimes see great animals overlooked because of age, breed, or other reasons. I am proud to be able to give a loving home to an animal who has gone through so much – he fits in perfectly in our family."



Cats like Winston (formerly Showtime) find new lives and return to the spotlight because of YOUR support of the GBHS mission. Make sure to check out GBHS.org to see all of the animals looking for their chance on center stage.

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A DECADE OF DONOR DEDICATION

GBHS AUXILIARY WERE BACK WITH A BANG FOR ONE OF THE SOUTHEAST'S LARGEST CHARITY EVENTS!

Thanks to the unwavering dedication and hard work of the GBHS Auxiliary Board, the 10th IN-PERSON Jazz Cat Ball was an overwhelming success, breaking records across the board! Led by Auxiliary Chair Toni Seales, the team (along with committee leaders Missy Ellis and Karen Wood) designed and curated an energetic, fun, and sophisticated event enjoyed by the sold-out crowd.

or slots, all for the good of the animals! Donors were also eager to celebrate this year's JCB Honorary Chair, Scott Register, and his animal-loving family. Fun was had by all as the night filled with the pulse driving music of the "New Soul Brigade," who had attendees kicking off their heels and loosening their ties as they cut a rug for the cats and dogs.

Your generous contributions and that of our sponsors and attendees make it possible for GBHS to continue saving animals and assisting our community for the remainder of 2022. Don't miss this landmark event next year, scheduled for February 4, 2023!



THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, A RECORD BREAKING \$190,000 WAS RAISED DURING THESE FUND-A-NEED FUNDS WILL PURCHASE NEW LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT FOR THE GBHS HOSPITAL & SPAY NEUTER CLINIC

1000's of donors participated in the silent auction that tempted the eye of every patron (including the ones participating online), and guests loved the exciting live auction that had people hopping out of their seats. The casino gave others the opportunity to play blackjack



GBHS RECEIVES OVER 4,000 PET BEDS FROM CHARITY PARTNERS

Nationwide shelters are seeing increased intake yet decreased adoptions. To help with this, heroes Greater Good, BarkBox, Cathy Bissell, and the BISSELL Pet Foundation, have donated to GBHS 4,000 deluxe, memory foam pet beds. That is two 18-wheel trucks full of squishy, fabulous, softness! GBHS is giving these beautiful beds to adopters as well as rural shelters for their adopters. Programs like this have shown to increase interest in shelter pets and increase adoptions - - but many shelters do not have anywhere to store items when they are offered to them.

“Thanks to our donors, we have a warehouse in Pelham that can store pet food, supplies, and

merchandise that helps both adopters and pet owners. GBHS has grown into a regional rescue facility that helps, not only Jefferson County, but rural shelters in neighboring counties.” said Allison Black Cornelius, CEO of GBHS.

GBHS has already supplied several rescue partners and rural shelters with loads of beds for their facilities. And while supplies last, EVERY adoption at the Snow Drive Adoption Center will come with a free pet bed!



DO DAH DAY 2022 RECAP

The Greater Birmingham Humane Society relies on the support of donors and corporate sponsors to help us fulfill our mission of promoting the humane treatment of humans and animals. One of our longest partnerships has been with one of Birmingham’s oldest events, Do Dah Day. This year, Do Dah Day was held at Cahaba Brewing Company, with people attending from all over to celebrate pets and their owners. GBHS’ booth was visited by many GBHS alumni who stopped to shop and share their stories of how adopting a pet from GBHS has affected their lives. We want to thank the Board of Directors and volunteers of Do Dah Day for putting on such an amazing event and for being such a huge supporter of GBHS’ life-saving programs!

FREEWILL

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. We encourage our community to write their will, protecting the things they love, and creating a legacy that ensures that the GBHS mission continues. To make it easier to create this legacy, we have partnered with FreeWill to give you a simple way to write your legally-valid will in 20 minutes or less. 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 250,000 Americans to write their free wills. FreeWill lets you 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
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