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EXCLUSIVE STORY: BECAUSE OF YOU, 125 DOGS RESCUED OUT OF NAUVOO, AL

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YOUR SUPPORT WINS AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY AND NEGLECT IN NAUVOO.

Because of you, GBHS was able to say “YES!” when both Walker County’s Sheriff’s Department and Humane Society asked for our help to rescue dogs from a hoarding situation in Nauvoo, AL. When we arrived, more than 125 dogs were found living in their own waste, with no safe shelter, food, or fresh water. For some, it was too late, as temperatures had been below freezing. For the dogs rescued, all were suffering from malnutrition, parasites, or infections, and many had additional injuries.

“When we arrived on the scene, some of the smaller dogs were freezing and literally jumping into our arms,” said Allison Black Cornelius, CEO of the Greater Birmingham Humane Society.”

Luckily, your generosity makes it possible for GBHS to maintain a special Veterinary Emergency Response Team, trained to provide care in the field for situations such as this, while protecting animals and evidence as well.

After learning the animals had nowhere to go, GBHS reached out to the BISSELL Pet Foundation to seek assistance. Immediately, BISSELL, along with the Animal Rescue Corps and GreaterGood, helped. But GBHS still had to return to Birmingham with over 100 very sick animals that had to be cared for. Most found homes as people from all over the U.S. adopted these incredible survivors. We will share their stories and updates as we receive them.

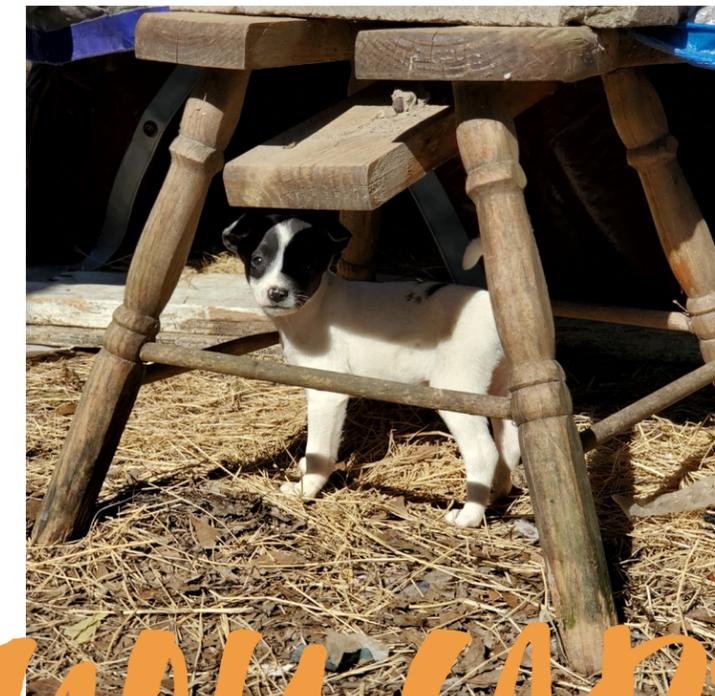
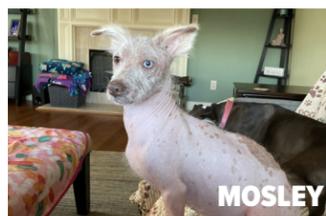
However, four dogs stayed behind, placed in foster care, too sick to travel. We call them the “FURtastic

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Four!” and you can follow their healing journey on our social media platforms including Facebook (@GBHS1883) and Instagram (@thegbhs)!

You can fight for ALL animals in crisis! For every animal saved, there are hundreds still needing our help. Please continue to be their voice and end their suffering. Your gifts save lives!



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Heartworm disease is a serious and potentially fatal disease in pets. When left untreated, heartworms can live in the heart, lungs, and associated blood vessels of affected pets. This can result in lung disease, heart failure, and damage to other organs in the body.

Thousands of heartworm-positive dogs enter shelters every year. A heartworm-positive dog can be harder to adopt because of the treatment cost that adopters might have to take on. The “Healing Heartworm” program was launched as an effort to eliminate these obstacles by providing the funds to get medication for treatment and prevention.

Luckily, heartworm disease is easily preventable with monthly medication provided by a veterinarian. Treatment is extensive including oral medication given for 6 weeks, 2 intramuscular injections, kennel rest for 6 weeks, oral heartworm prevention, and follow-up heartworm testing.

Recently, BISSELL Pet Foundation awarded the Greater Birmingham Humane Society a life-saving “Healing Heartworm” grant to treat shelter dogs diagnosed with heartworms. “Healing Heartworm” allows GBHS to cover the expenses related to identifying, healing, and preventing this deadly disease in dogs in our community.

“Heartworm-positive dogs are just like any other dog, and they deserve the same chance at a new life as any other pet, and that is why we are thrilled to provide much-needed resources to shelters,” said Cathy Bissell, founder of BISSELL Pet Foundation. “Cost and care for infected dogs can be extensive, but together with these partners, we can make a difference in the community and help these wonderful pets lead long, happy lives.” -Cathy Bissell



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In 2014, anonymous donors provided more than \$1.5 million to build a hospital for GBHS' animals. In addition, they hoped it would one day train future shelter veterinarians as well. That gift provided the spark that lit the fire at GBHS' Critical Care Clinic, which now teaches hundreds of veterinarian students, alters thousand of animals, and saves countless lives. In 2021 alone, GBHS welcomed 125 4th-year veterinary students from both Auburn University and Tuskegee University to train at CCC. We recently asked a few of these students about their experience.

Question: How has GBHS, and working in the GBHS Critical Care Clinic, helped you as a future veterinarian?



Alexandria Foote-Pierce (TU): "It has helped me further understand shelter medicine. It has also helped me be better prepared and confident about performing surgery and not be so nervous."



Blayne Newson (AU): "Working at GBHS Critical Care Clinic has given me more confidence to perform surgical procedures in the future. Dr. Alverson was such a wonderful mentor that instilled so much confidence in my abilities that I will carry with me into my future career!"



Taryn Mooney (AU): "GBHS and the GBHS Critical Care Clinic has helped me as a future veterinarian by increasing my independence and confidence while performing surgery."



Alexa Simmons (AU): "Gaining the confidence to become a better surgeon, while under the supervision of a seasoned veterinarian, is an incredible opportunity that not only benefits my own veterinary skillset, but also provides

To help support our mission of training future veterinary students at our Spay/Neuter Clinic, please contact Clay Shannon, Director of Development at 205-397-8537.



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