

## A Journey to Happily Ever After



In the quiet dawn of a cold and damp Sunday, our compassionate staff stumbled upon a heart-wrenching scene that would unfold into a tale of resilience, love, and second chances. A family, forsaken and left to weather a brutal storm overnight, was discovered huddled in a

crate, soaked, frozen, and trembling with fear. At 7 am, our dedicated team sprang into action, ushering them into our facility where a beacon of hope awaited.

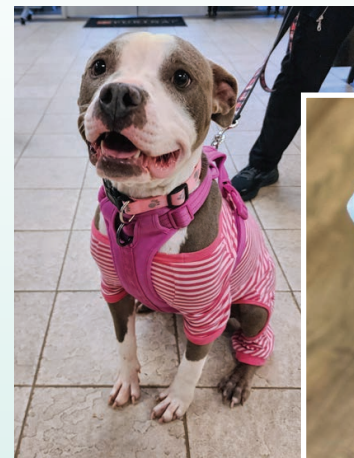
Among the shivering pups and their courageous mother, Hetty, our team witnessed a remarkable testament to the strength of the maternal bond. Despite her emaciated state, Hetty had selflessly given what little nourishment she possessed to ensure the health of her puppies. Surprisingly, the puppies, with the exception of the runt, were in good health, but the runt required immediate foster care and round-the-clock attention. Unfortunately, the smallest of the puppies passed away days later.

What truly sets this story apart is the unwavering sweetness and kindness that radiated from Hetty. Her spirit, unbroken by the trials faced overnight, displayed a resilience that left an indelible mark on our hearts. Recognizing the extraordinary circumstances, Hetty and her puppies were

welcomed into our Foster Care program, where they would receive the best care possible, offering them a second chance at life.

Paws Humane Society's Foster Program has been a beacon of hope for countless animals, instrumental in providing over 1,000 creatures annually with the opportunity for a fulfilling life.

This initiative not only facilitates successful adoptions but also leaves an everlasting imprint on the lives of those who participate. Our Foster Heroes, through their selfless dedication, ensured that Hetty and her puppies found loving homes, where they now live their best lives, embodying a happily-ever-after that warms our hearts.





# Director's Letter

As the Executive Director of Paws Humane Society, I am reaching out to share the incredible impact you can make by becoming a Foster Hero for our beloved animals.

Firstly, fostering increases our lifesaving capacity, allowing us to save more lives and make a lasting difference for our shelter

pets. By opening your home to these animals, you contribute to a reduction in shelter stay duration, creating a more comfortable and less stressful environment for them.

Our commitment to exceptional care is reflected in the enhanced adoption success that comes from personalized attention in foster homes. Animals thrive in these environments, becoming well-prepared and ready to join loving families.

We offer diverse fostering opportunities, ranging from caring for puppies and kittens awaiting vaccinations to providing a healing space for animals with medical or behavioral needs. Our dedicated team ensures that all medical procedures are expertly handled, at no cost to foster parents.

I am thrilled to announce an exciting addition to our Foster Care program—fostering small animals, including guinea pigs, rabbits, and other furry friends. Your support, whether through warm laps, top-level training, or nurturing care, can truly transform the lives of these small creatures.

If you're ready to become a Foster Hero and make a positive impact on the lives of our shelter pets, please visit [pawshumane.org/get-involved/foster-care](http://pawshumane.org/get-involved/foster-care). Your willingness to make a difference is the driving force behind the crucial care and rehabilitation that our animals receive.

Courtney Pierce  
Executive Director

## Because You Gave



In a typical year we can place approximately **800** animals in over **180** foster homes

## Community Partner Spotlight

Thank you to our local and national community partners who make the programs and services of Paws Humane possible! One of those local partners is Winn-Dixie located at 6770 Veterans Pkwy, Columbus, GA 31909. Each month, they do an adoption event, and food drive for the animals at Paws Humane!



# Small Animal

## Fostering Program

Exciting News! We are delighted to share that all our beloved small animals and critters will now find their temporary homes with caring foster families until they reach their forever families.

Foster parents are indispensable adoption ambassadors for their furry friends. We'll invite you to create a captivating bio for your foster pet(s) and regularly capture their adorable moments to share with our marketing team across our website and social media platforms. If you have a "foster fail" and choose to adopt the pet(s) your fostering, our dedicated staff will seamlessly manage the adoption process.

Rest assured, we'll equip you with all necessary supplies, excluding fresh fruits/veggies for those that require it. Your invaluable support not only transforms lives but also grants these critters the opportunities they rightly deserve. Open your hearts and homes to our cherished small animal friends!

Our fostering program is one of the most important parts of our mission at Paws Humane. Every day, we work tirelessly to rescue at-risk animals by providing them with the love and care they deserve until they find their forever homes.

We are thrilled to share our latest achievements for 2024! From January 1 to March 15 alone, we have had the privilege of working with 59 active fosters, facilitating an incredible 150 placements. These numbers reflect the dedication and compassion of our fostering network and fuel our determination to continue making a positive difference in the lives of animals in need.

As we strive to increase our momentum, we are reaching out with an invitation to you to join our dynamic fostering network. Currently, we are in urgent need of foster parents, particularly for adult dogs, who are ready to open their hearts and homes to animals in need.

By becoming a foster parent, you will not only save lives but also experience the unparalleled joy of nurturing and transforming the lives of vulnerable animals. Whether you are a seasoned foster parent or considering fostering for the first time, we welcome you with open arms.

Ready to make a difference? To become a Foster Hero or for more information on the program, please contact us at [foster@pawshumane.org](mailto:foster@pawshumane.org)



# How You Can Help

The mission of Paws Humane Society is to keep pets out of the shelter system and in loving homes. Our vision is to serve as an Animal Resource Center uniting people and pets, building partnerships, and creating solutions to become a no-kill community.

## Top Volunteer Needs

Would you like to make a difference in an animal's life? Volunteer to walk dogs, and participate in an offsite event such as PetCo, PetSmart, or other fun and exciting venues. Contact us today!



## Urgent Needs

Currently, we are in need of:

- Kitten and puppy formula
- Small animal supplies to support our expanded program



## Ways to Give

There are so many ways to donate to help at-risk animals through Paws Humane Society. You can donate by:

- Becoming a Humane Hero with a monthly donation
- Make a memorial gift in honor or memory of a special person or pet
- Encourage your employer to do workplace-matching gifts
- Event sponsorship opportunities
- Planned giving through donor-advised funds, legacy donations, mutual funds, or stock donation
- Volunteer or foster



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