



**SAVING LIVES**

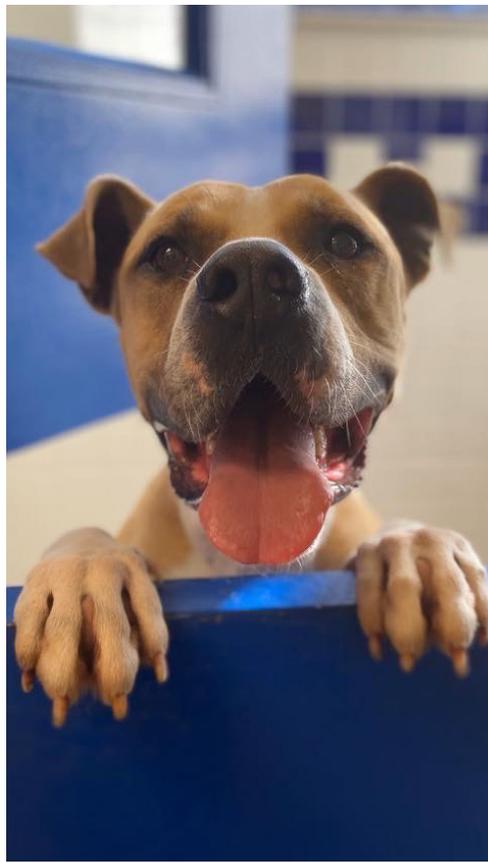
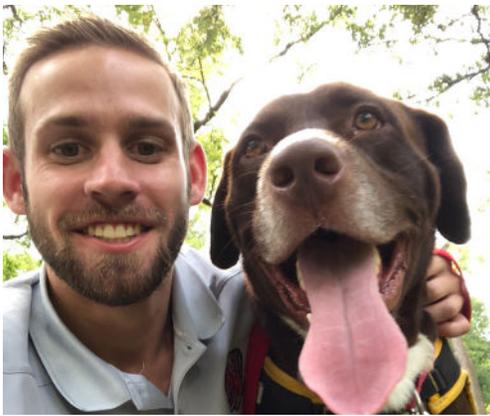
*Nashville Humane Association*





Since 1946, Nashville Humane Association has been a safe haven for at-risk, homeless and adoptable pets. NHA is a family of almost 60 staff and board members, along with hundreds of fosters, contributors, volunteers and active supporters all dedicated to our mission of saving lives.

As an entirely gift-based not-for-profit, Nashville Humane Association relies on contributions from supporters like you to do the work necessary to protect homeless, adoptable and at-risk pets in Nashville, throughout middle Tennessee and across the globe. It's an amazing time at NHA, and because of your support, we will continue to rescue puppy mills, provide disaster relief, support urban and rural animal shelters and rescues, and we will save more lives. Thank you for helping us make these dreams a reality for shelter animals far and wide.



**EVERY PET TELLS A STORY**



## BIG PETE & LIL PETE

Big Pete and Lil Pete arrived at one of our rural animal shelter partners as part of an animal cruelty case. Victims of extreme neglect, Pete and Pete were barely hanging on. Both suffering from severe injuries, malnourishment and exposure, their outcome was grim.

But Big Pete and Lil Pete's story is one about two survivors and the entire "village" of people at NHA who are here to help fight for those who need it most. When NHA received the call, our planning

immediately began, and our transport team jumped into action. The story of neglect for animals like Pete and Pete is far too common. NHA transports more than 1,200 animals annually from rural and urban shelter partners helping at-risk animals far and wide.

Due to extensive injuries Big Pete would lose a leg, and both would undergo extensive surgeries and take months of time to recover. But these little guys are fighters, and although the road to recovery was long, we were so happy to share their journey with them. From transport, to medical team, to fosters, volunteers, staff, and financial supporters, it truly does take a village. But now Pete and Pete are with their forever families and we couldn't be happier!



# KITTY PURRY

In July of 2019, we were contacted by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) about a massive hoarding case they were working in Killeen, TX. More than 170 cats at one location were needing assistance and Nashville Humane stepped up in a big way!

We agreed to bring 80 cats into our program all at once, during kitten season, and with a pretty full house of our own cats already. To make this happen we would need to get creative with logistics and how to make it work. Kitty Purry was one of the 80 cats brought

in, all of whom were a little nervous, a little shy, and a lot scared. Kitty and 79 others all went immediately into a triage program, which put them straight into foster only then to come back to the shelter in waves as space and resources became available. The fosters gave us time and space we didn't have, behavioral information about the cats, and also helped them learn how become cats again.

In about 5 months all the cats went into foster, came back to the shelter, received all the care and attention they deserved, and were adopted into their forever families, including Kitty Purry, a slightly nervous when overstimulated diva who just needed a little extra time to find her perfect match!



**FOSTERS SAVE LIVES**



## 1,351 FOSTERS IN 2019

Foster families are essential to Nashville Humane Association. Foster caregivers provide care for shelter animals in their home when otherwise it would be difficult or impossible for the shelter to manage the care of the animal. In 2019, NHA's foster program grew almost 3 times from the previous year, to 1,351 amazing fosters!

From post-procedure medical cases, to shelter stressed pets, to assisting with overall shelter census, fosters truly do save lives. Fosters open their hearts and homes to pets who need a temporary home

before finding their forever family. And in 2019, 115 fosters went on to become the forever family and adopt one of their foster pets.

Whether it's a trip to the coffee shop, or a sleep-over weekend, short term fosters (called Doggie Dates and Rovernights at NHA) allow shelter stressed pets a little break from shelter life. The foster is able to observe the pet in a non-shelter environment and provide us with valuable information that ultimately assists in a pet's adoption. In July of 2019, at the peak of the summer Nashville heat, a series of blackouts at the shelter put all of our animals at risk. Over 100 amazing short term fosters stepped up in just a matter of hours to provide a safe-haven for NHA adoptables in a time of need.



## 167 EMERGENCY MEDICALS

Nashville Humane Association's Emergency Medical Fund was created to help at-risk animals get the medical care and attention they deserve. The Emergency Medical Fund has allowed our medical team at NHA to grow, it has allowed our medical team to provide additional care and medical attention, which can be expensive and time-consuming, and all of it was made possible by generous contributions from supporters of the shelter.

In 2019, our Emergency Medical Fund accounted for 167 lives saved. That's 167 wagging doggy tails and purring kitties that may

not have been able to receive a second chance at a forever family if not for the Emergency fund. Additionally, our medical team invited Dr. Matt Martin to the staff as an associate veterinarian to assist Medical Director Dr. Megan Anderson with the day-to-day medical needs of our NHA family.

Thanks to our Have a Heart program, we are helping heartworm positive dogs receive treatment and find their forever homes. And just this past year NHA is now able to help FIV and FELV cats receive treatment and find their perfect matches. All of these accomplishments help save lives and they exist because of our Emergency Medical Fund.



**1,310 TRANSPORT PETS**



# TENNESSEE HOUNDS

Late in 2019, we were contacted by local authorities and Sheriff's Department in east Tennessee regarding a hound hoarding case. This was an unfortunate situation where it was clear the animal's owner loved his pets, but he had become overwhelmed and the animals were suffering as a result.

When we received the call, we did not hesitate. Our transport team began planning shelter logistics and our medical team prepared

for the worst. In all, we brought home 21 of these big, beautiful Tennessee Hounds who were all in various stages of neglect. It took weeks and months for many of them to decompress and learn how to live in a loving home environment.

Through the hard work of our shelter staff, our amazing volunteers, the fosters who opened their homes and hearts, and generous contributions from supporters of the shelter, we were able to bring these guys into our warm embrace, give them the love, care and attention they desperately needed, and eventually help them find their forever families!



# PUERTO RICO

Nashville Humane Association partners with various national agencies to assist with emergency and disaster relief. In early 2019, Nashville Humane began assisting at-risk animals in Puerto Rico still suffering in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Homeless and adoptable shelter pets who live on islands have a unique challenge to finding refuge. Just due to the simple fact that an island is surrounded on all sides by water, makes the active effort

of transporting these island animals difficult. Partnering with these shelters requires air travel, additional infrastructure and a greater expense.

Thanks to our supportive and generous animal loving community, 188 Puerto Rican animals were able to find shelter at Nashville Humane. All of them traveled thousands of miles, over sea and land, to find their way home, and it was only possible due to your contributions to the shelter. We are able to go farther, do more, and save more lives, because you have our backs, so that we can have their backs.... thank you!



## AREA SHELTERS

The harsh reality across Tennessee and other southern states is overpopulation and overcrowding in local rural and urban shelters. With overpopulation and overcrowding comes difficult decisions and we are thankful that we are able to answer the call to assist in life-saving efforts.

Building strong bonds with shelter partners across middle Tennessee and into Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, and Louisiana is opening the lifeline for animals in need, especially in a troublesome

area for shelter pets like the rural southern U.S. These bonds and partnerships help us bring at-risk shelter pets to Nashville where we can give them a second chance at an amazing life.

In 2019, we raised \$40,000 during The Big Payback, a day dedicated to raising funds and awareness for not-for-profits, to renovate our large transport vehicle with kennels and additional animal safety amenities. Our transport vehicles help us assist rural shelters who may not have the ability to transport themselves. In 2019, we transported more than 1,200 animals into Nashville Humane with the vast majority coming from area shelters inside Tennessee.



# #HOLIYAY SEASON

The holiday season is a special time for everyone at Nashville Humane. The #holiyay season means that we're doing everything in our power to make this time of year the absolute best time of year for shelter pets, adopting families and spreading cheer and happiness all across our amazing pet-loving community.



We celebrated another Silent Night at the Shelter and cleared the shelter on Christmas Eve. We adopted hundreds of animals in December as part of our Home for the Pawlidays promotion. And our Santa's Sleigh Delivery Service partnered with Santa Claus to make some amazing Christmas morning fur baby deliveries!



In all we ended our 2019 with our signature NHA holiday magic and can't wait to do it again in 2020!



# 99% SAVE RATE

When you start talking about a shelter's save rate, you're really talking about every person, every program, and every shelter activity working together in unison to complete one ultimate goal: caring for and saving as many animals as possible.

For the second year in a row, and the second time ever, NHA achieved a 99% save rate in 2019. This was no easy task and was the end result of a year's worth of hard work and

passion for shelter pets. Thousands of hours by dozens of staff and volunteers, and many, many contributions from animal lovers and shelter supporters like you, combined to make this dream a reality for shelter pets.

Every adoption, every life that's changed, every happy wag and purr in a new home, is thanks to your support of Nashville Humane Association. As an entirely gift based not-for-profit, we rely on your contributions to save lives. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Thank you for being an amazing pet-loving community. And lastly, thank you for helping us save lives every day.



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