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Humane Society
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Dobby & Kreacher



**Dobby is lucky
to be alive**

We cannot always rationalize why bad things happen to good dogs. All we can do is make life better for those who cross our paths. A Good Samaritan found Dobby and Kreacher in a dog crate in horrible condition in early April. They attempted to give them a bath but all that came off their bodies was blood from fleas that had been attacking them. They each weighed a little over eight pounds, and it was clear they had not been fed in quite some time. They were brought to an emergency center and were later transferred to the county shelter to finish out their stray hold after being cleared and stable.

On April 18th the HSMC Second Chance Adoption Center immediately came to the rescue to take in Dobby and Kreacher and make sure they received the best medical care they so desperately needed. Our HSMC Veterinary Clinic medical team hit the ground running and sprang into action. Both Dobby and Kreacher had severe hair loss, were extremely underweight, flea-infested, concerning blood levels, anemia, and the list went on. They underwent several treatments through the veterinary clinic and in just one week, they had already shown great improvement, with smiles on their sweet faces!



**Kreacher is one
happy little boy**

Both Kreacher and Dobby have found their new adoptive families and will spend the holidays being loved, given the life they so deserved. Your generosity and support saved the lives of these two precious pups. Thank you for all you do for the animals.

Celebrating Successes

The past year brought many surprises our way and while some were very challenging, the successes over the last year are a reason to celebrate. The Humane Society of Manatee County continues to be supported by a generous and caring community and for that, we are grateful. Our success would not be possible without the ongoing support of the community and our supporters.



For 51 years, the Humane Society of Manatee County's Second Chance Adoption Program has been saving lives four paws at a time. Amidst the pandemic and the severe weather episodes, our shelter staff and volunteers have continued to stay focused on providing care for our shelter animals and finding the best possible adoptive homes for each animal in our adoption program.

We have also continued to expand the services available in our veterinary clinic and introduced Dermatology Services this past year for dogs and cats. High-quality low-to-moderate-cost dermatology services are now available to our clients so their animals can in many cases be free from years of discomfort. Allergens can be identified using a series of testing methods and individualized vaccines created to treat your companion animals' dermatological issues.

Your continued support will ensure that our services and programs continue to benefit the animals in our community; both owned and homeless animals deserve to receive the highest quality of care. On behalf of the HSMC Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and our shelter animals I thank you for your continued support.

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Volunteer Spotlight



Patti and Eve love hanging out together

If you are looking for an all-around superstar, look no further than HSMC volunteer Patti Johnson. After adopting her best friend, Charlotte, from HSMC in 2016, Patti knew she wanted to volunteer with animals once she retired. This past July she joined our volunteer program as a dog walker and since then has donated more than 100 hours to the shelter. As a high-level dog walker, Patti also takes dogs to off-site events in the hope they will find their forever home.

Patti's favorite part of volunteering is getting to spend one-on-one time with each of our dogs. Volunteers learn about each animal's backstory, see what their playstyle is, and introduce them to new situations. One thing that surprised Patti was that she doesn't feel the need to take all of the animals home. "They have much better care than I expected, and it makes me feel comfortable knowing they are being well cared for," she said. Her current shelter best friend is Eve, a sweet two-year-old dog who has been diagnosed with a genetic skin condition that makes her skin dry and flaky. This condition does not affect Eve's quality of life and Patti said her favorite things about her are "her goofy face, sweet and affectionate personality, and how smart and alert she is."

If you would like more information about volunteering opportunities, please visit our website at www.humanemanatee.org and click on the volunteer tab.

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The Gift of Life

Six-week-old Nutmeg was brought to the HSMC Veterinary Clinic for basic vaccines and during her examination, it was determined that Nutmeg was seriously ill. Her gums were so pale, that they were white. We ran a simple test to check her blood values, and they were dangerously low, so low that most animals would not have survived. Nutmeg required more care than what the owner could give and felt her best chance was with a new family. The HSMC Veterinary Clinic performed a blood transfusion donated by



Nutmeg is so grateful to Merlin



Merlin is our hero!

Merlin a long-term shelter resident who is still waiting to be adopted after one year! Merlin was a real trooper and was so brave during the blood transfusion. Within 24 hours, Nutmeg had responded and was doing great! In one week, her blood values were normal and she had gained two pounds. She continues to thrive in the loving arms of one of our foster homes. The reason for Nutmeg's blood loss was from worms, which puppies get from their mom. This could have been completely prevented if the mom was given proper care during and after pregnancy.

Thanks to Merlin's gift of life, loving care from the HSMC medical team, and the support of you, our generous donors, Nutmeg's story has a happy ending.

Our Foster Fail



Nikki is now our best employee

skin wounds where there is no tissue. Every day, the technicians gently changed her bandages and dressed the wound.

Well, we "foster failed" with Nikki. She still has continual medical needs for her ear. She has had a special surgery removing small tumors that continue to grow in her ear and is completely deaf due to continuous damage from her ear infections. She is amazing and has been promoted to Senior Call Center Associate. Our staff is absolutely in love with her and she lives happily in our Call Center keeping everyone there calm and happy. She will have ongoing medical care for her condition for most of her life and will always be in loving hands.

Nikki came to us from a Good Samaritan. She was roaming freely however she had a huge injury on the side of her face that just would not heal. The HSMC medical team diagnosed an abscess that had ruptured. Her face was so badly damaged there was no tissue to use to repair and close the wound. She also had a severe ear infection that she had been scratching and opening because her ear was so inflamed. The wound was the immediate issue followed by treating the infection in her ear. We knew that she could not go back outside.

We wrapped her wound with medical-grade honey.

Honey's healing components are a natural way to heal



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UPCOMING *Events*



Paws in Motion 2023
is coming.

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to our website
and Facebook
for more information.



Our Wish List

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| Canned & Dry Food | Creamy Peanut Butter |
| Cat Litter - Non-clumping | 2-8 second thermometers |
| Cat Treats & Catnip | Digital SLR Camera |
| Dog Treats | Copy Paper 8.5x11 |
| Large Kong Toys | Postage Stamps |
| Large Nylabones | Paper Towels |
| Bully Sticks | Toilet Paper |
| Tough Dog Toys | Garbage Bags |
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Our very favorite wish:
For every animal to have a loving home!