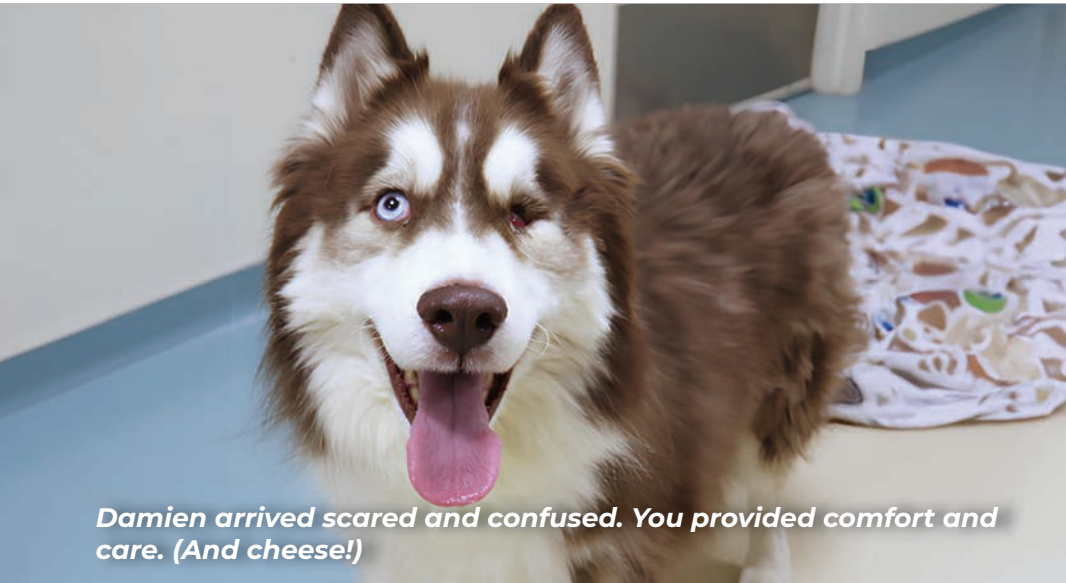


Humane News

Stories of Lives Saved Through **Your** Heartfelt Support



Damien arrived scared and confused. You provided comfort and care. (And cheese!)

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Your Compassion in Action:

See your gifts at work at a Wellness Fair.

Under Construction:

Get a sneak peek of improved living spaces!

Shy and Scared — But Never Alone!

You Showed Damien Love When He Needed it Most

At 5 years old, sweet Damien probably thought he'd found his "forever home." But sometimes, circumstances change. As a kind supporter of Anti-Cruelty, you understand. That's why you provide second chances when animals need them.

Thankfully, you were there to help when life changed for Damien and his elderly owner. Over time, the owner could no longer care for the handsome dog. Damien was surrendered to Anti-Cruelty.

You helped Damien see that he was safe to love and trust again.

We welcomed Damien with love, but of course, change is hard. Damien had lost everything he'd ever known. And that's not all. He'd been born with an eye defect that left him partially blind. He seemed extra timid and

confused, unsure of his new surroundings.

We got to work helping him adjust. Thanks to you, Anti-Cruelty can provide specialized care for animals like Damien. He received leash training to build his confidence, along with positive training for manners. We learned that Damien has a favorite food — cheese! All it took was one sniff to motivate him. Damien made great progress. As he settled in, his friendly, playful personality began to shine.

Still, Damien longed for a home of his own. With his limited eyesight, we knew he'd require extra attention and care. We're happy to tell you that he eventually found his perfect match. Now, Damien has someone to shower with unconditional love.

These are the stories you make possible with your kind donations. Thank you for caring about Damien and helping him when he needed it most. You forever changed his new adopter's life, too! 🐾

Celebrating 125 Years and Casting a Vision For a Humane Future

Dear Friends,

Anti-Cruelty may be turning 125 years old this March, but we're showing no signs of slowing down! With friends like you powering our work, we are more committed than ever to building a humane Chicago for pets and people.

It all started in January 1899. That's when Rose Fay Thomas, a passionate animal activist, gathered a small group of women to assemble what would evolve into Anti-Cruelty. In two short months, she was nominated president, becoming a true pioneer and inspiration for women and animal welfare activists everywhere.

Today, Anti-Cruelty is at the forefront of humane education and care. From being an Open Door shelter welcoming all to our commitment to providing the BEST Care for animals, we're always looking for new ways to educate, innovate, and inspire.

In addition to all the exciting festivities surrounding our 125th anniversary, we also introduced a new logo to commemorate the occasion. This logo serves as a reminder of our commitment and compassion to move beyond the walls of our shelter to help families who cherish their pet, but face challenges in caring for them.



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Rose Fay Thomas sought to create a more humane Chicago and we remain just as committed to her vision of animal welfare over a century later. Together, we can meet our objectives of providing the BEST Care for Animals, the BEST Care for People, and the BEST Care in Communities. For more information about our journey to 125 this March, visit anticruelty.org/125.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tracy L. Elliott".

Tracy L. Elliott
President & CEO



BARK!

Coming this spring: BARK is back!

Stay tuned for details about Anti-Cruelty's largest fundraising event to help shelter, feed, and care for more than 20,000 animals. This year's walk and celebration will be sure to get those tails wagging!

Join us for our **BIG 30th annual BARK!**

A Day at Our Wellness Fair

How You're Building a More Humane Chicago

When you support Anti-Cruelty, your compassion goes beyond our walls. You help deliver much-needed care to neighborhoods across the Chicago area.

Our Wellness fairs bring free services to pets and pet parents who otherwise wouldn't have access, and include services such as vaccinations, microchips, and nail trims. We also provide free pet supplies and host fun family activities like crafting.

At a Wellness Fair this past summer, we encountered a little more excitement than we'd expected. We met an adventurous pup who had come to the right place!

We were hard at work serving pets and their people when a young, active dog and her owner showed up. The pup and her person were deeply bonded, but the owner told us she was struggling. Mobility issues and financial constraints made caring for her energetic new pup a challenge.

That's when the pup slipped her collar and escaped. Before she could set off on her quest for adventure, a staff member caught her and returned her safely to her owner.



You deliver essential services to pets who might otherwise go without them!

It all worked out for the best, as we were able to fit the dog with a new harness that made walking together much easier for her and her owner. The dog also received a physical exam, heartworm test, vaccinations, and microchip — at no cost to her financially strapped and grateful owner.

The dog was also scheduled for a free spay surgery, which she was able to fulfill just a month later! We're so happy the dog and her owner won't be faced with unwanted litters!

Thanks to you and your support of events like this one, this pup was able to receive a clean bill of health, important preventative care, and safer handling equipment. The owner knows that she can reach out again if she is in a tight spot. She said she will absolutely be back next year to update the dog's shots. We'll be happy to see them both!

You make it possible for us to host these essential events. Thank you for furthering our mission of helping thousands of pets each year through adoption, charity veterinary services, low-cost spaying and neutering, and cruelty investigation and rescue.

You're changing and saving lives! 🐾



A Mother's Love and "The Greatest Gift of All"



Keep reading to see a lasting legacy of love in action!

The bond with our pets creates lifelong memories. Renee Beam's late mother Irene Bittner passed her love of cats on to her children and grandchildren. Renee still has the note Irene wrote to her about the love and loss of one of her dear cats, Mr. Snickers. Irene wrote, "He was the greatest gift of all. Who could ask for anything more?"

Today, Irene's compassion lives on by funding the much-needed renovations and upgrades to the cat adoption space at our River North shelter.

"It is important to me that cats are provided with a loving and safe space that will care for them until that special person comes in and says: You are coming home with me!" said Renee.

The Beam family are strong supporters of rescuing animals, including four dogs and one cat. Irene's last cat was a street rescue named Miss Maggie, who now lives in Brooklyn with Irene's granddaughter, Bianca, and their Anti-Cruelty rescue dog Evi. Ecco and Piper live with Jack and Renee in Chicago; and Pistacho lives with Bjorn in Madrid.

Renee's contribution ensures that her mother's love of cats will live on. 🐾

Improved Spaces for Animals and People

We've been under construction! Ready for a sneak peek?

You've helped make it possible to renovate our cat adoption area to include more free-roaming space. This allows our playful felines more room to climb and explore while waiting to meet potential families.

We've also upgraded two of our dog holding areas to provide more comfortable housing. We expect these exciting changes to enhance the adoption experience for patrons who come to Anti-Cruelty in search of new furry family members.

Thank you for helping create an even more enriching shelter experience for animals in need. **We're putting the finishing touches on these new and improved spaces, and we can't wait for you to see the results of your compassion. 🐾**



We can't wait to see the animals enjoy the upgraded spaces you've made possible!

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