



GREATER BIRMINGHAM
HUMANE SOCIETY

You Saved Her!

2023 GBHS SUMMER NEWSLETTER

KRISSHY

THANKS TO YOU, AN ABUSED PUPPY HAS A NEW LIFE.

Because of your generosity and support, GBHS was able to save the life of a small puppy who suffered severe burns and trauma from months of abuse.

On the evening of April 22, 2023, a Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputy responded to a domestic violence call. A man and his daughter were allegedly assaulted by the man's grandson who he believed had abused Fentanyl. The victims showed the deputy a small dog that the perpetrator had also allegedly abused – they had hidden the dog



Krisshy the day after she was rescued.



Krisshy with her foster, Dr. Jones, DVM.

so that she would not be killed. The puppy was barely clinging to life. The Deputy wrapped her in a blanket and called GBHS Animal Control for emergency help. The GBHS Officer could feel the dog's bones through the tiny blanket and rushed the little dog to Steel City Emergency Veterinarian Hospital. She presented with extensive chemical burns and was emaciated. She had severe damage to her left eye, and there was additional evidence of other long-term physical abuse.

Because of your generous gifts, we were able to afford the life-saving treatment she required. Her strength and tenacity for survival inspired us all, so we named her after the strongest women we could think of, Capt. Kristen Griest and Capt. Shaye Haver - - the first two women to graduate from Army Ranger School. We decided to call her Kristen-Shaye or "Krisshy" for short.

Krisshy's only hope of survival was very expensive Hyperbaric Treatments and 24-hour pain management. When asked for help, you responded immediately. Krisshy has undergone several rounds of treatment and is currently responding well. GBHS works hard to



Krisshy receiving one of her HBOT treatments.

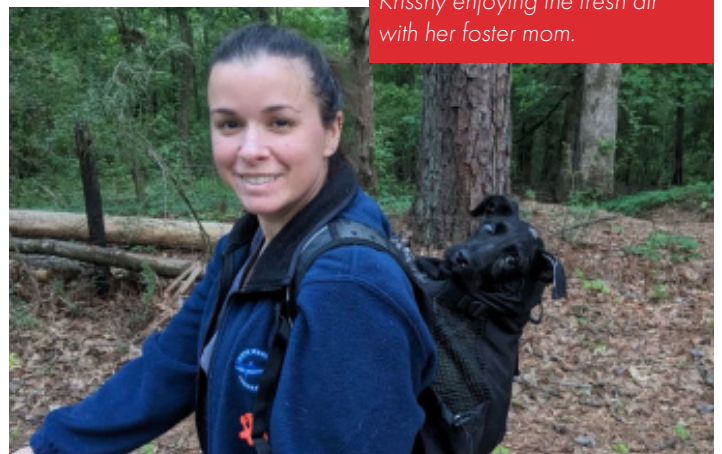
educate law enforcement and the public about the

Link between animal violence and domestic violence (for more information on the research of the issue please visit NationalLinkCoalition.org).

"It is sad to read in the Deputy's report that witnesses saw this man kicking and beating the dog back and forth across the yard many times before help was called. Krisshy was kept in a small wire crate her entire short life with barely room to stand, no food, no water, no shade, and yet none of this was reported until the alleged perpetrator assaulted a person," said Allison Cornelius, CEO of GBHS.

Krisshy is currently recovering with medical fosters from her care team at Steel City Emergency Vets and is finally getting the love and care that she deserves. Please, if you see an animal or pet owner in need call **205.591.6522** or visit **GBHS.org/report** and make a report.

Because of YOU, we are able to respond 24/7. Thank you.



Krisshy enjoying the fresh air with her foster mom.

INSPIRING THE FUTURE OF ANIMAL WELFARE

GBHS is excited to share that Critter Camp has returned for Summer 2023! This educational day camp engages children, ages 9-12 in their passion for animals. Kids are able to get hands-on experience with shelter animals, learn about animal welfare, and participate in daily enrichment activities. Critter Camp runs from June-July and is a full day event. Visit GBHS.org/CritterCamp to learn more and sign up.

“Engaging in kids’ passion for animals at all developmental stages is so important,” says Kasey Rawlings, Director of Outreach and Education, “by encouraging these passions and interests, we are securing the future of animal welfare.”

Critter Camp is not the only opportunity kids have to learn at the shelter! We have a variety of educational half-day camps throughout the year, including Paw-liday Camp during holidays, and most recently because of your generous gifts and grants, we added Animal Heroes Camp over spring break, which gives children an inside look into the lives and jobs of working animals.

GBHS also offers various clubs for kids of all ages from kindergarten to 10th grade. These clubs meet on the second Saturday of every month, and offer age-appropriate activities, including various speakers, crafts, and the chance to try their hand at volunteering in the shelter. Our children’s outreach programs are designed to promote a passion for volunteerism as well as engage a child’s love for animals.




In addition to these individual programs, we also offer field trip shelter tours, group youth volunteer workshops, and school presentations. “The school presentations are especially important,” said Rawlings, “through this service, we are able to use animal welfare to promote empathy, kindness, compassion, respect and responsibility, in addition to violence and bite prevention.”


Studies have shown that there is a direct correlation between animal abuse and human abuse. By teaching children how to respect animals at all developmental stages, we are setting them up to be kind and empathetic adults.


Through these programs, GBHS **serves more than 4,000 children** a year. If you are interested in getting your kids involved, doing a home or school project for shelter animals, or are interested in having someone from the Humane Education Team come speak to your class or organization, please visit us online at gbhs.org/youth-vol and **email krawlings@gbhs.org** to get started.




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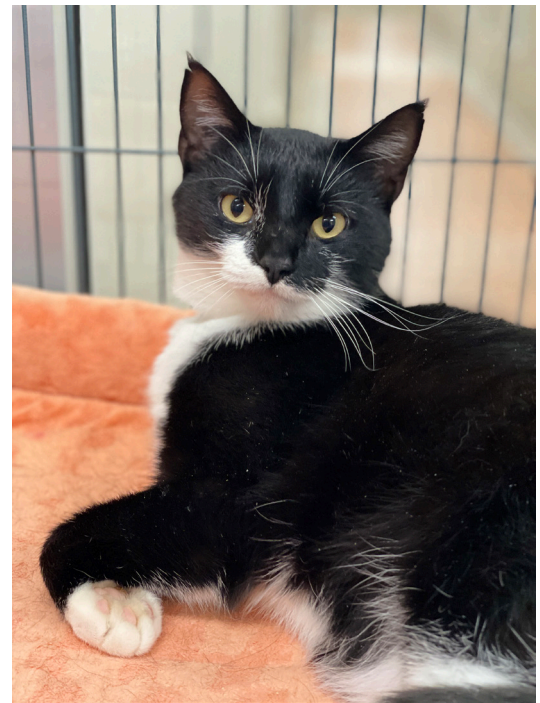
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THANK YOU FOR A RECORD BREAKING JAZZ CAT BALL!

On February 4th, GBHS held the 12th Annual Jazz Cat Ball, hosted by the GBHS Auxiliary Board, at the Sheraton Downtown. This year's event was presented by the Jefferson County Commission and Regions Bank. **BECAUSE OF SUPPORTERS LIKE YOU**, GBHS was able to raise a record-breaking amount to help save animals in immediate need. A large portion of the funds raised this year were used to purchase critical, life-saving equipment for our animal control and animal abuse investigation officers including body cameras, bullet proof vests, dashboard cameras, trucks, and tracking software. We receive emergency calls every day at GBHS. Jazz Cat Ball funds enable and equip us with the resources we must have to respond, investigate, and rescue abused and neglected animals. Thank you so much for supporting the voiceless.

See everyone at next year's Jazz Cat Ball on February 3, 2024, at the Hoover Finley Center! Get your sponsorships and tickets early - - they sell out FAST!



SAVE THE DATE

Join GBHS for a summer of fun! The entire month of July, Cahaba Brewing Company will be partnering with GBHS and \$1 of every LoCAL Hazy IPA sold will go to GBHS. There are also amazing events planned including Sips for Strays, FREE Microchip Clinics, a Puppies and Pancake Brunch, and the first ever GBHS Alumni Reunion. Visit our website and follow us on social media for more details about these great upcoming events!

