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Monthly Newsletter for NHA Fosters



NHA Pride Committee: Get Involved!

We're excited to share that our planning is officially underway for Nashville Pride on June 27th, and we're inviting members of our foster community to be part of it!

This year, NHA is forming a Pride Committee dedicated to creating a meaningful, inclusive, and engaging presence at the event. This is a great opportunity for fosters to get involved beyond the day-to-day care of animals and help represent NHA in a fun and impactful way within the community.



Fosters who join the committee can contribute in a variety of ways, from brainstorming creative booth ideas and activities to helping with decorations, setup, and day-of support. Whether you're interested in taking on a planning role or simply lending a hand where needed, your involvement is truly valued.

Events like these are a wonderful way to celebrate our community, connect with others, and advocate for the animals in our care. If you're interested in joining the Pride Committee or helping out in any capacity, we encourage you to reach out—we'd love to have you involved as we prepare to show up with pride this year!



Foster Wins, Love Begins



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Stella!!



A Fresh Start for Stella: A Foster Win Story

When Stella first came to us, she was in clear discomfort and needed dental surgery - a situation we see far too often in shelter medicine. Many animals arrive in our care with untreated dental disease, which can be incredibly painful and impact their overall health. Providing dental care is a critical part of giving these animals a true fresh start, helping them feel better, heal properly, and become ready for adoption into loving homes.

Due to our animals' needs and high demand for treatments, especially coming out of the holiday season, our vets' schedule was full, and Stella needed a little extra time and patience while waiting for her procedure. That's when foster Hannah S. stepped in. Hannah S. is no stranger to our program; she has fostered many cats and dogs over the years and once again, she opened her home and heart without hesitation. She gave Stella a calm, safe place to land while we worked to get her the care she needed, never rushing the process and always putting Stella first.

As Stella recovered and began to feel better, her sweet personality started to shine through, and a special bond quickly formed. What started as a temporary foster turned into something more, and in the best kind of "foster win," Hannah S. made it official; Stella found her forever home right where she was.

Stories like Stella's are beautiful reminders of how vital fosters are to our mission. Because of Hannah S.'s willingness to step in, Stella not only received the medical care she needed, but also the love and stability that led her straight into her happily ever after.

Emmett's Journey Home: A Foster Win Worth Celebrating

Meet Emmett, a gentle soul with a heart as big as his journey. This sweet, easygoing boy has a way of winning everyone over with his affectionate nature and loyal personality. Emmett loves nothing more than being close to his people: following them from room to room, curling up at their feet, or gently placing his paws in their lap for the coziest snuggles. He's the kind of dog who brings a quiet, steady kind of love into a home.

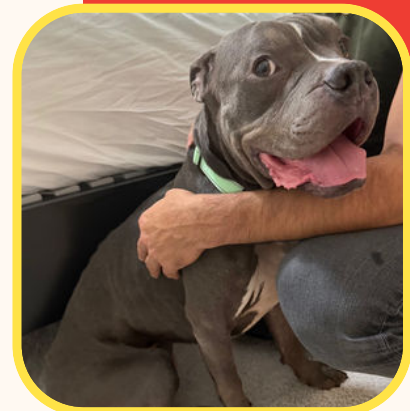
In foster care, Emmett showed just how special he is. But behind that sweet personality is a story of resilience. Emmett faced health challenges that required multiple surgeries and behavioral hurdles, especially around fearfulness and walking on a leash, which meant his journey with us was longer than most.

Thankfully, Emmett was never alone. Along the way, multiple dedicated fosters stepped in to care for him, each playing a vital role in helping him heal, grow, and build confidence. His final foster family, Brian and Rhonda M., went above and beyond - working patiently with Emmett to overcome his fears and providing the consistency and understanding he needed to truly thrive.

And in the end, it became clear that Emmett had already found his home. In the best kind of foster success story, Brian and Rhonda M. made it official and adopted Emmett, turning a long journey into a forever happy ending.

Emmett's story is a beautiful reminder of what fostering can do - not just for one animal, but through the collective compassion of many. To every foster who played a part in his journey, thank you. Because of you, Emmett is finally home.

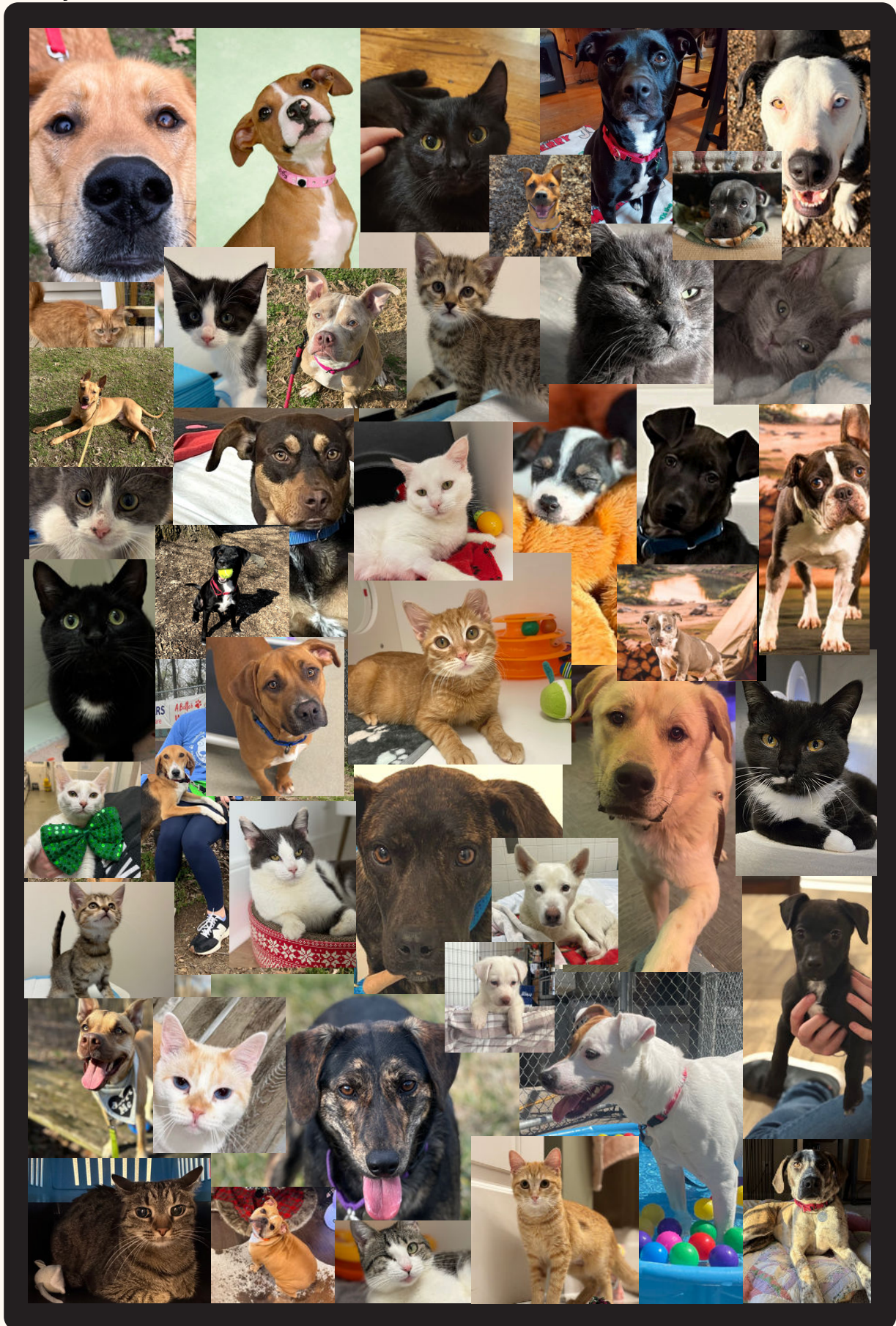
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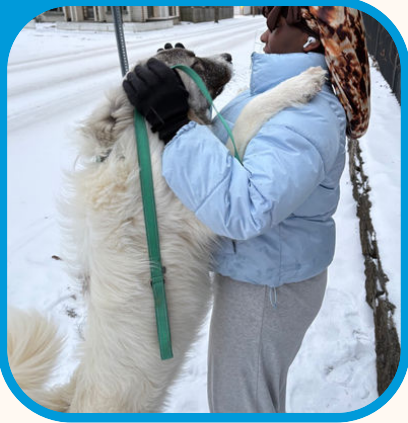


Foster & Volunteer Appreciation Night

THANK YOU!



Our foster community has been nothing short of incredible, and we're so excited to celebrate the life-changing impact you've made. In 2025 alone, 1,122 dogs and 598 cats found comfort and care in foster homes, supported by an amazing 679 active foster parents, resulting in 1,720 total foster placements. Every single one of those numbers represents an animal who got a second chance - an animal who didn't have to stay in a kennel, who could heal in a home, learn to trust, and prepare for a brighter future. Because of you, we've been able to make critical space in the shelter for other animals in need, allowing us to say "yes" to more intakes and ultimately save more lives. Fostering truly is one of the most powerful ways to make a difference, and the ripple effect of your compassion reaches farther than you may ever realize.



That's why we're so excited to invite you to our Foster and Volunteer Appreciation Night on April 30th from 5-7 PM here at the shelter! April is Volunteer Appreciation Month, and we want to take this time to celebrate you - the people who open their homes and hearts to animals who need it most. Whether you've helped a shy dog gain confidence, cared for tiny kittens, or given a senior pet a soft place to land, your impact is immeasurable. Join us for an evening of food, fun, and connection as we come together to recognize everything you do. We can't wait to spend this special time with you and show how grateful we are for the role you play in saving precious lives every single day!



THANK YOU!

