



HUMANE NEWS

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Meet Balto and Chewy: two beautiful German Shepherd brothers surrendered to the shelter because the owner didn't have time for them. They lived for almost three years in a basement kennel and had rarely been outside. Therefore, they were not socialized and had no trust in humans.

Once they were in the kennel room, the staff struggled to help them gain confidence among all the other dogs. It took some time, but our team worked diligently, and they started to warm up. They just needed what all animals do; love, care, and positive attention.

At first, Chewy and Balto were adopted separately. However, Balto's new home didn't work out through no fault of his own, and soon he was back in the shelter. Chewy's owners said they were interested in Balto, so they were called and came in to adopt him too! Chewy and Balto are living their best lives in a wonderful, loving FOREVER home, with a giant yard and kids to play with every day.

There are so many stories like Chewy and Balto. So many animals we take into GHHS have had rough lives and need someone to give them a chance. Sometimes, it's more than basic care. They can be here for months while our team members show them they are loved and that it's ok to trust humans again. Our shelter has amazing people that care.



DID YOU KNOW?

- GHHS has many volunteer opportunities for people of all ages! We also have hours available for community service.
- "Wishlist Wednesday" is a list of items we need at the shelter posted on Facebook (FB) and Instagram. The complete list is on our website.
- GHHS is a surrender-only, no-kill shelter for healthy, adoptable animals.
- All our available pets and their biographies are featured on our website, PetFinder, and FB.
- Check out our FB page for all our planned events.
- In 2021 GHHS took in 261 animals and adopted 259!
- Cat and dog kennel sponsorships are available.
- In 2022 GHHS took in 439 animals and adopted out 453!
- Thanks to our generous donors, we finished a major renovation of the shelter in 2020.
- We do not get government funding, so we rely on donors like you to help support the animals in our care.

NEWS WORTH "PAWSING" TO READ

Because of our generous donors participating in the Hillsdale Community Foundation's Great Give Event in November, we could pay off \$32,250.00 of the \$55,188.98 we owed on our mortgage. We are very thankful for all the support.

Future plans:

- Replace the cattery on the front of the shelter, so cats have a larger outdoor space to relax and safely enjoy the view.
- Fundraise for a full-shelter generator and a larger kennel bank in cat isolation.

Please consider donating any amount you can to help us continue the great work of saving the lives of pets.

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EMPTY THE SHELTER EVENTS

- GHHS continues to participate in the Bissell Pet Foundation's "Empty the Shelter" (ETS) events. These reduced-fee adoption promotions occur throughout the year. We are very excited to be a shelter partner with BPF!
- Valentine ETS = 7 cat and 9 dog adoptions!