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Tails



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Fall 2019



Six weeks after her rescue, Gloria gets her forever home.

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Cruelly Mutilated Pup Recovers

On June 10, a three-month-old bloodied puppy was dropped out of a car in St. Louis County to fend for herself. A botched attempt to crop her ears left her with open, bleeding wounds.

"This poor puppy endured horrific pain under what was surely inhumane and unsanitary conditions," commented Dr. Mark Wright, director of Shelter Medicine for the Humane Society. A Good Samaritan picked up the young dog and brought her to HSMO Headquarters where she received emergency care, medication to prevent infection and surgery to repair her ears as much as possible.

Wright suggested the name "Gloria," the title of the post-game song of the Stanley Cup winning St. Louis Blues, and because Gloria now had a chance for a glorious new future.

The Humane Society posted a \$4,000 reward for anyone providing information leading to an arrest and conviction of Gloria's abuser. Several leads were turned over to St. Louis County Police for further investigation.



Gloria's ears bandaged by HSMO veterinary staff

Anyone with information about this case or who suspects animal abuse or neglect is urged to call the **HSMO Animal Cruelty Hotline 314-647-4400**. Reports are confidential.



Two Champions! Gloria and HSMO President Kathy Warnick celebrate Gloria's triumphant recovery from horrific abuse and the fabulous St. Louis Blues win of the Stanley Cup trophy.

Humane Society of Missouri

Directory

Websites

hsmo.org
longmeadowrescueranch.org
amcma.org
STLLostPets.org

Main Number 314-647-8800

Report Animal Abuse and Neglect

314-647-4400 or 800-383-9835

Adoption Centers: Adoptions, Pet Lost and Found,
Cremation Services

St. Louis City Center 314-951-1562
Best Buddy Center 314-951-1588

Adoption Centers Hours

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sun. noon-4 p.m.

Animal Medical Center of Mid-America

All locations 314-951-1534

Patients seen by appointment

St. Louis City Center and Best Buddy Center hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sat. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Sun. CLOSED

Donations

314-951-1542
Memberships, auto donations, planned giving

Volunteer Program 314-951-1577

Longmeadow Rescue Ranch 636-583-8759

Open House: Fridays noon-3 p.m.
Saturdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Other adoption hours by appointment

Location Addresses

Headquarters/St. Louis City Center –
1201 Macklind Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110
Best Buddy Center – 11660 Administration Dr.,
Maryland Heights, MO 63146
Longmeadow Rescue Ranch –
480 Josephs Rd., Union, MO 63084

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The Humane Society of Missouri is an independent, non-profit organization not affiliated with any national animal welfare organizations. We do not receive tax support or United Way funding. We rely on the generosity of individuals, corporations, foundations and fees for services.

Humane Education

Bonding Through Books

The new Ready Readers program encourages kindness to pets and love of reading.

Now in its second year, 275 children from 11 schools participated in the program this Spring. Funding is already set up for six more schools in the Fall.

“Our goal is to offer a total of 30 Ready Readers programs this school year,” said Jo Ellyn Klepacki, director of Humane Education.

“Thanks to a very generous donor, each child was able to take his or her very own personalized book home and select a plush pet to name and keep.”

This unique reading experience is sure to be a positive, heart-warming memory that lasts forever...much like the unconditional love of a beloved pet.



The book selected for the Spring 2019 session of Ready Readers was Froggy Gets a Doggy.



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Travis Arndt is the director of the Animal Medical Center of Mid-America. Dr. Arndt is a long-term staff veterinarian for HSMO's AMCMA.

Surgery, Laser Therapy for Gloria

The Animal Medical Center of Mid-America is a full-service veterinary hospital, located at HSMO's St. Louis City and Maryland Heights campuses. Many of the pets we see are owned animals coming in for wellness exams, dental procedures, or surgeries. We also provide spay/neuter surgery for all shelter pets and medical procedures and treatments to HSMO shelter pets as needed.

That was the case with Gloria, the puppy featured in the cover story. Recognizing that her injuries required a special approach, the AMCMA veterinary team jumped in to help. The first step toward healing called for immediate surgery to remove damaged tissue, clean the wounds, and prevent disfigurement as much as possible. Dr. Travis Arndt, AMCMA's Medical Director, skillfully performed the procedure with support from our surgery team.



Immediately following the procedure, Gloria had a laser therapy treatment at AMCMA. Laser therapy uses light to stimulate tissue regeneration. It also helps the body release endorphins to fight pain naturally, and it speeds healing.

Gloria continued receiving daily laser therapy reducing her healing time from the normal 10 days to just four and reducing the time needed for pain medication.

While she may always have ears that look a little different, we have no doubt Gloria's naturally sweet personality will continue to endear everyone who meets her.

AMCMA has provided laser therapy treatments to pets since 2011 with great success. Laser treatments offer a non-pharmaceutical approach to pain management and are great options for pets with osteoarthritis, those recovering from an injury, or those who have just been spayed or neutered. We offer it immediately following a surgery or by appointment at both our St. Louis City and Maryland Heights locations.

If you would like more information about laser therapy or to make a veterinary appointment, call us at 314-951-1534 or visit www.amcma.org.



HSMO Leading the Way in Animal Rescue

Pets and their humans appreciated the pet food donated by Nestlé Purina after the frequent Midwest tornadoes this spring and summer. The Humane Society of Missouri transported the food to the affected areas to help in the recovery of people and pets.





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Animal Cruelty Task Force

Tenth Anniversary of Largest Dog Fight Raid in the Nation

500 dogs saved in rescue coordinated by the Humane Society of Missouri.

The July 9, 2009 simultaneous raid of 22 dog fighting operations in eight states made national news. Twenty-six men were arrested and 500 dogs rescued from a life of torment and deprivation. The rescue was named the MO500 by HSMO staff.

The Humane Society of Missouri played a leading role in the 18-month preparation process and was on the ground for the raids in Missouri and Illinois. Ten years later, the large and complex enterprise still holds the record as the largest dog fighting bust in U.S. history.

The massive operation required the expertise and experience of HSMO investigators in cooperation with the FBI, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and the U.S.D.A.

Part of the preparation also involved solving the problem of housing and caring for what turned out to be 407 dogs arriving in St. Louis, all in less than a day. (Soon the number increased to 500, when more than 100 puppies were born at the shelter.) An empty warehouse was converted to a temporary shelter, where hundreds of staff and volunteers from throughout the U.S. saw to the dogs' daily and veterinary needs.

Giving as many of these dogs as possible a second chance also was part of the plan. In the past, nearly all dogs rescued from fighting operations were viewed as unadoptable, but Humane Society staff helped blaze a new path. Rather than destroy the

dogs across the board, each dog was evaluated by experienced behavioral and veterinary professionals.

Happily, about half of them qualified to be placed with individuals and rescue groups with long-term experience dealing with bully breeds.

"Since its 1870 founding The Humane Society of Missouri has always been vehemently opposed to this heinous



MO500 alumni and their best friends

so-called sport," emphasized Kathy Warnick, president.

"We look back on this significant achievement with pride knowing we saved hundreds of innocent dogs from lives of horrible abuse. Our most sincere thanks go to everyone who gave their hearts, time and treasure to help these and future victims of dog fighting."



Long-term HSMO photographer Mike Bizelli was on the scene 10 years ago to document the 2009 dog fighting raids. His book about it and later rescues, *Last Day on a Chain*, is available at www.lastdayonachain.com.



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Beth Vickrey was looking for a donkey and found him when Johnny immediately came up to her and won her over. She couldn't resist June, either. Anna will be enjoying some easy trail rides in her active retirement. Aries is a sweet senior mare who acquired a lot of pep in her step, once she gained almost 200 pounds.

Visit Longmeadow Rescue Ranch near Union, Missouri any Friday or Saturday to see horses and farm animals. Visit longmeadowrescueranch.org for more information.



Aries



Anna



June & Johnny

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