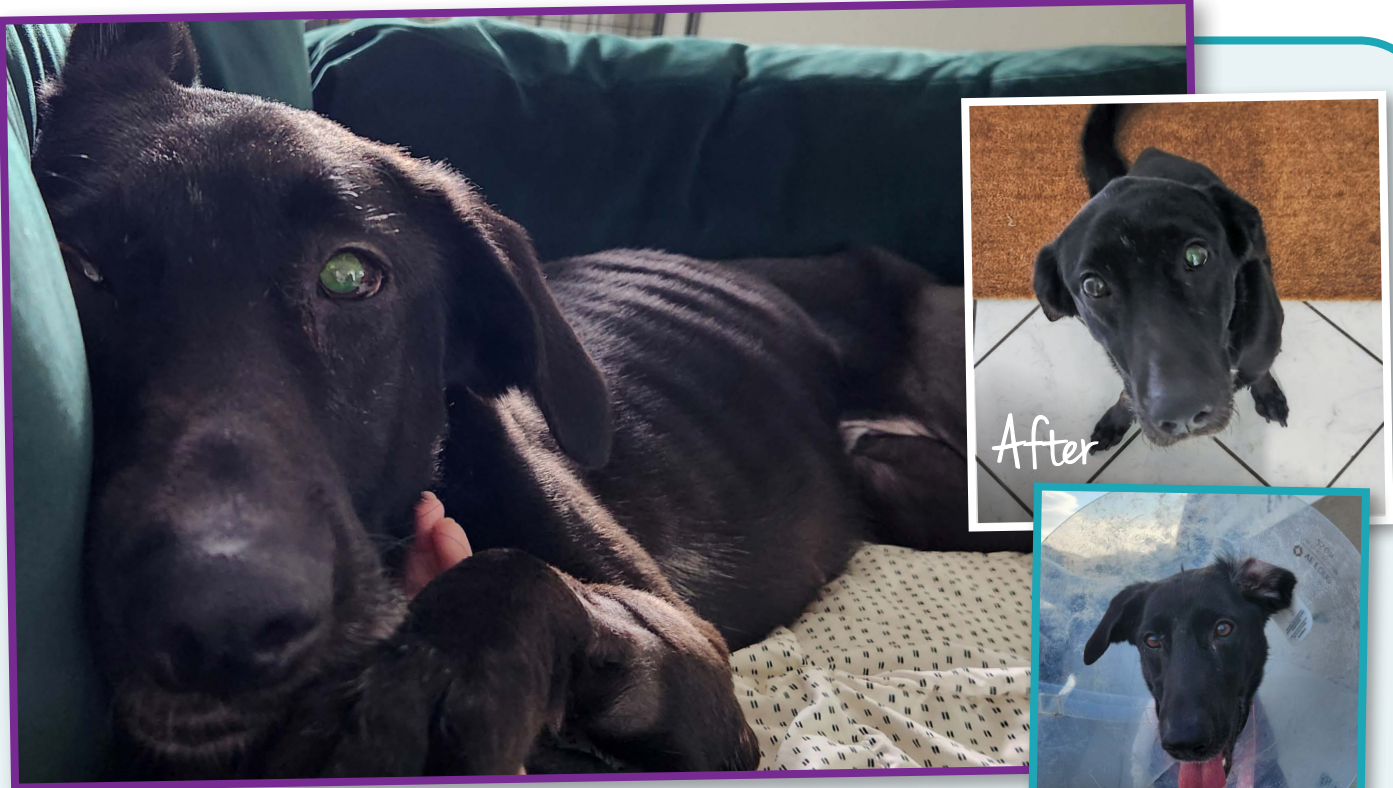


# speaking of animals

WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER



## Thank You for Being Conga's Hero!

It was heartbreaking to see Conga's condition when she arrived at the Humane Society of Utah. This sweet pup and her family were between living arrangements. Things became urgent when Conga sustained a severe injury to her hind leg and the family realized they could no longer care for her.

In addition to her injuries, Conga was emaciated. She had evidence of muscle wasting and kennel sores. Despite her injury and ailments, she had plenty of spirit and love to give; she just needed support and resources to get healthy. Thanks to you, Conga was able to begin treatment immediately.

Our vets performed surgery to repair Conga's fractured leg, but her healing journey was far

from over. For weeks following surgery, we would need to restrict her activity levels and manage her pain. As Conga healed from surgery, she was given a nutrient-rich diet to help her put on weight and regain her strength. A wonderful, dedicated foster volunteer kept a close eye on Conga as she recovered and managed her specialized treatment.

After weeks of diligent care and monitoring, Conga's foster volunteer had formed a special bond with her. It was clear that Conga was already home!

**Your support means we can jump into action and give second chances to animals. This joy is made possible by you!**



# A Message from the Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Every transformation we celebrate at the Humane Society of Utah begins with you. Because of your compassion, animals who once faced fear, injury, or abandonment now have the chance to heal, thrive, and find loving homes. Your generosity ensures

their stories don't end in despair but instead blossom into tales of hope and resilience.

The bond you share with animals is at the heart of our mission. It fuels the life-saving care and essential services we provide daily. From critical veterinary treatments to humane education and behavioral support, your gifts are the foundation that makes this work possible.

Thousands of local animals have needed a safe haven this year, and you've answered the call. Your kindness has provided food, shelter, and love to those who needed it most. Your support has also helped us modernize our facility, enabling us to meet the increasing demand for our services and prepare for the future.

**You are the voice for animals who cannot speak for themselves. Your commitment ensures that no pet feels forgotten or alone. Every dollar you give and every moment you dedicate transforms lives — not just for the animals but for the families they'll complete.**

Thank you for making a difference. Together, we're building a more compassionate community for animals and the people who love them.

With gratitude,

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**Alexis Pagoulatos**  
Executive Director

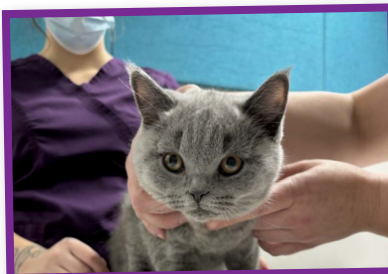
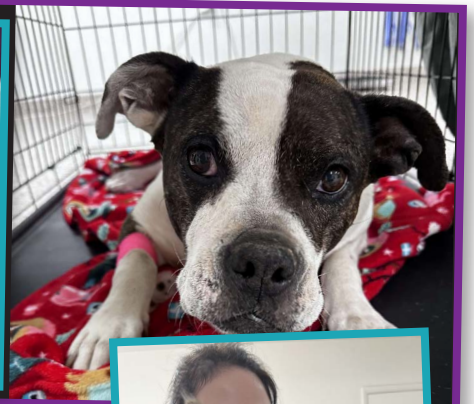
## Expansion of Services at our St George Clinic



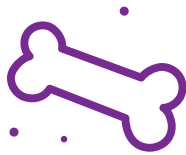
In 2024, we were thrilled to expand services at our veterinary clinic in St. George. This clinic provides low-cost vaccinations, spay/neuter surgeries, and dental procedures for local pets. In an area where veterinary services are already scarce, this can be a true lifeline for families and pets in need.

**Thanks to your support, the St. George Clinic has expanded its hours and added veterinary staff and surgery appointments. With this additional capacity we estimate that 3,000 more pet guardians in southern Utah will have access to our services in 2025.**

Pet guardians come from other cities in southern Utah, northern Arizona, and Nevada to get essential care for their animals. And, local rescue groups often utilize the St. George Clinic when emergency care is needed for homeless or vulnerable animals at an affordable cost.



# Meet Squash



Running down a remote highway in southern Utah with his two siblings, six month old Squash was found by an animal services officer. Unfortunately, no one came to claim the sweet pups. Although the siblings didn't have any visible injuries, staff soon noticed that Squash was not putting weight on his left hind leg. The small rural shelter didn't have the resources to investigate his injury further, so they turned to the Humane Society of Utah for help.

Squash was diagnosed with a broken femur head which requires a specialized surgery. We have great orthopedic surgery partners and with your generous support, animals like Squash will always have the resources they need.

After surgery, Squash needed a comfy space and plenty of time to heal. He was placed with a caring foster volunteer for recovery where he is still making great progress. **His foster volunteer reports that he is a sweet and jovial guy who loves to cuddle and rest his head on her lap.**



## Because of Your Support, Wags to Wishes Gala was a Success



Thanks to your generosity, the 2024 Wags to Wishes Gala was the most successful gala to date! Upwards of \$300,000 was raised to support animal care, community clinic services, pet retention, humane education programs, and so much more. The theme was masquerade and our attendees enjoyed acrobatic performances by artists clad in intricate masquerade attire. Our VIP guests enjoyed an exclusive meet-&-greet with Real Housewives of Salt Lake City star, Bronwyn Newport. Attendees were able to visit the puppy lounge to take a break from the hustle and bustle and get some cuddles from adoptable HSU puppies. Three HSU alumni dogs, Belle, Hank, and Xena, even made an appearance to walk the doggy runway and get some well-deserved attention from their adoring public!

**We are so thankful to everyone who bid, donated, or simply attended our annual gala and made a difference for families and pets in Utah!**

## Sponsor Highlight: Supreme Source



Thank you for the generous support and partnership of Supreme Source®, part of the American Pet Nutrition group, a family-owned American company headquartered in Layton, Utah. They were a Silver Leash Sponsor for our Barktoberfest event in September, and an Emerald Sponsor for our Wags to Wishes Gala earlier this month. Their sponsorship this year covered the cost of intake and daily care through the duration of stay for more than 35 homeless pets!

## Upcoming Events



### Day of Giving

March 19, 2025

### Shelter Slumber Pawty

April 5, 2025



## WE'RE Better TOGETHER

YOUR 2024 YEAR IMPACT



5,913

animals adopted



1,734

animals assisted through pet retention



1,618

animals fostered



1,267

animals transferred from overcrowded shelters



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### MISSION:

The Humane Society of Utah is dedicated to the elimination of pain, fear, and suffering in all animals. Our goal is to keep pets and people together, bring them together, and help move each animal to their most appropriate outcome as quickly as possible.

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