Put up a fight for those who can’t

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Read Dabble’s story inside.
DEAR FRIENDS

Your support of the work we do enables us to put up a fight for those who can’t. You help us provide the love and care that homeless animals need, and your continued support enables us to be there for the animals who are most at risk.

Not long ago, Dabble was struggling to walk and in more pain than you could imagine. Our expert Shelter Medicine Team rushed to his side as soon as he came into our care. They discovered this sweet puppy had a rare birth deformity, and the bones in his legs weren’t growing like they should.

Today, Dabble is happily living his life in a new family with no memory of the pain he once suffered. It’s his first holiday season with loved ones to call his own and presents just for him waiting to be unwrapped.

*Without your support, Dabble’s story could have been much different. But, because you stand alongside us to put up a fight for the animals, Dabble had access to the specialized care he needed and the loving support he longed for.*

Dabble is just one of the 11,000 animals who started their journeys with us this year and are now spending their first holiday season with families in Atlanta. In the following pages, you’ll see the heartwarming stories that you made possible, but it’s just a glimpse of the animals you touched this year. Your support of the work we do enables us to put up a fight every single day for those who can’t.

Sincerely,

Cal Morgan
President & CEO
When Linus came into our care, we knew something was seriously wrong. He could barely stand up, and he wouldn’t walk on his own. He had burst blood vessels in his eyes. He was dehydrated, confused, and helpless. Our Shelter Medicine Team ran tests to determine the cause of these issues, and our hearts broke when they found it. Linus was likely strangled.

We immediately gave him fluids and nutritional support. Then, we placed Linus into a loving Atlanta Humane Society foster home so he could be closely monitored, given the love he deserved, and find his forever home.
Our friends at a tiny animal rescue in Irwinton, Georgia reached out to ask a big favor. They weren’t sure what was wrong with the little puppy in their care, but they knew something wasn’t right. Dabble couldn’t bear any weight on his front left leg, and it was causing him a lot of trouble. He didn’t have access to medical assistance where he was, but your support made it possible for us to bring him into our care.

Our Shelter Medicine Team immediately took sweet Dabble in for X-rays, and what they found was surprising. A rare deformity made his bones grow incorrectly, and it had created a painful bow inside his tiny leg. Dabble’s deformity left him in a constant struggle. Because of this, our veterinarians made the decision to remove the leg, and pretty soon, Dabble was recovering like a champ.

Your support makes it possible for us to do whatever it takes to save lives and to fight for each animal who comes into our care. You can put your care to work fighting for them today at atlantahumane.org/fight
A good Samaritan called to let us know about the horrible conditions Bean and four other cats were left in, and we worked with our friends at Fulton County Animal Services to bring them to safety at the Atlanta Humane Society. They had been thoughtlessly abandoned and left to fend for themselves, but then we stepped up to fight for them.

When our Shelter Medicine Team examined little Bean, they noticed her limping. X-rays revealed that her back left leg was broken and her jaw was fractured. She was immediately given the care she needed to heal and the love she needed to feel safe.

Despite all she had been through, Bean remains the absolute sweetest cat imaginable. She begins purring the second she enters your arms, and all she wants is to be loved.

It’s your support that enables us to rescue abandoned animals just like Bean, and it’s your love that helps them find what they’ve been yearning for.
When we received the call about 78 animals living in an unspeakably cruel and neglectful situation, we were there in a heartbeat. Some of the dogs had been living outside for their entire lives. They were exposed to the rain, heat, cold and snow. Their water was dirty, and their food was scarce.

They were suffering from painful skin conditions that had been left untreated for far too long, and they knew nothing but neglect. They had no one to fight for them. One of these animals was Abigail.

When we rescued her, Abigail was covered from head to toe in itchy mange. Her skin was bright red and inflamed. Her face and neck were covered in scabs. Her feet were swollen and tender. But, despite her heartbreaking medical condition, all Abigail wanted was to be loved. We gave her soothing baths, antibiotics to fight the infection, and medication to help her hair grow back. With a bit of love, our sweet Abigail quickly healed and captured the hearts of her new loving family.
Not long ago, Shelley and 32 other dogs were suffering from severe neglect. They were living in their own filth and had no access to the veterinary care they so desperately needed.

As soon as we saw Shelley, we knew she was in some of the worst shape imaginable.

Her tiny, frail body was matted from head to toe, she could barely see through the thick mats dangling from her face, and her teeth were completely rotten making it exceedingly difficult for her to eat. But, at 11 years old, sweet Shelley would finally have someone to fight for her thanks to your support.

Our Shelter Medicine Team took Shelley into their loving arms and carefully made sure that all of her ailments were attended to. She was groomed and provided the medical care she needed, and now, Shelley is living out her life in a new home with a new family to call her own.