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Throw Him a Bone: HSHA Dog Needs Community's Help

Harrisburg, PA (August 25, 2008) – The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area (HSHA) recently took in Bishop and Mickey, two dogs in need of costly medical procedures. While funding has already been secured for Mickey's care, HSHA is turning to the public to help cover the cost of Bishop's surgery.

Bishop is a 3-year-old pit bull mix with an exuberant personality and a love of life. Currently in a foster home, Bishop was brought to HSHA by his former family, who could not afford his medical care. He enjoys exercise and playing, but was greatly limited by his bad back knees, both of which required surgery amounting to \$1,400. HSHA is requesting the community's support to help with Bishop's surgery costs. Donations can be sent to: HSHA, Attn: Bishop, 7790 Grayson Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

Mickey is a 9-week-old terrier mix puppy that experienced a rough start at life when he was hit by a car. His former owners brought Mickey to HSHA when they could not afford his surgery. The accident left Mickey with a broken femur that required corrective surgery that cost \$750. Mickey's surgery has already been paid for, and the individuals who contributed toward the surgery wish to remain anonymous.

HSHA is committed to not euthanizing healthy animals, like Bishop and Mickey, for lack of space or for correctable medical or behavioral issues. Many of the thousands of animals that come to HSHA each year bring with them issues that, while challenging, can be resolved. Each year, the Humane Society's medical team and behavioral team rehabilitate numerous animals that may not otherwise have a chance at life.

"At the Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, we believe that every animal deserves a chance. After Bishop and Mickey recover from surgery, they will make great additions to any home," said Kelly Hitz, director of public relations at HSHA.

The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that has been serving the community and providing care for homeless animals since 1911. The organization accepts homeless animals regardless of their breed, age, medical condition, or behavioral condition and takes in thousands of homeless animals each year. However, HSHA does not euthanize adoptable animals due to lack of space or length of stay. The organization receives no funding from the government or other animal welfare groups and must rely on private donations and fundraising activities to support its mission.

A photograph of Bishop is attached. For more information, contact Kelly Hitz at 717.564.3320 extension 110 or at kellyh@humanesocietyhbg.org.

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