



Humane Society of Central Illinois

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Dear Friends of HSCI,

Our mission at HSCI is to find loving homes for unwanted pets. We take in companion animals of various sizes, breeds, and in different stages of life. Caring for these animals has associated costs such as food, vaccinations, microchipping, spaying or neutering, and paying staff to care for them during their stay. The costs to ready an animal for adoption vary depending on their age, health condition, and length of stay prior to adoption. During 2017, HSCI took in 303 dogs and 546 cats. Through July of 2018, we have seen an increase in those numbers by 27%!

Not all can be classified as "average". Some come to HSCI with special needs requiring specialized care, which leads to additional costs.

Since the beginning of the year, HSCI has taken in over 10 special needs pets. "Special needs" is an umbrella term that covers a wide range of conditions. They can be heartworm- positive, have physical disabilities (amputated limbs, blindness), have chronic medical conditions (thyroid, allergies), and even have some age-related issues (missing teeth, joint problems, heart murmur) to name a few examples. Some special needs animals can be treated and suffer no long term effects. Others may require special care for the rest of their lives.



Blake



Bryce



Dusty

Blake, a two year old black lab mix, came to us with a fractured pelvis that required him to have restricted activity.

Blake needed to be on crate-rest to avoid further injury. An x-ray showed that the damage did not require amputation, but further injury could have changed that assessment. Extended crate-rest and TLC from the HSCI staff was a requirement.

Blake's cost of care was over \$1,000 for the four months he was at HSCI before his adoption.

Bryce, a seven year old domestic long hair cat, came to us with a fracture. Paired with the fractured leg was radial nerve damage, which led to the amputation of his leg. The cost of the x-rays, surgery, medication, and standard costs, was over \$650.

Special needs animals deserve the best possible care, which is what we provide each and every one of the animals in our care! We cannot achieve this goal without the financial support of people like you. Please consider making a donation today to help us care for animals like Blake and Bryce (Sophie, Rex, Dusty, Hanna, and all animals that call HSCI home prior to finding their forever homes).

Your generosity makes a difference!

Thank you from the HSCI Staff and Board of Directors.

Your donation NOW means more lives saved in 2018!

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