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# Speaking of Animals

The Humane Society of Utah is dedicated to the elimination of pain, fear, and suffering in all animals.

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## Featured Pets

This 7-year-old has a smile that will melt your heart. Nia has been at HSU since June 1st and can't wait to find her new family.



She prefers other dogs her own size that will respect her space because she doesn't like to share her food or toys. Nia can be a little shy around strangers and prefers a quiet home

where she can build her confidence. She promises to love you if you give her the chance, are you ready?

This sassy 2-year-old lady has been at HSU for over 180 days! Crowley has a lot to say about the type of home she would like for her own. Lots of space, patience, and mature adults who will allow her to be herself are at the top of the list. Once you win her affection, she'll be your devoted cuddle cat.



Do you want to know more about Nia or Crowley? Come visit HSU and speak with our Behavior Team today. ❖

### Adoption Success Story

*We had to put down our 15-year-old pug, and we all were hurting. We went into HSU with a dog in mind, but we decided she wouldn't have been a good fit for us.*

*The volunteer who was working the front desk was so helpful and kind. She helped us get Ellie, who was so well behaved. She rescued us, and we rescued her.*

*I want to say thank you for helping us and for all that you do. It was a very pleasant experience, and you all do an amazing job with all the fur babies.*

— Dorothy



# Arnold's Story

Arnold, a playful 3-year-old Pitbull mix, was transferred to the Humane Society of Utah (HSU) from a Denver shelter in August. Upon his arrival to our facility, our skilled Receiving staff conducted an initial health assessment and found some scarring on his body, along with a mysterious lump under his right front leg. Ensuring that all animals receive the best medical care possible, Arnold was immediately sent to our Clinic so that our veterinary staff could surgically investigate the lump.

Our veterinarians discovered a channel that led deep into Arnold's midsection, where they found a metal object (see photo) that is believed to be a bullet of some type. The metal object appeared smashed, possibly from an impact with one of Arnold's rib bones. What a horror to imagine that this dog had been shot by someone and left to suffer in pain without treatment. Luckily, Arnold received the expert care of our Clinic staff and will no longer live with this object inside his body causing any more discomfort.



At the time of writing this story in early October, Arnold is still recovering from his surgery with our staff watching over him in a special area with space to roam and play under close observation. He will be available for adoption through the Behavior Department soon.

Arnold's spirits remain high, and our staff loves his fun-loving personality!

We regret to say that it is not uncommon for our veterinarians to discover small bullets and pellets in animals that come under our care, especially cats. Our vets keep each piece to serve as a reminder of the intolerable abuse caused by humans

with guns in one small plastic container. Your generous support helps animals like Arnold that are in need of extra medical attention and care before they can be adopted and given a second chance at a happy home. Arnold's story demonstrates how the HSU's many departments all work together to save more lives each year, and we couldn't do it without you — YOU can Change Their World! ❖



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*As I see things*

# Hero Award Presented in Memory of Jeremy Hardman

— by Gene Baierschmidt, HSU Executive Director

The Humane Society of Utah held a memorial gathering Saturday, Aug. 26 to honor Jeremy Hardman. We presented a Hero Award to Jeremy's mother, Judy Crocker who was able to join us that evening. A plaque was also permanently placed in Jeremy's name on one of our dog kennels. The following sentiments were conveyed during this event, and we wanted to share them with all of our members through this newsletter.

"We chose to remember Jeremy Hardman today because it is National Dog Day, a truly fitting opportunity to honor his heroic actions on behalf of a small innocent dog who was under attack June 7, 2017. As many of you know, Jeremy tragically and unexpectedly lost his life that day, but I want to share with you the significance of the circumstances of this devastating event. Other drivers witnessed a small Chihuahua being beaten by a man on the corner of 4100 South and 3600 West that late afternoon, but they kept driving. Whether they didn't want to get involved, didn't know what to do or who to call, or just didn't understand what was happening, we won't condemn them. Research on altruistic behavior has shown us that a common phenomenon occurs during critical times called a 'diffusion of responsibility,' where a person may feel uncomfortable getting involved, be unsure of how to act, or simply assume that someone else will take action. However, Jeremy and his coworker, Jason Estes, broke this norm when they decided to pull over that day. These two men saw this defenseless animal being abused and stood up to the injustice.

After a confrontation, this man, who I will not honor by naming, got into his car with the dog and left, only to turn around, speed up and hit Jeremy while he was still in the crosswalk. He was later apprehended and arrested for murder. We were relieved to hear that the dog, named Buddi, was recovered and returned to his owner without serious injury.



Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to everyone involved in the case, and we thank them for their dedication, passion, and perseverance.

We cannot begin to imagine the nightmare that Jeremy's family and friends have endured since this fateful day. When Jeremy and Jason intervened on behalf of this tiny dog, they probably didn't think it would cost one of them their life.

Although this was a senseless event, it is in no way meaningless. Jeremy's selfless act to stand up and defend a helpless dog is not only heroic in our eyes, but also an example of how each of us should live. We cannot turn a blind eye to the injustice and abuse of animals who depend on us for protection, care, and survival. We truly believe that society is judged by the way its animals are treated. We know that there is a relationship between animal abuse and domestic violence, drug abuse, and child abuse. For a person to lack

empathy and inflict pain and suffering on a defenseless, innocent living creature, we know they are capable of causing harm to their fellow humans, and this is why we all need to take animal abuse seriously. The fact that this man could intentionally hurt a small Chihuahua and then lack emotional control and hurt a person is no coincidence. We will continue to fight against animal abuse and torture with Jeremy as our example. We encourage everyone that if they see something, say something. Resist those insecurities and take action, stand up for those who can't fight for themselves, and report abuse when you see it.

Tonight, we remember Jeremy for standing up to animal cruelty. He is a hero to us because he had the strength, commitment and compassion to act when others did not. Imagine a different situation if more people had stopped to help defend Buddi from abuse and not let Jeremy and Jason act alone. Let their courage be an inspiration to us all. We can make a difference, and we are stronger together." ❖

## *Notice of* **Annual Membership Meeting**

All members of the Humane Society of Utah are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting Monday, February 26, 2018, 6:00 P.M. at HSU 4242 South 300 West in Murray.

Included in this year's agenda will be a 2017 Year In Review video and updates on the progress of all of HSU's program areas last year. Light snacks and water will be provided. In lieu of attendance, if you would like a 2017 Annual Report mailed to you following the meeting, please contact Jamie Usry, Director of Development, at [jamie@utahhumane.org](mailto:jamie@utahhumane.org) or 801-506-2405. ❖

# Proper Prior Planning for Your Pet — **Emergency Preparedness Tips**

We saw some tragic natural disasters strike during September, which happens to be National Preparedness Month. Since many pets were displaced during the earthquakes, fires, and floods, we wanted to share the following list of important tips to keep your pets safe in case of emergency. We strongly recommend creating an emergency pack with essential information and items for your family and pets.

## **Pet Emergency Pack Checklist:**

- Pet first-aid kit and guide book (ask your vet what to include)
- 3-7 days worth of canned (pop-top) or dry food (be sure to rotate every two months)
- Disposable litter trays (aluminum roasting pans are perfect)
- Litter or paper towel
- Liquid dish soap and disinfectant
- Disposable garbage bags for clean-up
- Pet feeding dishes and water bowls
- Extra collar or harness as well as an extra leash
- Photocopies and/or USB of medical records and a waterproof container with a two-week supply of any medicine your pet requires. (Remember, food and medications need to be rotated out of your emergency kit—otherwise they may go bad)
- At least seven days worth of bottled water for each person and pet (store in a cool, dry place and replace every two months)
- A traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier for each pet (labeled with pet's name and contact info)
- Flashlight
- Blanket
- Recent photos of your pets (in case you are separated and need to make "Lost" posters)
- *Especially for cats:* Pillowcase, toys, scoop-able litter
- *Especially for dogs:* Extra leash, toys and chew toys, a week's worth of cage liner
- Don't forget to plan ahead and pack supplies for yourself!

## **Don't Leave Them Behind**

If a situation is unsafe for you or your family members, it is unsafe for your pets. Evacuation shelters such as schools rarely accept pets, and local animal control services can fill up quickly during a natural disaster or another emergency. Planning for your pets can save their lives. A list of pet-friendly hotels, family, friends and pet sitters that can help during an emergency is helpful to keep in your prepared emergency pack.

## **Keep Pet ID Info Updated**

Emergency situations are often hectic, and pets can, unfortunately, go missing. Make sure your pet is wearing a collar with up-to-date identification tags. Your pet's ID tag should contain their name, telephone number, and any urgent medical needs. HSU recommends microchipping your pet as a permanent form of identification. Keep your contact information updated with your microchip company and your veterinarian.



## **Stock up Early**

We never know when disaster will strike. Keep extra food, water, medications, a leash and carrier on hand for your pet at all times. It is recommended to stock at least two weeks' worth of food and supplies for your pet. Remember to check for expired items and replace them in your emergency pack each month. See the checklist for additional recommendations.

## **Be Ready to Go**

During an emergency, you may need to leave in a hurry and travel a long distance. It's recommended to keep extra copies of your pet's medical records and identification in your emergency pack in case you need to travel when disaster strikes. Your veterinarian can provide extra medical records upon request during your next routine visit.

We hope an emergency never happens to our loved ones or us, but it's important to be prepared in case something does happen. Take the time to create an emergency action plan and review it with your family and friends. ❖

## **Fill A Bowl... Feed A Soul**

Chicken Soup for the Soul Pet Food, a leading super premium pet food company, delivered 27,180 pounds of their nutritious pet food to help feed animals at the Humane Society of Utah. The donation is part of the pet food company's Fill A Bowl... Feed A Soul™ (FABFAS) program, a national campaign targeting one million meals for shelter pets annually.

*"We are excited to be the recipient of this generous donation of food and know it will help many homeless animals in our care and beyond,"* said Gene Baierschmidt, executive director of HSU. *"We house anywhere from 350 to 500 animals at a time and go through a lot of food each day. We also partner with*



*With the help of American Humane's first responders, Chicken Soup for the Soul Pet Food has donated over 335,000 pounds of nutritious food to rescue organizations nationwide over the last 12 months.*

*other local shelters and rescue groups that we can share some food with, especially local groups who have recently rescued animals from Hurricane Harvey and Irma. As a local private nonprofit, we rely on donations and are thankful to receive this high quality food from Chicken Soup for the Soul."*

After storing food to feed our pets at the Humane Society of Utah, the HSU Transfer Team invited our shelter and rescue group partners to take any leftover food so that nothing would go to waste. HSU foster parents and staff also took bags as a thank you for their hard work and service to our homeless pets. ❖