



# Happy Holidays

*This holiday season we send you love, happiness, and hugs! From all the animals & Staff of HSMC !*



Just before Thanksgiving 2019, a paralyzed cat was found abandoned at our front gate. We named her **Graceland**. It was determined by our vet staff that she had received blunt force trauma to her rear end and would probably never walk again. Once she was deemed available for adoption as a special needs cat, she went to Petco to look for her forever home. And Graceland began to use her back legs! One of the Petco team came in regularly to do physical therapy with this beautiful girl and soon decided she had to become part of her family. Since that time, she has learned to walk and run and jump! She has regained most of the use of her back legs and is one of our miracle kitties.



*This is what love can do!*



**EMPATHY:** *The ability to understand and share the feelings of another.*

*My heart overflows with gratitude. Our friends at the HSMC welcomed a seriously injured boy. A victim of abuse and at least one gunshot, Chills was rushed from Chipley to Ocala, accompanied by three scared puppies and a handful of volunteers.*

**Chills**

He was examined by the shelter vet, received much needed medication, and went into surgery immediately. Dr. Toots Banner noted wounds on his front legs, elbow, and paw, estimated at six days old, along with multiple fractures. Although bullet fragments and bone pieces were carefully removed and he is on the road to recovery, Chills will require several more surgeries. He has been examined by an orthopedic specialist who has taken several more x-rays. There is the possibility of an amputation to give him the best prospects for his best life. Chills will require several more surgeries. Throughout it all, he remains our "chill" boy.

*Lets pray for a positive outcome and please thank the Humane Society of Marion County for their rapid and determined assistance.*  
*Sara Cleary*



In June of this year Tucker, an 18-month old Rottweiler, found himself confused and heart-broken after being given away. **Tucker**, being a juvenile himself, was accused of biting his young human playmate. Most likely looking for his family, Tucker ran away from his new home and found himself homeless on the streets. On June 21st, Tucker was picked up and brought to the HSMC as a stray. Staff soon learned of Tuckers misfortune and the bite which he had been accused. MCAS picked Tucker up the next day and placed him on a ten-day bite hold.

Tucker displayed behavior that is easily perceived as aggression while in quarantine. During the investigation, the HSMC learned that MCAS had the owner surrender Tucker to them. MCAS was able to retrieve Tucker on July 10th and brought him back to the shelter. Tucker was surrounded with love and patience to teach him how a giant breed should behave. He soon had a fan club and Tamie Leedy, the director's wife, promoted him on social media in a Rottweiler forum, knowing he needed the right owner. In July, Eric from Jacksonville drove down and immediately fell in love with the handsome fellow. Eric updates us often, sending us texts and photos, and thanking staff for finding him such a loving companion.



**Tucker**

In May, HSMC staff found a tiny kitten when at Interfaith. **Jessee** was perhaps four weeks old, flea-infested, lethargic, barely moving. Since the next stop was Petco, the staff member brought him inside. Jess, a store employee rushed him to the back for a bath, removing hundreds of fleas from his tiny body. We named him after her. At the shelter, he was given a blood transfusion...and then we waited. The fighter in him kicked in, the eyes opened, and he meowed! In August, he found his forever home!



**Jessee**

*Got to love those happy endings!*

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