We were thrilled to welcome 85 kindergarten through second grade students from Jon Love Early Learning Center, a Duval County Public School, to JHS this May. The students spent the morning at our Adoption, Education and Pet Help Center learning about JHS, how to help pets and spent time reading to our dogs and cats. They even watched spay and neuter surgery! These learning experiences at JHS were made possible thanks to the support from the Jim and Tabitha Furyk Foundation. You can help little learners too with a donation to support our children’s education programs.

Visit jaxhumane.org/donate or call 904.493.4566.
A DOLLY DREAM COME TRUE

Thanks to a generous grant from our friends at Dolly’s Dream Fund, JHS was able to launch our first-ever “Dolly’s Dream School” for dogs at JHS. Led by a certified trainer, six lucky pups were selected for a four-week training session. The dogs attended with a JHS volunteer. Each dog learned new skills including sit, come when called, stay, and leash manners. If the dog was adopted during the four weeks, their new parents could continue the training class at no cost, thanks to Dolly.

By the end of the class, all but one of our Dolly’s Dream School graduates found new, loving families. One of the newly adopted dogs was Harper who had been waiting for a family for almost three months! Her new family said that “dream dog” is a perfect description for Harper because she’s a great listener, knows commands and is a wonderful companion. Dream School will be back in August, so be sure to check our website and follow along on Facebook as the next class of Dolly’s Dream Dogs go to school!

IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION

Next time you’re at JHS, be sure to view our donor wall and signage throughout the building to recognize the generous contributions made to the Campaign for a Compassionate Community that made our new adoption center a reality. To learn more about giving to JHS at a leadership level and recognition benefits, visit jaxhumane.org/leadership or call JHS Development Director, Theresa Scordo, at 904-493-4606.
In the fall of 2018, Maddie’s Fund announced a new contest for shelters. Titled the “Get ’em Home Challenge”, the idea was for each shelter to come up with the most unique and creative tools to find homes for pets who had been in the shelter for 30 days or more. More than 100 shelters from across the country participated and over 11,000 pets found new homes.

Guess who took home first prize? Your very own JHS! We took the top honors with the “Most Creative Overall Adoption Program” for developing a long-stay task force. The task force includes members from each department at JHS and ensures that every single pet in our building gets an individualized adoption plan. We also won a $10,000 award from Maddie’s to help us continue lifesaving work in our community.

Follow the fun on our social media channels, using #jaxhumane or @jaxhumane, to see our creative appeals for pets in need throughout 2019!

YOU’RE INVITED!

JHS’ 21st Annual TOAST TO THE ANIMALS will be held on Saturday, September 21st at TIAA Bank Field in the West Club. Join us for an evening of small plates from Jacksonville’s finest restaurants, a silent and live auction with more than one hundred items, VIP Hour, music, signature cocktails and so much more, all in celebration of our best furry friends. Tickets go quickly, please RSVP today at jaxhumane.org/toast or call 904-493-4566.
The Kitten Crisis How Can You Help?

Ever heard that Florida only has one season – summer? Guess again. Introducing … kitten season! It sounds adorable (fuzzy kittens falling from the sky? yes, please!) but it’s a crisis that impacts shelters across the nation. Jacksonville is no exception. From January to May of 2019, JHS received more than 1,000 tiny kittens – 500 of them in the month of May alone. At both shelters in Jacksonville combined, the number is almost 2,000. And kitten season won’t end until October!

What’s the solution to the crisis? Here’s a hint … Y-O-U! Here are four simple ways you can help end Jacksonville’s kitten crisis:

1. **Spay and Neuter:** There are many low-cost and free options in Jacksonville.
2. **Don’t KitNap:** If you see kittens, please watch and wait for the mother cat.
3. **Foster in Place:** Check with your vet about available resources to help stray kittens.
4. **Share Your Time and Talents:** Join our team of foster parents and volunteers.

Be sure to access the JHS website for information, resources and flyers that you can print and post in your neighborhood to share the #DontKitNap message.

Head to jaxhumane.org/kittenhelp today and help us put an end to the kitten crisis.

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LifeSaving U
A No Kill Florida Initiative

Jacksonville is the bold new city of the south … for dogs and cats! Did you know that Jacksonville is considered a model community on a national level for our collaborative programs that keep our city no kill? Now we’re taking the lessons we learned and sharing them with our neighbors via LifeSaving University, a No Kill Florida initiative. Currently, Florida is the third worst state in the nation when it comes to the death of shelter pets. With your help, and the support of Best Friends Animal Society, JHS is providing one-of-a-kind, individualized mentoring opportunities for shelters across the state. Whether we hit the road or they come to Jacksonville, each community is provided the opportunity to experience the model practices in place at JHS and incorporate them at home to save more lives. The team from Marion County Animal Services recently completed two days of LifeSaving U at JHS and said that coming to JHS was a “great learning experience (in) providing us with the tools to become a no kill shelter.” Together, we can make Florida a leader in lifesaving! Support our efforts with a donation today.

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