



**Dear Friends,**

It is membership time again for the GIHS. This annual support program began some 30+ years ago to encourage community participation in supporting our efforts. We also want to take this opportunity to update you on some of our shelter's work.

Through the years our mission has grown from the basics of housing and rehoming unwanted pets. Today, not only do we remain an open admission shelter for Galveston Island, meaning that we accept all homeless or lost pets, even when full and overcrowded. We also provide core vaccinations upon intake, any medical care needed, and all pets are spayed or neutered, microchipped, and are given a current rabies vaccination upon leaving. If owners live in Galveston, the pet becomes registered with the city per city ordinances.

We have established and continue a variety of community programs. We offer online and social media programs to assist with rehoming pets, along with resources to find them loving homes. Additional community assistance programs include spay and neuter assistance, microchip and vaccination clinics, Trap-Neuter-Return for feral and community cats, as well as educating the community.

**Our work, and these community programs, can only happen with your help.**

What do you get for your membership dollars? The rewarding satisfaction of knowing you are an integral part of a community working to make lives better for those less fortunate. Together, we can make a difference.

**As an example of our work and progress, I want to share the story of Faith.** Faith is a German Shepherd dog who was found as a stray. She was underweight, infested with demodectic mange, suffered from extensive hair loss, and was covered in infected sores. Faith was a sweet dog with some deep-rooted trust issues. With treatment and care, her hair slowly, but surely began to grow back. Faith started opening up to staff members and a few dedicated volunteers. Her success story is just one example of how Galveston Island Humane Society is committed to the care and rehoming of our animals. Faith showcases a combination of medical care and caring staff and volunteers who spent countless hours helping her to learn to trust people again. After over 200 days, Faith has finally found her loving forever home and she is thriving! The level of care provided for Faith simply is not possible without YOUR GENEROSITY. Stories like this truly show how far we have come both as an organization and as a community. I am truly honored to share these stories with such happy endings. I am proud that our organization is a place that provides such success.



Your kind generosity and help from supporters keep us going and make these success stories happen.

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