## TRANSFORM

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ANIMAL WELFARE



The New Year brings a time of reflection and gratitude for a year now closed, a year unlike all others. During the pandemic lockdown, AHS operated as an essential, exempt organization. We offered 24/7 services for critically ill and injured animals, continued cruelty investigations and performed daily animal rescues. We provided impactful resources and compassionate solutions for pet owners in crisis to help thwart pet surrender to keep pets in homes. We launched a virtual adoption program ensuring human safety while finding forever homes for the animals in our care.

This is our mission.

In 2020, AHS demonstrated the ability to pivot and operate on an emergency footing as a medical institution. While not anticipated as a test of our future, our pandemic response prepared us for the major goal of 2021 – continued progress toward the Campaign to Transform Animal Welfare and groundbreaking for the new AHS Central Campus & Animal Medical Center at Papago Park. We are on course to break ground this fall – October 2021.

Exceptional friends and extraordinary gifts make the new Central Campus & Hospital possible. The Lazin Animal Foundation recently awarded \$3 million dollars to the Campaign to Transform Animal Welfare to name the new Second Chance Animal Trauma Hospital in memory of Terry Lazin, the Foundation's founder. We are beyond grateful to the Foundation's Board of Directors for their decision to link Terry's lifelong love for animals to the Campaign to Transform Animal Welfare.

Terry's life and legacy are featured on the next page. Terry survived multiple challenges surrounded by her beloved animals, her constant companions. She was a kindred spirit and true animal lover.

To date, we have raised \$15.95 million toward our campaign goal of \$28 million. We are grateful to our Campaign Cabinet and the early, lead donors who have made their commitment to our shared vision.

Please reach out to me or any team member with your questions and advice, we value your input.

Warmly,



Dr. Steven R. Hansen AHS President & CEO





# DONOR SPOTLIGHT: THE LAZIN FOUNDATION

The power of the human-animal bond is undeniable. No one believed in the extraordinary connection between companion animals and humans more than Terry Lazin, founder of Lazin Animal Foundation (LAF). LAF exists today because of Terry's life purpose –to prevent the abuse, neglect, suffering and euthanasia of treatable and adoptable homeless dogs.

Terry Lazin was, in every way, a true Renaissance woman. Phenomenally successful in her career on the East Coast, she rose to the top in both public and private sectors, always with the unconditional love and companionship of her trusty canines by her side.

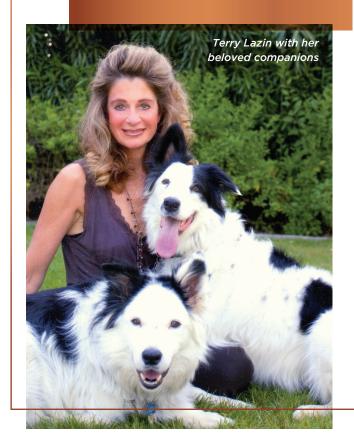
In the summer of 2009, life was forever changed when Terry was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Her fighting spirit unscathed, Terry realized she had to seize the moment to make her passion of rescuing homeless animals her ultimate legacy by founding LAF. "After being diagnosed, I committed to fight for homeless animals that similarly had no real control over their destiny or ultimate survival," she said.

Cancer was certainly not Terry's only battle with adversity. Throughout childhood, she suffered from severe scoliosis, isolating her from peers. At 15, she underwent a complete spinal fusion and was confined for a year in a body cast. This isolation further detracted from a normal adolescence, yet gave birth to her fiercely independent, self-sufficient, and ever-grateful spirit. The love and constant companionship of the family dog made up for the humans missing from Terry's life. It was during this time that she discovered her enduring love of animals and the true understanding of unconditional love.

In 2015, Terry passed away leaving a committed group of family, friends, and colleagues to continue her life-saving work. Her bright light shines on in many ways, impacting so very many injured, abused, neglected animals.

"Nothing is possible unless you make it happen."

TERRY LAZIN



AHS is incredibly proud to receive a \$3 million gift from the Lazin Animal Foundation in support of our capital campaign, and we take the incredible responsibility of carrying on Terry's legacy to heart. The milestone gift will name AHS' Second Chance Animal Trauma Hospital at the new Central Campus & Animal Medical Center, which will serve as a permanent beacon of light for the most vulnerable animals in our community.

True to her life and legacy, Terry Lazin's spirit lives on through LAF's generous gifts of sustainability for long term, lasting impact on the lives of homeless dogs.

"My real legacy is how I consciously treat people and animals every day of my life. That sums up who you truly are, despite how you're remembered."

TERRY LAZIN

## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: SECOND CHANCE ANIMAL TRAUMA HOSPITAL™ (SCATH)

In 2020, the Arizona Humane Society (AHS) treated 10,800 animals in our Sunnyslope Second Chance Animal Trauma Hospital™ (SCATH). The lifesaving work performed at this 64-year-old north Phoenix facility is intricate and often complex, but hardly uncommon. Autumn, a young, female Shorthair Chihuahua, is one of thousands of AHS success stories.

In late fall, AHS received an urgent call to our Emergency Animal Medical Technician™ (EAMT) command center. A stray dog had been hit by a car and left to die next to a bus stop. An AHS ambulance was immediately dispatched and the attending EAMT found the animal injured, hypothermic and covered in ticks.

The dog was rushed to SCATH where X-rays revealed she had a completely displaced fracture in her left front leg and a possible fracture to the pelvis. An ultrasound identified fluid around her liver and kidneys. The pup was given pain medication and IV fluids with hopes to stabilize her for vital surgery.

Autumn's fractured front leg prior to surgery



While in our care, the SCATH team named the sweet pup "Autumn" to reflect the season. Her first few nights in the hospital were touch-and-go but just days later she became more alert. Autumn even began to gingerly sit up for attention from the AHS team.

When AHS veterinarian, Dr. Schwab, was confident that Autumn was stable, she surgically inserted a permanent locking bone plate to repair her fractured leg. Autumn successfully emerged from surgery with a cast and stitches, but would still require constant monitoring from hospital staff.



Three days later, Autumn made a real breakthrough. While she continued to struggle to stand with the splint, she eventually began to walk well enough to enjoy her first post-surgery trip outside for fresh air. Today, four months after Autumn was rescued, she remains in foster care where she is recovering in the home of a loving AHS volunteer. We are happy to report that Autumn's leg, pelvis and spirits are all on the mend.

#### THE IMPACT OF YOUR LIFE-SAVING SUPPORT

Without AHS and your kind support, the most vulnerable animals in our community like Autumn would not have options for comprehensive treatment and long-term care. AHS is totally committed to the evolution of animal welfare in our community with the groundbreaking of its Central Campus & Animal Medical Center planned this fall. The new SCATH will be the largest and most comprehensive medical center for homeless, injured, abused and abandoned animals west of the Mississippi.



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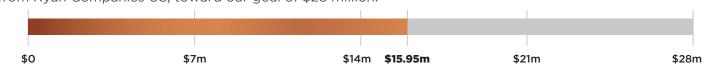
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### FUNDRAISING PROGRESS -

Thanks to the generosity of our Campaign Cabinet, Board of Directors and several key individuals making early campaign commitments, we have raised \$15.9 million, including a \$1million in-kind gift from Ryan Companies US, toward our goal of \$28 million.



## **CAMPAIGN DONORS** -

We are honored to acknowledge the generous commitments from the following early supporters.

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