

## Animal Sheltering



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### Birthday Cake, Anyone?

**Animal Sheltering** magazine turns 30 this year

It was in 1978 that Phyllis Wright, former director of The Humane Society of the United States' Companion Animals section, conceived of a newsletter for shelter folks. This publication, then known as *Shelter Sense*, would enable the field to share ideas, pass along best practices, and would serve as a venue for the news affecting animal shelters and animal control agencies around the country.

Over three decades and through the work of many dedicated editors and writers at The HSUS, the publication that started out as a short newsletter has grown into the magazine you're holding now. But while *Animal Sheltering* has certainly gotten bigger and brighter, our goals have stayed the same: We want to provide you with the most helpful news and information available, the materials that will help you save lives and make the world a better place for the people and animals in your community. And we hope to entertain, amuse, and inspire along the way.

We are your magazine, and we want to hear from you! As we move into our 31st year (does that mean we can legally have a beer? Oh, wait—that was a while back), we hope you'll keep in touch and let us know what you need, what stories we're missing, what's happening in your backyard.

Your work, and the progress of the field over the past 30 years, inspires us every day. We want to make sure we return the favor.

Here's to another 30 good years still to come! **AS**

Story ideas? Kudos? Gripes? Drop us a line at [asm@humanesociety.org](mailto:asm@humanesociety.org).

Here at *Animal Sheltering* magazine, we celebrate your work every day, and you should celebrate it too. You're changing the world, one life at a time! We have materials to help you plan for National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week at [animalsheltering.org/sheltersrock](http://animalsheltering.org/sheltersrock). Let your community know what we've known for years!

