

Humane Society of West Alabama
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Humane Society of West Alabama to Open New Cat House in October

State-of-the-art animal adoption center will enhance care and increase adoption capacity

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025 — The Humane Society of West Alabama (HSWA) is proud to announce the upcoming opening of its new Cat House and expanded 13-acre campus in Cottondale this October. This state-of-the-art facility is designed to provide cage-free, enriching environments for up to 80 cats, improving their well-being and adoption experiences.

HSWA's expansion represents a major milestone in its ongoing campaign, which aims to consolidate current operations into a single, more efficient location. The new property will also include upgraded canine care spaces, outdoor play areas, and meet-and-greet lobbies, designed to increase adoption rates and improve animal welfare.

“The next four years will bring much needed expansion of HSWA’s ability to provide animal rescue, care, and adoption services to a growing population of homeless and neglected cats and dogs. We call this bold, aggressive action plan to develop a new Animal Adoption Center for Tuscaloosa County, Unleash the Possibilities,” said Tina Miller, HSWA Board Chair.

“The Humane Society of West Alabama is excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, and we are committed to meeting the challenge of providing animal rescue, care and adoption for Tuscaloosa County.”

According to the WVUA 23 News, more than 15,000 animals were euthanized in Alabama over the past year, underscoring the urgent need for expanded shelter and adoption resources. The Humane Society of West Alabama has been a no-kill, all-volunteer organization since 1971, ensuring 100% of funds go directly to animal care. This new facility will help reduce overcrowding and better serve Tuscaloosa’s transient student population, which often contributes to increased pet abandonment. With over 1,600 dog adoptions since 2005 and more than 2,000 cat adoptions since 2003, HSWA is a trusted partner in Tuscaloosa’s animal welfare network.

The Humane Society invites the public to visit the new campus starting in October and support its mission through adoption, volunteering, or donations. “The property has existing facilities and assets that can be repurposed in a cost-effective manner and allow us to better meet our community’s increasing demands on providing animal rescue, care, and adoption services,” said Tina Miller. “It will provide more welcoming space and capacity for our animals, our volunteers who care for them, and our guests who seek to adopt. Consolidated operations will heighten our ability to provide the quality of animal care and pet adoptions for which we are well known.” For more information, visit www.hswa.org or contact Grace Harwell at (770) 757-2103 or grace.harwell@hswa.org.