

Chato's Happy New Beginning

"Chato" stole our hearts from the moment he entered our doors. He came to the Atlanta Humane Society Clinic on a cold November morning. Most of his body had suffered severe burns, including large portions of his face, chest and front limbs. It was clearly the act of a malevolent individual(s). (At press time, the investigation is still being handled by the Assistant District Attorney). But even with the pain he had endured, Chato still looked upon AHS staff with a calm demeanor and hope in his eyes.

Due to the extent of his injuries, Atlanta Humane Society sought the assistance of the University of GA Veterinary School. Chato spent two long months at UGA, where his body and soul were nourished and treated by a very dedicated team of specialists. He endured the amputation of both ears as well as the removal of his left eye. As soon as he was cleared from secondary health issues related to the burning, Chato began the painstaking process of skin grafting. But during the medical processes, something magical happened – something we witness quite often at AHS. His team of dedicated professionals connected with Chato, and they formed a loving bond that often involved playtime in the yard, Thanksgiving dinners and so much more.

As fate would have it, Chato's previous owner thought it would be in his best interest to find him a new home. Chato's new residence would be shared with his chief caretaker, one of the veterinarians at UGA who handled his case from the start. A few weeks later, Chato was cleared, and tears were shed as he was brought back to AHS to formalize the adoption process. Staff rejoiced as they saw a once horribly tortured pet bounce and frolic like any of the other guests at the shelter. His wounds had healed and hair had begun to grow back. Most importantly, his new owner adores him.

As you read this, Chato is probably living the dream on a big fluffy couch sitting at home.

As he approaches full recovery, his new owner is planning to make him a therapy dog whose specialty is to help children who have been burned. His owner hopes that his story will inspire hundreds, maybe thousands. Our staff at AHS can happily say he has already started that trend... with us.

Atlanta Humane Society staff wishes you the best in your new life, Chato!! Our staff would also like to thank UGA for all their assistance and professional care.



Pictured to the left is Chato. Even in bandages he still loves to play.

Pictured to the right is the UGA Vet family that cared for Chato during his recovery



Atlanta Humane Society Seeks Business Locations For Vending Machine Donation Program

The Atlanta Humane Society has embraced a new concept to generate needed donations using vending machines. Cold drink and snack vending machines with the Atlanta Humane Society logo and attached donation box are now available to place in local business and organizations. This program is offered at no cost to businesses and organizations that want the service and will directly benefit the shelter. Businesses can now provide support to The Atlanta Humane Society simply by providing the space to place vending machines.

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