

## Learn More About Safe Humane Chicago

Safe Humane strives to create safe and humane communities by inspiring positive relationships between people and animals. Safe Humane Chicago focuses our programming on three areas, **Youth Leadership, Collaborative Justice and Court Case Dogs**, by providing education, advocacy and second chances.

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# BEATING THE ODDS SAFE HUMANE CHICAGO'S COURT CASE DOGS

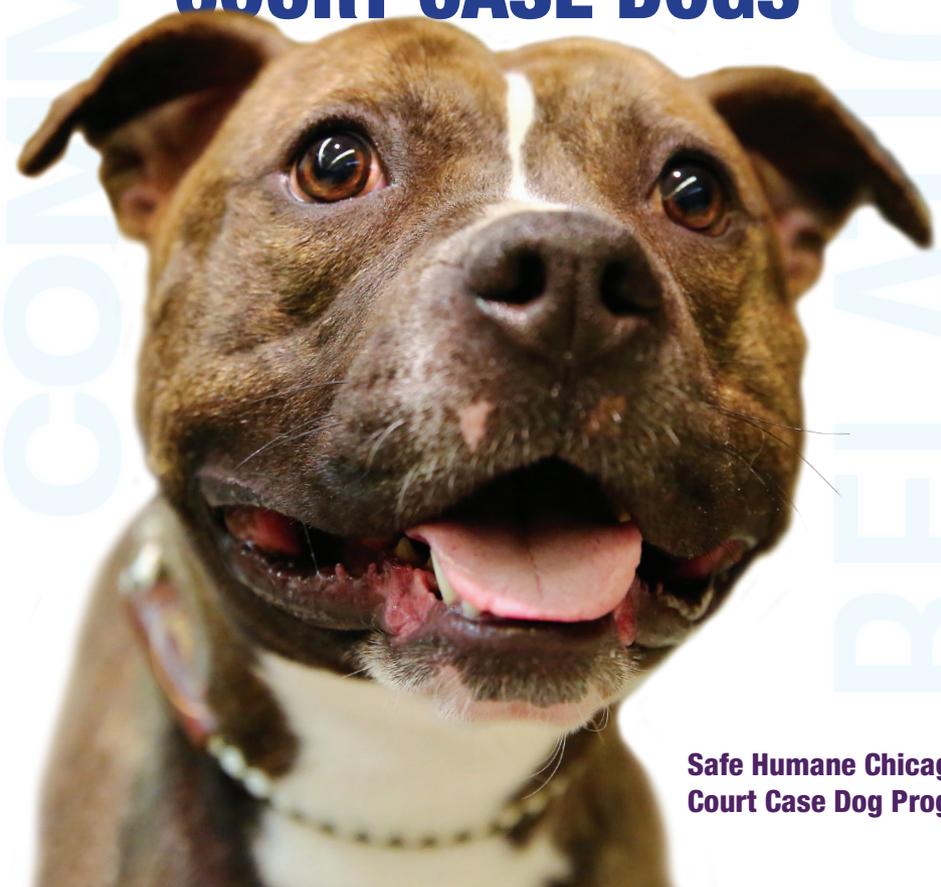


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Safe Humane Chicago's  
Court Case Dog Program

## Their Journey to Justice

Court Case Dogs truly beat the odds. They have been given a second chance at a great life, thanks to a long line of heroes: the police; animal control officers; the justice system; Chicago Animal Care and Control (“CACC”); Safe Humane’s Court Advocates, volunteers, and dog training and behavior professionals; veterinarians; partnering rescue groups; and the families that welcome them into their homes.

### What Is a Safe Humane Chicago Court Case Dog?

It wasn’t long ago that Chicagoland animals seized from neglectful or criminally charged owners were viewed solely as evidence. They were rescued, but then languished in a cage until their owners’ court cases concluded. Unlike their owners, these dogs did the time, but not the crime. After they satisfied their evidentiary role, typically they were euthanized.

The Court Case Dog Program was a first step toward justice for these animals. What began in January 2010 as a partnership between Safe Humane Chicago, Best Friends Animal Society and CACC to advocate for, support and re-home these animals is now a thriving program managed by Safe Humane.

Since that time, Safe Humane has taken hundreds of dogs into its program. After the dogs have been either voluntarily relinquished by their owners or transferred by court order to the City of Chicago, our team of dedicated volunteers and dog training and behavior professionals focus on helping the dogs reach their full potential. Through our partnerships with rescue organizations like yours, these Court Case Dogs then find loving homes.

<sup>1</sup> Court Case Dogs are sheltered at and owned by Chicago Animal Care and Control, which is located at 2741 S. Western Ave., Chicago, IL.

### Why Are Court Case Dogs So Special?

Some of the Court Case Dogs transferred to Safe Humane’s program have endured especially unjust treatment. All Safe Humane dogs are behaviorally assessed, and then provided with the training, socialization, enrichment opportunities, and love that they need to become wonderful companions. Sheltered at CACC<sup>1</sup>, the dogs are vetted prior to being transferred to a rescue group; and Safe Humane provides adopted Court Case Dogs and their families with dog training and behavior support free of charge if needed.

The Court Case Dogs’ resilience and ability to move beyond their histories and into our hearts is awe-inspiring.

#### If you are interested in

- **Volunteering** with the Court Case Dog program
- **Donating** to Safe Humane Chicago
- **Transferring** a Court Case Dog to your rescue or fostering a Court Case Dog for a rescue
- **Adopting** a Court Case Dog

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