

# Humane Society OF THE OHIO VALLEY

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 Monday-Friday ..... 12:00-5:00pm  
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 (By Appointment only Sunday)

## SHELTER STATISTICS January-June 2009

Incoming Dogs/Puppies:	
Owner Surrender .....	422
Stray Surrender .....	173
County Dog Warden .....	153
Humane Officer .....	68
Outgoing Dogs/Puppies	
Adopted .....	193
Owner Reclaimed .....	89
Rescue Transfers .....	446
Euthanized .....	34
Incoming Cats/Kittens	
Owner Surrender .....	464
Stray Surrender .....	354
Humane Officer .....	46
Outgoing Cats/Kittens	
Adopted .....	155
Owner Reclaimed .....	5
Rescue Transfers .....	61
Euthanized .....	569

## My Best Friend!

Phoebe Lee Deem November 27, 1995 – July 24, 2009

My best friend, Phoebe, passed away suddenly on Friday July 24. It was a day that I had feared for so long. We met on January 2, 1996 when she was just a little over two months old. I had walked into the shelter just to pet the dogs and ended up finding a friend that would change my life forever. She was this chubby little puppy with these giant ears that were way too big for her head! When I got her out of the cage, I think we both knew that we had found what we were missing in our lives, each other. From that day on we were inseparable. Her first year of life was spent hanging out at the beach, playing at the dog park with her friends Clyde and Charlie, shopping at the area pet stores and learning to be come my traveling co-pilot. We made the 500 mile



went on several vacations spending her sixth birthday in Salem, Massachusetts and the following year traveling to Bar Harbor, Maine. When she was nine we went to Washington D.C., and went on a river cruise and then we were able to take her to

a sit down restaurant where I was able to order her dinner and she could eat it right there beside me. She went with me every time I got a new vehicle and the last one was bought solely 4PHOEBE. We had so much fun and so many adventures that I never wanted them to end.

When she turned eleven I knew that every day that I had with her was a gift. I panicked at the thought of losing her and dreaded the day that I would. You have to know that Phoebe never suffered one day of her life, her life was one of kindness, respect and being treated like a princess. I always knew that there was one thing that I wanted. - I needed to be with her when she took her last breath and I needed to hold her and tell her that everything would be



trip to Marietta about once a month. Phoebe loved the car! She also knew that whenever we were going for a ride that there was going to be some kind of interesting adventure involved.

When she was a year old we moved to Marietta. This began the start of a whole new life for the both of us. My family owned a business and they allowed me to bring Phoebe to work with me every day. I look back now and she actually knew her work schedule, the days we got up early were Tuesday through Saturday and Sunday and Mondays were our days off. For almost eleven years Phoebe became a regular staple at the local Harley-Davidson shop and if you were driving along Route 7 in Reno you probably saw us taking one of our many walk breaks throughout the day.

Wherever I went that I could take Phoebe she came. My life revolved around her. She had a birthday party every November 27, we went every Christmas Day evening to look at Christmas lights, we walked every Thanksgiving Day morning because she loved going from yard to yard sniffing the air trying to figure out which house the turkey smell was coming from, she

alright. The day she died I was able to pet her, hold her and tell her over and over that I love her and when they put her to sleep her and I locked eyes for one last time and I kissed her and I hugged her and told her good-bye.

It has been two weeks and I cry every day. Her brother Buck, looks at the door every time I walk in, as if looking for his friend to follow me in. My life will never be the same. I think of her every day and will carry her memory and spirit with me until some day we can be together again.

Jennifer Deem, HSOV Vice-President

# Oakley Snell

(June 19, 1998 – June 15, 2009)



Oakley left our life as suddenly as she entered it. After recently losing my beloved Golden Retriever “Fancy” to cancer in May of 1998 I found myself lost without my 4 legged companion by my side. On my birthday of that year the lady that I had purchased “Fancy” from (7 years prior) called to let me know that her Golden had just given birth to a litter of 13 Golden puppies and that I had the pick of the litter. Our son Tyler picked the name “Oakley” for her. She was ornery, beautiful and loved by my family. We found her easy to train and her greatest joy was to be with us.

When “Oakley” was 5 years old she blew an ACL in her left knee.

This was the day before we were to leave for our beach house. After being seen by our vet, we took off for the beach to spend 3 months before school started. It was a chore to carry her on a beach towel up and down 3 flights of steps 5 times a day to go out to potty, but one we didn't

mind—that is the way it is with a beloved pet. A couple of years after that she blew her right ACL and exercise became a real problem for her. She never lost her spirit, was never temperamental and loved everyone. The past year or two I came to the realization that I was on borrowed time with her. She was sleeping more and moving around less and less. The past year she was unable to climb the steps to the bedroom so I slept on the sofa in the den because I could not leave her downstairs by herself. The thought of losing her broke my heart. That day became reality on June 15th - 4 days before her 11th birthday. She “told” me with her eyes, and anyone that has owned a Golden knows exactly what I speak of. She was worn out and tired of fighting the battle that she faced every day. She could no longer stand on her hind legs. Our wonderful vet came to our house to help her cross that “Rainbow Bridge”, with those that loved her most with her.

The heartbreak was unreal and I really didn't know how to go about each day without her by my side. She is buried next to Fancy in our side yard. Sometimes I just feel the need to take a break and go out and sit where they are buried. Somehow I feel closer to them. (That's the way it is with us “animal people”.) I fostered a yellow lab for several days just to get her out of the shelter, but in my heart I knew it was not the dog I was looking for. A friend of mine told me that the right dog was out there that .. it had just not found me yet. I held onto that thought. The right dog did find me the day of the Riverboat Roar. A beautiful Golden boy that is 8-10 months old. He moved into our lives and into our hearts, and at times I do believe he is a clone of “Oakley”. His favorite toys were her favorite toys; he sleeps in the same places that “Oakley” always chose. He is so like her it is scary at times. His name is “Gentry” and he found me at the shelter. It was love at first sight. He goes everywhere with me and doesn't want me out of his sight. I think there is something to be said about rescuing a shelter animal—they seem to be forever grateful to the person that takes them home from there. “Gentry” filled a huge void in my life. To him I will be forever grateful.



*Submitted by Jane Snell, President, HSOV Board of Directors*

*Editor's Note: Jane has given a monetary gift in Oakley's memory and asked that it be used to help with the cost of publishing this edition of our newsletter. Thank You!*

# DOGS WHO LOVE TOO MUCH!

By Marlene Delaney



When I brought Dudley home from the shelter, I thought it was cute that he followed me from room to room. It was, after all, love at first sight for both of us. When I crated him that first night, he barked for a short while. Nothing more than the expected adjustment period, I thought. However, he showed no signs he was adjusting to bedtime. He barked for longer periods of time each night. He cried, panted and seemed extremely anxious. At the suggestion of a friend, I moved his crate to my bedroom. That night, he entered the crate, immediately lay down and went fast asleep.

The first time we left him, we arrived home to the sound of loud barking. He had destroyed the bedding inside his crate. He seemed to sense when I was going to leave. By the time I did leave, he was panting, worked up and anxious. He barked and cried. I worried he would disturb the neighbors but I was also worried for him. I knew his attachment was not normal. He was a shelter dog. He had had enough trauma and suffering for a lifetime.

Dogs most likely to experience separation anxiety are second-hand dogs. Dogs re-homed in adolescence or older are at greater risk of separation anxiety than puppies. No one fully understands why some dogs suffer from separation anxiety and, under similar circumstances, others don't.

How to tell if your dog is suffering from separation anxiety?

- He gets worked up and anxious as you prepare to leave the house.
- He engages in inappropriate behavior only when you are separated.
- He follows you everywhere you go and immediately becomes distressed if he can't be near you.
- When you arrive home, your dog's greeting is over the top and he takes a while to calm down.

How does separation anxiety in dogs manifest?

- Barking, howling, whining, crying
- Licking, chewing, self-mutilation
- House soiling, inappropriate urinating
- Vomiting, diarrhea, excessive salivation
- Destructive behavior, digging, escaping, jumping through windows

Treatment for separation anxiety in dogs depends on its severity. Dudley's vet prescribed a medication called Clomicalm.

It reduces anxiety and makes it easier for your pet to learn new, positive behaviors. Some side effects, although rare, are lethargy, depression, vomiting, diarrhea and increased thirst. Dudley did seem a little

sleepy the first week he started taking Clomicalm. That is normal and lasts a short time.

Medications should be used in conjunction with behavior modification techniques. Keep departures and arrivals low-key. It may be hard to do, but ignore the dog for a time before leaving and upon arriving home. Be calm and assertive, as the Dog Whisperer recommends. Make sure he gets plenty of exercise. A toy stuffed with goodies (a Kong toy stuffed with peanut butter, for example) can draw the focus away from your leaving.

Dudley took Clomicalm daily for three weeks, then every other day for two weeks. My daughter shares in his care, so that I am not his entire world. When we brought him home from the shelter, he showed no interest in toys. The Kong toy lay untouched in the corner of his crate. Now, he loves to chew his Nylabone and carries it or a toy to bed with him every night. It is taking time, but he is learning we do return. Nothing could keep us away!



# 2009 .....WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?

**Humane Society of the Ohio Valley**  
Presents the Marietta, OH



**poker Run**  
and  
**Hog Roast**

Saturday, October 3, 2009



**Start** - S&P Harley Davidson (Marietta, OH)  
**End** - The Beachcomber (Williamstown, WV)

First Bike Out - 10:00 am  
Last Bike Out - 12:00 pm  
Last Bike In - 4:00 pm  
\$10 per person (Includes Hog Roast)  
Hog Roast at last stop (The Beachcomber)  
\$10 for Non-participants of the Poker Run

**Music - Door Prizes - 50/50**

In case of rain, Hog Roast will still be held at 4:00 pm  
If you can't make the run come to the hog roast  
All vehicles welcome



All Proceeds Benefit the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley Medical Fund

**Raffle Prizes Include**

- Hand Crafted Liquor Wagon  
includes 22 bottles of liquor and 4 cases of beer
- 14 Karat Gold Charm  
from Jewelry by Design
- Fenton Art Glass Piece  
by Christina Fenton
- \$100 Gas Card

**September 1st thru 30th**

Ugliest Pet Contest @ Applebee's

**Tuesday, September 1st** (6:00pm)

HSOV Board Meeting

Commissioners Office, 223 Putnam St, Marietta

**Saturday, September 5th** (10:00am)

Washington County Fair Parade, Marietta

HSOV will participate in the parade

**Saturday, September 5th** (4:00-6:00pm)

Car & Dog Wash @ Applebee's, Marietta

**Saturday, September 5th** (4:00-6:00pm)

Adopt-A-Thon @ Applebee's, Marietta

**Saturday, September 19th** (9:00am)

Paws Walk, Muskingum Park



**Saturday, October 3rd**

Poker Run & Hog Roast



**Tuesday, October 6th** (6:00pm)

HSOV Board Meeting

Commissioners Office, 223 Putnam St, Marietta

**Tuesday, November 10th** (6:00pm)

HSOV Board Meeting

Commissioners Office, 223 Putnam St, Marietta

**November** (Date/Time TBA))

Pet Photos With Santa, Tractor Supply, Marietta

**Tuesday, December 1st** (6:00pm)

HSOV Election of Officers

Galley Restaurant, Second St, Marietta

**Saturday, December 12th**

HSOV Open House @ Shelter

90 Mt. Tom Road, Marietta

Tour the shelter and meet adoptable pets

Donations welcome; Refreshments served

## Help Raise Money for Our Shelter...

When Searching The Internet ([www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)) Or Making Online Purchases ([www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com))

Simple enter "Humane Society of the Ohio Valley" after entering the goodsearch.com or goodshop.com website to ensure that we receive the donation. Then begin searching or making online purchases from selected stores such as amazon.com, walmart.com, and many others!

[www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)

A penny for each search is donated to the HSOV.

[www.goodshop.com](http://www.goodshop.com)

A percentage of the total purchase is donated to HSOV.

Our shelter has accumulated over \$100 this year with the help of just a few individuals. Think what we could do if everyone who reads this paragraph would make a concerted effort to help us raise extra cash in this small way!

## 2009 .....WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?

### **THIRD ANNUAL CAR SHOW**

It was a warm, beautiful day in Marietta for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Car Show which was held on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout with 67 vehicles of all makes and models, some as far away as Barnesville OH. With concessions, 50/50, donations and entry fees, we made approximately \$1,397. The Humane Society would like to give a big thanks to the sponsors of this event: Ohio Valley Cab & Delivery and Insley Plumbing. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers who made this event a success.

### **UGLIEST PET CONTEST**

There will be an Ugliest Pet Contest during the month of September at Applebee's in Marietta. If you think your pet could be a contestant, please email your pet's picture to [tiffjon@gmail.com](mailto:tiffjon@gmail.com) along with your name, phone number, and your pet's name. These photos will be posted in the lobby at Applebee's where patrons can vote with cash donations. At the end of September, the winning pet will be announced and will win a special prize. Please mail your entries no later than August 23, 2009.

### **WASHINGTON COUNTY FAIR PARADE**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and make plans to be in downtown Marietta at 10:00am. The HSOV will be participating in the Washington County Fair Parade and will have a contingency of volunteers promoting our Shelter and collecting dog/cat food and other donations. We welcome anyone who would like to join us for a fun morning to help the animals.

The Bark Aid Committee will also be participating in the parade in order to promote the upcoming Poker Run fundraising event which will benefit the Shelter. The Budweiser horses will be SO envious when they see the famous Bark Aid liquor wagon in the Washington County Fair parade this year!

### **PARADE YOUR PAWS - HAIRY, SCARY PAWS WALK**

The seventh annual Parade Your Paws Walk will be held Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at Muskingum Park on Front Street in Marietta. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 9:00am. The cost is \$10 to walk and if you raise \$25 or more you are eligible for prizes. At 9:50am there will be a blessing of the animals, and the walk will begin at 10:00am. The parade marshals will lead the event down Front Street to Greene Street, then up Second Street and end up back at the park. From 10:45 until noon there will be lots of games, awards, and entertainment for you and your furry friend. We will have vendors set up in the park from area pet businesses. There will also be face painting, caricatures, and a vendor who makes doggie clothing! Beautifully-filled baskets will be raffled off. There will be hand-crafted designer dog houses (the decorative kind!) on display which will be raffled off. This event will be held rain or shine. So get your furry friend's costume ready now because those hairy, scary paws are coming soon!

## What's in a Name?



It's heartbreaking for me to realize that most of the dogs which are brought to the shelter arrive frightened and bewildered when they find themselves in an unfamiliar environment through no fault of their own. Generally they arrive with absolutely nothing except perhaps a frayed collar. They don't even have a name to call their own unless they have been surrendered by their owner and the owner is willing to write the dog's name on the surrender form. Sometimes the shelter staff begins to call a dog by a name and that name appears on the kennel card. But usually the volunteer who takes photographs of the dog and writes a description for the website gives him/her a special name. I never cease to be amazed at how quickly the shelter staff and volunteers begin to call the dog by its new name. Suddenly that name becomes the dog's first real identity. When potential adopters call the shelter and ask for a dog by name, we know immediately that they have seen pictures and read descriptions of our available pets on the website. Some shelters still use kennel card numbers or simply "stray" to identify their adoptable dogs on website. I feel proud that the HSOV dogs have their own unique names and they become individuals rather than just a number in the system.

The volunteers who take pictures of our wonderful dogs carefully choose their new names. Sometimes a particular name just seems to fit the personality of the individual dog. Sometimes a name is chosen because it belonged to a beloved pet in their past. Occasionally a dog is named for the location where it was picked up, while some are given rather whimsical names. Several of our dogs have been named for celebrities and others have been given cartoon character names.

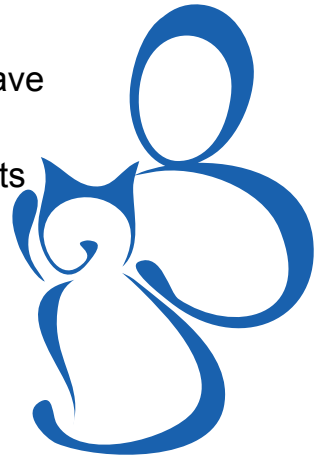
So the next time you look at the available dogs (and cats too) on our website, you just might gain some insight about that particular pet by paying close attention to its name or by reading between the lines in his/her description!

*Submitted By Sharon Paul*

# Six Special Kitties Who Found Homes Thanks To Their Guardian Angel

When asked about the most memorable success stories of the cats that have been rescued from our shelter in 2009, our Feline Rescue Chairperson, Vivian Lewis, immediately thought of six special kitties who left their pawprints on her heart. All of these cats might have been looked upon as un-adoptable since they weren't exactly perfect (at least physically).

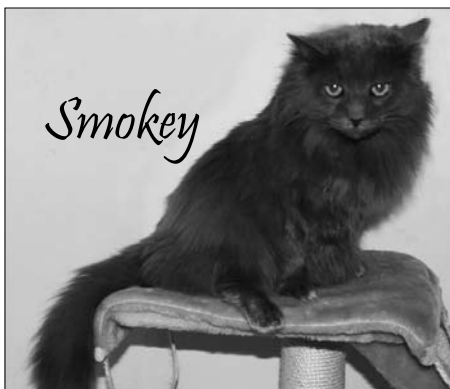
Vivian not only recognized their potential but found rescue organizations who agreed. These are their stories:



"My most memorable success story would have to be the very first one I rescued and that was little Jack. He was a tiny black kitten with a broken leg. I saved him just minutes before he was going to have his leg amputated. My husband and I drove Jack to Cleveland in extremely cold and icy conditions. Sherry Love of Tailwaggers was the angel who agreed to take him into rescue and care for him after having his leg treated. She emailed me several months later to let me know that his leg had healed nicely and the bond between them was too much for her to ever let him be adopted by anyone else. Sherry said she realized that she needed him every bit as much as he needed her, and she was enjoying his companionship and being able to spoil him. It must have been God's will that everything worked out that way."



"Beezy was a beautiful Siamese cat with a bad eye. She went to a rescue and was adopted by a registered nurse just in time to get treatment to save the eye, even though she lost sight in it. Otherwise she would have lost the eye completely and most probably her life as well. The last update I received on Beezy was that she was doing well and getting along fine, and she certainly appeared to be enjoying her new family in the photo that they attached. They even adopted another kitty just to give her a playmate."



"And how could I ever forget Smokey. He was a wonderful grey long-haired cat who was absolutely beautiful, but he only had 3 legs. The Marietta Times had just published a nice article about the HSOV rescues and had showcased Smokey's picture. He had been accepted into a rescue program just a few days earlier. Smokey had already received his official health certificate from a local veterinarian and tested negative for feline leukemia, so he was tagged with his new collar and all set for transport. The evening before he was scheduled to leave, someone came to the shelter who had seen his picture in the newspaper and believed it was their lost kitty. So Smokey did not make his transport to rescue the following day after all. As it turned out, there must have been another 3-legged grey cat who was missing. Smokey was not their cat, and he was squeezed onto the next transport and was fostered by a very nice couple who decided to keep him and make him part of their family. They even put steps up to their bed so he could climb up whenever he wanted to take a nap or curl up beside them."

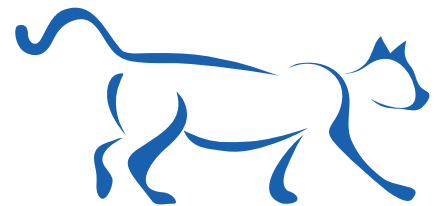
# Special Kitties Continued...



"Marshmallow was a beautiful white cat who had been abused by someone using him for target practice with a BB gun. He had a gunshot wound very near the base of his tail when he arrived at the shelter. The shelter staff treated his wound, and it healed up quite nicely. Marshmallow went to a rescue group in Michigan. He was eventually adopted by a wonderful lady who says that Marshmallow is the best cat she has ever known because he is so loving and has such a super nice personality. She said that all he did when she first brought him home was walk around meowing as if to say 'thank you for rescuing me'. Her husband loves him as much as she does."



"I'll never forget Smitty The Kitty. He was a gorgeous black-and-white long-haired Manx kitty. A rescue group saw him on our website and wanted to save him, but then Smitty developed a severe upper respiratory infection and couldn't be transported. I took him home with me as a foster kitty, and I believe that he stayed with me nearly six weeks. Quite a few times, I was afraid that he wasn't going to survive. But with Dr. Spindler's patience and help, Smitty did get well and went to a special rescue lady in Pennsylvania where he is living a pampered life. That lady was so pleased with Smitty that she later ended up adopting two other kitties, Jessica and Thumper, from our shelter."



"Another success story would have to be the kitty that you [Sharon Paul] named Phoenix because you thought she would be like the fabled Phoenix bird and become a beautiful cat after her fur grew back. She was so badly matted that her coat had to be shaved and Sheryl Hall spent countless hours grooming that cat. If it hadn't been for Sheryl, I'm afraid that poor cat might have been put to sleep because of her physical appearance. Fortunately someone else took notice of this special kitty and saw her potential. Elisha Constable, who is on the HSOV Board of Directors, adopted Phoenix before she ever appeared on the website. She truly is a beautiful cat today and has a wonderful home."

## Editor's Note:

Thank you Vivian for sharing these success stories with our membership. You certainly made a difference in the lives of these six kitties (and many others). Thanks for raising awareness about adopting less-than-perfect pets and how wonderful they truly are if just given a chance!



# Fred Blake – *The Ultimate Volunteer*

As most everyone knows, Fred Blake passed away this past Spring. In his last years after retirement, Fred spent many hours at the Shelter doing every job that he could handle. He was there almost every day of the week doing everything from hauling newspapers to picking up supplies and driving the van on animal rescue missions. He knew many people in the community and promoted the mission of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley to anyone who would listen. The fact that not enough individuals would spay or neuter their pets was always a real sore spot for him because he was at the shelter often enough to see the end result. Fred was not a saint or a perfect human being (as none of us are) but he did the best he could. What better could be said about a person. We all miss him very much.

*Written by Jim Baldinger, a friend.*



## WISH LIST

- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club & Walmart gift cards
- Dog/cat food (canned & dry)
- Puppy/kitten food (canned & dry)
- Kitty litter & pans
- Dog leashes
- Dog collars (all sizes)
- Dog/cat treats
- Dog/cat toys
- Small pet beds
- Small & medium pet carriers
- Large & X-large pet carriers
- Blankets & towels
- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Dawn dishwashing liquid
- Latex gloves
- Inkjet and copier paper
- Office supplies
- Gasoline debit cards

The HSOV gladly accepts donations of aluminum cans and old cell phones which we recycle for cash.

We are always in need of newspapers (without inserts) for use in our small animal cages. If you could pre-fold these length-wise in stacks of an inch thick or so, this saves our staff and volunteers countless hours and is yet another donation which we appreciate.

## COMING SOON ...

### A NEW LOOK FOR OUR WEBSITE!

Our website ([www.hsov.org](http://www.hsov.org)) will soon be "under construction" thanks to the generosity of Jeff Steinel. Jeff is volunteering his time and expertise to design a new website for the HSOV, and we can hardly wait to see the end result!

We want to give a big round of applause and extend a huge "thank you" to Patricia Walter, our Webmaster for the past several years. Pat has volunteered her time and talents to keep our website current, and we appreciate her so very much. THANK YOU PAT!!

If you haven't looked at our website recently, we want to remind you of the wealth of information you can access there on a daily basis, including:

#### HSOV Information

- Contacts
- Board Members
- Committee Heads
- Shelter Personnel
- Animal Concerns/Problems (Contacts)
- Available Pets (Photos/Descriptions Updated Daily)
- Wish List
- How Can I Help?
- Membership Sponsors
- 10 Reasons to Adopt An Older Dog

#### Newsletter Archives

#### Downloadable Forms:

- Membership
- In Memory/In Honor Of Donations
- Volunteer
- Adoption
- Pregnant Paws (Cat Spay/Neuter Club Form)
- Legacy Circle
- Bequest Form for Will & Estate Planning



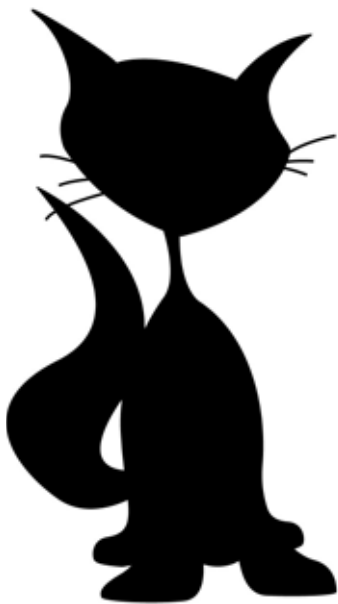
# TEMPORARY FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

Are you aware that we often need to find a temporary home for a shelter animal? Some volunteers conducted an informal survey recently and discovered that many people in our community were unaware that this opportunity existed. We realize that there are individuals and families who would love to adopt a dog or cat of their own, but are unable to make a long-term commitment to bring a pet into their home on a permanent basis. But they might be able or willing to care for a pet for a few days or weeks.



There are various reasons for needing foster homes. Sometimes we need a temporary home for dogs or cats while they wait for transportation to a rescue organization. Sometimes we have a dog or cat which simply needs to be in a home environment rather than sitting alone at the shelter. Occasionally we have animals which need extra TLC or medication.

A “worst case” scenario might involve an urgent situation if our shelter had to consider euthanizing healthy, happy, adoptable animals simply because there was not available space to house them. **HOPEFULLY THIS WILL NEVER HAPPEN.** But it would be wonderful to know that there were individuals who might be willing to take one of our animals into a foster home in the case of such an emergency.



Fostering is not for everyone, but it is a rewarding experience for many people knowing that they have made a difference in the life of that one dog or cat. If you would like to become a foster “parent”, we encourage you to stop by the shelter and complete our Foster Program Application Form.

## **DO YOU ENJOY READING THE HSOV NEWSLETTER?**

Perhaps you have noticed that our quarterly newsletter is sometimes published less than every four months (as with the current issue). Please be assured that the reason is not due to a lack of news about the wonderful things happening with our shelter, upcoming events, interesting ideas for articles, or volunteers who love to write those articles! Like most non-profit organizations, we never have the luxury of unlimited funds in our bank account. Each issue of our newsletter costs about \$400 to publish and send to individuals and businesses on our mailing list.

We want to thank everyone who has paid their current 2009 memberships or have made other donations. Your support helps us to continue publishing the newsletter, but more importantly, benefits the dogs and cats who find themselves at our shelter.

We would like to encourage anyone who has not yet sent in their new/renewal membership to complete the membership form (or donation form) included with this newsletter.

Gift memberships for presentation to friends and family are also available. We even have a beautiful gift certificate which is printed on parchment paper with the recipient's name professionally handwritten in calligraphy and tied up with a red pawprint ribbon.

If you would like to have your name removed from our mailing list, please send an email to [sharonpaul2@suddenlink.net](mailto:sharonpaul2@suddenlink.net) or reply to Sharon Paul, 106 Meadow Ln, Marietta OH.



# 2009 Membership Form - Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

Complete this form and mail it with your check made payable to HSOV to:  
HSOV, P.O. Box 5, Marietta, Oh 45750

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**     NEW     RENEW

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 Junior Membership (Under 17 yrs. non-voting) (based on calendar year)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 General Membership (voting) (based on calendar year)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$500.00 Life membership (voting)

All members receive the HSOV quarterly newsletter. The newsletter may also be view on our website and printed out if desired.

**SUPPORT CATEGORIES**

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my contribution of \$300.00 to sponsor a CAGE or DOG RUN for one year.

Sponsor's name will be displayed on a plaque at the shelter.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Only Society can prevent what the animals cannot...please spay/neuter your pets!

Thank You! HSOV respects your privacy and does not sell or share donor information.



*The HSOV always welcomes an "in-memory" donation for the passing of a friend, relative, pet or a special gift for celebrating a birthday, anniversary or other occasion.*

*This gift is given*     *in memory of*     *to celebrate the* \_\_\_\_\_ *of*

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*Please include this form & gift in a stamped envelope and mail to: HSOV, P.O. Box 5, Marietta, OH 45750*



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## ***PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO SPAY AND NEUTER THEIR PETS!***

"One big reason for spaying or neutering your pet: the appalling pet overpopulation problem that results in thousands of pets being euthanized (killed) every day.

Some 70,000 puppies and kittens are born every day in the U.S.

Between four million and six million pets are euthanized every year because they are homeless.

That means between 11,000 and 16,000 pets are euthanized every day simply because they are homeless.

An animal in a shelter is killed every 1.5 seconds.

Only one animal in 10 born in the U.S. gets a good home that lasts a lifetime.

These alarming statistics present a good enough reason, all by themselves, for preventing more pet animal births. Simply put, the widespread failure to spay or neuter dogs results in homelessness, misery, cruelty, and death.

***Be a responsible pet owner--spay or neuter!"***