

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Shelter Location:
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Hours of Operation:
 Monday-Friday 12:00-5:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm
 Sunday Closed
 (By Appointment Only Sunday)

SHELTER STATISTICS January 2010 - December 2010

Incoming Dogs/Puppies:

Owner Surrender	718
Stray Surrender	349
County Dog Warden	235
Humane Officer	167

Outgoing Dogs/Puppies:

Adopted	495
Owner Reclaimed	192
Rescue Transfers	634
Euthanized.....	46
DOA/Died in Shelter	20

Incoming Cats/Kittens:

Owner Surrender	884
Stray Surrender	850
Humane Officer	144

Outgoing Cats/Kittens:

Adopted	312
Owner Reclaimed	20
Rescue Transfers	187
Euthanized.....	980
DOA/Died in Shelter	27

Letter from the President

We are now into 2011 and the outlook for our shelter is very promising. There are many new things happening at the shelter. Our board members and volunteers have been busy improving the shelter. Each board member holds a special role which impacts our shelter in a positive manner. They head committees, head animal rescues, some put together fundraisers while others do things around the shelter such as painting, cleaning and other improvements. We are all striving to make our furry friends more comfortable and appealing to potential adopters.



We recently obtained a large number of dogs from a local animal hoarding situation. These dogs and puppies were in need of extensive grooming and care. We had several local volunteers, board and staff members lined up at the door to donate their time and patience. Although times like these are very trying and pull on the heart strings, the reward is amazing. After two long evenings of bathing, clipping, medicating and caring for these animals they were much more comfortable and clean. Some of the dogs required sweaters and extra blankets after their extreme makeovers and very short hair cuts. Shortly after the dogs arrived at our shelter and were cared for by our loyal staff and volunteers, they were all fostered and/or adopted. We are happy to report these animals are adjusting well to their new forever homes.

Our Shelter Manager Steve Herron is always busy with some new and upcoming event or task he decides to take on. The shelter looks amazing; our staff does a fantastic job keeping it clean and orderly. Our staff members care for the animals, treating them with love and respect. Many of the animals have never experienced this level of compassion and care.

For those who haven't visited our shelter in recent past, I encourage you to do so. We welcome the public and new volunteers.

Board meetings are held at 7pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the Commissioner's Office located on Putnam Street in Marietta, Ohio. I strongly encourage all to join and participate in these meetings.

*Kelly Schubert, President
 HSOV Board of Directors*

a NOTE FROM STEVE ..



I would like to give a quick thank you to all of our wonderful supporters. This was one of the most prosperous years the shelter has ever seen. It did take a lot of work though .. from all the fund raising and donations, to adoptions and corporate sponsors. This year were able to sustain ourselves on what we brought in. Thank you to our wonderful public for giving where and when they could. Thank you to those who give their time to transport rescues, wash and walk dogs and give a hand when needed. Also a thank you to Ron & Juanita Becker, Chris & Rhonda

Deem, and Troy Gaughan for trekking to Columbus. These folks helped transport over 8,000 lbs. of food for the shelter. Thank you to my staff. These people are such hard-working dedicated people. The things they deal with day in and day out are so unnoticed by most people. They are the glue that keeps the work we do going. Thank you to Sharon Paul. For those who do not know Sharon, she makes it a point to come to the shelter nearly every single day to photograph and post all of our needy dogs and cats on our website and facebook pages. Thank you to We Lov Pets and Adam Johnson. Not only do they give their space to help find adopters for our puppies and cats, but they also help with the fundraising too. Thank you to Broughton's. This year (I was told) was the best Ice Cream Social ever seen (way to go Carol and Louise!). Thank you to the Becker's and the Deem's. These guys along with their helpers were able to take on some construction projects this year, and they were great additions. There are so many of you to thank that I could go on for probably 2 more pages. Let's please all work together to continue to do the great work we not only do for these animals, but also our community.

Steve Herron
Executive Director

COMPARISON OF SHELTER STATISTICS FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2008-2010

	2008	2009	2010
DOGS/PUPPIES			
Incoming	1628	1641	469
Adopted	452	403	495
Reclaimed	165	214	192
Rescue Transfers	588	803	634
Euthanized	310	80	46
CATS/KITTENS			
Incoming	1504	2087	1878
Adopted	252	294	312
Reclaimed	n.a.	19	20
Rescue Transfers	12	72	187
Euthanized	1099	1617	980

SHELTER STAFF

Executive Director/Manager - Steve Herron
AsstMgr/Adoption Clerk - Sharon Morris
Humane Officer - Dennis (Butch) Morris
Assistant Humane Officer - Levi Seevers

KENNEL TECHNICIANS

Barry Boice
 Mark Buck
 Kory Gilbert
 Bill Hagy
 Rachel Leopold, Supervisor
 Jacob Ridgway

HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Kelly Schubert
 Vice President - Cheryl Hall
 Secretary - Celeste Ridgway
 Treasurer - Becky Johnston

Elisha Constable
 Michelle Gaughan
 Carol McKittrick
 Chad Skinner
 Jane Snell

HSOV COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Building & Grounds - Ron & Juanita Becker
Canine Rescue - Celeste Ridgway
Feline Rescue - Sharon Paul
Finance - Becky Johnston, Steve Herron
Fundraising - Michelle Gaughan, Tiffany Insley
Membership - Marlene Delaney
Newsletter - Sharon Paul
Nominations - Jim Baldinger
Operations - Becky Johnston, Chairman
Operations Committee Members
 Cheryl Hall, Celeste Ridgway, Kelly Schubert
Spay/Neuter - Becky Johnston, Chairman
Volunteer Coordinator - *Position Open*
Webmaster - Jeff Steinel
Website Liason - Chad Skinner
Website Photographer - Sharon Paul



HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS FOR THE YEAR 2011



Saturday, February 26	Fur Ball
Tuesday, March 1	Board Meeting
March (TBA)	Easter Pet Photos
Saturday, April, 2	Throw Down For The Pound III
Tuesday, April 5	Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 3	Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 7	Board Meeting
June (TBA)	Yard Sale
Tuesday, July 5	Board Meeting
Saturday/Sunday, July 9 & 10	River Roar Walk/Run for the HSOV
July (TBA)	Poker Run & Hog Roast
Tuesday, August 2	Board Meeting
August (TBA)	Golf Outing
Saturday, September 3	Washington County Fair Parade
September 3-5	Washington County Fair
Tuesday, September 6	Board Meeting
September 10-11	Sternwheel Festival
Saturday, September 17	Paws Walk
September (TBA)	Music Festival @ Marietta Brewery
September (TBA)	Dog/Car Wash @ Applebees
Tuesday, October 4	Board Meeting
October (TBA)	Blessing of the Shelter Animals
October (TBA)	Throw Down For The Pound IV
Tuesday, November 1	Board Meeting
November (TBA)	Pet Photos With Santa
Saturday, November 26	Christmas Parade
Tuesday, December 6	Board Meeting (Election of Board Members)
December (TBA)	Christmas Open House @ Shelter

What? Where? When?

8th Annual Fur Ball (Saturday, February 26, 2011)

Be sure to mark a huge pawprint on your calendar for February 26th since you won't want to miss the 8th Annual Fur Ball. This is one of the best social events of the year and promises to be a fun-filled evening.

This fundraiser will be held at the American Legion in Williamstown from 8pm-midnight. Additional details are included in this newsletter.

You may also contact Lisa Mellow at 740.516.3503 or by email (lisamerrow@msn.com). A big thank you to Lisa and her committee for continuing to make this event so successful. Committee members are: Jim Baldinger, Juanita Becker, Rhonda Deem, Becky Johnston, Carol Lindamood, Carol McKitrick, Jeff Meeks, Candy Nelson, Tammy Nichols, Jane Snell, Mickey Stevens, and Barb Stone.

Throw Down (HoeDown) For the Pound III

(Saturday, April 2, 2011)

Marietta Middle School, Marietta, OH. Doors open at 5pm; Belltime at 7pm. This is one of our largest fundraising events, and we can promise that you will be royally entertained. Star attractions will be Mickie James vs Sara Del Rey and Facade vs MDOGG20. Thanks to Adam (We Lov Pets in the Lafayette Center, Marietta, OH) for organizing this event.

Humane Society of the Ohio Valley
Presents

8th Annual "Fur Ball" Dance and Silent Auction Fundraiser

Music by: Loose As It Gets

"A Night in the Old West"

Saturday, February 26, 2011 • 8:00 p.m. – Midnight

Doors Open at 7:00pm for Silent Auction

American Legion Post 159, Williamstown, WV

Music - Dancing - Door Prizes - Silent Auction - Slideshow of Shelter Animals

Fabulous prizes will be raffled off during Fur Ball (\$5.00/ticket)

(need not be present to win):

Dewalt 36V Tool Kit - value \$1200

T/C 50 Caliber Muzzleloader - or \$300 cash

7 cu.ft. Chest Freezer w/Qtr of Processed Beef - value \$400

Complete Car Detail (Dan Ritchey Detailing) - value \$100

Remedies Spa Package - value \$100

Admission is \$10.00 at the door

Raffle Tickets \$5.00 - Drawing to be held 2/26/11 (Need not be present to win)

For ticket pre-orders, raffle ticket sales, or questions, call 740-516-3503 or 740-373-9503



TORI GRACE'S STORY

(as told by Sharon Paul and Lucy Betts)

Tori's Story begins on September 28, 2010 when she was rescued by our Humane Officer (Butch Morris). We don't know much about this beautiful 3-year old Tortoiseshell kitty's life before she entered the shelter, so we will tell her story (as we know it) on that date. Tori gave birth to three kittens the very day she came to the shelter, so her guardian angel must have been watching over her that day. Sadly, those kittens did not survive. This young mother was getting depressed and seemed to have lost her will to live. She quit eating and then developed an upper respiratory infection. It seemed that Tori's life might also have a sad ending. But it also seemed that Tori's guardian angel must have been continuing to watch over this special cat. Fate intervened since Butch believed this cat had survived for some good reason, and she was started on antibiotic treatment to save her life. Fate intervened again in a very different way when a tiny orphaned kitten was brought to the shelter and desperately needed a new mother. Tori was introduced to the kitten, and she raised that beautiful baby as her own and dearly loved her. Tori suddenly had a purpose in life and her spirit was lifted up. I named that kitten Orphan Annie, and I recall that I had given Tori her special name in memory of my maternal grandmother, Victoria, who was known as Tori. She was also a young mother who had lost infant children and actually died as a result of childbirth. I never had the privilege of knowing that beautiful lady.

We were extremely happy when a wonderful rescue group (*Three Sisters*) offered to take both Tori and Orphan Annie to safety. One of their foster mothers had been following Tori's story on our website and decided that she would like to offer



Tori and Orphan Annie a foster home through Three Sisters Rescue. That compassionate foster mother, Lucy Betts, has graciously offered to write about her experience with Tori after she left our shelter ...



"I agreed to foster these kitties and was lucky to meet their transport from Marietta the week before Thanksgiving. What a blessing! I think I fell in love with them the minute I saw their sweet faces and gentle dispositions. The miracle kitties who had survived so much were safe. They would be adopted and loved forever.

Orphan Annie grew into an adorable and playful kitten. She has been adopted and lives in Boston now. She is simply called Annie these days and is loved by her forever family. Annie was so much fun to foster and play with, and I remember how she loved those toy mice!

Tori, too, has been adopted. Once she came into my home, I knew that she would stay with me forever. Her name is now Tori Grace. She is here because of the grace of God and the kindness and caring of so many people. She is truly a miracle, and I treasure her every day. Tori Grace is the cat who purrs and purrs. Whenever she sees a person, she begins to purr. I think she knows how lucky and special she is. The wonderment of a shelter cat exploring her new world! Today she discovered a new scratching toy. She discovered cat treats the other day. She's still not sure she likes catnip like the other kitties, but she's working on it. I love to watch her look at the squirrels and birds in the tree outside the window. That's her favorite place to sit. She is the most loving cat!

This is a testimony about the kindness of many people who each did their part for these cats and their survival. This is a story of miracles. It is about the best of rescue work and mankind. The story of Tori Grace and Orphan Annie illustrates the true meaning of faith, giving and love. To everyone at the HSOV and Three Sisters, I send much gratitude and thanks."

From Tori Grace (The Cat Who Purrs & Purrs) and her human mother, Lucy.

Postscript: "Tori Grace" is a generous kitty and has recently welcomed three of her HSOV "Sisters" into our household as foster kitties (Ambrosia, Trinity, Angel and her kitten Gabriel)

WRITING OUR THANK-YOU NOTES ☺

Nancy Mendicino – Thank you and your committee for organizing another successful “They Light Up Our Lives” fundraiser during the 2010 holiday season. Animal

lovers from the area donated over \$1,500 through honorariums or memorials for their beloved pets, and all proceeds were donated to the HSOV. And thank you to these area businesses which generously helped on this project:

American Flags & Poles, ARC Resin, Kelly’s Shedding Shack, Marietta Office Supply, The Marietta Times, Marty’s Print Shop, The UPS Store, The Y, We Lov Pets, and WMOA.

Dona Cernus – Thank you for designing the “They Light Up Our Lives” promotional flyer and also for donating the colored version for our November 2010 newsletter. For those of you who don’t know Dona or her business firm, CPC Ink, she is the dynamic, creative lady who prints the HSOV newsletter and adds so many neat graphics and layouts.

Dr. Roberta Haught (Colegate Woods Veterinary Hospital) – Thank you for your continued sponsorship of shelter animals which are featured in The Marietta Times’ Adopt-A-Pet section of the newspaper.

Anastasia Beebe – Thank you for celebrating your 13th birthday and asking your friends and family to give gifts to the shelter animals in lieu of gifts for yourself. On January 18th, Anastasia and

her mother, Amanda Beebe, delivered an SUV full of food, cleaning supplies, blankets, and toys for the shelter dogs and cats which were given in celebration of Anastasia’s birthday.

Ron Becker (and his crew including wife Juanita) – Thank you for the countless hours you have spent installing new cabinetry at the shelter and those

wonderful new outdoor kennels complete with concrete flooring and new drainage systems. We heard there is a possibility that funding may be available for the installation of a roofing system over those kennels, so please don’t put

your toolbox away just yet ☺

Smith Concrete – Thank you for donating a major portion of the concrete for our outdoor kennel project.

Lowes of Marietta – Thank you for the donation of those beautiful wooden cabinets which will provide much-needed storage at the shelter.

C&C Dodge/Toyota – Thank you for helping sponsor our Black Friday Adoption Weekend by donating \$50 for each adoption during the weekend following Thanksgiving.

Cheryl Hall & Kelly Schubert – Thank you for sponsoring your second Dog Wash Fundraiser at the shelter on December 19th and donating the proceeds (nearly \$400) to the HSOV medical fund.

Jo Ellen Gray, Marilyn & Howie House – Thank you for the many miles you’ve driven and countless hours of your

time that you have donated in order to transport so many of our shelter dogs and cats on their journey to meet their rescue groups.

Makayla Frye – Thank you (and your lovely mother) for volunteering your time and lavishing so much attention on our shelter cats. Makayla is one of our youngest volunteers and the shelter kitties certainly enjoy the attention she gives each and every one of them when she visits the shelter. We hope to include a feature article on this young lady in an upcoming newsletter.

If we have inadvertently missed anyone on our “thank you notes”, please send the information to Sharon Paul (sharonpaul2@suddenlink.net) so that we may include their names in the next newsletter.

The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley Legacy Circle

The *Legacy Circle* was established in 2006 by the Board to recognize individuals who have planned to leave a future gift to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. The mission of the Legacy Circle is to endow the future of the HSOV by funding the efforts of the Board and the shelter staff to provide shelter and humane care for the homeless and abused animals of the community.

The Board invites you to add your legacy to others who share a desire to support the future needs of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley.

Please visit our website (www.hsov.org) for more information about our work and how you can help.

Anything is “Pawsible” if we work together! We are trained and ready to work. We need your help to do it, both now and in the future. Thank you!

Submitted by Louise Holmes

AN INTERVIEW WITH A SHELTER DOG

By "Clifford" (The Little Red Dog) as told to Sharon Paul

I'll admit that when I was asked to do an interview about my life at the shelter, I was flattered. After all, I was merely a stray dog and probably nothing special in the eyes of most people. But it seemed that someone wanted to hear my story, and that made me feel pretty special in itself.

My story begins on September 9, 2010 when I was abandoned during the late night or early morning hours and placed in an outside kennel. I don't remember anything about the person who put me in their car and took me for a ride. The lady who interviewed me said I had probably blocked that bad experience from my memory.

Anyway, I sat there alone until daylight wondering where on earth I might be. I had looked out the windows during my car ride to see if there were any familiar landmarks, but it was too dark for me to see much. At daybreak my ears perked up when I heard cars pulling into the parking lot, and I thought maybe my owner had come looking for me. Instead there were some pretty nice folks who came over to where I was sitting and asked where I had come from. Later on I learned their names were Rachel, Barry, Kory, and Jake. They took me inside and told me that I was at a place called the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley, and they were going to take good care of me. That sounded good but I wasn't exactly sure I could trust them after my experience the night before.

I had to wait in a small room called Intake/Receiving for a short time while my paperwork was completed, and I was trembling and pretty scared. The folks I met in the parking lot looked at my teeth and decided I was around 6 months old. My breed was listed as Pit Bull Terrier mix and it was noted that I had a reddish/auburn coat. Then I was led to a kennel in another area of the shelter called Holding #2. Shortly after my arrival, Kory brought me a nice blanket, a bowl of water, and a big bowl of food. But I was too nervous to eat just yet. Later that day, Rachel said I had to get my vaccinations and bordetella vaccine and took me back to that Intake area. From that day forward, I affectionately called her "Nurse Rachel" and knew she would take good care of me. I remember that Barry said I needed to get weighed, and I was

surprised when I stepped on those big scales and saw that I actually weighed 37 lbs.

The next three days were spent in the same Holding #2 kennel, and I learned that all stray dogs normally spend several days there since we are kept three days to see if our

owner comes to reclaim us. After three days, we can be adopted out and go to another home if we are lucky.

But nobody came looking for me, and I was moved to another location called Main Kennel. I was overwhelmed when I walked into that huge room since I had never seen so many dogs in one place in all of my young life. It was awfully noisy since everyone was talking (i.e., barking) at the same time and vying for attention. I remember thinking it was going to be difficult to get a good night's sleep with all that noise ☺

That first night back in Main Kennel, I was amazed at how quiet it was after the shelter staff and volunteers went home for the day around 5 o'clock. Some of my new friends asked polite questions about how I happened to end up in the "Hotel For Dogs" and wanted to know what my name was. I was embarrassed to say that I was left in an outside pen overnight, and that I didn't really have a name. One by one they began to tell me not to feel bad since the only dogs who really had a name when they came into the shelter were the ones who had been surrendered by their owners. Then they asked if I had my pictures taken yet, which I thought was really a strange thing to ask since I'd sure never been in front of a camera. They teased me for a short time before explaining that there was a volunteer who came to the shelter almost every day to take glamour photos of the new animals for their kennel cards, but mainly to put them on something called the HSOV website and facebook.

Sure enough the following day a rather petite woman with a very large camera stopped by my kennel and asked if I'd like to take a little walk outside and have my picture taken. When I looked up at her, she smiled and said I was sooo cute and that I had the prettiest eyes. She said that she loved my



one blue eye and my cross-eyed appearance. That was a surprise to me since I'd never seen myself in the mirror and nobody had ever told me that I was cute. She tied a bright blue bandana around my neck, and we took a little walk outside before she took my pictures. When we came back inside, she actually sat in the kennel with me and told me again what a good dog I was. And I felt really special when she whispered in my ear that she had thought of a perfect name for me. I was going to be called "Clifford" (Our Little Red Dog). I was so anxious to tell my new friends about my name later that night when the Main Kennel quieted down!

The evenings were when we talked to each other about our previous lives and how we yearned to have a real home with someone to love us. It was sad to hear someone down the row of kennels crying as they told us how they remembered having a home, then a new baby came into the household, their owner had become ill, they were no longer a cute puppy, etc. I remember one dog saying he had been abused in his previous home, and this was the best home he had ever known since there were people who were good to him and he had a nice bed and good food. It helped us to talk to each other, and to remind ourselves that we had done nothing wrong.

Our living quarters in the Main Kennel were long narrow kennels with concrete walls between them and a metal gate on the front, so the only other dogs we could actually see were the ones directly in front of our own kennel. The smaller dogs had to sit in metal cages which were dubbed "Beagle Row", so I was thankful I was in a kennel with a run where I could stretch my legs.

Those first few days at the shelter were pretty frightening for me, but I soon settled into the daily routine. Around 8-8:30am the kennel techs came to work, and I looked forward to spending a few hours outdoors in the fresh air while they were cleaning our kennels. This might be a good place to mention that it was especially difficult for the dogs who were housetrained since they had no choice but to "go to the bathroom" in their kennel overnight. They would feel ashamed because they soiled their living quarters, and we would all tell them it wasn't their fault.

I looked forward to the noon hour each day since that is when the shelter officially opened, and there would be volunteers and visitors walking through the Main Kennel throughout the day. Almost everyone would stop by and give each of us a pat on the head and give us dog treats, and many would actually take us outside for a long walk. And of course, there was always the chance that one of them might

fall in love with me and adopt me ☺

I also looked forward to 3 o'clock in the afternoon, because that's when I would hear the dinner trolley being pushed through the Main Kennel. I guess I was a little naïve during that first week or so when I remarked that the kennel techs really did a nice job of preparing our meals and varying the menu. I learned later that the unique blend which was served each day was based upon the dog food that had been donated. But it still tasted good to me!

Around mid-September, there was some added excitement as we heard that several of us might get to spend a morning in downtown Marietta at an event called "The Paws Walk". I didn't have much hope of being chosen, but to my surprise the lady who had taken my pictures obviously had fallen in love with me and told me I would be attending as one of the shelter's "Goodwill Ambassadors". Bright and early on the morning of September 19th I made my debut in Muskingum Park where I was told I was a real crowd pleaser. One nice lady named Lisa really oohed and aahed over me and said she wished she could adopt me. It was a bit of a let-down to come back to the shelter after all that excitement and the long walk down Front Street, but I figured it would only be

a matter of time until somebody came to the shelter and asked specifically for "Clifford" (*The Little Red Dog*). And I waited and waited...

I was always happy when I saw another dog being adopted, but I have to admit that it made me feel sorry for myself and wish that it were me leaving with a nice family instead. I heard that if you weren't lucky enough to be adopted, there was a red-haired lady named Celeste who could find something called a Rescue who would help. It was always a hopeful sign when one of us had our pictures forwarded to Celeste

and many of my new friends went on something called Transport while I was at the shelter.

Around mid-November, when I least expected it, I was told that a lady in Michigan had fallen in love with my photographs on the website and wanted to adopt me! My dream of a real home with someone to love me quickly became a reality, and I made the long journey to Michigan a few days later. My new mistress says she loved me even more when she met me in person than she did when she saw my photographs, and it was love at first sight for me when I saw her too ☺ But I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for all of the nice folks at the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley for having faith in me and for taking such good care of me.



IN MEMORY OF "MAJORETTE"

Majorette was a lovely one-year old Maine Coon mix kitty who had such a delightful personality. Though she wasn't wearing white boots when we took her glamour photos, she immediately started "marking time" and marching in place as though she were ready to lead the parade. Majorette seemed to be all things wonderful wrapped up in a small package. She was playful, lovable, purred on contact, rolled over on her back for attention, head-butted, and loved to have her ears rubbed.

Majorette was at the HSOV for nearly two months waiting for someone to fall in love with her, but sadly that did not happen. This beautiful girl and 979 other adorable cats/kittens were euthanized during the period January-December 2010.

It is heartbreaking to look at Majorette's photos and remember her personality and to realize that she lost her life because so many animals have not been spayed or neutered and continue to have litters of unwanted kittens.

"PLEASE SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PETS"



NEW ADOPTION FEES FOR OUR SHELTER CATS/KITTENS

The HSOV is offering a reduced adoption rate of \$25 for all cats and kittens in hopes that we can find homes for as many of them as possible. This adoption fee includes a \$20 spay/neuter voucher which will be honored by local veterinarians. The adoption fee will be only \$5 if the cat has already been spayed or neutered. You will be required to submit an adoption application for approval before adopting an animal (which is our normal procedure). Adoption application forms are available on our website. Please check our website (www.hsov.org) as well as our facebook group/fan pages to view photos of our many beautiful cats and kittens. Or better yet .. stop by the shelter and meet them in person!

SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM FOR A SHELTER DOG OR CAT

We are currently working on a new Sponsorship Program whereby individuals could sponsor a shelter dog or cat in order to increase its chances of being adopted. Perhaps you've fallen in love with a special animal at the shelter and cannot adopt him/her into your own home but would still like to help that dog/puppy or cat/kitten find a good home. By sponsoring the cost of spaying/neutering, the adoption fee for that animal would be more reasonable. Or you might want to sponsor vetting, such as feline leukemia/FIV combo testing, for a cat in order to increase its chances of being adopted or rescued. We hope to have more detailed information in the July newsletter but wanted to include a preliminary announcement in this newsletter. Please watch for additional details on our website and facebook pages.

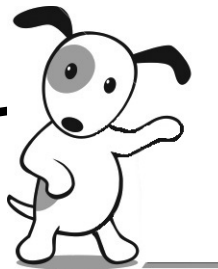
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A FOSTER PARENT FOR A SHELTER DOG OR CAT?

Perhaps the next best thing to owning a dog or cat yourself is to give a homeless shelter animal a temporary home through our **Foster Program**. This is an important program that we would like to see expanded and allow more of our dogs and cats to spend time in a home environment before they find permanent homes.

There are varied reasons as to why a dog or cat might need to be in a foster home. Many times they need a home for just a few days or weeks while awaiting transportation to a rescue group. Occasionally we have animals which need extra TLC or medication. Or perhaps a pregnant-or nursing mother needs a temporary place to raise her family before they are adopted. Another situation might be that the shelter is filled to capacity and you could temporarily foster an animal to prevent it from being euthanized simply because it has been at the shelter too long.

Fostering is a very rewarding experience knowing that you have made a difference in the life of that one dog or cat that you've cared for in your home. This is a wonderful way to help a shelter animal and doesn't require a long-term commitment on your part. (Kind of like spoiling the grandchildren and then sending them home).

If you would like to talk with some of our foster parents about their experiences, we have several individuals who are enthusiastic about fostering and love to talk about the dogs and cats that they have helped. Or if you already feel that you would like to become part of our **Foster Program** by opening up your home and your heart to a shelter animal, we encourage you to complete our "Foster Program Application Form" which is available on our website (www.hsov.org).



WISH LIST

- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club & Wal-Mart gift cards
- Gasoline debit cards
- Dog/cat food (canned & dry)
- Puppy/kitten food (canned & dry)
- Stainless steel food/water bowls
- Kitty litter
- Litter pans & scoops
- Pooper scoopers
- Dog leashes
- Dog collars (all sizes)
- Dog harnesses
- Dog/cat treats
- Dog/cat toys
- Kong dog toys
- Dog/cat beds
- Small & medium pet carriers
- Large & X-large pet carriers
- Blankets & towels
- Small rugs or carpet squares
- Pet shampoo
- Flea/tick medication
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Dishwashing liquid
- Window cleaner
- Paper towels
- Spray bottles
- Alcohol
- Vaseline
- First-aid supplies
- Latex gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Plastic watering cans
- Heavy-duty leaf/lawn bags
- Grooming supplies
- Nail clippers
- Office Supplies
- Inkjet and Copy Paper
- * Aluminum Cans
- * Newspapers (w/o inserts)

OUR LONGEST SHELTER RESIDENTS WHO NEED TO FIND GOOD HOMES



CASH

“CASH” is a cute male Labrador Retriever who was surrendered by his owner on November 22, 2010 when he was just six months old. This special boy has a shiny black short smooth coat with white markings on his chest and legs and a handsome face with hopeful brown eyes and floppy ears. “Cash” is a playful, happy-go-lucky guy who looks forward to long walks with our kennel techs and volunteers. He isn’t a very large dog and weighs 43 lbs. “Cash” has been with us for nearly three months and desperately needs to find a new home. He has already been neutered.

“CHER” is a beautiful one-year old female Labrador Retriever who arrived at the HSOV on November 30, 2010 after she was picked up in Fleming, Ohio. We hoped that her owner would come to reclaim her, but sadly, that did not happen. “Cher” has a lovely jet black short smooth coat with just a bit of white on her chest and a very pretty face with rather large ears that she holds erect. She is a sweet girl who seems like an overgrown puppy with an energetic, playful personality. “Cher” has been with us for nearly three months and really needs to find a new home. She currently weighs 40 lbs.



CHER



DUCHESS

“DUCHESS” is a regal-looking 4-year old female German Shepherd mix who was surrendered by her owner on December 15, 2010. This beautiful girl gets along well with adults, but does not tolerate small children. “Duchess” also tends to be food aggressive, so she needs an understanding person who is willing to help her with some positive reinforcement and training. “Duchess” weighs 68 lbs.

“KALEE” is a beautiful 6-year old female Tuxedo kitty who was surrendered by her owner on November 17, 2010. This full-figured girl has a lovely gray-and-white short smooth coat in a tuxedo pattern, a long tail, and a very pretty face with golden eyes. “Kalee” doesn’t tolerate other cats or children, so she would prefer a home that she didn’t have to share with either kitties or kids. “Kalee” has already been spayed, so her adoption fee would be just \$5 with an approved adoption application.



KAYLEE



POUNCE

“POUNCE” is a frisky 2-year old male Brown Tabby kitty who was surrendered by his owner on December 3, 2010. He has a blotched tabby pattern with interesting swirls on his sides. “Pounce” is a friendly inquisitive guy who is currently enjoying one of our larger cat towers in the lobby. His adoption fee would be \$25 and includes vaccinations, wormer, and a \$20 neuter voucher that will be honored by local veterinarians. A sponsor is available for “Pounce” to help with his adoption/neutering fees.

“SHYSIE” is a stunning 2-year old female kitty who was surrendered by her owner on December 7, 2010. She has a gray-and-white short smooth coat and a pretty face with a charcoal stripe on her nose. She has a lovely, playful personality. The adoption fee for “Shysie” is \$25 and includes vaccinations, wormer, and a \$20 spay voucher that will be honored by local veterinarians. A sponsor is available for “Shysie” to help with her adoption/neutering fees.



SHYSIE

HSOV HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

A big "THANK YOU" to everyone who attended our Holiday Open House at the shelter on Saturday, December 12th, 2010 and made it such a huge success. We were blessed with a beautiful sunny wintery day, and the attendance broke all previous records. The shelter animals received many early Christmas gifts under their tree in our lobby as well as many envelopes with monetary donations. We are including a few photos of that wonderful day.

Cady Lennington attended the Open House with a nice surprise for the HSOV residents.

This young lady had a birthday party recently and instead of presents for herself, she asked for gifts for the animals or monetary gifts. She is pictured here with shelter manager, Steve Herron, accepting those gifts. Cady went home with a belated birthday gift that day since she adopted a tiny gray kitten! Thank you Cady for your generosity and also for giving a shelter kitten a good home.



Amanda Satterfield also attended the Open House and presented a check payable to the HSOV. She is shown here presenting that donation to our shelter manager.



Nancy Maddox (Lonely Hearts Animal Rescue) was a special visitor during the Open House. We're always happy to see this lovely lady since she rescues so many of our shelter animals. Nancy presented a very generous check to the HSOV during the festivities and several lucky puppies rode back home with her at the end of the afternoon. We loved this photo of Nancy and our canine rescue coordinator, Celeste Ridgway.



"VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR" NEEDED

Volunteers are a vital part of our HSOV Team, and we couldn't do without you.

You may have noticed that the position of "Volunteer Coordinator" is currently open, and we are seeking an individual who might be willing to fill this important role. We currently have many volunteers who are ready, willing, and eager to help and are just waiting on that phone call or email message to let them know what needs to be done.

The role of the "Volunteer Coordinator" is primarily to contact volunteers when the HSOV needs assistance with fundraisers, adoption events, rescue/transport, or other special situations where we need some extra hands to help. We would provide you with names of volunteers and their areas of expertise and interest.

The Volunteer Coordinator position wouldn't necessarily have to be one individual and could be co-chaired by two or more friends.

If you might be interested in this wonderful opportunity to make a difference in the HSOV through helping coordinate our volunteer efforts, please contact Cheryl Hall (HSOV Vice-President) at 740.629.4817 (email cheryl.hall@kraton.com).

Unfortunately, this is not a paid position but keep in mind that "volunteers are unpaid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless".

IN ADDITION to the items we normally include in our "Wish List", we could use the following items (new or used) should anyone be willing to donate or help us acquire them

- Hand- or Power Tools - Vise grips, wrenches, socket sets, hammers, screw drivers, electric saws
- Power Washer
- Step Ladders/Step Stools
- Vaporizers and liquid medication for use w/vaporizers

THE IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 31, 2011

We are appealing to our senior supporters (70-1/2 years of age or older) who have funds invested in an IRA. The federal government has extended last year's provision to allow you to make an outright gift from your required distribution to a qualified charity (such as HSOV) without paying 2011 income tax on this distribution.

Please don't miss this opportunity to reduce your taxes AND help the shelter and the animals in HSOV's care. Consult your estate attorney, financial planner, or CPA to find out the details. Thank you!

Steve Herron, Executive Director/Shelter Manager

WOULD YOU PREFER TO RECEIVE/READ YOUR NEWSLETTER ON-LINE?

We'd had a suggestion that some individuals might prefer to receive their HSOV Newsletter either as an email attachment or by notification that the current newsletter has been posed on the www.hsov.org website and is available there for reading and/or printing. If you would prefer this option, please contact Sharon Paul at 740.568.0297 or by email (sharonpaul2@suddenlink.net).

2011 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: _____

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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_____ \$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 newsletter. The newsletter may also be viewed 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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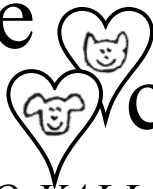
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IN MEMORY OF "SALEM"



Salem was a 3-year old Pit Bull Terrier who spent two months at the HSOV waiting for his owner to come looking for him or someone else to adopt him. He was a friendly boy who was cautious of strangers until he knew that he could trust them. Salem was a

good dog who was loved by several people, and this photo is perhaps the only visible proof that he lived and touched our hearts in a positive way. This tribute to Salem is in memory of him as well as the other 45 dogs/puppies who were euthanized during the period January-December 2010.

"PLEASE SPAY/NEUTER YOUR PETS"

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