

# Humane Society



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OF THE OHIO VALLEY

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## Shelter Location/Mailing Address

90 Mt. Tom Road  
Marietta, OH 45750

## Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday ..... 12:00-5:00pm  
Saturday ..... 10:00-4:00pm  
Sunday..... Closed  
(By Appointment Only on Sunday)

## SHELTER STATISTICS

January-June 2014

### Dogs/Puppies:

Intakes ..... 384  
Adopted/Reclaimed ..... 206  
Rescue Transfers ..... 112  
Euthanized ..... 4

### Cats/Kittens:

Intakes ..... 329  
Adopted/Reclaimed ..... 207  
Rescue Transfers ..... 100  
Euthanized ..... 57

### NOTE:

Due to a shelter computer problem/  
subsequent installation of new  
shelter management software  
during May-June 2014, statistics are  
incomplete for those months.

Statistics published in this  
newsletter are compiled from  
numbers reported at monthly HSOV  
Board of Directors  
meetings during the  
January-June 2014  
time period.



Sometimes I just don't know where to start when asked to write for the newsletter. I feel that I seem to say the same things. However, the things I always repeat seem to be the most important things.

Throughout the past 5+ years, I have learned so much from so many different people. I have come into contact with many people who want to help, but I have also come into contact with some who have done some of the most awful things to the animals that are supposed to be their companions. This job can pull you in so many different directions. You try to do your best to please everyone, but in the end it has to be about what's best for the animal.

I have seen so many animals at the shelter over the years that it is clear to see we have a constant battle for every animal to be spayed and neutered. But it seems like a losing battle at times. Our numbers seem to stay the same year after year. The only numbers that look good in the end are the rising numbers of adoptions and rescues .. and the fewer numbers that have to be euthanized. I wish at times that everyone that wants to be pleased in their own way would look just at those numbers. Those numbers are what matter. Between the adoptions, rescues, and the vetting we do to help as many as possible, you can surely see that we, as a group, are doing things right.

I would like my volunteers to know that although I may not know all of you, you do wonderful things to help in your own ways. Whether it's walking dogs on Saturdays or helping with fundraisers, I appreciate what you do. I have to say to Celeste Ridgway and her rescue crew .. Thank You. You are very much a vital part. Without rescues we would be in trouble since we cannot adopt that many animals in this area compared to the numbers of animals who come in. Thank you to all adopters and foster homes for opening your hearts and homes to new members into your families. Thank you Sharon Paul for all of the hard work you do to photograph, tell the stories of the animals, name them, post them to Petfinder/Faceook, e-mail, and everything else I missed. Also the work you do with the cats especially. Thank you to my staff. It's a thankless job sometimes. Unless you work it day in and day out, you do not realize the stress and pressures of trying to take care of (and love like your own) every one of the animals that need a second chance at life. Knowing every day may not turn into the day you would like it to be.

Thank you to all donors, sponsors, fundraisers, and folks who conduct supply drives. You are what keeps the shelter going. Thank you to the Board for their support and help also. In closing, it may be the same thing over and over, but repeating what matters most, the thank-you's and reminding all to keep up the fight for these wonderful creatures GOD has put here for us to enjoy and care for.

**PLEASE VACCINATE,  
SPAY, AND NEUTER  
YOUR PETS!..**

Steve Herron  
HSOV Executive Director/Shelter Manager

# SPRING/SUMMER

## 'HOME IMPROVEMENT' PROJECTS AT THE SHELTER



brick red paint on the exterior of the building; and a few decorative touches (flowers and a fire hydrant/photo backdrop makeover) 😊



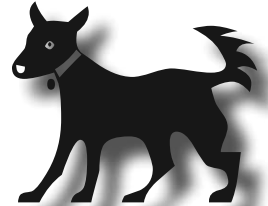
We've had several new projects at the shelter since our last newsletter, and while we hope that you will visit the HSOV in person to see these improvements we realize that many of our supporters don't have that opportunity. We are sharing these photos which highlight many of those improvements, including: new windows and doors throughout the entire shelter; higher concrete block walls between our kennels (complete with new doors/gates); roofing over our outside kennels; a new concrete entryway;

### SHELTER STAFF

Executive Director/Manager – Steve Herron  
Adoptions Clerk – Sharon Morris  
Humane Officers – Dennis (Butch) Morris,  
Misty Carpenter & Steve Herron

### HSOV Kennel Technicians:

Devon Blair  
Mary Buck – Kennel Tech Supervisor  
Misty Carpenter  
Sandra Cooke  
Brittany Daugherty  
Tyler Gill  
Bill Hagy  
Ted Laskowski  
Shawn Lochary  
Samantha Love  
Jennifer Mossor



### HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Becky Johnston  
Vice President – Kelly Schubert-McGilton  
Secretary – Teresa Cunningham  
Treasurer – Becky Johnston  
Sandra Brightwell  
Ron Friend  
Jared McGilton  
Celeste Ridgway  
Jane Snell



### HSOV Committee Chairpersons:

Canine Rescue – Celeste Ridgway  
Feline Rescue – Sharon Paul  
Finance – Becky Johnston, Steve Herron  
Foster Program – Teresa Cunningham, Jo Ellen Gray,  
Kellie Lewis, & Celeste Ridgway  
Fundraising – Truda Mendenhall  
Membership – Teresa Cunningham  
Newsletter Editor – Sharon Paul  
Nominations – Jim Baldinger & Jared McGilton  
Operations/Building & Grounds – Steve Herron,  
Becky Johnston, Kelly McGilton, Celeste Ridgway,  
Jane Snell  
Petfinder/Facebook Photographer – Sharon Paul  
Rescue Transport – JoEllen Gray, Marilyn House  
Spay/Neuter Follow-Up – Becky Johnston  
Volunteer Coordinator – Sandra Brightwell  
Website – Adam Johnson





## HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

- Friday-Saturday  
**August 1-2, 2014** HSOV/Friends of Feline, Yard Sale, 8am-5pm  
American Legion /  
7<sup>th</sup> & Wooster Street, Marietta, Ohio
- Saturday  
**August 2, 2014** HSOV Fundraiser:  
Vendor Show/Country Store, 9am-2pm  
Scentsy & Thirty-One Bingo, 2pm (doors open at 1pm)  
(Former) Reno Elementary School Building  
260 Sandhill Road, Reno, Ohio  
FOR TICKETS: CALL/TEXT Jamiann 740.525.0517
- Tuesday  
**August 5, 2014** HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm  
Washington County Commissioners Office  
223 Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio
- Saturday  
**August 9, 2014** HSOV Adopt-A-Thon, Noon-5pm  
Marietta Moose Lodge #1823  
169 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio
- Tuesday  
**September 2, 2014** HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm  
Washington County Commissioners Office
- Tuesday  
**October 7, 2014** HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm  
Washington County Commissioners Office
- Saturday  
**October 11, 2014** Throw Down For The Pound 10: TDX  
Marietta Middle School Auditorium,  
Marietta, Ohio
- Tuesday  
**November 4, 2014** HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm  
Washington County Commissioners Office
- Tuesday  
**December 2, 2014** HSOV Board Meeting/Election of Officers, 7pm  
Location to be announced

## HSOV Facebook Page



If you haven't already 'liked' us on Facebook, we'd like to invite you to join us. You must have an active Facebook account (free and easy sign-up on [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)). Then just search for us under the name "Humane Society of the Ohio Valley" and 'like' our page. We post photos/descriptions of new dogs and cats on a daily basis and also let you know when they have been adopted/rescued or reclaimed. You can ask questions/make comments about the animals and share their pictures on your own Facebook timeline. We post announcements of HSOV activities/fundraisers and requests for help/donations, and you are also free to post on the page. We love to see updated stories of adopted pets. There are currently 11,900 fans who like our page and that number is growing each day.

If you'd prefer to enter the internet address for the HSOV Facebook Page, you may use that address on your internet browser: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/humane-society-of-the-ohio-valley/136963166333333>

The HSOV also has a Group Facebook Page with over 2,600 members. This page is more informal. This is an open group page, but you must ask to join. You can access this page by entering "Marietta Humane Society" and asking to be a member.

## HSOV Dogs and Cats Are All On Petfinder 😊 ([www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com))

All of our adoptable dogs and cats are posted on the website [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) very quickly after they enter our shelter. Listings are presented under individual names of the dogs/cats and include three photographs and a biographical description. **After accessing the [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com) site, you will need to enter the Marietta, Ohio zipcode (45750)** to view our shelter animals. You may also access the petfinder website through the HSOV website ([www.hsov.net](http://www.hsov.net))

## Friends of Feline Fund

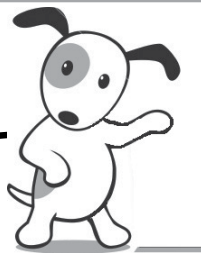
Thanks to the Friends of Feline Fund, in cooperation with the HSOV, a total of 129 cats have been spayed/neutered during the period of January-July 2014. We are working together to increase the adoptions of our HSOV cats and ultimately to help control over-population and unwanted kittens.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to help spay/neuter of cats, you may send a donation to: **Marietta Community Foundation (Friends of Feline Fund), PO Box 77, Marietta, OH 45750**

## Man vs. Pizza Challenge

One of our HSOV volunteers raised donations for our shelter in an unusual way 😊 **Clay Clatterbuck** entered the "Man vs. Pizza Challenge" during the Marietta Merchants/Artists Walk on June 13, 2014 and chose the HSOV as his charity. Clay tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> Place and ate 7-1/2 slices of pizza (and kept them down!) Clay reported that he 'felt like death afterwards' but it was worthwhile since he made \$229.35 for the HSOV 😊 He is planning to be back for next year's challenge and ready to devour even more pizza!!

## 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 (stainless steel only)
- 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 (liquid)
- 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 copier paper
- Aluminum cans (for recycling)
- Newspapers w/o inserts

# “SHY GUY” Finds a Home in Maine!!



They say that good things come to those who wait, and one kitty named “*Shy Guy*” surely felt that it was worth waiting for two long months for his guardian angel (i.e., *Sara Wasson*) to make the journey to Marietta, Ohio so that she could give him a home in the State of Maine.

“*Shy Guy*” made his debut at the HSOV on April 5, 2014, and it seemed that he had led a pretty rough life ☹️ He was a 5-year old orange/white cat with a rather rugged-looking appearance, but his face was angelic and melted your heart the moment you saw him 😊 “*Shy Guy*” had suffered frost-bite on his right ear and the top half of that ear was missing .. and his hair was very sparse on his back and legs. In spite of his rough life, “*Shy Guy*” had an extremely friendly, outgoing personality and absolutely loved people and attention.



“*Shy Guy*” had many admirers, but nobody offered to give him a home. He sat patiently in his small cage for over two months waiting for someone to realize how special he was ...

Little did we realize that “*Shy Guy*” actually had a long-distance admirer in the State of Maine who saw his picture on Facebook in early May 2014 and had fallen in love with him .. *Sara Wasson* vowed that somehow she would give “*Shy Guy*” the best home ever.



When transportation efforts didn’t work out, Sara took matters into her own hands and decided that she would book a flight and personally make the journey to adopt “*Shy Guy*” 😊

Sara’s journey paralleled the movie “*Trains, Boats, and Planes*” ... except that her version was entitled “*Buses, Planes, Motels, and Cars*” 😊😊 Sara booked a flight to Pittsburgh PA, rented a car, booked a motel room, and then drove to Marietta, Ohio on the afternoon of June 9, 2014.



Fortunately Sara had a good sense-of-humor and took things in stride when she took an un-planned tour of downtown Marietta, Ohio en-route to the shelter. She turned right (instead of left) at the I-77 Exit ☹️ Our HSOV Adoptions Clerk, *Sharon Morris*, answered several phone calls from Sara, and we kept hearing bits of conversations as to Sara’s whereabouts, and she did indeed see many of the area sights when she took the scenic route rather than the direct one :)



Sara had quite a welcoming committee on hand to greet her when she walked into the HSOV lobby, and she was most anxious to meet the kitty in person who had stolen her heart sight-unseen. It was clearly “*Love At First Sight*” when Sharon Morris placed “*Shy Guy*” in Sara’s arms 😊 Sara showered him with hugs and kisses and promised that he would have the best life.



These photos capture some of the emotions as Sara met “*Shy Guy*” for the first time that afternoon....



# California Dreamin' ... HSOV Kitty "Yul Brenner"

"Yul Brenner" was an adorable 4-year old male Flame Point Siamese mix kitty who arrived at the HSOV on a cold wintery day (February 20, 2014 to be exact) after a Good Samaritan found him living on the streets of Marietta, Ohio. "Yul Brenner" has had quite an adventure since good fortune actually smiled upon him after this sweet boy ended up in our shelter.



"Yul" was a pretty sad sight during those first few weeks ☹️ His coat was dull and dirty, his face was covered with grease, his eyes were watery, and he had an apparent injury to his left hind leg and could barely walk ☹️ ☹️ Yet he maintained a wonderful outlook on life and LOVED attention from our kennel techs. About a week later, "Yul" went to a great foster home with **Jessica Carver** where he was given extra TLC and, thanks to the HSOV and **Dr. Gwen McHenry**, he received excellent medical care.

"Yul Brenner" came back to the shelter for new photos on March 14th and looked like a "Cat Fancy Magazine" cover boy 😊 He had a large fan club, and we were sure he would find a home quickly since everyone LOVED this big handsome guy 😊



"Yul" was healthy enough to be neutered on March 28th and came through that procedure with 'flying colors'. But his old leg injury continued to bother him, and he underwent surgery on May 13, 2014 for the removal of his left hind leg. "Yul" quickly adjusted to life without that bad leg, and the only thing he considered a source of irritation was the dreaded 'cone of shame' that he had to endure for a few days while he recuperated ☹️ But his pleasant, loving personality was always there, and he just became more handsome with each passing day 😊

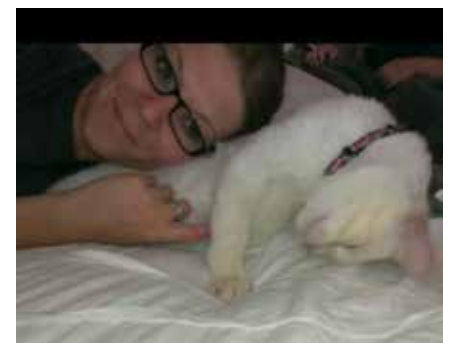


As it turned out, "Yul" had an admirer who had seen his newest glamour photos and read his updated description on the HSOV listings on Petfinder.com. That admirer sent an email inquiry to our shelter manager, and we must admit that we were pretty excited that Yul might find a permanent home 😊 But our excitement was short-lived when we discovered that Yul's serious admirer lived near Los Angeles, California ☹️

But where there's a will, there's a way, and **Suzan Henderson** was determined to find a way to share her home in California with Yul. Suzan felt a very special attachment to Yul since her childhood cat was hit by a car causing him to lose his back leg. With the help of **Imagine Home Transport**, "Yul" left the HSOV in Marietta, Ohio on the afternoon of June 18, 2014 and was driven to the Columbus, Ohio Airport by two very special "chauffeurs" (**Jo Ellen Gray and Kathy Mallett**). "Yul" was introduced to Davica (his very own escort who volunteered as a "Flying Angel" for Imagine Home Transport), and he flew non-stop on an American Airlines flight which arrived in Los Angeles, CALIFORNIA later that same evening.



Suzan is thrilled to have "Yul Brenner" in her life, and she has posted marvelous pictures of him on her Facebook page enjoying his new home. Yul loves everyone and was already playing the same day he arrived .. no jet-lag for this special boy 😊



The handsome kitty in these recent photos bears no resemblance whatsoever to the little 'street urchin' we first met in February 2014. We couldn't have imagined in our wildest dreams that "Yul Brenner" would become a California Kitty!

# THE HEARTWARMING STORY OF “BRUTUS THE WONDER DOG”

*( told by his best friend, Ron Friend, HSOV Board Member)*

Nearly four years ago I retired from a career that spanned over 40 years. Needless to say, I suddenly had a lot of free time on my hands. To fill in some of that time, my wife and I started volunteering at the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley (driving fur people to spay and neuter clinics, walking dogs, petting cats, kittens, dogs, and puppies ... whatever we could do to help these wonderful fur people that had no voice). It was something we could do not for personal recognition, not for any financial rewards, but because it was something that needed to be done and we had the time to do it.

Now bear in mind, prior to this I was one of those folks that was intimidated by nearly any dog over the size of a Chihuahua or the demeanor of a Beagle. And I had always thought that the HSOV was the last stop of the train for unwanted animals. It didn't take me long to



Brutus walking with Ron

discover that kindness, compassion, and a gentle voice could often overcome the fur people that were the wards of the HSOV. And it was NOT the last stop but rather a way station for finding forever, loving homes for these wonderful

fur people. All done by a staff that are there because of their love for all of God's creatures. And I soon discovered that I really had nothing to fear from dogs of any size, shape, or breed.

So every Saturday I would go to the HSOV and walk some dogs. And before each walk I would go through and give each dog a treat. Then one Saturday around the end of September of 2013 I came upon this one dog run where the fur person inside sat as far to the back as he could. His card



Brutus with diploma

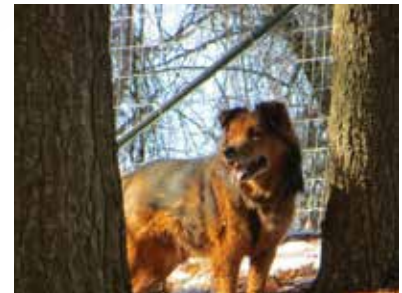
said he was a Chow mix and his name was Brutus and he was around 11 years old. And weighed nearly 60 pounds.



Not the kind of dog, or size of dog, I would have been drawn to before I retired. After all, Chows were mean right? Wrong. This particular dog said more to me with his eyes than any other dog I have ever seen. So, yes, I put a leash on him and away we went. Not for a 20 minute walk but nearly an hour! And every Saturday after I would go out and Brutus would be waiting for me at the front of his run and off we'd go over hills, through the brush, over the fields, and back.

Right after Thanksgiving of 2013 my wife and I decided to foster Brutus and brought him home with us. He and I would take at least 4, and sometimes 5 or more, walks a day. Rain? Didn't matter. Snow? He loved it. He soon became famous around our neighborhood. Children and adults all said hi to him, and most folks wanted to pet him. We started getting in the car and going to the bike trail, and I found he loved riding in cars.

Then it happened. Someone in Pennsylvania wanted him and adopted him. My wife and I delivered him to them, and then started a really sad week. For whatever reason the new home for Brutus didn't work out, and I was asked if I would mind coming and getting him. No problem. So off to Pennsylvania we went and brought him home.



Brutus in dog park



Brutus in car with Ron



## “BRUTUS THE WONDER DOG” continued..

Shortly after that we enrolled him in a dog obedience class. He, and I, learned a lot. To make a long story just a little shorter, shortly after Brutus and I became Dog Obedience School graduates my wife and I decided that Brutus had found his forever, loving home.

And yes, we adopted him. But over the course of time from that September Saturday when I first met this sad, scared dog in the back of his run at the HSOV till now a really, really neat companion that loves me unconditionally he changed. He was no longer Brutus, the scared, sad fur person afraid of everything but rather **Brutus the Wonder Dog**. My pal, my buddy, that taught me that love comes in all shapes and sizes. That I no longer feared bigger dogs. That anyone can find a particular breed of dog in a newspaper, on line, or where ever but the truly; truly greatest breed of dog is most often at your local animal shelter, just waiting to fill that space in your life you didn't know you had, and quite often that breed is not a pure bred so to speak but pure love.

So thanks Brutus the Wonder Dog, I'm glad you picked me...

[Editors' note ... Obviously "Brutus" knew he had found his new home a long time before Ron did and must have wondered why it took so long for Ron to come to the same conclusion) ☺ We love these happy endings/new beginnings!! "Brutus" even has his very own Facebook page these days~



### “PRECIOUS” IS LAID TO REST

A tragic story unfolded in our small city (Marietta, Ohio) on the morning of Wednesday, May 21st, 2014 when a gentleman reported finding

a tiny Pomeranian in a trash dumpster by the Bantam Baseball League concessions stand. James Brown, president of the Baseball League, discovered the small dog in an egg crate inside the dumpster. Washington County (Ohio) Dog Warden, **Kelly Schubert-McGilton**, was called to the scene and was heartbroken to see the frail, senior dog in what she described as a 'horrible' condition. HSOV Shelter Manager/Humane Officer, **Steve Herron**, also assisted.

After the dog was taken to Green Meadow Veterinary Hospital, doctors there determined that the elderly dog's kidneys had failed, in addition to having a broken leg, and was emaciated in her ribs, hips, back, and shoulders. She also had cataracts in both eyes and little to no muscle left, in addition to not being able to walk. It was decided that the most humane thing was to euthanize her.

**NOTE:** The preceding excerpts were from **The Marietta Times** (May 22, 2014) as well as **WTAP-TV** coverage of the story.

**The Marietta Times** reported the following day that an investigation by the Sheriff's Department had led to a likely arrest, and ironically, it was learned that this precious dog's name was indeed **"Precious"**.

A memorial/graveside service was held at 2 o'clock on Friday, May 23, 2014 at East Lawn Pet Cemetery in Marietta, Ohio and **"Precious"** was laid to rest. East Lawn donated the cemetery plot and also provided a beautiful floral arrangement of pink roses in the shape of a dog bone/biscuit with Precious' name on the ribbon. HSOV Shelter Manager, **Steve Herron**, delivered the eulogy. Several animal lovers were in attendance to celebrate Precious' life and to mourn her passing. An album of photos taken that day is available for viewing on the HSOV Facebook page. May you rest in peace sweet "Precious"...

### Goodbye Sweet Phoenix ☹

When we featured a two-page article in the December 2013 HSOV Newsletter entitled *"If there was a Make A Wish Foundation for dogs, it would seem likely that 'Phoenix' (aka 'Warren') was this year's recipient"*, we hoped against the odds that we wouldn't be writing this sequel for a long time ☺

Clay and Nicole Clatterbuck (who had given 'Phoenix' a wonderful home and granted his Make-A-Wish for a loving family of his very own) wrote these heartbreaking updates on Phoenix' facebook page:

February 27, 2014 .. Clay told us that he was typing with tear-filled eyes and a heart that was the heaviest it had been in awhile as he wrote "Phoenix has been showing signs that the cancer is progressing further. We've decided that it's time ☹ It's been the toughest decision we've had to make, but we don't want him to suffer. It would be selfish of us. The strength and love this amazing dog has shown the community and his only family will live forever in our hearts. Please say a prayer (or 30) for Phoenix and us."

On February 28, 2014 Nicole wrote on Phoenix' Facebook page ..."Phoenix is no longer suffering. He went peacefully with Clay and me (Nicole) holding and hugging him. He was the best dog we have ever had and was such a blessing. We will never forget him."

Phoenix enjoyed the best seven months of his life with the Clay and Nicole, and this special dog was the reason that the Clatterbuck family now has another dog of that wonderful Pit Bull breed.

They adopted a brindle Pit Bull puppy named 'Danny Boy' from our shelter in late March 2014 in Phoenix' honor/memory. He has been renamed 'Bentley' and is fulfilling Phoenix' legacy/dream.



Phoenix



Bentley

# THANK YOU, THANK YOU.....

Thanks to the HSOV Fur Ball Committee (Carol McKitrick, Chairperson) and everyone who attended the **11<sup>th</sup> Annual "Fur Ball" Dance/Auction** which was held on Saturday, February 23, 2014, this was the most successful Fur Ball ever (both in attendance numbers and in the amount of funds raised!) The Fur Ball Committee decided to use the proceeds of this year's event to purchase a nearly-new van, and the vehicles/keys were presented to Steve Herron, Shelter Manager, on March 27, 2014. The new van will be used for transporting animals to veterinarian appointments and for transports to animal rescue groups. The van is white with distinctive green-and-maroon detailing and features a new shelter logo and the name/address/website address of our organization:



The Marietta OH/Parkersburg WV is fortunate to have so many caring/professional veterinarians to care for animals in the mid-Ohio Valley, and the HSOV is especially thankful for three of those wonderful veterinarian practices who provide such good care for the HSOV shelter dogs and cats. We want to recognize and thank **Colegate Woods Veterinary Hospital** (Dr. Roberta Haught and Dr. Janelle Nerone); **Green Meadow Veterinary Hospital** (Dr. David Spindler and Dr. Jessica Smith); and **River City Pet Hospital** (Dr. Gwen McHenry). These caring individuals are always there for the shelter animals and are also very generous in their support when we ask for help/sponsorship on many of our HSOV fundraisers!

Thank you to **Junior Girl Scout Troop #1277 from Barlow-Vincent Elementary School** for visiting the HSOV on March 27, 2014 as part of your leadership journey. We loved seeing your enthusiasm as you toured our shelter with HSOV Kennel Tech, Devon Blair as your tour guide .. and the shelter animals loved the donations you collected in your Fourth Grade classrooms and brought with you 😊



Thank you to **Hades Ladies/First Settlement Derby Dames** for organizing the event "Great Skate Vendor Palooza" which was held on June 7, 2014 at the Marietta Roller Rink. These amazing ladies donated a portion of the proceeds to the HSOV (as well as other charitable organizations).

**"Dog Days of May"** was held May 31, 2014 at the Belpre Heights United Methodist Church in Belpre, Ohio. Thanks to our HSOV Volunteer Coordinator, **Sandra Brightwell**, and HSOV Volunteer, **Wendy Irvin**, for their time and talents to organize an adoption event that day, and for arranging transportation for several HSOV dogs and cats to meet prospective adopters. **Dr. Bea Schooley** (Belpre Animal Clinic) hosted a low-cost rabies/microchip clinic at this event.

**Rock N Paws & Friends** collected donations (supplies and monetary gifts) for both the HSOV and HSOP on two separate occasions (March 15 and May 30, 2014) and delivered them to the respective shelters. Thank you to these lovely young ladies who do so much for the animals 😊

**Marietta Health and Wellness Center (Dr. Jeff Dexter)** hosted a "Waggin' Luau Party" on May 31, 2014 in conjunction with their Patient Appreciation Day and collected donations for the HSOV. Thank you sooo much for including our shelter animals in your celebration!





**The Arbors at Marietta** (great friends of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley) celebrated “Dog Days of Summer” on July 17, 2014 by hosting a dog show for their residents. Arbors employees from the Activities Department brought their dogs for this event and the residents LOVED them! This was a fun-filled afternoon, and there was a great turn-out. In conjunction with the “Dog Days of Summer” event, the Arbors collected donations for the HSOV which were delivered to our shelter. Thanks to **Todd Clark** for helping to organize this wonderful event.

Thanks to **Over The Moon Pub & Pizza**, 170 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio for hosting a fantastic fundraiser for the benefit of the HSOV .. “**Howlin’ In The Alley**” was a huge



success! Everyone who attended raved about this event and loved the entertainment ( Johnny Staats & The Delivery Boys, The MoonDucks, and Blues Man Dan Holt).



“**Running For A Cause**” (Open Horse Fun Show) was held at the Washington County Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 20, 2014. All proceeds from this fun event benefited the HSOV and raised nearly \$700. Thanks to Aleena Bauerbach, Annette Dunn, and Becky Johnston for organizing this fundraiser!



We love our HSOV volunteers and foster families and would be remiss if we didn’t let these compassionate individuals know how much they are appreciated. Please know that you are making a difference in the lives of shelter animals in so many ways. If you walked a dog, loved/played with a cat, gave a cat/dog a temporary home, shared photos on facebook, or helped with an HSOV fundraiser, you have truly made a difference. Our HSOV Volunteer Coordinator, **Sandra Brightwell**, is always happy to assist new volunteers. You may contact her via email ([hsovshelterfriends@gmail.com](mailto:hsovshelterfriends@gmail.com)). Our foster committee is also happy to hear from families who are interested in offering a temporary foster home to a shelter dog or cat. Please contact **Teresa Cunningham** ([abbie9@suddenlink.net](mailto:abbie9@suddenlink.net)) or **Celeste Ridgway** ([cr\\_ridgway@yahoo.com](mailto:cr_ridgway@yahoo.com)) to learn more about our foster program.



And last, but certainly not least, we’d like to thank our generous HSOV supporters who are so quick to respond when we are in need of donations for our shelter cats and dogs. Whenever we post pleas on our Facebook page for help, you are always there for the animals.

### **Got Catnip??**

Our shelter kitties would like to ask area gardeners if they have any extra **CATNIP** they might be willing to share with them when you are ready to harvest your crop this fall ☺ Catnip provides hours of enjoyment when you’re sitting in a small cage day in and day out. The cats also love to play with toys if anyone would like to donate those for entertainment.

### **Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic – Saturday, August 16, 2014**

The Washington County (Ohio) Health Department will offer a Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, August 16, 2014 (1:00pm-2:30pm) at the Barlow Fairgrounds Shelter, Barlow, Ohio. Cost is \$7.00 per animal. Dogs must be on a leash. Cats must be in carriers. All animals must be 12 weeks old. For questions/further information, please call 740.374.2782 Extension 1016

# Senior Shelter Kitties complete a family!

It's always sad when senior kitties lose their homes, and our hearts ached for **"Dopey & Lilly"** when they were brought to the HSOV on March 22, 2014. Their elderly mistress had taken up residence in an assisted-living facility and could no longer care for her beloved cats ☹️



**"Dopey"** was a sweet 10-year old neutered/declawed Tuxedo cat. This big boy weighed 18 lbs., and he was a pushover for attention ☺️ He seemed to have taken on the role of 'big brother' to his housemate "Lilly", and

they were very attached to each other.



**"Lilly"** was a lovely 16-year old spayed brown tabby who was obviously a senior citizen. She had lost her right eye as a youngster due to a bad infection in that eye, but she didn't seem to notice that she was different from any

other cat and had adapted to life with one eye. She had a sweet personality and would push her paws through the bars of their cage for attention.

These two lost souls depended upon each other, and we knew that they needed to find a home together. A few adopters offered to take "Dopey", but nobody seemed to want "Lilly" ☹️

You can imagine our delight when our Feline Rescue Coordinator, Sharon Paul, told us that a special lady by the name of **Ann Ortmann** had seen Dopey & Lilly's photos on the HSOV facebook page and would love to adopt them together ☺️ She had experience with senior cats and had lost her beloved 16-year Bam to kidney failure in December, and



Bam also had just one eye. Ann offered a nice quiet home to these two seniors if we could find a way for them to travel to her home near Kalamazoo, Michigan. She completed her adoption application and had already begun to call them "Percy & Pearl" in anticipation of their new lives with her. Things took an unexpected turn when "Lilly/Pearl" required medical attention for a stomach upset/vomiting on April 1<sup>st</sup> and was found to be anemic ☹️ The diagnosis was a possible ulcer, but Ann was not discouraged and said that was even one more reason why she wanted to give "Lilly/Pearl" a good home ☺️

Rescues, transport coordinators, and animal lovers will move 'heaven and earth' when shelter cats (and dogs) have a good home waiting for them. Our Transport Coordinator, **Celeste Ridgway**, arranged transportation to a pickup location about two hours from Ann's home and one of Ann's friends went the extra distance to deliver "Percy & Pearl" to their new home. That friend even provided an overnight stay for them.

Ann finally met "Percy & Pearl" on April 13, 2014 and has sent heartwarming updates about them over the past three months. They were slowly introduced into their new home, and Ann made beds for them wherever they chose to sleep. For the first few days/nights, they chose the closet next to Ann's bed, so she placed their plush donut beds in that closet where they could feel safe and secure. Then gradually they began to explore the rest of their new home and discovered that there were lots of comfy places to lounge during the day and be near Ann (and her son) for extra TLC and attention. *Ann's latest message says it all, and we hope her experience will encourage others to adopt senior shelter animals ...*

*"Just wanted to give you an update on the babies. They both are doing very well, and Pearl HAS NOT been sick or vomiting since I got her. Percy is also doing well. They are both really wonderful cats and get along with the others. Pearl is sleeping with me every night, very close, and always sleeps on my bed. Percy also sleeps there most of the time, but he ventures around to the kitchen window and my cat room in the basement. Percy is still the big brother and stays close most of the time to Pearl, mainly sleeping with her on my bed. I am very happy that they are here as they are very sweet and loving, and I couldn't have asked for better kitties."*





# URGENT STATUS ....

Nine wonderful dogs were recently placed on URGENT status simply because our shelter is nearly full to capacity for housing larger dogs, and they had the misfortune of having the most “seniority” (i.e., being in our shelter the longest length of time without finding a home) ☹️☹️ It breaks our hearts to see that dreaded “URGENT” next to their names on Petfinder/Facebook. They are all great dogs who deserve good homes. Happily, three of those dogs (Dixie, Rascal, and Tippy) have been adopted☺️ But the six dogs who are pictured on this page still need a home. We truly believe that there is a perfect home for all dogs if we can just find that special match.

We are featuring close-up photos of their faces in this newsletter so that they can make a plea with their hopeful eyes to potential adopters/rescue groups and foster families. Their complete descriptions are included with additional pictures under their names on the HSOV Petfinder Listings (search for zip code 45750 on that website [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com)).

Please contact the HSOV by calling 740.373.5959 or sending an email ([manager@hsov.org](mailto:manager@hsov.org)) if you can help any of these wonderful dogs. Rescue groups and foster applicants may also contact Celeste Ridgway via email ([cr\\_ridgway@yahoo.com](mailto:cr_ridgway@yahoo.com))

**BELLA** is a beautiful 3-year old spayed female tan-and-white Boxer/Beagle mix who was surrendered by her owner on January 7, 2014. Bella is ready to go for a W-A-L-K whenever she sees a leash, and she'd love to take long walks with her new family. She weighs 39 lbs.

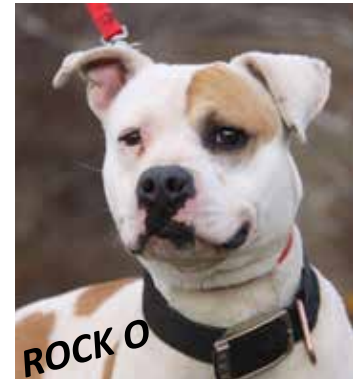
**BOBO** is a 6-year old neutered male fawn-and-white Boxer mix who was surrendered by his owner on February 28, 2014. This handsome guy is housebroken and is enjoying a large suite just off the shelter lobby. Bobo weighs 62 lbs.

**D.C.** is a sweet 4-year old neutered male black-and-white Pit Bull Terrier mix who was surrendered by his owner on October 31, 2013. D.C. loves his people friends and other dogs, but doesn't do well with cats. This special boy is enjoying a temporary home in our shelter manager's office. D.C. weighs 51 lbs.

**ROCK "O"** is a 3-year old neutered male white-and-tan Pit Bull Terrier mix who was surrendered by his owner on February 20, 2014. Rock "O" is famous for his dancing-with-the-stars ability and is a social butterfly, but he does not do well with young/small children. This handsome boy weighs 57 lbs.

**ROSIE** is a cute 5-year old spayed female tan-and-white Boxer mix who arrived at HSOV on August 2, 2013 after she was found on Veto Road in Washington County, Ohio. Rosie is making her temporary home in our Humane Officer's office but would love a home of her very own. She is quite playful (loves rope toys). Rosie is a full-figured girl who weighs 65 lbs.

**SUGAR** is a beautiful 2-year old spayed female brindle Pit Bull Terrier mix who was surrendered by her owner on April 8, 2013. She came to our shelter with two puppies (who were adopted quickly), but Sugar is still waiting on her forever home (though she is currently in foster care). Sugar weighs 45 lbs.





## **HSOV Shelter Mascot Kitty "Daisy"**

Congratulations to  
"Daisy" who has  
been chosen as our  
newest mascot kitty  
☺ She is a beautiful  
adult brown spotted

tabby who arrived at the HSOV on March 14, 2014.  
"Daisy" was spayed on April 18<sup>th</sup> thanks to Friends of  
Feline Fund, and is now enjoying her new career as a  
free-roaming goodwill ambassador in our shelter ☺

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

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