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Hours of Operation:

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

SHELTER STATISTICS

January-December 2012

Incoming Dogs/Puppies:

Owner Surrender 711
 Stray Surrender278
 County Dog Warden294
 Humane Officer 140

Outgoing Dogs/Puppies:

Adopted612
 Owner Reclaimed158
 Rescue Transfers416
 Euthanized.....20
 Died In Shelter.....3
 Escaped/Stolen3

Incoming Cats/Kittens:

Owner Surrender774
 Stray Surrender695
 Humane Officer 113

Outgoing Cats/Kittens:

Adopted538
 Owner Reclaimed1
 Rescue Transfers197
 Euthanized.....613
 DOA/Died in Shelter43
 Stolen/Escaped15

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

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, STEVEN HERRON

Another year has passed, and what a year 2012 was. We had a really great one. Many dogs and cats touched our hearts this year, either by why they came to us or the conditions they came to us. We dealt with another hoarding situation in 2012, and let me say thank you to all those who helped in one way or another. We worked together to make the lives of those 50+ dogs better than they had ever known.

We continue to have very strong numbers in our adoptions and rescues. Thank you to Celeste Ridgway and Sharon Paul for the canine/feline rescues they work with. Thank you to Marilyn House, Jo Ellen Gray, Katty Gilbert, and Jim Baldinger for the time you give to drive these precious lives to where they need to go.

Thank you to my staff for all the grunt work you do. Sometimes the hard work you do gets overlooked and it shouldn't. You are all a vital part of the process.

Thank you to my board of directors. You all have a common goal and work hard to help me whenever needed.

Thank you not only to adopters who give a shelter dog or cat a new home, but also to the foster families who give a temporary home until a permanent home or rescue is found.

Thank you to my volunteers. From the dog walkers to the fundraisers, you are such a vital part to the work



we do. I hope that each and every one of you are proud of what you do to help. I am proud that so many want to help with such a great cause. To all our donors, please always keep us in mind. Without you and your open hearts, so many animals that we take care of might never have had the help they needed

without our doors being open to them.

To Adam Johnson and his We Luv Pets crew, what can I say but thank you, thank you, thank you.

Thank you to Friends of Feline Fund for the joint effort with the HSOV for spaying/neutering shelter cats. And thank you to Kathy Mallett and Sandra Brightwell (our HSOV Volunteer Coordinator) for transporting cats to clinics.

I have one more thank you ... Sharon Paul ... THANK YOU. You do so many different things to help in so many different ways. The pictures, the stories, the postings on petfinder/ facebook, the phone calls, the rescues, the newsletter, the appointments, and the driving. You do so much.

In closing, I am sorry for anyone I may have missed. Let's continue to work together no matter how bumpy the ride might be. I hope for another great year here at the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. Thank you all and God Bless you all.

Steven W. Herron
 Executive Director
 Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

CONGRATULATIONS .. MISTY CARPENTER

Misty Carpenter, HSOV Kennel Technician, successfully completed twenty hours of mandated Humane Agent Training and on November 16, 2012 passed the Humane Agent Training Examination administered by the Ohio Federated Humane Society.



Misty took the oath of office and was sworn in as a Humane Agent/Officer of Washington County, Ohio for the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley on December 28, 2012 by Judge Timothy A. Williams, Court of Common Pleas, Washington County, Ohio.

Prior to joining the staff at HSOV, Misty studied wildlife management at Hocking College. She has worked closely with Butch Morris, HSOV Humane Officer, and learned from the best 😊

We are very proud of Misty and know that she will be a wonderful advocate and voice for animals in Washington County, Ohio.

COMPARISON OF SHELTER STATISTICS FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2010-2012

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
<u>DOGS/PUPPIES</u>			
Incoming	1469	1624	1423
Adopted	495	549	612
Reclaimed	192	164	158
Rescue Transfers	634	701	416
Euthanized	46	93	20
Died In Shelter	9	12	3
<u>CATS/KITTENS</u>			
Incoming	1878	2023	1582
Adopted	312	499	538
Reclaimed	20	5	1
Rescue Transfers	187	304	197
Euthanized	980	964	613
Died In Shelter	23	63	43

SHELTER STAFF

Executive Director/Manager – Steve Herron
AsstMgr/Adoption Clerk – Sharon Morris
Humane Officer – Dennis (Butch) Morris & Misty Carpenter

Kennel Technicians

Devon Blair
Mary Buck – Kennel Tech Supervisor
Misty Carpenter
Sandra Cooke
Bill Hagy
Ted Laskowski
Nathan Lemasters
Shawn Lochary
Chris Roy

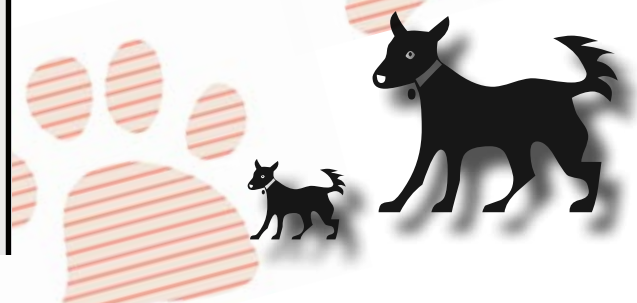
HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Jane Snell
Vice President – Kelly Schubert
Secretary – Teresa Cunningham
Treasurer – Becky Johnston

Katty Gilbert
Adam Johnson
Celeste Ridgway
Chad Skinner

HSOV COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Building & Grounds – Ron & Juanita Becker
Canine Rescue – Celeste Ridgway
Feline Rescue – Sharon Paul
Finance – Becky Johnston, Steve Herron
Foster Program – Teresa Cunningham, Katty Gilbert, Jo Ellen Gray, Celeste Ridgway
Fundraising – Michelle Gaughan
Membership – Teresa Cunningham
Newsletter Editor – Sharon Paul
Nominations – Jim Baldinger
Operations – Becky Johnston, Kelly Schubert, Jane Snell
Petfinder/Facebook Photographer – Sharon Paul
Rescue Transport - Jo Ellen Gray, Marilyn House
Spay/Neuter Follow-Up – Becky Johnston
Volunteer Coordinator – Sandra Brightwell
Website – Adam Johnson



HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Saturday February 23, 2013	10th Annual "Fur Ball", 8pm-midnight American Legion Post 159, Williamstown, WV
Tuesday March 5, 2013	HSOV Board Meeting 7pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Tuesday April 2, 2013	HSOV Board Meeting 7pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Saturday April 27, 2013	Throw Down For The Pound 7 Marietta Middle School, Marietta, OH
Tuesday May 7, 2013	HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Tuesday June 4, 2013	HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Saturday October 12, 2013	HSOV Pancake Breakfast Applebee's Restaurant, Marietta, OH



THROW DOWN FOR THE POUND 7 (April 27, 2013)

Thanks to Adam Johnson (Manager of We Lov Pets and HSOV Board Member) for organizing the seventh Throw Down For The Pound which will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the Marietta Middle School Gymnasium in Marietta, Ohio. This is a very popular fundraiser which greatly benefits the HSOV and is always a fun-filled evening for the whole family. Doors open at 6pm and bell time is 7pm. For additional details and ticket information, please visit the Remix website ..

www.remixprowrestling.com

The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

Presents

10th Annual "Fur Ball" Dance/Auction Fundraiser

Date: February 23, 2013
Time: 8:00 p.m. - midnight
Where: American Legion Post 159, Williamstown, WV

Live Auction Silent Auction Door Prizes

Music by: Hit Parade

We want you!

Tickets: \$15.00 (available at door)

For ticket pre-orders or questions, call 740-516-3503 or 740-373-9503
Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for Silent Auction

Donations of non-perishable items appreciated

OPENING YOUR HOME TO FOSTER A SHELTER ANIMAL IS ONE WAY TO SAVE A LIFE ...

Perhaps there are animal lovers reading our newsletter who look at photographs of HSOV dogs and cats on our Petfinder/Facebook pages and fall in love with them but aren't able to enter into a long-term commitment by adopting and giving them a permanent home. We'd like to let you know that there are other ways to help ☺

We welcome sponsors who might be able to pay for the cost of spaying/neutering a dog or cat to increase their chances of finding a home. There are also varying degrees of sponsorship. For example .. paying the adoption fee for a cat (\$20) or sponsoring a combo test; paying for heartworm testing/rabies vaccine for a dog; or donating to help a specific dog or cat who needs some extramedical care when we post a plea for extra assistance.

Another important way to save a life is by providing a temporary home for a dog or cat through our Foster Program, and this doesn't have to be a long-term commitment on your part. There are many reasons why a dog/cat might need to be in a foster home, such as awaiting transport to rescue, socialization, pregnant/nursing mothers, or dogs/cats who aren't adapting to shelter life. And, of course, by fostering an animal in your home it opens up space in a cage/kennel in our shelter so that animals are not euthanized because of space.

Fostering is very rewarding, and we guarantee that you will feel good about knowing what a difference you've made in the life of that one dog or cat. There are several foster moms (and dads) who would love to share their experiences with anyone interested in becoming a foster family. You would be required to complete a Foster Application Form for approval before choosing your shelter dog or cat to take home. Our Foster Program Committee members will be happy to answer questions. Please contact: Teresa Cunningham (abbie9@suddenlink.net); Katty Gilbert (kattgil@yahoo.com); Jo Ellen Gray (grayck@suddenlink.net); or Celeste Ridgway (cr_ridgway@yahoo.com) for further information.

INTRODUCING ONE OF OUR WONDERFUL FELINE FOSTER MOMS .. KATHY WIGGINS ☺

We are very thankful for each and every one of our wonderful foster moms who take cats, kittens, and nursing mother cats into their homes, and we are especially thankful that Kathy Wiggins and her family came to the HSOV on July 23, 2011 to ask how they could help



when they saw several URGENT cats on our website. They noticed a frail-looking calico kitten named "Chastity" who happened to be in a ferret cage in the lobby and took her home that day. "Chastity" received the TLC and vet care that she needed, and the Wiggins family had her spayed to increase her chances of being adopted. Of course, you've probably guessed that "Chastity" had already found her home even before Kathy realized it. She was officially adopted on October 28, 2011. That tiny kitten paved the way for many other cats and kittens to find their way to the "Wiggins Bed & Breakfast", and Kathy and her family have given countless kitties the big chance they needed to find homes or rescues.

Kathy is one of the "first responders" when cats are placed on the dreaded URGENT status and quickly comes to the shelter to assess which of the kitties need her the most. Her most recent foster kitty (Sadie) was chosen because she had been at the shelter since September 27, 2012, and Kathy decided that Sadie deserved to feel the freedom of being able to stretch her legs in a real home after sitting in a cage for three months. Sadie had a reputation for being a bit anti-social at the shelter, but by the second evening in the Wiggins home, Sadie was lying next to Kathy wanting attention!

It has been heartwarming to see the teamwork that has developed between Kathy and another one of our foster moms (Jessica Carver) along with our wonderful Three Sisters Rescue friend (Lucy Betts). These three dynamic young ladies work together to assist each other when a foster cat needs some extra help, and they offer moral support when needed. Lucy has the expertise and can give 'long-distance' advice, and Kathy and Jessica sometimes 'tag' each other if they need to trade cats for some reason.

Kathy has a special fondness for tortoiseshell cats and admits she fell in love with two that she fostered, and they became "foster failures". ☺ But she still has enough love in her heart (and room in her home) that she continues to foster several HSOV cats/kittens at any given time.

This "thank you" wouldn't be complete without also thanking Kathy's husband, Leonard Wiggins, and their children Heather, Selena, & Corey. This is truly a "family affair", and they are all involved in the foster care program. Leonard has even brought foster kitties to the shelter at 5am to meet transports!

We sincerely thank Kathy Wiggins and the "Wiggins Bed & Breakfast for HSOV Kitties", and we hope that she and her family offer their hospitality for many years to come ☺

BOBBY MCGEE ... "WHO RESCUED WHO?"

There are car magnets with this line, but in the case of **Ken Wright and "Bobby McGee"**, one really needs to ask the question "Who Really Rescued Who?"

"Bobby McGee" was a handsome 6-year old male black/brindle Labrador Retriever/Hound mix who was brought to the HSOV on August 7, 2012. He was a rather big boy who weighed ~70 lbs and was affectionately nicknamed "Boxcar" by our kennel techs because of his size ☺ "Bobby McGee" especially loved kennel tech **Bill Hagy** since Bill spent quality time with Bobby and took him for long walks. One of our favorite photos of "Bobby McGee" was of him looking up so lovingly at Bill. We were very sad when Bobby was placed on urgent status on October 5th, and it seemed that he might never find a home☹

On December 7th, **Animal Advocates** in Pittsburgh PA rescued "Bobby McGee" and placed him in a foster home with Ken Wright. Ken was looking for a new best friend. A former UPS employee, Ken was diagnosed with a degenerative condition which over the course of more than a dozen years eventually left him disabled. Ken is a very social, outgoing person with lots of friends, but his

mobility issues means that he can't just grab a movie or pop over to the bar with his buddies. Ken is a true animal lover, and a dog provides him with much-needed company while his sister and niece (with whom he lives) are at work. The family already had a dog and a cat, but something was missing since his beloved German Shepherd, Missy, died a few months ago at the age of 7 years old due to cancer in spite of several rounds of chemotherapy.

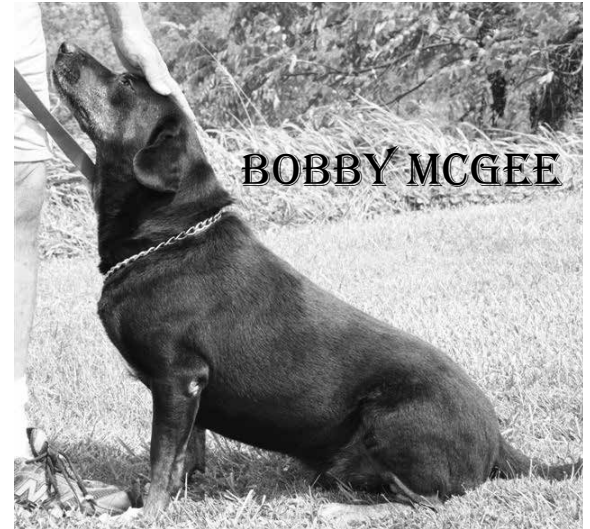


"Ken & McGee"

When Ken heard about Bobby McGee ("McGee" as he is now known), Ken knew he could open his heart and his home to this handsome gentleman. An exuberant energetic younger dog would not be suitable. He was looking for a more mature, calmer, intuitive friend who would feel comfortable with Ken's power chair and would willingly listen to Ken's commands and synchronize with his schedule. At the same time, Ken knows that he

has lots to offer a dog as well .. 24/7 companionship, constant attention, a fenced-in yard and never-ending love.

"McGee" for his part is appreciative of his new arrangements. Perhaps sensing Ken's mobility limitations, McGee is very wary of strangers coming to the door until Ken calls him to his side .. at which time he just loves being petted and pampered. Ken for his part, loves having a friend he can call his own and looks forward to Spring when they can both bask in the sunshine and appreciate each new day again.



"Ken & McGee"

Thanks to Ken Wright and Jackie Hahn-Efrati (Animal Advocates) for sharing this wonderful update about Bobby McGee and their mutual rescue ... and also for giving inspiration for other folks to look at "urgent" dogs and recognize their potential☺

A Happy Ending (and New Beginning) for “GRACIE”



We wish that we knew more about Gracie’s life before she came to our shelter, but in a sense, her new life began the day she arrived on a cold wintery day on December 20, 2012. A farmer in Washington County, Ohio contacted our dog warden, Kelly Schubert, to report that he had found an old dog in his barn that morning and felt that someone had probably dumped her there. When Kelly arrived on the scene, it was apparent that this dog was indeed a ‘senior citizen’ and was also pretty frail ☹️

This older girl was treated like royalty when she arrived at the shelter and given piles of soft blankets and plenty of nourishing food. One of our Humane Officers, Misty

Carpenter, chose the name “Gracie” the moment she saw her, and it seemed to describe this sweet dog perfectly.

For the first few days, Gracie seemed too tired to make the effort to stand up or walk. When we took her photographs for her introduction on Petfinder/Facebook, she would barely hold her head up. She was content to just sleep on her blankets. Gracie melted your heart when she looked up at you through cloudy eyes ☹️ She had a black-and-gray coat and a beautiful face with graying around her eyes and muzzle. Gracie was at least 13 years old. Though she weighed nearly 50 lbs., she was still painfully thin.

Gracie’s sad eyes seemed to tell her story, and there were many kind-hearted volunteers who rallied around her to help this sweet girl. Gracie had many of the ailments that come with the privilege of growing old. She appeared to be deaf, had cloudy eyes, and arthritic joints. Over the next two weeks, our shelter staff gave her extra TLC and two volunteers (Sandra Brightwell and Kathy Mallett) provided private-duty nursing on a daily basis ☺️ Gracie was started on arthritis/pain/joint medication and was soon up walking around and looking forward to walks outside! It was touching to learn that Gracie was a pushover for Christmas cookies during one of the weekly HSOV Dog Walks.

Gracie had quite a fan club on our HSOV Facebook page. It turned out that a young couple, Amanda and Mike Uhl, were following her story and had already fallen in love with her by the time they came to the shelter in early January 2013 to meet her.

Amanda and Mike officially adopted “Gracie” on January 7, 2013, and there wasn’t a dry eye in the shelter that day. Gracie must surely have felt like a movie star since she had so many well-wishers wanting to give her hugs and kisses ☺️ We have included a few pictures of Gracie with her new family the day that she left our shelter. If anyone would like to see additional happy-ending pictures, “Gracie” has her very own album with 19 pictures on the HSOV Facebook page entitled “Gracie Goes Home” ☺️





Gracie's new life with Amanda and Mike Uhl is beautifully written through postings on Amanda's Facebook Timeline, which we are sharing with her permission

January 5, 2013

"There is going to be a new addition to our family. Her name is Gracie, a 13-year old black Labrador mix who stole our hearts today. She is pretty much deaf and is arthritic. I couldn't bear the thought of her spending the last of her days in a shelter, so we are making her a part of our family. She will have a warm doggie bed, extra treats, and lots of love."

January 7, 2013

"Grace is home. She's such a doll. She's been scoping out the place and getting her lil belly full. Fatman (our cat whom we adopted from the HSOV several years ago) hissed at her once. The other two cats are hiding under the bed. So far, so good. She's now curled up on a blankie and snoring away."

January 8, 2013

"Gracie is such a good dog. I don't understand why anyone would dump her out. She moves slow, but that's okay, I do too. Bless that little girl's heart."

January 16, 2013

"Gracie likes bagels and cream cheese! She stole mine off the counter when I wasn't looking."

January 19, 2013

"I just wanted to give an update on Gracie. We've had her for almost two weeks now. She is such a doll. She follows us around everywhere. Like you guys said, she is pretty much deaf. She can hear really loud sounds (like sneezing or pans rattling). Other than that she doesn't hear (or pay attention) to much. She has really warmed up to Mike (I think she loves him more ..lol). She pretty much knows his work schedule now and knows the approximate time he will be home. It's soo cute!! We do think that she was at least housetrained. She goes to the door when she needs out and has only had one accident .. which was my fault because I couldn't find my shoes! ☺ She stole my bagel off the table when I wasn't looking. So she likes bagels and cream cheese. I feel so sorry for her sometimes. You can tell she wants to run and play (chase our kitties) but the ole girl just can't move fast. She hasn't barked, whined, or cried. She's an angel. Thanks to all of you who took care of her before she came home to be with us. We love her, and it seems that she has been with us the last 13 years."



February 7, 2013

"Gracie snoring is my favorite new sound."

February 8, 2013

"Gracie is doing wonderful. It's like we've had her all along. I can't wait till the weather warms up so she can get out there and walk. I think this cold weather hurts her little body."

Thank you, Amanda and Mike, for giving Gracie such a loving home and sharing these wonderful updates about the new chapter in her life. We hope that writing about your experience adopting an older dog will inspire other families to give older dogs a second chance at the good life~

FOUR "SPECIAL NEEDS" KITTIES FIND HOMES/RESCUES

We believe that all of the kitties who find themselves in our shelter are special as well as beautiful, but when we place that little green heart next to their names on Petfinder, it donates that they are special in quite a different sense .. because they have 'special needs'. Our hearts sink when cats or kittens with vision problems come into the shelter for fear that nobody will want to give them a home ☹️ We've had four vision-impaired kitties who found homes/rescues recently and wanted to share pictures of these lovely cats and to say thank-you to the individuals who gave a less-than-perfect cat a loving home ☺️

GINGER was a beautiful 8-year old orange tabby female kitty who arrived at the HSOV on December 4, 2012. She had a cataract on her right eye, and it also appeared that she might be expecting kittens. Ginger had such a delightful personality and begged



for attention. She had quite a fan club on facebook and Lucy Betts (Three Sisters Rescue) happened to be one of them. Ginger found a foster home where

she was pampered until she could be transported to Cincinnati, Ohio on January 11, 2013. Ginger has had wonderful vet care and, according to Lucy, the staff at Red Bank Clinic has also fallen in love with her. Ginger just never stops purring. Lucy reported recently that Ginger must have had a false pregnancy, and that she has developed a cataract on her left eye and is now completely blind. She has been taken to a veterinary ophthalmologist and, sadly, has glaucoma in one of her eyes. So Ginger will be on eye drops to reduce pressure in that eye. Lucy reports that Ginger still keeps purring away despite everything, and that she is a wonderful cat. She is enjoying the companionship of two other Marietta kitties (Tori Grace and Etta) these days, and Ginger has a home with Lucy forever ☺️

PRINCESS was 13-years old and blind in her right eye when she was surrendered by her owner on November 3, 2012. She was a beautiful old girl with a black-and-white long smooth coat and a face that melted many hearts. We wrote on her Petfinder description that "she would be content just to have a warm quiet spot in someone's home where she could



enjoy her golden years", and while we wanted to believe what we had written, the truth was we weren't sure that anyone would be willing to adopt Princess ☹️ We were delighted when a young lady named Dajea Hupp posted a comment on Facebook that she might want to give Princess a home. Princess was adopted by Dajea on November 15th, and she has posted pictures of Princess enjoying her new home. She writes that Princess LOVES to be brushed ☺️

FABIAN and FRANCINE were cute 3-month old kittens who were surrendered by their owner on September 17,



2012 along with two other siblings (who were adopted quickly). Fabian

and Francine both had the misfortune of being born with one blind eye ☹️ They were happy, playful youngsters with great personalities, but nobody came to adopt them. They were fortunate to find a foster home after they'd been in the shelter for about 4 weeks, and we really hoped for them to be adopted together. Thanks to the Friends of Feline Fund, they were spayed/neutered on December 6, 2012. Our dream home for these siblings came true when Beth Dickson Cunard picked them up on January 16, 2013 and gave them a home together.

WRITING OUR THANK-YOU NOTES

The fourth annual ***They Light Up Our Lives*** fundraiser raised more than \$1,500 for the HSOV, and more than 150 pets were honored or memorialized this year. Thanks to all who helped make this event so successful: ARC Resin, Garden Forge, Marietta Office Supply, The Marietta Times, The Anchor, WMOA, local businesses who distributed flyers, and the individuals who contributed in honor of their pets. A special thanks to American Flags and Poles for displaying the tree and to Nancy Mendicino and her committee members for organizing this fundraiser.

Thanks to ***SnoBiz of Marietta*** for their online Facebook fundraiser. For each “like” on the SnoBiz Facebook page during the Christmas season, they donated \$1 to the HSOV. There were 526 “likes” which translated to a donation of \$526 for our shelter!



Our ***Holiday Open House*** was held at the shelter on the evening of December 1st, 2012. Thanks to everyone who attended and brought gifts for the animals to place beneath our Christmas tree that evening as well as throughout the entire month of December. One of our shelter mascot kitties, “Tiger”, was the self-appointed gift inspector and was probably looking for kitty treats ☺

Thank you to the staff and students at ***Putnam Elementary School*** for their generous donation during the month of December. ***Jona Hall***, Principal, has adopted four pets from our shelter (three dogs named Bella, Daisy, and Alex and a cat named Barley) and has a special fondness for the HSOV ☺ Jona assembled a lovely collage with their pictures which we have displayed on our bulletin board.

The ***5th Graders at Phillips School*** in Marietta, Ohio presented us with a check for \$350 on February 4th to help the animals at the HSOV. Please know how much we appreciate your hard work in raising the money for this most generous gift."

Thanks to ***WeLovPets*** for their creative fundraiser, ***Have A Heart***, which is being held throughout the month of February 2013. If you make a donation to the HSOV, ***WeLovPets*** will give you a percentage off purchases you make in their store. (Donate up to \$5 and save 5%, \$10 and save 10%, \$20 and save 20%, \$25 and save 25%).

Several young ladies celebrated their birthdays recently and shared their special day with the HSOV dogs and cats by asking for gifts for shelter animals instead of personal gifts for themselves. Laken Johnson (9-years old), Abby & Shelby Anderson (9-year old twins), and Sophia Morris (4-years old) came to the shelter to bring their presents and to visit with the dogs and cats. We featured each of these wonderful youngsters on our Facebook page, but would like to thank them again in our newsletter.



Laken Johnson



Abby & Shelby Anderson



Sophia Morris

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS 😊

Our HSOV Volunteer Coordinator, Sandra Brightwell, would like to remind everyone that there is an organized dog walk each Saturday at the shelter from 10am-3pm. Our goal is to get all of the shelter dogs outside for at least one walk. They love being able to stretch their legs and get some loving 😊 If walking dogs is not your favorite activity, there are plenty of shelter cats who would enjoy some petting, brushing, or playtime.

If you haven't yet completed a Volunteer Application and signed a waiver form, you will be asked to do so before walking dogs. Sandra, or one of her volunteer assistants, will be happy to give you a tour of the shelter, a brief orientation, and an explanation of guidelines.

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities in other areas of expertise, including: animal grooming; transportation of animals to vet appointments and rescues; taking shelter animals on nursing home visits; computer work; grant writing; maintenance/shelter repairs; lawn/grounds maintenance; fostering; sponsoring; fundraising; adoptathons; and cage/kennel cleaning.

You may contact HSOV Volunteer Coordinator, Sandra Brightwell, via email (hsovshelterfriends@yahoo.com). Volunteer application forms are available at the shelter or on our website (www.hsov.net). Sandra will be happy to find the perfect volunteer opportunity for you 😊



PLEASE "LIKE" OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Nearly 5,500 Facebook users are now "friends" of the HSOV Facebook Page, and it's nice to feel liked 😊 Our



Facebook page is updated several times throughout the day and is a great way to interact with our shelter since you can post comments and questions about shelter animals, post photos of your adopted shelter pet, or ask for assistance if your dog or cat is missing. There are photo albums of dogs and cats currently available for adoption, adopted/rescued animals, and an urgent album for animals that are in danger of being euthanized. Many times our new dogs and cats appear on Facebook before they are viewable on Petfinder, so you get advance news on FB. We also include announcements about upcoming events and communications when extra assistance is needed at the HSOV. If you'd like to become our friend, simply search for the "Humane Society of the Ohio Valley" on Facebook and click on the "Like" button!

Our Wish List!



- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club & Wal-Mart giftcards
- 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
- HP Ink Cartridges #71 (black & color)
- Aluminum cans (for recycling)
- Newspapers w/o inserts

2013 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)

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This gift is given *in memory of* *to celebrate the* _____ *of*

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In Memory Of "Baby"

"Baby" was a beautiful 2-year old female Dilute Calico kitty who came to the HSOV on October 8, 2012. This little girl was wearing a collar and was surely loved by someone at one time in her life. "Baby" was a quiet young lady who could never understand why she was lying in a small cage by herself. Sadly, "Baby" never adjusted to shelter life nor found another home where she could have been loved again. She may have grieved so much that she became quite ill. "Baby" lost her life on November 1, 2012 ☹ We are remembering "Baby" and the other 656 cats who were euthanized or died in our shelter from January-December 2012.



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