

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

July-October 2010

Incoming Dogs/Puppies:

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| Owner Surrender | 266 |
| Stray Surrender | 135 |
| County Dog Warden | 68 |
| Humane Officer | 74 |

Outgoing Dogs/Puppies:

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| Adopted | 166 |
| Owner Reclaimed | 64 |
| Rescue Transfers | 262 |
| Euthanized..... | 25 |
| DOA/Died in Shelter | 5 |

Incoming Cats/Kittens:

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| Owner Surrender | 384 |
| Stray Surrender | 469 |
| Humane Officer | 60 |

Outgoing Cats/Kittens:

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| Adopted | 108 |
| Owner Reclaimed | 6 |
| Rescue Transfers | 76 |
| Euthanized..... | 552 |
| DOA/Died in Shelter | 14 |

INTRODUCING OUR HSOV SHELTER MASCOT KITTIES

If you have had an opportunity to visit our shelter, you will undoubtedly recognize our "mascot kitties" whose photos are being featured on the very first page of this newsletter. For those of you who aren't familiar with these privileged cats and their duties at the HSOV, we'd like introduce them

"TIGER" is a 7-year old female Brown Tabby kitty who was surrendered by her owner on April 18, 2008. She is a rather full-figured girl and somewhat of a 'diva'. Many people comment about her size and wonder if she is pregnant (she is spayed, of course) and also comment about her tiny ears (the better to ignore you with my dear!) "Tiger" took up residence in our shelter manager's office when she (Tiger, that is) first arrived and decided she would just live in the office areas permanently rather than look for a new home. She has several duties which she performs in exchange for her room and board. "Tiger" is the official greeter for all visitors entering the lobby (though she does tend to sleep on the job, uhh, desk, more these days). Her other duties include keeping all the dogs humble as they walk through her lobby and making sure they know who has seniority at the shelter; helping Sharon Morris with paperwork (Tiger makes a great paperweight); catching the occasional token mouse; and teaching relaxation techniques while she sleeps in file cabinet drawers. "Tiger" and Sharon Morris have a ritual each morning that never varies as "Tiger" insists on sitting on her lap to discuss the day ahead of them.



"STRIPE" is a lovely 3-year old female kitty who arrived at the HSOV on April 12, 2009 and gave birth to a litter of kittens two days later. This girl was merely an overgrown kitten herself and her babies did not survive. When you first meet "Stripe", she appears to have a solid black coat but when you look closer, you notice that she has a small white stripe on her right hip, so that's how she received her name. "Stripe" endeared herself to the shelter staff so much that we had her spayed and promised her that she would never have another litter of kittens nor would she sit in a cage, because she was being promoted to Shelter Mascot Kitty. The next chapter in Stripe's life is somewhat of a mystery since she disappeared from the shelter for nearly a year. She is an extremely friendly girl, so perhaps she hopped in someone's car or possibly was stolen. "Stripe" wants to erase that experience from her memory, so we will never know for sure what happened. We are just happy that she is back with us! Stripe's official duties include greeting visitors and making sure they feel welcome at the shelter. She has recently become interested in helping shelter dogs during their outdoor photo sessions and loves to appear in their pictures to show that they are 'cat friendly'.



"FAT BOY" is a 2-year old male Tiger Kitty who was surrendered by his owner on May 27, 2010. This big boy quickly let us know that he was not happy sitting in a small cage, and that he preferred the wide-open spaces. Our Humane Officer, Levi Seevers, came up with a 'work release' program for Fat Boy that suited this kitty perfectly. The agreement was that Fat Boy wouldn't have to sit in a cage, but he would have to earn his room and board at the shelter. It seemed that some pesky mice were trying to invade the area in the shelter where pet food was stored, so who you gonna call? .. FAT BOY! Everyone was happy (except for the mice, that is). The first question most visitors have when they see Fat Boy is whether that huge cat is pregnant! And they are quite surprised to learn that he is a neutered male. In addition to his mouse patrol duties, Fat Boy volunteers as the photographer assistant when dogs are outside for their photo session. He comes running as quickly as his little legs will carry him when he sees the lady with a dog in one hand and a camera in the other. Fat Boy is a pro when it comes to temper-testing dogs and also getting some much-wanted petting.



Saudi Arabia calling...

Imagine Sharon Morris' surprise when she answered the phone recently and learned that an HSOV Facebook Fan (who lives in Saudi Arabia) was calling to tell her that he recognized a dog that was posted on our page under the name "Lorenzo". He was 99% positive that this was his neighbor's dog back in Belpre Ohio, and his real name was "Bruno". Within a few hours, this dog was reunited with his owner. We always love happy endings, and this is one that we will remember for a long time since it takes the prize for the longest-distance rescue!



We'd like to express our thanks to

Chad Skinner for his generous donation of so many great items for the shelter animals. Chad also remembered each and every cat in the shelter when he brought new toys for their entertainment.

Ron Becker for the countless hours he and his crew have worked on the new cabinetry and concrete pads for our outside kennel areas. Please look for photos on these projects in our next newsletter.

Sharon Paul for the donation of two cat towers for our lobby so that more cats/kittens would have a chance to be showcased and hopefully adopted.

Kelly Travaglio and Cheryl Hall for placing those comfy fleece hammocks in all of the cat towers in our lobby. If you haven't had a chance to see "a kitten/cat in every hammock", we encourage you to visit the shelter and see how cute these kitties are when they are snuggled up and sleeping!

"Buddy" McKitrick is a Celebrity at Glenwood

The residents at Glenwood Retirement Community in Marietta, Ohio look forward to their favorite visitor on the first Thursday of each month and greet "Buddy" McKitrick with open arms and a hero's welcome home. This handsome Saint Bernard boy was once a resident at the HSOV before

he was adopted by one of our Board Members, Carol McKitrick, and her family about two years ago.



"Buddy" is quite the gentleman, and he is always happy to oblige when asked to make guest appearances at social events and HSOV fundraisers. He is gathering a large fan club at Glenwood, and we wouldn't be surprised if he didn't have his very own Facebook page soon! These photos were taken during his November visit at Glenwood.

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

The HSOV gladly accepts donations of aluminum cans which we recycle for cash.

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

SHELTER STAFF

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

Kennel Technicians

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

HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jane Snell – President
Carol McKitrick – Vice President
Elisha Constable - Secretary
Michelle Gaughan – Treasurer
Cheryl Hall
Celeste Ridgway
Kelly Travaglio

HSOV COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Building & Grounds – Ron & Juanita Becker
Canine Rescue – Celeste Ridgway
Feline Rescue – Jo Ellen Gray
Finance – Michelle Gaughan, Steve Herron
Membership – Marlene Delaney
Newsletter – Sharon Paul
Nominations – Jim Baldinger
Operations – Carol McKitrick, Chairman
Operations – Celeste Ridgway, Jane Snell
Spay/Neuter – Elisha Constable, Cheryl Hall, Becky Johnston
Volunteer Coordinator – Lisa Vore
Website Photographer – Sharon Paul



HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS FOR THE YEAR 2011

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| Tuesday, January 4 | Board Meeting |
| Tuesday, February 1 | Board Meeting |
| 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 |
| 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) | Thrown 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?

Christmas Parade (November 27, 2010)

To be held in Beautiful Downtown Marietta on Saturday, November 27th at 1:00pm. Please feel free to join us as we participate in the parade or show your support by cheering us on throughout the parade route. If you'd like to bring a donation for the shelter animals, that would be wonderful!

Merry-Etta Moonlight Savings (December 3, 2010)

This event will be held from 5:00 until midnight and includes special shopping discounts at downtown Marietta shops as well as seasonal activities (Tree Lighting Ceremony at Armory Square, Vintage Animated Window Displays, Free Carriage Rides, and Door Prizes). The HSOV will participate in this event. Please stop by our booth in front of American Flags & Poles located at 276 Front Street. (Thank you to Jim & Sylvie Caporale for their continued support!)

Annual Meeting (December 7, 2010)

The Annual Meeting of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley will be held at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall, 201 Front Street, Marietta on Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00pm. There will be a short business meeting followed by nominations and election of board members. Everyone is invited to attend, but remember that you must be a paid member in order to vote in the election. Appetizers, soft drinks, and coffee will be provided. Please plan to attend and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow supporters of the HSOV.

HSOV Open House (December 11, 2010)

Please mark a big pawprint on your calendar for Saturday, December 11th and plan to join us for our annual Holiday Open House at the shelter which will be held from 12:00 noon – 4:00pm. We hope that each and every supporter of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley will be able to join us so that we may personally thank you for all that you have done for the animals at the shelter during the past year. Please plan to tour our shelter and meet our adoptable pets. They will be wearing their finest holiday bandanas and will have their Christmas stockings hung on their cages with a wish for a loving home in time for Christmas. This is a wonderful event where you will have an opportunity to meet and greet the shelter staff, board members, and volunteers. This is always a festive occasion and the shelter will be beautifully decorated. We will have our Christmas tree in the lobby should anyone wish to leave some gifts under the tree to benefit the animals. Our wish list is printed in this newsletter (hint, hint!) Refreshments will be served

Fur Ball (February 26, 2011)

Mark another huge pawprint on your calendar for Saturday, February 26th since we're sure you won't want to miss the infamous 8th Annual Fur Ball. This is one of the best social events in the Mid-Ohio Valley and is always a fun-filled evening. This fundraiser will be held at the American Legion in Williamstown from 8pm-midnight. There will be a live band, silent auction, raffles, door prizes, food, and fun! The Fur Ball is one of our largest fundraisers, and we really count on a big turnout in order to help the shelter animals. For additional information, please contact Lisa Merrow by cell phone (740.516.3503) or by email (lisamerrow@msn.com).

Foster a Lonely Pet

FOSTER A LONELY PET FOR THE HOLIDAYS

This fostering program was inspired by the book/movie entitled "A Dog Named Christmas" in which a young boy encourages residents of his small village to take a shelter dog home with them and give it a temporary home over the holiday. We offered this program during the Christmas season last year, and it was so well received that we are happy to announce that the HSOV will again be participating in this wonderful Petfinder program during the 2010 holiday season.

If you would like to open your heart and your home to a dog or cat from our shelter and give it a temporary home for the holidays, we encourage you to contact the shelter at 740.373.5959 for additional information. You will be required to complete a foster application and be approved prior to taking a shelter pet home.





BRANDY

Brandy (Sept 2009)



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In the February 2010 issue of the HSOV Newsletter, we featured an article entitled "Successfully Rescued" about 30 dogs which were brought to our shelter following an investigation into a suspected dog hoarding situation. Our Humane Officers were instrumental in bringing these dogs to safety during the second week of September 2009. We reported that all of these dogs were either adopted or sent to rescue groups with the exception of one little girl who was in a wonderful foster home. We have some marvelous news about that little girl (whose name is Brandy) that we'd love to share. Brandy was a small Sheltie Mix who was absolutely beautiful but so frightened that she could not bring herself to trust people.

Nancy Miller, the wonderful foster mother who took Brandy into her home on October 29, 2009, was the Guardian Angel who truly made a difference in Brandy's life through her patience and compassion. After Brandy had been in her home for 10 months, Nancy wrote this letter about that special little dog:

"Although Brandy came from a world without human contact, she is making remarkable progress. When she came to live with me, her wide-eyed stare was pure avoidance. She flinched at my every touch and crawled everywhere to escape my help. Through it all, she never made a sound – not a bark, not a growl, not even a whimper. She was determined to be invisible. It's been a long road of small successes. She will look at me now but will not come to me unless she can't find a hiding place and I'm her only source of comfort. She still will not take food or treats of any kind from me, but prefers to eat from her bowl when I'm not watching.

Brandy no longer buries her head into the fence of her kennel when it's time to leash up for a walk – as a matter of fact, she will bark when the other dogs get excited about our impending trip. She rides well in the car and is eager to get in but hesitant to come out (except when we get home) – it's not a battle just a gentle coaxing. Brandy's found her place in my pack. She's not the least concerned about being among the other four larger dogs that currently live with me and walks well for our two circles around the park. She will also sit with gentle coaxing, but becomes fearful around children and bicycles.

Brandy is a beauty with her gorgeous shiny coat and petite stature and continues to be a favorite with the other park patrons during our walks. With some patience and a gentle touch, she's going to be a great little dog."

On September 10, 2010, Brandy and her foster mother took a little road trip to visit their friends at the HSOV, and we had an opportunity to update Brandy's glamour photos for our website. She was even more beautiful (and certainly more self-confident) than the dog who had left the shelter nearly 11 months before. Just a few days later, Nancy received a call from a lady in Pittsburgh PA who had seen Brandy's new photos and updated story on Petfinder and wanted to learn more about her. Nancy was impressed with the lady (Louise) who wanted to become Brandy's 'forever' mother. Louise completed the adoption application for Brandy and drove to Marietta on September 26th to meet Brandy and take her home.

The following is an excerpt from the update about Brandy from her new mom, Louise

"Brandy is such a joy! She did great on the ride home and was fine with my other 2 dogs. They are the same size as Brandy and the doggy "meet and greet" went well – everyone sniffed and tails were wagging. She likes the steps in our house and will run up or down to see what everyone is doing. She still will not take food in front of people, preferring to eat when she is alone. At first she would completely avoid eye contact. Then she started looking at me when I wasn't looking at her. Now she makes very brief eye contact. I think she really wants to trust but is still a bit afraid. Brandy is really a sweetheart, and I know she will continue to make great progress. I am amazed how trusting she has been so far. A BIG thank you to Nancy for teaching her to trust people again."

We are so proud of everyone who made such a difference in Brandy's life and made this fairy-tale ending a reality.

Our Humane Officer, Butch Morris, received this heartwarming letter recently, and he agreed to let us share this wonderful story. Though the writer of the letter said she doubted that Butch would remember these two dogs, he tells us that he never forgets any of the dogs (or cats) that he has rescued and these two were especially memorable! Butch actually had to remove barn flooring in order to retrieve these girls. Their lives took a dramatic turn thanks to Butch and the writer of this letter



Nagai



Mijikai

Dear Butch,

My name is Bonnie Stagg. Approximately 6 or 7 years ago, I adopted two dogs from your shelter. The two dogs were possible Corgi/Chow mixes – both feral. They had been abandoned with several other dogs when their “owner” moved out of state.

Because their Petfinder pages had been posted to our Corgi rescue list, I was made aware of their existence and spoke at length with you regarding their prospects. They had been named Mandy and Candy by their caretakers at the shelter.

I had the time and the space and the patience to take these two girls on as a “project”. You and Jessica (I think that was her name) agreed to let me take them home. None of us knew what the outcome would be, but I said I would “give it my all” in hopes that they could become more comfortable around people and hopefully integrate them into my household.

They spent their first 6 months with me housed in a box stall in my barn with an insulated crate to protect them from the winter cold, hay bales to hide behind, and lots of peace and quiet. My daughter and I spent countless hours just sitting on the floor, not making eye contact but talking quietly or singing while the “girls” kept a safe distance. Over the course of the six months, we managed to get collars on them, got them to take food from our hands held flat on the floor, and could safely handle them enough to have my vet make a house call for vaccinations, heartworm checks, etc.

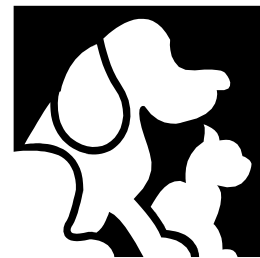
We subsequently had them spayed. They became accustomed enough to a leash that I was able to move them into a large crate in my house. When they had been with me for about a year, I saw my first tail wag. It was as wondrous as a baby’s first step!

Fast forward to today. The girls, now named Mijikai and Nagai (Japanese for short and long) are much loved members of our family. They are the sweetest, nicest dogs one could ever wish for. They are joyous dogs – always happy to spend time with us either out for a run or curled up by our sides on the couch.

For some reason, I thought of you tonight. We just came in from a run. When these two came home with me, I thought that they might be able to become social on some level. But they have achieved more than I ever dreamed possible. We can take both of them out with us off leash in our fields and let them run. Their recalls are perfect, and they come bounding for a “cookie” whenever they hear their names.

Butch, if you are reading this, I know it has been a long time since we met. I doubt that you remember me or Mandy or Candy, but I just wanted to tell you about them. And I wanted to say “thank you” for giving them a chance. They have enriched our lives beyond measure and make us smile every day. I’ve attached a picture of each of the girls. These were taken the second winter we had them.

Sincerely, Bonnie Stagg



A PET'S TEN COMMANDMENTS . . .

- 1) My life is likely to last 10-15 years. Any separation from you is likely to be painful.
- 2) Give me time to understand what you want of me.
- 3) Place your trust in me. It is crucial for my well-being.
- 4) Don't be angry with me for long and don't lock me up for punishment. You have your work, your friends, your friends, and your entertainment. But I have only you.
- 5) Talk to me. Even if I don't understand your words, I do understand your voice when speaking to me.
- 6) Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget it.
- 7) Before you hit me, before you strike me, remember that I could hurt you. And yet, I choose not to bite you.
- 8) Before you scold me for being lazy or uncooperative, ask yourself if some thing might be bothering me. Perhaps I'm not getting the right food, or I have been in the sun too long, or my heart might be getting old and weak.
- 9) Please take care of me when I grow old. You, too, will grow old.
- 10) On the ultimate difficult journey, go with me please. Never say you can't bear to watch. Don't make me face this alone. Everything is easier for me if you are there, because I love you so. ALWAYS!

"Long-Time Residents Find Homes"



LACEY MAE is a 7-year old female Dachshund/Hound mix who was surrendered by her owner on February 16, 2010. She was a full-figured girl when she arrived at the shelter and weighed 58

lbs. This little charmer quickly became the self-appointed HSOV Greeter and took up residence in the shelter manager's office. Lacy Mae began dieting (with a few lapses if there happened to be a meatball sub within easy reach) and exercising faithfully (with a little help from her friends). She lost nearly 20 lbs by mid-summer. Lacey Mae was transformed from a couch potato into a fitness queen (a little humor here!). Although many people loved her and commented what a great girl she was, nobody came to adopt her. Lacey Mae's picture was included on the photographic display of shelter animals at the HSOV Paws Walk on September 18th, and that changed everything! A wonderful lady fell in love with her photo and came to the shelter to adopt her on September 20th. It was a bittersweet moment to see Lacey Mae prance along with her new mistress, jump in her car, and sit proudly in the front seat as she drove away to her new home. Lacey Mae was part of our lives for 7 months. We miss her, yet we are very happy that she found a permanent home with someone to love her and spoil her 24 hours a day ☺



WILLIE AND WAYLON are 3-year old Shepherd/Akita and Rottweiler mixes, respectively, who were surrendered by their owner on June 30, 2010. These handsome boys had a somewhat deprived 'childhood', and they didn't appear to have had much attention or the opportunity to develop their social skills. Their lives changed dramatically when they made their debut at the shelter and were booked into our finest private suite (OK, it was actually the large nursery room off the lobby, but very nice indeed.) These good-looking guys were friendly and warmed up quickly to anyone who was kind to them and gained their trust. Neither of them had any experience walking on a leash, so that presented a bit of a challenge.



WILLIE



WAYLON

With patience, kindness, and guidance from our kennel techs and volunteers, that gradually improved. But Waylon was so dependent upon Willie that he wouldn't walk on a leash unless they were together. The boys were playful and energetic, and the toys that the shelter staff provided for their entertainment opened up a whole new world to them. It was incredibly touching to see these big guys playing with their newly-discovered toys and sleeping with their favorite plush teddy bears.

We knew that Willie and Waylon had the potential to become wonderful companion dogs if the right person were willing to spend some time working with them on their social skills and training. And we also realized that we must find someone who would adopt them into the same household since they were so dependent upon each other and had never been separated. Several people were interested in giving either of the boys a home but not both of them together.

A wonderful rescue group in Pittsburgh contacted us through our Canine Rescue Coordinator, Celeste Ridgway, after reading about "Willie & Waylon" and seeing their photos on our website. The rescue group had a family in that area who wanted to adopt these two big lovable boys together! Following home visits and vet checks, "Willie & Waylon" made the journey to Pittsburgh on October 1st and their new family absolutely adores them.

I'm so proud of everyone who plays a part in these happy endings, whether they are for dogs (and cats) who have been at the shelter for an extended period of time or the fortunate ones who are adopted or rescued quickly. Our shelter staff, volunteers, photographer/biographer, rescue coordinator, and transport drivers are all to be commended for making these happy endings possible. This is really a team effort and dependent on so many individuals. Thank You!! (Submitted by Sharon Paul)

"Long-Time Residents Find Homes"



COURAGE

COURAGE & SASSY are adorable 2-year old female Pit Bull Terrier mixes who were surrendered by their owner on April 16, 2010. Courage has a beautiful brindle/white coat while Sassy has a gorgeous fawn-colored coat. They were both lovely young ladies with nice personalities. Though everyone agreed they were wonderful girls and volunteers loved them, we were disappointed that nobody had expressed an interest in giving them a home. On June 29th, it broke our hearts to place an "URGENT" status next to these girls' names on our website. The shelter was nearly full, and since Courage and Sassy had been there almost 3 months, they would be euthanized when there were no more kennels available for new dogs being surrendered. We kept hoping that perhaps someone had been looking at these girls on our website and would come to adopt them before we had to make that heartbreaking decision.



SASSY

Our prayers were answered for Courage when a wonderful family came to the shelter on June 30th with print-outs from our website for several dogs on the "URGENT" list. They fell in love with Courage and promised to give her the best home ever. (She has been renamed Sadie, by the way, and her new family loves her more each day. She walks with her new mistress each day and has learned many new tricks!)

About a week later, our prayers for Sassy were also answered. On June 6th, another great family came to the shelter and asked to meet Sassy. This little charmer made such a favorable impression on the potential adopters that they couldn't say "no" to Sassy when she begged them to take her home with them.

"Sir Elliott"



ELLIOTT is a one-year old male Yellow Lab mix who came to the HSOV on May 25, 2010. He was such a lovable overgrown pup that it broke our heart to place an URGENT next to his name on June 29th -- meaning that he was on the euthanization list because the shelter was

filled to capacity. Celeste Ridgway, our Canine Rescue Coordinator, was thrilled when a family from Boston, Massachusetts contacted her to say that their son had fallen in love with Elliott's photos on our website and wanted to give him a home. The problem was how to get Elliott from Marietta to Boston. Dr. John Lee, who is a pilot and participates in the group Pilots N Paws, had flown several of our shelter dogs to new homes. He said he would be happy to fly Elliott on the first leg of his journey to Boston.

On August 19th, Elliott was given red carpet treatment as he left our shelter via private limousine (thanks to Jo Ellen Gray) to the Wood County Airport where Celeste, John Lee and his co-pilot were awaiting his arrival. The paparazzi (i.e., Sharon Paul) accompanied



him during the trip and snapped photos as though he were a 'rock star'. They watched as Elliott flew off into the wild blue yonder. We learned later that Elliott actually made it into the cockpit and checked the navigational maps to make sure they were on course. Two more pilots flew Elliott to his final destination and he arrived there around 6 o'clock.

Matthew, the small boy who had fallen in love with Elliott's pictures, said this was like 'Christmas In August' when he saw Elliott. He wanted Elliott to sleep with him that night, but his mother said Elliott must sleep in his own crate instead. Well, guess who ended up sleeping in the crate with Elliott.



Elliott and Matthew

Matthew and his mother, Luanne, have dubbed him "Sir Elliott", and he has become a very special part of their family. He accompanied them on a vacation trip to Maine recently, and they sent wonderful photos of Elliott on the beach in his cute little harness. Matthew and his mother sent a message to "please thank everyone for us and let them know we love Sir Elliott very much".

"Highlights Of Recent Events"



Broughton Foods Company selected the HSOV as the beneficiary of their annual **Ice Cream Social** which was held on Sunday, July 18th. This was their 100th Anniversary, and there was special entertainment and a record crowd in attendance. We had a large booth with information about the HSOV and a slideshow of shelter animals currently available for adoption which was well received. We are happy to report that this event raised nearly \$21,000 for the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. We'd like to extend our thanks to everyone who made this day a "dream come true". It was wonderful to see so many volunteers who were ready and willing to do whatever it took to make this event such a huge success. A special thanks to the wonderful folks at Broughton's and also to our Co-Chairpersons Louise Holmes and Carol McKittrick and

their fantastic committee! And congratulations to Erin O'Connell for winning first prize in the Cupcake Contest.

The **10th Annual Poker Run & Hog Roast** was held on Saturday, July 31st and was a major fundraiser which benefited the HSOV. There were 306 participants who registered for the bike ride, and the event raised over \$6,200 for the shelter. We want to extend a big "THANK YOU" to Rhonda Deem and Juanita Becker for their efforts in organizing this event for the 10th year! You guys are the best!!

The **Hairy Scary Paws Walk/Ashlee Scott Memorial Paws Walk** was held on Saturday, September 18th, and we had a record number of participants. There were 60 dogs and 1 very brave cat who registered to "Walk Their Paws" (actually the kitty was safely enclosed in her own stroller and rode the entire parade route in case you were worrying about her safety!) Ashlee Scott's mother, Lucy Scott, was our parade marshal and led the entourage for their walk down Front Street.



Several shelter dogs (wearing bright orange bandanas) participated and did themselves proud. This event raised \$3,200 for the shelter, and we certainly appreciated everyone who came to Muskingum Park on that lovely autumn morning in support of the HSOV. Plus it was sooo much fun to see so many dogs dressed in their Halloween outfits and to watch the contests for best tail wagger, owner/dog look-alikes, and best costumes.

"Highlights Of Recent Events"

The **5th Annual Marietta Brewing Company Music Festival** is always a fun-filled event, and this year's event which was held over a long weekend on September 23rd-26th was no exception. Live bands, great food & drinks were featured. This fundraiser raised nearly \$1,400 which benefited the HSOV. Thanks to Debbie Lawson for coordinating the Music Festival.

Thanks to **Tiffany Insley and Jennifer Deem** for organizing another successful Dog/Car Wash at Applebee's in Marietta on Saturday, September 25th. We washed a lot of cars and bathed many dogs that day, raised several hundred dollars in donations, and had fun in the process!

Throw Down For The Pound (Round 2)

was held on October 2nd at the Marietta Middle School and was a huge success. The attendance was even greater than for Round One, and we very happy to learn that nearly \$6,000 was donated to the HSOV afterwards. Thanks to everyone worked on this event, and a big round of applause for Adam Johnson of We Luv Pets for the major role he played in making this possible. Also to Buddy McKitrick (former HSOV shelter dog who graciously agreed to make an appearance). Buddy was a favorite with the wrestling stars and even had his photo taken with them before the bell was sounded to begin the first match. Another highlight of the evening featured our very own Barry Boice (kennel tech), who looked very official in his security shirt as he kept an eye on the crowd. Little did we realize that he would be involved in a sinister plot that involved him being hit over the head with a plastic gasoline can! Not to worry, nobody was injured, and it was actually pre-planned as part of the drama!!



Thanks to Jeff Walker, pastor of Hill United Methodist Church, for suggesting a very special event which had never been held at our shelter until this year. On Monday, October 4th, Pastor Walker officiated the **"Blessing of The Shelter**

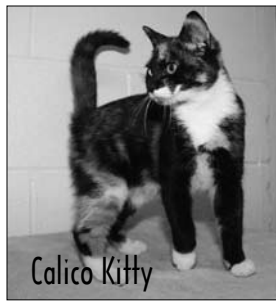
Animals" ceremony and this was truly an incredible evening. This ceremony commemorates the Feast Day of St. Francis, Patron Saint of Animals. Pastor Walker blessed each and every dog and cat who found themselves in our shelter on that night. Three dogs with special needs received additional blessings (one who was blind, one with an embedded collar, and another one with treatable mange). Everyone who attended the ceremony brought donations of items that the shelter animals could use, and this was yet another blessing. Thanks to our volunteers who provided delicious homemade baked goods for refreshments afterwards. Pastor Walker has indicated that he would like to see this **"Blessing Of The Shelter Animals"** become an annual event, and we couldn't agree more.



Jeff Walker, Pastor

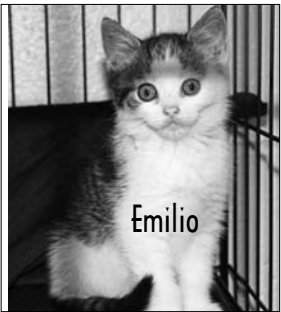


Thanks to **Cheryl Hall and Kelly Travaglio** for organizing their dog wash fundraiser which was held at the HSOV shelter on Sunday, November 7, 2010. They raised \$240 by bathing/grooming, clipping nails, and cleaning the ears of 24 dogs with some help from other volunteers (Becky Johnston, Kala Hall, Cindy and Gracie Curtician). Charile Hall donated beverages/snacks for their refreshment table. Several customers have asked when the next dog wash would be held, so Cheryl and Kelly are thinking about a repeat performance during the first week in December. *Check our website/facebook/Marietta Times for an announcement!*



SHOWCASING SOME OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CATS AND KITTENS

We have many wonderful cats and kittens in our shelter just waiting for someone to fall in love with them and give them a loving home. We'd like to take this opportunity to showcase a few of these fabulous felines who are currently available for adoption.



Many of these beautiful cats have been surrendered by their owners while others have been brought in by Good Samaritans who found them wandering around on their own. Several have already been spayed or neutered when they come to the shelter and occasionally there are declawed cats as well.



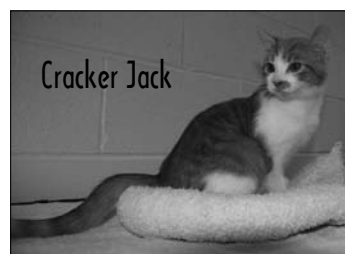
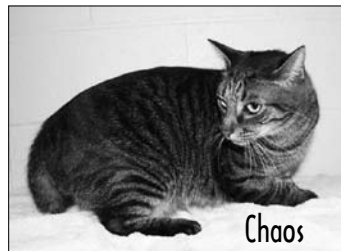
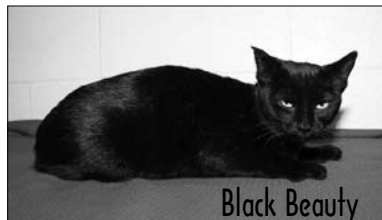
In many instances, the cats which are brought to the shelter and labeled as "strays" have surely been a beloved pet who wandered away. When you spend just a few minutes with these beautiful cats, it is apparent that they have belonged to someone who loved them. They are just too affectionate, playful, and well cared for to have been stray cats. Please remind your friends, relatives, and neighbors to contact the shelter (telephone, visit the shelter, or view the pets on our website) if they have a missing cat. Many people contact the shelter if their dog is missing, yet many don't think about contacting us when their cat is missing.



There are normally 50-70 cats and kittens at the HSOV at any given time. If the guy or girl of your dreams isn't pictured on this page, please visit the shelter to meet the current residents or meet them online. Our website (www.hsov.org) and Facebook Group & Fan pages are updated on a daily basis with photographs and descriptions of new cats (and dogs) which have made their debut recently.



Wintertime is a purrfect time to snuggle up with a cat (or better yet, two cats!)



THEY LIGHT UP OUR LIVES!

During the month of December, the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley would like to once again remember and honor the pets that have brightened and enriched our lives.

We will be placing a Christmas tree with strands of lights in the window at American Flags and Poles on Front Street. A living pet will be represented by a colored light and a pet that has passed away will be remembered by a white light. The tree will be lit beginning Saturday, November 27, 2010.

Animal lovers are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$5.00 per pet in honor of their pets or their friends' and family's pets during the month of December.

A free, keepsake booklet listing the names of the animals who are being honored as well as the names of those who have sent contributions will be available at the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley and American Flags and Poles beginning Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

The attached form plus contribution may be mailed or brought to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley or dropped off at We Love Pets, American Flags and Poles, and Kelly's Shedding Shack throughout the month of December.

Please remember your much loved pet during the upcoming season when our thoughts turn to those we love and cherish.

Thank you!

Humane Society of the Ohio Valley



* Name of Living Pet(s) (colored light):

* Name of Deceased Pet(s) (white light):

* Name of Contributor(s):

* Check: ____ (made payable to HSOV)

* Cash: ____

* Amount of contribution (number of pets x \$5.00): _____

* If you need a receipt, please list your address:

___ No I do not want a booklet

___ Yes, I will be picking up a booklet.

___ I would like my booklet mailed for an additional \$1.00.

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

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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

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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.

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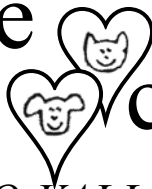
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IN MEMORY OF "JESSICA"



Jessica was a 3-month old kitten who came to the HSOV with her twin sister Jennifer. These beautiful girls and 886 other adorable

cats/kittens were euthanized during the period Jan-Oct 2010. It is heartbreaking to look at this innocent face and know that Jessica 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"

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