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Hours of Operation:
 Tuesday-Friday..... 11:00am-5:00pm
 Saturday-Sunday.... 11:00am-4:00pm
 Monday Closed
 (By Appointment Only on Monday)

SHELTER STATISTICS

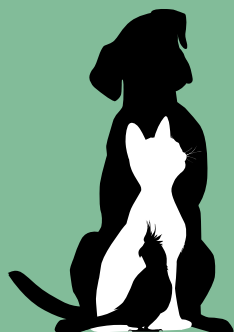
January-November 2017

Dogs/Puppies:

Intakes729
 Adopted.....256
 Reclaimed.....173
 Rescue Transfers271
 Euthanized @ Vet14
 Died In Foster or Vet.....2

Cats/Kittens:

Intakes818
 Adopted342
 Reclaimed.....15
 Rescue Transfers..... 340
 Euthanized @ Vet26
 Died In Shelter13
 Died in Foster or Vet.....29



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HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT JULIE LOWTHER REFLECTS UPON THE PAST YEAR AT HSOV

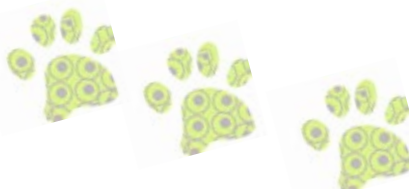
As we wind down 2017 at HSOV, let us reflect on all the many changes that have occurred over the year.

There have been a few changes within the staff. In April we hired a new Humane Officer, Jon McIntire, and he hit the ground running. On October 3rd we saw the departure of long-time HSOV Manager/Humane Officer Misty Carpenter. Then came a new Manager, Tim Cole, on October 30th. Tim is leading the way with some operational changes to let things run smoother while focusing on ways to reduce costs.

Our efforts have been to focus on the many needed upgrades in and around the shelter. In May, we were able to put in a walking path with the help and hard work of Devin Aufdenkampe and his Eagle Scout team. The drainage issues have been fixed. We were able to purchase a new washer and dryer thanks to an anonymous donation. A storage unit has arrived which has let us clean out some rooms within the shelter and will lead to projects in 2018. The list can go on and on.

I would like to thank everyone who has made a difference at the shelter. I always say, "It takes a village". Any and all volunteer help, donation, or social media post helps to make a difference. Never think that what you do is too little. Everything makes a difference within someone's life ... be it the shelter animals, our great staff, the generous volunteers or this wonderful community. I appreciate each and every one of you. Here is to an even better 2018!

Julie Lowther
 President 2017
 HSOV Board of Directors



HSOV SHELTER STAFF

Shelter Manager – Timothy Cole
Adoptions Clerk – Sharon Morris
Humane Officer – Jon McIntire

HSOV Kennel Technicians

Rennelle Casto
Caylajo Congdon
Clyde Duffey
Tyler Gill
Maranda Markwood
Liz Stingley
Devon Stout
Katelyn York

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Vice President – Amy Rogers
Secretary – Teresa Cunningham
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Sharon Paul



2017 HSOV COMMITTEES

Building/Maintenance/Grounds

Chair – Holli Mannix
Co-Chair – Linda Perry
Donna Ball
Timothy Cole – *Ex Officio*

Finance

Chair – Amy Rogers
Co-Chair – Becky Johnston
Teresa Cunningham
Julie Lowther
Bill Mannix

Fundraising

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Co-Chair – Jamiann Voshel
Becky Johnston
Michele Reed
Deb Ryder
Assistance from Board Members

Homeward Bound

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Co-Chair – Sharon Paul
Donna Ball
Teresa Cunningham
Holli Mannix
Timothy Cole- *Ex Officio*

Canine Rescue Coordinators –
Celeste Ridgway, Teresa Cunningham
Feline Rescue Coordinator –
Sharon Paul
Foster Program – Timothy Cole,
Rennelle Casto, Celeste Ridgway,
Sharon Paul
Rescue Transport – Jo Ellen Gray,
Marilyn House

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Chair – Teresa Cunningham
Co-Chair – Holli Mannix
Julie Lowther
Sharon Paul
Christie Sallee

Operations

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Co-Chair – Julie Lowther
Board Members
Timothy Cole- *Ex Officio*

Public Relations

Chair – Linda Perry
Co-Chair – Sharon Paul
Ginger Eubank
Julie Lowther

Newsletter Editor – Sharon Paul
Petfinder/Facebook/Photographer –
Sharon Paul
Website – Patricia Walter

Volunteer

Chair – Amy Rogers
Co-Chair – Beth Underwood
Brenda DeWees
Ginger Eubank
Julie Lowther
Linda Perry
Timothy Cole- *Ex Officio*



Congratulations to ***Esther Salem*** who was elected to the HSOV Board of Directors by the membership at our annual meeting on December 5, 2017. Esther is a resident of Marietta Ohio and is a faculty member at ***Washington State Community College*** where she is Professor/Computer Science. Esther will be serving a three-year term for years 2018 through 2020. We look forward to having Esther as a Board member and part of the HSOV team ☺

Thank you to the ***2017 HSOV Fundraising Committee (Jamiann Voshel, Becky Johnston, Shelly Kidd, Deb Ryder, and Michele Reed)*** for their devotion which they have shown in each of the fundraising events that they have planned and organized in 2017 and past years. These ladies have spent hundreds of hours working toward many successful fundraising endeavors. The Committee submitted their resignation effective December 5, 2017 after their record-breaking Christmas Bingo event. Please know that your accomplishments are appreciated immensely. We hope that you will continue to support the HSOV animals who need help from all of our community.

Thank you to ***Sharon Paul*** who accepted an interim Board position appointment to fill an unexpired term earlier this year. Sharon served from March-December 2017 and has now resumed her full-time passion of working behind the scenes photographing our shelter souls and writing their stories.



HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Weekly	\$2.00 Tuesdays (HSOV Facebook Donation Posts)
Weekly	HSOV 'Wednesday Wish List' (HSOV Facebook Posts) [Food/Supplies Needed for Shelter Animals]
Dec. 2017	They Light Up Our Lives Fundraiser (Flyer Enclosed)
Tuesday Jan. 2, 2018	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office 223 Putnam Street, Marietta OH
Tuesday Feb. 6, 2018	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Tuesday Mar. 6, 2017	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Saturday Mar. 31, 2018	15th Annual Fur Ball Dance/Auction, 7:00pm-midnight Shrine Club, 249 Pennsylvania Ave, Marietta OH
Tuesday Apr. 3, 2018	HSOV Board meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Saturday Apr. 21, 2018	Throw Down for the Pound 17: Elevation (6:00pm-10:00pm) Marietta Middle School Gymnasium, Marietta OH
Tuesday May 1, 2018	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Saturday May 12, 2018	Gun Shoot Fundraiser [Details to be announced] Marietta Gun Club, Route 821 near Whipple OH
Saturday May 19, 2018	Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 482 Pike St, Marietta OH



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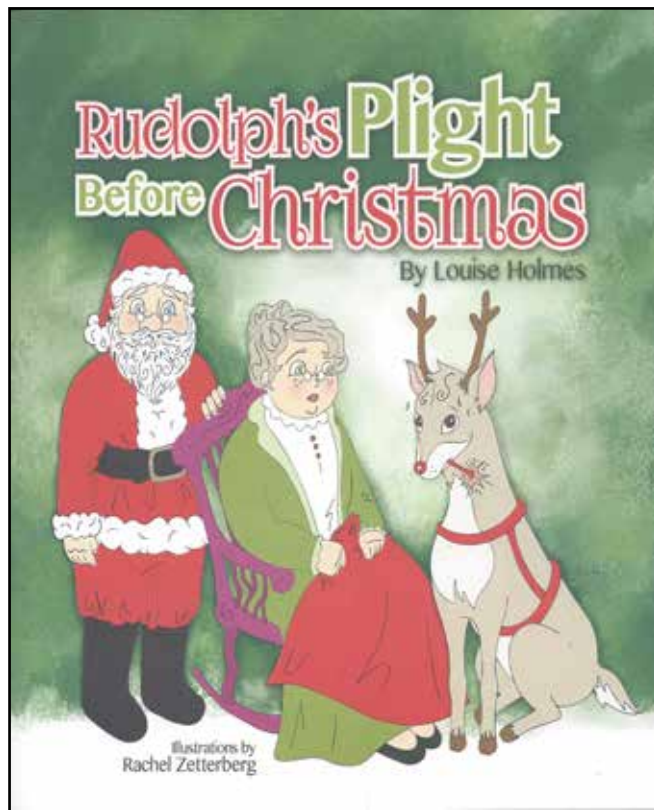
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The link to the HSOV AmazonSmile website is ... [http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4393873](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4393873)



The HSOV is enrolled in the KROGER COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM. If you are a Kroger shopper, this is a way that you can monetarily support our shelter by simply using your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card.

You must have a Kroger Plus card (free and available at the customer service desk at any Kroger location). You will need to register your card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and choose the HSOV as the non-profit organization you wish to support. Just visit the website, follow the instructions, and enter NPO Number 93301 or the name 'Humane Society of the Ohio Valley', select our organization from the list, and confirm. You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card when shopping for your purchases in order to benefit the shelter. The HSOV is given a percentage of sales purchased by registered card holders. We have received approximately \$6,000 in the past year thanks to our HSOV Kroger Shoppers ☺



“Rudolph’s Plight Before Christmas” is a delightful holiday children’s book which was written by local author and avid HSOV supporter **Louise Holmes**. The book is a clever twist on the classic Rudolph tale and was originally written as a Christmas morning story by Louise for her grandchildren when they were small youngsters. We are honored (and thankful) that Louise has graciously donated several of her books to the HSOV and will donate all of the proceeds from sales to our shelter ♥

Louise has served on the HSOV Board of Directors and has worn many hats throughout her years of involvement with the HSOV (and most likely that included a hard hat during construction of the present shelter building in the early 1980s) ♥ Louise and her husband, Ron, are Lifetime Members of the HSOV and also sponsor an HSOV kennel each year.

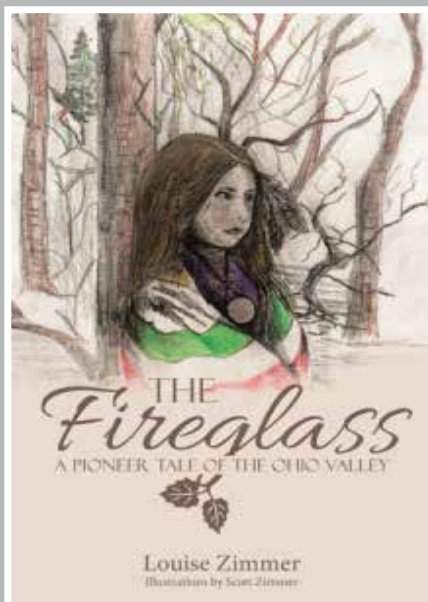
“Rudolph’s Plight Before Christmas” is available for purchase at the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley, 90 Mt. Tom Road, Marietta Ohio for a \$12 donation to the HSOV. Limited copies are also available from Shelly Galland, Julie Lowther, and Angela Zinn.

Thank you to Louise Zimmer’s children who fulfilled their mother’s dream. What a wonderful legacy and tribute to this amazing lady ♥ Louise’s children presented the first royalty check from Louise’s book “The Fireglass” to the HSOV on December 7, 2017

“Louise Zimmer, who died December 21, 2015, was a well-known historian, storyteller and author of the Ohio Valley. She lived in Marietta, where she worked at the Washington County Public Library for 18 years as reference librarian and head of the History/Genealogy Department before retiring in 1992. She was the author of books, a newspaper column, and a long-running radio series, “Pioneer City Past.”

By these, Zimmer left a legacy of invaluable history writings, which continue with her fourth book and only work of fiction. Zimmer completed this only a short time before her death. Entitled “The Fireglass: A Pioneer Tale of the Ohio Valley”, the novel was published by Louise Zimmer’s children who wanted to make their mother’s dream a reality.

The Fireglass tells the story of Peter Shamokin, a young man who comes of age amid neglect and sorrow in the high-risk environment of the Ohio frontier in the late eighteenth century.



Despite his hard existence, Peter finds some solace and contentment. He possesses a fireglass, a gift given to him by a trader for a favor, which serves as both a magnifying glass and a fire starter.

Then, one day, Peter rescues a baby from among the bodies of her murdered family in the wreckage of a flatboat. He names her Dinah and resolves to take care of her, and from that moment on, his life forever changes. Although history is being made in the Ohio Valley, Peter manages to avoid becoming involved, living his life instead only through the needs of his new daughter until history closes in to at last touch her.

Louise Zimmer’s children dedicated the publication of this, her last work, in her loving memory, whose work touched many lives and whose love, encouragement, support, and strength for her family shaped their lives. The book is available locally in the gift shops of Campus Martius Museum in Marietta and Blennerhassett Museum in Parkersburg. It is also available online through Amazon and other retailers.

All royalties will be donated to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley in Marietta Ohio.”

[Reprinted from The Marietta Times October 24 2017]

Hope was a cute 5-month old female Pit Bull Terrier mix puppy who arrived at the

HSOV on July 26, 2017 with her mother (**Baby**) and her sister (**Faith**) after they were picked up by our HSOV Humane Officer and our County Dog Warden. Momma Baby (with assistance from our kennel techs and volunteers) raised Hope and Faith to be happy, playful youngsters in spite of growing up in a shelter environment.



Hope had a white short smooth coat, a long tail, and a darling face with a chocolate brown button nose, patches of brown around both of her eyes, and the cutest white-and-brown spotted short floppy ears. Hope had the sweetest facial expressions and actually 'smiled' when she was looking at her favorite person in the world .. Humane Officer **Jon**



McIntire ☺ And the feeling was mutual ☺ ☺ Hope was the last of the girls to be photographed during their photo session on August 31st and the volunteer who took their pictures had tears rolling down her cheeks as she watched Hope bestowing kisses on Jon's face when their photo session was over .. and Jon was hugging/kissing her in return. Jon confided that it was Hope whom he credited with rescuing this little family. This little angel weighed approximately 45 lbs. She was still perfecting her walking-on-a-leash skills but did very well after she had been outdoors with you for a few minutes and gained her self-confidence to walk beside you.

Baby and Faith were adopted together on October 12th. We felt sad for Hope at that time (being left alone) but realized several weeks later that there was a perfect home waiting for Hope that we did not yet know about



Unbeknownst to us, the nicest young woman (**Hanna Sinnett**) had seen Hope's pictures/story on Facebook/ Petfinder and felt she would be a perfect addition to their family. Hanna came to meet Hope in person, and there was an instant connection between them. Hope was adopted on December 1st 2017 and, true to her loving nature, she was giving good-bye kisses to HSOV kennel techs and volunteers and also lots of kisses to her new momma ♥ We were over-the-moon happy for Hope! Naturally we took photos of Hope with her new momma as she left the shelter to begin the next chapter in her life ♥ ♥



On the evening of December 2nd we received a message from Hanna which brought happy tears to our eyes (and perhaps explained why Hope was not adopted back in October with her mother and sister):



"Hey we adopted the white female Pit Bull Hope yesterday. Hope took to my autistic daughter (Thalia) and my non-verbal little girl actually talks to her and calls her Poppy! We love Hope, perfect match"

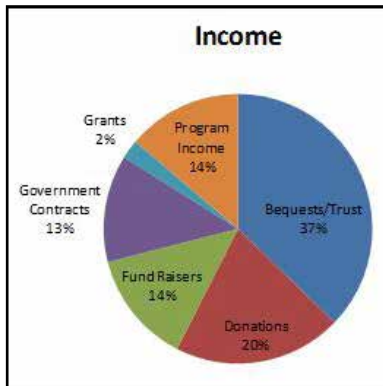
Hanna wrote a few days later that ***"Hope is perfect, and we love her so much! She and our other dog get along great, and we take them to the park for walks together."***



When we learned the miraculous part of the story about Hope and Hanna's autistic daughter Thalia, we understood the reason why Hope wasn't meant to be adopted with her mother/sister. There was a bigger role that Hope was destined to play in Thalia's life ♥

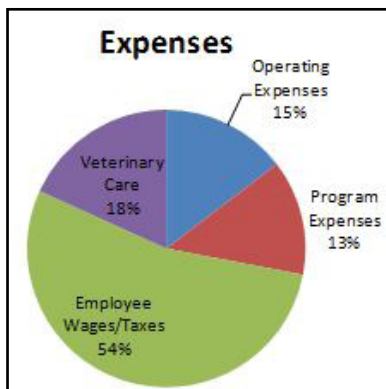
We realize that discussing money is a delicate subject but want to share a glimpse of our 'household' finances with supporters and to be transparent about what it takes to keep the HSOV operating each month. Thanks to HSOV Board of Directors Treasurer **Amy Rogers** for providing this financial information.

HSOV Finances At A Glance ***(Figures Based On Fiscal Years 2016-2017)***



INCOME:

The HSOV operates on an average of \$38,337 per month. Most income is not received on a monthly basis and instead comes in quarterly or when fundraisers take place. A breakdown of income sources by percentage is shown in this pie chart. Program income includes adoptions, microchipping, and other services provided by the shelter; reimbursement of veterinary care for animals that go to rescue; and public donations that are earmarked to offset vet bills.



EXPENSES:

HSOV expenses average \$40,679 per month. A breakdown of expenses by percentages is shown in this pie chart. Program expenses include all animal-related care (vaccinations, wormer, cleaning supplies, food, etc) with the exception of veterinary care which is listed as a separate expense. Operating expenses include facility costs, office supplies, accounting services, and utilities.

So you can see that, on average, HSOV runs on a deficit of \$2,342 per month or \$28,104 per year. We are including several ways to donate so that the HSOV can continue to give Washington County Ohio animals the best care possible

The IRA (Individual Retirement Account) Charitable Rollover is a fantastic way to make a tax-free donation to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. If you are 70-1/2 years or older, you can make arrangements with your IRA administrator to transfer your donation directly from your IRA account to the HSOV or to our accounts at the Marietta Community Foundation. Individuals can make a gift up to \$100,000 to satisfy the required minimum distribution from your IRA, and the gift will not be taxed as income to you. As always, be sure to check with your financial advisor for specific details.

Three Funds Are Maintained at the Marietta Community Foundation (100 Putnam Street, Marietta OH 45750) for the benefit of the HSOV. Donations made to these funds are tax-deductible and are also a great way to help the shelter and HSOV animals:

- 1) Humane Society of the Ohio Valley: Foundation/Agency Fund**
[General fund for shelter expenses]
- 2) Humane Society of the Ohio Valley: Medical Fund**
[Established to provide resources for medical purposes of shelter animals]
- 3) Humane Society of the Ohio Valley: Capital Improvements and Maintenance Fund**
[For present shelter facility]

And of course we always welcome direct donations by visiting the HSOV so that we may personally thank you for supporting our shelter. Checks may also be mailed to HSOV, 90 Mount Tom Road, Marietta OH 45750. We also accept credit cards (and cash) ☺ Online donations may be made on our www.hsov.org website by credit card or Paypal account.

The HSOV participated in the Marietta Community Foundation's 2017

Grant-Your-Grant Contest

which was held November 12-18, 2017. The theme for the 2017 Challenge was ***"Reflecting The Past, Celebrating The Present"***. Non-profit organizations that currently held an Agency Fund at MCF were eligible to submit two photos that best captured the essence of how their organization had evolved (one photo from the past and one from the present which illustrated where your organization was and where you are now). A brief 50-word description was also permitted to accompany the photos. The photos were posted on the Marietta Community Foundation Facebook page and the three entrants' photos which received the most "likes" by November 18th were to receive a portion of the matched funds.

As our entry we chose past/present photographs of our HSOV Humane Officers (***Butch Morris/Levi Seevers*** for the past; ***Jon McIntire*** for the present) with the description:



"Since our charter in 1888 the HSOV has been the voice for abused/neglected animals in Washington County Ohio. The first paid employee was a Humane Officer and our staff/humane officers proudly continue that tradition. Dogs/cats receive loving care and medical attention while they await their new homes."



Thank you to everyone who voted for the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley in the ***Marietta Community Foundation 2017 Grant Your Grant Contest***. Please know how much we appreciate each individual who voted in this Grant-Your-Grant Challenge and those who support the HSOV in so many ways♥The winners were announced on November 20, 2017 and our shelter's photo entries (Humane Officers with dogs) had a total of 1,139 "Likes" which put us in First Place. We were awarded \$6,000 (which was deposited in our account at Marietta Community Foundation). Eve Inc, Marietta Band Boosters, and Marietta Main Street were also winners and received grants totaling \$5,500, \$5,000, and \$4,000 respectively.

These grants were made possible thanks to the generosity of donors who established Unrestricted Funds at Marietta Community Foundation as well as a generous contribution from Parkersburg Superior Toyota Hyundai.

The HSOV wishes to thank Marietta Community Foundation, Superior Toyota Hyundai, and the following donors:

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Harold & Janet Cranston Charitable Fund
Norman J. Murray Family Charitable Fund
Virginia K. Mayle & Peter Polites Family Charitable Fund
Glen "Pete"& Jean Thorne Memorial Fund
Frank & Virginia "Ginny" Amrine Memorial Fund
Walter E. Patton Memorial Fund
Sharon D. Paul [Private Donor/2017 Grant Your Grant Contest]





Snickers was a beautiful 9-year old female kitty who was surrendered by her owner on December 1, 2016 along with nearly 40 of her companions who shared her previous home. Snickers' housemates soon began finding homes of their very own and were all adopted over the next several months, but Snickers was always overlooked for some reason ☹️

Snickers had a white-and-dark brown tabby short smooth coat, a long tail, and an adorable chubby face with a tiny brown heart-shaped mark on the end of her nose. She had a 'snaggle tooth' (upper right canine) which gave her the cutest expressions. Snickers had a calm, gentle personality and loved attention but would let you know when she'd had enough 😊 (After all age has its privileges). Snickers had spent Christmas 2016 in a small cage and nearly a year later it seemed that she would once again be spending Christmas alone in a shelter cage. Shelter staff and kitty volunteers dreamed of a quiet home for Snickers where she could snuggle up with her new mistress (or master) or snooze in a comfy bed nearby and perhaps have a Christmas tree of her very own..

We decided to launch a facebook campaign in late November 2017 with updated photographs and publicity in hopes of finding a fantastic home for Snickers. She had gained a little weight over the past year and weighed nearly 10 lbs (after all there is little to look forward to other than gourmet food when you are sitting in a cage by yourself). Snickers posed like a super model and was absolutely ravishing ❤️

Her publicity release was posted and we hoped for good reviews (and an adoption application) ...

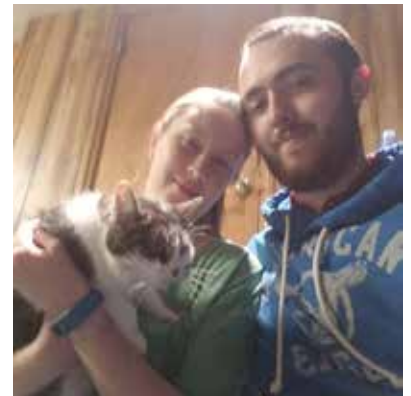
HSOV Kitty "Snickers" is anticipating that she might be chosen by Cat Fancy Magazine to be their 2018 'Cat Of The Year'! 😊 **Snickers posed for new glamour photos on November 26th so that her portfolio would be up-to-date, and we wanted to give our local HSOV audience a 'sneak preview'. Snickers will soon be observing her first-year anniversary of the day she entered our shelter (December 1, 2016). She was accompanied by about 40 of her best friends, and they have all found homes. Snickers is a beautiful 10-year old spayed female white-and-brown tabby girl who has much love to bestow upon her new mistress, master, or new family. She has a calm, lovable personality and would be ever so happy to snuggle up next to you or curl up in a nice comfy bed nearby. We hope that one of these photos of Snickers might touch a special person who would open up their heart/home for this**

special kitty. Snickers will happily turn down the "Cat Of The Year" for a loving home ❤️

On the evening of December 8th we received a message from **Courtney Howell** that was music to our ears: **"My husband and I are interested in adopting the cat named Snickers that has been in the shelter for a year. We would love to come see her tomorrow."**

Courtney and Cody Howell arrived at the HSOV bright and early on the morning of Saturday December 9, 2017, and it was obviously 'Love At First Sight' for both Snickers and Courtney. Our kennel techs made the introduction and within minutes Snickers was snuggled in Courtney's arms 😊 The adoption was finalized and Snickers was soon on her way home ❤️

Cody and Courtney have posted beautiful pictures and updates about Snickers, and we have chosen two of our favorites to publish with this article. We love seeing Snickers with her very own family and relaxing in front of her very own Christmas tree. Thank you to the Howell Family for making Snickers' dream of a home for Christmas 2017 come true ❤️ ❤️



Odin was an awesome 2-year old male kitty who came to the HSOV on January 20, 2017 along with nearly 45 of his former housemates

after their mistress passed away and there was nowhere else for them to call home ☹️ Odin was a very frightened boy when he first entered our shelter, but just imagine what he was feeling (being in a small cage by himself after being accustomed to having the freedom of his own home).

Odin had a brown tabby coat and an adorable chubby-looking face with a white milk mustache. Odin's original photos were not very flattering since he always had his ears flattened out (and was showing his pearly-whites). Our photographer was actually intimidated by Odin for the first few months he was in our shelter until we discovered that the camera flash (or even a cell phone picture) was very stressful for him. He did not flatten his ears otherwise. Odin's lifestyle improved dramatically when he was upgraded to a larger cat tower in our lobby and he was much happier there. He enjoyed being petted and loved being brushed with a soothing soft-bristled kitty brush. In September 2017 our shelter manager at that time (***Misty Carpenter***) gave Odin his freedom and, much to his delight, he became a free-roaming lobby cat

Odin became a favorite with the kennel techs who cared for him on a daily basis, and our photographer had also fallen in love with that big 11 lb guy ☺️ Odin's looks were deceiving since he had a 'rugged' appearance, but he was actually one BIG pussycat (pun intended) who enjoyed attention. Odin began showing us the playful side of his personality and dearly loved playing with dangling balls/feathery teaser toys. He could often be seen taking leisurely naps and especially loved to curl up and look irresistible on the countertop in ***Sharon Morris'*** office (HSOV Adoption Clerk).



We dreamed of a purrfect home for Odin, and it so happened that a super nice lady who had adopted an HSOV orange tabby boy (Sparta) in late August 2017 was looking for a companion for him. ***Amy Wilkinson*** loved her experience with HSOV and wanted to give another one of our shelter cats the same opportunity as Sparta. Amy looked at our cat photos on Petfinder/Facebook and read their descriptions, and for some reason she kept coming back to Odin. She made the journey from Gallipolis Ohio to meet the candidates in person and, sure enough, it was Odin who stole her heart ❤️ Odin went home with Amy on September 22nd and she has written glowing reports about Odin and Sparta (who has been re-named Fred). Some of the stories are heartwarming while others are very amusing, and it is obvious that Odin 'won the kitty lottery' when he joined Fred, Amy, and her family ☺️

Odin and Fred were best friends within an hour of their introduction.

Amy wrote that she figured the best she could hope for was that they would tolerate each other, but instead they are always together and have to be touching each other even when they sleep ❤️ The boys are now wearing matching Harley-Davidson kitty collars.

Odin loves to rub Amy's face and follows her around everywhere. She writes that Odin is the mischief-maker of the two boys and loves to get into kitchen cabinets and other places he isn't supposed to be ☺️ Fred (aka Sparta) has assumed the role of Odin's protector and regularly grooms him. Fred has also become more playful with Odin in their home, and the boys race through the house having the time of their lives. The boys love to lie in front of their fake fireplace and soak up the heat now that the weather has turned cold. Amy tells us that both Odin and Fred love kitty treats and have gained a little weight lately.

Thank you ***Amy Wilkinson*** for adopting Odin and Fred and for giving us permission to share a glimpse of their new life with your family. Cats are much happier with kitty companions, and we hope that Amy's experience will encourage others to adopt cats in pairs (or trios) ❤️ ❤️

The 2017 HSOV 'BARK IN THE PARK' Paws Walk and Family/Dog Carnival

was held on Sunday, October 1, 2017 at Tomlinson Park in Williamstown WV. This fundraiser is one of our most popular events, and we love seeing our community/supporters bringing their dogs to compete for prizes and to raise funds for our shelter. We look forward to seeing the clever costumes that the dogs are wearing, and they seem to know just how cute they look ☺



Thank you to the sponsors who generously made monetary contributions or donations and helped to make this year's Paws Walk a huge success:

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Colonial Animal Hospital
Williamstown Animal Hospital
Williamstown Bank



Leader of the Pack

River City Pet Hospital

Best Friend

Jamiann Voshel (BHHS Real Estate Center)
S&P Harley
Winding Road Kennel



And thank you to the vendors who joined us that day: **Harlen The Balloon Man, LuLaRoe, Stretches and More, Premiere Jewelry, WeLovPets, and Winding Road Kennel**

Ashley McMahan (The Dog Gone Groomer) hosted a 'nail trim' boutique and gave doggie pedicures throughout the event (and graciously donated the proceeds to the HSOV) ☺



A special thank-you to **Pastor David Calvert (First United Methodist Church, Williamstown WV)** for bestowing a beautiful **'Blessing Of The Animals'** upon each and every pet in attendance. And to **Lucy Scott** for leading the **'Ashlee Scott Parade of Paws Memorial Walk'** immediately following the blessing.

Thanks to **Nathan Hess** who donated his time, talent, and sound equipment to serve as our **'Master of Ceremonies'** for the HSOV Paws Walk again in 2017. If you need a DJ for a party or event, we would highly recommend Nathan Hess 😊

Four HSOV shelter dogs were in attendance (**Blanche, Dudley, Laila Ali, and Wesley**) and were accompanied by HSOV Kennel Techs (**Rennelle Casto, Caylajo Congdon, Tyler Gill, Maranda Markwood, Liz Stingley and Devon Stout**). We were like proud parents as we watched each of our dogs put their best paw forward in hopes of finding a new home. 😊 One of our shelter dogs (**Carrie**) who was in foster care also made an appearance with her foster family (**Katty & Cassidy Gilbert**) 😊 😊

A HUGE round of applause with thanks to our **HSOV Fundraising Committee (Jamiann Voshel, Becky Johnston, Deb Ryder, Shelly Kidd, and Michele Reed)** and all of the volunteers and board members who worked to make the 2017 Paws Walk memorable and successful. The net profit for this event raised \$2718.36 for our shelter ❤️

The 2017 HSOV 'BARK IN THE PARK'



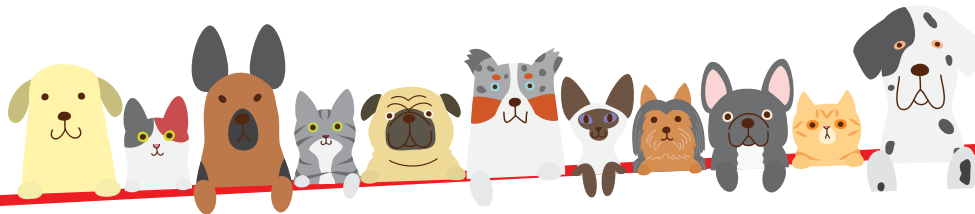


The HSOV depends upon our loyal volunteers who walk/socialize dogs and cuddle/play with the cats, and we welcome new volunteers with open arms ☺ There are also many other activities to help including: assisting at adopt-a-thons, fundraising events, grant writing, animal grooming, ground-keeping/maintenance, nursing home visits with animals, and transport.

General Volunteer Orientation is held from 1:00-3:00pm on Sundays and pre-registration is not required. You may complete your volunteer application form that day. **Linda Perry** and **Brenda DeWees** conduct our orientation. You will be given a tour of our shelter, a volunteer handbook, and a safety/educational briefing of the “do’s and don’ts”. You will meet some of our adoptable cats when Linda conducts the Kitty ‘Jungle Room’ segment of the orientation. And you will meet some shelter dogs and be briefed on safe handling/walking procedures when Brenda leads you through this part of orientation.

We can also schedule orientations on an alternate day if Sundays are inconvenient. **Ginger Eubank, Julie Lowther, Amy Rogers,** and **Beth Underwood** are always ready and eager to provide orientation sessions for new volunteers as well ☺

An enhancement to our volunteer orientation program in 2017 requires that you complete a **“Three Shadows And You’re In”** before being presented with your official HSOV Volunteer Badge & Lanyard. After attending general orientation, you will be required to complete three separate ‘shadowing’ sessions with an experienced dog walker before walking dogs by yourself. This gives new volunteers a little more confidence in handling dogs and also gives you an opportunity to become acquainted with fellow volunteers. We’d love to have you join our circle of volunteers ☺



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| • Tax-deductible cash donations | • Pet Carriers (all sizes) | • Vinyl (non-latex) gloves | • Aluminum cans (for recycling) |
| • Sam's Club & Wal-Mart gift cards | • Blankets & towels | • Hand sanitizer | • Hot dogs/spray cheese (for meds) |
| • Gasoline debit cards | • Pet shampoo | • Plastic watering cans | • Safe Paws ice melter (winter months only) |
| • Purina dog/puppy chow | • Flea/tick medication | • Hose spray nozzles | • Please note we no longer accept newspapers |
| • Purina cat/kitten chow | • Laundry detergent | • Heavy-duty leaf/lawn bags (60-gallon size) | |
| • Canned/wet dog/cat food | • Bleach | • Kitchen trash bags (20-gallon size) | |
| • Stainless steel food/water bowls | • Odo-Ban disinfectant/deodorizer | • Grooming supplies | |
| • Cat litter (non-clumping) | • Dishwashing liquid | • Nail clippers | |
| • Litter pans & scoops (stainless steel only) | • Window cleaner | • Office supplies | |
| • Dog leashes/collars/harnesses | • Paper towels & toilet paper | • Copier/laser printer paper | |
| • Dog/cat treats | • Spray bottles | | |
| • Dog/cat toys | • First-aid supplies | | |
| • Dog/cat beds | | | |

WISH LIST



THUNDER has been such a blessing to me and my family.

He was only about 4-months old when I adopted him from the HSOV in 2012. I remember looking at his picture on the computer and being in love. I already had my dog Toby, but I was just looking on Petfinder for a companion for him to play with. As soon as I met Thunder later that day, I knew he was supposed to be my dog. A couple of days later, I was driving home with my new best friend ☺

We have accomplished and overcome so much. Thunder overcame Parvo, aggression, performance sports, and even moving! My husband is a Marine, so Thunder has moved from Ohio to South Carolina and now California. He loves the moves because of all of the new environments and people. He also competes in a couple performance sports. As you can tell by the picture, Thunder is pretty good at it too ☺ He does agility, tricks, and rally/obedience. He has his AKC Canine Good Citizen title, his AKC Rally Novice title, his Novice/Intermediate/Advanced Trick Dog titles, and a couple of USDAA titles (Starters Performance Jumpers, Starters Performance Standard, and Performance Dog). We are currently working on his Expert Trick Dog title. Thunder does not care much about the titles or ribbons, but he loves to compete and to be in a show ring.

As of today, he is ***Thunder From Down Under CGC RN SPJ SPS PD NTD ITD ATD.***

I would never have guessed that we would have accomplished so much! Thunder is my wonder dog. I am a certified dog trainer, and he is one of my demo dogs. Who would have thought this dog, who could not be around people or dogs at one point in his life, is now a dog who can go to a dog park and can go around and play with other dogs and mooch up to other people for butt scratches ☺ He was worth every penny, and I have to thank the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley for allowing me to adopt him.



Thank you Sami Cunningham for sharing this heartwarming update about Thunder's life after he left the HSOV and began his adventures with you on April 24, 2012 ☺ We are in awe of his accomplishments and all of those ribbons and titles, and it is obvious how much you love this little guy ❤ We have also included Thunder's 2012 Petfinder puppy picture which is the one Sami fell in love with nearly 6 years ago.

REESE was a handsome adult male Blue-Nosed Pit Bull Terrier mix who arrived at the HSOV on September 21, 2017 in a very unusual way. We were quite surprised when a CABL (Community Area Bus Line) bus pulled into our parking lot and the driver explained that he had picked up a passenger in the Elba area of Washington County Ohio without a ticket but was given a ride to our shelter just the same ... And he led this good-looking dog to our front door ☺

It seemed that Reese was dragging a red leash behind him, hopped onto the bus, took a seat, and refused to disembark ☺ Reese made history at the HSOV since he was the first dog who took public transportation to turn himself in ☺☺

Reese had a beautiful gray/blue coat with a patch of white on his chest, a long tail, and an adorable face with a blue nose and semi-erect ears. This little lovebug had an extremely friendly, outgoing personality. He was enthused about w-a-l-k-s and loved being with our Humane Officer during his photo session. Reese had been neutered and was microchipped but unfortunately the chip was not registered ☺ We tried in vain to locate Reese's family and although he was never reunited with them, he was adopted by another family several weeks later. Reese is now living "happily-ever-after" in his new home where he is often seen lounging on his favorite sofa with his new best friend (another sweet pit bull boy) ❤



Writing Our Thank You Notes☺

Thank you to **Ken Metz (Metz & Sons Construction)** (1515 Washington Boulevard, Belpre Ohio) for donating the repair of our leaking roof during the last week of September 2017. Metz & Sons not only sealed the roof but also sealed around the windows. He left us with the kind words "Call us if you have any further problems." The HSOV appreciates the support of Mr. Metz and the support of our community.

Thanks to **Debbie & George Ruth** and the **Station Lounge & Grill** (595 Joe Skinner Road, Belpre OH) for hosting their annual **Chili Cook-Off** on Sunday October 8 2017 for the benefit of the HSOV. Proceeds from the event (over \$600) were donated to the HSOV and a truckload of donated supplies were also collected for our shelter! Thank you to HSOV volunteers **Shelly Kimble Galland** and **Becky Johnston** for representing the shelter and to **Jamiann Voshel** for donating the aprons/medals for the top three winners.

The **8th Annual Chili Cook-Off/Rally In The Alley** was hosted by the **Sons of the American Legion Squadron #389** (114 Fifth Street, Beverly OH) on Saturday October 14 2017. Several HSOV volunteers and dogs attended and thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon. Thanks to **Ginger Eubank** for coordinating a successful raffle fundraiser for the HSOV during this event. Raffle ticket sales for a pair of beautiful matching Ohio State jackets and other donations that day were an incredible \$1520.

Thanks to **JS Detailing** (20825 State Route Marietta Ohio) for inviting the HSOV to participate in their **2nd Annual Barktoberfest** which was held on Sunday October 15 2017. Several volunteers and HSOV dogs were in attendance and donations were collected for our shelter.

A big THANK YOU to **Auto Plus Marietta Ohio** for your generous donation of two pallets of cat litter on October 24 2017.

Thank you to **Honest Fred's Flooring** (700 Greene Street, Marietta OH) for your donation of carpet squares for our cat cages☺ And thank you to **Deanna Pisula** for coordinating the donation and delivering the carpet squares to the shelter on October 24, 2017 ☺

Joe and Linda Veraldo celebrated their **50th Wedding Anniversary** in the Fall of 2017 and chose to share their special day with the HSOV animals. In lieu of personal gifts, they asked their friends/family for monetary donations (or food/supplies) which they would in turn donate to the HSOV. Joe and Linda's friends/family were very generous indeed ☺ They collected \$1000 and most likely that amount of food donations as well. Joe and Linda visited our shelter on October 25, 2017 to deliver their anniversary gifts. Much to our delight they were accompanied by their beautiful girl "**Abby**" whom they adopted from the HSOV in November 2014. Abby has been a faithful participant in our annual HSOV Paws Walk and her 'parents' are always generous with their support



Thank you to **Five Guys Burgers & Fries** (702 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna WV) for hosting their **Five Guys Community Night** Fundraiser for the HSOV on Wednesday October 25 2017. Five Guys donated 10% of purchases that evening to the HSOV and presented us with a check in the amount of \$165.00♥

Green Acres Gift Shop (128 Front Street, Marietta Ohio) is always a fun place to visit, and we look forward to spending First Fridays at their shop. **Jennifer Sturgill** is an entertaining 'hostess with the mostest', and we encourage you to stop by this treasure-filled store. **Amy Rogers** and "Boomer" spent the evening of Friday November 3rd at Green Acres as Boomer interviewed potential candidate to go home with ☺



The HSOV had a very special visitor on the afternoon of Tuesday October 31, 2017 ☺ **Olivia Lang** and her grandmother delivered many soft hand-crafted fleece blankets for the HSOV dogs and cats♥ Olivia loves animals and loves to do special things for them, and she came up with the idea to craft custom made fleece blankets in sizes for both cats and dogs to enjoy in their cages. Olivia chose animal motifs for the front of the blanket and coordinating solid colors for the other side of the blanket .. And she created a beautiful fringed edge as the finishing touch. Olivia's grandmother assists with cutting the fabric but was quick to tell us that this was Olivia's idea and she deserves ALL the credit ♥ Olivia will be sharing her talent and gifts with other area shelters as well. Please join us as we thank Olivia on behalf of the HSOV dogs and cats ♥ This special young lady is currently a senior at K-12 International Academy. UPDATE ... Olivia brought two more totes filled with cat and dog blankets Dec 4th ☺



Writing Our Thank You Notes😊

HSOV welcomed several members of the **Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity (Marietta College)** on Sunday November 5, 2017. These fantastic young men spent the day at our shelter cleaning, doing laundry/dishes and even cleaned out the refrigerator. Please come back and visit us anytime (hint, hint) 😊

Wings Etc (101 Crooked Run Lane, Marietta Ohio) held a **Dine-To-Donate** fundraiser for the HSOV on Sunday November 5 2017 and donated 15% of food/drink sub-totals to the HSOV from diners who presented HSOV coupon tickets that day. Thank you **Wings Etc** 😊

Wendy's (105 Pike Street, Marietta Ohio) held a dinner fundraiser for the benefit of the HSOV on Thursday November 16, 2017. Thank you to the **Phi Theta Kappa** students and their advisors at **Washington State Community College** who helped to make the Wendy's fundraiser a tremendous success. With the great community support by dining that evening and many cash donations, **Phi Theta Kappa** and **Wendy's** raised nearly \$450 for HSOV that evening! Several volunteers and some happy HSOV dogs were also in attendance 😊

Thank you to the groups of **Chemours** employees who chose the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley as the non-profit organization they wanted to help in conjunction with their 'Paid Day Of Giving'. We were thankful that they chose our shelter as the beneficiary of their time and talent with their work days in August and September .. And we were thrilled beyond words when they chose the HSOV as the recipient of a monetary donation as well😊 **Kim Legg** (on behalf of the **Chemours** employees) visited our shelter on the afternoon of November 10, 2017 and presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to HSOV Shelter Manager/Director **Tim Cole**❤️ Thank you so very much Chemours employees!!



Thanks to the **Belk Department Store** (Grand Central Mall, Vienna WV) for inviting HSOV to participate in **Belk's Santa Fest** on Saturday November 11th. HSOV Volunteers and their 'doggy dates' who attended were: **Donna Ball** (Tina), **Jeremy Crouse** (Laila Ali), **Richard Watson** (Ike), and **Kathy Wilhelm** (Schuyler). Volunteer **Wendy Irvin** brought her three foster kitties (Blackbeard, Blackberry and Blackjack). Thanks to Volunteer Coordinator **Beth Underwood** for organizing this event and for bringing festive Christmas sweaters for each of the HSOV dogs to wear that day 😊



The HSOV participated in the **2017 Merry-Etta Lighted Christmas Parade** in Marietta Ohio on the evening of November 25, 2017. **HSOV Dog "Kelly"** was chosen as the Honored Celebrity to ride on our float as our Good Will Ambassador, and she was surrounded by her adoring fans (shelter staff and volunteers).



Kelly has the distinction of being the longest resident in our shelter and will have been with us one year on January 13, 2018. Kelly sensed the excitement in the air and knew something special was about to happen. We loved the look of anticipation on her face as she sat in Devon Stout's car and watched the flurry of activity as the final preparations were made on the float. Kelly got into a little mischief (not really) as she discovered some leftover pumpkin pie in Devon's car. She was delighted to find a tennis ball on the rear-view mirror since she LOVES to play ball. A Snoopy Christmas was chosen as this year's theme. These photos were taken as HSOV staff **Rennelle Casto**, **Jon McIntire**, and **Devon Stout** and some of the parade participants put the finishing touches on the float.



The entourage left the shelter around 5:00pm to meet at the designated staging area. **Brenda DeWees** (who had the honor of riding with **Kelly** on the float), **Shelly Galland**, **Julie Lowther**, **Amy Rogers** and **Kathy Wilhelm** were among the volunteers/board members who participated in the parade. Thanks to **HSOV Humane Officer Jon McIntire** for being our designated driver to pull the float. Thank you to the volunteers who made monetary donations toward the inflatable Snoopy and/or donated the bags of candy which were distributed during the parade❤️



Writing Our Thank You Notes☺

Thank you to several of the **LEO students at Marietta High School** (Marietta Ohio) for sharing your time and artistic talents to help the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley☺ **Carlie Hamilton** and her friends **Macy**



Kendal, Mikayla Tucker, Regan Lober, Meredith Saboley, and Tia Jarvis spent many hours decorating festive collection barrels for a holiday donation drive for the HSOV. These photos were taken on November 28, 2017 when **Carlie Hamilton** was putting the finishing touches on a few of the barrels. Thanks to these local businesses who will be displaying the barrels and collecting donations for the HSOV during the month of December: **Big Lots (Marietta), Dollar General (Frontier Shopping Center/Marietta), Fruth Pharmacy (Belpre), K-Mart (Marietta), Tractor Supply (Marietta), WeLovPets (Marietta), and White Oak Pharmacy (Vincent).** And a big thank you to **Michele Montgomery Shamblin** for coordinating the donation of the white plastic barrels.



Jon William Six (Jon Six Hair Company, 1509 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna WV) along with his friends had a fleece blanket drive during month of November 2017 to provide warmth for shelter animals during the upcoming winter months. Jon's goal was to collect 700 blankets which would be shared with seven local shelters and that goal was met within two weeks. The HSOV was on Jon's Christmas list and we were the proud recipient of 100 blankets in late November. Jon is truly an amazing guy with a heart of gold ☺ Jon is currently on the Board of Directors for the Humane Society of Parkersburg and is an avid advocate for all animals regardless of their location. Thank you Jon Six and friends!



Sy's Place Antiques (282 Front Street, Marietta Ohio) held a unique **BEAR-A-THON Fundraiser** for the benefit of the HSOV. **Mike and Brenda Sydenstricker and their sweet Golden Retriever "Bear"** sold raffle tickets and collected supplies from November 25-December 2, 2017. We loved seeing photos of Bear on facebook throughout the week as he wore his donation jacket to promote the fundraiser ☺



Thanks to the Sydenstricker family (and the local businesses who also donated raffle prizes), a total of \$750 was donated to the shelter along with a truckload of donations on Monday, December 4th.



Thanks to everyone who attended the **HSOV Christmas Bingo Fundraiser** on Sunday December 3, 2017 and to the individuals and businesses who donated items for the prizes or refreshment sales. This was our largest bingo event ever! There was a full house with a record 122 tickets being sold ☺ This Christmas Bingo netted a total of \$4550.38 which was donated to the HSOV. Please join us in thanking the HSOV Fundraising Committee (**Jamiann Voshel, Becky Johnston, Shelly Kidd, and Michele Reed**) for the many hours they spent organizing this most recent Bingo and all of the other successful fundraising events throughout the past year!

Thank you **Warner Kia (501 - 7th Street, Parkersburg WV)** for including the HSOV in your **PAWS & CLAWS CHRISTMAS** fundraiser/donation collection ❤️ This event was held

on Wednesday December 6, 2017 from 10am-5pm at the Warner Kia Service Department and complimentary food was served for each donation. Volunteers **Ginger Eubank, Beth Underwood and Kathy Wilhelm** attended the event with their 'dates' for the afternoon Joey, Poppy, and Sloane (HSOV dogs) ☺

SW Resources (1007 Mary Street, Parkersburg WV) delivered early Christmas gifts to the HSOV dogs on December 6, 2017. They brought a multitude of beautifully handcrafted woven dog rope toys and leashes which had been made by their employees.



Writing Our Thank You Notes😊



Thank you to **Marietta (Ohio) Boy Scout Pack 207** for their Wolf Den Service Project (the collection of donations/supplies for the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley). **Elliott Akeman** and **Finn Tindal** represented Pack 207 when they delivered a truckload of donations for the HSOV dogs and cats on the afternoon of December 9, 2017 ♥ Elliott and Finn carried many bags/boxes of food and other items and placed them beneath our Christmas tree. They proudly wore their scout uniforms and posed for pictures before they left. HSOV shelter mascot kitties (Onyx and Tinker) were on hand to officially accept and inspect the gifts😊

Ryan Raetz, local glass artist and dog lover, wanted to help the HSOV in some way but with limited time didn't feel he could physically come to the shelter to volunteer. Ryan came up with a unique way to use his artistic talents for the benefit of the HSOV. Ryan creates beautiful glass pendants which are available for purchase through an on-line auction on the HSOV Facebook Group page (with the option of a 'BIN' buy-it-now if you have your heart set on that particular pendant). All proceeds from pendant sales are donated to the HSOV. Thank you Ryan Raetz for this clever donation idea and also for giving one of our HSOV dogs a tremendous home!

WeLovPets (Lafayette Plaza, Marietta OH) is a wonderful friend of the HSOV. WeLovPets does so many nice things for our shelter all year long including showcasing many of our HSOV cats and inviting us to hold adoptathons at their store. Thank you WeLovPets for your most recent **Pet Photos With Santa** fundraiser which you held on December 9-10, 2017. WeLovPets donated those proceeds to HSOV and Sonnywood Rescue. WeLovPets photographed 140 pets and collected \$824 which was divided between HSOV and Sonnywood Rescue.

Girl Scout Troop 61297 (Barlow OH) needed to complete a creative service project as part of an art badge they were working on, and they chose the HSOV as the recipient of their talents. The Scouts designed a winter-themed photo backdrop and took pictures of several of our longer-resident dogs and wrote fun descriptions about them. The girls experienced a fun and unique way of interacting with the dogs while they earned their art badge. Thank you Girl Scout Troup 61297😊

Thank you **Marietta Dance Studio** (150 Gross Street, Marietta Ohio) and **Stephanie Sanderson Fitness** for hosting your **Barre, Barks & Breakfast Fundraiser** on Saturday, December 16th. We greatly appreciated the donations (supplies and cash) which Stephanie delivered later that day!

Over The Moon Pizza & Pub (170 Front Street, Marietta Ohio) held their annual **"Three Dog Nights of Christmas"** benefit concert for the HSOV on Saturday, December 16th. Price of admission was a donation (either cash or supplies) for our shelter 😊 Thank you Over The Moon for your continued support😊😊

WE LOVE OUR HSOV SHELTER STAFF ♥

Our newsletters are never complete until we give recognition to our fantastic HSOV Kennel Technicians, Staff, and Humane Officer who give the dogs and cats (as well as the occasional pot-bellied pig, guinea pig, rat or rooster) such loving care each and every day. These compassionate individuals are there 365 days a year including holidays and willingly give the dogs/cats the love and socialization that they give their own personal pets. Our Humane Officer, **Jon McIntire**, is the voice for abused/neglected animals in Washington County who cannot speak for themselves. Please join us as we extend our thanks and appreciation to our Kennel Technicians (**Rennelle Casto**, **Caylajo Congdon**, **Clyde Duffey**, **Tyler Gill**, **Maranda Markwood**, **Liz Stringley**, **Devon Stout**, and **Katelyn York**) and also to HSOV Adoptions Clerk (**Sharon Morris**) and Shelter Manager/Director (**Tim Cole**).

Eagle Scout Service Project



The HSOV Dogs (and their favorite volunteers) have been enjoying the luxury of a fantastic walking path since May 13th thanks to **Devin Aufdenkampe** who created the path as his **Eagle Scout Service Project** to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.



Devin did the design work and planning for the walking path and also did the fundraising/donations for the materials which were required to implement the finished project. Devin demonstrated his leadership abilities and enlisted the help of his fellow boy scouts, troop leaders, and his parents (**Mr. and Mrs. Craig Aufdenkampke**). The project was successfully completed on Saturday, May 13 2017. Devin and his crew worked until 6pm that evening in order to meet their goal of finishing the path project in one day!



The walking path begins at the bench adjacent to our parking lot, winds its way down the hill amid the Washington County Home's cornfields, and ends near the House of Hope/County House Road. The twin benches at the cul-de-sac at the end of the trail (complete with landscaping and a nice shade tree) provide a peaceful setting for one-on-one time with shelter dogs before returning to the shelter. And there is a great view of the beautiful white County Home barn in the distance 😊



The HSOV hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sunday May 21st at 3:00pm to officially recognize and thank **Devin**



Aufdenkampe for the successful completion of his Eagle Scout Project and to officially open the path ❤️ We had planned an outdoor cook-out/picnic following the ribbon-cutting ceremony, but the rainy weather changed our plans 😞 We moved the picnic indoors and continued the festivities and banquet in the lobby of our shelter instead 😊



Thanks to everyone who attended and had the opportunity to meet Devin Aufdenkampe and thank him personally for our walking path and also to meet his wonderful family (mother, father,



and brother). Many of our HSOV Volunteers and several HSOV Kennel Techs were in attendance. A special thanks to HSOV Board President (**Julie Schaad Lowther**) and HSOV Board Vice-President/Treasurer (**Amy Rogers**) for planning and organizing this event and to all seven of our Board members who were in attendance. And last (but certainly not least) a big thank you to everyone who provided gourmet food. We had a long banquet table/smorgasbord fit for a king.

History Of The Humane Society Of The Ohio Valley

The first Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was founded in New York City in 1866. On January 11, 1884, the Washington County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was organized in the City of Marietta, Ohio. It was incorporated with the Secretary of State of the State of Ohio on February 9, 1888. It is thought to be the first charter of its kind in the State of Ohio (Charter No. 8321). The early workers of the Society did not content themselves with investigating cases of cruelty to just animals, but also investigated homes where the parents were neglecting children. In 1901, the Society re-organized and Kitty Nye became the secretary, holding this position for 20 years. In 1906, the Society set minimum standards for crates and coops for the shipping of ducks, turkeys, chickens, etc. That year, Society members asked local merchants to put out boxes at Christmas time where residents might place food to be given to needy families. The Society contacted the Salvation Army to distribute the food collected. In 1910, Kitty Nye attended the first International Humane Conference, which was held in Washington, D.C.

In 1948, a number of local residents became alarmed when the Marietta Daily Times published an article about the poisoning of a dog in the City. In 1950, Mrs. Columbia Bennett was named president and Augusta Kortrecht was named secretary. These two women, with Doris Gracey and a number of other dedicated people in the City, contacted other people for \$1.00 dues to support the work of the Society. There was no animal shelter, so some of the members kept the animals in their homes. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett sold their dining room furniture in order to make room for 32 puppies housed in rabbit pens in their home. They fed the puppies every three hours and also had many full-grown dogs. Mrs. Kortrecht would walk stray dogs on leashes. When people admired the animals, she would inform them that the dogs were available for adoption. The women in the Society furnished the food most of the time. Rolled oats and milk was fed to the puppies. Joe Richards, who owned a local feed store, often donated 25 pounds of feed. Eventually, all of the feed stores in the area donated food. In 1951, a group rented a barn on Sand Hill. Freda Schimmel paid the first month's rent and the first veterinarian bills. The neighbors in the Sand Hill community donated milk and Harold Radekin, humane officer, worked for four months using his own car without any pay.

In 1953, the first office was opened at 102 S. Third Street, where members of the Society took turns staffing the office. Later that year, the office was moved to 114 N. Fourth Street. Since there were no funds available, the early records were kept on the backs of used Christmas cards. The Sugden Book Store later donated a ledger to the Society. Miss Nye, at her death, left a bequest to the Society and some of the money was used to purchase a used Jeep. Another part of the money was used to start the shelter at Dodd's Run Road. Since funds were very limited, the furnishings were donated. Hayward Strecker donated a desk and Doris Gracey donated chairs. There was real community involvement. Many times the meter men, the mail men, or truck drivers would report cases to the humane officer, or they would often bring strays to the shelter. In April of 1960, the shelter was forced to close because of lack of funds. During that period, the animals were cared for in the homes of members. The shelter was re-opened in August of 1960 and Homer Nichols was named humane officer. He was the only paid employee. All other work was done by volunteers.

In November of 1979, the Society re-organized under the name of the Washington County Humane Society. In early 1980, a building campaign, headed by Attorney William Fields and his wife, Prudence, was started to build a new shelter on land leased from the Washington County Commissioners. In August of 1982, the ground was leveled on Sherlock Drive (off of Mt. Tom Road) at the new site. Most of the supplies and labor were donated by the community and the trade unions. The architect was Richard Dybiec and the construction superintendent was Charlie Sherlock. In December of 1982, in order to resolve the problem of the citizens thinking that the Society was funded by Washington County, the Society, under the presidency of Jim Schafer, resolved that the name be changed to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. A crematory was later added through the efforts of Jim and GeAevieve Schafer, long-time members of the Society. It has since been dismantled, due to age and cost of operating.

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Celebrating The Life of Anna Nicole & Marilyn Meow

These big beautiful soulmates were brought to the HSOV on March 4, 2017, and we felt that **Anna Nicole** (calico) and **Marilyn Meow** (black/white) could not live without each other.



They spent 7 months waiting for the perfect home and were adopted together on October 7, 2017. Anna and Marilyn are now living a dream life with a family who cherishes them ❤️

We celebrate the life of Anna Nicole & Marilyn Meow and the 682 HSOV kitties who were adopted/rescued from January-November 2017.

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING
INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF
DOG KENNEL/CAT TOWERS AT THE HSOV
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017☺**

Jim & Jo Corbett

Georgaleen Hockenberry & Rhonda Mears

Ron & Louise Holmes

Frances Meckle

Mary Hill-Roth



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2018 WASHINGTON COUNTY DOG LICENSES

Residents of Washington County Ohio are reminded that you must purchase a 2018 license for your dog by January 31, 2018. The Ohio Revised Code Section 955.010.05 mandates that all dogs over 3-months old must be licensed by January 31st or 30 days after the dog becomes 3-months old.

Licenses are available at the Washington County Auditor's Office, 205 Putnam Street, Marietta OH (Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm) either in person or by mail for a cost of \$16.00 plus postage. They may also be purchased online at www.doglicenses.us/OH/Washington (credit card payments only/processing fees apply). After January 31st, statutory late penalty increases the licensing fee to \$32.00 per dog.

You may also purchase 2018 dog licenses/tags at the HSOV (Tuesday-Friday 11:00am-5:00pm and Saturday-Sunday 11:00am-4:00pm) for a cost of \$16.75.

Having a current dog tag on your dog's collar is very important to help reunite you and your beloved pet in the event that he/she becomes lost and is brought to our shelter. The shelter staff will contact you and ensure that your dog will be held for 14 days before it is made available for adoption (stray hold is three days without a tag). An online database (which includes dog tag numbers from 2015-present) also makes it possible for individuals to locate the owner of a lost dog who is wearing a tag. That database can be accessed on the www.doglicenses.us/OH/Washington website under 'License Searches'.

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 in Marietta OH. Living pets will be represented by colored lights and pets who have passed away will be remembered by white lights.

Animal lovers are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$5.00 per pet by symbolically buying a light in honor of their pets, other family members' pets and/or their friends' pets during the month of December.

Contributors are asked to share non-returnable pictures of their pets (along with this form) that will be used in a display at American Flags and Poles.

Those contributing \$20.00 or more will be entered into a drawing to win a pair of tickets for the 2018 HSOV Fur Ball.

The attached form plus contribution and pictures may be mailed or brought to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley (90 Mt Tom Road, Marietta OH 45750) or dropped off at American Flags and Poles (276 Front St, Marietta OH) throughout the month of December.

An anonymous donor has once again agreed to match the contribution amount ☺

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

Thank you and keep the lights shining ♥
Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

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

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

* Name of Contributor(s):

* Phone number if eligible for drawing:

* Check: ____ (made payable to HSOV)

* Cash: ____

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

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

* ____ Yes, I want a booklet.

* ____ No, I do not want a booklet.



2018 Membership Form - Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

Complete this form and mail it with your check made payable to HSOV to:
HSOV, 90 Mt. Tom Road, Marietta, Oh 45750

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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RENEW

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

_____ \$40.00 General Membership (voting)* (based on calendar year)

_____ \$500.00 Life membership (voting)*

All members receive the HSOV newsletter. The newsletter may also be viewed/printed from our website www.hsov.org
membership must be paid by 1st Tuesday in September to vote at annual meeting or to be a candidate for HSOV Board of Directors.

SUPPORT CATEGORIES

_____ Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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



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

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

Name: _____

From: _____

Address: _____ *City:* _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Date: _____ ☐ *Sympathy Card* ☐ *Acknowledgement should be sent to:*

Address: _____ *City:* _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Please include this form & gift in a stamped envelope and mail to: HSOV, 90 Mt. Tom Road, Marietta, OH 45750

