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Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

Shelter Location/Mailing Address

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 Marietta, OH 45750

Hours of Operation:

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

SHELTER STATISTICS

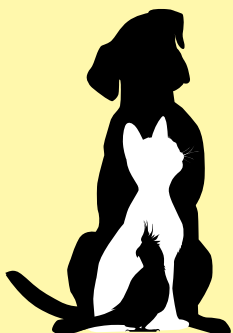
January-December 2017

Dogs/Puppies:

Intakes.....787
 Adopted.....294
 Reclaimed.....186
 Rescue Transfers.....276
 Euthanized @ Vet.....17
 Died In Shelter.....0
 Died In Foster or @ Vet.....2

Cats/Kittens:

Intakes.....868
 Adopted.....381
 Reclaimed.....16
 Rescue Transfers.....361
 Euthanized @ Vet.....27
 Died In Shelter.....14
 Died in Foster or @ Vet.....29



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

HOMeward BOUND

Nearly all of the articles about HSOV dogs and cats which appear in our newsletters feature shelter pets who have found homes after being adopted locally or transported to rescue groups. We naturally love sharing those happy “feel good” stories ☺ As our newsletter editor was looking over the 2017 HSOV statistics, she realized that there are many other happy stories which are reflected by the ‘Reclaimed’ figures. The HSOV makes every effort to reunite pets with their families and last year a total of 186 dogs and 16 cats went back home. So far in 2018, there have been 44 dogs and 6 cats reclaimed and one kitty released. We’ve chosen two of those happy **Homeward Bound** stories with the note that sometimes “home” is not always with a traditional family (as in the case of Kitty Downspout) ☺



A sweet senior female Australian Cattle Dog (whom we posted as Mandy) was picked up in the Little Hocking Ohio area by HSOV Humane Officer **Jon McIntire** on March 9, 2018. This little ‘damsel in distress’ had been stuck by an automobile and was immediately taken to a local veterinarian. Fortunately she did not suffer any broken bones but was surely traumatized by the accident. Mandy was given nice warm blankets and kept in a quiet room for observation when she returned to the shelter. HSOV Supervisor **Rennelle Casto** gave this little girl

extra TLC and comforted her. Mandy appeared to have impaired vision due to cataracts and she was most likely deaf ☺ We posted her pictures on our facebook pages and lo-and-behold someone recognized her and contacted her family! Mandy’s mom and dad came to take her home on March 11, 2018. They told us that her real name was **Shiloh** and that she was actually 26-years old (and no that is not a typo). By some miracle, little Shiloh had wandered nearly one mile from her home and lived to tell about her adventure ☺ Needless to say, there wasn’t a dry eye in the shelter when staff and volunteers heard **Shiloh’s amazing tale of survival** ❤❤



This big orange tabby kitty (whom we just had to name **Downspout**) was fortunate when a Good Samaritan happened to be walking her dog at Muskingum Park in Marietta Ohio on February 9, 2018. It seemed that he must have found something very intriguing inside a plastic downspout and his head became lodged in the end of the drain pipe. The Good Samaritan quickly called HSOV Humane Officer **Jon McIntire**, and kitty was taken to the HSOV along with the two-foot section of the downspout (where the drain pipe was removed). Unfortunately we don’t have a photo so you will have to use your imagination ☺ Kitty rested comfortably at the shelter and was neutered on February 14, 2018. **Downspout** was taken back to his former neighborhood a few days later and has been seen enjoying the lifestyle to which he had become accustomed (including daily food service by kind residents in that area). Thanks to the Good Samaritan who found Downspout with the drain pipe stuck on his head and quickly called Humane Officer McIntire, **Downspout had a happy ending to his ordeal** ❤❤



HSOV SHELTER STAFF

Shelter Manager/Director - Tim Cole
Adoptions Clerk – Sharon Morris
Humane Officer – Jon McIntire

HSOV Kennel Technicians

Rennelle Casto – Supervisor
Clyde Duffey
Mya Keener
Maranda Markwood
Ryan Stimpert
Liz Stingley
Devon Stout
Bernie Wilson

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Teresa Cunningham
Holli Mannix

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Teresa Cunningham

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Sharon Paul

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Celeste Ridgway, Sharon Paul
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COMPARISON OF SHELTER STATISTICS FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2010-2017

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
DOGS/PUPPIES								
Incoming	1469	1624	1423	1343	926	941	886	787
Adopted	495	549	612		418	287	200	294
Reclaimed	192	164	158		131	151	196	186
Adopt/Reclaim				630				
Rescue Transfers	634	701	416	457	262	486	450	276
Died In Shelter	20	22	3	2	12	11	2	0
Euthanized	48	93	20	6	9	10	12	17
CATS/KITTENS								
Incoming	1878	2023	1582	1463	971	817	706	868
Adopted	312	499	538		599	446	316	381
Reclaimed	20	5	1		12	7	14	16
Adopt/Reclaim				657				
Rescue Transfers	187	304	197	260	182	292	323	361
Died In Shelter	27	63	43	27	14	25	23	14
Euthanized	980	964	613	223	119	19	6	27

SHELTER STATISTICS: January-April 2018

Dogs/Puppies:

Intakes 236
Adopted 164
Reclaimed 44
Rescue Transfers 46
Euthanized @ Vet 9
Died in Shelter 0
Died in Foster 0
Died @ Vet 0
Escaped 0

Cats/Kittens:

Intakes 289
Adopted 191
Reclaimed 6
Rescue Transfers 135
Euthanized @ Vet 1
Died in Shelter 1
Died in Foster 2
Died @ Vet 0
Escaped/Released 1



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]
Saturday May 19, 2018	Applebee's Breakfast Fundraiser, 8:00am-10:00am Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, 482 Pike St, Marietta OH - Tickets: \$5.00/per person
Saturday May 19, 2018	Dog Days of May (Adoptathon), 10:30am-Noon Belpre Heights United Methodist Church, 720 Clement Ave, Belpre OH
Sunday May 20, 2018	Pet Day In The Park, 2:00pm-4:00pm Hosted by Eastern Star District 25, South East Team 3 East Muskingum Park, Front Street, Marietta OH
Friday May 25, 2018	Riverview Credit Union 3rd Annual Adoptathon, 11:00am-2:00pm Riverview Credit Union, 403 Main St, Belpre Ohio
Fridays June 2018	Community Pints Fundraiser, Every Friday in June, All Day Long, Marietta Brewing Company, 167 Front Street, Marietta OH [\$1.00 for every pint sold on Fridays will be donated to HSOV]
Saturday June 2, 2018	Hickory Grove Adoptathon/Donation Collection/Bake Sale, 10:00am -1:00pm Hickory Grove, 5525 State Route 339, Vincent OH
Tuesday June 5, 2018	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Friday June 15, 2018	Community Appreciation Event, 10:30am-4:30pm Williamstown Bank [Grand Finale of Donation Drive May 1- June 15]
Thursday June 21, 2018	Dairy Queen Adoptathon (National Dog Party Day), 11:00am-2:00pm Dairy Queen, 821 Pike Street, Marietta OH
Tuesday July 3, 2018	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Tuesday August 7, 2018	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Tuesday September 4, 2018	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Fall 2018	HSOV Paws Walk

DONATION DRIVE

MAY 1 - JUNE 15

Fill our lobbies
with donations for:

- Children's Home Society
- Humane Society of Parkersburg
- Humane Society of the Ohio Valley
- Williamstown Food Pantry



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3002 East 7th Street Parkersburg, WV 26101

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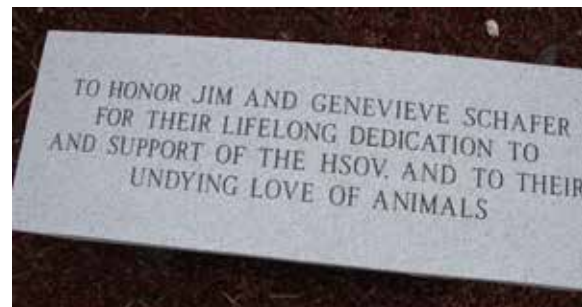


The HSOV is enrolled in the KROGER COMMUNITY AWARDS PROGRAM. If you are a Kroger shopper, this is a way that you can monetarily support our shelter by simply using your

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 select the HSOV as the non-profit organization you wish to support. Just visit the website, follow the instructions, and enter NPO Number 93001 or the name 'Humane Society of the Ohio Valley' 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 usually received a yearly income of \$5,000-\$6,000 thanks to our HSOV Kroger Shoppers ☺
As a reminder, you must periodically confirm that your Kroger Plus Card is linked to the HSOV.

“TO HONOR JIM AND GENEVIEVE SCHAFER FOR THEIR LIFELONG DEDICATION TO AND SUPPORT OF THE HSOV, AND TO THEIR UNDYING LOVE OF ANIMALS”

A beautiful new memorial bench with this inscription engraved on the top has been crafted by Miller Memorials and was delivered to the HSOV during the week of April 16, 2018. Miller Memorials placed the bench in a prominent location in front of our shelter building. We will always remember Jim and Genevieve Schafer for their kindness to animals and their generous support of the HSOV. Jim and Genevieve Schafer had also established a trust fund at Marietta Community



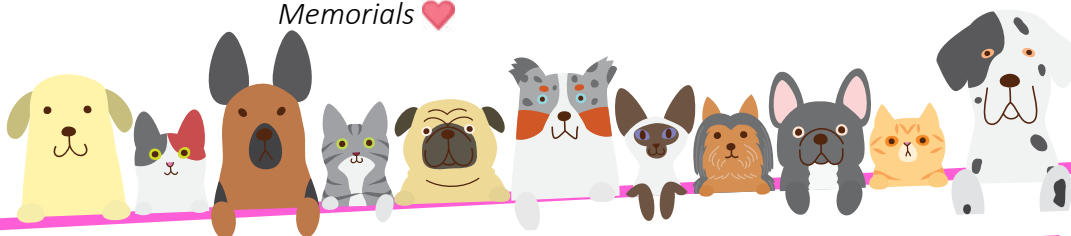
Foundation for the benefit of the HSOV to ensure that they could continue to help our shelter for many years in the future. Their legacy lives on through this wonderful gift that keeps on giving.



Miller Memorials also created a memorial stone in memory of long-time volunteer Jim Baldinger. Jim and his best buddy, Fred Blake, were a great team who often drove rescue transports together. Fred's memorial stone has remained in a place of honor in front of our shelter since his passing (and it is often seen in the background of dogs who are photographed in front of that beautiful stone). It seemed appropriate that Jim's stone was placed near the one for his best friend. We can imagine that Jim and Fred have teamed up again and are driving transports across 'The Rainbow Bridge'.



Miller Memorials (301 Colegate Drive, Marietta OH) created this work of art to honor Jim and Genevieve Schafer (in addition to the memorial stone in honor of Jim Baldinger), and they generously donated both the bench and stone to HSOV. We love our local businesses who support the HSOV and extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to Miller Memorials ❤️



- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club & Wal-Mart gift cards
- Gasoline debit cards
- Purina dog/puppy chow
- Purina cat/kitten chow
- Canned/wet dog/cat food
- Stainless steel food/water bowls
- Cat litter (non-clumping)
- Litter pans & scoops (stainless steel only)
- Dog leashes/collars/harnesses
- Dog/cat treats
- Dog/cat toys
- Dog/cat beds
- Pet Carriers (all sizes)

- Blankets & towels
- Pet shampoo
- Flea/tick medication
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Odo-Ban disinfectant/deodorizer
- Dishwashing liquid
- Window cleaner
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Spray bottles
- First-aid supplies
- Vinyl (non-latex) gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Plastic watering cans

WISH LIST

- Hose spray nozzles
- Heavy-duty leaf/lawn bags (60-gallon size)
- Kitchen trash bags (20-gallon size)
- Grooming supplies
- Nail clippers
- Office supplies
- Printer/copier paper
- Aluminum cans (for recycling)
- Hot dogs/spray cheese (for meds)
- Safe Paws ice melter (winter months only)
- Please note we no longer accept newspapers

HSOV Senior Citizen Kitties



Several HSOV senior kitties enjoy their very own retirement home in a spacious room in our shelter (complete with a window view of the outside world) and are no longer confined in small cages ☺ They are free-roaming, have soft comfy beds, and a luxurious cat tree (thanks to a donation from **Ed & Gwen English**). They have daily room service complete with gourmet meals catered by our fantastic HSOV kennel techs☺

Age really does have its privileges ☺☺ Volunteers, visitors, and our staff members love spending time with these special senior citizens (and vice versa). All of the sweet kitties in our Senior Cat Room are available for adoption and would love to find a home of their very own (even better if they could bring one of their friends along). There are usually seven residents in the Senior Cat Room, which is located adjacent to the lobby of our shelter. We rejoice when any of the senior kitties find a home of their own, and we are happy to report that 2018 is looking like the **"Year of The Senior HSOV Cats"** since many have been adopted during the first four months of 2018 ☺ When one senior kitty is adopted, that opens up space for another to be accepted into the group (usually with open paws from the other residents).



Carla

We celebrate the good fortune of these thirteen special seniors (**Carla, Heather Rose, Jasmine, Midnight, Mojo, Ms Kitty, Peanut, Raven, Snow White, Socks, Sookie, Sophie, and Sulkie**) and extend a special THANK YOU to the adopters who opened up their hearts and gave a loving home to an older cat



Rochelle

We have chosen five of those recent adoptees to highlight with this article:

CARLA was a senior brown tabby of indeterminate age who arrived at the HSOV June 7, 2016. She had definitely fallen on hard times and was very frail, yet maintained her sweet personality. Carla was always the first to come running to the door in the Senior Room when dinner was served ☺ Carla was adopted April 22, 2018 by a young lady who adores her. Carla is being loved unconditionally and is addicted to her morning saucer of cream ☺☺

ROCHELLE was a senior white/brown tabby who came to the HSOV on January 11, 2018 because her owner had passed away. Rochelle was adopted on April 20, 2018 and now has a career as an assistant in a financial counseling office. We've been told that Rochelle sleeps on the job a lot and that is actually included in her job description ☺ Three of Rochelle's friends (Roma, Rowena, and Rufus) are still in the Senior Room waiting for a home.

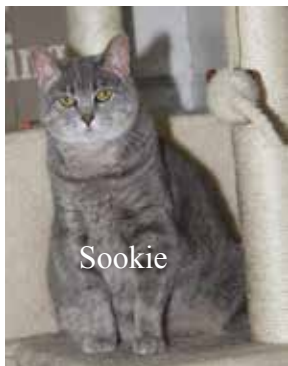
SOCKS was a 16-year old black/white Tuxedo kitty who arrived at HSOV on February 23, 2017 with several of her friends after their mistress passed away. Socks' best friend (14-year old **Peanut**) was adopted December 18, 2017. Socks was adopted May 5, 2018 at the age of 17-years ☺



Socks

SOOKIE was an 11-year old gray tabby who was surrendered on May 6, 2017 along with her companions (Jasmine, Raven, and Sulkie) because their owner was moving and couldn't take them along ☹ Sookie LOVED the tall cat tree in the Senior Room. She had become a full-figured girl but was still the senior who was most often seen on the highest perch (sometimes taking a catnap and often bird-watching out the window). Sookie was adopted April 27, 2018 at the age of 12-years old. Jasmine and Raven were adopted on February 10, 2018 with Heather Rose as a 'trio' by a compassionate couple who drove several hours and specifically wanted to adopt senior kitties ☺

SULKIE was an 11-year old dilute calico who was surrendered with Jasmine, Raven, and Sookie) on May 6, 2017 because their owner was moving. Sulkie's 'claim to fame' was her passion for bellyrubs. Her fan club members faithfully stopped by to indulge Sulkie in her favorite form of relaxation ☺ Sulkie had a reputation at the shelter for not being very social with other cats but it turned out that myth was not accurate ☺ Sulkie was adopted on April 17, 2018 and her new momma has posted pictures and glowing updates about Sulkie on facebook with the news that she is getting along well with her other cats ☺ Sulkie was never actually in the Senior Kitty Room for that reason and is now much happier in her own home ☺☺



Sookie



Sulkie

The current residents in our Senior Cat Room are Jack Sparrow, Roma, Rowena, and Rufus. We invite you to stop by and meet these wonderful seniors



***Kelly was adopted at closing time on
December 20 2017 after spending almost a
year in our shelter ♥***

Kelly was a beautiful 2-year old female Pointer/Pit Bull Terrier mix who had arrived at the HSOV on January 13, 2017 as a transfer from a nearby county whose facility was deemed unsafe for housing Kelly and four other dogs. Her four companions each found homes quickly, but we were privileged to share Kelly's life for nearly a year ♥



This gorgeous young lady had a sleek red-and-white short smooth coat, a long tail, and an adorable red-and-white face which was symmetrically marked. Kelly had a liver-colored nose and extra-large semi-erect ears (the better to hear you with my dear) 😊 Kelly had a real zest for life and was always ready to have a good time. She loved to romp and play ball with volunteers in our large play yards and to splash in the small swimming pool there in the summertime. We knew that she loved her people friends but didn't think she tolerated cats in her world (little did we know how mistaken we were about that) ☺



Kelly had the distinction of being the longest resident in our shelter, and it appeared that she would be celebrating her one-year anniversary with us on January 13, 2018. We'd like to believe that a 'Christmas Miracle' took place on the afternoon of December 20th. Little did Kelly know that morning her life was about to change dramatically. The Smith Family came to HSOV later that afternoon and were looking for a special dog to share their lives with in time for Christmas. When they searched for shelters within a reasonable distance of their home, the HSOV appeared to be the "in" place for adopting a great dog. They spent time with HSOV Kennel Tech **Maranda Markwood** as she introduced them to several of our dogs, and it was Kelly who won their hearts ♥ Kelly waited patiently for the adoption paperwork to be completed, and we took quick photos as we said good-bye to Kelly and wished her happiness in her new home. Kelly gave good-bye kisses to the kennel techs who had taken such loving care of her (**Devon DeSenze and Maranda Markwood**) and to HSOV Humane Officer (**Jon McIntire**) before she pranced out the door to begin her new life 😊 We were teary-eyed to see Kelly leave, but they were joyful happy tears!



Kelly had many admirers and was a favorite of many of our kennel techs and volunteers, so there were celebrations being held throughout Washington County Ohio on the evening of December 20, 2017 when the news of Kelly's adoption was shared like wildfire ♥ We would love to have seen the look on two of our volunteer's faces when they received the telephone call with the news of Kelly's adoption... (**Brenda DeWees and Shelly Galland**) were Co-Presidents of Kelly's Fan Club and her most ardent 'cheerleaders' ♥♥



We hoped that Kelly's new family would post updates on facebook about her, and we were thrilled when her new 'momma' (**Lisa Marie Smith**) posted a photo on December 26, 2017 with the caption "Kelly is doing great! She is watching the boys play video games." (We've shared that photo with this story)

On March 23, 2018, **Lisa Marie Smith** posted a surprising update about Kelly. She was pictured with a tiny kitten named Nugget, and Kelly was assuming the role of its new mommy!!☺

We asked Lisa Marie if she would be willing to share her personal story about Kelly to include with our feature article in this newsletter, and she quickly responded with this heartfelt message:

"My father went to the Marietta shelter in hopes of finding his daughter (me) and son-in-law a dog for Christmas, and he found Kelly. She is a great dog. Kelly has come a long way from what I've been told. She didn't get along with cats at the shelter, and now i think she believes she IS a cat. She is so loving with a big heart and has adopted me, my fiancée, our four children, and her grandpa. Kelly is not just a dog. She is one of our kids ☺ We love her so much. She is very spoiled and gets to sleep with the kids or with me. She also keeps a watchful eye on our 6-year old son who has epilepsy. Kelly is with him constantly and sleeps with him. I truly believe if he were to have a seizure that Kelly will let us know. Kelly loves her cat 'sisters' and loves to play with them. She gives the baby kitten a bath and seems to believe it is her baby. To think that no one believed she would get along with cats☺☺ Kelly is amazing, and she has an open heart and is so loving. I believe Kelly was just the right fit for our family. Thank you all for your work with Kelly. She is so great because of the team of people who loved her and worked with her. And it paid off in a big way" 😊



HSOV volunteers are “Super Heroes”

who wear many different hats depending upon the occasion, and they often become “Goodwill Ambassadors” as they represent our shelter at community events. We depend upon our volunteers to organize and coordinate fundraising events and to accompany shelter dogs/cats to adoption



events or visits to schools and nursing/assisted-living facilities. There isn't a single day that a volunteer isn't involved in making a difference at HSOV whether it be walking dogs/cuddling cats, assisting with laundry/cleaning, lawn/building maintenance, transporting an animal to a veterinarian appointment or rescue, posting/sharing pictures of new arrivals/lost dogs on facebook, fostering a dog/cat who needs a temporary home, or comforting a frightened/lonely pet. Our HSOV dogs/cats adore the volunteers who come to the shelter to give them extra TLC every single day (in addition to bi-weekly after-hours dog walks/cat cuddling). A mere

THANK YOU does not begin to express our appreciation for all that these compassionate individuals do for HSOV. It is virtually impossible to list their individual names or all of the events in which they have participated, so we have chosen two recent events to highlight:



“Super Stupendous Pet Tricks & Perfectly Precious Pet Parade” was hosted by **Ely Chapman Education Foundation** on April 8, 2018 at People's Theatre in Marietta Ohio. **Beth Underwood** coordinated this event. Four shelter dogs (Brownie, Diesel, Mann, Rue) and six shelter cats (Aries, Blackbeard, Blackberry, Blackjack, Sweet Sioux, Sylvester) enjoyed an afternoon at the theatre with volunteers **Vicki Geslak, Wendy Irvin, Azalyn Kerenick, Beth Underwood, Kim VanMeter, and Kathy Wilhelm**

“Earth Day” was held at **The Armory** in Marietta OH on April 21, 2018. HSOV dogs (Cadence, Chunk, Garrison,

Gypsy, Penny, Tank) attended and three of them found homes that day (Cadence, Garrison and Tank). Volunteers **Cw Durham, Michelle & Anna Earl, Ginger Eubank, Shelly Galland, Julie Lowther, Amy Rogers, Beth & Don Underwood, Kim VanMeter, Kathy Wilhelm, and Chad Yost** were terrific hosts/hostesses ☺



We'd love to have you join our circle of volunteers ☺ ☺

General Volunteer Orientation is held each Sunday at HSOV from 1:00-3:00pm. Pre-registration is not required, and you may complete your volunteer application form that day. **Linda Perry** conducts our general orientation which includes a tour of our shelter, safety/educational guidelines, and a copy of our volunteer handbook. You will meet some of our adoptable

kitties when Linda conducts the “Jungle Room” segment of orientation. Many times some of our experienced cat volunteers or HSOV cat kennel techs are also on hand to share their knowledge which is an added bonus. **Brenda DeWees**, who has conducted the dog handling/safe walking segment of our volunteer orientation for the past several years, will be focusing on a new endeavor in late May 2018 (which still, of course, involves HSOV dogs) ☺ Brenda will

Volunteering is
a work of heart!



"Super Heroes"



be working with a few of our dogs who would benefit from a little extra training to help them find the perfect home. We will miss Brenda during our Sunday orientations but know that she will truly make a difference in those dogs' lives as she applies her obedience/handling expertise and pursues this new goal.



Given that we will be losing Brenda's dog handling expertise in weekly orientations, we are pleased to announce that **Richard Long** and **Carrie Roe** have agreed to periodically conduct Dog Handling sessions for new volunteers. These sessions won't necessarily be held every Sunday and will be scheduled according to Richard and Carrie's availability.

In summary, new volunteers must attend General Orientation (including Cat and Dog Handling) with **Linda Perry**. You will be required to complete a "**Three Shadows And You're In**" before being presented with your official HSOV Volunteer Badge & Lanyard. This involves three separate 'shadowing' sessions with an experienced dog walker before walking dogs on your own. This gives new volunteers a little more confidence



in handling dogs and also gives you the opportunity to become acquainted with fellow volunteers. You will subsequently be asked to attend a special Dog Handling Session conducted by **Richard Long** or **Carrie Roe**

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



The 15th Annual HSOV Fur Ball Dance/Auction



was held on Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Shrine Club in Marietta Ohio. This is our largest fundraiser for the shelter and our community never ceases to amaze us with their generous support. Thank you to our HSOV Fundraising



Committee, Board Members, and Volunteers who worked countless hours to make the 2018 Fur Ball our most profitable ever. **A grand total of \$37,797.81 was raised this year** for the benefit of the shelter and the animals who are entrusted to our care. A special thanks to everyone who donated silent- and live auction items, bought raffle tickets, contributed monetary sponsorships, and/or attended this year's Fur Ball. This dream would not have become a reality had it not been for each of you!



Fur Ball Committee Members and HSOV Volunteers arrived on the scene bright and early on March 31st and magically transformed the Shrine Club into a festive **Mardi Gras Ballroom** complete with royal purple tablecloths, golden wine bottles, sparkling confetti and masks, and brightly-colored balloons. Each table also featured photos of current HSOV dogs and cats who would directly benefit from the proceeds of the 2018 HSOV Fur Ball. By noon the Fur Ball team had put the finishing touches on decorations and created beautiful displays of silent- and live auction items.

Thank you to The Bash for providing great entertainment and music for dancing (many of us are still singing and signing Y-M-C-A) ☺ Thank you **DaVinci's Restaurant** for catering our banquet table which was truly 'fit for a Mardi Gras King' and to **Lisa's Sweet Shop** for the magnificent paw print desserts! And last, but certainly not least, thank you **Results Radio** (95XIL) (Froggy 99.1) (103.1 The Bear) (Z106 Classic Rock) (WLYA 1050AM) and (WVNT 1230AM) for their sponsorship and publicity.



We have posted two photo albums on our HSOV Facebook page which provide a glimpse into the preparations early Saturday morning and also the festivities later that evening. In case you missed this year's Fur Ball, please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend the **16th Annual Fur Ball Dance/Auction on Saturday, March 30, 2019.**

2018 FUR BALL COMMITTEE

Donna Ball
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Angela Elms (**Chairman**)
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Brownie was a sweet 4-1/2 year old female Terrier mix who originally came to the HSOV with her sister (Jersey) for a very sad reason 😞 Their owner had passed away, and there was nowhere for these girls to go. Our Humane Officer Jon McIntire picked Brownie and Jersey up on December 27, 2017. The girls shared a large kennel so that they could provide a sense of comfort and security for each other while they waited for a new home.



Brownie had a chocolate brown coat with white highlights on her chest/legs, a short tail, and a beautiful face with a slender muzzle, a chocolate brown nose, and short floppy ears. Brownie's left eye was white/cloudy, and she was likely blind or had limited vision in that eye. She



tended to be easily startled when you approached her from the left side. This little sweetheart had a sweet, rather demure, personality. She was understandably bewildered since her whole world had been turned upside down 😞 There was just something special about Brownie that made you want to hold her close and promise that her life would get better and that she would find the perfect home. Brownie loved to snuggle on her blanket-covered kuranda bed and being talked to in a soft voice while being petted.

Both of the sisters found homes although they were not adopted together. Jersey was adopted on February 20, 2018 by her foster family who adores her 😊 Brownie was adopted on January 31, 2018, and we were heartbroken when we discovered that she

had been surrendered to another shelter in mid-March 😞 Brownie was picked up by private limousine service (i.e., one of our wonderful HSOV volunteers) and returned to HSOV on March 16th. We took updated photos of this sweet girl and several people fell in love with her all over again.





Brownie was adopted on March 23, 2018 by a young lady who had loved Brownie when she had been in our shelter earlier this year and was sad that she didn't have an opportunity to adopt Brownie then. So there was a happy ending for Brownie after all (and was perhaps the reason she was meant to be returned to HSOV after the first adoption?) Later that evening **Gabby Wilson** posted a picture of Brownie with an update that put a smile on many faces: "Brownie is adjusting so good! We went and picked her up today. Then we took her for an hour-long walk around town that she never wanted to end. Now we're napping and watching the football game. This girl sure is a cuddler" ❤️❤️



BAXTER NEEDS YOUR HELP

This sweet 2-year old boy is experiencing seizures which could be neurological but an MRI has been recommended to rule out other causes. The cost of an MRI will be approximately \$2000. The HSOV is seeking donations for Baxter if you would like to help make it possible for him to have the MRI.

Baxter is a sweet 2-year old male Labrador Retriever mix who arrived at the HSOV on March 29, 2018. He has a terrific personality and is full of playful puppy-like energy, Baxter is such an easy dog to love, and it has broken our hearts to discover that he is experiencing seizures. We have taken extra precautions in his kennel and have made sure that he has soft bedding and area rugs on the concrete floor so that he will have better 'traction' while walking around or in the event he experiences a seizure in his kennel. Baxter actually loves to go for walks with our staff and volunteers.

Baxter has been receiving medical care from our wonderful local veterinarians for the past 5 weeks. They believe his seizures may be due to a neurological problem. but have recommended that Baxter have an MRI to rule out other causes and to hopefully come up with a diagnostic plan to help this wonderful boy so that he can find the great home that he truly deserves.

The estimated cost of the MRI is \$2000, and we would have to transport Baxter to MedVet in Columbus Ohio where the procedure would be done on an outpatient basis.

We are seeking donations to help the HSOV raise the \$2000 for Baxter's MRI. If anyone would like to make a donation, there are many options available. If you prefer to write a check, please make it payable to HSOV. Our mailing address is 90 Mt Tom Road Marietta OH 45750. We also accept credit- or debit cards (either in person at the shelter or by phoning us at 740.373.5959). We also have a PayPal Account. Be sure to make the notation that the donation is to be used for Baxter's MRI Procedure.

THANKS TO DeeDee's FELINE ANGELS & FRIENDS,

three special HSOV Kitties (**Grayson, Serendipity and Valentina**) are living the dream life these days. They had been listed as 'special needs' since each of them had tested positive for FIV or Feline Leukemia. In many shelters cats who test positive are routinely euthanized and become a 'statistic' ☹ We are thankful and proud that HSOV seeks to find a home for them instead, and we are especially thankful for rescues who help when local homes are not found. We are celebrating their lives as we tell the stories of these three special kitties ...



Grayson

Grayson was a handsome 3-year old male kitty who was brought to the HSOV on August 22, 2017. This good-looking guy had a white-and-gray coat, a long tail, and a cute chubby face with a pink nose and hopeful trusting eyes that begged for attention. Grayson was listed as a 'Special Needs Cat' since he

had tested positive for FIV (*Feline Immunodeficiency Virus*) prior to coming to HSOV. We included this bit of information in Grayson's description (and decided to reprint it with

this article for educational purposes) .. "A vigilant pet owner who treats secondary infections can assist an FIV-infected cat to live a reasonably long life. The chances that an FIV-infected cat will pass the virus to other cats within a household are slim to none if no serious fighting or biting occurs."

Grayson was definitely a lover and not a fighter, so we had high hopes that he would be adopted after we had him neutered on October 26th. Grayson waited patiently all winter long for someone to fall in love with him and take him home. Since that didn't happen, we took updated photos on February 28, 2018 which featured Grayson "pussyfooting" around in our studio and showing off his big lovable self ☺ Although he didn't find a local home, Grayson did receive terrific news a few weeks later when he was accepted by a fabulous rescue! Grayson began the journey to his new life on April 18, 2018 ❤



Serendipity

Serendipity was a beautiful 2-year old female Calico/Manx kitty who made her debut at the HSOV on January 1, 2018 after a Good Samaritan found her in the Marietta Ohio area. This delightful girl had a stunning short smooth coat in patchwork colors of dark brown/orange/beige/white with a splash of orange tabby on her back legs, no tail, and an adorable face with a pink nose and expressive golden eyes. Serendipity had an affectionate easygoing personality, and she was also quite playful. We dreamed that one day she would be curled up next to her new master/mistress and purring contentedly.

Serendipity was examined by a veterinarian on March 28, 2018 who verified that she has already been spayed. She was a full-figured girl who weighed 10.4 lbs so there was a lot of her to love. Serendipity was combo tested on April 2, 2018, and we were surprised

when she tested positive for FIV (*Feline Immunodeficiency Virus*). In many shelters this would not have ended well for Serendipity ☹ Thankfully that does not happen these days at HSOV.

We rejoiced and celebrated Serendipity's good fortune when she left our shelter on April 18, 2018 to travel to a terrific rescue group who welcomed her with open arms later that afternoon ❤ DeeDee's wrote the following day that they were already in love with Serendipity. A heartwarming video was posted on their facebook page which featured Serendipity and Grayson playing together and having the time of their lives ❤

Valentina was a lovely 2-year old female kitty who arrived at the HSOV on February 9, 2018 after she was found in the Marietta Ohio area. Valentina had a beautiful two-tone brown coat in a marbled tabby pattern, white highlights on her chest/belly/paws, a long tail, and an adorable face with a brown beauty mark on her muzzle. This little sweetheart was a social butterfly with a vivacious playful personality and a zest for life. Valentina had experienced many heartaches in her young life yet maintained a happy affectionate personality. Valentina was a few weeks pregnant when she entered our shelter and gave birth to stillborn kittens a short time later. Then to make matters even more heartbreaking, Valentina tested positive for feline leukemia ☹

In many shelters leukemia positive cats are euthanized immediately ☹ Fortunately for Valentina we began to look for an appropriate home or rescue for this little dollbaby. We had her spayed on February 28th and gave her loving attention while she waited in isolation for her big chance for the good life. When we took updated photos on March 31st, Valentina was her usual playful self. We noticed that she seemed to be giving High-Fives during her photo session, so perhaps she had a premonition that there was soon to be a celebration that involved her.

Thanks to a compassionate rescue in northwestern Ohio, Valentina left our shelter on the morning of April 18, 2018 and traveled to her new home where she will be loved, pampered and spoiled .. and will never again have to be in a cage ❤



Valentina

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Thank you to **Nancy Mendicino** and her committee for their **Eighth Annual "They Light Up Our Lives" Fundraiser** for the HSOV. A tree decorated with white lights, colored lights, and pet photos was displayed at **American Flags & Poles** (270 Front St, Marietta OH) during the month of December 2017. White lights memorialized pets who had passed away while colored lights honored pets who are still with us. Pet owners were asked to donate \$5 for each pet. A total of \$1,120 was raised. Again this year an anonymous donor matched that amount, and the HSOV was gifted with a grand total of \$2,240. Those contributing \$20 or more were eligible to win two tickets for the 2018 HSOV Fur Ball, and **Rita and Tom Schultheis** were the lucky winners who won the tickets. The committee wishes to thank **American Flags & Poles, ARC Resin, Marietta Office Supply, The Marietta Times, WMOA Radio, HSOV, veterinarians, downtown businesses, contributors, and the anonymous donor** for their participation and support for this fundraiser.

Thank you **John Chalfant** and **iHeart Media** (Mix 100; 102 The River; 910 WLTP; and 107 NUS) for your support of the HSOV. **iHeart Media** generously donated air time to our shelter several times in 2017 and gave volunteer **Linda Perry** an opportunity to share various shelter topics and to talk about upcoming events with iHeart's listening audience. Thank you for your open invitation ☺ We look forward to meeting with you again in 2018 ☺

Thank you **Jack Horton and Eric Little of Radio Station V96.9** for their support of the HSOV and giving us air time (though broadcasted interviews) to publicize our shelter on December 5, 2017. We appreciated the opportunity to talk about HSOV activities/upcoming events and to raise community awareness about the HSOV. We look forward to additional airtime opportunities in 2018 thanks to your open invitation ☺

Chapman Printing Company (400 Ann Street, Parkersburg WV) organized a donation drive and collected dog/cat food, pet toys, and many other wonderful items for our HSOV dogs/cats just in time for Christmas 2017, and we were thrilled with their generous donations which were delivered to our shelter on December 14th. **Chapman Printing** also supports the HSOV throughout the year with printing forms/booklets including our HSOV Volunteer Handbooks ☺

Thanks to **WMOA-1490 Radio** for inviting HSOV volunteers and some of our fabulous shelter dogs to make a guest appearance in conjunction with WMOA's Annual Christmas Zoo toy drive. The event is held at **The Workingman's Store** (113 Putnam St, Marietta OH) where toys are collected and distributed to children by several local organizations. We love this program (great for the children and also for HSOV dogs who are treated to an afternoon on the town and featured on the radio broadcast). Thank you **Ben Marshall, Kyle Wenzel, and Laura Bays (WMOA)** for this invitation and also for your support for the HSOV throughout the entire year with the multitude of airtime you donate. And thank you to the management and employees of **The Workingman's Store** for your hospitality and making our volunteers (and especially the pups) feel so welcome in your store!



Thank you **Missy Lutz** and **Facebook Group MOV 4 Day Auction** for your 50/50 Raffle Donations to the HSOV ❤️ The MOV 4-Day Auction Raffle netted \$525 in December and a donation was made in November 2017 as well. Missy and her group also did a 50/50 around the Easter holiday and, once again, the HSOV was the charity of their choice with this message "We love you all and the work you do .. God's Hands you all are" ☺

Thank you **Bethel 65 Job's Daughters International** (Belpre OH) for your generous donations to the HSOV on December 17, 2017. Our shelter was the team project for two different teams and these young ladies, **Hannah Rice** and **Kenley Hardman**, as well as other Job's Daughters collected money to buy most

of the large bags of cat food which are shown in this picture. The paper towels, bleach, and toys were donations from the girls. Instead of the usual Christmas gift exchange (when they would normally have bought gifts for each other), they spent that money to purchase gifts for the HSOV animals ☺

Heather Bauman and Donna Bauman also visited the HSOV on December 17, 2017, and we were thrilled when they brought two very special HSOV Alumni ("**Max and Elizabeth**") with them ☺ Heather adopted this adorable bonded pair of Beagles in January 2015 and has given them a super-fantastic home. Max and Elizabeth looked fabulous in their festive Christmas sweaters ❤️ Heather gave us this update: *Max & Elizabeth stopped by the HSOV just to say*



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'hi' and to help with a donation. It's been almost three years since these little guys left and came to live with me. They have been nothing but joy. Maxie went into pancreatitis just a little over 2 years ago. He spent a month at the Vet's Office and is now a diabetic. The diabetes took his vision about a year ago but he still gets around wonderfully. Max and Elizabeth want to thank everyone who took really good care of them at the HSOV and especially for all the love (and food/treats) and for not allowing them to be split up and adopted out separately.



The First Grade Class at Phillips Elementary School (Marietta OH) collected donations for their **Random Acts of Kindness** holiday project and chose the HSOV as the beneficiary to receive those contributions. HSOV Volunteers **Beth and Don Underwood** visited with the young students to accept the donations on behalf of our shelter. They were accompanied by **"Poppy"** (a beautiful red Chow mix) who was naturally the STAR of the show ☺ The children loved Poppy and the feeling was mutual ☺

Each year **Theisen Brock Law Firm** (424 Second St, Marietta OH) does a "charity tree" for Christmas, and they chose the HSOV as their favored non-profit for their most recent donations. The staff at Theisen Brock had fun decorating the tree with pictures of their own pets and pet ornaments as well as buying items for the shelter dogs/cats. Many wonderful gifts were delivered to the HSOV on December 22, 2017 by a representative of Theisen Brock ☺

A huge big THANK YOU to **Grand Temple Pythian Sisters of Ohio Temple #230** (Lowell Ohio) for your generous \$2,000 donation which you presented to the HSOV on January 2, 2018 ♥ And thank you for being a faithful supporter of our shelter for so many years!

Thank you to the students/teachers at **Warren Elementary School** for the carload of donations that you collected for the HSOV dogs and cats which were delivered by **Christie Sallie** on January 4, 2018 ☺

Thank you to the **Marietta Public Library** for collecting supplies/donations which were placed beneath your Christmas tree by employees and library patrons ☺ A Marietta Library staff member delivered many nice gifts to the shelter on the evening of January 22, 2018 and were very much appreciated!

The **Marietta Welfare League** (which gleans its profits from coffee and gift sales at the League's Shop in Memorial Health System's Marietta Memorial Hospital) awarded 38 non-profit organizations a total of \$62,515.75 on January 23, 2018 (Source: *Marietta Times Jan 25 2018*). The HSOV was among those 38 organizations, and we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$1,000. **Rennelle Casto** (HSOV Supervisor/Lead Feline Kennel Tech) represented the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley when the grants were awarded at the **Betsey Mills Club** on January 23rd and accepted the \$1,000 grant on behalf of the HSOV. Thank you **Marietta Welfare League** ☺ We are both honored and grateful for this award.

Luci Collins celebrated her ninth birthday in a very special way and shared her special day with the shelter animals. Luci asked that her family and friends purchase gifts for the HSOV dogs and cats instead of personal gifts for herself. She and her mother delivered those gifts on January 20, 2018 and visited with many of our dogs and cats afterwards. Thank you Luci Collins ♥

Thank you **Sam's Club (Vienna WV)** for inviting the HSOV to hold a Bake Sale/Supply Donation Drive at your location on February 10, 2018 (and for inviting us back again in September 2018) ☺ A special thanks to HSOV Volunteer **Brenda DeWees** for organizing and coordinating this fundraiser! The response was so overwhelming that we've included a separate article in the newsletter about this highly success event.

Julie Lowther (HSOV Board President) and **Amy Rogers** (HSOV Board Vice-President/Treasurer) had the pleasure of presenting information about the HSOV to the **Beverly Lions Club** on March 15, 2018. We wish to thank the Beverly Lions Club for their invitation and also for the wonderful donations that they sent back to HSOV including paper towels, dog/cat food and treats, gift cards, and a \$235 monetary donation.

The **15th Annual HSOV FurBall Dance/Auction** was held at the Marietta Shrine Club on March 31, 2018 and netted a grand total of \$37,797.81 for our shelter. Congratulations and thank you to **Angela Elms** (2018 Chairman), **Ginger Eubank** (2018 Co-Chairman)



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and their committee members for the many hours of work that each of them spent making this a magical and memorable evening in so many ways 😊 We've include a separate article with highlights/photos of the evening and a complete list of the many individuals and businesses who made this dream a reality 😊

Throw Down For The Pound 17: Elevation was held on April 21, 2018 at the Marietta Middle School Gymnasium in Marietta OH. A huge round of applause and thanks to **Adam Johnson** who once again organized and coordinated another successful fundraiser for the HSOV. This **Remix Wrestling** Fundraiser is one of the most popular (and most profitable) events held for the benefit of our shelter, and Adam is surely the best 'ring master' ever 😊 Thanks to Adam and Remix, this event raised a grand total of \$7,039.46 for the HSOV. **Adam Johnson** and **WeLovPets** are the most wonderful supporters of HSOV 😊 Our HSOV Volunteer Team who manned the concession stand reported that they were busy serving food and drinks for the wrestling fans that evening and raised \$1,539.53 through their work in the kitchen!!



Our HSOV dogs look forward to the first Friday of each month with great anticipation 😊 They are anxious to learn who will be chosen to accompany our HSOV volunteers (**Amy Roger** or **Beth/Don Underwood**) for a fun-filled evening in downtown Marietta at **Green Acres Gift Shop** (128 Front St, Marietta OH) ❤️ Owner **Jennifer Sturgill** is always a gracious hostess, and she makes sure everyone is royally entertained and made to feel welcome. Many times our dogs feel so much at home that they snuggle up for a nap and are snoring away when it's time to go back to the shelter 😊 Amy and Beth's recent "dates" for First Fridays have been Dottie, Pepper, and Rover. All of these lucky pups have been adopted 😊

Thank you to **The Marietta Times** for featuring photographs and short descriptions of our HSOV dog and cats each month (usually the third Friday edition). Thank you also to the businesses who sponsor the advertisements on a regular basis: **Carmichael Monument Company; Colegate Woods Veterinary Hospital; Head Quarters Haircare for Men, Women & Children; Hornbeck's Bait and Tackle; and Winding Road Kennel.**

Thank you **Carol Goff & Associates Real Estate** for highlighting an HSOV dog in your advertisements in the weekend editions of **The Marietta Times** 😊

Thanks to WTAP-TV (Parkersburg WV) for giving many of our HSOV Dogs an opportunity to make their television debut when they are featured as "Pet Of The Week". HSOV Volunteers (**Bonnie Fennell, Brittany Daugherty, Beth and Don Underwood**) provide limousine service to the studio and help the dogs put their best paw forward as they audition for a home during the broadcasts at noon on Fridays. The dogs are often treated to a cheeseburger on the ride back to the shelter and many find a home quickly in response to their television appearance 😊

Thanks to **Over The Moon Pub & Pizza** (170 Front St, Marietta OH) for hosting their first **'Special Slice of MOV Songwriters'** on May 4, 2018. We love how you included HSOV in the festivities! Price of admission price for this event was a bag of Purina Dog or Cat Chow (which was donated to our shelter) 😊



Thank you to the **Slice of Life Bakery** (Third Street, Marietta OH) for choosing the HSOV as the non-profit organization you raced for in conjunction with the Marietta Main Street/First Friday "Kentucky Derby" Event which was held on May 4, 2018. We loved the name of your race entrant "Chocolate Chip Cookie" 😊 The HSOV will receive donations for bets placed on their entry 'horse' Chocolate Chip Cookie 😊



Our newsletters are never complete until we give recognition to our amazing HSOV Kennel Technicians, Humane Officer, and Staff who take fantastic care of the shelter dogs and cats (and the occasional rabbit, guinea pig, chicken, duck, pot-bellied pig, rat, hamster, or guinea pig). These compassionate individuals are there 365 days a year, including holidays, and give all of the animals entrusted to their care 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 Ohio who cannot speak for themselves (and Jon is not shy about speaking up for them). Please join us as we extend our thanks and appreciation to our Kennel Technicians [**Rennelle Casto** (Supervisor/Lead Feline Tech), **Clyde Duffey, Mya Keener, Maranda Markwood, Ryan Stimpert, Liz Stingley, Devon Stout, and Bernie Wilson**] and also to HSOV Adoptions Clerk [**Sharon Morris**] and Shelter Manager/Director [**Tim Cole**].

PULLING FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY: TRAP & SKEET GUN SHOOT



Our very first ***"Pulling For The Humane Society: Trap & Skeet Gun Shoot"*** fundraiser, which was held on May 12, 2018, was a new adventure for many of us and proved to be fun-filled day. A few of our volunteers were even persuaded to experience the thrill of this competitive sport but most decided that they would bow out of competition and watch the experts instead ☺ Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2018 Event (especially the shooters who competed for trophies) and to generous sponsors listed below who supported the HSOV with monetary donations or merchandise. And to the businesses/individuals who donated items for the raffle which was held in conjunction with the Trap & Skeet Gun Shoot.



A special thanks to ***The Marietta Gun Club*** for being such fantastic hosts and allowing us to hold this event at their club ☺ And also to HSOV Volunteer ***Brenda DeWees*** who coordinated the 2018 Event and to Brenda's team of volunteers who did a 'bang up" job (pun intended) ☺ ☺ We are thrilled to announce that the ***"2018 Pulling For The Humane Society: Trap & Skeet Gun Shoot"*** netted a grand total of \$6,818.35 for the benefit of our shelter. We were overwhelmed (to say the least) and hope that this will become an annual event for the HSOV.

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The HSOV Bake Sale & Supply Donation Drive which was held at Sam's Club in Vienna WV on Saturday February 10, 2018 was a tremendous success ❤️ Thanks to ***Brenda DeWees*** for organizing and coordinating this event and to the HSOV volunteers who donated baked goods and candies for the bake sale. We definitely have some talented pastry chefs who could be celebrities on the Food Network!

Thank you to the volunteers who spent hours at Sam's Club assisting Brenda

with baked good sales, passing out copies of our Wish List, and collecting/loading donated supplies. We know that there were many tired backs and aching muscles that evening! Volunteers who helped included:

Doug Klein, Brenda DeWees, Shelly Galland, Shelly Kidd, Steve & Linda Perry, Beth & Don Underwood.

Our pastry chefs and bakers included: ***Pam Benz, Michelle Earl, Jamie Gibbs, Nancy Mendicino, Sarah Offenberger, Ciji Painter, Carrie Roush, Don Underwood, and Kathy Wilhelm.***

Thank you to these individuals who gave monetary donations for purchasing baking supplies: ***Teresa Cunningham, Angela Elms, Ginger Eubank, Shelly Galland, and Holli Mannix,***

And a BIG THANK YOU to the many Sam's Club customers who were so generous with their donations and to Sam's Club

for inviting our shelter to hold this fundraising event at their location. We have been invited back again on September 29th and hope to have a few more volunteers to help then since the February event was so successful.

The plans were for the donated supplies to be brought back to the HSOV in the volunteers' cars but an SOS call had to be made to the shelter for help 😊 Tyler Gill came to the rescue and brought the HSOV van. As you can see by the photos which were taken after the van was unloaded, even the van was loaded to capacity ❤️



We wish that everyone who donated supplies could have seen the HSOV Kennel Techs' reaction and excitement when they saw the donations being unloaded in our garage area. It was like Christmas all over again as they surveyed the "gifts" for the animals and also the cleaning/laundry supplies. Around 3pm that afternoon, there was only one bottle of Odo-Ban in the shelter 😊 When the van was unloaded, the kennel techs were thrilled to discover 21 gallons of Odo-Ban ❤️ To say that we were thankful is an understatement...

We raised nearly \$800 in sales of baked goods in combination with monetary donations and donations of pet food/supplies which were valued at over \$1500 😊

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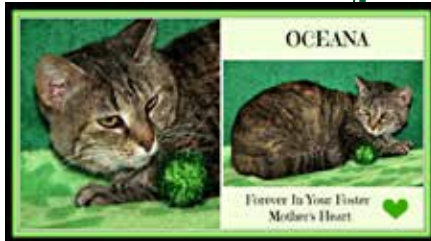
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In Celebration And In Memory Of The Life Of Oceana

Oceana was a lovely 3-year old brown tabby kitty who came to the HSOV on January 5, 2017 with many other kitties after their mistress had passed away. Oceana soon went home with foster mother (Wendy Irvin) who was truly her Guardian Angel. Oceana was a gentle soul with a lovable, rather demure, personality. She quickly settled into her new home and was the perfect houseguest. Wendy loved Oceana and the feeling was mutual. They had the proverbial 'match made in Heaven' and both of them knew that Oceana had found her permanent home. Sadly, Oceana passed away quite unexpectedly on May 12, 2018 ☹️ We are heartbroken for both Wendy and Oceana but thankful for the wonderful year+ that Oceana enjoyed in her loving home.



We celebrate the life of Oceana and the 782 HSOV kitties who were adopted/rescued from January-December 2017.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF DOG KENNEL/CAT TOWERS AT THE HSOV FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2018 ☺️

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CURRENT HSOV ADOPTION FEES: (WITH APPROVED HSOV ADOPTION APPLICATION)

DOGS - \$145.00

Includes vaccinations, wormer, flea treatment, County dog tag, microchip, spay/neuter [Heartworm testing available for an additional \$20 charge]

CATS - \$20.00

Includes vaccinations, wormer, flea treatment, spay/neuter [Combo testing available for an additional \$20 charge]

Our available dogs and cats are posted with pictures/descriptions on www.petfinder.com and www.adoptapet.com (just enter the Marietta OH zip code 45750 to access the listings).

We also have albums on our main HSOV Facebook page www.facebook.com/Humane-Society-of-the-Ohio-Valley-HSOV-136963166333333 which include a complete listing of our dogs/cats [HSOV DOGS Album and HSOV CATS Album]. Those albums are updated throughout the day with status changes. When our dogs/cats find a home, their photos are moved to the ADOPTED/RESCUED Album for the month/year in which they were adopted/rescued.

HSOV Adoption Application Forms are available at the shelter or may be printed from our www.hsov.org website.