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Shelter Location/Mailing Address

90 Mt. Tom Road
 Marietta, OH 45750

Hours of Operation:

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

SHELTER STATISTICS.

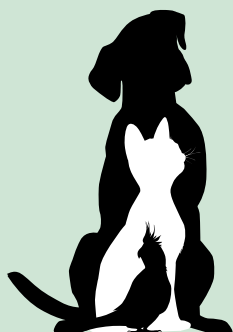
January-December 2015

Dogs/Puppies:

Intakes 941
 Adopted..... 287
 Reclaimed 151
 Rescue Transfers 486
 Euthanized or Died In Shelter..... 21

Cats/Kittens:

Intakes 817
 Adopted 446
 Reclaimed 7
 Rescue Transfers 292
 Euthanized or Died in Shelter..... 44



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

MESSAGE FROM HSOV

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT, JARED MCGILTON

Thank you to each member, volunteer,
 and supporter of the Humane Society of
 the Ohio Valley.

It is with great honor and pride that I
 accepted the presidency of the HSOV
 Board of Directors for the calendar year
 2016.

There have been many changes over the
 past year, all of which will have a positive
 impact on the care and the welfare of the animals.

The Board of Directors and I would like to encourage each of our
 members to volunteer in some way.

Come to the shelter and walk dogs,
 partake in fundraisers, donate
 supplies, or share our animals on
 social media.

There is something for everyone,
 and the animals need you. Be their
 voice!

Jared McGilton
 President, 2016
 HSOV/Board of Directors



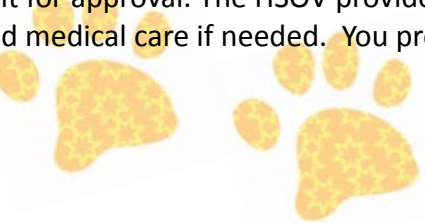
COMPARISON OF SHELTER STATISTICS FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2010-2015

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
DOGS/PUPPIES						
Incoming	1469	1624	1423	1343	926	941
Adopted	495	549	612		418	287
Reclaimed	192	164	158		131	151
Adopted/Reclaimed				630		
Rescue Transfers	634	701	416	457	262	486
Died In Shelter	20	22	3	2		
Euthanized	48	93	20	6		
Died In Shelter/Euthanized					21	21
CATS/KITTENS						
Incoming	1878	2023	1582	1463	971	817
Adopted	312	499	538		599	446
Reclaimed	20	5	1		12	7
Adopted/Reclaimed				657		
Rescue Transfers	187	304	197	260	182	292
Died In Shelter	27	63	43	27		
Euthanized	980	964	613	223		
Died In Shelter/Euthanized					133	44

HSOV FOSTER PROGRAM

Fostering is an important way of helping shelter dogs and cats in so many ways. Foster moms (and dads) are always needed, and this doesn't necessarily have to be a long-term commitment on your part. There are several reasons why a dog/cat might need a temporary home. Many times we just need a short-term place for a dog or cat awaiting transport. Pregnant/nursing mothers or dogs/cats who aren't adapting to shelter life appreciate and benefit from the hospitality of a real home environment. And with kitten season fast approaching, we are always desperate for foster families who can help with bottle-feeding orphaned kittens or unweaned kittens brought to our shelter without their mother ☺

A spare bedroom or bathroom usually provides the perfect accommodation (especially for cats). If you would like to provide a temporary home for an HSOV dog or cat, we encourage you to contact one of our Foster Program Committee members: Celeste Ridgway (cr_ridgway@yahoo.com) or Deb Ryder (dkr_26105@yahoo.com). These ladies will be happy to answer your questions. You would be required to complete a Foster Application Form (available at the shelter and on our www.hsov.org website) and submit it for approval. The HSOV provides food, necessary supplies, and medical care if needed. You provide the love and attention ☺



SHELTER STAFF

Executive Director – Kelly Goedel
Shelter Manager – Scott Little
Adoptions Clerk – Sharon Morris
Humane Officer – Misty Carpenter

HSOV Kennel Technicians:

Misty Carpenter
CaylaJo Congdon
Brittany Daugherty
Todd Hallock
Ted Laskowski
Michelle Rudd



HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Jared McGilton
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Teresa Cunningham
Scott Martin
Celeste Ridgway
Debra Ryder

HSOV Committee/Sub-Committee Chairpersons:

Building/Maintenance/Grounds –
Shelly Kidd, Sandra Brightwell
Finance – Teresa Cunningham, Debra Ryder
Fundraising – Jamiann Voshel, Shelly Kidd
Homeward Bound – Celeste Ridgway [Chairman]
Adoption Follow-Up – Celeste Ridgway,
Wendy Irvin
Canine Rescue – Celeste Ridgway,
Teresa Cunningham
Feline Rescue – Sharon Paul
Foster Program – Celeste Ridgway, Debra Ryder
Rescue Transport – Jo Ellen Gray, Marilyn House
Membership/Nominations – Teresa Cunningham,
Chris Murphy
Operations – Scott Martin, Kelly Goedel
Public Relations – Scott Martin [Chairman]
Newsletter Editor – Sharon Paul
Petfinder/Facebook/Photographer – Sharon Paul
Website – Patricia Walter
Volunteer – Amber Dennison, Jared McGilton



HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Monthly	<i>HSOV T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Fundraiser</i>		
Saturday, February 27, 2016	<i>13th Annual FurBall/Dance/Auction Fundraiser</i> Shrine Club (7:00pm until midnight) 249 Pennsylvania Avenue, Marietta, OH	Saturday April 23, 2016	<i>Earth Day Celebration w/Adoptathon</i> Armory, Front Street, Marietta OH
Tuesday, March 1, 2016	<i>HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm</i> Washington County Commissioners Office 223 Putnam Street, Marietta, OH	Tuesday May 3, 2016	<i>HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm</i> Washington County Commissioners Office
Saturday March 19, 2016	<i>Pet Supplies Plus, Vienna WV</i> Adoptathon & Bake Sale	Tuesday June 7, 2016	<i>HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm</i> Washington County Commissioners Office
Tuesday April 5, 2016	<i>HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm</i> Washington County Commissioners Office	Tuesday July 5, 2016	<i>HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm</i> Washington County Commissioners Office
Saturday April 9, 2016	<i>Throw Down For The Pound 13: Roll The Dice</i> Marietta Middle School Gymnasium, Marietta OH – 7:00pm	Tuesday August 2, 2016	<i>HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm</i> Washington County Commissioners Office
Sunday April 10, 2016	<i>Purse Bingo/Crafts/Country Store Fundraiser</i> Reno Community Building (old Reno School Bldg) 260 Sandhill Rd, Reno, OH	Sunday August 14, 2016	<i>3rd Annual Thirty-One/Bingo Fundraiser</i>



The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

13th Annual “Fur Ball” Dance/Auction

Date: February 27, 2016

Time: 7:00 p.m. ~ midnight

Where: Shrine Club, Marietta, Ohio



~Music by The Bash~

Live Auction ~ Silent Auction ~ Raffles

Limited Tickets Available

Admission Tickets \$35 or Reserved tables \$350 (8 tickets)

For ticket information or reservations contact (740) 373-5959 or (740) 350-2766

THANK YOU TO THESE 2016 FURBALL SPONSORS ☺

CAT'S MEOW LEVEL (\$2500)

Green Meadow Veterinary Hospital

PUPPY LOVE LEVEL (\$1000)

JD Byrider

Grogg's Heating & Air Conditioning

PURRFECT PARTNER LEVEL (\$500)

Boxers Bed & Biscuits

Dr. David Rand Kirtland

Marietta Area State Farm Agents

Marietta Dairy Queen

Mondo Polymer

Pest Pro (Angela Tadlock)

Rick & Bonnie Walters

Smoker Friendly

Williamstown Bank

Willow Ridge Animal Hospital

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MONETARY DONATIONS

Apex Feed & Supply

Blake Home Inspections

McDonalds (Marietta)

Riverview Credit Union

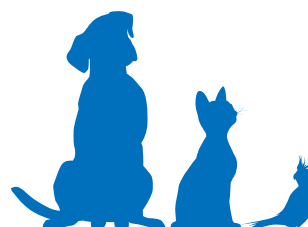
Skinner Firestone

Smitty's Pizza (Marietta)

Wark Accounting

Wharton Auto Groups

Winding Road Kennels



PRINCESS MINNIE ..A Damsel In Distress Is Rescued 😊



We love stories with a happy ending and are very proud of the citizens in our community when they learn of a lost/missing animal or know of one who needs help ... We want to share a story which 'played out' on December 31, 2015 and demonstrates that compassion. Around 11am that morning, **Renee Hennes** posted on the HSOV facebook pages that there was a small Dachshund running around in the Washington/ Fourth/Fifth Street area of Marietta Ohio and that she tried unsuccessfully to rescue the small dog. Renee was concerned it might be hit by a car ☹ And about the same time, **Lisa Vore** posted that her husband,

Kirby, had also seen the small dog and had tried to help... About an hour later, four young men were near the Washington Street Elementary School and found a small dog at the school who was shivering, frightened, and had taken refuge in a pile of leaves at the bottom of a stairwell. Those kind boys called the Washington County Sheriff's Department on their cell phones and asked for help, calmly describing the situation and telling the dispatcher that they would remain on the scene until someone arrived. **Deputy Sheriff/Dog Warden Kelly McGilton** responded and was so impressed with these young men! Kelly wrapped the small dog in a warm blanket and transported her to the HSOV, and she also took photos of those four Good Samaritans so that we could recognize them for their noble efforts.



We took photos of the little dog (whom we began calling 'Minnie') and planned to post them that evening in hopes that someone would recognize her. Fortunately the shelter received a call at closing time asking if anyone had brought an older Dachshund in .. We've learned the dog's real name is "Princess", and she was reclaimed on New Year's Day 😊

PRINCESS MINNIE

ALL FOR THE LOVE OF “COWBOY”



When a majestic 2-year old male Tuxedo kitty was surrendered by his owner on June 28, 2015, we were a bit in awe of that boy since he had a ‘bad boy’ reputation and had been creating havoc in his neighborhood. Our photographer opted to take pictures in his cage until we knew more about his personality, but one of our volunteers bravely opened his cage door to give him some loving. Her first encounter with the kitty was daunting to say the least. The cat pounced from his cage and onto the shoulders/back of that volunteer as though he were riding a bucking bronco .. And when our photographer heard that story, she knew that his name had to be **“COWBOY”**. And the volunteer, **Gerri VanNoy**, also saw the humor in his name and agreed it was appropriate 😊

“Cowboy” was a magnificent-looking guy who commanded attention and stood out in the crowd. He had a beautiful gray-and-white coat in a tuxedo pattern, a long tail, and an adorable chubby-looking face with golden eyes. We jokingly said we could imagine how dashing he would be if he were wearing a white Stetson hat ♥ But of course none of us were brave enough to place a hat on his head 😊

“Cowboy” was a free spirit with many facets to his personality. He had a well-deserved reputation for having a bit of a cat-i-tude and would let you know when he was finished with sweet talk and petting, but that was actually beginning to be part of his charm 😊 Our staff and volunteers truly loved this big boy, and he was often seen in our meet/greet/playroom enjoying a leisurely afternoon nap or looking out the window with envy as he watched some of our shelter mascot kitties strolling around outside. Our photographer wrote on his Petfinder/facebook description that she was sure Cowboy was crooning the tune ‘Give me land, lots of land under starry skies above .. Don’t fence me in’. Or perhaps that was the scenario we were dreaming of for our special **‘Cowboy’**.

This handsome dude was in our shelter for nearly seven long months, and he yearned to find a home where he could enjoy the freedom from being caged up. We knew in our hearts that there was a perfect home for **“Cowboy”**. We thought that he might be a good candidate for an indoor-outdoor home given the right environment. Perhaps the perfect ‘job’ for him would be foreman/ranch hand in a heated horse barn? He would likely be a good mouser in exchange for a fantastic home 😊

As it turned out, none of those scenarios were in the cards for our **“Cowboy”** 😊

Gerri VanNoy never gave up hope that there was a perfect home for this special boy, and she asked if she might post Cowboy’s picture and story on the Facebook page *‘Homer The Blind Wonder Cat’*. That facebook page had over 180,000 followers and Cowboy’s post went viral 😊 😊 Several people expressed an interest in **“Cowboy”** and wished him success in finding a new home, but there was one person who seriously fell in love with him and wanted to adopt him. Gerri had several ‘tell all/hold nothing back’ conversations with her, and the young woman was sure she had to have this **“Cowboy”** in her life 😊

The next problem was that the adopter lived in Florida .. which presented a logistical challenge. We began to network with some of our pilot/airline friends to see if **“Cowboy”** might be able to get a ticket to fly. But the more that idea was discussed, it was decided that this would likely be too stressful for Cowboy 😊

Where there’s a will, there’s a way to solve any problem. So **Gerri VanNoy** and **Julie Lowther** offered to provide private limousine service to drive Cowboy to meet his new ‘momma’. Arrangements were worked out, and **“Cowboy”** left our shelter shortly before noon on Saturday, February 6, 2016 en-route to Rock Hill, South Carolina where they would meet his adopter that evening. Gerri and Julie posted photos of Cowboy as he traveled on the first leg of his journey. He ‘talked and asked questions’ as they drove through West Virginia and Virginia and then slept through North Carolina 😊 **“Cowboy”** thoroughly enjoyed his night in the motel room with Julie and Gerri (although we aren’t sure they got much sleep since he loved hopping from bed to bed during the night).

Gerri posted pictures of Cowboy relaxing in their motel room and snoozing on the beds, and she wrote the next morning that *“It is going to be hard to say goodbye to Cowboy today, but I know he is going to a great home that is already set up*

and they are excited to welcome him into their home. From the grouchy guy who lived in the back room to this majestic love bug last night. Cowboy is going to make a great new family member. He has been so well-behaved that it is hard to believe he is the same Cowboy. It will just not be the same [at the shelter] without his grumpiness keeping all of us on our toes. Good luck buddy."

At the same time that Cowboy was traveling from Ohio to South Carolina, his new momma (**Stacey**) began driving from her beachfront home near Jacksonville Florida to meet Cowboy in Rock Hill SC. Stacey arrived that evening and her first reaction when she finally met Cowboy in person was **"I couldn't believe he was the same cat they described to me. He walked right over and put his head down to be petted. I knew at that moment he was part of my family"**

Stacey, one of her daughters, and "Cowboy" departed Rock Hill SC shortly before noon on Sunday, February 7, 2016. "Cowboy" started out in a carrier, but we heard it wasn't very long before he persuaded Stacey to open the carrier door. Cowboy wanted to snuggle up on a lap and look out the car window ☺ We had a message around 6pm that 'Cowboy is officially a Florida resident and doing well. His new momma said he even rode shotgun the whole way home. What a happy ending to his story. From a neighborhood bully to somebody's baby'

Stacey has sent incredible pictures of "Cowboy" which we never would have imagined in our wildest dreams. He has become **"The Kissing Cowboy"** these days and has given up his 'bad boy' reputation. And he has a kitty 'sister' (Kiwi) whom he is quite fond of. Stacey's most recent update says it all:

For the love of Cowboy: It took several months and 900+ miles but he is finally part of our family. People thought I was crazy for wanting a grumpy cat from Ohio, being way down here in Florida. What I had seen and heard was a grumpy cat who needed lots of love. The moment we met, he walked over to be petted and chatted with us. I think he knew that he was going to be loved and he liked this. I wouldn't trade him for the world. Even now he's curled up on my lap watching TV with me. He still has his moments once in awhile, but I think that's just cuz he's a man cat lol..... The change from 24/7 grumpy cat to the occasional grump has proved that love can change anything..... We love our Cowboy. Thanks to all who made it happen to allow Cowboy to be part of our family. We received even more blessings we made friends .. All for the love of Cowboy.

NOTE: We have posted an album of photos on the HSOV Facebook page under the title "Bon Voyage Cowboy" which documents his departure from the shelter, photos from his road trip/overnight motel stay, and heartwarming photos in his new home. We hope that Cowboy's true story will inspire others to follow their dreams and realize that there is the perfect home for every cat (and dog)! Cages are not natural habitats for any animal, and they always behave differently in a loving home ☺





“BELLA” WAS OUR GUEST FOR 2 YEARS, 1 MONTH, 5 DAYS

Little did we know when “Bella” was surrendered to our shelter on January 7, 2014 that she would become one of our longest-staying guests at the HSOV. She was a beautiful female Beagle/Boxer mix with an auburn-and-white coat, a long tail with a white tip on the end, and an adorable face with a wrinkled brow, a liver-colored nose, and large velvety ears. “Bella” was 3-years young at that time.

“Bella” had many good qualities and some funny ‘quirks’ (don’t we all?) ☺ She didn’t do well with children or cats, and she was also choosy about which dogs and people that she liked ☺ But we loved her unconditionally and hoped that someday someone else would feel the same. “Bella” was not adjusting well to being in a small kennel, so our Humane Officer (**Misty Carpenter**) decided that she had a fairly large office that she would share with Bella. And there was plenty of room for a large Kuranda bed, blankets, and toys for Miss Bella ☺ “Bella” enjoyed the freedom of Misty’s office and spent over a year in her temporary home there..

It took “Bella” awhile to warm up to people that she hadn’t yet met, and she didn’t rush into relationships easily. She loved to go for walks with people that she trusted, and she got very excited when she saw someone with a leash in their hand ☺ “Bella” had several ardent members of her fan club whom she trusted to walk with her, and she dearly loved them. She especially loved kennel techs **Brittany Daugherty**, **Ted Laskowski** and **Michelle Rudd** (and of course **Misty Carpenter**), and she had made good friends with volunteers **Ginger Eubank**, **Richard Long**, and **Holli Mannix** as well.

“Bella” had always been a pushover for treats since the first day she came to the HSOV, and that never changed. **Michelle Rudd** (with the assistance of **Ted Laskowski**) made a video of Bella sitting up and speaking for treats, and the video went ‘viral’ on facebook with over 8,000 viewings! And Bella looked forward to her daily ‘lunch dates’ with Kennel Tech **Brittany Daugherty**. “Bella” never tired of her usual entrée (plain cheeseburger) from McDonalds or Burger King ☺

We knew that there was a perfect home for “Bella” if we could just find it, and we patiently waited until the right person/family came along. “Bella” had just started turning the pages on her third calendar year with us when she received some exciting news ☺ A very special lady who lived about two hours from our shelter saw Bella’s pictures and story when HSOV Canine Coordinator, **Celeste Ridgway**, went on a mission to find a real home for “Bella”. And that lady knew in her heart as soon as she saw Bella’s pictures that she wanted to share her home by ‘fostering’ this beautiful dog with the hope/intent that Bella would become a ‘foster failure’ ☺ ☺

Our staff and volunteers felt that a celebration was in order, and volunteer **Ginger Eubank** catered the affair on the afternoon of February 11, 2016. Ginger brought a decorated over-sized chocolate chip cookie, ‘princess’ plates/napkins, and (of course) party hats!! And there was a heart-shaped German Chocolate cake for the two-legged revelers ☺



We took several photos as “Bella” did some partying and celebrated with many of her favorite fans. Bella was definitely the ‘Belle Of The Ball’ in her pink party hat! And we also took a few photos of Bella’s last afternoon in our shelter having her traditional daily luncheon date with **Brittany Daugherty** 😊

We had dreamed of the day that Bella would find a home of her very own, and that dream became a reality on the morning of February 12, 2016 when she left our shelter to meet her new ‘momma’. We packed Bella’s favorite toys (her purple pig and funky chicken) into her large carrier along with a comfy plush bed. Through happy tears, we wished Bella luck as she left with volunteer **Don Underwood** to embark on the two-hour journey to her new home and to begin the next chapter in her life.

“Bella” was 3-years old when she came to the HSOV on January 7, 2014 so she had spent nearly half of her life with us. After 2 Years, 1 Month, and 5 Days, “Bella” had become part of our ‘family’ ... and the Shakespeare line “Parting Is Such Sweet Sorrow” certainly rang true~

We anxiously awaited news about Bella and her new home after she left around noon on February 12th, and we were thrilled when **Celeste Ridgway** received a glowing report later that evening. It seems that “Bella” had the time of her life running and playing in her very own fenced-in yard and quickly made up with her new momma. She loved to look out the front window in her home (Misty’s office didn’t have a window to the outside world). “Bella” was so tired that she had fallen asleep on her sofa by early evening. She had crawled up next to her new momma a few times already, and in her momma’s words *“Once she settles in, I’m sure she will be a snuggler. We have plenty of time for that to happen”* ♥

And on the morning of February 13th after Bella’s first night in her home, we loved this happy update:

“She (Bella) slept curled up to me all night. Ran around the back yard for a half hour this morning. Took a walk a little later. Here in a little bit we will take a car ride and do some errands”

Our girl “Bella” has found her home 😊 😊



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

(and the HSOV dogs/cats love them too!)

"Neither Rain, Nor Snow, Nor Sleet, Nor Hail" deters the postal service nor HSOV Volunteers ☺ We appreciate our volunteers, and the HSOV dogs/cats absolutely adore them and look forward to spending quality time with them ☺ ☺ While there aren't as many social activities during the winter months, volunteers faithfully come to the shelter each day to walk/socialize our animals and have kept busy ...



Deck The Halls (November 29th) .. Volunteers decorated the shelter for Christmas (traditional tree PLUS each dog/cat had beautiful handcrafted décor on their cage/kennel with heartfelt notes written by their favorite volunteers.



Marietta YMCA Family Nights .. Volunteers take a shelter dog (and sometimes a cat) to attend family sports night on Friday evenings. ***Holli Mannix, Chris Murphy, Amy Rogers, and Beth Underwood*** report that the families love meeting the animals ☺



WVU-P Pet Your Stress Away Day (December 9th) .. Volunteers took shelter dogs to WVU-P to let students pet them to relieve the stress of final exams. ***Marietta High School/HPAC teachers and students*** accompanied our volunteers. Thanks to ***Ginger Eubank*** for overseeing this event.



Fort Frye Community Day (December 21st) .. Volunteers took shelter dogs to Fort Frye High School and provided information about the shelter including our volunteer/foster programs. ***Marietta High School/HPAC*** also participated and shared their PR involving the shelter and animals. ***Kelly McGilton***, Washington County Dog Warden, was present and provided educational information. Fort Frye students collected supplies and also held a fundraiser by charging \$1.00 to see all of our dogs ☺



Kelly McGilton (and her dog "Bo") went to ***Phillips Elementary School*** on January 26th to thank the third grade classes for the Christmas letters that they wrote to our shelter animals. We've published several of their letters in this newsletter.



We take HSOV dogs to area nursing homes and senior citizen centers on a regular basis, and this is one of our most appreciated activities ☺ Thanks to volunteers ***Ginger Eubank, Bonnie Fennell, Holli Mannix, Beth Underwood*** and others for spending an afternoon each week to make these visits!



Upcoming events include:

Marietta College Community Days (Saturday, April 9)
Earth Day Celebration at Marietta Armory (Saturday, April 23)
Merchant & Artists Walks (downtown Marietta OH)

HSOV Volunteer Coordinator, Amber Dennison, would love to hear from you if you'd like to become a volunteer. There are many ways to help our shelter in addition to walking dogs and/or cuddling cats. Our volunteer application is available at the shelter or on our website (www.hsov.org) Volunteer orientations are held 1:00-3:00pm on Sundays (thanks to ***Brenda DeWees*** and ***Linda Perry***). ***Amber Dennison*** can also schedule orientations at your convenience.

LETTERS TO THE HSOV DOGS AND CATS 😊

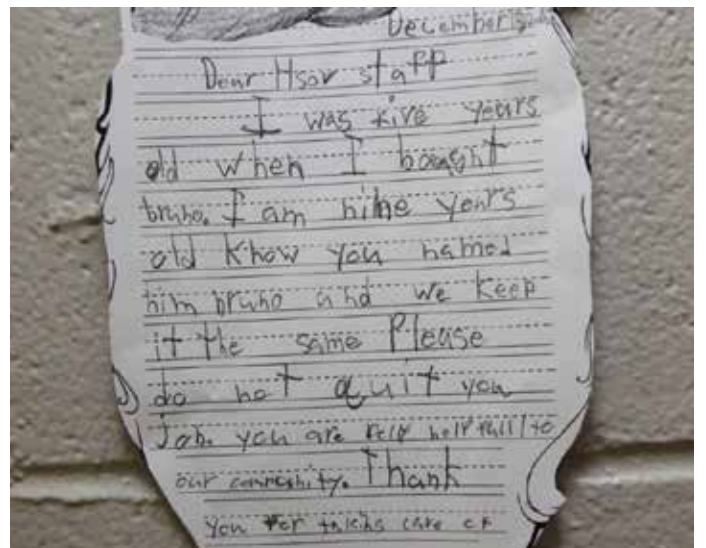
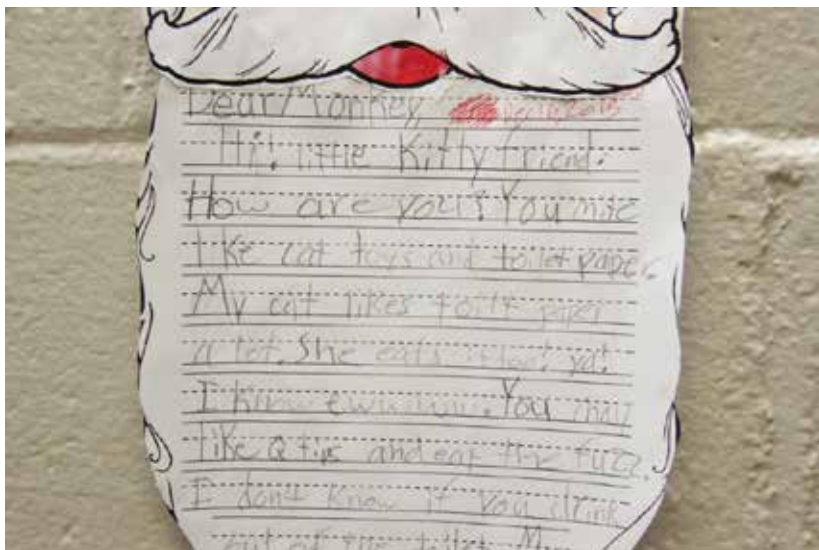
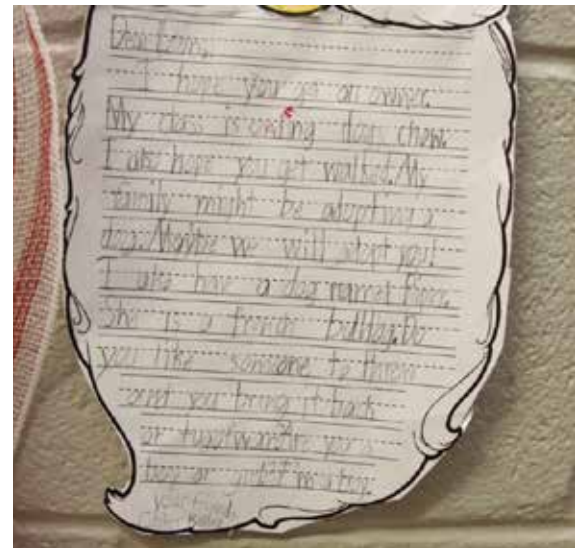
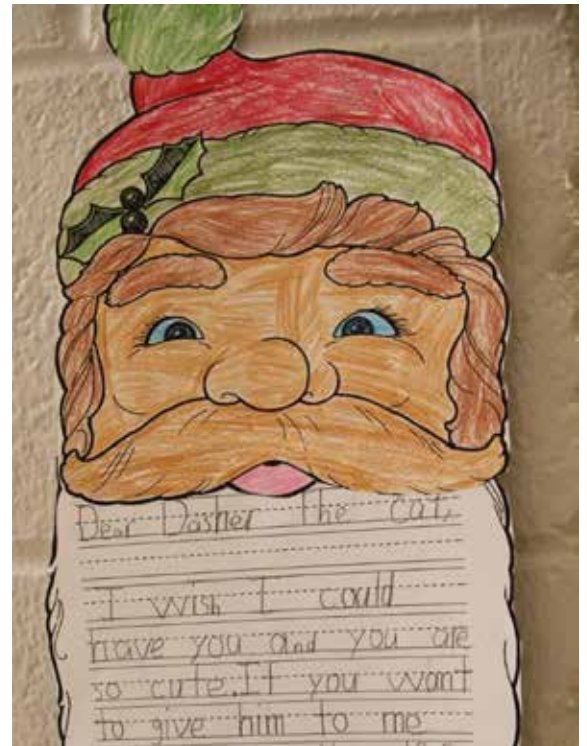
We'd venture to say that most grade school children who were given a large coloring book print of Santa Claus with a lined space below would immediately think of writing a letter to Santa Claus

Students at **Phillips Elementary School** in Marietta Ohio had a very different theme in mind, and we were delighted when one of their homeroom teachers delivered their works of art to our shelter in mid-December.

The children chose to write "**Letters to the HSOV Dogs and Cats**", and we were so touched as we read (and re-read) what they wrote.....

We took photographs of all of their letters so that others might enjoy and appreciate those wonderful heartfelt messages to our HSOV dogs and cats, and they are posted in an album on our main HSOV facebook page entitled "Letters To The HSOV Dogs and Cats". We have reprinted a few of them in this newsletter which are representative of the entire collection. Most of the letters were written to individual dogs and cats but a few of the children chose to write to our shelter staff and thank them for taking good care of the animals 😊 The children also collected dog and cat food/treats for the shelter animals 😊 😊

Thank you to those talented **Phillips Elementary School** children who are third grade classmates. We've learned the names of the teachers who inspired these youngsters to write their letters to our HSOV dogs and cats and wish to recognize them. Thank you **Amber Ann Cline**, **Mrs. Cochran**, and **Beth Perry** 😊 And thank you Beth for making the 'special delivery' of the letters to our shelter and to **Mrs. Schaad** for her wonderful suggestion about this classroom project! Thanks to their parents and teachers, these youngsters obviously have learned at a young age to respect and love animals. We're sure that we will see many of them volunteering at the HSOV sometime in their future or pursuing careers to help animals!



Writing Our Thank You Notes ☺

WMOA (AM 1490 on your radio dial) invited the HSOV to participate in WMOA's annual "Christmas Zoo" for the collection of stuffed animals for needy children. HSOV volunteers (accompanied by their favorite shelter dogs) were featured during live radio broadcasts at **The Workingman's Store**, 113 Putnam Street, Marietta OH, throughout the month of December 2015. **Beth Underwood** (and her favorite senior dog **"Thunder"**) are shown here when they represented the HSOV during one of the first broadcasts. Thank you to WMOA and The Workingman's Store for your support of our shelter ☺ And incidentally, it looks as though "Thunder" might have found a great home ... with Beth!!



Laurenn Young and several of her young friends held a bake sale at K-Mart (Marietta Ohio) on December 5th and donated all of the proceeds to the HSOV. They also collected supplies for the HSOV ☺

Thank you to **Agland Co-Op** (219 Third Street, Marietta Ohio) for your generous donation of dog and cat food to the HSOV. Agland donated one bag of food to our shelter for each bag of food that was purchased by their customers during the month of December 2015.

WeLovPets (Lafayette Plaza, Marietta OH) does so many nice things for the HSOV throughout the year by showcasing many of our shelter dogs/cats, hosting adoptathons, and collecting supplies for our animals. During the 2015 holiday season, they also did a special fundraiser, **"Pet Photos With Santa"**, and presented us with a \$450 donation! Thank you WeLovPets ☺

Thanks to the **Kiwanis Club of Marietta** for inviting HSOV Executive Director, **Kelly Goedel**, to speak at their December 15, 2015 meeting. Kiwanis Club member, **Louise Holmes**, reported that their members were very generous and made both monetary and food/supply donations for our shelter ☺ Louise is a past HSOV Board of Directors/President and has been a major supporter of the HSOV for many years.

This beautiful young lady (**Maria**) celebrated her **10th Birthday** by asking her family/friends to bring gifts for the HSOV dogs and cats to her birthday party. We loved the gifts and also Maria's kitty outfit that she wore when she delivered the presents ☺ ☺



The 7th Annual **"They Light Up Our Lives"** fundraiser for the HSOV was held during the month of December and 35+ contributors honored/remembered 178 pets. More than \$1500 was donated to our shelter as a result of this fundraiser, and that amount was also matched by an anonymous donor. Thank you to **Nancy Mendicino** and her committee for organizing this event. Thank you to **American Flags & Poles** for displaying the Christmas tree with white/colored lights to honor/memorialize the pets in their store window. And to **ARC Resin, Marietta Office Supply, The Marietta Times, Over The Moon Pizzeria**, the local businesses who handed out forms, and all those who contributed ☺

Thank you to three local businesses (**C&C Dodge/Toyota, K-Mart, and Tractor Supply**) for displaying HSOV Christmas Wish List Trees and collecting donations/supplies for the shelter dogs and cats ☺ And thank you **Amber Dennison, Donna Ball, Holli Mannix**, and **Amy Rogers** for your time and talents in turning this great idea into a reality ☺ ☺

Students at the **Little Hocking Elementary School** visited our shelter on December 19th and brought many nice gifts for HSOV animals ☺ Thank you!!!

Writing Our Thank You Notes ☺

Liv Hefner Photography (Parkersburg WV) brought many wonderful donations for our shelter animals (cat/dog food, cat litter, toys, and blankets). Liv collected items for the HSOV in exchange for taking complimentary photos for folks who made a donation for the animals! Thank you Liv ☺

Thank you to **Aynsley Butcher** for your generous gifts for the HSOV animals in lieu of personal gifts for your birthday ☺

Over The Moon Pub & Pizza (170 Front Street, Marietta OH) and **The Mud Ducks** hosted a fun-filled "Three Dog Nights of Christmas" fundraiser for the HSOV on December 19, 2015. Thank you to Over The Moon for supporting the HSOV with this fundraiser and also the "Howlin' In The Alley" summer event ☺

Dianne Farley Crandall celebrated her 'Happy Birthday' on December 23rd in a very special way. She requested that her family and friends make a donation to the HSOV instead of buying personal gifts for her. A large donation was presented to HSOV Board President, **Jared McGilton**, with the request that the funds be used for the betterment of cats in our shelter ☺ On behalf of the HSOV kitties, we thank you Dianne!!

Pet Supplies Plus (605 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna WV) collected food/supplies for both of the local shelters in our area (HSOV and HSOP) during December 2015, and we were very appreciative of the carload of nice 'gifts' for our HSOV dogs/cats. Thanks to HSOV Board Member, **Deb Ryder**, for delivering them to our shelter!



Thank you to **The Original Pizza Place** (231 Second Street, Marietta Ohio) for their 'Raise Some Dough' Fundraisers for the HSOV. The 2016 Calendar schedule for the benefit of the HSOV will be the 2nd Tuesday of even-numbered months: April, June, August, October, and December. Our shelter will receive a percentage of total sales for those dates when customers present an HSOV coupon with their dinner receipt.

**"Have Pizza For A Dog Or Cat
The 2nd Tuesday Of The
Month In 2016" (Even Months)**

**Come Eat Pizza and Help Us
Raise Some Dough For The
Humane Society Of The Ohio
Valley**

**Mark Your Calendars
For The Following
Tuesdays.....**
February 9th
April 12th
June 14th
August 9th
October 11th
December 13th

**Be Sure To Drop Your
Receipt Anytime
Throughout The Day In
The Box On The
Counter.**

**The HSOV Will
Receive 15% Of Total
Collected Receipts On
Our Day.**

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740-374-4333**

ZkFitness owner **Brian Anderson** (121 Putnam Street, Suite 301, Marietta OH) hosted a unique fundraising event dubbed "Puppy Love Zumba" for the HSOV on February 13, 2016. Thanks to ZkFitness, along with HSOV Volunteers **Shelly Kidd** and **Jamiann Voshel**, a total of \$400 cash was donated to HSOV!

Our Thank You notes would not be complete without expressing our appreciation and thanks to our **fantastic HSOV Staff** who take wonderful care of the dogs and cats in our shelter each and every day. These compassionate individuals are there for the animals 365 days a year and give the dogs/cats who are entrusted to their care the love, socialization, playtime, and extra TLC that they would give their very own pets. We often see posts on their personal facebook pages (as well as the HSOV facebook pages) which include photos and videos of HSOV dogs/cats as they write their personal feelings about them .. in hopes that they will find the great homes they deserve. The **HSOV Staff and Kennel Technicians** are listed on page two of this newsletter. Please join us in thanking them for a job well done ☺



BLUE'S STORY

Our hearts sunk when "Blue" was brought to the HSOV in mid-October 2015. This sweet gentleman was an 11-year old Husky/Labrador mix who seemed to have fallen on hard times.



"Blue" weighed just 37 lbs., was missing hair on his back, and had arthritis in his hips/hind legs. He needed extra TLC and, fortunately for Blue, he came to the right place~ Our staff and kennel techs were on a mission to give "Blue" everything he needed, and he received medical attention, gourmet food, and exercise on a daily basis. "Blue" always seemed to enjoy life and responded quickly to the smallest act of kindness as though he knew everyone was cheering him on ☺ He melted many hearts when he looked up with his one blue eye and one brown eye and a hopeful expression on his face.



Blue's first photos were pretty sad indeed ☹ But he looked great in just 6-weeks. He gained nearly 20 lbs and his hair had grown back in ☺ And with arthritis medication, he was walking with a rather lively bounce in his step and seemed like a much younger man ☺

There is surely a place in 'Doggy Heaven' for people who offer to share their homes and lives with senior and/or special-needs dogs, and Blue's guardian angels were watching over him. HSOV Canine Rescue Coordinator, **Celeste Ridgway**, contacted a special lady (**Laura**) and her husband to see if they might consider giving Blue a home. They had previously adopted two HSOV special-needs dogs (Maria who was a 9-year old Chihuahua with a heart murmur and Buzz who had been shot and had a dislocated hip). Laura replied that there was room in their home for Blue ☺ **Jo Ellen Gray** provided limousine service for "Blue" on December 13, 2015 to meet his new mom and dad, and it was love at first sight!



"Blue" has settled into his new home quite nicely and loves his new life. Laura has sent photos of Blue enjoying comfy beds and even one looking at himself in the mirror as though he can't believe who that handsome dog was looking back at him ☺ Laura wrote that 'With love and caring, these are all great

sweet dogs with plenty of life and love to give'. Please consider adopting (or fostering) a senior- or special-needs dog (or cat).

CHIPS, DIP, PRETZEL, and POPCORN

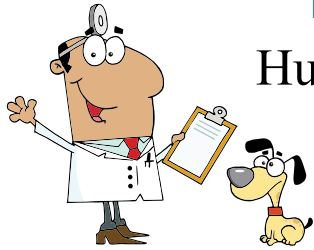
Five tiny kittens who arrived at the HSOV on August 26, 2015 were in desperate need of help in order to survive. They had upper respiratory infections and nearly all of them had eye issues ☹ Our kennel techs lovingly mixed up kitten mush to make sure they were eating and started them on antibiotics. Humane Officer (**Misty Carpenter**) took them to a local veterinarian a few days later, and the prognosis was that several of the kittens would likely have to have an eye removed when they were a few months older ☹ The kittens were happy, playful youngsters with a strong will to live. They were given extra TLC and were looking much better by September 17th when we took their second set of photographs. Our Feline Rescue Coordinator sent their pictures to one of our favorite rescues the following day and asked if they might be able to help, and their answer was "YES" ☺ Thanks to **Lucy Betts (Three Sisters Rescue)**, the kittens made the journey to meet their guardian angel on September 22, 2015. They were taken directly to the rescue's veterinarian hospital where they would receive the medical care they needed. Sadly, one of the kittens was so fragile that he did not survive ☹



Fast forward to January 8, 2016 .. We could hardly believe the transformation when Lucy posted photos of **Chips, Dip, Pretzel, and Popcorn** (who had been dubbed

'The Snack Kittens'). They were beautiful, healthy kitties ☺ And the caption (**ADOPTED**) with each of their pictures brought happy tears to our eyes! We are so appreciative and thankful for all of the rescue groups who help HSOV cats and dogs. Thank you **Three Sisters Rescue** for helping these kittens and so many others, and also to our compassionate HSOV staff. In many shelters these kittens would have been a 'statistic' instead of a happily-ever-after story~

VETERINARY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH



Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

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The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley is now able to provide limited financial assistance for veterinary care to qualified pet owners in Washington county, Ohio. Funds cannot be given for spay or neuter, but can be given for other needed vet care, routine or emergency.

To qualify for assistance, you must complete a form and submit it to the Humane Society for review. Forms are available from your veterinarian, at the Humane Society, or on the Humane Society's website: www.HSOV.org

Since funds are limited, veterinary assistance will be dispersed on a first come, first served basis to those who met strict financial guidelines. We require that your veterinarian examine your pet so that you know what veterinarian care is needed. Veterinary assistance given will be paid directly to the veterinarian who provides care for your pet.

For more information please call us at 740.373.5959



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The link to the HSOV AmazonSmile website is ... <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4393873>

Our shelter has also established a "Wish List" on amazon.com as a convenient way for our out-of-town supporters to donate needed items to our shelter. Simply go to the www.amazon.com website and search for the "Humane Society of the Ohio Valley (HSOV)" under the 'wish list' drop-down menu and you will see a list of gifts that we wish our shelter animals had. These items may be purchased online and will be delivered right to our door.

The link to our wish list is:

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/?ie=UTF8&cid=AA5SFHY4ZF1HX>

We encourage our local supporters to patronize the many wonderful merchants in our area when purchasing donations for HSOV shelter animals. Apex Feed & Supply, Big Lots, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Giant Eagle, K-Mart, Kroger, Tractor Supply, WalMart and WeLovPets are among the businesses who do so much for our shelter. And please remember that local veterinarians also have needed items (such as flea medication and pet foods) that are available from them.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

The HSOV is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you are a Kroger shopper this is a way you can monetarily support our shelter

by simply using your Kroger Plus Shopping Card. You must register your card online (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 93001 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 to count. The HSOV is given a percentage of sales purchased by registered card holders.

- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club & Wal-Mart gift cards
- Gasoline debit cards
- Purina dog/cat chow
- Purina dog chow/little bites
- Purina PRO dog food
- Purina puppy/kitten chow
- Canned/wet dog/cat food
- Stainless steel food/water bowls
- Kitty 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
- 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
- Copier/laser printer paper
- Toner cartridges for Samsung Xpress C1860FW and M2885FM laser printers
- Aluminum cans (for recycling)
- Hot dogs/spray cheese (for meds)
- Safe Paw ice melter

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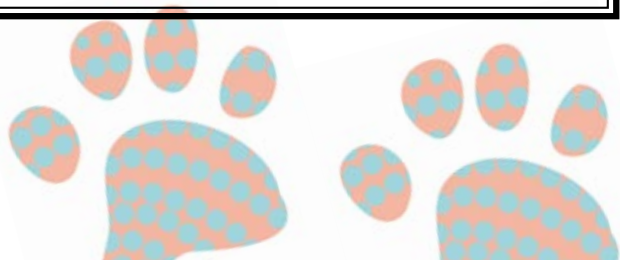
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Celebrating The Life Of "Abigail"

"Abigail" was surrendered by her owner on April 5, 2015. This young lady was a beauty with stunning emerald green eyes. Abigail tended to pick/choose whom she liked and obviously didn't rush into a relationship since it took her 9 months to fall in love! She went home with her new family on December 31, 2015 ☺

We celebrate Abigail's life and the 738 HSOV kitties who were adopted/rescued from January-December 2015 ☺☺



THANK YOU TO THESE BUSINESES & INDIVIDUALS FOR SPONSORING DOG KENNELS/CAT TOWERS ☺

Al-Cott Marine Services (In Memory of Ashlee Scott)

C&C Dodge/Toyota (Jim Cobb)

Jim & Jo Corbett

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River City Pet Hospital

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Lynne Sturtevant

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Humane Society of the Ohio Valley



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The HSOV OFFERS MICROCHIPPING SERVICE for dogs and cats at a very reasonable cost ... \$20 for the microchip and no registration fee through PetLink. This is a great way to ensure that your pet has the best chance of being reunited with you in the event that he/she is lost. All veterinarians and animal shelters (including HSOV) have microchip scanners and can locate owners of microchipped dogs and cats. This is especially helpful if dog tags/collars are missing and fantastic for cats since they tend to wear breakaway collars for safety reasons. This microchipping service is available to all pet owners and is not limited to HSOV adopters. No appointment is necessary and the service is available during normal shelter hours (Monday-Friday from 11am-5pm; Saturday 11am-4pm). However, you should call beforehand (740.373.5959) to make sure that staff is available that day who can implant the microchip.

2016 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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_____ \$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.net

* 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.



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

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

