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# *OF THE OHIO VALLEY*



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Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

Shelter Location/Mailing Address 90 Mt. Tom Road Marietta, OH 45750

#### Hours of Operation:

Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Saturday 11:	00am-5:00pm
Sunday	Noon-3:00pm

#### SHELTER STATISTICS

January - July 2021

#### Dogs/Puppies:

Intakes	.250
Adopted	.146
Reclaimed	63
Rescue Transfers	49
Euthanized @ Vet	5
Died In Shelter	0
Died In Foster or @ Vet	0

#### Cats/Kittens:

Intakes	402
Adopted	142
Reclaimed	5
Rescue Transfers	166
Euthanized @ Vet	8
Died In Shelter	
Died In Foster or @ Vet	16



PLEASE VACCINATE, SPAY, AND NEUTER YOUR PETSI..

#### A Letter From Our HSOV Board of Directors President...

My name is Ethan Gerber and the current Board President of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. I have been an advocate for animals of all kinds my entire life. I have been volunteering with the HSOV for several years, including this being my third year on the HSOV Board of Directors and my second year as President. I have also adopted three dogs and four cats from the HSOV.

While there are always hardships and obstacles, the HSOV is dedicated to the animals in its care. Ensuring their well-being is always our first priority. Currently there are more than seventy (70) dogs and one hundred (100) cats in the facility as well as several animals in foster care. The HSOV celebrates the progress over the years with regard to animal intakes. From 2010 to 2020, the HSOV has seen a nearly 70% decrease in the number of homeless or surrendered animals coming in. This is surely due, in part, to our spay/neuter policies, adoption policies, and

community dedication. The HSOV could not care for these animals without the hard work, dedication, compassion, and time given by staff members, volunteers, fosters, donors, adopters, rescuers, and supporters of the HSOV. Both the HSOV and the Board of Directors sincerely thank the entire community of animal advocates for everything you do to help animals in need.

The Covid-19 pandemic has made it difficult for non-profit organizations like the HSOV to fundraise. Luckily, the HSOV has been able to find creative ways to raise money and continue to care for our animal guests. With restrictions being lifted, we are excited to be able to start fundraising again and have several events coming up with Howlin' in the Alley and the HSOV Charity Golf Tournament at the end of August 2021 ... and our 17<sup>th</sup> HSOV Fur Ball at the end of October 2021.

The Board of Directors have also been focusing on the future of the HSOV. While in the beginning stages of a very long process, the Board is working diligently towards the construction of a new facility. This would give the animals in HSOV's care an even stronger chance at finding new forever homes, improve enrichment, encourage play, and create the best life that could be provided in a shelter environment. If you are interested in supporting this project, donations can be sent to the Marietta Community Foundation for the HSOV New Building Fund.

I would also like to personally thank every HSOV supporter because, again, the HSOV could not do what it does without you,

Ethan Gerber HSOV Board President



#### **HSOV SHELTER STAFF**

Shelter Manager – Scott Hatfield Assistant Manager – Rachal Merrow Adoptions Clerk – Sharon Morris

#### **HSOV Kennel Technicians**

Madison Barnett Thai Bigley Hayley Gorrell Tess Grogg Lauryn Hamilton Alyssa James Ashley Johnson Christian Leonard Kati Rankin Kimberlei Reynolds Starla Roberts Naomi Schock

#### 2021 HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Ethan Gerber Vice President – Leight Murray Secretary – Jim Raney Treasurer – Mike Montgomery Amber Dennison Flite Freimann Esther Salem Keri Stan

#### 2021 HSOV COMMITTEES

#### Administration

[Corporate Records/Government Filing Reports] Jim Raney – Chair Amber Dennison Mike Montgomery Leight Murray Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

## Shelter Staff / Board of Directors & Committee Listing

#### Facilities [Building/Grounds/Vehicle Fleet/ Security] Mike Montgomery – Chair Amber Dennison Leight Murray Jim Raney Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

#### Finance and Budget

Leight Murray – Chair Amber Dennison Mike Montgomery Jim Raney Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

#### Fundraising

Keri Stan - Chair Amy Rogers – Co-Chair Amber Dennison Brenda DeWees Shelly Galland Lisa Gill Julie Lowther Mike Mullen Judy Rutherford Jennie Sherrard Kathy Wilhelm Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

#### Membership

Leight Murray – Chair Amber Dennison Alesa Jedlink Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

#### New Building & Renovations

Leight Murray – Chair Amber Dennison Flite Freimann Mike Montgomery Jim Raney Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

#### Operations [Foster/Adoption/Rescue/Spay/ Neuter Etc]

Amber Dennison – Chair Amy Rogers – Co-Chair/Canine Rescue Coordinator Julie Lowther Rachal Merrow Sharon Paul – Feline Rescue Coordinator Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

#### Personnel

#### [Employee & Volunteer Handbooks/ Training Etc]

Jim Raney – Chair Amber Dennison Leight Murray Mike Montgomery Esther Salem Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

#### **Public Relations**

#### [Social Media/Website/Newsletter/ Outreach]

Keri Stan - Chair Amber Dennison Flite Freimann Sharon Paul – Newsletter Judy Rutherford Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio

#### Volunteer

Julie Lowther – Chair Amber Dennison Amy Rogers Jennie Sherrard Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio Ethan Gerber – Ex Officio



## **HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS**

Weekly	HSOV \$2.00 Tuesday (HSOV Facebook Donation Posts)
Weekly	HSOV Wednesday Wish List (HSOV Facebook Posts) [Food/Supplies Most Needed for Shelter Dogs/Cats]
<i>First Wednesdays</i> Jan-Dec 2021	HSOV Board Meeting, 6:00pm Goldstar Park Building, 801 Lancaster Street, Marietta OH
<i>Friday</i> August 27, 2021	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Howlin' In The Alley Concert/Fundraiser 7:00pm-Midnight [Sponsored by Over The Moon Pub & Pizza for Benefit of HSOV] Lafayette Hotel, 101 Front Street, Marietta OH
<mark>Saturday</mark> August 28, 2020	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HSOV 2021 Golf Scramble</b> [Sponsored by Strawberry Fields] Marietta Country Club, 705 Pike Street, Marietta OH
<i>Wednesday</i> September 1, 2021	HSOV Board Meeting, 6:00pm [Deadline for payment of 2021-2022 membership dues in order to vote at HSOV annual meeting or to be eligible as candidate for board of directors]
Friday - Sunday Sept 10-12, 2021	Ohio River Sternwheeler Festival [Parking Fundraiser] Strawberry Fields, 414 Greene Street, Marietta OH
<mark>Sunday</mark> October 17, 2021	Chili Cook-Off [Benefit for HSOV] Station Lounge & Grill, 595 Joe Skinner Road, Belpre Ohio
Saturday October 23, 2021	HSOV 17 <sup>h</sup> Annual Fur Ball 7:00pm-Midnight Elizabeth Sugden Broughton Community Building, 639 State Route 821, Marietta OH
<i>Date TBA</i> November 2021	Applebee's Spirit Night [Fundraiser for HSOV] Applebee's Restaurant, 482 Pike Street, Marietta OH
Wednesday December 1, 2021	<b>HSOV Board Meeting, 6:00pm</b> (Annual Meeting/Election of Board Members) Goldstar Park Building, 801 Lancaster Street, Marietta OH
<mark>Saturday</mark> April 9, 2022	Mutts Gone Nuts [Matinee 3:00pm; Evening Performance 6:00pm] Peoples Bank Theatre, 222 Putnam Street, Marietta OH





## 17<sup>TH</sup> FUR BALL

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

7:00PM — MIDNIGHT ELIZABETH SUCCEN BROUCHTON COMMUNITY BUILDING 639 STATE ROUTE 821, MARIETTA

TICKETS ON SALE AUGUST 13, 2021 VISIT HSOV.ORG CALL 304-481-6340 OR 740-525-2860

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS \$45 TABLE \$400 (8 RESERVED SEATS) INDOOR & LIMITED OUTDOOR SEATING



BBQ DINNER BY JOE MOMMA'S KITCHEN Music by "The Bash" Live Auction Country Store 50/50 Drawing

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY





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 <u>www.krogercommunityrewards.com</u> and select the HSOV as the non-profit organization you wish to support. Just visit the website, follow the instructions, and enter NPO Number UY547 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.

When you shop at <u>smile.</u> <u>amazon.com</u>, you can monetarily help the HSOV.



Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to The Humane Society Of The Ohio Valley whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

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

HSOV recently received a quarterly donation of \$424.60 thanks to customers shopping at <u>smile.amazon.com</u>.

Since we began participating in AmazonSmile (several years ago now), HSOV has received a grand total of \$4,300.12.



#### COMPARISON OF HSOV STATISTICS FOR THE CALENDAR YEARS 2010-2020

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
DOGS/PUPPIES											
Incoming	1469	1624	1423	1343	926	941	886	787	864	709	456
Adopted	495	549	612		418	287	200	294	484	416	276
Reclaimed	192	164	158		131	151	196	186	181	136	114
Adopt/Reclaim				630							
Rescue Transfers	634	701	416	457	262	486	450	276	107	169	140
Died Shelter/Foster	20	22	3	2	12	11	2	0	1	3	0
Euthanized	48	93	20	6	9	10	12	17	26	13	8
CATS/KITTENS											
Incoming	1878	2023	1582	1463	971	817	706	868	1023	742	561
Adopted	312	499	538		599	446	316	381	583	520	296
Reclaimed	20	5	1		12	7	14	16	19	19	5
Adopt/Reclaim				657							
Rescue Transfers	187	304	197	260	182	292	323	361	251	235	236
Died Shelter/Foster	27	63	43	27	14	25	23	14	108	74	27
Euthanized	980	964	613	223	119	19	6	27	52	30	16

**Robin & Seraphina** were a beautiful pair of 2-year old female Calico kitties who arrived at the HSOV on January 15, 2021. These girls were most likely sisters and very bonded with each other.

Robin had a white/black/orange short smooth coat in a calico pattern, a long tail, and an adorable face with golden eyes, a beige 'beauty mark' beside her pink nose, and long whiskers.

Seraphina had a stunning white/orange tabby/brown tabby short smooth coat, a long ringed tail, and an adorable face with orange tabby markings, pale golden eyes, a pink nose, and long white whiskers. She was much lighter in color than her sister Robin which made them easier to distinguish from each other.

Robin & Seraphina were spayed on May 18, 2021 and were also given rabies vaccine. Robin weighed 7.8 lbs that day. Seraphina was slightly larger and weighed 8.9 lbs.

Robin & Seraphina initially shared one of our double-wide cages and were later placed in one of our large cat towers in the hallway of our lobby so that they would be more visible to potential adopters. These girls were always snuggled up next to each other and especially loved being together in their plush velour donut bed. As you can see in their pictures, they were usually as close to each other as possible (and were often seen 'hugging' each other).

We felt that it was in their best interest to be adopted as a pair. Since Robin & Seraphina were still working on their social skills, they really needed to find a compassionate individual or family who would let them acclimate and settle into their new home on their own schedule.

Robin & Seraphina's 'Guardian Angel' fell in love with them when she saw their pictures together on our Facebook pages and adopted them as a bonded pair on June 13, 2021 💙

"Life is Better With a Cat (and Even Better With a Pair Of Cats)"

Laney & Lilah were an adorable pair of Calico kitties who were brought to HSOV on January 1, 2021 after they were found in the Fleming Ohio area. This mother-daughter duo dearly loved each other. We didn't have the heart to separate

them since we felt they really needed to find a home together.

Mother Laney was estimated to be 3-years old. She had a white/black/orange short smooth coat in a calico pattern, a long tail, and a beautiful tricolor face with dark golden eyes, a pink nose, and long white whiskers.

Kitten Lilah was approximately 6-months old. She had a black/orange/white short smooth coat in a calico pattern, a long tail, and a cute kitten face with golden eyes, a pink nose, and long white whiskers.

Per our normal intake procedures for kitties, Laney and Lilah were given vaccinations, wormer, and flea treatment on January 1, 2021, and they were also combo tested. Laney was negative for both feline leukemia and FIV. Kitten Lilah was negative for feline leukemia but tested positive for FIV [Feline Immunodeficiency Virus]. We knew that the chance an FIV+ cat could pass the virus to other cats within a household were slim to none if no serious fighting or biting occurred,

and we hoped that an understanding educated adopter would find it in their heart to give this momma and her older kitten a fabulous home as a bonded pair. So we had them both spayed on January 21, 2021 and kept our paws crossed.

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Laney & Lilah were adopted together on March 22, 2021 and are living their 'Happily Ever After' story with their new family 🧡







## **\*\***THIS LITTLE BEAGLE BOY CREATED SOME UNHEARD-OF DRAMA FOR THE GOOD SAMARITAN WHO FOUND HIM ON FEBRUARY 20, 2021 AND











MADE HISTORY AT HSOV\*\*

When **Morgan Pettit** found a cute little Beagle boy on State Route 26 near Marietta Ohio, she reacted like most animal lovers when they see a dog or cat in need of help .... Morgan stopped and made sure he was out of harm's way and safely in her car, and then she proceeded to check at homes in the neighborhood to see if she could find his family. Since Morgan couldn't find his home, she did the next best thing to keep him safe by dropping him off at HSOV which normally would have been a routine stop on her way back home. But this story took a dramatic turn and it was certainly not a routine stop.

Morgan walked into our shelter and told our kennel techs that she had found a stray dog and asked for assistance with bringing the dog in and also to verify the procedure she should follow. Imagine Morgan's surprise when she returned to her car (where she had left all of her belongings including cell phone and car keys) and discovered the sweet little Beagle boy standing at the window 'smiling', wagging his tail, and so excited to see her .. And the car doors were LOCKED. It seems while he was waiting in the car, his big paws hit the LOCK button.

HSOV adoptions clerk **Sharon Morris** made a few phone calls and she was able to locate a local locksmith/tow service who would make a service call late on a Saturday afternoon. In the meantime, Morgan, along with kennel techs and volunteers, tried to entice Beagle boy to put his paws on the UNLOCK but none of those tricks worked (squeaky toys, treats, etc). Eventually Beagle boy decided he was worn out from the adventure and settled down on the backseat of Morgan's Jeep and took a long much-needed nap after all of the excitement **V** 

The locksmith arrived and quickly had the car doors unlocked .. So around 4 o'clock, Beagle boy (who was given the name "Jeep") was looking out the open car window at the angel who saved him *(Morgan Pettit)* and HSOV Assistant Manager *(Rachal Merrow)* who lifted him out the window and carried him indoors  $\heartsuit$ 

Jeep was estimated to be 6-years old. He had a tricolor short smooth coat in the traditional tartan colors of his noble Beagle breed, a long tail, and an adorable Beagle face with a cute smile and extra-large brown velvet ears.

True to his Beagle ancestry, Jeep had a charismatic, super-friendly outgoing personality. He was in the height of his glory being loved on by our kennel techs during his intake procedures  $\bigcirc$ 

Jeep has the distinction of making history by being the first (and only) dog to have locked himself in a car while awaiting his intake. We'll certainly never forget the way this little Beagle boy made his dramatic entrance at HSOV 22

Since Jeep was not reclaimed, he was neutered on April 13, 2021 and was also given rabies vaccine. He was adopted by his foster family later that day 💙

## Sparky & Sanchez Were an Unusual pair of Best Friends who left our shelter on June 29, 2021 via Private Aircraft ...

Sparky was a magnificent 11-year old American Bulldog who had shared his home with Sanchez (a sweet 4-year old Chihuahua/Dachshund mix). They were an unlikely pair of best friends only because of their size difference. Sparky weighed a hefty 100 lbs while his partner Sanchez weighed just 10 lbs. When we took their individual Petfinder/Facebook photos on June 15<sup>th</sup> (shortly after they were surrendered by their family), it was touching to see little Sanchez' reaction when he was reunited with Sparky so that we could take photos of them together ::

Sparky had a white coat with patches of dark brown/brindle and an adorable face with a brindle patch of the left side of his face, soulful brown eyes, and short floppy ears. Sparky had a docile easygoing personality and epitomized the oft-used phrase "gentle giant". He had allergy- and joint issues and walked slowly on a leash.

Sanchez had a tan-and-cream coat, short legs, a long body and a cute Chihuahua face. Sanchez had a charming personality and was a social butterfly. He was missing most of his hair due to demodectic (treatable non-contagious mange) (2)

Fortunately for Sparky and Sanchez, a fantastic rescue group (**Albert's Dog Lounge**) fell in love with their photos and story and contacted HSOV Canine Rescue Coordinator **Amy Rogers** with an offer to help both of the boys if we could find transport to get them to Wisconsin where their rescue was located.

Sparky and Sanchez hit the jackpot when **Albert's Dog Lounge** arranged for them to travel as 'first class passengers' via private aircraft to Wisconsin **X** 

Sparky and Sanchez departed Wood County (WV) Airport on June 29, 2021 and arrived in Whitewater, Wisconsin later that day. We loved seeing the last photo on this page which was provided by **Albert's Dog Lounge** when the boys were met by private limousine and went to their foster home  $\bigcirc$ 



Sparky



Sanchez









## BELLA OBSERVED HER 2-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT HSOV ON FEBRUARY 7, 2021







When Bella was surrendered by her owner on February 7, 2019 we thought that this beautiful girl would find a home quickly ... Never did we believe that we would be writing this story two years later.

Bella observed her second anniversary with us on Sunday February 7, 2021) and was given V.I.P. treatment as she moved into the shelter manager's office and posed for glamour photos ♥ (And this is a secret since *Scott\_Hatfield* isn't aware yet that we told Bella she was 'Queen For The Day' and was also Honorary HSOV Manager just for that day) ⓒ Bella (with the help of HSOV Assistant Manager *Rachal Merrow*) enjoyed posing on her favorite photo prop (a HUGE plush bed with several soft blankets to snuggle upon) but she was disappointed that there weren't any 'good girl treats' as part of the photo session ☺ Bella humored us and donned a red feathery boa and a more sedate pink boa before posing 'au naturale' ... which we agreed was more her style without the frills ♥

Bella was thought to have been 3-years old when she entered our shelter and two years later held the dubious title of our longest resident HSOV shelter dog. We learned later that Bella was actually older than the age stated on her February 2019 surrender form .. A possible birth year of 2011 was suggested by her original owner.



Bella had a white short smooth coat with patches of black on her right side

and hind quarters, a long tail, and an adorable face with a black button nose, short semi-erect ears, and expressive brown eyes that begged for attention.

This little sweetheart had an affectionate disposition and a rather reserved personality. Bella didn't rush into a relationship  $\bigcirc$  She preferred a slow introduction and a little time to get to know you before she turned on her charm. Bella, like many shelter dogs, was completely different outside her kennel so it wasn't fair to judge her on 'first impressions'.





Bella spent approximately two months in a foster home during the summer of 2019. She was returned in mid-September 2019 because her foster family moved and there was an unfortunate incident with a door being chewed .. Bella took the 'Fifth Amendment' and didn't want to elaborate about the details  $\bigcirc$ 

Bella was a pushover for back scratches from her people friends and often treated herself to a back scratch by rolling on her back and kicking all four of her cute paws in the air. We shared a video on our Facebook pages of Bella indulging herself for an impromptu back scratch during one of her photo sessions on May 28, 2020  $\bigcirc$ 

Bella LOVED blankets and was one happy girl when given a soft blanket that she could 'fluff up' to perfection .. even if she might choose to demolish it later 💙

Bella became a local television celebrity when *WTAP-TV* featured her on their February 21, 2021 broadcasts. One of Bella's most ardent fans (*Darlene Leonhart*) had admired her from afar for quite some time and had been visiting with her at the shelter. On March 4<sup>th</sup>, *Darlene & Michael Leonhart* decided to foster Bella to see if she would enjoy a home with them.

Bella was officially adopted by her foster family on March 16, 2021) **VVV** Bella fit in the Leonhart household like she had been there forever. We've received fabulous updates with photos of Bella snoozing on their couch and king-sized bed, enjoying her fenced-in yard and deck, and snuggling up with Darlene & Michael. Bella is "home" and living the dream life....









# Mr Snuggle Face

*Mr Snuggle Face* was a magnificent 5-year old male kitty who arrived at the HSOV on October 30, 2019 after he was left outside our shelter with all of his worldly possessions (toys and a litterbox). Unfortunately there wasn't any information about him, so don't know what his given name might have been. Our kennel techs bestowed the name 'Mr Snuggle Face' upon him for obvious reasons :

Mr Snuggle Face had a white-and-gray tabby short smooth coat, a long ringed tail, and an adorable symmetrically-marked face with emerald green eyes, chubby cheeks, a pink nose, and long white whiskers. He had a very sweet disposition and was a perfect gentleman while he was booked into our 'hotel'. Mr Snuggle Face was also a good sport about photos that afternoon even though his catnap was rudely interrupted.

Mr Snuggle Face had severe eye issues when he entered our shelter and couldn't even

open his eyes He was living in a world where he was essentially blind, and it broke our hearts to think how frightened he must have been when he was left outside. We only hope that he realized he was in a safe place when we brought inside and gave him a warm blanket and a big bowl of food.

Thanks to his new foster mother *(Frances Meckel)*, Mr Snuggle Face was neutered on November 16, 2019 and also underwent Entropion eyelid surgery on both eyes that day. He went back to his foster home to recuperate where he was given daily doses of TLC  $\bigcirc$ 



We were delighted to have an opportunity to take new

'glamour' photos of this sweet boy on February 3, 2020 when his foster mother brought him back for a visit. Mr Snuggle Face looked absolutely fantastic, and we can only imagine how happy he must have been since his sight had been restored. We had never seen his eyes until that day and were amazed to see that they were actually a beautiful shade of emerald green. Our photographer fell head-over-heels in love with Snuggle when he donned his fancy black/white bow tie and looked up at her with the most endearing facial expressions (and big green eyes) ... Snuggle posed for a few 'Cat Fancy Magazine' centerfold photos then turned on even more charm by prancing around the 'studio' on his short chubby legs  $\bigcirc$ 







His foster mother told us that Mr Snuggle Face (Snuggle for short) was a very affectionate boy who liked to give little 'love nips' (which was his way of showing that he really liked you) She described his cuteness as 'resembling a little Ewok from Star Wars with his chubby neck, big head, and stubby little body'. Snuggle was healthy and energetic (sometimes a little feisty) and mostly got along with all of the other cats in his foster home. He tended to be very shy around new people and wanted to hide at first (which is normal behavior for many cats).

Mr Snuggle Face came back to our shelter on February 5, 2021 so that he would be more visible to potential adopters and could turn on his charm "up-close-and-personal" since he was ready to find a home of his very own. Updated photos of Mr Snuggle Face were taken on February 10, 2021 when he donned a green bow tie (to enhance his beautiful green eyes) and, true to his nature, posed like a 'Cat Fancy Magazine' centerfold as he had done in February 2020. Mr Snuggle Face is such a natural and so photogenic that we ended up taking 'beaucoup' pictures of this local celebrity  $\bigcirc$ 

We posted a few of those photos as a 'sneak preview' for Valentine's Day on our HSOV Facebook pages .. And we were thrilled when Mr Snuggle Face's 'virtual charm' resulted in an adoption on February 14, 2021

## HSOV FACEBOOK PAGES

If you aren't yet following HSOV on Facebook, we invite you to join us. You must have an active Facebook account (free and easy sign-up on <u>www.</u> <u>facebook.com</u>).



#### The HSOV has two separate Facebook

pages to promote the many wonderful dogs and cats in our shelter and to share information about the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley in Marietta Ohio.

Our main HSOV Facebook page is primarily the shelter's business page and includes photographs of all available dogs/cats for adoptions in addition to adopted/rescued albums, announcements of events, fundraisers, and current shelter needs. This facebook page also provides an historical/pictorial glimpse of HSOV through photos albums dating from July 2010-present with photos of adopted/rescued animals and HSOV events. There are currently 26,500+ followers on our main page. To follow us on the main page, simply go to the HSOV facebook page and click on the 'Like' button. The link to that page is: <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> humanesocietyoftheohiovalley

Our HSOV group page is a more informal page where individuals may post pictures and/or videos of their favorite HSOV dogs/cats or post photos of missing/lost dogs to help reunite them with their family. We also share those missing posts on our main HSOV page. The group page is NOT intended to be used for rehoming/sale of animals or commercial advertisements/etc., and the administrators of this page reserve the right to remove posts that are inappropriate. There are currently 16,200+ members on the group page. The link to the group page is: <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/thehsov</u>



#### HSOY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS ARE 'OFFICIALLY" BACK AFTER A LENGTHY PAUSE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Group orientation sessions will be held on the third Sunday of each month.

If you are interested in becoming an HSOV volunteer, please complete an application at <u>www.hsov.org/volunteer</u>. After your application is processed, you will receive an email with instructions on how to register for an orientation session along with a link to the website where you will be logging your volunteer hours.

Several of our core volunteers will be on a rotating schedule to conduct orientation sessions which will include a general overview of our shelter operation and a tour of the shelter facility as well as safety protocols and guidelines which must be adhered to.

Our shelter staff (kennel techs and management personnel) will discuss their areas of expertise (cats, dogs, laundry/dishes, et al) to provide an opportunity for new volunteers to recognize staff members when they return to volunteer and to be familiar with our staff so that they may ask them for help or to answer questions.

After attending a general orientation session, new volunteers will be paired with a core volunteer for their first few visits until they are 'signed off' and given an official lanyard/badge which will show that they are good to volunteer on an individual basis.

### MARIETTA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION/HSOV FUNDS



The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley maintains three funds at Marietta Community Foundation including an agency fund (for general expenses) and two designated funds (one for capital improvements/new shelter building and one to provide medical care for shelter animals):

Humane Society of the Ohio Valley Foundation (General) Fund Humane Society of the Ohio Valley Capital Improvements & Maintenance Fund Humane Society of the Ohio Valley Medical Fund



We welcome and appreciate tax-deductible donations to any of these funds.

Donations can be mailed to Marietta Community Foundation, PO Box 77, Marietta OH 45750 or made in person at Marietta Community Foundation, 100 Putnam Street, Marietta OH 45750.

There is also a Paypal link for online donations: <u>https://www.mcfohio.org/donate</u>













Thanks to Marietta Noon Rotary Club

Thanks to members and friends, a much-anticipated project to construct metal roofing enclosures over three HSOV outdoor dog run areas was completed on July 31, 2021.

This project expanded our outdoor kennel capacity and will allow more dogs to enjoy fresh air/sunshine while their indoor kennels are being cleaned .. And will give protection during inclement weather (summer heat/humidity and frigid winter temperatures/snow).

Construction of treated wood frames to support the metal roofing began early on Saturday morning July 24, 2021. Crews returned the following weekend and spent many hours in 90-degree temperatures to install the metal roofing.

The purchase of materials required for the project were made possible through a grant secured through the *Parkersburg Area Community Foundation*, the *Mary M. Welch Advised Fund*, and the *Ed Stephenson Fund for Animals*. Many thanks to all of the individuals who made this project a reality!

These photos were taken at various times during the project and include some 'action shots'  $\bigcirc$  You'll likely recognize two of the volunteers who happen to be on our HSOV Board of Directors (*Mike Montgomery and Leight Murray*)  $\bigcirc$ 

At their meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>, the *Marietta Noon Rotary Club* presented HSOV a check in the amount of \$2,000.00. The intent for this gift is to contribute to the cost of materials required for the outdoor kennel roofing project. This gift was funded through gifts from Marietta Rotarian *Jennifer Sturgill* (a stalwart HSOV supporter), the *Marietta Noon Rotary Club*, and Rotary International. Since the cost of materials for the outdoor kennel roofing project was paid-in-full by a grant secured from the *Parkersburg Area Community Foundation*, this \$2,000.00 donation will be used to fund a future HSOV project subject to endorsement by the Marietta Noon Rotary Club.









## Writing Our Thank You Notes ....

The Workingman's Store (113 Putnam Street, Marietta OH) and WMOA 1490 Radio teamed up during the Christmas 2020 holiday season and invited HSOV volunteers to be interviewed on live broadcasts with dogs from our shelter that were ready for adoption. The Workingman's Store also collected donations of pet food for HSOV and for our pet food pantry for community pets in need.

Many thanks to *Third Street Deli* (343 Third Street, Marietta OH) who collected donations from our HSOV Wish List which were purchased by their clients and delivered to our shelter on December 28<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the donations, all cash tips which were received on December 19<sup>th</sup> were also donated to HSOV.

Thank you **WeLovPets** (450 Pike Street, Suite A, Marietta OH) for including HSOV in their **Santa Photo Fundraiser** which was held in December 2020. WeLovPets raised \$600 for our shelter in addition to supply donations. **WeLovPets** supports HSOV in so many ways and often hosts adoption events at their store location for our dogs and cats.

Thank you *Tracy Huck* for donating so many nice gifts for the HSOV dogs and cats on December 22, 2020 in memory of your friend *Pam Wafful*. Instead of flowers, Pam had requested that her friends make donations to their local humane society or animal organization V



Thank you *Marty Davis* (Clayman & Associates, 27811 State Route 7, Marietta OH) for visiting our shelter on December 23, 2020 and for delivering many donations for the HSOV dogs and cats.

Thanks to *Riley Smith* for her donation of beautiful handcrafted blankets/beds and toys for the HSOV shelter kitties. Riley is with *Girl Scout Troop #51067* and completed the blankets/toys as part of her girl scout project. Riley and her mother *Misty Dillehay Smith* delivered these wonderful gifts on December 29, 2020. The HSOV kitties appreciate what you did for them Riley. Thank you for a job well done and being so generous with your time/talents.

Thank you to *Lowe's Home Improvement* (842 Pike Street, Marietta OH) for delivering so many awesome donations to HSOV on May 11, 2021 including cleaning supplies, hand sanitizer, and lots and lots of t-paper. HSOV kennel tech *Alyssa James'* reaction and facial expression say "THANK YOU" even more than these mere words can express 💙

Thank you **Starbucks** (703 Pike St, Marietta, OH) for sponsoring/collecting donated supplies for our shelter. It was like Christmas at our shelter when you delivered an entire carload of 'gifts' for our HSOV dogs and cats on Wednesday June 2, 2021.

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Thanks to *The Marietta Times* for featuring 20 of our HSOV Dogs and Cats in a 12-page 'Furever Friends' Supplement which was published with the June 24, 2021 edition of their newspaper. And thank you to the advertisers who supported our local newspaper and HSOV to make this Furever Friends Supplement possible.

Thank you to the *Marietta High School* and *Marietta Middle School Cheerleaders* for sponsoring a supply collection drive in June 2021 for the HSOV. Those wonderful young ladies delivered a car load of 'gifts' for our shelter on July 1, 2021, and there was something for all of our fabulous dogs and cats.

#### Thank you Pasky's Sports & More and Over The Moon Pub & Pizza (170 Front Street, Marietta OH) for thinking

of our shelter during Pasky's Pub Trivia event [Paskypalooza Summer Trivia Tournament] which was held from June 2-July 7, 2021. Trivia Team Members competed for weekly prizes and earned extra points when they donated items from our HSOV Wish List  $\bigcirc$  We were thrilled when (literally) a truckload of much-needed supplies (as well as cash donations) were delivered to our shelter on Saturday July 10, 2021.

Volunteers and several HSOV dogs and cats enjoyed a fun-filled day at *KMA Auto* (1320 Pike Street, Marietta OH) on July 10, 2021 when they invited us to attend their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Benefit Car Show and share their special day by hosting an adopt-a-thon and supply/donation drive in conjunction with their car show.

Thank you **Sallie Anglin, Angie Hendershot,** and **Donna Linsell** for conducting the **Rooftop Yoga Fundraiser** [Do Downward Facing Dog for a dog (or cat)] for the benefit of HSOV. This event was held on Monday nights during July-August 2021 from 7-8pm at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta Ohio. Donations at the door and on their Facebook fundraiser page were presented to HSOV.

Our HSOV dogs (and cats) look forward to the first Friday of each month with great anticipation, and they are anxious to learn who will be chosen to accompany HSOV volunteers for a fun-filled evening at the First Friday's Event in downtown Marietta as their 'date' for that one magical night. Thank you to *Green Acres Gift Shop* and owner *Jennifer Sturgill* (128 Front Street, Marietta OH) and to *Mahone Tire Service* (155 Front Street, Marietta OH) for their hospitality and open invitation to allow us to bring HSOV dogs and cats to their business establishments in hopes of meeting potential adopters.



Many thanks to **Greenleaf Landscapes** (414 Muskingum Drive, Marietta OH) for hosting an Adoption/Supply Drive Event for HSOV on August 7, 2021. Attendees who donated items from our HSOV Wish List received a 20% discount on retail purchases that day. Several adoptable dogs and kitties accompanied volunteers from noon-4pm in the atrium/garden center where they were introduced to potential adopters.

**Thank you to our fantastic HSOV Volunteers** for helping our shelter in so many ways ... Whether you volunteer to walk dogs, cuddle cats, wash dishes, do laundry, take dogs/cats to adoption/fundraising events, drive transports, perform maintenance work, make follow-up calls

on adoptions, or participate in various other activities .. Please know that we appreciate your assistance and couldn't accomplish our mission to give the best possible care to the animals and find them the best homes ever with you!

With the overwhelming numbers of cat/kitten intakes (including many bottle kittens) thus far into 2021, we truly appreciate our kitty foster mothers. Thank you *Madison Barnett, Lynn Bostrom, Tess Grogg, Lauryn Hamilton, Wendy Irvin, Frances Meckel, Rachal Merrow, Alisa Moore, Kati Rankin, Naomi Schock and Kathy Wiggins* for opening your hearts and homes (and giving up many hours of sleep during bottle-feeding) in order to save many lives!

Our newsletters are never complete until we give recognition to our amazing HSOV Kennel Technicians and Staff who take fantastic care of the shelter dogs and cats (as well as recent intakes of ferrets, guinea pigs, and pot-bellied pigs). 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. Please join us as we extend our heart-felt thanks and appreciation to our Kennel Technicians (Madison Barnett, Thai Bigley, Hayley Gorrell, Tess Grogg, Lauryn Hamilton, Alyssa James, Ashley Johnson, Renee Lemon, Christian Leonard, Kati Rankin, Kimberlei Reynolds, Starla Roberts and Naomi Schock) and also to HSOV Manager (Scott Hatfield), Assistant Manager (Rachal Merrow) and Adoptions Clerk (Sharon Morris).





- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club/Walmart gift cards
- Gasoline debit cards
- Purina dog/puppy chow
- Purina small bites dog chow
- · Purina cat/kitten chow
- Purina cat chow gentle variety
- Grain-free dog food
- Canned/wet food (dog/puppy & cat/kitten)
- Cat litter (non-clumping)
- Cat litter (paper variety)
- Dog/cat treats
- Pet carriers (all sizes)
- Blankets & towels
- Small rugs or carpet squares
- Litter pans & scoops (stainless steel only)
- Food/water bowls (stainless steel only)
- Dog leashes/collars/harnesses
- Dog/cat toys
- Dog/cat beds

- · Pet shampoo
- Flea/tick medication
- Laundry detergent HE
- Bleach
- · Odo-Ban disinfectant/deodorizer
- Fabuloso all-purpose cleaner
- Dawn (blue) dishwashing liquid
- Window cleaner
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Spray bottles
- Rubbing alcohol
- Vaseline
- · First-aid supplies
- Vinyl gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Plastic watering cans
- Heavy-duty trash bags (55-60 gallon size)
- Kitchen trash bags (20-gallon size)
- Zip-Lock food storage bags
- Grooming supplies

# WISH LIST

- Nail clippers
- Office supplies
- Printer/copier paper (white)
- Safe Paws ice melt (winter months only)
- Aluminum cans (for recycling)
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We publish a weekly 'Wednesday Wish List' on our HSOV Facebook pages which presents the most-needed items for the current week and also highlights one of our HSOV dogs and cats who are looking for a fabulous home.

We always encourage you to "shop local" at one of the many wonderful businesses and patronize our local merchants. We also welcome deliveries from chewy.com or other websites.

We also have an Amazon Wish List for outof-town supporters who find that is a more convenient way to shop www.amazon.com/a

And of course if you'd like us to do your shopping for you, we gladly accept cash/ credit card/paypal donations.

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## **CURRENT HSOV ADOPTION FEES:** (with approved hsov adoption applicaton)

#### DOGS - \$150.00

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

#### CATS - \$40.00

Includes vaccinations, wormer, flea treatment, combo testing, and spay/neuter. [Microchip 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 <u>https://www.facebook.com/</u> <u>humanesocietyoftheohiovalley/</u>

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 completed and submitted online via our <u>www.hsov.org</u> website.





**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 (Tuesday-Saturday

11am-5pm; Sunday noon-3pm). However, you should call beforehand (740.373.5959) to make sure that staff is available that day who can implant the microchip.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY OHIO DOG LICENSES

Residents of Washington County Ohio are reminded that you must purchase a 2021 license for your dog The Ohio Revised Code Section 955.010.05 mandates that all dogs over 3-months old must be licensed 30 days after the dog becomes 3-months old.

Licenses are available at the Washington County Auditor's Office, 205 Putnam Street, Marietta OH (Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm) either in person or by mail for a cost of \$16.00 plus postage. They may also be purchased online at <u>www.doglicenses.us/OH/Washington</u> (credit card payments only/processing fees apply).



You may also purchase 2021 dog licenses/tags at the HSOV (Tuesday-Saturday 11:00am-5:00pm and Sunday Noon-3:00pm) for a cost of \$16.75.

Having a current dog tag on your dog's collar is very important to help reunite you and your beloved pet in the event that he/she becomes lost and is brought to our shelter or picked up by the Washington County Ohio Dog Warden.

An online database (which includes dog tag numbers from 2019-present) also makes it possible for individuals to locate the owner of a lost dog who is wearing a tag. That database can be accessed on the <u>www.doglicenses.us/OH/Washington</u> website under "License Searches".

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#### Celebrating the Lives of Aidan Carleton & Fisher



This adorable trio of orange tabby kitten siblings were brought to the HSOV on May 23, 2021. The boys were listed as 'Special Needs Kittens' since they tested positive for FIV [Feline Immunodeficiency Virus] but we preferred to think of them as merely very special for so many other reasons. A vigilant pet owner who treats secondary infections can assist an FIV-infected cat to live a reasonably long life, and the chances that they will pass the virus to

other cats within a household are slim to none if no serious fighting or biting occurs. Luckily for Aidan Carleton & Fisher, a wonderful rescue group offered them a safe haven, and they traveled to their new home on June 13, 2021

We celebrate the lives of Aidan Carleton & Fisher who were among the 308 HSOV kitties who were adopted/rescued from January-July 2021.





## 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP **APPLICATION**

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY

#### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- All members receive a Member T-shirt (Please specify shirt size).
- All members are recognized in a prominent display in the shelter's foyer and newsletters.
- All members receive a 15% discount on adoption fees during the membership period.
- All members receive HSOV's electronic newsletter with updates on shelter news, activities and events, and updates on how we support HSOV's Mission.
- General and Lifetime Members are eligible to vote for those who run for election to the HSOV Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting and, if interested, are also eligible to stand for election to the Board.
- Most importantly, your membership supports our mission of serving homeless animals in Washington County.

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