

Humane Society

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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 - November 2020

Dogs/Puppies:

Intakes 425
Adopted 264
Reclaimed 110
Rescue Transfers 134
Euthanized @ Vet 6
Died In Shelter 0
Died In Foster or @ Vet 0

Cats/Kittens:

Intakes 517
Adopted 261
Reclaimed 5
Rescue Transfers 210
Euthanized @ Vet 14
Died In Shelter 18
Died In Foster or @ Vet 10

Shelter Operations During the COVID-19 Crisis

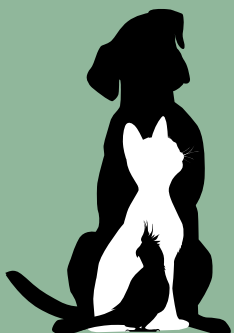
The year 2020 has been a rough time for everyone and will surely leave a lasting impression. At the beginning of the crisis, many businesses closed temporarily and many employees were out of work (or could work at home while quarantined). In our line of work, remaining in the comfort of our own houses and working from home was not an option. There are over 100+ lives that depend on us to show up each day to clean up after them so they aren't living in their own filth, to feed them so they don't starve, to provide fresh water to keep them hydrated and healthy, to provide medications as needed when they aren't 100%, and to spend a few moments reminding them that someone will be there to show them love and kindness day in and day out. We had to keep going to care for the lives of all the animals that are still considered homeless (even though we love them like they are our own).

As the crisis grew, the shelter closed temporarily to the outside world so that staff could keep doing their jobs while trying to limit exposure to possible infection as much as possible. A few of our employees were at higher risk and took some time off to quarantine themselves.

It quickly became apparent that the world around us would not be going back to normal anytime soon, so we had to come up with a plan to operate the best we could with the circumstances given. At the end of the day, we still had several animals that needed homes and more waiting to come in. It was not feasible to cease all operations to the community for an extended period of time. We had an overwhelming number of animals coming in or waiting to come in. We eventually opened back up to the community and began mostly normal operations with protective guidelines in place—disinfecting, wearing masks, limiting crowds, cancelling events (good-bye fundraising), social distancing, outdoor meet-n-greets, etc. We were fortunate during the beginning of the pandemic when the media helped push the idea of “rescuing” a shelter animal during lockdown because why not? People were stuck at home all day, so what better way to pass the time than bring in a new fur-member. Adoptions increased slightly, fosters were coming out of the woodwork, and numbers were falling. Less people surrendered animals, and the load of the shelter staff lightened slightly.

As the lingering COVID-19 crisis seemed to ease up slightly toward the end of the summer months, intakes began to increase again. Adoptions were high or low depending on the week, but the influx of animals remained steady. We now seem to be back at full capacity and continue to adhere to health and safety restrictions.

The exposure to COVID-19 hit home when one of our staff tested positive in early December. It became a battle to have sufficient staff on most days as people would believe they were beginning to feel symptoms or were actually not feeling well. During this time, we shut down to the public for a week to ensure that all employees were tested and had limited exposure to each other as well as to the public while we waited to see what the ramifications of the exposure would be. With all of our staff being tested for COVID-19 testing staff and many call-offs, operations became slightly stressful. Thankfully we found that the exposure had not infected other employees and everyone else tested negative. Our one COVID-19 positive employee returned to work on December 16th and is doing great while all other employees have remained negative for the virus. Adoptions and rescues are going well. Intakes are still high, but we have been able to keep up thanks to staff, volunteers, donations, adopters, and fosters.



PLEASE
VACCINATE,
SPAY,
AND
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YOUR
PETS!..

Karissa Reynolds
HSOV Assistant Manager

HSOV SHELTER STAFF

Shelter Manager – Scott Hatfield
Assistant Manager – Karissa Reynolds
Adoptions Clerk – Sharon Morris

HSOV Kennel Technicians

Madison Barnett
Kim Cowman
Clyde Duffey
Hayley Gorrell
Lauryn Hamilton
Alyssa James
Ashley Johnson
Bradly Loyland
Rachal Merrow
Ali Murphy
Morgan Parsons
Kati Rankin
Kim Reynolds
Mina Spencer

2020 HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

2020 HSOV COMMITTEES

Building/Maintenance/Grounds

Chair – Mike Montgomery
Co-Chair – Vacant
Leight Murray
Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio

Finance

Chair – Mike Montgomery
Co-Chair – Jim Raney
Leight Murray
Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio

Fundraising

Chair – Amy Rogers
Co-Chair – Julie Lowther
Leight Murray
Assistance from HSOV Board of Director

Homeward Bound/Rescue

Chair – Amy Rogers
Co-Chair – Julie Lowther
Feline Rescue Coordinator – Sharon Paul
Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio

Membership

Chair – Leight Murray
Co-Chair – Vacant
Alesa Jedlink

New Building/Improvements

Chair – Mike Montgomery
Co-Chair – Jim Raney
Kelly McGilton
Leight Murray

Operations

Chair – Amber Dennison
Co-Chair – Vacant
HSOV Board of Directors
Scott Hatfield – Ex Officio

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Chair – Amber Dennison
Co-Chair – Ethan Gerber
Petfinder/Newsletter Editor
Sharon Paul

Volunteer

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Julie Lowther
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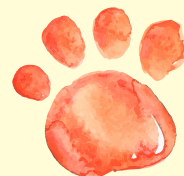
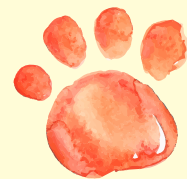


Congratulations

Congratulations to **Flite Friemann** and **Keri Stan** who were elected to the HSOV Board of Directors by the membership at our annual meeting on December 2, 2020. Congratulations also to **Esther Salem** who was elected to serve a second term on our Board.

Thank you to current board members **Ethan Gerber, Leight Murray, Mike Montgomery, Jim Raney,** and **Amber Dennison** for their continued service on the HSOV Board of Directors in 2021. Thank you to **Amy Rogers** who had previously served as a Board member for her invaluable assistance to the Board and the Treasurer.

HSOV Officers as well as Committees will be announced at the February 3, 2021 board meeting.





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]
Saturday March 28, 2020	HSOV 15th Annual Fur Ball ("Boots and Bling"), 7:00pm-Midnight [Cancelled/COVID Restrictions]
Saturday April 2020	Throw Down for the Pound (Remix Wrestling Fundraiser Event) [Cancelled/COVID Restrictions]
Saturday August 29, 2020	HSOV 2020 Golf Scramble [Sponsored by Strawberry Fields] Marietta Country Club, Marietta OH
Sept 23-Oct 2 2020	Paw Art Raffle Art Work Created by HSOV Dogs/Cats
Saturday October 25, 2020	Chili Cook-Off [Benefit for HSOV], 1:00pm-6:00pm Station Lounge & Grill, 595 Joe Skinner Road, Belpre OH
Saturday October 31, 2020	Sam's Club Supply Drive/Bake Sale, 9:00am-Noon [Cancelled/COVID Restrictions]
Wednesday December 2, 2020	HSOV Board Meeting, 6:00pm (Annual Meeting/Election of Board Members) Goldstar Park Building, 801 Lancaster Street, Marietta OH
Saturday December 12, 2020	HSOV Holiday Open House [Cancelled/COVID Restrictions]
First Wednesdays Jan-Dec 2021	HSOV Board Meeting, 6:00pm Goldstar Park Building, 801 Lancaster Street, Marietta OH
Saturday March 20, 2021	HSOV 16th Annual Fur Ball ("Boots and Bling"), 7:00pm-Midnight Shrine Club, Marietta OH
Spring 2021 Date TBA	Throw Down for the Pound (Remix Wrestling Fundraiser Event) Marietta Middle School Gymnasium, Marietta OH
Saturday April 17, 2021	Mutts Gone Nuts, 3:00pm & 7:00pm [Details TBA] Peoples Bank Theater, 224 Putnam Street, Marietta OH



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

HSOV recently received a quarterly donation of \$272.53 thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com. Since we began participating in AmazonSmile (several years ago now), HSOV has received a grand total of \$3,415.19.



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

You must have a Kroger Plus Card (free and available at the customer service desk at any Kroger location). You will need to register your card online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and select the HSOV as the non-profit organization you wish to support. Just visit the website, follow the instructions, and enter NPO Number 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.



MARIETTA MAIN STREET 2020 'HOLIDAY TREE WALK'

Be sure to take a stroll through Muskingum Park (Front Street in Marietta Ohio) during the holiday season to enjoy the beautifully-decorated Christmas trees which have been sponsored by many local organizations and businesses. Themes for each tree reflect the uniqueness of each organization. Thanks to **Leight Murray** for sponsoring a tree on behalf of the HSOV so that we could be among the participants in the Marietta Main Street 2020 'Holiday Tree Walk'.

The theme of our HSOV tree is "Find Your Forever Friend" and is decorated exclusively with large glossy photos of nearly 60 HSOV dogs and cats who are among the current residents in our shelter. Thanks to **Sharon Paul** for photographing these 'shining stars' and for printing their images and for including individual names on the back of the prints .. And to **Amber Dennison** and **Leight Murray** for laminating the prints to weatherproof them for the outdoor display. Leight was chosen to be the 'decorator', and we think he did remarkably well 🌲

The Holiday Tree Walk
will be open from December 1, 2020 until early January 2021.



HSOV Holiday Supply Drive



The **HSOV Holiday Supply Drive** is currently in progress thanks to these businesses in Washington County Ohio who generously offered to place decorated barrels in their stores to collect donations for the care of our shelter dogs and cats:

DOLLAR GENERAL (Barlow)
DOLLAR GENERAL (Little Hocking)
DOLLAR GENERAL (Lowell)
DOLLAR GENERAL (Reno)
DOLLAR GENERAL (Veto)
DOLLAR GENERAL (Waterford)
FRUTH PHARMACY (Belpre)
TRACTOR SUPPLY (Marietta)
WARREN'S IGA (Marietta)
WE LOV PETS (Marietta)

*Be An Angel To
Homeless Animals This
Holiday Season*

WISH LIST

Purina Cat/Kitten Chow
Purina Dog/Puppy Chow
Canned Dog/Cat Food
Soft Dog/Cat Treats
Dog/Cat Toys
Fleece Blankets
Bleach
Paper Towels
Liquid Laundry Detergent
Baby Wipes
Dreyer Sheets

We also extend a big **THANK YOU** to the Girl Scouts of Rainbow Service Unit/Troop 1297 who came to our shelter in mid-November to decorate the barrels with holiday wrapping paper and ribbon/bows 😊
The supply collection barrels will be at those locations until Saturday, January 9, 2021. And, of course, you are always welcome to drop off supplies at HSOV (90 Mt Tom Road, Marietta Ohio).

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: <https://www.mcfohio.org/donate>



The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley/HSOV is partnering with several local organizations to offer assistance for individuals in Washington County Ohio who are struggling to feed their family pets (dogs and cats) as a result of the economic downturn during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact the HSOV at 740.373.5959 or one of the following organizations if you need food for your pets. There is a limited supply available depending upon donations.

The HSOV and the following organizations welcome donations of all brands and varieties (dry or canned food) so that we may continue to provide assistance for family dogs/cats who desperately need our help.

Gospel Mission Food Pantry (309 Lancaster Street, Marietta OH) (740.350.4417). Their food pantry is open on Wednesday from 9:00am-4:00pm. Donations may be dropped off on Monday Tuesday Thursday and Friday from 4:30pm-6:00pm; on Wednesday from 9:00am-1:00pm; and on Saturday from 9:00am-1:00pm. Closed on Sunday

Greater Marietta Community Food Pantry (Broughton Commercial Properties, 635C SR 821, Complex #1, Building #3, Marietta OH) (740.373.5741) is open on Monday Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00am-1:00pm; and on Wednesday from 10:00am-1:00pm and again from 4:30pm-6:00pm. Closed Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Photo ID and proof of residency is required.

WeLovPets (450 Pike Street, Suite A, Marietta OH @ Lafayette Square Shopping Plaza) (740.568.9701) is open on Monday through Saturday from 9:00am-8:00pm and on Sunday from 11:00am-6:00pm.

HSOV (90 Mt. Tom Road, Marietta OH) (740.373.5959) is open from 11:00am-5:00pm on Tuesday through Saturday and from noon-3:00pm on Sunday. We are closed to the public on Mondays but staff is there for cleaning/caring for the animals. Donations may be left outside the front door on the large bench next to the front door for no-contact deliveries. Our staff or volunteers can usually arrange pick up of larger volumes of donations.



Petey was a handsome 2-year old male Pit Bull Terrier mix who arrived at the HSOV on May 5, 2019 after he was placed in one of our outside kennels during the overnight- or early morning hours. He was wearing a collar but there was neither an id tag nor a dog tag on his collar .. And he was not microchipped.

Petey had a black short smooth coat with white markings on his chest/paws, a long tail, and a black-and-white symmetrically marked face with a black button nose and large semi-erect ears. When we took Petey's first pictures on May 5, 2019 (in the first collage), he appeared to have a nice disposition during his photo session but seemed a little too interested in some of our shelter mascot kitties who were strolling nearby.

We discovered in January 2020 that Petey had a hernia and desperately needed treatment (i.e., surgery) to repair it. Thanks to many generous donors who responded to a Facebook fundraiser, we raised the \$800 which was needed in order for Petey to have the hernia repaired by a local veterinarian. Petey underwent surgery on Valentine's Day (February 14, 2020) for the hernia repair, and he was also neutered that day.



A comment by one of Petey's favorite volunteers (**Lynncoln Tynan**) summarized what a fantastic boy Petey really was .. "Petey is my absolute favorite dog at HSOV. He's usually the first dog I walk when I get there. He absolutely loves his toys (even if he destroys them within minutes)."

Petey observed his first-year anniversary of being in our shelter on May 5, 2020. Petey was a gorgeous guy whose personality had truly blossomed since his arrival, and he became the ultimate playboy. Petey always loved to spend time in our play yards with **Lynncoln Tynan** and loved to sit in her lap and give her kisses (after a workout with his toys). Petey tended to be rough with his toys and was given the tongue-in-check cognomen name "**Petey Destroyer of Dog Toys**" ♥

The photos in the second collage were taken on May 5, 2020. We also posted a short video of Petey 'in play mode' with his rope toys and tennis balls with his new photos on both of our HSOV facebook pages.



Petey was a big strong boy who weighed approximately 86 lbs and needed a home with an experienced handler.

After spending one year and 21 days at HSOV, Petey was adopted on May 26, 2020 ♥ ♥

We had an impromptu celebration late in the afternoon on May 26, 2020 when this special boy was adopted and left our shelter with his new master.

Petey had quite an entourage of well-wishers who joined in the parade (**and Petey was definitely the 'Grand Parade Marshal'**)♥ Several of our kennel techs who had loved Petey for the past year were among his Fan Club who celebrated his good fortune and, of course, Petey's favorite

volunteer **Lynncoln Tynan** was there to wish her favorite boy 'Bon Voyage' and to give him some good-bye kisses. Lynncoln was Petey's most ardent fan and advocate, and Petey showered her with hugs and kisses in return♥



RUSSELL STOVER OBSERVED HIS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AT HSOV ON MAY 4, 2020 .. THIS SWEET CHOCOLATE LABRADOR MIX SPENT HALF OF HIS YOUNG LIFE IN OUR SHELTER AND FOUND HIS DREAM HOME ON MAY 26, 2020 ♥

Russell Stover was a handsome one-year old male Chocolate Labrador Retriever mix who arrived at the HSOV on May 4, 2019 after a Good Samaritan found him in the Little Hocking Ohio area and brought him to the safety of our shelter. Sadly, nobody ever called or came looking for Russell Stover 🙄

This gorgeous guy had a sleek chocolate brown coat with white markings on his chest, white toes on his paws, a long tail, and a beautiful face with amber-colored eyes, a liver-colored nose, and short semi-erect ears.

Russell Stover weighed 68.2 lbs and was very strong on a leash. He had already been neutered and appeared to be housebroken.

Like many dogs in kennels, Russell Stover could be a little intimidating behind his gated enclosure, so we reminded potential adopters that it was unfair to judge him based upon their first impression. Russell Stover was a totally different dog when he was outside with his people friends. He was attentive, walked well on a leash (after an initial burst of energy), and quickly learned new commands.

Russell Stover observed his one-year anniversary at HSOV on May 4, 2020. The photos in the second collage were taken during an after-hours dog walk the following evening when Russell Stover was enjoying extra TLC and one-on-one time with the **President of the Russell Stover Fan Club (Shelly Galland)** 😊 Shelly and Russell Stover were quite often seen spending some quiet time together on one of our outside benches after playtime and a w-a-l-k, and our hearts melted when we would see this big boy sitting so beautifully and calm beside Shelly. We could only imagine how happy Russell Stover would be to have his very own special person to spend the rest of his 'happily-ever-after' life with ♥

That 'happily-ever- after' life happened quite suddenly on May 26, 2020 when **James & Kailei Parker** made Russell Stover an offer he couldn't refuse 😊 The adoption paperwork was signed and Russell was eager to jump in the 'getaway' car for the ride to his dream home. Unfortunately, we didn't have an opportunity to take adoption photos that day but we heard from very good sources that Russell Stover loves his new 'mom and dad' and that the feeling is mutual ♥ ♥ We were thrilled when we contacted **Kailei Parker** to ask if she might share some photos of Russell Stover in his new home, and she responded with fantastic photos of Russell enjoying hikes, beach outings, and naps on their bed. We're sharing a few of those favorites with his heartwarming story.



The majority of our 'guests' at HSOV are dogs/puppies and cats/kittens, but occasionally we are blessed with other pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs, feathered fowls, sheep/goats and pot-bellied pigs. During this past year we had the pleasure of providing a safe haven for a total of five pot-bellied pigs and enjoying their company before they each found fantastic homes ♥

Pot-Bellied Pigs make wonderful companions and research shows that they are highly intelligent. Our five most recent ones are featured in this article (Miss Piggy & Chunky, Babe aka Toast, Puma, and Nada):

Miss Piggy and Chunky were an adorable pair of Pot-Bellied Pigs who were surrendered to the HSOV by their owner on September 10, 2019.



Miss Piggy had a white coat with short bristled hair, a tiny pigtail, and cute face with black markings at the base of her erect ears and a wrinkled pink snout. Miss Piggy seemed to have lost her girlish figure and tried her best to adapt to a healthier diet regimen 😊



Chunky had a black coat with short bristled hair, a tiny pigtail, and a sweet face with large ears and a large wrinkled snout. She was also a big girl very content with the body she was in and thoroughly enjoyed her food and snacks 😊



Miss Piggy and Chunky spent three seasons with us (Fall & Winter 2019 and Spring 2020) and were loved by our kennel techs and volunteers, but we knew they would be much happier in a home of their very own. Miss Piggy and Chunky were given a much larger living space in mid-May 2020 when our kennel techs renovated one of our play yards (complete with piggy wading pools) and relocated them in the grassy enclosure (which they absolutely loved) ♥



Miss Piggy and Chunky were adopted together on May 28, 2020 ♥ These adoption photos were taken late in the afternoon as our HSOV kennel techs enticed the girls to walk onto their getaway trailer (with a few 'good girl' treats) for the short journey to their new forever home ♥ ♥



As you will notice in the photos, Miss Piggy and Chunky are very food-motivated which made the embarkation a bit easier 😊





Babe (aka Toast) was a cute female Pot-Bellied Pig who was brought to the HSOV on February 28, 2020 by a couple of Good Samaritans who found her in the Reno Ohio area.



Babe/Toast had a black short bristled coat, short legs, a sway back, a big belly, a short straight tail, and an adorable face with a turned-up snout and short erect ears. Babe was a petite little girl and was approximately 10-12 inches tall.

Babe was a social butterfly while she had her glamour photos taken and was surrounded by her impromptu fan club (HSOV staff **Karissa Reynolds**, **Madison Barnett**, and **Tess Grogg** along with volunteer photographer **Sharon Paul**). Madison assumed the role of wardrobe mistress and assisted Babe with costume changes while Babe concentrated on finishing her gourmet dinner 😊

Babe enjoyed her quiet indoor apartment in our shelter (with no wi-fi service). Babe/Toast was not reclaimed and loved daily trots with our HSOV kennel techs and happily followed them around in their version of "Mary Had A Little Lamb (uhh Pig)" ♥ Toast was adopted on June 5, 2020 and is a fantastic indoor companion who loves to follow her new family around on daily walks ♥ ♥



Pumba was a cute young adult male Pig who was surrendered by his owner on August 3, 2020



Pumba had a coarse black coat, a tuft of longer hair on the tip of his slender tail, and a darling face with golden eyes, tiny tusks, a large snout, and large erect ears.

Pumba had a friendly, outgoing personality and loved attention (and snacks) 😊 His previous owner told us that Pumba was good with children and also with other animals. Pumba was already neutered.

Pumba had his own private apartment in our shelter with air conditioning, soft blankets/beds, and plenty of fresh water. HSOV Kennel tech **Ali Murphy** spent some one-on-one time with Pumba and helped him with his photo session the day he arrived. Pumba had a good nose (uhh snout) and quickly sniffed out a doggy milkbone treat in Ali's pocket 😊 😊

We didn't have a very long relationship with this sweet boy but it was for a great reason! Pumba was adopted on August 12, 2020. ♥ ♥

Nada was a cute young adult female Pot-Bellied Pig who was brought to the HSOV during the early morning hours on November 2, 2020

Nada was eagerly awaiting the arrival of our shelter manager and kennel techs when they came to work that day.

Nada had a black short bristled coat with white highlights on her chest and legs, a tiny pigtail, and an adorable face with dark brown eyes, a white diamond mark on her forehead, tiny tusks, a long snout, and small erect ears.

Nada had a sweet disposition and loved attention. She was a pushover for treats and would follow you around like the proverbial "Mary's Little Lamb" when she sensed that you had a snack in your hand 😊

Nada idolized HSOV Kennel tech **Morgan Parsons** when she realized Morgan had some tasty treats to entice her to pose for her glamour photos ♥

Nada was already spayed and looking for a warm indoor home in anticipation of cold winter weather. Nada was adopted on November 6, 2020 and went to a fabulous new home. ♥ ♥



Shadow was a beautiful adult female kitty who was brought to the HSOV on June 17, 2020 after she was found in New Matamoras Ohio.



This little sweetheart was in need of medical attention since she appeared to have an injury to her right front leg/paw.

Shadow was examined by a veterinarian on June 19, 2020 and the diagnosis was a humeral fracture/break on her right front leg. Shadow underwent surgery for the amputation of that leg a few days later.

Shadow had a sleek jet black short smooth coat with a few white hairs on her chest, a long tail, and an adorable chubby face with large golden eyes, a black velvet nose, and long black whiskers. She had a friendly, rather demure, personality and her eyes begged for attention.



Shadow had given birth to a litter of kittens earlier that Spring, and her two 8-week old kittens (Mr Pibb and Dr Pepper) were brought to HSOV on June 18th. They were miniature copies of their sweet mother, and they also have a happy adoption story in this newsletter.



Shadow returned to HSOV on July 2, 2020 and was pampered by our kennel techs while she recuperated from her surgery for the amputation of her right front leg (and also her spay procedure).



By mid-August, Shadow had adjusted quite well and was learning to walk without the use of her right front leg. In spite of the trauma she endured, Shadow maintained her sweet affectionate personality throughout her ordeal. Shadow's beautiful black fur had grown back after her surgery, and you had to look closely to realize that her right front leg had been amputated.



Though we had fallen in love with Shadow and had become quite attached to her, we knew that she would be much happier in a real home where she would have the freedom to exercise her muscles and regain her strength instead of being confined to a cat tower. We envisioned Shadow in a fabulous home with a compassionate individual who would love and spoil her 24/7.

On October 20, 2020, a very special lady (Kirsten) adopted Shadow and fulfilled our wish for that fabulous home ❤️

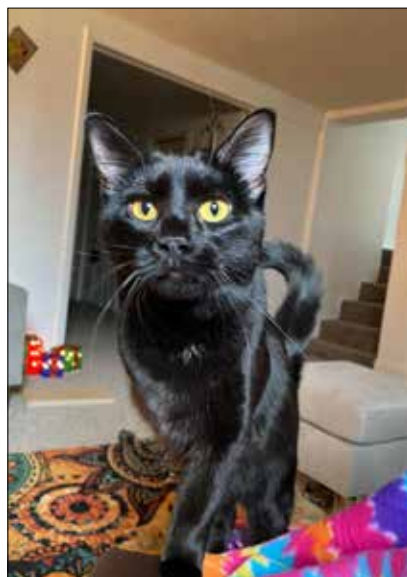
On October 23rd, Kirsten posted photos on the HSOV Facebook page of Shadow in her new home and reported that ***"Cricket Mulligan (aka Shadow)"*** is adjusting quite nicely. She loves to purr, talk, and eat treats. *A purrfect girl!* ❤️ Kirsten has also posted videos of Cricket playing with toys and jumping up on her cat tree (which bring happy tears to our eyes).

When asked if she'd like to give an update shortly before this newsletter was published, Kirsten wrote:

Cricket Mulligan is absolutely amazing!!! She loves to snuggle and to 'hold hands'. I love her soooo much. She even lets me trim her nails and doesn't even flinch. Cricket loves her Sheba food but only turkey or chicken ... I've tried other brands and flavors... but she insists on nothing but Sheba 😊

Cricket loves to play fetch, run, jump, and do somersaults when hunting her toys. She's a talker and a lover ❤️ And she has NOT bothered the Christmas tree yet (lol) ... fingers crossed!!

Cricket Mulligan has no clue that she's missing a leg, and she has been an inspiration to me 😊😊



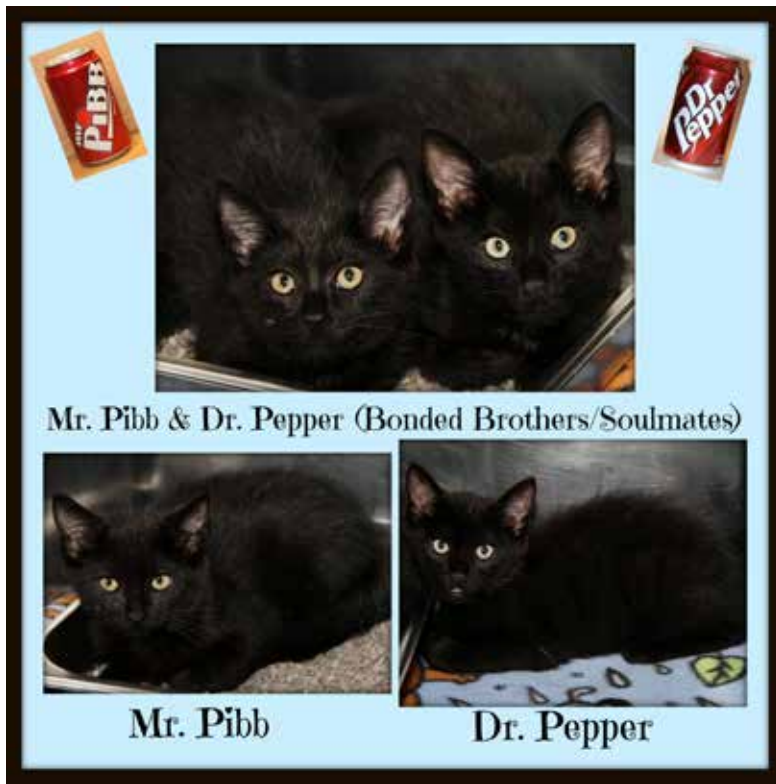
Mr Pibb & Dr Pepper

Mr. Pibb & Dr. Pepper were a cute pair of siblings who were brought to the HSOV on June 18, 2020 after they were found in New Matamoras Ohio. They were estimated to have been 8-weeks old at that time.

The boys' mother (**Shadow**) was brought to our shelter the previous day. Shadow had suffered an injury to her right front leg and underwent surgery for the amputation of that leg. She made a complete recovery and did doing remarkably well adjusting to life with just three legs.

Mr Pibb & Dr Pepper appeared to be identical twins and were miniature carbon copies of their beautiful mother Shadow. These little 'mini panthers' were absolutely adorable

Mr Pibb & Dr Pepper were frightened little boys when they arrived at our shelter, so they were kept together so that they could provide a sense of security for each other. They were usually snuggled as close to one another as possible, and we truly believed that it was in their best interest to be adopted together as a bonded pair.



Pibb & Pepper literally spent their kittenhood in a small cage growing up together in a small cage with limited social contact due to COVID-19 visitor restrictions and a shutdown of the cat rooms in mid-July until early September due to a panleukopenia outbreak. 🤒 Our feline kennel techs did their very best to give each and every cat/kitten a daily dose of attention during those shutdowns which helped to bring Pibb & Pepper out of their shells and begin to accept kindness/petting.

The boys were taken for their neuter procedures on October 18, 2020 and were also given rabies vaccine. We had quite a surprise when we discovered that, though we'd been referring to them as 'The Boys' for the past four months, Dr Pepper was actually a little girl and came back spayed 😊

Shadow and 'her boys' had captured the heart of a lady who fell in love with them 'long distance' after reading their story on our Facebook pages. She breathed a sigh of relief when momma Shadow was adopted on October 20th and made a promise to Shadow that she would watch over her boys and make sure they also found a loving home. **Phyllis Fischer (Church of the Angels)** shared Pibb & Pepper's pictures on her facebook page for the next several weeks and (off the record) decided that she would bring them into her sanctuary if they were still in the shelter at Christmas since she felt they

needed to have a holiday tree to climb and demolish 😊 The timeline was moved back to 'by Thanksgiving' when Phyllis informed us that she'd gone ahead and decorated the holiday tree a few weeks early.

Pibb & Pepper went on a short road trip on November 22, 2020 to meet **Phyllis** and her son **John Fisher**, and within a few days they had fulfilled their dream (and Phyllis' as well) when they were climbing and toppling the tree over 😊 After five months in a cage, they were finally enjoying being kittens and running/playing to their heart's content. When we asked Phyllis if she would like to share an update, she wrote:

*"Pibb & Pepper are completely at home. We are so blessed to have them in sanctuary. They dance to the kitchen for canned food every morning. I would like to thank the kennel workers at HSOV for taking care of them so long and so very well. The hardest job in any shelter is being a kennel worker, never knowing the outcome of the tiny animals cared for. This miracle of the holiday in the form of Pibb & Pepper is only because HSOV has a top shelf staff of kennel workers who provide the daily, long term care and love for all their charges. My father (**Dr Robert Fischer**) was on the board of HSOV many decades ago, and it would do him proud to see how wonderful the animals are tended. We chose new names for Pibb & Pepper the evening they arrived. They are now Sharon and Paul (in honor of a true hero of mine). So we have **Sharon and Paul** here in sanctuary to be the Christmas kittens they were always meant to be."*



SECOND ANNUAL HSOV CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE [August 29, 2020]



We extend a huge **THANK YOU** to **Keri E Stan** and **Strawberry Fields** (414 Greene Street, Marietta Ohio) for hosting and organizing the Second Annual HSOV Charity Golf Scramble ... and also to the businesses who sponsored this year's golf scramble as noted on the flyer 😊

This event was held on August 29, 2020 at the Marietta Country Club, and there was a full field of golf teams. The turnout and enthusiastic response was truly overwhelming, and HSOV was presented with a donation of approximately \$7,400 at the end of the day 😊😊



Several HSOV volunteers attended the event including **Amy Rogers** who coordinated the fundraiser with Strawberry Fields. HSOV "Bruno" (who adores Amy) also attended that day and is pictured at the registration desk

STATION LOUNGE CHILI COOK-OFF (HSOVFUNDRAISER) OCTOBER 25, 2020

Thank you to the **STATION LOUNGE & GRILL** (595 Joe Skinner Road, Belpre OH) for hosting their annual Chili Cook-Off on October 25, 2020 for the benefit of the **Humane Society of the Ohio Valley**. The proceeds from this year's event (over \$3000) were donated to the HSOV in addition to the many supplies which were also collected for our shelter. This event took monumental effort to plan and put together with the COVID restrictions, and we realize that it would have been much easier for Station Lounge owner **Dave Roberts** to have simply said "sorry .. maybe next year" ... but he and everyone else put forth the extra effort to make this much-needed fundraiser take place 😊

A special thanks to HSOV volunteer **Shelly Galland** who coordinated this fundraising event with the Station Lounge. Shelly was quick to point out that she was grateful for the hard work that many other individuals put forth including **Tracey Butler, Lillian Booth, Alesa Jedlink, Leight Murray, Amy Rogers, Julie Lowther, Dave Roberts, Linda Hewitt Carpenter, and Janein 'Hazel' Colvin-Belt**.



PAW ART RAFFLE FUNDRAISER (September 23, 2020 – October 2, 2020)

Several HSOV dogs (Apollo, Danny Boy, Jenny, and Rose) along with one brave HSOV kitten (Houston) collaborated in the Fall of 2020 and used their artistic talents to create a fundraiser of their very own (with a little assistance from HSOV volunteers who brought the necessary art supplies) 😊 Their unique one-of-a-kind masterpieces became the PAW ART RAFFLE which took place from September 23 through October 2, 2020. Raffle tickets were available from HSOV as well as six local shops in downtown Marietta Ohio. **THANK YOU** to these businesses who supported our shelter by selling tickets and displaying the dogs/kitten's artwork in their stores (and to everyone who purchased a ticket) 😊



American Flags & Poles / Baker & Baker Jewelers / Green Acres of Marietta / Putnam Chocolates / Wit & Whimzy / The Workingman's Store

Spreading Tons of Gravel...Mac helps!



When we placed an order for gravel in mid-June 2020 which was desperately needed for the parking areas around our shelter, we were faced with the challenge of tedious hours of manual labor required for the task of spreading several tons of gravel 😞

Thanks to **Debarr Trucking (872 Staunton Turnpike, Parkersburg WV)** who graciously waived their delivery fee and also spread the gravel for HSOV as a donation to our shelter!

On June 17, 2020 **KC Casada** literally 'moved mountains of gravel' to accomplish the task of spreading gravel and smoothing out the parking areas.

KC Casada was at the wheel of his John Deere tractor with faithful friend "Mac" by his side, and they worked their magic to complete that monumental task.



Mac (a handsome Blue Heeler) had everyone wrapped around his paws as they watched him in action while KC was skillfully maneuvering the John Deere tractor and gravel bucket around ... **Mac** intuitively knew exactly which direction to lean in order to maintain his balance 😊 Thank you **KC Casada** for volunteering your time, expertise and equipment to help our shelter .. And also thank you for giving us the pleasure of meeting **Mac** ❤️

HSOV Sign...Thanks Will Palmer



This updated HSOV sign at the intersection of County House Lane and Mt Tom Road will make our shelter a little easier for visitors to locate (especially in the summer when the cornfield is at its peak) ❤️

Will Palmer completed the sign as part of his Eagle Scout project in collaboration with **Boy Scout Troop 203** and also his father, **Erik Palmer**.

Will and his team erected the new sign on August 25, 2020. Will is pictured in the center of the back row in the group photo which was provided by his family.

Thank you **Will Palmer** for the professional-looking HSOV sign and congratulations for a job well done 😊



Our longest resident HSOV dogs and cats would love to find homes of their very own . . .



Bella is a beautiful 3-year old spayed female Pit Bull Terrier mix who was surrendered by her owner February 7, 2019. She is a pushover for back scratches, treats, and soft blankets. Bella often treats herself to a back scratch by rolling on her back and kicking all of her cute paws in the air 😊

Wiley is a handsome adult neutered male Pit Bull Terrier mix who arrived at HSOV on March 6, 2019 after he was in the Belpre Ohio area. Wiley is a pushover for 'good boy' treats and appears to be an intelligent boy. He would do best with an experienced handler and an 'alpha' leader to given him guidance/training.



Magnus (aka Jase) is a magnificent 3-year old neutered male American Staffordshire Terrier mix who was surrendered by his owner on May 9, 2019. This big boy weighs 80-85 lbs. Magnus is very strong on the other end of a leash and would do best with an experienced handler.



Ty Ty is an awesome 3-year old neutered male tabby kitty who was brought to HSOV on February 8, 2020 after he was found in Marietta Ohio. Ty Ty is an accomplished ball player and a favorite of our kennel techs and volunteers. He is listed as a Special Needs Cat because he tested positive for FIV [Feline Immunodeficiency Virus] but we prefer to think of Ty Ty as merely very special for so

many other reasons including his terrific personality.



Salt & Pepper are a bonded pair of 2-year old spayed female siblings who were surrendered by their owner on February 8, 2020 because he was moving and couldn't take the girls along 😞 Salt & Pepper have never been separated since birth and are looking for a home together. They get along well with other cats.



Maybelle is a beautiful 2-year old spayed female kitty who was surrendered by her owner on May 5, 2020 along with her six 3-day old kittens. Maybelle took care of her six kittens and raised them under less-than-ideal conditions (in a small shelter cage), and they survived to be healthy socialized young ladies. All of her kittens have been adopted, but Maybelle is still waiting for someone to all in love with her and offer her a fabulous home.



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

DOGS - \$145.00

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

CATS - \$40.00

Includes vaccinations, wormer, flea treatment, spay/neuter, and combo testing.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/humanesocietyoftheohiovalley/>

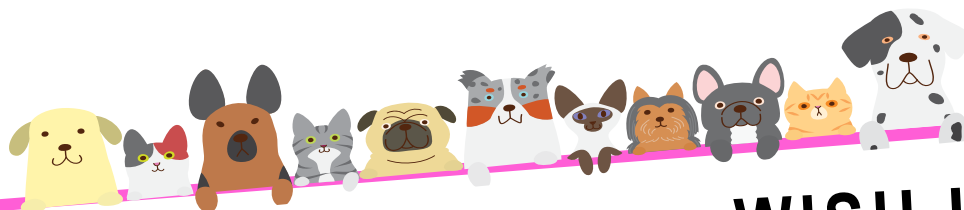
which include a complete listing of our dogs/cats [HSOV DOGS Album and HSOV CATS Album). Those albums are updated throughout the day with status changes. When our dogs/cats find a home, their photos are moved to the ADOPTED/RESCUED Album for the month/year in which they were adopted/rescued.

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



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.



WISH LIST

- ♥ 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
- ♥ Nail clippers
- ♥ Office supplies
- ♥ Printer/copier paper (white)
- ♥ Safe Paws ice melt (winter months only)
- ♥ Aluminum cans (for recycling)

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 out-of-town supporters who find that is a more convenient way to shop www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/F596E0YDXW1Q

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

Celebrating the Life of "Reggie"

Reggie was an adorable 5-year old male orange tabby kitty who arrived at the HSOV on June 18, 2020. He had suffered an injury to his head/right ear and was rushed to one of our compassionate local veterinarians where he underwent surgery for stitches. Reggie was also neutered while he was under anesthesia. In spite of the trauma he endured, Reggie had the sweetest disposition ever. It turned out that Reggie had a long-distance admirer who had fallen in love with his rugged appearance and cute face on Petfinder and made the trip from Akron Ohio on July 12, 2020 to meet him in person. Reggie turned on his charm and ran to meet Annie C. the moment his cage door was opened. He gently put his paws on her legs as he stood up and begged with hopeful eyes to go home with her. How could you possibly resist a guy like Reggie? Naturally he went home with Annie C. that day and is being spoiled in the manner to which he dreamed of becoming accustomed.

We celebrate the life of Reggie and the 471 HSOV kitties who were adopted/rescued from January-November 2020.



Don't shop,
ADOPT



2021 WASHINGTON COUNTY OHIO DOG LICENSES

Residents of Washington County Ohio are reminded that you must purchase a 2021 license for your dog by January 31, 2021. The Ohio Revised Code Section 955.010.05 mandates that all dogs over 3-months old must be licensed by January 31st or 30 days after the dog becomes 3-months old.

Licenses are available at the Washington County Auditor's Office, 205 Putnam Street, Marietta OH (Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm) either in person or by mail for a cost of \$16.00 plus postage. They may also be purchased online

at www.doglicenses.us/OH/Washington (credit card payments only/processing fees apply). After January 31st, statutory late penalty increases the licensing fee to \$32.00 per dog.

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



Facebook Pages:
Humane Society Of
The Ohio Valley



www.hsov.org

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.

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 www.doglicenses.us/OH/Washington website under "License Searches".



2021 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE OHIO VALLEY



Please complete this form and mail it with your check made payable to **HSOV, 90 Mt. Tom Road, Marietta, Oh 45750**. As provided in our bylaws, your application and payment must be received by Tuesday, September 1, 2020, to be eligible to vote for Directors at our Annual Meeting and to be a candidate for HSOV Director.

Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Email Address for HSOV Newsletter: _____
Home Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

■ NEW

■ RENEW

- _____ \$ 10.00 —Junior Membership (Under 17 years-of-age to be eligible; non-voting; calendar year membership); *Specify Unisex T-shirt size:*
_____ \$ 25.00—Subscriber Member (Non-voting, calendar year membership); *Specify Unisex T-shirt size:*
_____ \$ 40.00—General Member (Voting, calendar year membership); *Specify Unisex T-shirt size:*
_____ \$ 500.00—Lifetime Member (Voting); *Specify Unisex T-shirt size:*

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS

- _____ \$ 500.00 Platinum Sponsor
_____ \$ 350.00 Gold Sponsor

- _____ \$ 200.00 Silver Sponsor
_____ \$ 100.00 Bronze Sponsor

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT CATEGORIES

- _____ \$ 300.00 Sponsor a cat cage or dog kennel for one year. Sponsor's name will be recognized in the shelter's foyer.
_____ Enclosed is my general contribution in the amount of \$ _____.

PRIVILEGES

- All members will receive a 2021 Member T-Shirt - Remember to specify T-shirt size above.
- All members will be listed in a prominent display in the shelter's foyer.
- All members will receive a 15% discount on adoptions during the membership period.
- All sponsors will be recognized on a banner displayed outside the shelter.
- All members and sponsors will receive HSOV's bi-annual electronic newsletter with updates on shelter news, activities and events, and information on how we support our mission.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HSOV respects your privacy and does not sell or share member or donor information.

See www.hsov.org for more information including membership, adoption, foster and volunteer applications.



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

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

Name: _____

From: _____

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

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

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

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

