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Hours of Operation:
 Monday-Friday 12:00-5:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am-4:00pm
 Sunday Closed
 (By Appointment Only Sunday)

SHELTER STATISTICS July-October 2011

Incoming Dogs/Puppies:

Owner Surrender	265
Stray Surrender	99
County Dog Warden	82
Humane Officer	84

Outgoing Dogs/Puppies:

Adopted	173
Owner Reclaimed	53
Rescue Transfers	268
Euthanized.....	34
DOA/Died in Shelter	7

Incoming Cats/Kittens:

Owner Surrender	466
Stray Surrender	418
Humane Officer	69

Outgoing Cats/Kittens:

Adopted	198
Owner Reclaimed	1
Rescue Transfers	106
Euthanized.....	580
DOA/Died in Shelter	43
Stolen/Escaped	1

“Keller” – A Dog Who Learned to Live In a World Without Vision!

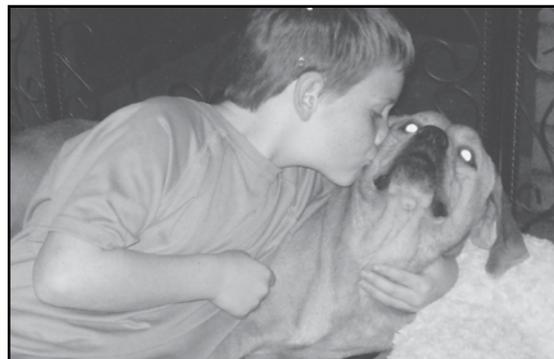


darling face that melted your heart as he looked up at you with cloudy eyes when he heard your voice.

He spent about two weeks in the shelter as we gave him a little time to become accustomed to his new surroundings before taking his pictures. Our photographer was a little apprehensive about how Keller would react to being outside with a stranger when given the go-ahead to take his photographs on September 29th. She was pleasantly surprised to learn that he walked fine on a leash as long as he knew someone was right beside him, and that he could depend upon her to guide him in the right direction. And somehow he knew exactly how to pose and look straight at the camera when she kept telling him what a good boy he truly was. Keller was a calm boy who loved attention (and doggie treats!)

We posted Keller’s pictures along with his story that evening on our Petfinder and Facebook pages. We were hopeful that someone might notice him, but weren’t prepared for what happened the next afternoon. A very special lady, Paula Brockmeier, and her son, Andrew, walked in the lobby on that rainy cold afternoon and said they’d seen Keller’s pictures and would like to meet him. How we wish that everyone could have been there that day to have seen Paula, Andrew, and Keller!

They adopted him that afternoon, and we took several photos before Keller went to his new home. One thing that was obvious in ALL of the photos was that Andrew always had his hand on



Keller or was kissing and hugging him. If you happen to be a friend on our HSOV Facebook page, you might want to check out the album entitled “Keller Finds A Home” and see those happy pictures.

Paula reports that “Keller is a love and is doing well with us”. Andrew wrote a thank-you note to our Humane Officer, Butch Morris, for saving Keller and making it possible for them to adopt him and sent a photo of him hugging and kissing Keller in their home.

We couldn’t have written a better “Happily Ever After” story for Keller.

Jim & Genevieve Schafer

When I volunteered to write an article about the late Jim and Genevieve Schafer, I knew it couldn't be complete without some history about our humane society.

The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley was first organized as the Washington County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 1884. It was incorporated in the State of Ohio on February 9, 1888, and is thought to be the first charter of its kind in the State.

The early workers didn't content themselves with investigating just cruelty to animals, but also cruelty to children. The Society operated without an animal shelter, keeping animals in homes; local feed stores donated the food. In 1951, Harold Radekin, the first humane officer, worked without pay, using his own car. In 1953, members took turns staffing the first office, which was opened in the City of Marietta. Later a bequest left by long-time member Miss Kitty Nye provided the funds to purchase a Jeep and to start the shelter on Dodd Run Road. Furnishings were donated by Hayward Strecker and Doris Gracey. In April of 1960, the shelter was forced to close temporarily due to a lack of funds. It was reopened in August and Homer Nichols, the only paid employee, was named the humane officer. All other work was done by volunteers.

In November of 1979, the Society re-organized under the name of the Washington County Humane Society. The next year, a building campaign, headed by Attorney William Fields and his wife, Prudence, was started to find a location on which build a new shelter. It was at this time that I became involved in the humane society and Jim and Genevieve Schafer. In August of 1982, ground was leveled on Sherlock Drive (named after the construction superintendent, Charlie Sherlock) and the present shelter (designed by architect Richard Dybiec) was built on property leased for 99 years from the Washington County Commissioners. The entire community and the local trade unions donated most of the time and material to complete this project. In December of 1982, in order to resolve the problem of citizens believing that the Society was funded by Washington County tax money, the Society, under the presidency of Jim Schafer, resolved that the name be changed to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. Dedication of the new shelter was December 2, 1984. January 9, 1987, all construction debts were paid off.

Jim and/or Genevieve Schafer were The Humane Society for over three decades. Among their many donations were their involvement in installing a crematory (which was dismantled years later due to age and the cost of operating); providing dog donation boxes in the community; supplying letters and grave markers for the Society's animal cemeteries (one which was named "Schafer Memorial Gardens"); providing funds for the treatment of sick animals; giving endless hours to speaking and soliciting funds for the shelter from the community and the commissioners; loaning their garage for storing of books and yard sale items; purchasing smoke alarms for the shelter; and so much more. These two dedicated animal lovers and humane society supporters will be terribly missed and ever so hard to replace. It was such a joy and rewarding experience to know them both.

Louise Holmes
Life Member – Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

SHELTER STAFF

Executive Director/Manager - Steve Herron
AsstMgr/Adoption Clerk - Sharon Morris
Humane Officer - Dennis (Butch) Morris
Assistant Humane Officer - Levi Seevers

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Barry Boice
Mary Buck
Kory Gilbert
Bill Hagy
Rachel Leopold, Supervisor
Jacob Ridgway

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President - Kelly Schubert
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Chad Skinner
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Building & Grounds - Ron & Juanita Becker
Canine Rescue - Celeste Ridgway
Feline Rescue - Sharon Paul
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Fundraising - Alichia & Rick Farley
Membership - Marlene Delaney
Newsletter - Sharon Paul
Nominations - Jim Baldinger
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Operations - Cheryl Hall, Celeste Ridgway, Kelly Schubert
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Volunteer Coordinator - Position Open
Website - Chad Skinner
Website / Pet Photographer - Sharon Paul



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ANNUAL MEETING (December 6, 2011)

The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Plumbers & Pipefitters Hall, 201 Front Street, Marietta, Ohio. There will be a short business meeting followed by nominations and election of board members. Everyone is invited to attend, but remember that you must have a paid membership in order to be eligible to be a candidate for the HSOV Board of Directors or to vote in the election. Memberships may be purchased prior to the commencement of the meeting. Appetizers, soft drinks, and coffee will be served. Please plan to attend and vote for the persons you feel will be a positive voice for the shelter dogs and cats.



HSOV OPEN HOUSE (December 10, 2011)

Our Annual Holiday Open House will be held at the shelter on Saturday, December 10 from 12:00 noon – 4:00pm. This is always a festive occasion, and the shelter will be beautifully decorated. Please plan to tour the shelter and meet our many wonderful animals who will be available for adoption or to foster over the holidays in conjunction with our “Foster A Lonely Pet For The Holidays” program. Our dogs will be wearing their best Christmas bandanas, and we’ve been coaching them on looking as adorable as possible. They will have their Christmas stockings displayed on their cages and kennels with a wish for a loving home tucked inside their tiny stockings. We hope that each and every supporter of the HSOV will join us so that we may personally thank you for all that you have done to help the animals throughout this past year. This is also a great opportunity to meet and greet the shelter staff, board members, and volunteers. We will have our Christmas tree in the lobby of the shelter should anyone wish to leave some gifts beneath the tree for our dogs and cats. We’ve included their “Wish List” in this newsletter with suggestions of items that they can use. Gourmet refreshments are also a highlight of this event.

THROW DOWN FOR THE POUND 5: PRO COMEDY (February 11, 2012)

The Throw Down For The Pound 5: Pro Comedy (Featuring Colt Cobana and Mick Foley) will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the Marietta Middle School Auditorium. Doors will open at 5:00. This fundraiser is being organized by Adam Johnson (We Lov Pets) and proceeds will benefit the HSOV.

FUR BALL (February 25, 2012)

Please mark a huge pawprint reminder on your calendar for Saturday, February 25, 2012, since that is the date for one of the most prestigious social events in the Mid-Ohio Valley. The 9th Annual Fur Ball will be held at the American Legion in Williamstown from 8pm-midnight and is a fun-filled evening that you won’t want to miss. There will be a live band, silent auctions, raffles, and door prizes in addition to great food and beverages. We will have our traditional slideshow which features photos of shelter dogs and cats who are available for adoption. The Fur Ball is one of our major fundraisers and benefits the shelter animals in so many ways. For additional information, please contact Lisa Mellow by cell phone (740.516.3503) or by email (lisamerrow@msn.com)

BREAKFAST AT APPLEBEE’S (April 28, 2012)

This fundraiser will be held at the Applebee’s Restaurant, Lafayette Center, Marietta, Ohio on Saturday, April 28, 2012 from 7:30-9:30am. Applebee’s staff will be preparing breakfast and our HSOV Board Members and volunteers will be ‘waiting tables’ that morning in support of this fundraiser.

Foster a Lonely Pet

FOSTER A LONELY PET FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The HSOV will once again be participating in this fostering program which was inspired by the book and movie entitled “A Dog Named Christmas”. This inspirational, heart-warming story revolves around a young boy who encourages residents of his small village to take a shelter dog home with them over the Christmas holiday, and he is successful in finding foster homes for all of the dogs in their local shelter. Part of the agreement with his family is that the dog “Christmas”, whom he wants to foster, must be returned to the shelter when the holiday season is over. Things look pretty sad for the boy and the dog at the end of the book, but thank goodness there is a happy ending for the small boy AND the dog.

The “Foster A Lonely Pet for the Holidays” program is designed to get pets out of shelters and into a real family home for the holiday season. Fostering a pet is a win-win situation. It gives animals a break from shelter life and also decreases the number of pets the shelter staff must care for over the holiday period. And if you decide to adopt the pet that you’ve fostered, that’s an even bigger reward.

If you would like to open your heart and your home to a dog or cat from our shelter and give it a temporary home for the holidays, we encourage you to contact the HSOV at 740.373.5959 for additional information. You will be required to complete a foster application and be approved prior to taking a shelter pet home. Photos and descriptions of all our shelter animals may be viewed on our Petfinder and Facebook pages if you want to preview them before visiting our shelter to select a dog or cat that you’d like to foster.

HIGHLIGHTS OF RECENT EVENTS

The **11th Annual Poker Run & Hog Roast**, which was held on Saturday, July 30, 2011, was a huge success! Thanks to **Juanita Becker** and **Rhonda Deem**, along with their wonderful committee members, for organizing this event. This fundraiser is always well-attended, and this year was no exception. Several thousand dollars were raised and all proceeds were donated to the HSOV for distribution to the Medical Fund, the Building Fund, and the shelter's General Fund.

HSOV Staff and volunteers participated in the **Washington County Fair Parade** which was held on Saturday, September 3, 2011. Several pounds of candy were donated and tossed to happy children along the parade route, and we displayed our banner for a little added publicity for our shelter ☺



The **9th Annual HSOV Paws Walk** (and the second one in memory of Ashlee Scott) was held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 in Muskingum Park, Marietta,

Ohio. Thanks to **Juanita Becker** and **Carol McKitrick** for organizing this popular fundraiser with the help of many volunteers. This event raised over \$2700 for the benefit of the HSOV and was very much appreciated.

The **Friends of Feline Fund** held two very successful yard sales on July 23 and September 25, 2011. Thank you **Cheryl Hall** for organizing this fundraiser. And a big thanks to the many supporters of the FOF Fund who also worked so tirelessly on these yard sales: Alichia Farley, Jo Ellen Gray, Kala Hall, Sharon Paul, Tracy Reifer, Briana Sams, and Kelly Schubert.



Thanks to **Pastor Jeff Walker** for officiating at our Second Annual **"Blessing of the Shelter Animals"** which was held on Monday, October 3, 2011. This was

a special evening for everyone who attended. Every dog and cat who happened to find themselves in the shelter

that night received a heartfelt blessing that was bestowed upon them by **Pastor Walker**. Thank you to everyone who brought donations for the shelter animals, and a big thank you to **Carol McKitrick**, **Jane Snell**, and **Juanita Becker** for providing those gourmet refreshments.

The **Throw Down For The Pound: 4Warned** was held on Saturday, October 8, 2011. Thanks again to **Adam Johnson (We Lov Pets)** for organizing yet another successful fundraiser for the benefit of the HSOV. This was the fourth Remix "Throw Down" wrestling event and raised over \$4500 for our shelter.

And last, but certainly not least, thanks to **Cheryl Hall** and **Kelly Schubert**

for the many dog wash fundraisers that they have organized this past year. The most recent ones were held on July 31st, August 28th, and October 9th, 12th, and 13th. These ladies have bathed



and groomed countless dogs and have donated all of the proceeds (over \$1800) to the HSOV. Thank you Cheryl and Kelly as well as the many volunteers who helped you make these fundraisers 'a dream come true'. (Cheryl and Kala Hall are pictured here at the last dog wash.)

DOG WARDEN DUTIES TRANSFERRED

Our HSOV Board President, Kelly Schubert, has a new nickname these days and is affectionately being called "Deputy Dawg" by shelter employees and volunteers. A bit of explanation ...

The Washington County Dog Warden duties have been temporarily assigned to the Sheriff's Department because Dog Warden Greg Sturm is on sick leave. Sheriff Larry Mincks assigned Deputy Schubert the dog warden duties and reports that she is doing an excellent job.



RON FRIEND SUBMITS THE WINNING NAME "PHOENIX"

In our last newsletter we published a photograph of a beautiful dog with an accompanying article entitled "Please Give Me A Special Name" and made a plea for donations to help with her vet visit. We also asked our supporters for their suggestions for a special name and promised that the person who submitted the winning name would be photographed with this girl and be featured in the next newsletter.

In case you don't recall the story, this beautiful girl was discovered by a Good Samaritan on the evening of July 15, 2011 as he was driving on SR 60 near Marietta, Ohio and noticed what appeared to be a wire dog cage amongst tall weeds beside the highway. Luckily the gentleman stopped to investigate since it turned out that a dog was abandoned and locked in the cage and apparently left to die. Our Humane Officer, Butch Morris, was notified of this damsel in distress. Within minutes of receiving the call, she was taken to our shelter and given cool water, good food, and a soft blanket to snuggle up in for the night.



That dog was one of the sweetest, most affectionate dogs we'd ever seen, which made it even more heartbreaking to know that someone had treated her this way. She was terribly thin, dehydrated, and you could count every rib which protruded from her frail body. She would have died a slow, horrible death had it not been for that Good Samaritan and Butch Morris.

That was surely the best day of her life when she was brought to our shelter. Everyone paid special attention to her and she was pampered and loved for perhaps the first time in her life. She was so emaciated yet so happy and loving, and she always had such hopeful, trusting eyes. She gained weight and began to play when she was taken outside for walks.

But she still had no name for two weeks until

The name "Phoenix" was selected from among the many entries for this "Please Give Me A Special Name" dog. This special name was suggested by Ron Friend, Marietta, Ohio. Congratulations to Ron for submitting the winning name with the explanation and hope that "she will rise from such horrible treatment and be that special companion".

This photograph was taken on July 28th when Ron and his family were at the shelter to officially bestow the name "Phoenix" upon this beautiful girl. Incidentally, Ron and his lovely wife, Debbie, are frequent visitors and volunteers at our shelter. Debbie stepped forward last winter when there was a tiny orange kitten at the shelter who desperately needed a foster mother. "Orphan Ollie" thrived with the TLC she and Ron gave him, and not surprisingly, "Ollie" found a permanent home.

Thank you to everyone who submitted great name suggestions and/or made donations to help with Phoenix' vet bills. She made a complete recovery and was the picture of health when she was adopted on September 8, 2011.



“PIT BULL TERRIERS are not the right dog for every home...”

“Pit Bull Terriers are not the right dog for every home, but neither are Chihuahuas or Golden Retrievers. Pit bulls are high-energy, fun-loving, fiercely loyal sweethearts that have gotten a raw deal, due to criminal activity and an overzealous media who have over-reported stories about pit bulls. It is important to remember that when you see a news report about Pit Bulls involved in some kind of trouble, each dog is an individual and every situation is different; lots of times pertinent facts are left out of a report. Was the dog chained 24/7 and allowed very little human interaction if any at all? Was he neglected and forgotten? It is unfair to judge an entire breed on one dog’s action. Every dog is an individual. Judge the behavior, NOT the breed. In most cases, the reason can be traced back to a negligent owner”. Source: www.thepositivepitbull.org

When I first began to take photographs of HSOV dogs for our Petfinder and Facebook pages (which are accessible

through the www.hsov.net website), I admit that I was afraid of Pit Bulls. My main source of information had been media reports, and I had never actually encountered a Pit Bull prior to that time. I’ve discovered that most of them are big pussycats, so-to-speak, and have learned to love the breed.

Fortunately our shelter gives every breed the same chance at finding a good home. Many shelters have a policy to euthanize Pit Bulls and other so-called ‘bully breeds’ as soon as they are surrendered, which is heartbreaking to know that many good dogs never had a chance to prove themselves or find the family who would have loved them.

I’ve chosen five pit bulls who were recently adopted from our shelter. Here are their photos along with quotes from their new owners, which is surely a testament to the wonderful pets that Pit Bulls can be:



COURAGE – “She’s a great addition to our family, and we couldn’t have chosen a better dog for us.”



MATILDA – “She is a dream come true! She has made such an impact on our lives.”



PEACHES – “She is fantastic! She goes everywhere with me and loves to ride in the car. I am just so in love with her!!! She is truly one of the best dogs I have ever had.”



TYSON & LACEY – “They are wonderfully good-natured dogs. They are [both] just big babies.”

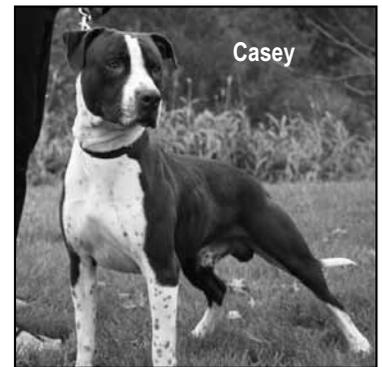
[Incidentally, all of these great dogs were on the URGENT list when they were adopted.]

We currently have eight pit bulls at the HSOV. Their photos and descriptions are included on this page.

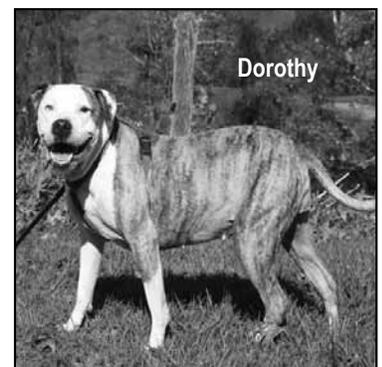
“Bam Bam” is a cute one-year old female who came to the HSOV on November 13, 2011. This beautiful young lady has a reddish-brown short smooth coat, a short tail, and a pretty face with semi-erect ears.



“Casey” is a handsome 1-1/2 year old male who was surrendered by his owner on September 20, 2011. This gorgeous guy has a chocolate brown coat with white markings, a long tail, and a beautiful face which is symmetrically marked. “Casey” weighs ~55 lbs.



“Dorothy” is a delightful 4-year old female who was surrendered by her owner on October 15, 2011. She has a brindle-and-white coat, a long tail, and a beautiful face with the prettiest smile. “Dorothy” has already been spayed and weighs 58 lbs.



“Montgomery” is a gorgeous one-year old male who arrived at the HSOV after he was picked up on Montgomery Street in Marietta, OH on October 1, 2011. This handsome young man has a brindle coat with white markings, a long tail, and a sweet face with semi-erect ears. “Montgomery” weighs 50 lbs.

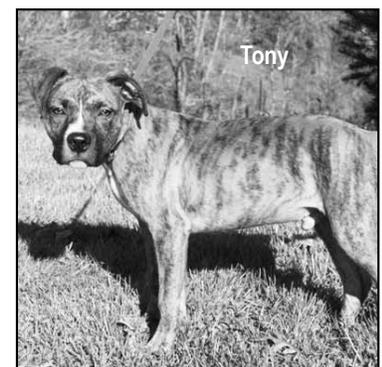
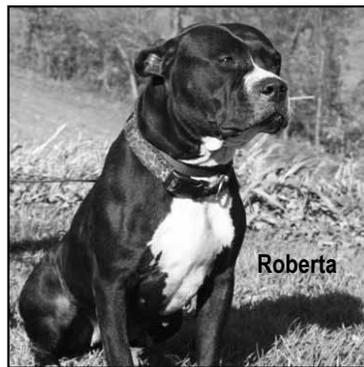


“Neveah” is a 1-1/2 year old female who was surrendered by her owner on September 28, 2011. She has a tan coat, a long tail, and a beautiful face with semi-erect ears. “Neveah” weighs 28 lbs.

“Roberta” is a lovely 3-year old female who arrived at the HSOV on October 14, 2011 after she was picked up on Robinson Road in Marietta Township. This beautiful young lady has a black coat with white markings on her chest and paws, a long tail, and a gorgeous face with a white nose. “Roberta” has a lovable disposition and weighs 60 lbs.

“Sadie” is a sweet 4-year old female who was surrendered by her owner on September 26, 2011. This beautiful girl has a brindle-and-white coat, a long tail, and a very pretty face. “Sadie” had puppies before she was surrendered, and the owner kept her puppies but disposed of their mother. This lovely girl has so much love to give and just wants to be loved in return. “Sadie” weighs 45 lbs.

“Tony” is a 4-month old male puppy who came to the HSOV on October 22, 2011 after a Good Samaritan found him on Lee Street in Belpre, Ohio. “Tony” is as cute as can be. He has a brindle coat, a long tail, and a darling face. He has a sweet disposition and loves everyone. “Tony” weighs 25 lbs.



A SPECIAL-NEEDS KITTEN NAMED “HALO”

“**Halo**” was a beautiful 4-month old female kitten who made her debut at the HSOV on August 25, 2011 after she was found on Glendale Road in Marietta, Ohio. This lovely black-and-white kitten had an affectionate, playful personality and kept rolling over on her back for belly rubs during her photo session. We posted her pictures and listed her as a ‘Special Needs Kitten’ because she appeared to be blind in her right eye. Somehow it seemed the loss of vision in that eye made her even more special. “Halo” was named because she was such a little ‘angel’ and must surely have had a halo over her cute little head that we weren’t able to see. We hoped that there would be a special someone who could look past her blind eye and find it in their heart to give her a loving home.



A special lady in Cincinnati, Lucy Betts, saw Halo’s picture and read her story on Facebook, and she quickly contacted our Feline Rescue Coordinator, Sharon Paul. Lucy works with Three Sisters Rescue and loves our Marietta cats and kittens, especially the “less than perfect” ones who need a little extra help. Lucy agreed to take “Halo” if she was negative for feline leukemia and FIV. “Halo” was combo tested and spent some time in a wonderful foster home, thanks to our HSOV Board Vice-President, Cheryl Hall, while she awaited transport. (Cheryl rescued a blind kitten from our shelter last year and also has a soft spot in her heart for kittens who need a little extra TLC).

“Halo” made the journey to meet her guardian angel, Lucy, on September 13th. It was love at first sight. Since that time, “Halo” has been pampered and spoiled to her heart’s content. She has become new best friends with another Marietta kitten named “Ella” who made the journey with her. “Halo” was spayed on October 6th, and unfortunately had to

have her eye removed that day as well. Lucy was with her shortly afterwards and said “Halo” was already purring.

NOTE: Three Sisters Rescue has rescued 147 cats and kittens from the HSOV from January-October 2011, and I have been privileged and honored to be able to work closely with Lucy Betts and Susan Hergert. Thank you, Lucy and Susan, for making such a difference in the lives of the fortunate cats and kittens from Marietta which you have saved. I know that these cats receive the best medical care, are spayed/neutered promptly, and you find them wonderful homes! ... Sincerely, Sharon Paul

“TEDDY”

We like to believe that all of the HSOV cats and kittens are worth their weight in gold, but one tiny little orange tabby kitten proved to be just that.

“**Teddy**” was an adorable 2-month old kitten who was brought to the shelter on September 16, 2011 in hopes that we could find him a good home. He was a playful, affectionate youngster who did the “kneading thing” with his front paws and purred on contact. “Teddy” was a natural as he posed for photographs and so darned cute. We posted his photos a few days after his arrival and waited for someone to fall in love with his pictures. Much to Sharon Morris’ surprise, she received a call from a lady in Upstate New York who wanted to know more about “Teddy”. It seemed that this cute kitten looked exactly like a cat that their family had loved dearly. The lady said she wanted to make sure that this kitten found a good home and made a generous donation to sponsor him. Sharon Morris asked if she wanted to adopt “Teddy” herself, but the lady felt that because they lived so far from Marietta, Ohio that it wouldn’t be possible. Several conversations later, it was apparent that neither this lady nor her family could quit thinking about “Teddy” and really *did* want to adopt him.

As the saying goes, where there’s a will there’s a way. The family asked if there might be someone who was willing to drive “Teddy” to central Pennsylvania (which would be half-way to where they lived in Upstate New York). They were willing to make an even more generous donation to our shelter if only we could find someone to make the trip.

Steve Herron, our Executive Director/Shelter Manager, made a road trip with “Teddy” on September 30, 2011 so that this special kitten could be adopted. The HSOV will do anything to ensure that our cats and dogs find good homes.



“HELLO DOLLY”

Most of the articles in our newsletters which feature HSOV cats are written about an individual cat or kitten, so I thought it would be interesting to write about a mother cat and her kittens. I've chosen a beautiful Calico girl whom I had named “Dolly” and will share her story and what happened to her and each of her kittens.



“Dolly” was brought to the HSOV on June 15, 2011 after she was picked up in Marietta, Ohio as a stray by our Humane Officer. She was a beautiful 2-year old calico kitty with large golden eyes. It was apparent that she was expecting a litter of kittens when I took her photos on June 30th, and sure enough, she gave birth to six kittens on July 2, 2011. Dolly was a good mother and yet two of her kittens did not survive. The four kittens who survived were beautiful babies and were named

Devon, Darin, Holly, and Houdini. They remained with their mother and shared a double-decker tower until September 2nd when the youngsters were weaned and ready to be adopted.

“Devon” was the cute little female kitten who had a brown/black tabby coat with white highlights. She and her brother, Darin, shared a cage for a few days and loved romping and playing with each other. Devon was adopted on September 6th, and it was sad to see Darin looking so lonely.



“Darin” was the darling male kitten with a brown/black coat in a swirled tabby pattern. After his sister, Devon, was adopted, he had several other kitten roommates. He eventually went to Three Sisters Rescue on October 6th along with his sister, Holly, and they were adopted together!

“Holly” was the beautiful female kitten with a gray/black tabby coat with white highlights. Holly and her brother, Houdini, shared a tower with several other kittens. As mentioned, Holly went to Three Sisters Rescue on October 6th. She and her brother, Darin, were adopted together.



Perhaps the most fun-loving kitten in this family was little “Houdini”. He was the male kitten with a white-and-brown tabby coat and had a personality that just wouldn't quit. He earned the name “Houdini” because he figured out that he could escape from any cat tower by putting one shoulder through the bars, then his head and other shoulder, to maneuver his way to freedom and mischief. Many hearts were broken when Houdini became ill with an upper respiratory infection, and he was euthanized on September 21st.



By now you must be wondering what happened to “Dolly”

“Dolly” was placed on the URGENT list on September 13, 2011. She had spent three months in the shelter by this time. She had raised four kittens and lived to see three of them survive and be adopted/rescued. Now it seemed that this beautiful girl might soon lose her life. A wonderful lady (Beth Cunard) in Barnesville, Ohio couldn't bear to see “Dolly” euthanized and made arrangements to adopt her three days later. “Dolly” was saved on September 16th.



Oct 3rd Chance



Oct 3rd Shadow



“CHANCE” AND “SHADOW”

When these two young Boxers were picked up in Belpre, Ohio on October 3, 2011 and brought to the safety of our shelter, they were in such terrible physical condition that we feared they might not have the strength to survive. “Chance” and “Shadow” were so emaciated that they were literally ‘skin and bones’ and had lost most of their hair. Neither of them appeared to have the strength to raise their head and also seemed to have lost their will to live. We gave them warm blankets, extra food, and hoped they would be alive the following day when we could get them to a vet’s office. They received a special private blessing by Pastor Jeff Walker during the “Blessing of the Animals” later that evening which, in retrospect, surely helped them on their road to recovery.

“Chance” and “Shadow” were taken for their vet visit the following day, and the diagnosis was that they were suffering from demodectic mange. Fortunately this is a type of mange that is treatable, so both boys began receiving medication, antibiotics, soothing baths, and extra TLC. They made remarkable progress and started gaining about a pound each day! And they were regaining strength and beginning to play, which is when we knew they were really feeling like happy, healthy youngsters.

Miraculously, this next set of photos was taken just eight days after “Chance” and “Shadow” entered the shelter. What an amazing testament to both of these dogs who mustered up their will to live and also to the HSOV staff who so lovingly cared for them. “Chance” and “Shadow” were full of self-confidence as they held their heads high and seemed instinctively to know how to strike their best “showdog” poses. They were truly different dogs than the ones who looked so pathetic just a week earlier.

Oct 11th Chance



The boys were moved to our finest luxury suite (i.e., the nursery room near the lobby) in mid-October so that they could enjoy each other’s company and would be more visible to potential adopters. They loved their new assortment of toys, and “Shadow”, in particular, never seemed to be without one in his mouth. We even snapped some photos of him sleeping with his favorite rope toy in his mouth one afternoon (There is an album on our HSOV Facebook page with several of those photos in the nursery.)

Oct 11th Shadow



Thanks to our Canine Rescue Coordinator, Celeste Ridgway, “Chance” and “Shadow” left our shelter on October 22nd to begin the next chapter in their lives. They are now living in the Pittsburgh area (together, of course!) We loved this photos of “The Boys” romping and playing in the first snowfall of the year which their new mom entitled “Dashing Through The Snow”.





Deborah Lee Kelley

(December 1, 1950 – June 20, 2011)

It is with sadness that we learned Debbie Kelley passed away on June 20, 2011. Debbie was a lifelong advocate for animals and spent much of her life speaking for the animals who could not speak for themselves. This dynamic lady volunteered at the HSOV and was indeed a spokesperson who worked tirelessly on behalf of the animals. She also tended to feral cat colonies in the Marietta/Reno areas. Debbie was instrumental in registering our shelter for the Zootoo Shelter Makeover Contest in January 2008 and master-minded a campaign that ultimately resulted in the HSOV placing second nationwide. Our shelter received over \$20,000 in prize money.



Debbie is pictured here with Richard Thompson (Zootoo President) during his shelter judging visit on April 23, 2008 following the announcement that the HSOV was among the top 10 shelters when the contest had concluded.

Debbie moved to Waterloo, Iowa soon after the Zootoo contest was over, and that is where she passed away. She was buried in Westerly, Rhode Island next to the ocean that she loved so much and beside her mother.

Those of us who knew and loved Debbie will surely recall one of her beliefs which she frequently quoted -- "a bad home is worse than no home at all". Rest in peace, Debbie, and thank you for all of your contributions to the HSOV while you were in Marietta, Ohio.

Submitted by Sharon Paul



In Memory Of "BACON"

"Bacon" was a handsome one-year old Beagle/Hound mix who was surrendered by his owner on June 12, 2011. He was a friendly little guy whose motto seemed to be "don't fence me in" since

he had been accustomed to freedom in his previous home. He yearned to feel the green grass beneath his paws and feel the wind blowing his floppy ears in the breeze. "Bacon" looked forward to walks with staff and volunteers. Sadly, "Bacon" was placed on the URGENT list on July 29th and lost his life on August 12, 2011. He never knew that someone in Pittsburgh wanted to give him a home but they were an hour late in calling to save him. Several people loved you "Bacon", and we hope that you are running to your heart's content in your heavenly home these days.

"Never, never be afraid to do what's right, especially if the well-being of a person or animal is at stake. Society's punishments are small compared to the wounds we inflict on our soul when we look the other way".

Martin Luther King, Jr.



WISH LIST

- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club & Wal-Mart gift cards
- Gasoline debit cards
- Dog/cat food (canned & dry)
- Puppy/kitten food (canned & dry)
- Stainless steel food/water bowls
- Kitty litter
- Litter pans & scoops (stainless steel only)
- Pooper scoopers
- Dog leashes
- Dog collars (all sizes)
- Dog harnesses
- Dog/cat treats
- Dog/cat toys
- Kong dog toys
- Dog/cat beds
- Small & medium pet carriers
- Large & X-large pet carriers
- Blankets & towels
- Small rugs or carpet squares
- Pet shampoo
- Flea/tick medication
- Laundry detergent (liquid)
- Bleach
- Dishwashing liquid
- Window cleaner
- Paper towels
- Spray bottles
- Alcohol
- Vaseline
- First-aid supplies
- Latex gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Plastic watering cans
- Heavy-duty leaf/lawn bags
- Grooming supplies
- Nail clippers
- Office supplies
- Inkjet and copier paper
- Aluminum cans (for recycling)
- Newspapers w/o inserts



Two of our shelter include an unexpected detour these days in a most unusual place ☺ Unless you visit the “necessary room” on your own, you will miss a delightful display of artwork which has been created by our HSOV Board of Directors Treasurer, Becky Johnston. These whimsical primitive-style designs have been painted on the cabinetry and add quite a nice touch. Two of the paintings depict shelter animals, Dempsey (a Boxer who was stolen from our shelter and later recovered), and Tiger (one of our shelter mascot kitties).



Thank you Becky for sharing your talents!



2012 WASHINGTON COUNTY DOG LICENSES

Please remember to purchase a 2012 Washington County Dog License for your dog by January 31st, 2012. According to Ohio R.C. Sec. 955.01.05, all dogs over 3 months of age must be licensed by January 31st or 30 days after the dog becomes 3 months of age. Licenses are available at the Washington County Auditor's Office, 205 Putnam Street, Marietta, OH (Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm) for a cost of \$16.00. Application forms may be downloaded on their website: www.washingtongov.org/dept-auditor.

You may also purchase 2012 dog licenses/tags at the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley during our hours of operation for a cost of \$16.75. We offer this service throughout the year for anyone who adopts a dog from the shelter and as a convenience for anyone who wishes to stop by the shelter to purchase their dog tag.

Having a current dog tag on your dog's collar with the license number is very important and helps us reunite you and your beloved pet in the event it becomes lost and ends up in our shelter. The license number provides your home information to animal control and the license ensures that HSOV will hold your lost dog for at least 14 days before adopting it out or euthanizing it.



PLEASE “LIKE” OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AND VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Over 1,700 Facebook users are now “friends” of the HSOV Facebook Page, and it's nice to feel liked ☺ Our Facebook page is updated several times throughout the day and is a great way to interact with our shelter since you can post comments and questions about shelter animals, post photos of your adopted shelter pet, or ask for assistance if your dog or cat is missing. There are photo albums of dogs and cats currently available for adoption, adopted/rescued animals, and an urgent album for animals that are in danger of being euthanized. Many times our new dogs and cats appear on Facebook before they are viewable on Petfinder, so you get advance news on FB. We also include announcements on upcoming events and communication when extra assistance is needed at the HSOV.

Our website has a new address (www.hsov.net) as well as an updated look these days. Please visit the new site to explore the new features which have been added. Many of the previous features are there also. This newly-designed website is still a work in progress and our supporters are encouraged to send questions, comments, or suggestions via email to our Webmaster, Chad Skinner, at hsovweb@gmail.com

They Light Up Our Lives

During the month of December, the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley would like to once again remember and honor the pets that have brightened and enriched our lives.

We will be placing a Christmas tree with strands of lights in the window at American Flags and Poles on Front Street. A living pet will be represented by a colored light and a pet that has passed away will be remembered by a white light. The tree will be lit beginning Saturday, November 26, 2011.

Animal lovers are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$5.00 per pet in honor of their pets or their friends' and family's pets during the month of December.

A free, keepsake booklet listing the names of the animals who are being honored as well as the names of those who have sent contributions will be available at the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley and American Flags and Poles beginning Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

The attached form plus contribution may be mailed or brought to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley or dropped off at We Love Pets, American Flags and Poles, Kelly's Shedding Shack, and The UPS Store throughout the month of December.

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

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



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

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

* Name of Contributor(s):

___ Yes, I will be picking up a booklet.

___ I would like my booklet mailed for an additional \$1.00.

___ No, I do not want a booklet.

* Check: ___ (made payable to HSOV)

* Cash: ___

* Amount of contribution (number of pets x \$5.00) plus an additional \$1.00 if a booklet is mailed: _____

* If you need a receipt and/or your booklet mailed, please list your address:

HOUSE RULES FOR DOGS AND CATS

(To Be Posted VERY LOW On The Refrigerator Door At Nose Height)

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The dishes with the paw print are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Please note, placing a paw print in the middle of my plate does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.



“Rules are there to be broken, my friend.”

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a racetrack. Beating me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help either because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king-sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep perpendicular to each other stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, there is not a secret exit from the bathroom. If by some miracle I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, and try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge and try to pull the door open. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years. Canine or feline assistance is not required.

The proper order is to kiss me, THEN go smell the other dog or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough!

I do not need a wet nose telling me that my 5:15am alarm clock hasn't gone off today.

To pacify you, I have posted the following message on our front door:

To All Non-Pet Owners Who Visit & Like To Complain About our Pets

- 1) They live here. You don't.
- 2) If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture.
- 3) I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
- 4) To you, it's an animal. To me, he/she is my adopted son/daughter who is short, hairy, walks on all fours and doesn't speak clearly.



“Well, technically, I'm not really ON the couch.”

2012 Membership Form - Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

Complete this form and mail it with your check made payable to HSOV to:
HSOV, P.O. Box 5, Marietta, Oh 45750

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES NEW RENEW

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

_____ \$20.00 General Membership (voting) (based on calendar year)

_____ \$500.00 Life membership (voting)

All members receive the HSOV newsletter. The newsletter may also be viewed on our website and printed out if desired.

SUPPORT CATEGORIES

_____ Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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



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

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

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Please include this form & gift in a stamped envelope and mail to: HSOV, P.O. Box 5, Marietta, OH 45750



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IN MEMORY OF "Annie Oakley"

"Annie Oakley" was an adorable 4-month old kitten who was brought to the HSOV on October 18, 2011. She was a real beauty with an orange tabby coat and copper-colored eyes, but her personality was the most beautiful thing about this little sweetheart. "Annie" was extremely lovable, playful and affectionate. This small bundle of joy had an amazing zest for life. But sadly, Annie's life was to be short-lived. She was euthanized on October 30th due to the distemper outbreak at the shelter. Annie's cute brothers (Billy The Kid and Wild Bill Hickok) also lost their lives. They were among the 879 HSOV cats and kittens euthanized from January-October 2011. It is heartbreaking to look at Annie's sweet face and know that she and so many other wonderful cats and kittens did not find the loving homes that they deserved.



PLEASE VACCINATE, SPAY, AND NEUTER!

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