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 Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

Shelter Location/Mailing Address

90 Mt. Tom Road
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Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday12:00-5:00pm
 Saturday10:00-4:00pm
 SundayClosed
 (By Appointment Only on Sunday)

SHELTER STATISTICS.

January – October 2015

Dogs/Puppies:

Intakes 810
 Adopted..... 248
 Reclaimed 136
 Rescue Transfers 424
 Euthanized or Died In Shelter..... 14

Cats/Kittens:

Intakes 718
 Adopted..... 356
 Reclaimed 6
 Rescue Transfers 265
 Euthanized or Died in Shelter..... 36



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

"BAILEY" IS CLIMBING THE CORPORATE LADDER THESE DAYS...

"Bailey" arrived at the HSOV on Friday, April 13th after he was found in Marietta, Ohio as a stray. He was a handsome cat with a buff-colored coat and the cutest chubby face. We gave him the name "Bailey" since he was the color of Bailey's Irish Cream. This good-looking guy was so calm that he chose to continue his cat nap on his comfy bed when we took his first photos for Petfinder/Facebook. Bailey was the ultimate couch potato, but we sensed that he wasn't really happy in a small cage ☹ Cages are not natural habitats for kitties, and Bailey was a large boy who weighed 12 lbs. Our shelter staff decided to give Bailey free-roaming privileges in our 'Jungle Room' during the first week in May. He would still have a cage to call his own, but the door was removed ☺ We had an ulterior motive and thought that when potential adopters met this debonair guy, they would want to adopt him. Instead "Bailey" was quite content to assume the position of Official Greeter and settled into the job like a pro. He loved following visitors around the room as though he were introducing them to cats who needed homes. "Bailey" was always on hand to entertain groups of school children/girl scouts, and he became a frequent 'photo bomber' during volunteer orientations ☺



One of our volunteers realized Bailey's potential as a business entrepreneur, and in mid-September **Holli Mannix** brought an employment application for Bailey to complete when she heard of a local business who was interviewing candidates to fill a position for which he had all of the qualifications. The choice between the two contenders was difficult, but Bailey's experience as Official Jungle Room Greeter for nearly five months made him the winner.

On September 23rd "Bailey" packed all of his possessions (including a huge plush bed), and he was driven in a private limousine (by chauffeur Holli Mannix) to begin his new career at **Greenleaf Landscaping** in Marietta, Ohio. Shelter staff and volunteers wished "Bailey" success in his new endeavors in spite of being sad to see him leave ☺



We were delighted when one of Bailey's HSOV Fan Club, **Susan Gray**, met him at Greenleaf about a week later and reported that he was doing well in his new job. We were delighted when Susan posted a fantastic photo of "Bailey" on Facebook that day as he was assisting at the cash register and wearing his name badge!

We did a follow-up interview with "Bailey" shortly before Thanksgiving, and it didn't surprise us to learn that this special boy was quickly moving up the corporate ladder. He has settled nicely into the Executive Office upstairs where he has own private suite at nights or when he chooses to take a rest during the day from his managerial duties. The day we visited with "Bailey", he was intent on helping shoppers make their selections for the perfect Christmas tree. We spoke with Greenleaf employee, **Sammie Sayre**, during the interview, and she told us that "Bailey" was a great employee who has many duties. He is the self-appointed security watch cat and has apprehended several intruding mice ☺



Several of our female kitties have been successful in their office careers, and they were featured in the December 2013 HSOV Newsletter article entitled 'Working 9:00-5:00 ... HSOV Alumni Kitties With Successful Careers'.



Incidentally, the other candidate who did not get the position for which Bailey was hired is still looking for a great home or place of employment.. "Cowboy" is a magnificent gray/white neutered male Tuxedo kitty who would love to have his success story published in a future newsletter. "Cowboy" needs a home/job where he would not have to be around other cats or dogs. We'd love to hear from anyone who would be willing to give "Cowboy" an interview ☺ ☺

We are sharing this heartfelt letter to the HSOV which was written by **Michelle Ingrodi**. She happened to be driving a transport for Charm City Animal Rescue in Maryland on September 18th and saw our HSOV van loaded with dogs on their way to rescue. Michelle waved to our drivers (**Marilyn House and Jo Ellen Gray**) and later posted this letter and picture on her rescue's facebook page:

Dear Humane Society of the Ohio Valley,

*Today on Interstate 68 in Western Maryland, I passed your van. I too was on a transport, but I was picking up cats in Baltimore. Your van was floor-to-ceiling crates, and seeing that sight caused me to break down. Because I KNOW .. I know all the effort that went into that transport. I know someone spent the time to find an organization to take animals from you. I know your vet techs spent oodles of time getting everyone the care needed for transport. I know your admins double- and triple-checked paperwork. Your techs got crates cleaned and ready and stacked so they wouldn't fall. You probably begged for a driver, and I can say the two ladies driving probably thought I was a nut as I beeped and waved and gave them a thumbs up. But then they saw my bumper stickers - **Adopt, Animal Rescue Transport Vehicle, and Charm City Animal Rescue** - and for a while through the mountains of Western Maryland, we stayed together. Because they also knew.*

I know what it takes to organize a transport of that magnitude, animals and distance, so please let me give you a huge shout out and say thank you for working that hard for those who went on your transport today. I know that for a brief moment with all of those animals out the door you got to breathe, until you fill right back up with more. Thank you for choosing life, for choosing adoption, for choosing to fight for the animals who come through your doors.



*Big, big love to you,
Michelle*

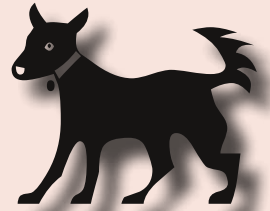


SHELTER STAFF

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

HSOV Kennel Technicians:

Misty Carpenter
Brittany Daugherty
Todd Hallock
Ted Laskowski
Michelle Rudd



HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Sandra Brightwell
Vice President – Celeste Ridgway
Secretary – Teresa Cunningham
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Shelly Kidd
Scott Martin
Jared McGilton
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Adoption Follow-Up – Celeste Ridgway, Wendy Irvin
Canine Rescue – Celeste Ridgway
Donation Acknowledgment – Donna Ball
Feline Rescue – Sharon Paul
Finance – Teresa Cunningham, Becky Johnston
Foster Program – Celeste Ridgway, Debbie Ryder
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Newsletter Editor – Sharon Paul
Nominations – Jared McGilton
Operations/Building & Grounds –Debbie Ryder
Petfinder/Facebook Photographer – Sharon Paul
Publicity/Marketing – Shelly Kidd, Chris Murphy
Rescue Transport – JoEllen Gray, Marilyn House
Spay/Neuter Follow-Up – Becky Johnston
Volunteer Coordinator – Amber DeLong
Website – Patricia Walter



HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

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Monthly	HSOV T-Shirt Fundraiser
December 2015	They Light Up Our Lives Fundraiser [Form Enclosed With This Newsletter]
Tuesday December 1, 2015	HSOV Board Meeting/Annual Election, 7:00pm VFW Post #5108, 319 Pike Street, Marietta, OH
Tuesday January 5, 2016	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office 223 Putnam Street, Marietta, OH
Tuesday February 2, 2016	HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm Washington County Commissioners Office
Saturday February 27, 2016	13 th Annual FurBall/Dance/Auction Fundraiser Shrine Club (from 7:00pm until midnight) 249 Pennsylvania Avenue, Marietta, OH
Saturday March 12 or 19, 2016	Pet Supplies Plus, Vienna WV Adoptathon & Bake Sale



HSOV CHRISTMAS TREE (FUNDRAISER)

The HSOV is among several non-profit organizations who are displaying beautifully-decorated Christmas trees this holiday season at the Putnam Commons (Anchor Shops) on Putnam Street, Marietta, Ohio. Bidding began November 27th and will continue through December 14th. Proceeds from the winning bid for the HSOV Christmas tree will be donated to our shelter. Thanks to Becky Johnston, Holli Mannix, and Debbie Ryder for creating this masterpiece for the HSOV ☺



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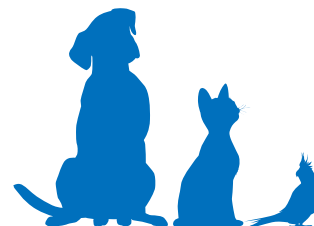
When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you can monetary help the HSOV. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Humane Society Of The Ohio Valley whenever you shop on AmazonSmile.

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

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

The link to our wish list is:
<http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/wishlist/?ie=UTF8&cid=AA5SFHY4ZF1HX>

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



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



The HSOV is enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. If you are a Kroger shopper this is a way you can monetarily support our shelter by simply using your Kroger Plus Shopping Card. You must register your card online (www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and choose the HSOV as the non-profit organization you wish to support. Just visit the website, follow the instructions, and enter NPO Number 93001 or the name 'Humane Society of the Ohio Valley', select our organization from the list, and confirm. You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card when shopping for your purchases to count. The HSOV is given a percentage of sales purchased by registered card holders.

"Happiness is a SPEED QUEEN COMMERCIAL WASHING MACHINE" ☺

You don't usually expect the phrase "Happiness is..." to describe an inanimate object such as a washing machine. But if you are doing laundry for over 100 dogs and cats on a daily basis so that they have clean soft blankets to snuggle up with and have soft fluffy towels after being bathed, a dependable washing machine is a special form of happiness! And everyone was very unhappy when our largest washing machine quit working ☹



Thanks to **Linda Thomas Perry** for coordinating the purchase of a much-needed commercial grade washing machine. Thank you to the following individuals who helped to make this possible through their donations: **Beth Buchman, Missi Carpenter, Becky Dines, Pennie Gant, Carol Kieffer, Dr. Paul Kupferberg, Shari Metz, Linda & Steve Perry, and Judy Roberts.**



Thanks to **Jim & Sheryl Cobb (C&C Toyota)** for their generous matching donation of \$930 to complete the purchase of the new Speed Queen commercial washing machine for the HSOV. And also for the truckload of Purina dog/cat food and kitty litter which C&C delivered to our shelter!

We are sharing photos of HSOV Shelter Manager (**Scott Little**) and HSOV Interim Executive Director (**Kelly Goedel**) as they accepted the \$930 check from C&C Sales Manager (**Terry Coulson**) on October 5, 2015. And a photo of **Scott Little** (and shelter dog "Tank") with the brand new washer ☺

The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley 13th Annual "Fur Ball" Dance/Auction



February 27, 2016 • 7:00 p.m. - midnight • Shrine Club, Matietta OH

Music by the Bash

Live Auction - Silent Auction - Raffles

Limited Tickets Available

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

For ticket informations or reservations contact: 740.373.5959 or 740.350.2766

“GREMLIN” was an adorable senior male Pomeranian who was surrendered by his owner on May 11, 2015 along with his two younger housemates (Gidget and Gizmo). The younger dogs were quickly adopted, and our hearts ached for “Gremlin” when it seemed that nobody wanted to offer him a home. He was such a handsome little guy with a unique appearance. “Gremlin” had a noticeable underbite. He had suffered a hematoma on his left ear at one point in his lifetime which caused that ear to have a withered look. But he held his tiny right ear erect. Those distinguishing features made him even that much more appealing in our eyes, and you couldn’t look at this little guy without smiling 😊 It hurt us when people would look at “Gremlin” and make the remark that ‘he had a face only a mother could love’ even though we knew they were joking 😊 😊



“Gremlin” was such a friendly guy and was actually full of energy, but he did have many of the aches/pains that come with the privilege of growing old. And then we also discovered (sigh) that he was prone to having seizures. One of our guardian angels (in the earthly form of a foster mother) arrived at the shelter shortly thereafter and said she would love to offer Gremlin the hospitality of her home. **Nancy Miller** is a compassionate, caring lady who has given many of our special needs- and senior dogs the extra care that they needed so badly, and we knew that Gremlin would be in good hands with Nancy for as long as he needed her.

Our Canine Rescue Coordinator, **Celeste Ridgway**, had been networking with rescue groups to find a place for Gremlin. It turned out that Gremlin’s ‘up close and personal photo’ on Petfinder which showed his distinctive underbite and withered ear had captured the attention of someone who wanted to meet this little man 😊 HSOV Adoptions Clerk, **Sharon**

Morris, received a call from **Kimberly Rios** in late August and the three match-makers (Sharon, Celeste, and Nancy Miller) arranged a meet-and-greet session to introduce Kimberly and Gremlin. Kimberly loved him and completed the adoption application 😊



Gremlin (who is now called “Wally”) is living the good life these days. His new momma has posted photographs of him on our facebook page which make our hearts smile 😊 We are sharing two of those photos with this article which happen to be our personal favorites ...



One of the first photos was posted on September 5, 2015 and showed “Wally” with his short summer haircut and looking like a much younger guy. He was sitting in his new car seat and looking out the window as he and Kimberly were headed to Washington DC on a road trip. “Wally” looked pretty intent on watching the road signs so that he and Kimberly could navigate their way back home again!

Another photo showed “Wally” on his very first trip to the beach, and we are delighted to be able to publish that picture as well. This was definitely a match made in heaven with a little help from Gremlin/Wally’s friends. We hope that other potential adopters will consider giving an older or a special-needs animal a loving home like Kimberly did 😊 It’s a win-win deal for everyone ..

HSOV dogs and cats have become GOOD-WILL AMBASSADORS



Our HSOV dogs and cats have become local celebrities and fantastic good-will ambassadors for our shelter as they put their best paws forward and step out in 'high society'. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who provide escort- and private limousine service, HSOV animals have enjoyed social outings throughout the year. We love introducing them to potential new families, and the dogs love one-on-one attention from volunteers, socializing with other shelter dogs, and meeting new people.



Thanks to HSOV Volunteer Coordinator, **Amber Dennison DeLong**, our dogs and cats have had many social events on their calendars throughout the past year and the invitations keep coming ☺ Amber coordinates the events and is the match-maker who pairs up the perfect dog for each volunteer.



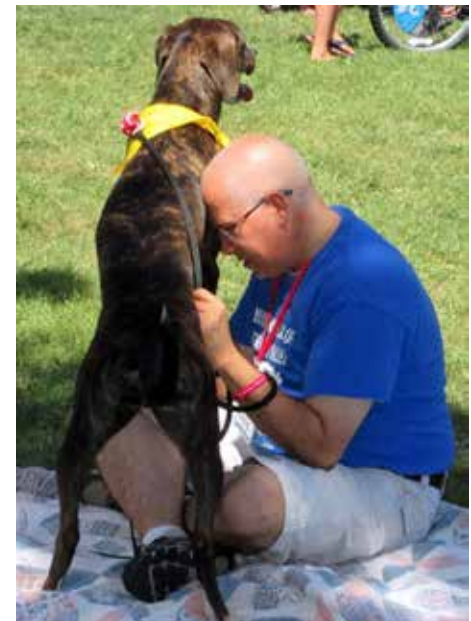
Many of our dogs and cats have attended **Adoptathons** recently with their volunteer companions at ARF Fest, C&C Toyota, Harley-Davidson, Inked Tattoo's Car Show, Tractor Supply, and WeLovPets.

Several of our dogs attended the Belpre Homecoming Festivities in August 2015 and were invited to enter the **Boxers Bed & Biscuits Puppy Pageant**.



Much to our delight HSOV Dogs "**Durango**" and "**Honey**" were named King and Queen, and they will be invited to wear their crowns and ride in next year's Homecoming parade! Another HSOV Dog ("**Schultz**") was a runner-up and was named Prince.

During the late summer/early fall months, our dogs have enjoyed an evening in downtown Marietta as they participated in **Merchants & Artists Walking Tours**, and we are like proud parents when we hear nice compliments about how handsome/beautiful



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and how well-mannered they are ☺☺ We also participated in the opening event of the **Broughton's Nature Trail** in October with several dogs. Volunteers also take our dogs and cats to visit schools, senior centers, and nursing homes on a regular basis, and we've discovered this is good 'therapy' for everyone involved!

Several dogs become television stars when they are chosen for **WTAP-TV's 'Pet Of The Week'** during broadcasts on Fridays at noon with volunteer **Bonnie Fennell** and HSOV Kennel Tech **Brittany Daugherty**.



We also have daily social outings at the shelter and welcome volunteers to walk dogs and/or treat them to playtime in our meet-and-greet yards. Several volunteers prefer to give shelter cats some extra TLC and socialize with them which they love ☺



We welcome new volunteers, and there are plenty of other ways to help in addition to walking dogs and cuddling cats. Our volunteer application is available at the shelter and on our website (www.hsov.org). You will be

required to attend an orientation meeting so that we may give you a tour of the shelter and go over some do's and don'ts. Orientations are held 1:00-3:00pm on Sundays. Volunteer Coordinator, **Amber DeLong**, would love to hear from you and can also schedule orientation at your convenience.



54 Unexpected Guests Are Given VIP Treatment



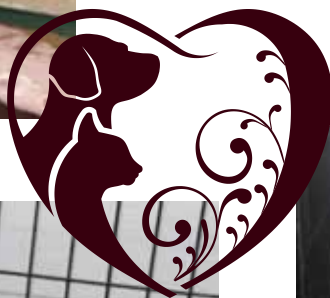
On the evening of Monday, July 20th the HSOV had an unexpected intake of 54 dogs who needed urgent care after **Washington County Dog Warden, Kelly McGilton**, received an anonymous call telling her that there were several dogs in a private residence who were in need of medical attention. Our staff assembled floor crates to house the new arrivals while they awaited **Deputy McGilton** and **HSOV Humane Officer, Misty Carpenter**, to transport the dogs to our shelter. We spent the first evening getting each dog settled into clean quarters with soft blankets, good food, and fresh water while doing initial health assessments. Most of the dogs were Terrier/Beagle mixes and were suffering from skin infections, hair loss, and eye infections. And several were expecting litters of puppies ☺ Thanks to our kennel techs and volunteers, all of the dogs were given vaccinations, wormer, and a nice bath within hours of their arrival.



We posted an urgent plea on our Facebook page asking if our supporters could bring dog food, cleaning supplies, bedding, and monetary donations, and we were overwhelmed with the response from our community. Thanks to each of those 'first responders' who brought donations so quickly and so generously. Each dog was photographed on July 21st so that our Canine Rescue Coordinator, **Celeste Ridgway**, could begin to reach out to rescue groups for help and also to find local foster homes for the pregnant girls and those who had given birth in the shelter



On July 30th, the first group of dogs was transported to rescue groups in the Midwest and several others were transported during the first two weeks in August. By the third week in August (just a month after the 54+ dogs arrived), all were safely out of our shelter and on the road to their new homes. Our transport drivers, **Jo Ellen Gray and Marilyn House**, traveled many miles and burned the midnight oil to safely get them to their destinations (and this was in addition to their 'normal' transports!) Many of the dog still required medical treatment, and they were given that treatment by the rescues' veterinarians. This was a monumental effort on the part of so many compassionate individuals, and we are very proud and thankful that the HSOV does everything in our power to help the animals who find themselves in our shelter through no fault of their own. In many other shelters, the outcome for these 54+ dogs in need of urgent care might have been very different ☺



We want to extend a special THANK YOU to **Dr. Roberta Haught** and her staff for spending countless hours giving medical attention, assessing their physical condition, and prescribing treatments.

And also a big THANK YOU to the **Red Rover Responders** under the guidance of **Beth Gammie** (Emergency Services Manager) who spent a week at our shelter giving us extra assistance. **PetSmart Charities** donated dog crates/carriers, food, and toys which were very much appreciated. A mere 'Thank You' doesn't seem adequate to our many volunteers who faithfully showed up each day to help care for animals who were already in our shelter in addition to the 54 newcomers.

We are sharing original pictures of some of the 54 dogs so that our readers may put faces with this story.



And we have included two photos of the many 'happily-ever-after' adoption stories that we've received from rescue groups. This little Beagle boy has a loving family of his very own, and he enjoys wearing his life jacket aboard their pontoon boat among other fun-filled activities. They've renamed him "**Lucky**" which seems very appropriate ☺



"WAGS & WHISKERS" PAWS WALK



The 2015 HSOV Paws Walk was held on September 26th at the East Muskingum Park, Marietta, Ohio on a beautiful autumn morning. This event is one of our most popular fundraisers, and we always look forward to seeing the unique costumes that many of the dogs are wearing. And it's a lovely sight to see so many 'paws' making their walk through downtown Marietta! Our theme was *"Wags & Whiskers"*, and we had even had custom-designed t-shirts created especially for this year's event which featured whimsical artwork by HSOV Board Member **Celeste Ridgway**.



Thank you to Co-Chairpersons **Teresa Cunningham** and **Celeste Ridgway** and their committee members for organizing this fundraiser, and to our many volunteers who played key roles in making this a day to remember ☺ Many individuals and businesses supported us by donating prizes and/or monetary donations. There was a beautiful hand-crafted raggedy quilt which was donated by **Barb Wells** as a raffle item, and a large dog statue anonymously donated as the grand prize which was awarded to the individual who raised the most money to sponsor their dog in the Paws Walk ☺ Thank you to **WeLovPets** and **Winding Road Kennels** who had booths representing their business establishments. We were pleased that so many people attended with their pets and supported the HSOV. Nearly \$3,300 was raised for the benefit of our shelter.

Thanks to **Nathan Hess** who donated his time, talent, and sound equipment to serve as our 'Master of Ceremonies' for the Wags & Whiskers Paws Walk. If you need a DJ for a party or event, please keep Nathan in mind ☺

A special thanks to **Pastor David Calvert (Williamstown United Methodist Church)** for his "Blessing Of The Animals" which he so eloquently bestowed upon the dogs in attendance prior to the 'Parade Your Paws Walk'. A magical 'hush' fell over the audience and even the dogs were very quiet and seemed to sense that they were the recipient of Pastor David's blessing ☺

It was especially nice to see so many HSOV 'Alumni' dogs who came back for a reunion and also to see several current HSOV Shelter Dogs who were introduced on stage by shelter manager (Scott Little) and accompanied by our HSOV kennel techs ☺

There are two albums on our Facebook page which include photographs of each and every dog in attendance and also their two-legged friends who accompanied them. For those of you who weren't able to attend this event, we hope those photos will provide a glimpse of the 2015 Paws Walk. And we hope that we will have the opportunity to include a photo of you and your dog (or cat) in the 2016 Paws Walk Albums ☺



OUR LONG-TERM RESIDENTS WOULD LOVE A REAL HOME....



BELLA



OBOE



MOX



PRINCESS ZELDA

We currently have six dogs and fourteen cats in our shelter who have been calling the HSOV their home for nearly a year (and one dog "Bella" has been with us for two years). They are loved by our shelter staff and volunteers, but we know in our hearts that what they need are real homes with families. We have included a brief description of each of these beautiful souls along with their arrival date. All are spayed/neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations. Complete descriptions with additional photographs are on www.petfinder.com (Marietta zip code 45750) If you would like to give them a 'Christmas Miracle' by offering them a real home, we'd love to hear from you ☺



ELLIE



ABIGAIL

BELLA (4-yr Boxer/Beagle) - January 7, 2014
 OBOE (7-yr PitBull Terrier mix) - February 9, 2015
 MOX (2-yr Plott Hound mix) - May 14, 2015
 THOR (2-yr Labrador mix) - June 18, 2015
 TRITON (6-yr Labrador mix) - July 12, 2015
 LOLA (1-yr Am Staffordshire Terrier mix) - July 17, 2015



CAFE NOIR



PEPPERMINT PATTY

PRINCESS ZELDA (2-yr black/white Tuxedo) - March 16, 2015
 ABIGAIL (2-yr white/brown tabby) - April 4, 2015
 PEPPERMINT PATTY (1-yr black/white tuxedo) - April 4, 2015
 DAWN & DAKOTA (8-month brown tabby siblings) - April 25, 2015
 CABERNET (2-yr tortoiseshell) - May 2, 2015
 ELLIE (1-yr black shorthair) - May 2, 2015
 CAFÉ NOIR (1-yr black shorthair) - May 5, 2015
 JAVA JOE (1-yr brown tabby) - May 7, 2015
 MOCHA (1-yr brown tabby) - May 7, 2015
 MADONNA (4-yr black/white Tuxedo) - May 7, 2015
 FANGTASIA (2-yr white/orange tabby) - May 28, 2015
 COWBOY (adult gray/white tuxedo) - June 26, 2015
 BABY BELLA (3-yr female brown tabby) - July 10, 2015



JAVA JOE & MOCHA



DAKOTA



FANGTASIA



MADONNA



COWBOY



CABERNET



THOR



TRITON



LOLA



BABY BELLA



Writing Our Thank You Notes ☺

Lisa Vore and her fiancée, **Kirby Gallaway**, are being married in the near future (congratulations!) Instead of giving their guests wedding favors, Lisa and Kirby decided to purchase 'favors' for the HSOV dogs and cats! Lisa delivered a carload of nice gifts for shelter animals on July 22, 2015 Thank you Lisa and Kirby!! We don't recall anyone else coming up with this creative gift-giving idea, and please know that your donations are very much appreciated by everyone ☺

Thank you **Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1823** for your generous \$1,163 cash donation, dog food, bleach and other supplies which you delivered on July 31, 2015.

Tim Horton's (Marietta OH) held a "Dog Days of August" fundraiser from July 31st-August 2nd. All purchases of iced tea drinks that weekend were donated to the HSOV. TIM HORTON'S Manager, **Cheryl Ferguson**, gave us some fantastic news. They raised \$1,000 for the HSOV during that three-day event!

Shannon Haessly had a birthday party on August 2, 2015 and asked everyone to bring donations for the HSOV. She and her friends/family delivered (literally) a truckload of supplies the following day. We didn't get photos of Shannon when she delivered her gifts to the shelter so we asked her permission to share some photos of the traditional 'birthday cake icing in the face' photos from her party on facebook. Shannon is such a good sport and is even beautiful with birthday cake icing on her face Thank you Shannon for sharing your special day with the shelter dogs/cats.

C & C Toyota (Jim Cobb) donated \$2,500 to the HSOV on August 5, 2015 and also donated \$2,500 to the Humane Society of Parkersburg. Toyota Corporate will match this amount ☺ Thank you C & C Toyota! You have been a wonderful supporter of both the HSOV and HSOP throughout the years!! C&C also sponsored a unique Adoptathon (Pre-Owned Pets) for HSOV at their Marietta location on November 21, 2015 and paid half of the adoption fee for dogs/cats that day.

Thank You to the **Marietta Noon Lions Club**. The club invited Washington County Dog Warden **Kelly McGilton** and (previous) HSOV Executive Director **Linda Pettit** to their August 7, 2015, meeting at the Lafayette Hotel to talk to them about the recent dog hoarding incident and about the shelter's operation. Kelly and Linda enjoyed a wonderful lunch with the group. Following lunch, Kelly gave a 15-minute Power Point presentation and took questions during and after that presentation. Linda spoke for a few minutes about the shelter and how blessed the HSOV is to have so much community support. The Lions Club presented the HSOV with a \$500 dollar check from the organization PLUS a multitude of cleaning supplies. Some individual members also gave us cash donations. Without the generosity of people and organization like the Marietta Noon Lions Club we could not continue to do the work we do.

Shari Brown, President of **Polymer Services of Ohio**, and her employees, came to the shelter on August 12, 2015 to make a wonderful donation to the HSOV **in memory of CJ Roberts** who worked at Polymer Services. They were accompanied by CJ's parents, **Doug and Lynn Roberts**, and his girlfriend, **Megan Gossett**. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts for remembering us during such a sad time for them. It really is a wonderful way to honor someone they obviously loved and respected very deeply, and CJ will live on here at the shelter in our own hearts and memories. Pictured are Shari (sitting in front), Doug and Lynn on the right, Megan behind the HON file cabinet box, and all the employees of Ohio Polymer. Donations included a new four drawer filing cabinet, two programmable thermostats, two large dog crates, many dog and cat toys, a large box full of slip leads, plus laundry detergent, bleach, and dog food.

The HSOV Rummage/Bake Sale which was held on August 14-15, 2015 was very successful, and we are happy to report that the proceeds were approximately \$2,450 ☺ Thanks to everyone in the community who donated items for the sale and to the talented bakers who created gourmet baked goods. And we couldn't have done this without our multitude of volunteers who spent many hours organizing and working the two-day event. An extra round of 'applause' and thank-you to **Keith Thomas (Sonnywood Animal Rescue and Sanctuary)** for the generous loan of the large white truck which we used for collection/storage/delivery of merchandise. And to **Terri Ann Zide-Pfeffer** (Marietta Ohio) for loaning us so many nice racks to display clothing more attractively. And last but certainly not least.... Thank You, Thank You to **American Legion Post #64** for allowing us to use your facility again this year for our indoor sale ☺ ☺



Writing Our Thank You Notes ☺

Thank you **Jamiann Voshel** and your incredible group of friends for organizing/hosting the **Thirty-One/Bingo Fundraiser** for the HSOV on August 16, 2015. We were thrilled that you all raised over \$4,000 for the shelter and also collected a van load of food and other donations for the shelter dogs and cats!

Thanks to **The Original Pizza Place** (231 Second Street, Marietta Ohio) for their 'Raise Some Dough' Fundraisers for the HSOV which were held in August and October 2015. Our shelter received 15% of total sales when customers presented an HSOV coupon with their dinner receipts ☺



We were delighted when this **Girl Scout Troop** visited our shelter on Tuesday, August 18, 2015. They were accompanied by their advisor, **Natalie Lee**, and several proud parents ☺ The girls collected food and other supplies for the HSOV dogs/cats and delivered many nice gifts which were very much appreciated. They were given a tour by HSOV Shelter Manager, **Scott Little**, and met several of our dogs and kitties. Thank you Natalie Lee and your Girl Scout Troop for thinking of the HSOV

Thank you **Kylee Gray** for sharing your 9th birthday with the HSOV animals. Kylee asked for donations and delivered so many nice 'gifts' for our dogs and cats on August 22, 2015 ☺

Thank you to the **Marietta (Ohio) High School HPAC students** (and their advisor **Kim Miller-Depue**) for their fundraising event during the recent Sternwheeler Festival in Marietta, Ohio to benefit our shelter. These enterprising high school students worked many hours during the Sternwheeler weekend



(and some of those hours in the RAIN) as they manned two parking lots and collected parking fees to raise money for the dogs and cats in our shelter! A group of young ladies representing the MHS/HPAC group stopped by the shelter on September 22nd and presented a check for more than \$1,500!! A mere 'thank you' seems inadequate for your efforts, but please know that the HSOV is extremely thankful for what you all did for our shelter



This beautiful young entrepreneur is **Sofia Villarrueta**. Sofia wanted to help the HSOV dogs and cats, and she decided she would like to buy them some nice food. She raised money by setting up a Lemonade Stand during the Sternwheel Festival in Marietta, Ohio. We LOVE this photo of Sofia working in her stand and also love the artwork on her posters ☺ Sofia and her mother visited our shelter on September 23rd and delivered several large bags of Purina dog and cat food. They spent some time touring the shelter and loving on many of the animals. Thank you Sofia!!



The HSOV sends a big "THANK YOU" to **Peebles Department Store #5084** (Lafayette Plaza, Marietta Ohio) for choosing our shelter as the recipient of funds collected through their Community Counts Program "30 Days of Giving" during the month of September 2015. A check in the amount of \$914.70 was presented to HSOV Interim Executive Director, **Kelly Goedel**, on November 12, 2015. We are happy to share the photo which was taken during the presentation. Pictured left-to-right are: **Heather Evans** (Peebles/District Manager), **Kelly Goedel** and "**Charlie**" (HSOV Dachshund mix puppy), **Kelly**

Welsh (Peebles/Store Manager), and **Ryan Walters** (Peebles/Assistant Store Manager).

Thanks to **Randy Bauman (Wonder Wall Design)** for creating this beautiful new logo for the HSOV. Randy spent several hours painting the logo near the front door entrance to our shelter, and it looks fantastic ☺



Writing Our Thank You Notes ☺



The HSOV was among the charitable non-profit organizations who were entered in the **Marietta Community Foundation's "Grant Your Grant" Challenge**. We submitted a photo of an adorable senior Yorkie whom we helped recently as our entry to best describe in just one photo what the HSOV is all about. The four organizations whose photos received the most votes shared a portion of the donations received during the period



November 12-18, 2015. Winners were announced on November 19th. The HSOV placed second, and we will receive \$4,000. Thank you to everyone who voted/shared the HSOV's photo in this grant challenge ☺



Thanks to **Sherri and Mike Stanley (Stanley Electric)** for the installation of new lighting in many areas of our shelter. They generously donated their time, labor, and supplies to lighten up some of our kennel areas, and it looks GREAT!! You certainly brightened the life of our dogs (and staff) ☺

Thank you to **Lowe's** for the donation of a new storage building and to volunteers who assembled the structure during our Empty The Shelter's Work Day on November 7, 2015.

We can never thank our **HSOV Kennel Techs and Staff** enough for their dedication and compassionate care of the dogs and cats every single day, and employees are there 365 days a year. They truly go 'above and beyond' merely providing the basic needs of food, water, and shelter.



Animals are given medical attention when needed. The

dogs and cats are given love, nurturing, playtime, and extra TLC just as they would do for their own pets. **Please join us in thanking Misty Carpenter, Brittany Daugherty, Todd Hallock, Ted Laskowski, Scott Little, Sharon Morris, and Michelle Rudd ☺**

WISH LIST



- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club & Wal-Mart gift cards
- Gasoline debit cards
- Purina dog/cat chow
- Purina dog chow/little bites
- Purina puppy/kitten chow
- Canned/wet dog/cat food
- Stainless steel food/water bowls
- Kitty litter (non-clumping)
- Litter pans & scoops (stainless steel only)
- Dog leashes/collars/harnesses
- Dog/cat treats
- Dog/cat toys
- Dog/cat beds
- Pet Carriers (all sizes)
- Blankets & towels
- Pet shampoo
- Flea/tick medication
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Odo-Ban disinfectant/deodorizer
- Dishwashing liquid
- Window cleaner
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Spray bottles
- First-aid supplies
- Latex gloves
- Hand sanitizer
- Plastic watering cans
- Hose spray nozzles
- Heavy-duty leaf/lawn bags (60-gallon size)
- Kitchen trash bags (20-gallon size)
- Grooming supplies
- Nail clippers
- Office supplies
- Copier/laser printer paper
- Toner cartridges for Samsung Xpress C1860FW and M2885FM laser printers
- Aluminum cans (for recycling)
- Hot dogs/spray cheese (for meds)
- Safe Paw ice melter

2016 Membership Form - Humane Society of the Ohio Valley

Complete this form and mail it with your check made payable to HSOV to:
HSOV, 90 Mt. Tom Road, Marietta, Oh 45750

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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NEW

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RENEW

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

_____ \$40.00 General Membership (voting)* (based on calendar year)

_____ \$500.00 Life membership (voting)*

All members receive the HSOV newsletter. The newsletter may also be viewed/printed from our website www.hsov.net

* membership must be paid by 1st Tuesday in September to vote at annual meeting or to be a candidate for HSOV Board of Directors.

SUPPORT CATEGORIES

_____ Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

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



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



CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF "JEEP"

"Jeep" was a beautiful 12-year old gray tabby kitty who came to the HSOV on May 4, 2015 after her master had passed away ☹️ "Jeep" had been found under the hood of a Jeep as a small kitten and given that name. Our hearts ached for this senior kitty as she sat in her cage for six months and was overlooked for younger cats. A kind veterinarian in Michigan noticed "Jeep" and adopted her on October 29th 😊 We celebrate the life of "Jeep" and the 621 HSOV cats who were adopted/rescued from Jan-Oct 2015 😊 😊



THANK YOU TO THESE BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS FOR SPONSORING DOG KENNELS/CAT TOWERS 😊

C&C Dodge/Toyota (Jim Cobb)

Jim & Jo Corbett

Ron & Louise Holmes

Dr. Ken & Diana Leopold

Lynne Sturtevant

Taylor's Drive-Thru & Carry-Out
(Owners & Friends)

2016 WASHINGTON COUNTY DOG LICENSES

Please remember to purchase a 2016 Washington County Dog License for your dog by January 31st, 2016. According to Ohio R.C. Sec. 955.010.05, all dogs over 3 months of age 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) for a cost of \$16.00. Late registration will increase the fee to \$32 if purchased after January 31st. Application forms may also be downloaded on their website: www.washingtoncountyauditor/us. You may purchase 2016 dog licenses/tags at the HSOV during our hours of operation for a cost of \$16.75. We provide this service as a convenience for anyone who wishes to stop by the shelter for dog tags. Having a current dog tag on your dog's collar is very important to help us reunite you and your beloved pet in the event he/she becomes lost and ends up at the shelter. The shelter staff or dog warden will contact you and ensure that your lost dog will be held for 14 days before it is available for adoption. We also scan for microchips. Your veterinarian or the HSOV can provide microchipping service. We offer this service at the low cost of \$20 (for dogs or cats) during normal hours of operation at the shelter.

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. Living pets will be represented by colored lights and pets who have passed away will be remembered by white lights.

Animal lovers are invited to make a tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$5.00 per pet by symbolically buying a light in honor of their pets, other family members' pets and/or their friends' pets during the month of December.

An anonymous donor has once again agreed to match the contribution amount! A free, keepsake booklet listing the names of pets and donors will be available at American Flags and Poles beginning Wednesday, January 13, 2016.

Those contributing \$20.00 or more will be entered into a drawing to win a piece of ornamental ironwork created by Betsy Cook of Garden Forge.

The attached form plus contribution may be mailed or brought to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley or dropped off at American Flags and Poles throughout the month of December.

Please remember your much loved pets 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):

* Phone number if eligible for drawing:

* Check:___ (made payable to HSOV)

* Cash:___

* Amount of contribution (number of pets x \$5.00): _____

* If you need a receipt, please list your address: _____

* ___ Yes, I want a booklet.

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