

# Humane Society OF THE OHIO VALLEY

August News 2012

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## Shelter location:

90 Mt. Tom Rd  
Marietta OH 45750

## Mailing Address:

PO Box 5  
Marietta OH 45750

## Hours of Operation:

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

## SHELTER STATISTICS

January-July 2012

### Incoming Dogs/Puppies:

Owner Surrender	419
Stray Surrender	173
County Dog Warden	194
Humane Officer	70

### Outgoing Dogs/Puppies:

Adopted	345
Owner Reclaimed	104
Rescue Transfers	244
Euthanized	17
DOA/Died in Shelter	2

### Incoming Cats/Kittens:

Owner Surrender	437
Stray Surrender	425
Humane Officer	86

### Outgoing Cats/Kittens:

Adopted	250
Owner Reclaimed	2
Rescue Transfers	101
Euthanized	413
DOA/Died in Shelter	21
Stolen/Escaped	3

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



## *In Loving Memory of Rachel Leopold*

*The HSOV lost this very special young lady on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 when Rachel was taken so suddenly and unexpectedly from her family, friends, and the shelter animals that were such an important part of her life. We miss you Rachel.*

*Rachel Leopold, 28, of Marietta, died Sunday evening, May 6, 2012, from natural causes. She was born September 27, 1983 in Marietta and graduated from Marietta High School in 2002. She was a certified hand engraver from Gem City College in Quincy, IL, and a staff supervisor at the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley. She was a fiercely loyal friend who loved her family and consistently put others before herself. Rachel loved to laugh and had a bright, infectious smile. She was a talented pianist who enjoyed movies, music, art, cooking, and animals. Rachel will be remembered for her quick wit and tender heart.*

*She was preceded in death by an infant son, Lazarus Christopher.*

*Rachel is survived by her longtime companion and life's love, Barry Boice, and their beloved pets, General and Lux. She is also survived by her parents, Paulette and Kenneth, and stepmom, Diana; siblings, Gilbert and Jessica, brother-in-law, Ricky and nephews Bryce and Gabriel.*

*A funeral service was held on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at the Marietta Chapel of Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home with The Reverend Roland Schwendemann officiating.*

*Memorials were requested for the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley, PO Box 5, Marietta, OH 45750.*



# BUTCH MORRIS RECEIVES SHERIFF'S AWARD



## **SHERIFF'S AWARD**

Presented to  
**Dennis Allan Morris (aka "Butch")**  
For your commitment to excellence and assisting  
the Sheriff's Office

By incomparable work ethics and integrity  
Exceeded only by your compassion for animals  
You represent your Agency with extraordinary  
high integrity and outstanding character

Signed  
Larry R. Mincks  
Washington County Sheriff  
April 11, 2012

Our HSOV Humane Officer, Dennis ("Butch") Morris has been presented the Washington County Ohio Sheriff's Award for his commitment to excellence. This is the highest honor that the Sheriff can bestow upon an individual, and we can't think of a more deserving person to receive this recognition.

Butch is shown receiving the award and plaque from Sheriff Larry Mincks, who stated that "Morris' incomparable work ethics and tenacity are exceeded only by his compassion for animals".

Congratulations Butch! We are always proud of you, and this is a well-deserved honor

## **SHELTER STAFF**

Executive Director/Manager – Steve Herron  
AsstMgr/Adoption Clerk – Sharon Morris  
Humane Officer – Dennis (Butch) Morris

### Kennel Technicians

Devon Blair  
Mary Buck – Kennel Tech Supervisor  
Misty Carpenter  
Bill Hagy  
Ted Laskowski  
Shawn Lochary

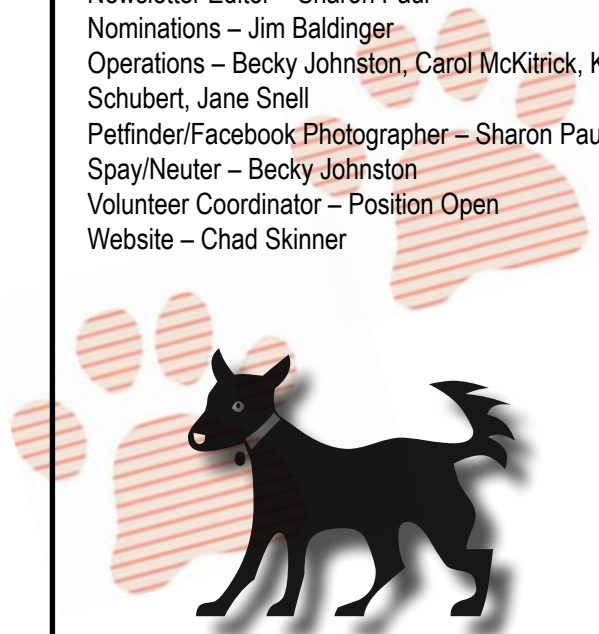
## **HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President – Jane Snell  
Vice President – Carol McKittrick  
Secretary – Marlene Delaney  
Treasurer – Becky Johnston

Adam Johnson  
Celeste Ridgway  
Kelly Schubert  
Chad Skinner

## **HSOV COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

Building & Grounds – Ron & Juanita Becker  
Canine Rescue – Celeste Ridgway  
Feline Rescue – Sharon Paul  
Finance – Becky Johnston, Steve Herron  
Foster Program – Teresa Cunningham, Katty Gilbert, Celeste Ridgway  
Fundraising – Michelle Gaughan  
Membership – Marlene Delaney  
Newsletter Editor – Sharon Paul  
Nominations – Jim Baldinger  
Operations – Becky Johnston, Carol McKittrick, Kelly Schubert, Jane Snell  
Petfinder/Facebook Photographer – Sharon Paul  
Spay/Neuter – Becky Johnston  
Volunteer Coordinator – Position Open  
Website – Chad Skinner



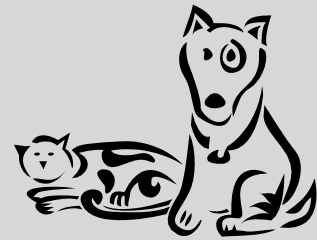


## HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS FOR 2012

Saturday, September 1	Washington County Fair Parade, 10am
Tuesday, September 4	HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm
September 7, 8, and 9	Sternwheel Festival
Saturday, September 15	Paws Walk, Muskingum Park, Marietta, OH
Tuesday, October 2	HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm
Thursday, October 4	Blessing of the Shelter Animals (Tentative Date)
Saturday, October 6	Throw Down for the Pound 6
Tuesday, November 6	HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm
Tuesday, December 4	HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm Annual Meeting/Election of Board Members
Saturday, December 8	HSOV Open House at the Shelter

### THROW DOWN FOR THE POUND 6

This fabulous fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at the Marietta Middle School Gymnasium, Marietta, Ohio from 5:30-10:30pm. There will be a special appearance by Diamond Dallas Page and will also feature many other Remix stars. The Remix Pro Wrestling events provide wonderful family entertainment. They are fun to watch and full of surprises. Thanks to Adam Johnson for organizing this sixth in a series fundraiser to benefit the HSOV.



## Humane Society

OF THE OHIO VALLEY

3rd Annual

Ashlee Scott Memorial

**PARADE YOUR PAWS WALK!**

September 15, 2012

9:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.



9:00 a.m. Registration  
Continental Breakfast

9:50 a.m. Blessing of the animals

10:00 a.m. PARADE YOUR PAWS

11:30 **Contest & Prizes**  
• Best dressed  
• Cutest Dog  
• Ugliest Dog  
• Pet Owner Look Alike

12:00 noon Parade Shelter Pets

1:00 p.m. Parade Your Paws Ends

All Proceeds  
Benefit the  
Humane Society of  
the Ohio Valley

Dress  
your pet  
in their favorite outfit!

Join the fun and  
help our  
furry friends!

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual HSOV/Ashlee Scott Memorial "Parade Your Paws Walk" will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 9:00am to 1:00pm at Muskingum Park, Front Street, in Marietta, Ohio.

This is one of our most popular fundraising events, and it seems that the dogs enjoy the event just as much as their families! And a reminder that cats are also welcome! If they'd prefer to ride in a kitty stroller, we completely understand ☺

Contact Lucy Scott (740.525.4952), Juanita Becker (740.373.9503), or Lisa Merrow (740.516.3503) for additional information.

# FOSTER FAMILIES ARE “ANGELS ON EARTH”

The HSOV has an active foster program, and we always welcome new foster moms (and dads) as a way to help save the lives of as many shelter animals as possible. The next best thing to adopting a shelter dog or cat yourself is giving an HSOV dog or cat a temporary home, and you can save more than just one!

There are many reasons as to why a dog or cat might need to be in a foster home. Many times they need a home for just a few days or weeks while awaiting transportation to a rescue group. Occasionally we have animals who need extra TLC or medication. Or perhaps a pregnant- or nursing mother needs a temporary place to raise her family before they are adopted. Another situation might be that the shelter is filled to capacity and you could prevent an animal from being euthanized simply because it has been at the shelter too long and space must be made for new surrenders.

Fostering is a very rewarding experience knowing that you have made a difference in the life of that one dog or cat that you've cared for in your home. And it doesn't require a long-term commitment on your part. It's like spoiling the grandchildren and then sending them home.

If you can open up your heart and home to a shelter animal, we would love to talk with you! We encourage you to complete our Foster Application Form, which is available at the HSOV or by contacting one of our Foster Program Committee members: Teresa Cunningham ([abbie9@suddenlink.net](mailto:abbie9@suddenlink.net)); Katty Gilbert ([kattgil@yahoo.com](mailto:kattgil@yahoo.com)); or Celeste Ridgway ([cr\\_ridgway@yahoo.com](mailto:cr_ridgway@yahoo.com))

We are featuring some of our wonderful foster parents in this article. These ladies are enthusiastic about fostering and would love to talk with anyone about their experiences with the dogs and cats they have helped.



**Lara Brunoni** is a special young woman who began fostering HSOV cats about three years ago and has shared her home with at least 40 cats over that period of time. Lara is a Registered Nurse who works long hours, but she manages to make time to foster at least two cats at a time. She has a very high success rate of having her cats adopted and specializes in those who are already spayed/neutered and/or declawed. Each of her foster kitties are combo tested prior to taking them home, and they live in a home environment with her dogs and other pets. Lara has the distinction of training many of her cats to wear a harness/leash, and I love taking outdoor pictures of them when she brings them back for updated photos. One of the first cats that Lara took home was a large gray cat that I'd jokingly called "Count Dracula", and the name actually suited his personality quite well. We feared that "The

Count" would be euthanized because of his temperament, but Lara saw something quite different and realized he just wasn't happy in a small cage. Today "Count Dracula" is a big lovable pussycat and the only one Lara has kept for her own.

**Cheryl Hall** (former HSOV Board Member and founder of the Friends of Feline Fund) has been a long-time foster mom who has saved the lives of countless shelter cats and kittens. We consider Cheryl the expert on all-things cats and often ask for her advice or refer questions from foster kitty mothers to her. Cheryl is also known for her ability to bathe and groom cats, and we have the pictures to prove it.

**Deanna Kinsolving** was a first-time foster mother when she came to the shelter in early April 2012 and offered to take a nursing mother cat into their home. She chose a black cat named "Raven" who had given birth to five kittens on Easter Sunday, and she kept this little family safe and healthy. The first thing those kittens saw when they opened their eyes was Deanna, and she was

surely their guardian angel. One of the kittens died in infancy and two were adopted. Mother Raven and one kitten went to Cali-Lilly Rescue in Pittsburgh, and the other kitten was adopted by Deanna ☺ This first-time foster mom is now offering her home to cats/kittens who are awaiting rescue transports.

**Stacy Eddy Paisley** was another first-time foster mom who gave a pregnant cat “Mexicali Rose” a temporary home so that she could give birth to her kittens in a safe environment. I remember reading Stacy’s excited posts on Facebook when “Mexicali” started having her babies in the midst of a power outage! Mother and all five kittens were kept safe in Stacy’s home until they could be transported to Three Sisters Rescue in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Mindy Schwendemann Dye** provided a safe haven for five tiny kittens the very day they were brought to the shelter. She had them spayed and all except for two (Collette and May) have been adopted.

**Katty Gilbert** continually amazes us with her ability to make room for one more dog or a nursing mother and her puppies in the *Gilbert Bed & Breakfast*. Katty, who is assisted by her young daughter **Cassidy Gilbert**, has no doubt fostered more HSOV dogs than anyone else we know. And what is more amazing, she has just been fostering for us in the past year or so! The Gilbert family has two large Mastiffs, a Bull Terrier, and a MinPin of their own, and the foster dogs quickly become socialized, pampered, and spoiled in a loving home environment. Cassidy even shares her bed with many of the temporary guests to make them feel even more welcome. Katty has a soft spot in her heart for senior dogs, and she usually promises that they can stay with her forever if they aren’t adopted or find a rescue group that can help them. Katty and Cassidy are both active in helping with rescues, and you’ll always find them at the shelter at 6:30am on transport days to walk dogs before they are loaded (or to deliver their foster dog for one last kiss). Katty wears many hats these days and is also on the Foster Program Committee. Cassidy is following in her mother’s footsteps and loves all of the foster dogs and puppies. And we can always count on her to behavior-test dogs to see if they are “kid friendly”.



**Aleena Bauerbach** is an inspiration to everyone who meets this wonderful young lady! Aleena is a high-school student who dreams of having her own Pit Bull Terrier Rescue when she is a little older. Whenever Aleena visits our shelter, every Pit Bull is assured of being taken for a long walk and showered with attention and treats. She has fostered several Pit Bulls, and they love her (and vice versa!) Many of them have found wonderful homes thanks to her. Aleena’s mother is very supportive of her love of fostering (even when the dogs share her bed and sofa). Two fortunate dogs (Duke and Michelina) are currently enjoying a foster home with Aleena, and she is anxious to find good homes for them so that she can offer her hospitality to others who need her help. She is one of the first responders when dogs are placed on the Urgent List and takes them home when she has space. We are pleased to give Aleena the recognition and thanks that she deserves.

When **Sandy Brightwell** came to the shelter on April 14<sup>th</sup> to see how she might help with the 50+ dogs who were at the fairground, she quickly said that she could do anything but foster. Within a few hours, Sandy had loaded up two dogs (Abby and Peggy) in her SUV. Never say never ☺ And she currently has Sheila and Tom Sawyer, the last of the 50 fairground dogs. We are SO proud of you Sandy!!



## THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

We are thankful for the many individuals, groups of people, and businesses who support the HSOV and do such nice things for our shelter animals. When we need help, the community is always there for us. Whether you have placed a few dollars in one of our donation boxes around town, brought bags of dog/cat food or other supplies to the shelter, volunteered to walk dogs, or attended one of our fundraisers, please know that you are appreciated and have made a difference! If we have inadvertently missed anyone on our "thank you" notes, please let us know so that we may acknowledge you in our next newsletter.

**Laurie Nash** (Daydreams Café, Marietta, Ohio) for coordinating mini-adoption events several Saturday mornings each month and giving shelter dogs a chance to meet potential adopters and enjoy a social outing in beautiful downtown Marietta!

**Dr. Teresa Essig** (Williamstown Vet Hospital) for neutering five HSOV cats at no cost to our shelter. Your generous offer gave these five kitties the big chance they needed in order to find homes. And thanks to **Tracy Cochran Reifer** for her role in coordinating this wonderful gift.

We have two very good reasons to thank **Charlie Clay** (Dad's Primitive Workbench, 268 Front St, Marietta, OH). Charlie adopted one of our senior shelter kitties, Wynonna, who was on the urgent list. And in honor of Miss Wynonna, he helped the HSOV with donations during his Fall Open House in August!

**Ashley McMahan** (The Dog Gone Groomer, Reno, Ohio) has been sharing her time and talents to groom several of our shelter dogs who were in need of an 'extreme makeover'. These little guys and girls look like real showdogs when Ashley returns them to us. Ashley is also fostering some of our HSOV cats/kittens in the lobby of her shop and trying to find homes for them (unless, of course, they end up being special shop kitties).

A Scavenger Hunt was held on Saturday, July 21, 2012 in honor of Rachel Leopold, and the proceeds were donated to the HSOV. Thank you to **Jamiann Voshel** for organizing this event.

Thanks to **David Wells**, trumpeter, for donating his time and talent for a fantastic fundraiser "**Chocolate Jazz**" which was held at The Adelphia Music Hall on July 12, 2012. All proceeds from this event were donated to the HSOV.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Fur Ball, held February 25, 2012, was a huge success in addition to being fun. Thanks to **Lisa Merrow** and her committee members, this event raised \$14,600 for the shelter. Those funds will be used for general operations, medical treatment for our animals, and our building fund.

Thanks to **Michelle Gaughan** for coordinating a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser which was held at Applebee's Restaurant in Marietta, Ohio on April 28, 2012. HSOV Board members and volunteers were kept busy serving pancakes and netted several hundred dollars in donations!

The Throw Down for the Pound 5: Royal Battle fundraiser to benefit the HSOV was held on April 7, 2012. Thanks to the phenomenal efforts by **Adam Johnson (We Lov Pets)** and many volunteers, this event was a huge success and raised several thousand dollars!!

Thanks to **Carlie Ebra** for organizing a unique fundraiser called "1<sup>st</sup> Ever Marietta Marketplace" which was held at Ewing School on March 10, 2012. This boutique-style shopping experience raised \$1800 dollars for the HSOV.

**Stacy Eddy Paisley** hosted "The Pampered Chef" fundraiser which was held in late March 2012 and sales resulted in several hundred dollars donation for the HSOV. Stacy and her family recently adopted a cat from our shelter and also fostered a mother cat/kittens for us.

**Dr. Gwen McHenry** stopped by the shelter recently and presented us a check for \$150 for all of the "likes" which she received on her facebook page. She donated \$1 for each new "like" in order to help our shelter animals.

Thanks to the **Friends of Feline Fund** and **Cheryl Hall** for having several shelter cats spayed/neutered from their fund and helping them find homes almost immediately!

"Animal Art With Heart" was a wonderful fundraiser which was sponsored by the **Riverside Artists Gallery** in downtown Marietta during the month of February. Donations/supplies were collected for the shelter and a percentage of proceeds from any animal-themed artwork was also donated to the HSOV.

**We Lov Pets** (Lafayette Center, Marietta, Ohio) does so many nice things for our shelter that it's difficult to know where to begin to thank Adam Johnson and all of the caring staff who work there! They are always willing to let us bring litters of kittens and showcase them for adoption as well as puppies and smaller adult dogs. Christie and several of the other wonderful girls have bottle-fed several litters of tiny orphaned kittens and raised many of them to be healthy youngsters who were adopted at We Lov Pets. Thank you for being such a good friend of our shelter and the animals who find themselves there.

Thanks to **Juanita Becker** and **Rhonda Deem** who organized the 2012 Bark-Aid 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run and Hog Roast on July 28<sup>th</sup>, and to the many volunteers who made this fundraiser possible. The proceeds were down a bit this year since there were two other poker runs the same weekend, but was still very successful.

**Jim & Sylvi Caporale** (American Flags & Poles, Marietta, Ohio) are forever doing such nice thoughtful things for our shelter (placing tarps over kennels during the June power outage and working on the gravel on our driveway/parking area just to name a few). Yet they are quick to say we really need to thank others for their contributions and give credit to other local businesses: **Big Lots, Shelly & Sands, and Tractor Supply Company**.

Thank you to **Colegate Woods Veterinarian Hospital** (Dr. Roberta Haught), **Green Meadow Veterinary Hospital** (Dr. David Spindler and Dr. Jessica Smith) and **River City Pet Hospital** (Dr. Gwen McHenry) for providing professional veterinarian care for our shelter animals.

**Tractor Supply Company** (Marietta, Ohio) hosted an adoption event for the HSOV on March 10, 2012 and several shelter dogs and cats enjoyed meeting potential adopters. One of those lucky kitties named "Leonidas" is now enjoying a life of leisure in his new home near Columbus, Ohio!

“Bruiser & Hooch” were adorable 9-month old male Pit Bull Terrier mixes who arrived at the HSOV on November 14, 2011 when they were just tiny 2-month old puppies. These little guys were brought to the shelter by the Washington County Dog Warden and had been in protective custody for seven months pending the outcome of a court hearing. They became available for adoption in early May 2012, and we posted updated photos of them so that potential adopters/ rescue groups might see how handsome those youngsters had become.



“Bruiser & Hooch” literally spent their ‘childhood’ in our shelter.

We took good care of them, but it wasn’t the same as being raised in a home where they could learn to play and become socialized in a family setting. We knew they would be much happier in a real home where they could be loved and spoiled to their heart’s content.



We had hoped that they might be adopted together, and our dream came true on the afternoon of May 25,

2012 when a wonderful lady saw their pictures and read their story on Petfinder. **Anita Shumake** spent some time with both of the boys in our ‘meet and greet’ area, and then made a phone call to her husband. They agreed that there was no way they could adopt one of these boys and leave the other behind.

So amidst happy kisses and a quick going-away party, “Bruiser & Hooch” left the shelter that very same day! Thanks to that special lady with a big heart, **Anita Shumake**, who couldn’t say “no” to either of these dogs.



“Faith” is a tiny 4-week old female Calico kitten who arrived at the HSOV on August 7, 2012 with an amazing story of survival. It seems that a kind-hearted lady heard the faint meowing of a kitten beneath a mobile home and called our Humane Officer, Butch Morris, to help this little damsel in distress.

When Butch arrived on the scene, this small Calico kitten was found hanging upside down and ‘dangling’ by one of her hind feet in a section of insulation. Butch managed to rescue her from the dangerous situation she was in and brought her to the shelter. The kitten’s right hind paw was badly injured, and she was taken to a local veterinarian the following day. The diagnosis was that “Faith” would need to have that leg amputated if she was to survive.

We felt that “Faith” would do much better in a foster home instead of being in the shelter, so we posted her pictures and story on Facebook and Petfinder asking if anyone would like to give her a temporary home. A special young lady, Heather Chamberlain, replied almost immediately that she would give “Faith” the care that she needed.

“Faith” underwent surgery on August 13<sup>th</sup> to have her right hind leg amputated and did remarkably well. She was already walking around and cuddling up to everyone at the shelter that same afternoon when Heather stopped by with the little patient. Since then, Heather has reported that “Faith” is running and playing like any other kitten her age. It seems like that this little girl might have found her forever home ☺

Butch Morris has asked us to make an appeal to anyone who might like to help with Faith’s vet bills since this tiny kitten deserves a chance for a good life after surviving the trauma that she endured. Donations may be made by credit card by calling the HSOV at 740.373.5959 or may be mailed to: HSOV, 90 Mount Tom Road, Marietta, Ohio 45750. Please indicate that the donation is for Faith’s vet bill.





Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 marked the turning point in the lives of nearly 50 dogs who were surrendered by their owner to the HSOV on that day. The owners were good people who had become overwhelmed with their love of dogs and needed our help. Thanks to a combined effort of the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley and the Washington County Dog Warden/Sheriff's Department, a major rescue operation was undertaken to transport and care for all of these dogs. Since our shelter was already filled to capacity, arrangements were made to temporarily house them in floor cages at the Livestock Building at the Washington County Fairgrounds.

During the weekend of April 13-14 and for the next two weeks, volunteers showed up in force to help care for those 50 dogs/puppies. Most of the new arrivals were not socialized, were fearful of strangers, and would not walk on a leash. And the cleaning chores alone were a monumental task.

Dr. Roberta Haught, Colegate Woods Veterinary Hospital, was on the scene when the dogs were being brought to the Fairground and spent countless hours doing preliminary health/medical assessments for each dog and making recommendations for their care.

Canine Rescue Coordinator, Celeste Ridgway, was also making assessments to determine which dogs might be good candidates for rescue and quickly began to contact rescue groups to ask for help. There were two small weaned puppies and three nursing mother dogs with tiny puppies, and it was decided they should be number one priorities and move them as soon as possible.

Our photographer, Sharon Paul, began to take preliminary pictures of each dog and posting them on Petfinder/Facebook so that potential adopters, foster homes, and rescue groups would be able to see their beautiful faces. Most of these boys and girls were too frightened to leave the security of their cages, and their sad eyes gave us a glimpse into their souls and the trauma which had upset their whole world.

Many of the dogs found foster homes within the first week or so. Amazingly, only 16 dogs were still at the fairground by April 18th. HSOV kennel techs and volunteers continued to keep watch over these dogs for the next two weeks. Many times you'd see a volunteer sitting in an enclosure talking quietly to a dog and working to gain their trust or encouraging them to take baby steps learning to walk on a leash.

We'd love to have the space in this newsletter to publish photos of each of these dogs. Since space will not allow that, we are featuring just a few of their hopeful faces on this page.







There are several albums on our HSOV Facebook page (“Preliminary Photos-April 13, 2012 Intake of Dogs”, “What a Week This Was-Random Photos April 14, 2012+”, and the HSOV Adopted/Rescued Albums) which have photographs of all of the dogs if anyone would like to view them on facebook.

Their given names were: Abby, Amy, Angie, Bandit & Puppies, Becky Thatcher, Bella & Puppies, Blondie, Blue, Brandy, Buster, Cassidy, Charlie, Cody, Colleen, Fred, Gidget, Gizmo, Going Home, Hound Dog, Jackie & Puppies, Jayne, Jenna, Jilly, Katie, King Arthur, Lady, Lenny, Lilac, Mandy, Opie, Otis, Peggy, Rascal, Red, Sadie, Sheila, Suzie, Toby, Tom Sawyer, and Trap.

Seven of the dogs were adopted by their foster family, and the majority of the others were accepted by rescue groups who found homes for them.

Two of the dogs (Sheila and Tom Sawyer) are still in a wonderful foster home with Sandy Brightwell, and we keep hoping that she will decide to become a “foster failure” ☺ Sandy has worked her magic with Sheila and Tom during the past four months, and they are surely different dogs than those two frightened babies who were too scared to come out of their cages for pictures or to walk on a leash on April 14<sup>th</sup>



Tom Sawyer



Sheila & Tom Sawyer



Sheila

Thank you to everyone who helped care for each of these 50+ dogs. The community support was tremendous. We received so many nice donations in addition to the time and love so many of you gave these dogs. You truly made a difference in their lives when you showed them kindness and helped them to develop the confidence they needed to begin their new journeys into loving homes ☺



The HSOV has recently begun a partnership with BOGO Bowl dog food, a relatively new corporation based in Des Moines, IA. With every purchase of BOGO Bowl dog food, a matching bag of food will be given to our shelter.

BOGO Bowl is available for purchase online at [www.BOGObowl.com](http://www.BOGObowl.com) with shipping included in the following formulas: puppy, maintenance, healthy weight, chicken meal and rice, salmon meal and rice, lamb meal and rice, and no grain. The cost for a 20-pound bag is comparable to other similar-quality brands, with a price point ranging from \$41.20 to \$63.40 per bag.

The HSOV is the only shelter in the State of Ohio who is participating, so any orders that are placed throughout the State will benefit the dogs in our shelter.



## HSOV KENTUCKY DERBY

On Saturday, May 5, five HSOV supporters met at the home of Ronald and Louise Holmes to view and bet on the 138<sup>th</sup> running of the Kentucky Derby. Admission to the event was a donation to the HSOV.

Jerry Weber (with son Jake), Marlene Delaney, Carol McKittrick, Jane Snell, Louise Holmes donned their best *Derby Hats* and enjoyed pizza while watching the exciting, 20-horse race. Horse's names were drawn prior to the race. Prizes of HSOV *Wish-List* items were won by Janie, drawing the 1<sup>st</sup> place horse, *I'll Have Another*; Jerry, drawing the 2<sup>nd</sup> place horse, *Bodemeister*; and Marlene, drawing the 3<sup>rd</sup> place horse, *Dullahan*. A big **thank-you** to the winners who passed their items on to the shelter. A fun-time was had by all!

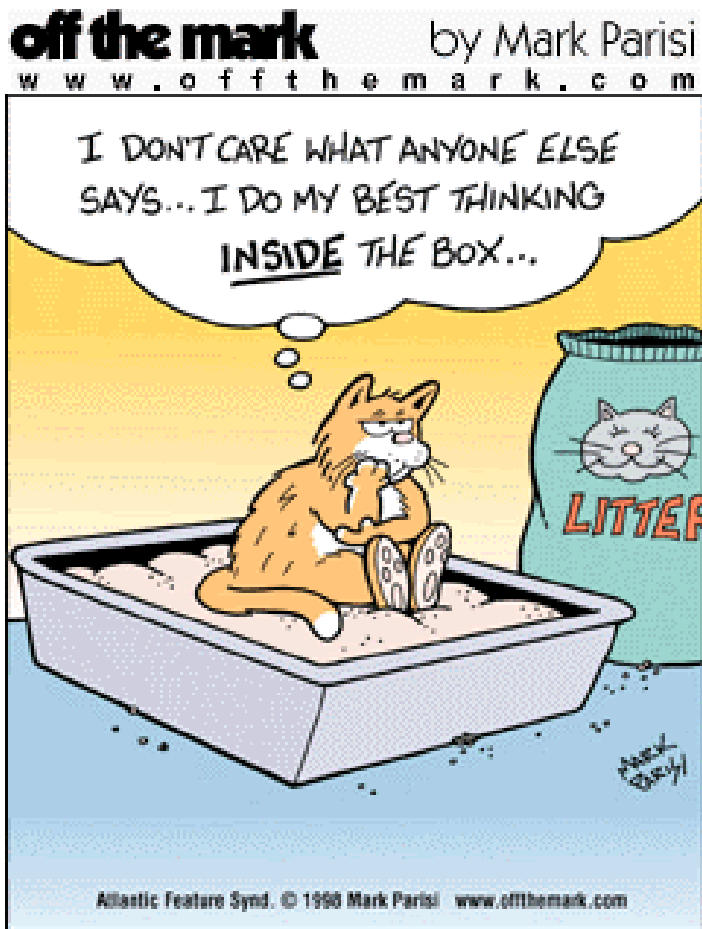
*submitted by Louise Holmes and Jane Snell*



- 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

# HOW THE INVENTION OF KITTY LITTER CHANGED THE HUMAN-CAT RELATIONSHIP

*(Excerpts from Cat Fancy Magazine, August 2010)*



On a cold January night in 1947, heavy snow prevented Michigan resident Kay Draper from reaching her sand pile, so she filled her cat's litter box with wood ashes instead. Naturally, the cat left sooty paw prints all over the house, and the owner wasn't very happy with the cat. She asked her neighbor, Edward Lowe (who sold sand and absorbent clay granules to garage and machine shop owners for use in cleaning up minor oil spills and drips) if she could buy some sand from him. But due to the harsh weather, Lowe could not access his sand reserves either. He suggested that she use some of the kiln-dried clay granules that he'd been trying to sell to chicken farmers for nesting. The farmers weren't keen on using this "Chicken Litter" as Lowe called it, but Mrs. Draper thought it was the cat's meow for the litter box.

Mrs. Draper came back time and again for refills of the clay, and she brought her friends too. Lowe viewed them as more of an inconvenience at first, but since they were so enthusiastic, he began to wonder if other people might like it.

Being the entrepreneur that he was, Lowe filled ten bags with five pounds each of his kiln-dried clay and labeled them "Kitty Litter". He asked a local pet store to sell them for 69-cents. With sand available for a lot less, the shop owner doubted his customers would buy them. Lowe reportedly told him to "give it away then", but he needn't have worried. The Kitty Litter was a big hit and soon the shopkeeper placed an order for more.

Lowe sold his kitty litter at cat shows, and by the early 1950s it was widely available at pet stores nationwide. In 1964, Ed Lowe created the popular "Tidy Cats" brand which was sold in grocery stores. Edward Lowe Industries soon became the biggest producer of kitty litter. He sold his Company in 1990, and it is now owned by Nestle Purina PetCare Company. The Tidy Cats brand is still going strong.

Clay cat litter was definitely an improvement over sand, and more people than ever began to open their homes and hearts to feline friendship. Prior to 1947, dogs were the favored household pets. They were affectionate animals who learned to signal their masters when they needed to go outside to "do their business". Cats were outside animals. They chased mice and dropped by the back door for the occasional saucer of milk. Clay cat litter changed all that. It brought many wonderful creatures inside homes where they have enriched the lives of hundreds of millions of people around the world.

Data published by the Pet Food Institute estimated that there were 30 million pet cats in the United States alone. A 2009/2010 survey by the American Pet Products Association found that Americans now have more than 93 million pet cats in their home.

No one can say for sure whether cats would have become so popular with pet owners had Mrs. Draper and Edward Lowe not discovered the convenience of Kitty Litter. Nevertheless, cats and all their many litter box options today are here to stay. Whatever your favorite kitty litter is, one thing is for certain – this is one invention cat owners can be thankful for ☐



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