

Humane Society

December News 2012

OF THE OHIO VALLEY

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Hours of Operation:

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

SHELTER STATISTICS

August-October 2012

Incoming Dogs/Puppies:

Owner Surrender	172
Stray Surrender	74
County Dog Warden	70
Humane Officer	42

Outgoing Dogs/Puppies:

Adopted	146
Owner Reclaimed	41
Rescue Transfers	116
Euthanized	3

Incoming Cats/Kittens:

Owner Surrender	238
Stray Surrender	205
Humane Officer	22

Outgoing Cats/Kittens:

Adopted	180
Owner Reclaimed	1
Rescue Transfers	60
Euthanized	170
DOA/Died in Shelter	21
Stolen/Escaped	5

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

Giving Thanks

As 2012 comes to a close I have so many things to be thankful for this past year at HSOV. Of course there were sad and trying times which one might expect in our business, but I have witnessed such growth within our shelter. Not monetarily, (naturally) but growth among the individuals associated with our shelter. As president, you always want everything to run smoothly (which doesn't always happen) but I see it happening more and more lately. I see individuals working and pulling together for all the right reasons-our shelter and the animals within our doors.

I would like to commend my Board of Directors this past year for always stepping up to the plate to help make things happen and for working together like never before. I am so very proud of all of you! Being on the Board of Directors is not an easy job, as some might think. It is heart tugging. There are always difficult decisions that must be made-with one goal in mind-the betterment of our shelter. There are 9 opinions on our Board but it seems that this past year we all pulled together as one to make well informed decisions regarding our shelter. All of our Board also works or chairs a committee of some sort, so their work is twofold. For this, I say Thank You to each of you.

The work that our shelter manager Steve Herron accomplishes in one day constantly amazes me. There are many days he is at work by 7:00 a.m. cleaning cages and rooms on top of the office work that he accomplishes daily. He doesn't ask his employees to do anything he wouldn't do himself. He is a man of many talents and my heartfelt thanks go out to him for the amazing job he does at our shelter.

We have managed to save so many more felines and canines this past year. Celeste Ridgway, Teresa Cunningham, Sharon Paul, and Katty Gilbert have diligently worked on this along with the new foster program. Nothing warms your heart more than to know that an animal is out of the shelter and in a loving and secure home. Earlier this year we were faced with a hoarding situation where the shelter ended up in possession of 50+ dogs. Most were animals that had never been handled by humans before. Thanks to a dedicated crew we were able to find homes for all the dogs involved in a relatively short time.

Recently a new person entered our "fold". Sandra Brightwell is our new volunteer chairperson and has worked miracles as far as organizing Saturday morning dog walks at the shelter. This is something that was so badly needed at our shelter. The ability to get each and every dog out for a walk certainly improves their outlook on life, a one on one socialization, and a chance for some fresh air. This is also a chance

for our cat lovers to spend some time with our felines as far as cuddle time and socializing. Thank you Sandra!

Not enough can be said about our current kennel techs at HSOV. We have some of the most dedicated individuals currently employed at HSOV. They are compassionate, hard working, polite, and knowledgeable. Without them our doors could not open. Their job is a hard one-much harder than most people realize. Runs and cages must be cleaned and sanitized, wounds dressed, medicine for individual dogs and cats given daily, animals transported to our local veterinarians, records kept, and the list goes on and on.

Our local veterinarians are our lifesavers. We strive to keep a good working relationship with all of our local veterinarians. Just to name a few; Dr. David Spindler, Dr. Jessica Smith, Dr. Roberta Haught, and Dr. Gwen McHenry. You have no idea what it means to us to be able to pick up the phone in an emergency and know that you are so willing to help us out at all times. You are appreciated more than you will ever know. Thank you from all of us!

For those that organize and attend our fundraisers-you are our lifeblood! Without our fundraisers and dedicated volunteers there would be no funds for medical, cleaning supplies, utilities, animal food, litter, etc. Please know how very much you are appreciated!

To all of the residents of Washington County-this is your animal shelter and I invite any and all of you to come visit us, consider volunteering some of your extra time during the week, all of you are welcome. It takes more than a board to run an animal shelter properly. It takes ALL of us working together. Help us make our shelter the best it can possibly be. Please consider donating what you can, supplies, time, labor, donations, etc. it is all welcome. I hope you will consider taking some time out of your evening on Dec. 1, 2012 and visit us during our Open House from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and share a cup of punch and Christmas cookies and visit with some of our precious animals to put you in the spirit. You are wished a peaceful and magical Christmas season.

Janie Snell
President/HSOV



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
Chris Roy
Angie Thompson

HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Jane Snell
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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, Jo Ellen Gray, Celeste Ridgway
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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 – Sandra Brightwell
Website – Chad Skinner



HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS

Saturday
December 1, 2012

HSOV Open House, 6-8pm
90 Mount Tom Rd, Marietta, OH

Tuesday
December 4, 2012

HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm
Annual Meeting/Election of Officers

Tuesday
January 8, 2013

HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm
Washington County Commissioners Office

Tuesday
February 5, 2013

HSOV Board Meeting, 7pm
Washington County Commissioners Office

Saturday
February 23, 2013

10th Annual "Fur Ball", 8pm-Midnight
American Legion Post 159, Williamstown, WV

Saturday
April 30, 2013

Throw Down for the Pound 7
Marietta Middle School, Marietta, OH



HSOV HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE (Saturday, December 1, 2012)

Our Annual Holiday Open House will be held at the shelter on Saturday, December 1, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. We've decided to try something different this year and will be hosting the event in the evening instead of in the afternoon as we've done in the past. This is always a festive occasion, and our shelter will be beautifully decorated with animal themes and colorful lights. We hope that you will stop by to tour our shelter and meet the many wonderful dogs and cats who are available for adoption or to foster over the holidays. Our dogs will be wearing their finest Christmas bandanas, and we know that they will be looking adorable as always. The shelter dogs and cats will have their Christmas stockings on their cages and kennels with only one wish tucked inside those tiny stockings .. a good home and someone to love them ☺

We hope that you will join us so that we may personally thank you for all that you have done throughout the year to help our shelter and the animals who find themselves in our care through no fault of their home. This is also a wonderful opportunity to meet our shelter staff, board members, and volunteers.

Our Christmas tree will be in the lobby of the shelter should anyone wish to leave some gifts beneath the tree for our dogs and cats. And if you'd like some suggestions of items they would like, we've included our 'Wish List' in this newsletter with helpful hints.

Gourmet refreshments are always a highlight of this event, and we know there will be some special treats in store for everyone!

ANNUAL MEETING (Tuesday, December 4, 2012)

The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 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.

Delightful Twins!!!

Ava and Caden Gebczyk are delightful twins who celebrated their 7th birthday in a very unique way. Instead of asking for gifts for themselves during their birthday party, they asked their friends and family to bring items for them to donate to the HSOV. They arrived early on Saturday morning, November 17, 2012 when their mother,

Michelle Steed Gebczyk, drove the children to the shelter. The family's SUV was loaded with all sorts of wonderful items (treats, food, collars/leashes, toys, laundry supplies, crates, etc). And they also collected nearly \$100 in cash so that we could buy whatever else we needed. Our Christmas tree looked as if Santa Claus had arrived after the children arranged their gifts under the tree. Even the shelter dogs who walked through the lobby sensed the excitement and wanted to check out the presents (especially the biscuits) that were placed there for them ☺



Thank you sooo much, Ava and Caden, for sharing your special day with so many dogs and cats.

We might mention that this has become a Gebczyk family tradition. Ava & Caden celebrated their 6th birthday with us last year, and their older brother, Jantzen, celebrated his 8th birthday with us about three years ago.

INTRODUCING OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR ... SANDRA BRIGHTWELL



We are pleased to announce that Sandra Brightwell has 'volunteered' to fill the position of HSOV Volunteer Coordinator, and we couldn't be more pleased ☺ For those of you who have not yet had the pleasure of meeting Sandra in person, we wanted to introduce her in this newsletter.

One of Sandy's first endeavors in her new role was to organize HSOV Dog Walks which are held each Saturday from 10am-3pm. If you haven't been to our shelter on a Saturday recently, we think that you will be amazed at the number of volunteers who come to walk dogs, bathe/groom dogs, socialize with shelter dogs and cats, or to take shelter/therapy dogs to local nursing homes.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, Sandra would love to hear from you! Please send her an email (hsovshelterfriends@yahoo.com). Volunteer application forms are available at the shelter or on our website (www.hsov.net), and Sandra will be more than happy to find just the right volunteer opportunity for you ☺

“Money” is a beautiful 5-year old female Pit Bull Terrier who arrived at the HSOV on October 1, 2012. She was a gorgeous girl with a silver/blue coat and one of the sweetest dogs you could ever hope to meet. This little sweetheart had such a charismatic, lovable personality, and she had melted the heart of everyone who met her. “Money” had an injury to her left front leg (perhaps a birth defect) which ultimately led to her having that leg amputated on October 16th. This lovely young lady maintained her wonderful disposition throughout the ordeal and was already giving kisses and wagging her tail within hours of the surgery. We listed her as a ‘Special Needs Dog’ after her amputation, but Money made the best of her situation and quickly began to learn to walk without the missing front leg. She was a little too anxious to get back to a normal life and gave us quite a scare when she decided to jump up on the gate of her kennel to visit with another dog. “Money” began to hemorrhage and lost a lot of blood ☹ One of our kennel techs, Chris Roy, remembers that day quite vividly and recalls crying and lying down with “Money” for at least an hour to hold pressure against her leg while she was hemorrhaging in an attempt to stop the bleeding ☹ “Money” was rushed back to the vet’s office who had performed her surgery. When she came back to the shelter, our kennel techs pampered and loved Money as they gave her the extra TLC she needed while she was recuperating. She was treated with warm compresses to reduce swelling, and “Money” somehow realized that she needed to remain calm and let her ‘private duty nurses’ take care of her.



On October 31st, a special young lady named Shauency Smith, came to our shelter and took “Money” home with her to foster so that she could give her 24-hour care. “Money” must surely have felt like a celebrity

that day as her fan club surrounded her in the lobby for a going-away party .. and then followed her to Shauency’s SUV where she rode away in style. We posted several photos on Facebook of Money taking one last look at the shelter before she went to her foster home.



Several people expressed an interest in adopting “Money” over the next few weeks (including a family in South Carolina). But as it turned out, “Money” was working on finding

her home all by herself, and she didn’t have to look further than Shauency Smith’s extended family ☺ “Money” was adopted in mid-November by a family member, so she still gets to visit with Shauency quite often!



Feline Mother of the Year!



The Carver Family

If there were an award for Feline Mother of the Year, we would surely nominate a young mother cat named "Trixie". She is a beautiful 1-1/2 year old Dilute Calico who was surrendered to the HSOV on October 21, 2012 along with her four 4-week old kittens. "Trixie" loved her babies and was raising them to be healthy, happy youngsters. Little did she realize that her family was about to double the next day . . .

On October 22nd, a Guardian Angel/Good Samaritan rescued four orphaned kittens and brought them to us. Our hearts sunk when we realized these tiny kittens were just about two weeks old and would not survive unless we could find someone to bottle-feed them ... or a nursing mother cat who would accept them. We decided to introduce the orphans to "Trixie", and this sweet mother cat immediately began cleaning them up and quickly let them start nursing. (Insert some happy tears here ☺)

"Trixie" had three other Guardian Angels who entered her life within the next few days....



A very kind-hearted lady in Cincinnati (Lucy Betts/Three Sisters Rescue) had mentioned that she would love to save a mother cat and her kittens in honor of the first Marietta kitty she had rescued from the HSOV, Tori Grace, whose story was featured in the February 2011 issue of the HSOV Newsletter. Tori Grace's biological kittens had not survived, and it appeared that Tori Grace was dying of a broken heart. She had quit eating and seemed to give up until a tiny orphaned kitten needed her. Tori Grace and Orphan Annie made the journey to Cincinnati over the 2010 Thanksgiving weekend. Orphan Annie was adopted, and Tori Grace has stayed with Lucy where she is the official greeter for the lucky Marietta cats who are accepted by Three Sisters Rescue.



But back to our story about "Trixie" .. Our Feline Rescue Coordinator/Photographer, Sharon Paul, sent pictures of Trixie and her eight kittens to Lucy Betts, and Lucy said she would be delighted to rescue this blended family. She hoped we might find a foster home to keep this family safe until transport could be arranged after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jessica Carver was the third Guardian Angel who appeared in Trixie's life. She and her husband, Aaron, stopped by the shelter to have new photographs taken of their foster cat (Claire) and her five kittens on October 24th. During the photo session, Trixie's name was mentioned and the Carver family wanted to meet her. They both agreed they would foster Trixie & Kittens after Claire & Kittens were adopted. As if by magic or perhaps another Guardian Angel was playing an unseen part, Claire & her kittens were taken to WeLovPets where they found homes very quickly.

Jessica stopped by the shelter on October 30th to take Trixie and her eight kittens home to foster, and fate intervened to save yet another orphaned kitten. A gentleman had brought in a beautiful 4-week old cream-colored kitten shortly before Jessica arrived, and when we told her the sad story of that kitten she didn't think twice before saying she would take that little one home as well. The newest little orphan and his family had been living around a local factory, and its mother and siblings had all been killed by a raccoon. That kind-hearted gentleman could be considered a fourth Guardian Angel ☺ And Trixie must have thought so too, for she accepted a ninth kitten!

Jessica & Aaron's young sons, Zach and Seth, had the honor of naming all of the kittens, and we have a feeling their names were influenced by trick-or-treat night since the kittens are named Kit, Kat, Milky Way, Twix, Carmello, Heath, Zero, Rolo, and Skor ☺



Jessica and her family admit that it has been a bit of a challenge having ten extra kitties in their household but they have loved the experience of seeing each kitten develop its own individual personality and having the satisfaction that they played a vital role in their survival. And everyone is in awe of "Trixie". She is a beautiful cat with a heart of gold, and this "Mother of the Year" deserves the best home possible.

In addition to fostering several other cats/kittens, the Carver family adopted a cat named "Ebony" who was on the HSOV Urgent List a few years ago. They also adopted a tiny Chocolate Labrador Retriever puppy named "River", who now weighs 95 lbs., and he loves the foster cats who temporarily share his home!

We love Jessica's quote about fostering and hope it might inspire others to follow in her footsteps ..

"Fostering is the next best thing to adopting. You are able to save so many lives, and you don't need that much space in your home."

"Trixie" and her nine babies were transported to Three Sisters Rescue on November 26th, and Lucy Betts was very happy to meet them in person after seeing their pictures and corresponding with Jessica during the month that they enjoyed the hospitality of the Carver Bed & Breakfast ☺ We know that each of them will find wonderful homes thanks to Lucy and Three Sisters Rescue!





TRISTAN BICKFORD has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation and was recognized for “outstanding service to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley on behalf of every homeless pet that has crossed the threshold at the shelter”. Tristan was quite surprised when HSOV Board President, Jane Snell, presented him with a beautifully-framed certificate during our November 2012 HSOV Board Meeting ☺

Tristan is a Junior Member of the HSOV and purchased his membership with his own money. He has sold candy and dog treats at his mother’s business to buy treats for our shelter dogs. He and his father have delivered two truckloads of food to the HSOV in the past year. Tristan has also volunteered at the past two Paws Walks and is active (as time allows) at our shelter.

Tristan attends Caldwell (Ohio) Elementary School and is in the 8th Grade. This special young man turned 14 years old recently and is the son of Bill and Shelly Bickford. He has an 11-year old sister (Taylor). Tristan has a Golden Retriever named Buck whom he dearly loves and a kitty that adopted him and his family. Tristan’s interests include: hunting (he recently shot his first buck), fishing, riding 4-wheelers, and go-cart racing. He races from April-October. Tristan loves to tinker in the garage with his father and also to tinker with his animals.

We could not be more proud of you Tristan and hope that more young adults like you follow in your footsteps.



PLEASE “LIKE” OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

Nearly 4,500 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 about upcoming events and communications when extra assistance is needed at the HSOV. If you’d like to become our friend, simply search for the “Humane Society of the Ohio Valley” on Facebook and click on the “Like” button!

WRITING OUR THANK-YOU NOTES ☺

The 3rd Annual HSOV/Ashlee Scott Memorial "Parade Your Paws", held on Saturday, September 15, 2012, was a tremendous success! The weather was perfect, and there was a record number of dogs (and their owners) who participated in the walk and other festivities. If you are a fan of our facebook page, you can view nearly 200 photos that were taken that day. A special thanks to Juanita Becker, Lisa Merrow, Lucy Scott and each of the committee members who spent countless hours to make this event so much fun in addition to raising funds for the HSOV. This year's proceeds were nearly \$6,400 and have been donated to the HSOV General Fund, the Medical Fund, and the Building Fund.

Thanks to Adam Johnson (HSOV Board Member and Manager of WeLovPets) for organizing the Throw Down For the Pound 6 event and to all of the volunteers who helped with this fun-filled event. This fundraiser was held on Saturday, October 6, 2012 and netted several thousand dollars for the benefit of our shelter.

Thank you to Cheryl Hall (Fur's-a-Flyin' Pet Grooming, 102 Pike Street, Marietta, Ohio) for sponsoring an HSOV Adopt-A-Thon at her business location on Sunday, October 7, 2012. Several shelter dogs and cats enjoyed an afternoon meeting potential adopters. One lucky kitty found a permanent home and one lucky dog found a foster home ☺

Thanks to Friends of Feline Fund for having three shelter cats spayed/neutered on November 12, 2012 and increasing their chances of being adopted. This fund has been established through Marietta Community Foundation and is making a difference in cat populations in Washington County, Ohio. Should anyone wish to make a tax-deductible donation, you may send it to: Marietta Community Foundation (for the benefit of Friends of Feline Fund), PO Box 77, Marietta, OH 45750

Jim & Sylvi Caporale (American Flags & Poles, Marietta, Ohio) donated several loads of gravel for our driveway/parking areas, and Jim delivered

and spread the gravel himself ☺ Thank you!! Jim also delivered truckloads of bleach and kitty litter and reminded us that we owe thanks to Big Lots and Tractor Supply Company for offering the shelter discounts on these much-needed items.

WeLovPets organized a Halloween Pet Photo fundraiser for the benefit of the HSOV during October and presented us with over \$100 in donations ☺ We love the employees at WeLovPets and appreciate all that this business does to support our shelter. Many of our HSOV kittens/cats and puppies/dogs have found homes thanks to being showcased in their store.

The HSOV extends a big "Thank You" to local radio and television stations WTAP-TV News, Froggy 99 Radio, and 'The Bear' 103.1 Radio, for their help in publicizing the urgency of finding adopter/rescues/fosters for dogs in our shelter during a crisis situation in October 2012. Your broadcasts throughout the day raised awareness and truly made a difference. Thanks also to the many HSOV Facebook fans who shared photographs of shelter dogs on their personal timelines!

Perhaps our most unique fundraiser in recent history was Rink Rash for Rescues (Women's Flat Track Roller Derby) which was held on November 10, 2012 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. One of our volunteers, Amanda Beebe, is a member of the First Settlement Derby Dames/Hades Ladies and suggested that their team support the HSOV ☺ This was the Hades Ladies' first home bout and quite exciting!!

And a special thank you to all of the individuals who bring donations to our shelter on a regular basis or whenever we send out a plea on Facebook for items such as dog/cat food, kitty litter, laundry soap, and blankets. You are always quick to help. Please know that we appreciate everything you do to help the animals. We couldn't do it without you!

JENNIFER GOES "AWOL" ☹️... BUT RETURNS TO MEET HER NEW FAMILY 😊

This beautiful little Beagle girl arrived at the HSOV on October 29, 2012, and it was love-at-first sight for our Beagle-loving photographer. "Jennifer" was so frightened on that cold, rainy afternoon that all she wanted to do was snuggle up on her warm blanket and beg for attention with her big brown eyes. We took pictures in her cage that day with plans to get her outside when she was feeling more relaxed, but we never had that opportunity. The following day she went "AWOL" after she made an escape from an outside holding kennel and ran like the wind ☹️

Fortunately we had posted Jennifer's pictures on our Petfinder/Facebook page, and a special lady named Joy Guckert Mason had already fallen in love with this beautiful Beagle girl. Joy began asking about Jennifer on Facebook and calling the shelter to make plans to adopt her, and we were

heartbroken when we had to tell her what had happened.



Joy never gave up hope that Jennifer would be found. She kept in contact with the shelter by telephone and on Facebook each and every day that Jennifer was lost with hopes that 'today will be the day this little girl comes back' and her 'family has been prepping our other furbabies on the possibility of a new sister'.

Jennifer never actually strayed very far from our shelter and was seen from a distance several times, so we hoped that she would return on her own. Sure enough, Jennifer came back on November 7th and was waiting in the meet-and-greet area behind our shelter as if she

knew that there was a Guardian Angel who had been keeping watch over her and wanted to take her home 😊

Joy and her husband came to the shelter on November 8th and loved Jennifer just as much in person as in the pictures they'd seen. They adopted her that very day and later that evening posted on Facebook that Jennifer had a nice bath, ate a good dinner, and that she was settling in their household as though she'd always been with them. And she loved her new sisters (Rosie, Shelby, Holly, and Maggie).

The Mason family has posted several photos of Jennifer (now called Sadie Grace) in her new backyard helping rake leaves, playing with her new Beagle sister, and sleeping on the sofa with all four of her sisters 😊

We are happy that Joy Guckert Mason never gave up hope that Jennifer would return, and it would seem that Jennifer somehow sensed that she needed to come back to the shelter to fulfill her destiny! She was clearly meant to be with the Mason family 😊





“Carlos” arrived at the HSOV on November 23, 2012 after he was found in Marietta, Ohio taking a walk by himself. This senior Chihuahua was much too tiny to be outside without a sweater, and we gave him some nice warm blankets to snuggle up with soon as he came to our shelter. “Carlos” was missing several teeth and couldn’t hold his tongue in his mouth like other dogs ☺ His sweet face melted several hearts and when Kimberly Ensign saw Carlos’ picture on our HSOV Facebook page, she knew she had to come and meet this little guy. Needless to say, Carlos found a home with Kimberly that very day ☺ She posted this update on our Facebook page the following day which brought happy tears to our eyes ☺

“ADOPT THE SENIORS! I adopted Carlos yesterday (November 26th). Carlos weighs under 6 lbs., and he is painfully thin. He is older and only has 5 teeth. He shows signs of being left outside. His ears are chewed by flies and sunburned, but they will heal. He doesn’t really know what he is supposed to be doing inside a house. I’m writing this to say that Carlos is the most loving and grateful dog and all he wants is to be held. He gives excessive kisses, and you can see that he just wants to fit in. When adopting, consider the older dogs. They KNOW they want a home and they are quick to learn. Sure, I won’t get to enjoy a long time with Carlos, but I will be happy for what he can give me” ... written by Kimberly Ensign (Carlos’ new momma)

FOSTER FAMILIES ARE “ANGELS ON EARTH”

and save the lives of many shelter dogs and cats. If you can open up your heart and home to a shelter animal, we would love to hear from you ☺ Fostering is a very rewarding experience, knowing that you’ve 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. 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); Katty Gilbert (kattgil@yahoo.com); Jo Ellen Gray (grayck@suddenlink.net); or Celeste Ridgway (cr_ridgway@yahoo.com)



- 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
- HP Ink Cartridges #71 (black & color)
- Aluminum cans (for recycling)
- Newspapers w/o inserts

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IN MEMORY OF "FLYNT"

"Flynt" was an adorable 2-month old Tuxedo kitten who was brought to the HSOV on August 13, 2012. He was full of personality and began to purr the moment you even glanced in his direction. "Flynt" was playful and oh soo affectionate. You could not look at him without smiling! "Flynt" and another small kitten named "Hugh Hefner" shared a bachelor pad in our Jungle Room and were the ultimate playboys ☺ These little boys never found the home they deserved since, sadly, they lost their lives on August 28, 2012. We are posting this picture of "Flynt" in remembrance of the 625 cats and kittens who were euthanized or died in our shelter from January-October 2012.



PLEASE VACINATE, SPAY, AND NEUTER!

THANK YOU TO THESE AREA BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS FOR SPONSORING DOG KENNELS AND CAT TOWERS AT THE HSOV

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Dr. Ken & Diana Leopold

Locker Room Sports Bar (Isaac Eastwood)
Marietta Hospice
Marietta Middle School (7th and 8th Grades)
Marietta Middle School (Builders Club)
Maxwell, Bucina & Friends
Mears & Hockenberry
Mondo Building & Excavations
Mondo Polymer Technologies
Moose Lodge #1823
Les & Sharon Paul
Peoples Bank
Preston's Beauty Academy
Rowland Motors
John & Mary Rutter
J. A. Schwendemann & Sons
In Memory of Ashlee Scott
Solvay Advanced Polymers
Lynne Sturtevant (Hidden Marietta)
Robert & Jean Thomas
Wal-Mart
We Lov Pets
In Honor of Bill Wesel's 80th Birthday
Dr. Matthew & Terra Yoak

2013 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: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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_____ \$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

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, P.O. Box 5, Marietta, OH 45750



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 that 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 in honor of their pets or their friends' and family's pets during the month of December.

This year the names of the pets as well as the names of the contributors will be published in a January edition of The Anchor as well as displayed at American Flags and Poles.

Those contributing \$20.00 or more will be entered into a drawing to win a piece of ornamental ironwork created and donated by Betsy Cook & Jan Dishong 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 and 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!

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: