

July News 2015

OF THE OHIO VALLEY

CONTACT INFORMATION

Shelter Location/Mailing Address

90 Mt. Tom Road Marietta, OH 45750

Hours of Operation:

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

SHELTER STATISTICS.

January-June 2015

Dogs/Puppies:

Adopted	164
Reclaimed	82
Rescue Transfers	204
Euthanized or Died In Shelter	13
Cats/Kittens:	
Cats/Kittens:	467
Intakes	194

Rescue Transfers 155

Euthanized or Died in Shelter..... 19

Intakes 458



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

"A letter From HSOV Executive director, Linda Pettit"

I was very excited to be selected by the board as the Executive Director of HSOV in April, and my life has been a whirlwind ever since – in a GOOD way! Thank you to the staff, volunteers, board members, and the community in general for the warm reception that I have received. I have many ideas and have set some goals that I think will uphold the tradition here of continuous improvement.

In preparing for my interview for the position, I scoured the internet and learned many interesting tidbits about the HSOV. For instance, I learned that the shelter was

established *one hundred and fifty years ago* and is the oldest Humane Society in Ohio and one of the oldest in the country. I also learned about the HSOV's huge and successful building fund drive in the early 1980's, when the community worked together on behalf of the dogs and cats of Washington County to finance, design, and construct the current shelter on Mt. Tom Road. I was amazed to read news reports about the HSOV's heroic rescue of more than fifty dogs surrendered due to a hoarding situation in April 2012. In just over two months since assuming the directorship I've heard hundreds more heartening stories about the HSOV's history, animals rescued and rehabilitated against the odds, and positive impacts on the



people who have adopted an animal from our shelter. I've also met and hugged a lot of dogs and cats and learned thousands of things about animal sheltering and care. The more I learn, the more I admire the commitment and the tenacity of the shelter staff, our volunteers, all those who have served on our board of directors over the years, and the people of Marietta and Washington County. It has not been easy to keep our shelter functional, and to make sure that both the facility and the services provided have continually improved over so many years, some of which were very lean years when even the continued existence of the shelter was in jeopardy.

Of course we can never rest on our laurels (or sit on our haunches as the case may be). Our shelter is almost entirely dependent upon donations of money, services, dog/cat food, kitty litter, and needed supplies or repairs. We are humbled that many children now ask for gifts to the shelter rather than gifts for themselves, and then bring those gifts to us along with some hugs and petting for our dogs and cats. Some adults do that, too, telling us that bringing us gifts on their birthday is the best way to celebrate. Ideas for fundraisers flow like running water around here, which is fortunate since fundraisers are a constant necessity. When an individual, a group, or a business gives us a contribution to meet a need, "thank you" doesn't seem adequate compensation. And we are deeply grateful and honored when someone remembers us in their will or asks for donations to be made in their memory.

My intended contribution to the HSOV's financial picture is to research and apply for available grants and to help plan and implement fundraisers, as well as keep a vigilant eye on our budget. With a strong foundation and community support in place, and with **Scott Little**, a very qualified shelter manager, in charge of operations, I have had time to work toward my goals. So far I've been able to spend time researching potential sources of grant money, discuss programs we may want to initiate if grant money is awarded, and

prepare and submit grant applications. I have also reviewed, discussed, and helped plan fundraising events. I hope everyone reading this realizes that we already have a shelter to be proud of. Although we may not yet have achieved perfection, we are definitely well along the path toward that goal.

On a personal note, my husband, Tony, and I moved here from Lake County Ohio a little over two years ago. We fostered dogs there for a rescue group and we knew we wanted to foster dogs here. As soon as I figured out how to get to the shelter (How many times have we heard how hard it is to find? It's true if you're not from around here!) I was immediately impressed by the degree of love and care given to the dogs and cats by the staff. I then "liked" the HSOV Facebook page and began to learn how involved and caring HSOV members and volunteers are! In addition, my husband and I learned through several positive experiences that businesses in the community are very dog friendly: putting up signs inviting dogs to come in with their people, providing water bowls outside the stores, and never missing an opportunity to give our furry children a pat on the head. Ever since we've moved here I've felt like asking: "Is this pet heaven?" In truth, I know the answer. "No, this is Washington County Ohio."

Linda



INTRODUCING HSOV SHELTER MANAGER, SCOTT LITTLE

Please join us in welcoming **Scott Little** who accepted the position of HSOV Shelter Manager in mid-March 2015. Scott brought with him a wealth of knowledge and experience

to fill that position and 'hit the ground running' with enthusiasm for our HSOV animals and new ideas to make our shelter even better than ever before.

Scott previously held several positions at the Humane Society of Parkersburg prior to coming to the HSOV. He has always been compassionate about animals and has been advocating for the Pit Bull Terrier breed for many years. Scott 'practices what he preaches' and currently has several Pit Bull Terriers of his own \odot

Scott is definitely a 'hands-on' manager and keeps a constant vigil on all of our shelter dogs and cats, and he knows each and every animal in our shelter. He makes sure that every dog gets to enjoy time outdoors each day and at least 1-2 walks. He is passionate about our dogs/cats receiving THE best care. And he is also very passionate against euthanasia unless an animal is badly injured or deemed vicious after assessment. Scott's philosophy is that none of our animals will lose their lives because of space limitations and will somehow find 'room at the inn' for those in need of a safe haven.

SHELTER STAFF

Executive Director – Linda Pettit Manager – Scott Little Adoptions Clerk – Sharon Morris Humane Officer – Misty Carpenter

HSOV Kennel Technicians:

Aleena Bauerbach (summer employee)
Misty Carpenter
Sandra Cooke
Brittany Daugherty
Tyler Gill
Bill Hagy
Ted Laskowski
Michelle Rudd





HSOV BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Sandra Brightwell
Vice President – Celeste Ridgway
Secretary – Teresa Cunningham
Treasurer – Becky Johnston
Shelly Kidd
Scott Martin
Jared McGilton
Kelly McGilton
Debbie Ryder

HSOV Committee Chairpersons:

Adoption Follow-Up – Celeste Ridgway, Wendy Irvin Canine Rescue/Transportation Coordinator

Celeste Ridgway

Donation Acknowledgment – Donna Ball Feline Rescue – Sharon Paul Finance – Teresa Cunningham, Becky Johnston Foster Program – Celeste Ridgway, Debbie Ryder Fundraising – Linda Pettit Membership – Teresa Cunningham, Ciji Painter Newsletter Editor – Sharon Paul Nominations – Jim Baldinger, Jared McGilton Operations/Building & Grounds –

HSOV Board Members (Debbie Ryder/Chairman)
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

Tuesday HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm

August 4, 2015 Washington County Commissioners Office

223 Putnam Street, Marietta OH

Friday-Saturday HSOV Rummage Sale, 8:00-5:00pm

August 14-15, 2015 American Legion

8th and Wooster Streets, Marietta OH

Sunday HSOV Open House & Picnic, 11:00am-3:00pm

August 16, 2015 HSOV, 90 Mt. Tom Road, Marietta OH

Sunday Thirty-One & Purse Bingo Fundraiser, 1:00pm-5:00pm

August 16, 2015 Reno Community Building (old Reno School Bldg)

260 Sandhill Rd, Reno OH

Tuesday HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm

September 1, 2015 Washington County Commissioners Office

Saturday HSOV Paws Walk: "Wags & Whiskers", 9:00am

September 26, 2015 East Muskingum Park, Marietta OH

Tuesday HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm

October 6, 2015 Washington County Commissioners Office

Tuesday HSOV Board Meeting, 7:00pm

November 3, 2015 Washington County Commissioners Office

Tuesday HSOV Board Meeting/Annual Election, 7:00pm

December 1, 2015 Location to be announced



HSOV T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER

These beautiful HSOV T-Shirts are available for purchase as a fundraising project for our shelter. Nicole Clatterbuck is the coordinator for this fundraiser and has advised that shirts will be ordered at the end of each month. Delivery time is usually 1-2 weeks and you will be called when the shirts are at the shelter.

Colors available are: black, rusty bronze, red, olive, navy, royal, kelly green, tan, orchid, orange, kiwi, light pink, charcoal, teal, sapphire, forest green, maroon, purple, mint green, dark chocolate, ash, sport gray, azalea, light blue, safety pink, safety green, daisy, rainbow tie-dye, blue tie-dye, and tropical tie-dye.

Cost is \$20 for adult sizes (small, medium, large, x-large, 2x, 3x, and 4x) and \$15 for youth sizes (small, medium, and large).

Order forms/color charts are available at the shelter and also on our website (www.hsov.org). You may call Nicole Clatterbuck (740.885.1124) or the HSOV (740.373.5959) for additional information/questions.



The HSOV will be holding a Rummage Sale on Friday and Saturday August 14th and August 15th from 8:00am-5:00pm both days. Location will be at the American Legion, 800 Wooster Streets, Marietta, Ohio.

Donations for the sale are currently being accepted. Please bring items to the shelter during business hours (Monday-Friday noon-5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm) rather than leave boxes outside the shelter. We prefer that big furniture items be held until the night before the sale and delivered directly to the American Legion location since our storage space is limited.

HSOV Executive Director, Linda Pettit, would also like to invite everyone in Washington County to join us that weekend (August 14-15) in "Going To The Dogs" by holding any type of fundraiser you might want in order to support our shelter.

We will cap off our weekend on Sunday, August 16, 2015 with an Open House Celebration & Cook-Out at the shelter from 11:00am-3:00pm so that everyone can see our amazing improvements, including HUGE play yards just installed.

Please call HSOV Executive Director, Linda Pettit, at 740.373.5959 or send an email to her at director@hsov.org for additional information.



Writing Our Thank You Notes 😊



THE HPAC (Health Professions Affinity Communities) at Marietta High School organized several fundraisers and collected supplies for the HSOV this past Spring. This wonderful group of students, along with their advisor Kim Miller-Depue, visited our shelter on March 21, 2015 and presented a check in the amount of \$800 to HSOV Shelter Manager, Scott Little. They also delivered several boxes of donated food /supplies for the shelter dogs and cats. The HPAC promotes awareness of how a pet companion provides a better quality of life.

The 12th Annual FurBall Dance/Auction which was held on

Saturday, February 28, 2015 raised approximately \$24,000 for the benefit of the HSOV. The committee members who work on this fundraiser spend countless hours, and their efforts are very much appreciated. Thanks to *Carol McKitrick* for chairing this committee. The proceeds from this year's FurBall were donated to the HSOV General Fund to help with operating expenses and a portion was utilized for the installation of sturdy fencing for our outside kennels.

The Throw Down For The Pound: Chance's Eleven which was held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 was one of our most successful fundraisers. Thanks to Adam Johnson (manager of WeLovPets, Marietta, Ohio) for organizing this Eleventh Remix Pro-Wrestling Event for the benefit of the HSOV. This most recent Thrown Down was attended by over 800 people and raised \$6,600 for the HSOV!! WeLovPets is one of the HSOV's biggest supporters and does so many nice things for our shelter. They showcase many of our dogs/puppies and cats/kittens in their store and help find them loving homes ©

Thank you **Westfall Garage Doors** (Marietta OH) for the donation and installation of a brand new garage door for our shelter! This was a tremendous improvement and so nice of your business to do for us ©

The Parkersburg (WV) South High School Student Council made a generous donation to the HSOV on April 4, 2015. When the students learned of the break-in and loss of money at our shelter, they decided to hold a fundraiser to help the HSOV animals. They set up a table at one of their school's basketball games on February 18th and painted designs on faces to raise money .. very innovative!! Their student council president presented the proceeds of that fundraiser to HSOV Shelter Manager, Scott Little, on Saturday, April 4, 2015. The students were accompanied by Cheryl Olcott, PSHS Student Council Advisor. Thank you sooo much Parkersburg South High School.



Thank you *Phillips Elementary School* (Marietta, Ohio) for the \$400 you donated to the HSOV on May 26, 2015 to help our shelter animals! And we loved the over-sized replica of your generous check that we have displayed in the lobby ©

We are thankful that so many of our local merchants/businesses donate both goods and services when they know we are in need. *Home Depot* and *Lowe's* have donated many nice things such as wooden benches, a picnic table, and large industrial fans for providing cool breezes for our dogs. *American Flags & Poles* quite often delivers kitty litter, bleach, gravel for our parking area, and flags. *Walmart* donates dog/cat food. *Harmar Place Rehab & Extended Care Nursing Home* quite often donates blankets/towels. And *Log Cabin Country Quilts* (Harmar Village, Marietta OH) also donates bedding for our dogs and cats © These are just a few of the many local businesses who support our shelter!

Writing Our Thank You Notes ©



Thank you to *Rink's Flea Market*, Marietta, Ohio for your monetary donation to the HSOV. Rink's raffled off a beautiful garden statue and donated the proceeds from the raffle to our shelter ©

We wish to thank *The Grand Temple Pythian Sisters of Ohio Temple #230*, Lowell, Ohio for their generous donation to the HSOV. These two delightful ladies (who are current officers of the Temple) presented a check to HSOV Shelter Manager, Scott Little, on June 25, 2015. The Local Temple has been a supporter of the HSOV for several years. We loved giving these ladies a tour of our shelter and also showing them the plaque which has been displayed on the kennel that they have been sponsoring.





Thank you to *Glenwood Retirement Community* for your generous donation which enabled us to finish

the concrete pads for our new outside kennels! These wonderful ladies raised \$1,200 and presented a check in that amount to Kelly McGilton (Washington County Ohio Dog Warden/HSOV Board Member) on June 29, 2015. "Bo" was also on hand to accept the donation.

Thank you to the *Marietta Memorial Hospital* staff and employees for the "HSOV Supply Drive" during the week of July 6-10, 2015.

The 2nd *Howlin' In The Alley Concert* (organized/sponsored by *Over The Moon Pizza & Pub*, 170 Front St, Marietta OH) and held on Friday, July 17, 2015. This fun-filled event raised approximately \$1,400 for our shelter!! Thanks to the MudDucks and Johnny Staats & The Delivery Boys for a great show and to Over The Moon Pizza & Pub for supporting the HSOV ©

Community response has been tremendous when we post specific items that we need for our shelter animals (such as Purina dog/puppy/cat/kitten chow, canned food, kitty litter, cat/dog toys, etc) on our Facebook page and on our website (www.hsov.org) Thank you to each and every person who dropped off a donation in response to a specific need or as a routine gift for our animals. Response has also been wonderful to our *Amazon.com Wish** List [Humane Society of the Ohio Valley] which was created as a way for supporters to do shopping on-line. The UPS Delivery Trucks certainly know where the HSOV at 90 Mt Tom Road, Marietta OH is located since they are making more frequent deliveries these days We want to remind local residents to patronize local merchants by purchasing items at their businesses. We also have a PayPal account which is a convenient way to make monetary donations, and there is a direct link on our www.hsov.org website.

Our "thank-you notes" would not be complete without thanking our *HSOV Shelter Staff* for their compassionate care of the dogs and cats each and every day. Many of the animals are frightened and cannot understand what they did wrong to end up 'behind bars' which is heartbreaking. Our kennel techs go "above and beyond" providing the basic needs of food, water, and shelter. They truly care for the dogs/cats as if they were their very own. The dogs and cats receive love, nurturing, playtime, and extra TLC/socialization. Our staff members are listed on page two of this newsletter. Please join us in personally thanking them for a job well done ©



"WINTER" GOES TO HER FOREVER HOME

Our Volunteer Coordinator at that time, *Sandra Brightwell*, (who is now the President of the HSOV Board of Directors), decided to take "Winter" home to foster and help with her socialization skills sometime during the month of March 2013 .. thinking that Winter would be a short-term house guest.

Over the next two years, there were a few potential adopters who saw

Winter's photos on petfinder/facebook and inquired about her ... but "Winter" somehow decided she would rather stay with the Brightwell family since she was very attached to the 'man of the house' .. Sandra's husband Ron

©

Most of Sandra's friends assumed that Winter would be a "foster failure" (after all, that's what happened with Tom Sawyer, aka Tommy, and Sheila) ©
And the Brightwells weren't exactly pushing to find "Winter" another home ©

Much to everyone's surprise, there was an adoption application submitted in early March 2015 which seemed like the perfect home for "Winter", and "Winter" seemed to agree when she met her prospective new momma and new aunt on March 15, 2015.

This photo was taken when Winter went home with her new family. She seemed a little reluctant to walk out of the shelter, but once she was outside she seemed quite content to begin the journey to her forever home.

Sandra was a little teary-eyed as she watched Winter leave with her favorite plaid blanket ③ "Winter" had been a big part of Sandra and Ron's life for two years, and her new family promised to keep in touch... They report that "Winter" has adjusted quite happily!





When "Zack" was surrendered to the HSOV on August 13, 2014 and we posted the close-up photo of his gorgeous face, we were certain that this handsome little guy would quickly find a home. But for some reason, "Zack" was destined to spend several seasons with us. There was just something about this little man that tugged at many heartstrings. Our kennel techs and volunteers became very attached to him
We walked "Zack" with beautiful autumn foliage on trees during the Fall, with blustery snow falling on his distinctive auburn coat in the Winter, with green grass emerging in the Spring, and most recently hot humid weather as Summer began.

We knew in our hearts that there was a perfect home waiting for "Zack", and that day arrived on a rainy afternoon when we least expected it

A wonderful gentleman who had adopted a companion from the HSOV nearly ten years ago stopped by and told us that he was

looking for another companion since his beloved dog had passed away. When we introduced him to "Zack", it seemed like the proverbial 'match made in Heaven'

And we were all smiles when Zack's new master completed the adoption application, and "Zack" was GOING HOME

Thanks to HSOV Humane Officer, *Misty Carpenter*, for her photographs that she took as "Zack" was leaving for his new home on June 27, 2015 © *The photo at the beginning of this article was taken the day "Zack" arrived on August 13, 2014, and it seemed as though he was already looking forward to this happy day!*



PUMPKIN ("The Sweetest Boy In Town") ©

"PUMPKIN" was a handsome adult male orange tabby kitty who arrived at the HSOV on August 12, 2014 in a very sad way (3) .. Someone left him outside our garage in a nice padded carrier along with a package of insulin. We naturally assumed he was diabetic, and that was indeed verified by a veterinarian. "Pumpkin" was also neutered and declawed. Our prayers were answered when a compassionate foster mother with a nursing background took "Pumpkin" home to foster two days later. Greta Guimond gave him the extra care that he required for nearly five months, and she dubbed him "The Sweetest Boy In Town" (3) Pumpkin's insulin was regulated and, thanks to a healthy diet, he lost a few extra pounds (which also helped his sugar level). This big boy was the perfect

houseguest, but his foster family had pets of their own and could not offer Pumpkin a permanent home. We posted Pumpkin's picture and story on the *Diabetic Cats In Need* facebook page as well as our own, and he had been on Petfinder since his arrival. Greta lovingly created a beautiful 4-page brochure featuring Pumpkin which was displayed at local veterinarians' offices and at the shelter. We knew the perfect home was waiting for him somewhere, and Greta vowed that Pumpkin would have a home with her family until that day arrived. Pumpkin's story had a happy ending/new beginning on March 12, 2015 when he was adopted by a technician who works at a Marietta, Ohio vet's office © And he is doing great!!

SCOOTER & DAISY

We rejoice when any of our HSOV cats/kittens are adopted, but we celebrate even more when they happen to be senior kitties and/or long-term residents. Two of our more 'senior citizens' found homes recently:

"SCOOTER" was a handsome 13-year old white/buff neutered male kitty who was surrendered by his owner on February 5, 2015. This big guy was so talkative when he first entered our shelter, and it was heartbreaking when he became depressed after two months in a cage and no longer had anything to talk



about ⁽³⁾ We decided to offer him the position of 'official greeter in our small cat room' in hopes that he might strike up conversations with visitors, but we also had an ulterior motive since he would be more visible to potential adopters ⁽³⁾ We'd discovered that "Scooter" preferred to be an 'only child', and we were delighted when he found the ideal home on May 23, 2015. Which gave another shelter kitty "Daisy" her big chance of being interviewed for the 'official greeter' position ⁽³⁾ ⁽³⁾



"DAISY" was a lovely 14-year old white/orange tabby spayed female kitty who was surrendered by her owner on February 6, 2015. She had several younger companions who were adopted quickly, but "Daisy" was overlooked ☺ "Daisy" had a pleasant, gentle personality, and we could imagine her snuggling up to a new master/mistress or enjoying naps in a warm sunny spot. It saddened us to see this older girl in a cage, and on May 28th she was given 'free-roaming' privileges in our small cage room after another senior kitty ("Scooter") was adopted. "Daisy" became the 'official greeter' in that room unless she happened to be napping in her little donut bed ☺ We are happy to write that Miss "Daisy" was adopted on June 16, 2015 and her new mistress dearly loves her (and vice versa!)

HANKY SPANKY TAKES A 'FLIGHT OF FANCY' THANKS TO PILOTS N PAWS 🙂





"Hanky Spanky" was a magnificent 9-year old Pit Bull Terrier mix who was surrendered by his family on March 26, 2015. This handsome older gentleman was a real charmer and quickly became a favorite with our shelter staff and volunteers. He attended several adoption events and though several people fell in love with "Hanky Spanky", nobody would commit to a long-term relationship with him

We took updated photos of "Hanky" in late May 2015 for a slideshow to re-introduce him and show his youthful, fun-loving personality and to let folks know he wasn't just 'another pretty face' ③ Our Canine Rescue Coordinator, *Celeste Ridgway*, posted "Hanky Spanky" to rescue groups asking for their help to find him a good home. A lovely young woman saw his photos/story on one of those posts and contacted Celeste to ask about "Hanky". Beth had to say good-bye to her beloved dog about two years ago, and there was something about "Hanky" that tugged at her heartstrings. After several conversations, Beth

decided that she wanted to adopt this big boy (guess we didn't mention that "Hanky Spanky" weighed 89 lbs.)
However, there was a logistics problem .. Beth lived in St. Louis, Missouri and "Hanky" was in Marietta, Ohio 🕾

Enter our local hero with "wings" .. Dr. John Lee. Many of us feel that John has 'angel wings' in addition to the wings on his airplane © Dr. Lee has flown several HSOV dogs to their new homes thanks to his love of flying (and animals) through his affiliation with "Pilots N Paws".

"Hanky Spanky" left our shelter in style on Saturday, June 13, 2015 as he was driven in his own private limousine (ok, it was the shelter van) where his private aircraft (that part is accurate) was waiting to fly him on the first leg of his journey to his fantastic new home. Several of

> Hanky's fan club were at the Wood County Airport to wish him 'bon voyage'. Pilot Dr. John Lee departed with his precious passenger at 7:30am.

John Lee met the next pilot, Ken Casper (and his wife Kim), in Bloomington IL at 10:30am. They flew "Hanky" on the second leg of the journey and arrived at the St. Louis, MO airport shortly after noon, and Beth was waiting on the tarmac to greet "Hanky" \odot

Beth has sent several photos and updates to Celeste, and we



love seeing "Hank" (his new name) looking so happy, loved, and spoiled. We've shared some of those photos as well as excerpts from Beth's updates... "Hank is an absolute love, just the best dog with the best temperament! Such a sweet old fella. We walk twice a day for almost an

hour total, and I think he'd go even longer if I were up for it. He's settled into his new routine. He's getting spoiled regularly and is my best buddy. I honestly wasn't sure after I lost my Acadia two years ago that I could love another dog the way I loved her – she was my world and losing her was devastating. Although she could never be replaced, Hank certainly is doing an amazing job of opening up my heart to be able to give love to another soul. I love him dearly and will do anything and everything to make sure he knows he is adored to pieces!

Thank you and the team there at **HSOV** so very much for taking such good care of him and believing in him the way that you





did. I really appreciate you, Celeste, for helping me take a leap of faith with this old guy and getting him to St. Louis to join my little family. Thanks to Pilots N Paws too for all their coordination and help – what an amazing organization! It was like Hank was getting rock star treatment, and you were so right – he's absolutely worth it!!"







"DREAMA" was a beautiful adult female kitty who arrived at the HSOV on March 28, 2015 along with her three 2-day old kittens after a Good Samaritan found the family in Marietta, Ohio. Dreama had a cream-colored long smooth coat, a long tail, and a gorgeous face with large green eyes and a pink nose. This lovely mother had a sweet disposition and was a real dollbaby. She looked petite in her shelter photos but actually weighed 9 lbs. When we posted her story, we wrote that we hoped to find a rescue group who would give "Dreama" a loving home environment where she could raise her three babies and be pampered herself. We sent pictures of the family that day to a rescue and begged them to help, and we were thrilled when they said YES ©

But the plot of this story took an unexpected twist before the transport was scheduled to take place... And was surely the reason the transport did not happen immediately.

Three newborn orphaned kittens were found in a dumpster on Pike Street in Marietta, Ohio on the evening of March 31, 2015. Those tiny kittens had been placed in individual plastic bags and left to die a horrible death (a) Fortunately for them, someone heard their tiny meows and called the Washington County (Ohio) Sheriff's Department. Deputy Sheriff/Dog Warden *Kelly McGilton* and HSOV Humane Officer *Misty Carpenter* rescued the kittens and brought them to the shelter late that evening.



The next 'Guardian Angel' who rescued the kittens was the lovely young mother cat named "Dreama" who had arrived at the HSOV on Saturday, March 28th with her three natural-born kittens. When the orphaned kittens were introduced to "Dreama", this beautiful mother cat accepted them without hesitation
And she was the best little momma ever
There was a happy ending/new beginning for "Dreama" and her blended family of six kittens when they were transported on the afternoon of April 3, 2015 to meet the wonderful rescue group (Stay-A-While Cat Shelter) who had initially offered to take Dreama and her three kittens. And they were happy to offer the three orphaned kittens the same hospitality.

This third photo was taken shortly after the little family was transferred to the rescue mini-van and, true to her sweet nature, "*Dreama*" stayed calm, quiet, and in charge of her family. She was multi-tasking while kneading, purring, and nursing her babies.

These last photos were taken in late May 2015. All six of the kittens survived and were nearly ready to find homes of their very own. And sweet "Dreama" (who is now called "Tangie") was even more beautiful $\odot \odot$ We LOVE these fairy-tale endings!









Dreama and Kittens Dreama Dreama Dreama's Kittens

The phrase "Good things come to those who wait" had a special meaning on the afternoon of May 25, 2015 for an HSOV dog named "Bobo" and also his Guardian Angel, Misty Carpenter, (who happens to be the HSOV Humane Officer) ...



When "Bobo" was surrendered by his family on February 28, 2014, none of us imagined that this good-looking Boxer guy would be spending over a year with us before finding the perfect home. "Bobo" needed a little extra TLC and reassurance since he tended to have separation anxiety, and Misty Carpenter quickly became his new best friend and most faithful advocate.



Bobo's personality began to shine, and we discovered that he could be a bit of a clown .. and his 'trademark' became brightly-colored squeak toys (pigs with a distinctive sound). Bobo never went anywhere without his purple pig, and he even carried them outdoors when he was taken for walks ©

As the months went by, "Bobo" began to have quite a following (i.e., fan club) with the shelter staff and volunteers. He made his temporary home in the room off the lobby and was always seen jumping up at the window to see visitors as they walked by. EVERYONE knew Bobo!!

He appeared on WTAP-TV twice as Pet-Of-The-Week and still nobody came to adopt him <u>③</u>

Things suddenly changed on Saturday, May 23, 2015 when a nice family came to the shelter to look at a dog to share their home and lives. After meeting several great dogs, they chose **Bobo** ©

The McCracken Family finalized the adoption paperwork on Monday, May 25th and "Bobo" left that afternoon for his new home ©

Bobo's admirers spent about an hour with him in the lobby giving him good-bye hugs and kisses as he waited for his new family to arrive, and we all shed some tears as we watched Misty and Bobo together. Then we cried happy tears as we watched him leave with the McCracken family.



These photos were taken as "Bobo" left the shelter. We were thrilled to see that his new family was already posting fabulous pictures of Bobo with them in their home that evening, and we often see updates about him on our facebook page. And, yes, he is still carrying his trademark squeaky pig toys in his mouth! Just like the American Express card, he never leaves home without his pig toy ©





HSOV DOGS AND KITTIES ARE BECOMING 'SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES'





Perhaps you've noticed some great-looking dogs lately when you've attended social events in the Marietta-Parkersburg area and wondered

where on earth so many beautiful, well-behaved dogs would have come from © Thanks to our wonderful team of HSOV volunteers, our dogs (and sometimes our kitties) have been enjoying social outings away from the shelter so that they may be introduced to potential new families (either by adoption or fostering).



Each dog is accompanied by his/her "date" for the event, and they love the one-on-one attention in addition to socializing with other shelter dogs and new people they meet. The dogs seem to sense that they are celebrities during the

outings, and we often see "selfie" photos of them in volunteer's cars when they are being driven to/from events © And they have become tremendous "good-will ambassadors" for the HSOV.



Many of our dogs and cats attended the Earth Day Event at the Armory in Marietta, Ohio in April 2015 with their volunteer companions. And many have also been taken to Adoptathons at various locations in the area including Belpre Heights United Methodist Church (Dog Days of May), Fruth Pharmacy, Rural King, Tractor Supply, WeLovPets, and The Workingman's Store.



During the summer months, a special 'treat' for the dogs has been an evening out in beautiful downtown Marietta for the Merchants & Artists Walking Tour on one Friday night each month. We've heard so many nice compliments about how well-mannered the HSOV dogs are, and that makes us very proud ©

A few of our volunteers take dogs to visit schools, senior centers, and nursing homes on a regular basis, and we've found that this is good 'therapy' for all involved ©



We also have daily social outings at the shelter and welcome volunteers to join in walking dogs and/ or treating them to some playtime activities in our outdoor meet-and-greet yards. Several volunteers prefer to give the shelter cats and kittens some extra TLC and socialize with them which they LOVE. We also have an indoor meet-and-greet room where you can treat cats to some out-of-cage time.



We welcome new volunteers (and there are plenty of other ways to help the HSOV in addition to walking/socializing dogs/cats). Our volunteer application is available at the shelter or on our website (www.hsov.org). After you complete the form, 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. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Amber DeLong, would love to hear from you and can usually schedule orientation meetings at your convenience.

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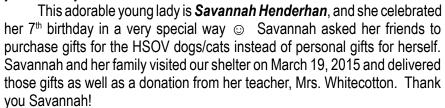
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MAIYA

Danica is a delightful 5-year old who held her very own fundraiser for the HSOV by placing a donation box at her grandmother's business establishment and collected cash to help the animals in our shelter. Danica created a poster with her artwork which was placed on the box. She and her parents visited us on February 26, 2015 to present the donation and much to our delight, they decided to adopt a shelter kitty ("Maddie" who was a 3-year old tabby cat with jade green eyes.) Thank you Danica!!

Kamberlee Wilson's 15th Birthday was full of surprises. Her mother asked if she would mind helping her at work that day (and being such a good daughter, of course she agreed). It turned out that Kamberlee was actually being treated to a SURPRISE Birthday Party ⊚ And since Kamberlee loves animals, she received great gifts for our shelter dogs and cats. Kamberlee visited the HSOV on March 16, 2015 and delivered her 'presents' and there was literally something for everyone ⊚ ⊚ Thank you Kamberlee for sharing your birthday with the HSOV animals!



This beautiful young lady is **Savannah Offenberger** from Newport, Ohio. She celebrated her 9th birthday by asking her friends to purchase gifts for HSOV dogs/cats. Savannah and her mother visited our shelter on April 6, 2015 and delivered many nice presents. There was something for each dog and cat to enjoy (food, toys, litter) and a monetary donation as well. Savannah was very charming and had the nicest smile for everyone. She toured the shelter and gave each and every animal in the shelter a personal greeting © Thank you Savannah for sharing your special day with the HSOV animals © ©

This handsome young man is *Jackson Moore*, and he celebrated his 4th birthday with a "Puppy Rescue Party". Jackson's family and friends brought gifts for the HSOV dogs/cats, and Jackson delivered his gifts in a spiffy Radio Flyer Red Wagon which was very unique! This special 4-year old wants to be a Puppy Rescuer when he grows up ⊚ Jackson's proud mother, Beth Anne Moore, drove Jackson to the HSOV on April 12, 2015 so that he could deliver his birthday gifts.

Kingston McMahon celebrated his 6th birthday in a very special way © This handsome young man asked his friends/family to buy gifts for the HSOV animals rather than himself. Kingston and his mother delivered a carload of donations to our shelter on April 23, 2015. Shelter Manager, Scott Little, and long-term resident "Bobo" accepted the donations on behalf of the shelter.

Maiya Fenton is a beautiful young lady who celebrated her 10th birthday and her love of animals on the same day ⊚ Maiya requested that her friends and family purchase gifts that the HSOV animals would enjoy. She and her family delivered food, treats, and toys for the shelter animals along with a generous cash donation on May 2, 2015. Maiya resides in Williamstown, WV. Thank you Maiya Fenton ⊚ ⊚



KAMBERLEE



SAVANNAH O.



KINGSTON

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The Peckens family held a unique birthday party at the HSOV on May 9, 2015 to celebrate David's 5th birthday. Tables and decorations were set up beneath a shade tree and, per David's request, all of the guests brought gifts for the shelter animals. After refreshments were served, HSOV Shelter Manager, Scott Little, took everyone on a guided tour to meet the shelter animals. Thanks to the Peckens Family and David for all of the wonderful dog/cat food, treats, kitty litter, and toys!



BARLOW STUDENTS

Students from the Barlow-Vincent (Ohio) Elementary **School** and their advisor/

teacher, Leigh Husted, visted the HSOV on May 21, 2015. These delightful young ladies were given a tour of the shelter by HSOV Kennel Tech, Brittany Daugherty. Two of our shelter ambassadors (Bailey/cat and Bobo/dog) were on hand to thank the students for all of the fantastic food, treats, and donations they brought for the shelter dogs and cats. Thank you Barlow-

Vincent Elementary School students ©



ROCK N PAWS

Thank you Rock N Paws & Friends for collecting donations and supplies for the HSOV and the HSOP during your Third Annual Rock N Paws Pageant which was held on June 20, 2015. Our shelter appreciates all that you do for both of the humane societies in our local area. Shelter Manager, Scott Little, was presented with a carload of donations in addition to a \$180 check. What an amazing (and talented) group of young ladies ©



CHELSEA

This lovely young lady is *Chelsea*. She celebrated her birthday recently and decided to do something extraordinary

with the money she received as gifts. Chelsea spent her birthday money to purchase some really neat gifts for the HSOV cats and dogs © She and her family visited our shelter on June 27, 2015 and delivered food, treats, and toys. And Chelsea also spent some quality time giving

the HSOV cats and kittens some extra attention © © Thank you Chelsea!!!

We had a special VIP visitor at the HSOV on the afternoon of July 2, 2015 © **Toby Bigelow** had celebrated his 9th birthday on June 29, 2015 and one of his birthday wishes was to spend an

afternoon in our shelter to enjoy some quality time with our dogs and cats. Toby also had another request .. that his mother (Tabatha Bigelow) stop at WalMart en-route to the shelter so that he could purchase treats and toys for the HSOV animals with his birthday money. HSOV Shelter Manager, Scott Little, gave Toby the VIP Tour and introduced Toby to some of our most playful dogs in our meet-and-greet play yards. This young man has a fantastic pitching arm, and one of Toby's favorite dogs that day ("Zena")



TOBY

had a blast running to fetch her favorite white squeaky pig toy that Toby was able to throw to the furthest spot in the play yard. Thank you Toby for spending time with us as part of your birthday wish
We loved seeing you. The dogs (and kitties) felt very loved and spoiled by you!!



STELLA & JULIANA

Two beautiful young ladies (Stella and Juliana) celebrated their birthdays recently in a very special way. They had a traditional birthday party with cake/ice cream but asked for un-traditional gifts © These lovely sisters asked that their friends/family bring gifts for the HSOV dogs and cats instead of personal gifts for themselves. **Stella** (who celebrated her 3rd birthday) is pictured on the left. Her older sister, *Juliana*, (pictured on the right) celebrated her 5th birthday. Their proud parents brought Stella and Juliana to visit our shelter on July 15th, and the girls enjoyed touring

HSOV FOSTER PROGRAM

Fostering is an important way of helping shelter dogs and cats, and foster moms (and dads) are always needed. This doesn't necessarily have to be a long-term commitment on your part. There are several reasons why a dog/cat might need a temporary home. Many times we just need a short-term place for a dog or cat awaiting transport. Pregnant/nursing mothers or dogs/cats who aren't adapting to shelter life appreciate and benefit from the hospitality of a real home environment. A spare bedroom or bathroom usually provides the perfect accommodation (especially for cats). If you would like to provide a temporary home for an HSOV dog or cat, we encourage you to contact one of our Foster Program Committee members: Teresa Cunningham (abbie9@suddenlink.net) or Debbie Ryder (dkr 26105@yahoo.com) You will be required to complete a Foster Application Form (available at the shelter and www.hsov.org website) and submit for approval. The HSOV provides food, necessary supplies, and medical care if needed. You provide the love and attention ©

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH THE RECENT INTAKE OF 54 DOGS....

THANK YOU to all of our "first responders" who brought dog food, bleach, and Odo-Ban to the shelter in response to the plea that we posted on July 20th for help with the unexpected intake of 54 dogs who needed urgent care. Many individuals stopped by to drop off supplies and monetary donations or have since mailed/donated funds through PayPal. We were very appreciative of the bags of Purina Little Bites and bleach that the Humane Society of Parkersburg donated in our time of need.

And THANK YOU to our wonderful kennel techs and volunteers who spent hundreds of hours helping in so many ways. All of the incoming dogs were given vaccinations, wormer, and baths. And they each had nice soft blankets, clean water, and good food within hours of their arrival.

We want to extend a special THANKS to Dr. Roberta Haught and her staff for spending countless hours giving medical attention to the new dogs and assessing their physical condition.

And also to the **Red Rover Responders** under the guidance of their Emergency Services Manager, **Beth Gammie**, who spent a week giving us extra assistance. The PetSmart Charities donated many needed items including dog crates/carriers, food, and toys. Thanks to HSOV Board of Directors President, Sandra Brightwell and her husband, Ron, for making the trip to Grove City, Ohio to pick up those donations.

At the time of publication, most of these 54 dogs (and several puppies who were born in the shelter after mothers-to-be gave birth) remain in our shelter so we continue to need your support.

HSOV PAWS WALK: "WAGS & WHISKERS"

will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at East Muskingum Park, Front Street, Marietta, Ohio.

Schedule of Events:

9:00am Registration/Continental Breakfast 9:50am Blessing of the Animals 10:00am Parade Your Paws

CONTESTS & PRIZES 11:30am

- **Best-Dressed**
- Pet Owner Look-Alike
- **Cutest Dog**
- "A Face Only A Momma Could Love"

Parade of Shelter Pets Noon 1:00pm **Paws Walk Concludes**



\$10.00 minimum Walk Your Pet

\$25.00 or more Become Eligible for a Prize \$50.00 or more Receive an HSOV T-Shirt Most \$\$ raised Special one-of-a-kind Prize

Brochures/registration forms will soon be available at the shelter and other locations. Vendors and/or sponsors may contact Teresa Cunningham (abbie9@suddenlink.net) or Linda Pettit (director@hsov.org) for additional information.

Tax-deductible cash donations

- · Sam's Club & Wal-Mart gift cards
- · Gasoline debit cards
- Purina dog/cat chow
- Purina puppy/kitten chow
- · Canned/wet dog/cat food
- Stainless steel food/water bowls
- Kitty litter (non-clumping)
- 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

Pet shampoo

- Small rugs or carpet squares
- · Flea/tick medication
- · Laundry detergent

WISH LIST

- 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
- Inkiet and copier paper
- · Aluminum cans (for recycling) · Hot dogs/spray cheese (for meds)





The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley (Marietta OH)

is now enrolled in the KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM, and this is a way that you can help the HSOV by simply using your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card.

You must have a Kroger Plus card (available at the customer service desk at any Kroger location).

Then you simply register online at

www.krogercommunityrewards.com following instructions on the site:

Click on Sign In/Register (new online customers must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer" Box.

Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions.

You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.

Click on My Account and use your email address and input your Kroger Plus card number.

Update or confirm your information.

Enter NPO number 93001 or the name "Humane Society of the Ohio Valley", select organization from list and click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see the name of our shelter on the right side of your information page.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count for the HSOV until after you register your Kroger Plus Card.

You must swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card when shopping for each purchase to count.

The HSOV is given a percentage of sales purchased by registered card holders. To date we have received a total of \$2,727.64 (for the period December 2014-May 2015)!!

Current HSOV Adoption Fees

DOGS/PUPPIES:

Adoption fee for dogs/puppies is \$125 [Includes vaccinations, wormer, dog tag, and spay/neuter]

Heartworm testing is available for an additional \$30 charge.

CATS/KITTENS:

Adoption fee for cats/kittens is \$20 [Includes vaccinations, wormer, and flea treatment]

Adopter receives a \$20 voucher for spay/neuter which is honored by area veterinarians if the cat/kitten is not already spayed/neutered. **

Combo testing for feline leukemia, FIV, and heartworm is available for an additional \$25 charge.

** Thanks to Friends of Feline Fund the majority of HSOV cats are already spayed/neutered.

VETERINARY ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE THROUGH



The Humane Society of the Ohio Valley is now able to provide limited financial assistance for veterinary care to qualified pet owners in Washington county, Ohio. Funds cannot be given for spay or neuter, but can be given for other needed vet care, routine or emergency.

To qualify for assistance, you must complete a form and submit it to the Humane Society for review. Forms are available from your veterinarian, at the Humane Society, or on the Humane Society's website: www.HSOV.org

Since funds are limited, veterinary assistance will be dispersed on a first come, first served basis to those who met strict financial guidelines. We require that your veterinarian examine your pet so that you know what veterinarian care is needed. Veterinary assistance given will be paid directly to the veterinarian who provides care for your pet.

For more information please call us at 740.373.5959

The **HSOV** is offering now а microchipping service for dogs and cats at a very reasonable cost.. \$20 for the microchip and no registration fee. This is a wonderful way to ensure that best pet has the



chance of being reunited with you in the event that he/she is lost. All veterinarians and animal shelters (including HSOV) have microchip scanners and can locate owners of microchipped dogs and cats. This is especially helpful if dog tags/collars are missing and wonderful for cats since they tend to wear breakaway collars for their safety.

This microchipping service is available to all pet owners and is not limited to HSOV animal adopters. No appointment is necessary and is available during normal shelter hours of operation (Monday-Friday from noon-5pm; Saturday 10am-4pm), but you should call beforehand (740.373.5959) to make sure that our shelter manager, Scott Little, is in the shelter that day before bringing your pets.

All of our dogs/cats who are available for adoption are pictured with descriptions on www.petfinder.com (enter Marietta OH zipcode '45750') and also on our main HSOV Facebook page (search for Humane Society of the Ohio Valley and 'like' our page). Photo albums are included for HSOV DOGS and HSOV CATS (and also ADOPTED/RESCUED ALBUMS)

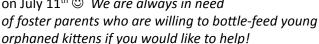


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CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF "BISCOTTI" 🗖

90 Mt. Tom Road Marietta OH 45750

> "Biscotti" came to the HSOV on May 14, 2015 when he was just one-week old. One of our first-time foster mothers saved his life by bottlefeeding him and gave him the extra TLC he needed to become a healthy, happy kitten. "Biscotti" was adopted on July 11th © We are always in need



We celebrate Biscotti's new home and the 349 HSOV kitties who were adopted/rescued from January-June 2015 © ©



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