

Humane Society ciety OF THE OHIO VALLEY

July News 2011

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Hours of Operation:

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

SHELTER STATISTICS

January - June 2011

Incoming Dogs/Puppies:

Owner Surrender	364
Stray Surrender	224
County Dog Warden	60
Humane Officer	199

Outgoing Dogs/Puppies:

Adopted	281
Owner Reclaimed	84
Rescue Transfers	340
Euthanized.....	44
DOA/Died in Shelter	13

Incoming Cats/Kittens:

Owner Surrender	475
Stray Surrender	407
Humane Officer	52

Outgoing Cats/Kittens:

Adopted	258
Owner Reclaimed	4
Rescue Transfers	144
Euthanized.....	299
DOA/Died in Shelter	19

🐾 THE LEGEND OF GREYSTOKE 🐾

"Greystoke" was a one-year old male kitty who arrived at the HSOV on April 30, 2011. This handsome boy had a charcoal grey coat with a white chest and a round face with gorgeous green/gold eyes. He was residing in our Jungle Room when he was photographed (with the big cat mural in the background) for our website/facebook pages, so the name "Greystoke" was given to him to denote his coloring and a tongue-in-cheek reference to Lord Greystoke of 'Tarzan' fame ☺



"Greystoke" had a calm, quiet personality and was just a wonderful cat. But his fate seemed pretty dismal when he was placed on the URGENT list on May 26th. "Greystoke" would most likely be euthanized simply because too many cats and kittens were being surrendered to the shelter, and sadly, there was not space for all of them. So it seemed that "Greystoke" would have to give up his cage and his life to make room for another cat. Little did we realize that a

special lady by the name of Margaret Curtis had been captivated by Greystoke's handsome face when she saw him on Facebook/PetPardons. Margaret was put in contact with our Feline Rescue Coordinator, and she completed an adoption application for "Greystoke" on May 31st. Then we were faced with the dilemma of finding a way to get "Greystoke" to WINNIE, TEXAS!

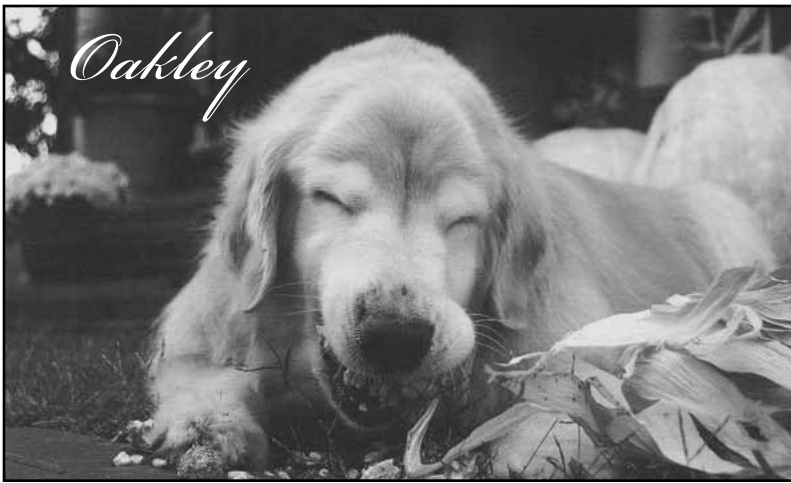
Several suggestions were made (contacting trucking organizations for anyone driving to the Houston area; asking for anyone flying to Houston if they could take a cat as baggage beneath their seat; or long-distance transports with several drivers; etc.)



Margaret and her future daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, decided to take a road trip to Marietta Ohio and transport "Greystoke" back home themselves. He stayed at the shelter for another two weeks and then spent a week being boarded at Colegate Woods Veterinary Hospital while he awaited his private limousine service to the State of Texas.

This photo was taken on June 21st just before "Greystoke" left the HSOV for his new home in Winnie, Texas. We wish that everyone could have been there to see the beautiful smile on Margaret's face when she saw "Greystoke" in person for the very first time. She is a Guardian Angel who made a monumental effort to save one special cat. They were back in Texas on June 23rd, and "Greystoke" already had an appointment to be neutered the very next day.

"Greystoke" is surely a legend in his own time, and he has the distinction of holding the record for the longest-distance adoption/pickup for any cat in our shelter history!



A DOG'S LAST WILL

When human beings die
They write their testament
To leave their home
And all they have
To those they love

If I could write

To a poor, desperate lonely stray
I'd give my happy home
My bowl and my cozy bed
My soft pillow and my toys
The so loved lap
The tenderly stroking hand
The lovely voice
The place I had in someone's heart
The love, that at last
Helped me to find a peaceful end
Held firmly in a sheltering embrace

When I die, please don't say
"I will never have a pet again,
The loss is far too much to stand"
Choose a lonely, unloved dog
And give him MY place
This is my inheritance
The love I leave behind
Is all I am able to give

Submitted by Jane Snell
(HSOV Board of Directors)
In Memory of "Oakley"

Editor's Note: Two shelter dogs (Gentry and Abi) have found a wonderful home with Janie since Oakley's passing, and her spirit and memory lives on through them. This would surely have been Oakley's wish.

SHELTER STAFF

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

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Volunteer Coordinator - Natalie Snyder

Website - Rick Farley, Chad Skinner

Website / Pet Photographer - Sharon Paul



HSOV PAWS WALK (2nd Annual Ashlee Scott Memorial Paws Walk)

(Saturday, September 17, 2011 – 9:00am)

East Muskingum Park, Front Street, Marietta, Ohio. This is one of our most popular events and is a great opportunity for folks to walk their dogs in beautiful downtown Marietta in support of the HSOV. There will be a continental breakfast (compliments of Tim Horton's), raffle items, door prizes, and music provided by Jack and Sheila with V96.9. A donation of \$10 is requested to register your dog to walk in the parade. Last year we had one brave kitty who participated by riding in her stroller, so please know that this event is not limited to dogs. Several shelter dogs will be attending this event to "walk their paws" and will be introduced to potential adopters. This is always a highlight of their day and some fortunate ones have found homes at previous Paws Walks. For additional information or questions, please contact Juanita Becker @ 740.373.9503.

Humane Society of the Ohio Valley



~ Saturday, July 30, 2011 ~



Start - VFW Post 5108 (Pike St. Marietta, OH)

End - The Beachcomber (Williamstown, WV)

First Bike Out - 11:00 am

Last Bike Out - 1:00 pm

Last Bike In - 5:00 pm

\$10 person (Includes Hog Roast)

Hog Roast at the last stop (The Beachcomber)

\$10 for non-participants of the Poker Run

Music - Door Prizes - 50/50

In case of rain, Hog Roast will still be held at 5:00 pm

If you can't make the run come to the hog roast, all vehicles welcome.

Tickets can be purchased at: Norwood Tavern - The Beachcomber - HSOV Animal Shelter



Raffle Prizes Include:

Grand Prize - Hand Crafted Liquor Wagon

(includes 20 bottles of liquor & 4 cases of beer)

1st Prize - DeWalt 36v Tool Kit/Includes 7-1/4" Circular Saw, Hammerdrill Reciprocating Saw, Floodlight (value \$1,200)

2nd Prize - T/C 50 Caliber Muzzlerloader/Inline or \$300.00 cash

3rd Prize - 4 Tires - Skinner Tire, Beverly, OH (value \$200.00)

4th Prize - \$100.00 Gas Card and **5th Prize** - Ladies Gold Fossil Watch (value \$70.00)

All Proceeds benefit the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley Medical & Building Fund or General Fund c/o The Marietta Community Foundation

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HSOV EVENTS AND FUNDRAISERS - 2011

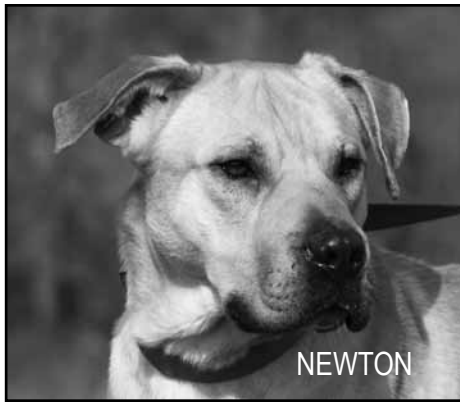
Saturday, July 30	Poker Run
Sunday, July 31	Dog Wash @ Shelter 3:00-8:00 pm
Tuesday, August 2	Board Meeting
Saturday, September 3	Washington County Fair Parade
September 3-5	Washington County Fair
Tuesday, September 6	Board Meeting
September 9-11	Sternwheel Festival
Saturday, September 17	Paws Walk
September 24	Music Festival @ Marietta Brewery
September (TBA)	Dog/Car Wash @ Applebees
October (TBA)	Blessing of the Shelter Animals
Tuesday, October 4	Board Meeting
Saturday, October 8	Thrown Down for the Pound IV
Tuesday, November 1	Board Meeting
November (TBA)	Pet Photos with Santa
Saturday, November 26	Christmas Parade
Tuesday, December 6	Board Meeting (Election of Board Members)
Saturday, December 10	Christmas Open House @ Shelter



WISH LIST

- Tax-deductible cash donations
- Sam's Club & Wal-Mart gift cards
- Gasoline debit cards
- Dog/cat food (canned & dry)
- Puppy/kitten food (canned & dry)
- Stainless steel food/water bowls
- Kitty litter
- Litter pans & scoops
- 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

WRITING OUR 'THANK YOU' NOTES



Kelly Schubert wishes to acknowledge and thank several individuals who made donations to help a special dog named "Newton" receive medical treatment and surgery to correct an eye problem. "Newton" was a handsome Yellow Lab/Mastiff mix who was rescued from a flooded shelter in Morrow County, Ohio and brought to the HSOV on March 7th. "Newton" underwent surgery on March 21st and was adopted by a family from Columbus, Ohio on March 29th. Kelly's friends and co-workers at the **Washington County Sheriff's Office** and the **Washington County Common Pleas Court** made this happy ending possible through their donations: Michelle Alloway, Iris Anderson, Debbie Anthony, Deputy Craig Brockmeier, Allison Cauthorn, Karen Doan, Atty. Ray Dugger, Linda Farley, Lt. Pat Gherke, Barb Hall, Cheryl Hall, Sandy Hall, Sheriff Mincks, Atty. Kevin Rings, Jim Schneider, Deputy Scott Smeeks, Sgt. Dana Spencer, Roger Turner, and Maj. Mark Warden. Editor's Note: Kelly Schubert also made a donation.

We wish to thank **Lisa Merrow** and her committee for organizing the **8th Annual Fur Ball** which was held on February 26, 2011. This is one of our largest fundraisers, and Lisa reported that this year's event raised \$13,400 for the shelter which will be used for general operations and medical treatment for our animals. A portion was also contributed to the new building fund. The committee members who worked so diligently to make this Fur Ball such a huge success are: Jim Baldinger, Juanita Becker, Rhonda Deem, Becky Johnston, Carol Lindamood, Carol McKittrick, Jeff Meeks, Candy Nelson, Tammy Nichols, Jane Snell, Mickey Stevens, Barb Stone, and Chairman Lisa Merrow. Please know that the many hours you spent making this happen are greatly appreciated by everyone, especially the shelter animals!

A big round of applause for **Adam Johnson** (WeLuvPets) for organizing the fundraiser "**Throw Down (Hoe Down) For The Pound III**" which was held at Marietta Middle School on April 2, 2011. Nearly 600 people were in attendance for this fun-filled evening, and we were thrilled to learn that the event netted over \$7,000 which was donated to the HSOV. Thanks to everyone who helped make this fundraiser such a huge success, including Buddy McKittrick, a crowd-pleasing St. Bernard and former HSOV shelter dog with a magnetic personality ☺

Carol McKittrick would like to thank her friends and co-workers at the **Marietta Municipal Court** for the donations they made to the Humane Society of the Ohio Valley in recognition of her years of service there and her retirement on May 31st, 2011. Everyone knew how much the HSOV meant to Carol, so instead of purchasing a gold watch or other personal gift, they decided to give her something that they knew she would treasure – a gift for the animals at the shelter. What a thoughtful way to honor a special lady!

Thank you to **Jennifer Deem** for sponsoring a Kickboxing Class at **Marietta Boot Camp** to benefit the HSOV on June 22, 2011. Jennifer donated all of the proceeds from this fun class to the HSOV and also collected supplies for the shelter animals and delivered them the following day. Thank you Jennifer ☺

Thanks to **Cheryl Hall** and **Kelly Schubert** for organizing dog wash fundraisers on March 27th and July 3rd for the benefit of the HSOV and the newly-created Friends of Feline (spay/neuter) Fund. Thanks to everyone who has supported these fundraisers and also to **Lynne Sturtevant** for being the "hostess with the mostest" as she greets the 'spa guests' and their owners ☺

Donation collection events for shelter animals were organized in two areas of Washington County recently and several carloads of supplies were delivered to the HSOV. Thanks to **Tracy Cochran Reifer** and **Carol Evans Danver** for collecting donations in New Matamoras/ Newport and to **Sharon Davidson** and **Terri Taylor** for collecting donations in Belpre! What a wonderful idea you ladies had ☺

Happy Endings For Some Of Our "Senior Citizens"



"Maggie" was a lovely 9-year old Shepherd mix who was surrendered by her tearful owner on February 15, 2011 because she could no longer take care of her beloved pet. "Maggie" was an absolute dollbaby and perfect in every way until you noticed a large tumor on her hind paw. In many shelters, this would have been the end for an older dog with a medical problem. Instead, "Maggie" found herself in our nicest accommodation (the nursery room) being pampered and quickly had her photos on our website with a plea for donations to help with her surgery. It was heartwarming to know that so many people wanted to help this older girl. She underwent surgery on February 16th and came through with flying colors. The veterinarian had to remove one toe in order to cut the mass away, but Maggie remained the perfect lady and would start wagging her tail whenever anyone made eye contact with her. Maggie was fortunate when a special lady fell in love with her and adopted her on February 25, 2011 ☺

"Midnight" was a sweet 13-year old Labrador Retriever/Rottweiler mix who was surrendered by her owners on April 4, 2011 because they could no longer care for her. She was a lovely senior citizen with a quiet, easygoing disposition. "Midnight" touched the hearts of many people, yet nobody was willing to commit to an older girl who had some aches and pains that come with the privilege of growing old. She had arthritis in her joints and was on a daily aspirin regimen, and someone faithfully donated a supply of aspirin for her. "Midnight" weighed 107 lbs., but was a gentle soul. Sadly, she was placed on the URGENT list on May 26th which broke several hearts. Many people wanted to help her but couldn't adopt her themselves. Then a wonderful rescue group in Pennsylvania sent a message that was music to our ears - "We will take Midnight". She made the journey to her new home on June 5, 2011 ☺



"Princess Minnie" was a sweet 11-year old Miniature Pinscher/Dachshund mix who was surrendered by her owner on February 17, 2011 because they could no longer care for her. This little princess was obviously a senior citizen and literally melted your heart when she looked up at you with cloudy, hopeful eyes. She was a full-figured girl who weighed 27 lbs. and struggled with walking. Yet she enjoyed sitting in the sunshine and sniffing the fresh air during her photo session. She appeared to be housebroken but also appeared to be incontinent. We were thrilled when two of our faithful volunteers (Rusty and Rita) said that they would like to give "Princess Minnie" a quiet home where she could spend her golden years in comfort. On February 21st, this little princess left the shelter for her new home.

She is still treated like a princess but has a special new name these days - "Trinettah". Her family brought her to the HSOV for a visit recently, so we were happy to get some updated photos that day. "Trinettah" had lost some weight and was wearing her best yellow-and-white sundress while she posed among the yellow daylilies ☺

"Waffles" was a 13-year old male Rottweiler mix who was surrendered by his owner on June 3, 2011. This sweet senior citizen had the most trusting eyes and always had a 'smile' on his face. "Waffles" had a gentle, calm disposition and was just the most lovable dog around. We had hoped that a compassionate person might want to give him a comfortable place to live out his golden years, and our dreams came true when a wonderful rescue lady contacted us and said she would like to take Waffles into her home. He left the shelter on June 26th and is happily living in Pittsburgh ☺ His new owner is taking him to her office every day, and he is accompanying her as a goodwill ambassador!



An Interview With Some Shelter Cats

(as told to Sharon Paul)

In the last newsletter, I interviewed a special little dog named "Clifford" and told his story of what it was like to be a dog in our shelter. Since I like to give equal coverage to our shelter cats, I decided to interview a cat or kitten and ask them to tell their personal story for the current newsletter. This proved to be a more difficult choice, so I've chosen five cats with different backgrounds for this feature story and let them be the narrators to speak on behalf of the 75-100 cats who are normally at the shelter or in foster care on any given day.

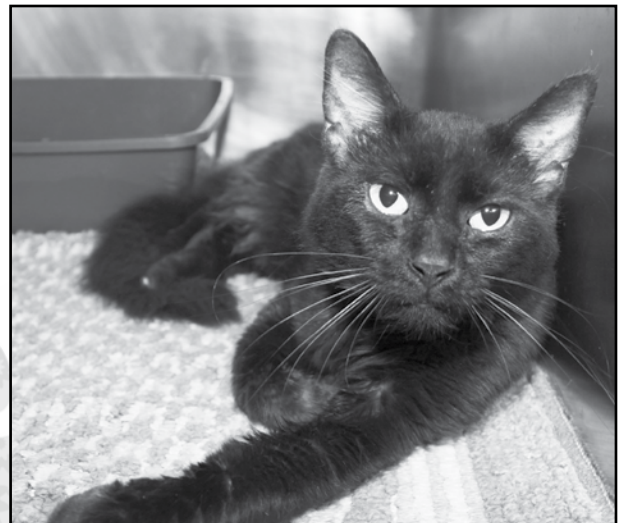
Their stories each begin when they are carried through the doors of the Receiving Room at the shelter. Some are transported in fancy carriers (those are always the ones being surrendered by their owner) while others arrive in dog crates, wire cages, or cardboard boxes. And then there are the terrified ones who have been trapped. I always feel sorry for the trapped ones. Sometimes they are feral but quite often are family pets who have been trapped because they were disturbing someone. Surrender forms are completed and the shelter staff gets as much information about the new arrivals as they can so that kennel cards can be prepared with unique id numbers for everyone. Then the staff must determine where (and sometimes if) cages are available. Unless a cat is an owner surrender and up-to-date on shots, most new arrivals remain in the Receiving Area or the Holding #1 area to assess their health and behavior before placing them in public areas of the shelter for adoption. Cats and kittens who can be adopted immediately are transferred to cat towers in our lobby or to The Jungle Room where there are approximately 20 small cages.



"Saturn" – I was 8 weeks old when my owner took me and my three siblings for a car ride and brought us here on June 20th. We were pretty young and didn't understand why we were taken from our mother. We never saw her again. But the folks here made us feel welcome and kept us together in a small cage with a soft blanket, plenty of kitten chow, clean water, and TOYS! We were in a large room with many other caged cats/kittens which is called The Jungle Room because of the large jungle-themed mural on the wall. The shelter staff and volunteers played with us a lot and said we were awfully cute. Within a day or so, we had our photographs taken so that people could see us on the internet and want to adopt us. Our owner had not given us names, so the lady who took our pictures named us "Audi, Lexus, Mercedes, and Saturn" (which we thought was pretty funny). We spent our days romping and playing with each other and snuggling together for naps. Those care-free days ended

abruptly for me on June 27th when my siblings were each adopted, and I was suddenly left alone. I couldn't understand why nobody wanted to take me home with them. It was pretty lonely in that small cage (which now seemed pretty large), and I didn't have the heart to play with my toys anymore. Then on July 1st, the shelter staff introduced me to another kitten and said if we liked each other we could stay together. We became instant friends, and I learned that she was an orphan and the only surviving member of her family. She had her photographs taken and was named "Survivor" for obvious reasons. We are still sharing that same cage and also sharing the dream that someone will want to adopt us.

"Ebony" – Though my kennel card states that I was picked up as a stray in Lowell, Ohio on June 7th, I know that I really did have a home and someone who loved me at one time. What I can't understand is why they didn't come looking for me. Maybe they don't realize that I am 'behind bars' these days and sitting in a small cage in The Jungle Room. When the lady took my picture and gave me the name "Ebony" (because of my jet black velvety coat), I knew that wasn't my real name but it was a good one just the same. I was flattered when I heard that I was chosen to be interviewed for the newsletter and thought maybe someone would read about me and want to give me another home. I've been told that I am quite handsome and once in awhile I see my reflection in the stainless steel sides of my cage and hope that is true. I'm extremely friendly and a real pushover for attention, so I always rush to the front of my cage when there are visitors in The Jungle Room and push my cute paws through the bars with a 'come hither' look on my face. Some nice ladies decided that my chances of being adopted would be greater if I were neutered so they took me and several other shelter cats on a bus trip on June 23rd to a clinic where I was neutered and also received rabies vaccine. My adoption fee is now just \$5, and I am hoping that someone will want to adopt me. I'm just one-year old and though I still feel like a kitten, it's difficult to compete with those cute younger ones.





“Hannah” – My story is quite similar to many other young mother cats in the shelter, so perhaps I can be the spokes-kitty for them as well. I remember the day I was brought to the HSOV with my four young kittens on April 11th. I had two cute boys and two beautiful girls, and I couldn’t understand why some people said they probably wouldn’t have much of a chance to be adopted simply because three of them were black kittens. I have a gray/black coat myself, so they must have resembled their father (who I’ve actually blocked out of my mind). I raised my babies and was the best mother I could be. They were healthy happy kittens who were ready to go to their own homes and leave their mother when I was spayed on April 21st. That morning was the last time I saw my babies since it was felt in my best interests to put me in a separate cage while I recuperated from my surgery. I asked the lady who was interviewing me if she knew anything about them, and I meowed and cried tears of joy when she told me that my two little girls (Henrietta and Hillary) were adopted by families in Marietta, Ohio. And I could hardly believe my ears when I learned that my two boys (Henry and Herman) actually

found homes in Pittsburgh. But back to my story. I spent most of my time at the shelter in a large cat tower that I shared with my kittens. It was located in the hallway near the lobby so I never really knew of the residents in The Jungle Room. One memory that stands out is that I would see volunteers walking the dogs past our cat tower, and I was somewhat envious because the dogs had so much more freedom than the shelter cats. Most of the dogs were friendly except for the occasional “rebel rouser”. I’d like to tell you a little bit about myself in case there might be someone reading my interview who needs a ‘new best friend’ and to tell them that I’m available. The shelter staff says I’m about 2-years old, and that I am a beautiful gray/black spotted tabby. I have a calm, gentle disposition and am quite friendly. I am currently in a wonderful foster home where I am enjoying my freedom, even though it is just temporary until I find a permanent home of my own. My foster mother, Natalie, says I am just the purrfect companion. As I mentioned, I have already been spayed and I have also been combo tested for feline leukemia and FIV (I’m negative for both of those!) I can have my suitcase packed within minutes if someone would like to adopt me.

“Stringer” – My claim to fame is that I have the distinction of being publicized as “The Cat Who Was Saved By A Knight in Shining Armour”. Let me explain. I was actually rescued by Butch Morris, who is the Humane Officer here at the HSOV, and he told a heartbreaking story about the circumstances in which I was found. Someone had placed a piece of string around my neck and left me tied up on a creek bank in Washington County. Butch said that I would surely have perished and died a horrible death had I not been discovered, so the lady who took my photographs dubbed Butch as my knight in shining armour. He gave me my name “Stringer” and even kept the piece of string as a reminder of my story. I am a 2-year old male orange tabby cat with a white bib under my chin, white paws, and a handsome face. I have a quiet personality and everyone says that I deserve a good home where I can be loved and pampered.



“Queenie” - I made my debut at the HSOV on June 3rd when I was surrendered as a stray. The lady who interviewed me said that word “stray” made her very sad every time she read it on a kennel card. I actually recognized her since she was the person



who took my glamour photos shortly after I arrived and made me feel special that day as I posed for the camera. I pretended that I was a “rich and famous” cat who was modeling for the Summer 2011 issue of Cat Fancy Magazine, and I certainly wasn’t a stray homeless kitty. I tried to look as regal and as fancy as I could, and I was flattered when I saw the name “Queenie” being written on the very top line of my kennel card. I spent the first two weeks in Holding #1 in a small cage while I waited for a ‘promotion’ to The Jungle Room. I’ve been in a top cage here in The Jungle Room for about two weeks now, and I do everything I can to let visitors know what a good companion I would be if they would just take me home with them. I’ve learned that I can look very appealing if I lie on my back and push my paws through the bars of my cage. The reporter says I should let potential adopters know that I am 2-years old and have a lovely short brown tabby coat with beautiful orange highlights and a delightful personality.

Editor’s Note: I didn’t have the heart to tell “Queenie” that she was placed on URGENT status on July 3rd. If anyone can find it in their heart to give this girl a home, please contact the HSOV immediately.



URGENT - MUST RE-HOME!



Please help! After two long years of being on a waiting list for a dog, we have been notified by breed rescue that, at long last, our number has come up and WE ARE HAVING A PUPPY!

We must get rid of our children IMMEDIATELY because we just know how time consuming our new little puppy is going to be, and it just wouldn't be fair to the children. Since our little puppy will be arriving on Monday, we MUST place the children up for adoption this weekend!

They are described as:

One male – his name is Tommy, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), light blonde hair, blue eyes. Four years old. Excellent disposition. He doesn't bite. Temperament tested. Has had chicken pox and is current on all his shots. Tonsils have already been removed. Tommy eats everything, is very clean, house trained, and gets along well with others. Does not run with scissors and with a little training he should be able to read soon.

One female – her name is Lexie, Caucasian (English/Irish mix), strawberry blonde hair, green eyes, quite freckled. Two years old. Can be surly at time. Non-biter, thumb sucker. Has been temperament tested but needs a little attitude adjustment occasionally. She is current on all shots, tonsils removed, very healthy and can be affectionate. Gets along well with other little girls and boys but does not like to share her toys and therefore would do best in a one child household. She is a very quick learner and is currently working on her house training. Shouldn't take long at all.

We really DO love our children so much and want to do what's right for them. This is why we contacted a rescue group. But we simply can no longer keep them. Also, we are afraid that they might hurt our puppy.

I hope you understand that ours is a unique situation, and we have a real emergency here. They MUST be placed into rescue by Sunday night at the latest, or we will be forced to drop them off at the orphanage or along some dark, country road. Our priority has to be our new puppy.

\$10 Re-homing fee but price is negotiable.



I RESCUED A HUMAN TODAY

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor, peering apprehensively in the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her. I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.



As she stopped at my kennel, I blocked her view from a little accident I had at the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter staff gets too busy, and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

As she read my kennel card, I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life.

She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me. I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck. She was desperate for companionship.

A tear fell down her cheek, and I raised my paw to assure her that everything would be ok.

Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms. I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked in the corridors. So many more to be saved. At least I could save one.

I rescued a human today

*Submitted by Celeste Ridgway
HSOV Board Secretary and Canine Rescue Coordinator*

JIM BALDINGER VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE

We would like to give special recognition and thanks to an extraordinary volunteer who helps the HSOV in so many different ways. Many of you may recognize Jim Baldinger, but we're betting that there are many others who have not yet had the pleasure of meeting this fine gentleman. Jim is always there when we need

him. He coordinates our recycling program, picks up our mail at the Marietta Post Office, purchases dog tags that are sold at the shelter, collects and delivers donated supplies, coordinates the donation boxes at local businesses, and serves on committees for major fundraisers such as the Fur Ball and Paws Walk. Jim is also the Nominations Committee Chairman for the HSOV. And he manages to find time to drive transports when there are dogs and/or cats who have the opportunity to go to rescue groups.

Jim grew up in South Bend, Indiana. Following graduation from Notre Dame, he went into flight training for the USAF. After serving for 10 years in the military, Jim had a career in commercial aviation with PanAm and United Airlines. Upon his retirement in 1999, he became involved with the HSOV and has served as Shelter Manager and is a past Board member. And he has continued to be available to do whatever is needed to support our humane society.

We are including this photo of Jim with his dog "Sandy" which was taken during the Blessing of the Shelter Animals ceremony on October 4, 2010. We think everyone will agree that Jim is truly a blessing for the shelter animals ☺



GRACIE'S ANGEL

Three years ago we were fortunate enough to adopt a little black Shih Tzu. She was left at the shelter to eventually be put to sleep, but she ended up being rescued by some loving people who brought her to Oopsa Daisy Florist in Newport, Ohio. I happened to be in that shop on an October afternoon and heard someone shout "Grace, you get over here". It turned out that Grace was a small shabby-looking, cute, cuddly dog. I asked why she was called Grace and was told the story of how this small dog happened to be there. Her original name was Angel, but she would not answer to that name. So the shop owner tried different names to get her to listen. Finally, in desperation, she yelled "Grace McConnell", and that was the name she responded to. At that moment I knew I had to have her, and she had to "go home" with me. She actually belonged in my house. You see .. Grace McConnell had left her home to us, and we live next door to Oopsa Daisy.



It just so happened at this time in my son's life that he was very confused and depressed. We had moved from our home where he had grown up and into our present home which had belonged to Grace and Pete McConnell. My son was 9 years old at the time and had to leave many things behind. We left his neighborhood friends and other important things in a child's life that you leave behind when you move. He could not go to school and would cry when I tried to leave him there. I was trying to home school him, taking him to see a psychologist, and doing everything a mother would do to help bring him out of his depression. He was so depressed that he would go into his room, shut the door, and hide under the covers. It was sad, it was bad.

The day that I brought Gracie up to "visit", he came out from under the covers and fell in love with her. He never went back under his covers again. Gracie has been a real Angel. We love her dearly.

We owe it to our pets to do for them what they cannot do for themselves. After all, they don't get to choose who they want to be their owners, but it is us choosing them for whatever reason. I call our little one "Gracie's Angel". She is one special dog. (Even when she wakes me up at 5:00 in the morning and needs to go outside).

Although we can't take any more animals, our hearts break when we see all of those beautiful animals on your website and facebook page. God bless you and all of the rescue workers.

*Submitted by Sue Bookman, Newport, Ohio
(In Loving Memory of Grace McConnell who passed April 25, 2006)*

THANK YOU DAN FOR KEEPING THE LIGHT ON

(Submitted by Becky Johnston, HSOV Board Treasurer)



When the call went out that we needed foster families for the 80+ animals we acquired due to a hoarding situation on June 10, 2011, many people stepped up and opened their homes to the menagerie of animals. One of those people who came to offer help was Dan Hendrickson of Vincent. Having worked for the Parkersburg Humane Society, Dan had plenty of experience with shelter dogs.

Dan walked through the HSOV shelter with me, and I showed him the 10-12 dogs that were still waiting for foster families. Two of those dogs were in the far corner of Main 2. There was a little scruffy brown terrier mix with skin problems and a small gray-and-white terrier mix with a cut leg. I was familiar with both dogs since Chad Skinner and I had groomed them the weekend after they arrived. The little brown dog was matted and filthy. We trimmed her and discovered that she had red itchy skin beneath the mats. All things

considered, she was very sweet-tempered and required only a little coaching during her spa treatment. The other dog was a total mess of matted hair, so Chad and I had to completely shave her down. Beneath that mess of hair, we found an open wound on her hind leg that needed attention. Though she was very leery at first, she soon warmed up to the hands that brought her relief with a bath and lots of hugs.

So when I showed those two dogs to Dan Hendrickson, I knew first hand that they were lovable little fur balls just waiting for some more human interaction. Dan, without hesitation, took both of them home to foster.

Much to everyone's dismay, Dan called the next day to inform us that the gray-and-white dog had darted through a screen door and ran off within 45 minutes of their arrival at his home. Heartsick, Dan searched door-to-door looking for her. I also went to the neighborhood and drove the roads looking for the dog. Dan, Butch Morris (Humane Officer) and I realized that the location of Dan's home was only about two miles from the location where the hoarding incident had taken place and where the dogs had been rescued from just days before. So the search was expanded to include that area. For twelve days, countless hours were spent looking for this sweet little gal. We traveled those roads so much that we were afraid that folks would think we were casing the neighborhood ☺

On Sunday (June 26th), the evening was cool enough that Dan turned the AC off and slept with the windows open. All night long, the remaining rescued dog was restless and jumped on and off Dan's bed as though alerting him to something. Now keep in mind that Dan's home is in the country, so the idea of something outside was not alarming to him. Early the next morning, Dan stepped out his door to find the little gray-and-white runaway curled up on his porch. Obviously she had been what the other dog was trying to alert Dan to.

How absolutely incredible that after only 45 minutes at Dan's house twelve days earlier, this little gal realized that home was right there at Dan Hendrickson's. She has since been checked by the vet and is in good health. From Dan's reaction to finding her again, we are pretty "dog gone" sure that these two little ones will never have to look for another forever home. Both have stolen Dan's heart and claimed their place in his household.



Thank you Dan for keeping the light on for this special runaway and for being a soft place for both of these little ones to land.



Note: We've included photos of these two terriers who are in foster care with Dan. When they were at the shelter, they were simply known as "Evidence Hold #18 and #21" with photos taken in their cages. We love the photos in Dan's home where they are now named "Miss Daisy" and "Sophie". What a difference!

Friends of Felines Spay & Neuter Fund Marietta Community Foundation

This fund has been established through the Marietta Community Foundation to sponsor the spaying and neutering of cats residing at the HSOV. It is the mission of this fund to sponsor the alteration of these animals at no cost to the adopter or the HSOV in order to increase adoption rates and reduce overpopulation of cats. At the present time, we are only able to offer services to cats/kittens residing at the HSOV who are awaiting their forever homes. Eventually, when the fund reaches certain goals (monetarily and when the percentage of HSOV felines being altered prior to adoption or rescue reaches 80%), we will expand our services to include stray or feral cats and take requests for income-related assistance alterations from the public.

Sadly, many cats/kittens that end up in shelters are euthanized due to the overwhelming numbers and lack of available homes. Nationwide, the euthanization rate is 70%, meaning that only 30% of them find homes. The HSOV experienced a dramatic increase in our intake of cats/kittens in 2010, receiving over 2,000. With limited space and budgets to contend with, we fared worse than the national average and had a euthanization rate of 83%.

Our goal with this fund (through the efforts of a small but committed group of individuals) is to reverse this disturbing trend through proactively altering cats at the HSOV and to increase their chances of adoption and to prevent unwanted litters before they happen. Please note that this is only a small group of individuals who are raising money, asking for donations, holding fundraisers, arranging transportation, scheduling appointments, and making payment for the alterations. Ultimately, we wish to reach out to individuals in the community and address some of the stray or feral cat colonies to try to stem the constant and increasing stream of cats and kittens being brought to the HSOV.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Friends of Feline Fund, please make your check payable to The Marietta Community Foundation with the notation "Friends of Feline Fund" on the memorandum line of your check and mail it to: The Marietta Community Foundation, PO Box 77, Marietta, OH 45750.

You may contact Cheryl Hall for additional information or questions (740.629.4817 or by email kilimanjaro@suddenlink.net)

Editor's Note: Thanks to Cheryl Hall for her vision for the establishment of this fund and also to the ladies who are supporting this cause (Jo Ellen Gray, Kelly Schubert, Natalie Snyder, and Sharon Paul)

EXTREME MAKEOVER ... WEBSITE STYLE

We are in the process of re-designing the HSOV website. It will include features from the old site as well as many new features. We hope to have the new site up and running soon and say 'thank you' in advance for your patience. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the new website, please email us at hsovweb@gmail.com. (Submitted by Chad Skinner and Rick Farley)

HAVE YOU JOINED OUR FACEBOOK PAGE YET?

Over 1,200 Facebook users are "friends" of the HSOV Facebook Page. If you haven't already become our Facebook friend, we encourage you to check out this resource which complements our website.

Our Facebook page is updated on a daily basis and includes announcements of upcoming events, up-to-date communications when we need extra assistance at the shelter, and volunteer opportunities. This is a great place to post photos of your adopted shelter pet, ask questions about current shelter animals, or ask for help if your dog or cat is missing. There are photo albums of current dogs and cats available for adoption, adopted/rescued animals, and an urgent album for animals that are in danger of being euthanized. The more detailed individual Petfinder listings with extra photos and additional information are posted on the www.hsov.org website.

You must first register for a Facebook account at www.facebook.com (it's free and easy to do!) After that, just search for "Humane Society of the Ohio Valley", click the "Like" button, and you've just become an official friend of the HSOV ☺

"PLEASE GIVE ME A SPECIAL NAME"

This beautiful girl was discovered by a Good Samaritan on the evening of July 15th, 2011 as he was driving on SR 60 near Marietta, Ohio and noticed what appeared to be a wire dog cage amongst tall weeds beside the highway. Luckily the gentleman stopped to investigate. It turned out that



this dog was abandoned and locked in the cage and apparently left to die. Our Humane Officer, Butch Morris, was notified of this damsel in distress and was on his way to rescue her within minutes of receiving the call. She was taken to our shelter and given cool water, good food, and a soft blanket to snuggle up in for the night. This dog is one of the sweetest, most affectionate dogs we've ever seen, which makes it even more heartbreaking to know that someone has treated her this way. She will be checked by a vet since she was nearly starved to death and also dehydrated. We are requesting donations if anyone would like to help cover the cost of her vet visit. We wanted to give this girl a special name, and our Adoptions Clerk, Sharon Morris, came up with a fantastic idea. She suggested that we have a contest and ask that HSOV supporters submit their ideas for a name for this dog. And if everyone would give at least \$1 for each name they submit, it would help to cover the vet bill. The person who submits the winning name will be photographed with this special survivor and be featured in our next newsletter.

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IN MEMORY OF "THOM THUMB"

Thom Thumb was a fantastic adult male Polydactyl kitty who arrived at the HSOV on April 2, 2011. This handsome boy had a sleek black coat, extra toes on his front paws, and an adorable face. Thom Thumb had an affectionate, lovable personality. This little playboy loved to roll over on his back for belly rubs and petting and was always pushing his wide paws through the bars of his cage for attention. Thom Thumb waited for six weeks for someone to adopt him but sadly lost his life because there were so many other cats being surrendered to the shelter and he had to give up his cage. It is heartbreaking to look at Thom Thumb's photo and realize that he and 298 other cats/kittens were euthanized from January-June 2011 because so many animals have not been spayed or neutered and continue to have litters of unwanted kittens.



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