

PawPrints

Humane Society of Greene County



August/2008

Our Mission:

To prevent animal suffering from overpopulation by way of a spay/neuter subsidy program; to eliminate neglect and abusive treatment of livestock by enforcing the statutes according to the Ohio State Revised Code and additionally to promote education in the humane care and maintenance of all animals.

Spay/Neuter Program...

As of end of June, 640 dogs and cats have been through the s/n program! These are animals whose families would not otherwise have been able to have them spayed or neutered. Our program is designed to help medium to lower income families with their pets. So tell your friends and don't assume that you will not qualify! The S/N Feral cat clinic dates for the remainder of the year are as follows: Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13.

Upcoming Events...

It is **Doggie Dash and Splash** time again! On August 23rd from 10 – 6, we will be at the Doggie Dash and Splash held at the Greene County Parks Dog Park next to the Greene County Fairgrounds. We will be offering chipping for your dog. *Home Again* is a nationally known chipping company and we have worked with them for the past two years and we hope to have another successful fundraiser. The chipping cost is \$40.00 and that includes a veterinarian doing the procedure, registration fee and we do all the paperwork to send in! We will also be selling some "handmade" accessories. Come out and enjoy the fun and visit our booth.

August is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month in Greene County

The Humane Society of Greene County will provide a free spay/neuter certificate to anyone who adopts a cat from the *Greene County Animal Shelter* during the month of August. This is a cooperative effort between the two Greene County organizations to save the lives of shelter cats. The Animal Shelter routinely has a large number of cats and kittens available for adoption and they are all waiting for a loving home.



To find out more about the adoption process, call the Animal Shelter at 562-7400. After the adoption, call the Humane Society at 376-3001 to make an appointment to receive your certificate for a free spay/neuter at one of our participating Veterinary Clinics in Greene County.

Popcorn Festival September 6 & 7, 2008



The HSGC will be located on the main walkway this year and selling educational books for children about puppies and kittens for only \$2. We will also have a current listing of pets available on our website and the Greene County Animal Shelter. Additionally, we will have handmade dog and cat items for sale at very reasonable prices! Stop by and see us!

Success Stories...

For two months this summer, a lost dog has been hanging around in the area of Progress Dr. and SR 35. Through all the Spring storms and bad weather, he managed to survive but of course had become very thin. Many complaints had been made to AC as he was very visible to drivers passing by. They made numerous attempts to pick him up, but the lost dog was too smart and scared to be caught. Nothing seemed to work. Finally a customer at the Circle K Store became interested in his welfare and began feeding him at nights. Due to the man's patience and determination, he was finally able to take hold of the dog. He is now known as Lennie and lives inside with the young man's family. He goes out only to "do business" and comes right back inside! With the help of the Humane Society's spay/neuter program, Lennie is soon to be, not only happy, but neutered and vaccinated too!

Adoption Connection...

The Humane Society of Greene County's Adoption Connection via the website helps connect animals that need new homes with prospective new owners. Please be aware that the animals listed on the webpage are not the property of the Humane Society of Greene County. **The Adoption Connection is a referral service only.** If you have a pet who needs a home, be sure to screen applicants carefully. Whether you are looking for a pet or need to find your pet a new home, check out the website at www.humanesocietygreenecounty.com.

Check out some of the pets currently on the website



3 yr old
Very cute
Australian Sheppard



1 yr old Friendly cat and her kittens



Adorable Kittens

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Up for adoption

As part of our responsibility as livestock investigators for Greene County, we sometimes assume custody of horses and then need to place them into new homes. We currently have a horse in need of a good home. He is a 20 year old grade stock dark gray gelding that is approximately 15.1 hands. He would be well suited as a light riding or companion horse and has a very nice disposition. He is up to date on all shots and in very good health. If you have room in your barn and in your heart, please contact the HSGC at 376-3001 or e-mail us at inquire@humanesocietygreenecounty.com for additional information.



Our Volunteers...

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers! The Humane Society totally depends on those individuals who donate their time solely for the purpose of giving as many animals as possible a better quality of life. Also thank you to Donna Hill who answers our messages and returns calls every day! Since we do not run a physical shelter, we do have a need for volunteers throughout the year for different events and administrative duties. Pictured are a few of our

dedicated volunteers. Please contact us via our website or call our office at 376-3001, if you are interested in helping out.

Donations and Special Thanks:

At times we like to highlight special donors and we would like to highlight the Diana Fund in this edition of the newsletter. The fund is sponsored by a local cat Shelter, *Exclusively Felines*, in Beavercreek. The owner's daughter, Diana, was very much an animal lover in all respects as well as a supporter of "Save the Wolves" as she most recently resided in Alaska. In her name and memory, the Diana fund has been big contributors to the Humane Society's spay/neuter program as well as some local scholarship funds. *Exclusively Felines* is a wonderful "Home away from Home" for cats if you ever need a boarding facility! Their number is 937-320-1098. If you would like information on contributing to the Humane Society of Greene County, please e-mail us or call.



Education Corner

KIND News and your business! Are you looking for a way to give back to the community? KIND News is a publication of the Humane Society of the United States. Your business can sponsor any 4th grade class in Greene County. You may have a class that you would like to donate the KIND News to or we can select one for you. The classroom will be told who is donating the monthly subscription and we know it will be greatly appreciated! The Humane Society of Greene County currently sponsors 66 classrooms and you can be a part of this exciting educational opportunity. The cost per 4th grade classroom is only \$40.00 for the year! Please visit our website @ www.humanesocietygreenecounty.com for additional information and be a part of this great opportunity.

Study finds health benefits to owning cats

A study done by the University of Minnesota found that feline-less people were 30 to 40 percent more likely to die of cardiovascular disease than those with cats. Yet dog owners had the same rate as non-owners. The research team analyzed a group 4,435 participants. The cat-dog differential came as a surprise, but they did not think it was a coincidence. The following are some interesting facts provided by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Assoc.

- 90 million cats are owned in the United States
- 36 percent of U.S. households (or 38.4 million) own at least one cat
- 56 percent own more than one cat
- 74.8 million dogs are owned in the United States
- 39 percent of U.S. households own at least one dog

Eight is enough! How One Becomes Eight

When they adopted the young beagle/foxhound mix from the Greene County Animal Control, her new owners agreed to spay her. As a matter of fact \$30 of the adoption fee could be used at a veterinarian of their choice or used at the Humane Society's spay/neuter program. When they brought her back to Animal Control they said it wasn't anything she'd done they just couldn't keep her due to personal reasons. Were those personal reasons the 7 puppies with which she was obviously pregnant? She was such a nice friendly dog the decision was made that if a foster home could be found she wouldn't be euthanized as most shelters normally do in that circumstance. A kind hearted Humane Society volunteer offered to foster her and the 7 puppies until they were old enough to be adopted. They are the cutest, most loving, playful puppies you'll ever see. Call the Greene County Animal Control to inquire about these puppies and other animals available at 562-7400.

Shelters all over the U.S. are spaying and neutering dogs and cats before they leave for their new homes. Irresponsibility of pet owners is the reason for pet overpopulation. We hope the Greene County Animal Control will soon join the spay/neuter solution and alter all cats and dogs before they go to their adoptive homes.



Memorial and Honorarium Donations

In Memory Of: Brian Eric Spinks	In Honor Of: Dorsey & Lil Mitchel	In Honor Of: Louis H. Poole
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