

## Spring 2022

**From the President:** I'm pleased to report a total of 1,747 cats and dogs were spayed or neutered (S/N) through our efforts last year: 326 dogs and 750 cats through our regular program and 671 cats at our monthly clinics. Humane agents with our organization received 73 calls from county residents concerning potential abuse or neglect of livestock and conducted 30 site visits as a result of the calls. These numbers are pretty impressive considering that we are a small, independent non profit group. There are still a lot of people who assume we receive funding from the county or one of the many national level animal organizations, but we do not. We are a volunteer organization, with one exception, and that is our call coordinator who responded to over 3,000 calls last year and receives minimal compensation for her work.

I routinely mention the number of animals that benefit from our programs but I haven't mentioned the number of people that we've helped as well. Last year, 588 Greene County residents brought their dog or cat (and sometimes both) through our regular S/N program and 204 residents brought in stray or outside cats to our monthly clinic, many of them multiple times. 105 low income dog and cat owners used our free pet food pantry, the majority of them on a recurring basis. It takes committed volunteers and loyal members and donors to make all of this happen and I am deeply grateful to those who work with us to help improve the quality of life for the animals in Greene County. ....**Cindie McCulloch**

**The Humane Society of Greene County (HSGC)** presented a certificate of recognition to the Greene County Sheriff in appreciation for support the HSGC receives from the Sheriff and his office. Humane agents with the society respond to calls related to abuse or neglect of livestock and deputies with the Sheriff's office often accompany them to the site where the animals are located. The agent offers advice and assistance with food and, when possible, veterinary care but in some situations a neglected or abused animal must be transferred to foster care and the HSGC covers the costs involved with that care. We are very grateful to Sheriff Anger and his team for their continuing help and assistance. If you think you may have witnessed livestock abuse or neglect, contact our humane agent on-call at 937-917-4374. The agents are volunteers so you may need to leave a message. For abuse related to dogs or cats, please call Greene County Animal Care and Control at 937-562-7400 and let them know about it.



From left: Sheriff Scott Anger, HSGC President Cindie McCulloch and Deputy Sheriff Rick Bowman, also a volunteer with the humane society

**Born Wild, Stay Wild** In spring and early summer wildlife reproduction is at its peak and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife has guidance on their web site concerning steps to take if you come across young animals. [wildohio.gov/staywild](http://wildohio.gov/staywild) is an excellent source of information if you find a baby raccoon, fawn, squirrel, bird, rabbit or even a turtle. While your first inclination may be to rescue a baby animal, it may very well not need rescuing and your actions could do much more harm than good.

Often times the babies you see will be unattended by a parent but, unless something is obviously wrong, keep your distance and leave them alone. According to ODNR, human intervention is always a wild animals' LAST hope for survival, NEVER its best hope. If you see open wounds or other injuries, or you know for a fact that a young wild animal has lost its parent, consult your nearest Wildlife District Office or local wildlife rehabilitator. You can reach them by calling 937-372-9261 or go to the [wildohio.gov/staywild](http://wildohio.gov/staywild) website and click on the Orphaned and Injured Wildlife link to see a listing by county. If the injured animal is a bird of prey, call the Raptor Center at Glen Helen: 937-767-7648 or [glenhelen.org](http://glenhelen.org). For additional information on other animals, check out Brukner Nature Center at [bruknernaturecenter.com](http://bruknernaturecenter.com) or call them at 937-698-6493.



**Special thanks to Baker Middle School** students in Fairborn for collecting and donating \$503 to the humane society. We truly appreciate their efforts!

**Also, thanks to the Ohio Pet Fund** for \$2,000 in grant money to assist us in providing low income pet owners with S/N services. You can purchase pet plates anytime for only \$25 at [ohiopetfund.org](http://ohiopetfund.org) or stop by your local BMV.

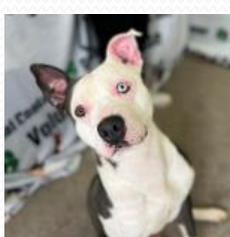
**Kitten Season** refers to the time period when female cats are most often giving birth to litters. Although this can happen year-round, April through October is referred to as “kitten season” since the vast majority are born during this time. A female cat can become pregnant as young as five months and can produce multiple litters a year with as many as 4-8 kittens in each litter. The sad reality is that there are more kittens than homes available for them so many of these little ones are left to fend for themselves or end up in the animal shelter. The kitties pictured here were brought in to our cat clinic to be S/N and one of our volunteers found them a home with a local business, so a happy ending for these two. If you know someone caring for outside cats, please tell them about our monthly cat clinics: \$15 for males and \$20 for females and it is not income based but **available to all Greene County residents**. You must call to register.



**It's not just kitten season:** Flea season in Ohio runs from March through December so make sure your pet is protected if he/she goes outside or is around other pets who have been outdoors. Do your research first and then pick the flea medication, and the correct dosage, that works best for your fur baby. Please consult your vet for the best treatment to use for your dog or cat, especially if they are very young, very old, or have skin allergies.

**Easy way to donate:** If you use your customer card at Kroger you can donate to the humane society each time you shop as a small portion of what you spend is given to us from Kroger's Community Award Program. Go to [kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards](http://kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards) and select the Humane Society of Greene County or number GY005. (That's GYzerozero5) Once you've linked your account to our organization, you do not have to do it again. You can also go to [dorothylane.com/goodneighbor](http://dorothylane.com/goodneighbor) and select us by filling in the form for the Humane Society of Greene County (710). You'll want to do this every year as it does not automatically renew.

**If your dog or cat goes missing,** remember to call Greene County Animal Care and Control to report it and see if someone may have taken your pet in to them (937-562-7400). If you are looking for a pet to adopt, please check out their website at [greenecountyohio.gov/112/Animal-Control](http://greenecountyohio.gov/112/Animal-Control)



**Looking for a Forever Home.** From left: **Felix, Hope and Boo Bear** were available for adoption as of press time, along with other great dogs and cats in need of a good home. The Greene County Animal shelter is located at 641 Dayton Xenia Road, Xenia.

**We are honored to have been chosen to receive donations in memory of:**

**Betty White** from so many kind and generous donors that we don't have the space to list them all.

**Susan Honeyman** from Theresa Check

**William Hull** from Tammy Newton and Advanced Telemetrics Inc.

**Robert Hemphill** from Mark and Diane Heaton

**You can also donate securely on our website: [humanesocietygreenecounty.com](http://humanesocietygreenecounty.com)**

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Annual Membership Payment: \$25 Annual Patron: \$100 Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: Humane Society of Greene County or HSGC P.O. Box 51 Xenia, OH 45385

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