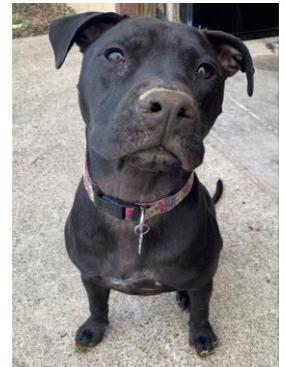


Summer/Fall 2022

From the President: Spaying and Neutering (S/N) is essential to keeping our pets healthy and preventing unwanted animals from ending up in a shelter, or worse. Through our low cost programs, a total of 816 cats and dogs have been S/N so far this year. A total of 9,558 outdoor cats have been S/N at our monthly cat clinics since starting them in 2006, but the work is never done. If you care for outside cats that need to be fixed, call and sign up for one of the clinics. It's only \$15 for males and \$20 for females regardless of your income level. Our other S/N program is for both dogs and all cats, so check with us to see if you qualify. We also operate a pet food pantry for low income county residents and it's been a lifeline for many who rely on us during hard times. We are always in need of dog and cat food (and litter), which can be dropped off at our office any Saturday between 10am-2pm. As an independent non profit, we are grateful for any support from the community and all donations, including monetary, stay local. Our volunteers and members are the best and, together, we truly do make a difference in the quality of life for the animals in Greene County.**Cindie McCulloch**

Foster or adopt: Vince and his sister were abandoned in a field in the Xenia area at about six weeks of age. Fortunately, both pups were rescued and taken in by a local dog kennel. His sister was adopted and one of our volunteers took Vince in thinking that he and his wife might be foster parents but, alas, they fell in love with the little puppy and now Vince is enjoying long walks, swimming in the pond and digging for moles (note the smudged nose)! While pet ownership may not be for everyone, fostering a pet for a period of time might be ideal for those who can't commit to having a pet long term. Even though we do not operate a shelter, sometimes we need a foster home and the Greene County Animal Shelter, who often reaches their max capacity, would also appreciate someone who is willing to foster. If you're interested, call us and leave your contact information for future use. Or, call the shelter at 937-562-7400.



Vince, one lucky dog!

Pet Care: Tips worth repeating:

- Never leave your pet in a hot car. At 85° the temp in a car, even with windows partially opened, can reach 102° in 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, it can go as high as 120°, potentially causing organ damage or death.
- Water is essential, even in winter with snow on the ground. Pets tend to avoid stagnant water so change or top it off daily. Distilled water is better for male cats, who may develop urinary problems from hard water.
- Elevated food & water bowls makes life much easier for senior pets who aren't as flexible as they use to be.
- Foods that can be toxic to pets: candy, chocolate, coffee, nuts, grapes, garlic, raisins, citrus, avocado, onions, alcohol and raw meat or eggs. Cats & dogs are generally lactose intolerant so avoid large amounts of dairy.
- Never give your pets human medication unless specifically directed by your veterinarian.
- Check your dog and cat for ticks. A tick can transmit Lyme disease after only 36 hours once attached.
- Dogs and cats both require exercise and attention. Many behavioral issues can be solved by doing both and it's a much better method than punishing your pet, who probably has no idea why he is being punished.
- If you take your dog for a drive and leave a window partially open, be sure to lock the window so he doesn't inadvertently raise it and choke himself. A car harness attached to a seat belt helps keep them safe.
- The Ohio Revised Code requires outdoor animals, including horses, have some type of shelter. Nothing kills more dogs in the summer than heatstroke, so give them a place to cool off. A small plastic pool can help.
- Horses' hooves require trimming every 6-10 weeks. Wild horses don't need this because they walk all day and wear them down but, when confined and well fed, the hoof growth of domesticated horses outpaces the rate at which they can wear them down. Note that improper trimming can cause extreme pain or even lameness.



Special thanks to Shawnee Elementary school in Xenia for donating \$471.62 they collected from a penny drive. That's a lot of pennies and we are very grateful for this donation. And a heartfelt "thank you" to **Greene Giving** for a \$1,000 grant to be used to assist low income senior pet owners. We are fortunate to have been selected to receive this grant and it will benefit many of our older clients. We sincerely appreciate all donations.

Gracie's Journey: When she was found by a friend of the Humane Society, she was starving and suffering from an injured back leg. This photo captures the first interaction between Gracie and our friend and you can see how hungry she was. Initial indications were that Gracie might lose her leg but one of the wonderful vets we work with was able to perform surgery and save it! In Greek mythology, the name "Grace" is tied to *beauty and joy* and both seem to apply in this case. A beautiful story and a grateful kitty who is living inside now and bringing much joy to her new owners. Many thanks to those who donated to "Gracie's Fund" to help with the cost of the surgery and give Gracie a new life.



Resource List: We are all volunteers with the exception of our call coordinator, who receives modest compensation for responding to roughly 300 calls each month. Many of the calls are pet owners looking for guidance with a variety of issues so we put a "resource" list on our web site, www.humanesocietygreenecounty.com, that might be useful. Click on the Resources link at the top of the page, and once there, you can download the pdf located at the very bottom of the page. **Please note**, one of our volunteers put this list together and, while we hope you find it helpful, we do not necessarily warrant or endorse any of the resources listed.

Easy way to donate: If you have a cell phone you no longer use, or expended ink cartridges, we'd like to have them. We turn them in to Staples to recycle and get store credit, saving us money when we purchase office supplies there. If you want to donate, items can be dropped off on any Saturday at our office 10 AM to 2 PM.

Livestock Concerns: We now have four Humane Agents who respond to calls concerning the potential neglect or abuse of livestock. They operate on a rotating schedule and can be reached by calling 937-917-4374. Please remember that they are volunteers and you may need to leave a message.



Looking for a Forever Home are, from left, Bert, Rusty, Atticus, Dusty and Peach. At press time, they were waiting for someone to give them a good home. The Greene County Animal shelter is at 641 Dayton Xenia Road, Xenia. Visit their web site at www.greenecountyohio.gov/112/Animal-Control, or call 937-562-7400 to confirm availability. If these cuties already have a home, please consider another of the wonderful pets there.

"Adopt....Don't Shop"

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

Carl Elliott from Ronald & Ellen Taylor, Christopher & Jenny Paxson, Beverly Gallagher and Blossom Lamm
Kenneth Penewit from Thomas Neeld, David Anderson, Patricia Schumann, Cherie & Bill Lowry and Betty Prugh

Pets: Harley from Philip and Dolores Frederick

You can also donate securely on our web site: humanesocietygreenecounty.com

Name: _____ Street Address: _____
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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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