

Spring 2024

From the President: In our ongoing efforts to prevent pet overpopulation, last year we spayed or neutered (S/N) 1,345 dogs and cats. 327 dogs and 627 cats through our regular low cost program and 391 cats at our monthly clinics. A grand total of 10,331 outdoor cats have been sterilized at the clinics since starting them in 2006, preventing thousands of unwanted litters. This impressive number is thanks in large part to Dr. Harold Brown, who was instrumental in founding the clinics and worked each one until he was physically unable to do so. "Doc" passed away late last year, a tremendous loss to us and to all those who knew him. We were determined to get the clinics up and running in January and, with the help of Dr. Kelly Clark, were able to do just that. Dr. Clark brought her veterinary skill, along with some fresh ideas, and we are now back to operating at full capacity and are very grateful that she has joined our team. We are a volunteer organization and receive no funding from the county or the national-level animal agencies so every dollar you donate to us is used to help improve the quality of life for the animals in Greene County. Thank you so much for your support.**Cindie McCulloch**

This beautiful stallion was in a rough spot in January when a concerned citizen reported seeing the lonely horse wandering around a frozen pasture. Our Humane Agent on call went to the site and found that the owner had passed away without making any arrangements for the horse. Family members fed him on occasion but were not equipped to care for him and voluntarily released him to the Humane Society. Now named Maverick, he was not accustomed to being handled so moving him to a safe place was no easy task. Two of our experienced Humane Agents managed to rope him and get him into a trailer, but there was a lot of "wrangling" involved to get this done. Maverick was transferred to a northern county rehabilitation center who took him in and we are very grateful to them for their help. Now gelded and gaining weight, Maverick is hoping to go to a good home sometime this summer.



Maverick

The Humane Society has four livestock investigators and three have received the required training and are certified as Humane Agents, giving them the ability to enforce the Ohio Revised Code as it relates to the treatment of livestock. When they respond to a call concerning possible abuse or neglect, they will offer advice and assistance to the owner on how to correct the situation. These volunteers respond to calls as soon as they are able, often during inclement weather conditions, to investigate the situation with their only reward being the satisfaction of knowing that the life of the animal will be made better as a result of their intervention. If you suspect abuse or neglect of livestock, reach out to our Humane agent on call at 937-917-4373.

Most counties have a humane society or animal protection league whose job is to investigate animal cruelty. Even though we are a 501(c)3 non profit, we took this responsibility on years ago. If an owner isn't willing to work with us to correct a bad situation, he/she may be cited into the court system. If found guilty of animal neglect or abuse, a first violation for animal cruelty can result in a misdemeanor charge plus a fine. Subsequent violations could incur a fifth degree felony charge. While we try our best to resolve the issue before it goes that far, sometimes we cannot and in those situations we may need to rely on support from the Greene County Sheriff and his deputies when we need help to enforce the code. We are very grateful to Sheriff Anger for that support.

In early spring and summer wildlife reproduction is at its peak so check the Ohio Department of Natural Resources web site at Wildohio.gov/staywild and click on the *Orphaned and Injured Wildlife* link for steps to take if you find a baby deer, bird, rabbit, etc. While your first instinct may be to rescue it, you could end up doing more harm than good. If the injured animal is a bird of prey, call the Raptor Center at Glen Helen: 937-767-7648 or glenhelen.org They have an excellent record of rehabilitation and release. You can also check Brukner Nature Center at 937-698-6493 or bruknernaturecenter.com for more wildlife related information.



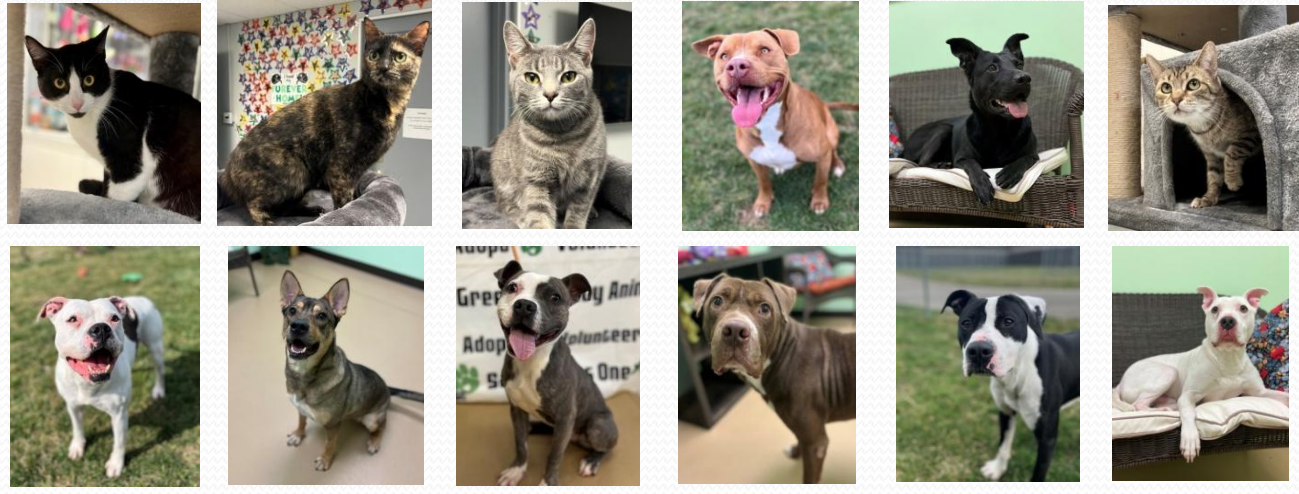
Special thanks to the Ohio Pet Fund for a \$1,500 grant we will use to assist low income residents with S/N services. This money is raised from the sale of pet plates and you can buy them for only \$25 at ohiopetfund.org or at your local BMV. They have several designs to pick from and your purchase goes to help animal related non profits throughout Ohio.



Thanks also to Rural King in Xenia for donating pet food for our pantry. We are always in need of cat and dog food, as well as litter, so Rural King's donations are truly appreciated.

Prices for everything seem to have increased and that includes S/N procedures and other animal-related care. We want to sincerely thank all of you who donate to our organization, including the anonymous donations through Network for Good on our website. Every donation, no matter how small, is truly appreciated.

Three easy steps to lose that extra winter weight: 1) Buy a leash, 2) Adopt one of the great dogs at the Greene County Animal Shelter 3) Start walking with your new best friend! You'll get fit and your buddy gets a forever home. Or, if you prefer a sweet kitty to hang out with, you'll find one down at the shelter. These pets deserve a good home and, given a chance, will add a joy to your life that you didn't even know was missing.



Purebred or Pure Love...



Don't Shop, Adopt!

Top row from left: BenJen, Juliette, Pigeon, Jolly, Roxie, Cosette and Chickadee. Bottom from left: Judy, Dory, Swedish Fish, Rickon, Kansas and Chowder. The Greene County Animal Shelter is at 641 Dayton Xenia Road in Xenia. View animals up for adoption at: greenecountyohio.gov/113/Adoptions or call them at 937-562-7400.

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

Dr. Harold Brown from Renee Kohl, Philip & Dolores Frederick, Marcella Simon, Tony McIlvaine, Cindie & David McCulloch, Marlene & Jim Campbell, The Riding Centre Association, Members of the New Jasper United Methodist Church and Cathi & Dick Tschirhart

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Susan Honeyman from Theresa Check

Tom Stroup from Shari Stackhouse

Donna Mae Forte from Melodie Claxton

Rita Berberich from Melinda Ledford

Pets: Devil Cat from Charlotta Ewers; **Blade** from Philip & Dolores Frederick; **Sadie & Max** from Theodore Binzer

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

Name: _____ Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

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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