

Spring 2025

From the President: Last year we spayed/neutered (S/N) a total of 1,382 cats and dogs through our programs, and since starting our S/N clinics in 2006, we've fixed a grand total of 10,893 cats! Our Humane Agents also responded to 28 calls concerning the possible abuse or neglect of livestock and conducted 13 site visits to resolve any issues. The pet food pantry continued to be a necessity for low-income dog and cat owners and we are very grateful to those who donated pet food, as well as litter, to help keep this pantry going. With continued support from our donors and volunteers, I know we'll have another successful year in 2025 working to improve the quality of life for the animals in Greene County. ...**Cindie McCulloch**

It's kitten season in Ohio, and while it typically runs from March to November, it's highest in the spring and summer. Many of these kittens will end up in shelters but others, unfortunately, are left to fend for themselves. On average a queen (unspayed female) can have 2-5 litters per year, with 3-8 kittens per litter. This means up to 24 kittens or more in a year! That's why it's so important to get these kitties fixed. If you're caring for outside cats, please register for one of our monthly clinics where the fee is only \$15 for males and \$20 for females. If you have an indoor cat, check to see if you qualify for our income-based program. While kittens are truly adorable, getting them spayed or neutered improves their quality of life in several ways. It reduces the risk of certain cancers, decreases aggression and roaming behavior, lowers the likelihood of spraying in males and contributes to overall improved health and longevity for the cat. Normally the best age to S/N a kitten is about five months but it is generally safe to do it as young as 6-8 weeks. If you're going to feed them, please fix them...and we will do our best to help.

For dogs there is no one size fits all age to consider S/N, but it's just as important for a variety of health and behavioral reasons. Your veterinarian is the best source of advice for your particular dog.

Cats may crawl into car engines at all times of the year, not just when it's cold, and that's what this little kitten did last summer. Fortunately, when the car arrived at its destination, she was found safe and sound...and was immediately adopted. Her new mom brought her to us to get her shots and spayed and told us her story. Since it was warm weather when this happened, Winnifred may have just been trying to find a safe place to rest or hide and ended up tucked between the car hood and the engine. If you park outside, especially in an area known to have stray kitties, check under your hood, or at least bang on the hood, before you start the engine. Lucky Winnifred is all grown up now and living the good life but she certainly had a wild ride before finding her new home.



Winnifred

It's not only kitten season but also when wildlife reproduction is at its peak. If you find a baby deer, rabbit, bird, etc., your best move is to leave it alone. Fawns may be left for up to 12-16 hours so you can keep an eye on them, but please do not touch them. If you believe an animal may be injured, check the Ohio Department of Natural Resources website at Wildohio.gov/staywild and click on **Orphaned and Injured Wildlife** for guidance. If the animal is a bird of prey, call the Raptor Center at Glen Helen at 937-767-7648 or the Brukner Nature Center at 937-698-6493. Don't try to raise them yourself, even for a day. Fledgling raptors are voracious eaters that grow fast and have special dietary requirements our local nature centers are skilled at providing.

Tornado season in Ohio can run from March to June so prepare by making an emergency kit for your pet. Have a carrier or leash available, along with food, water, bowls and medication. If you have a cat, the first thing to do is put them in a carrier before they can hide. Ensure your pet has a collar with ID, is chipped and that you have a good picture of you with your pet to prove ownership in case you are separated.



Special thanks to:

Ohio Pet Fund for a \$1,500 grant to help low-income pet owners S/N their dogs and cats. You can easily support this fund by purchasing your license plates at your local BMV or **Oplates.com** for only \$25. They have a variety to choose from and it's a great way to help us with S/N costs.



Pet Supplies Plus in Beavercreek on Dayton Xenia Road and **Rural King** in Xenia for donations of cat and dog food. Many low-income residents depend on our pantry as a bridge to get through the month on a limited income and the supplemental food they receive from the pantry really helps.

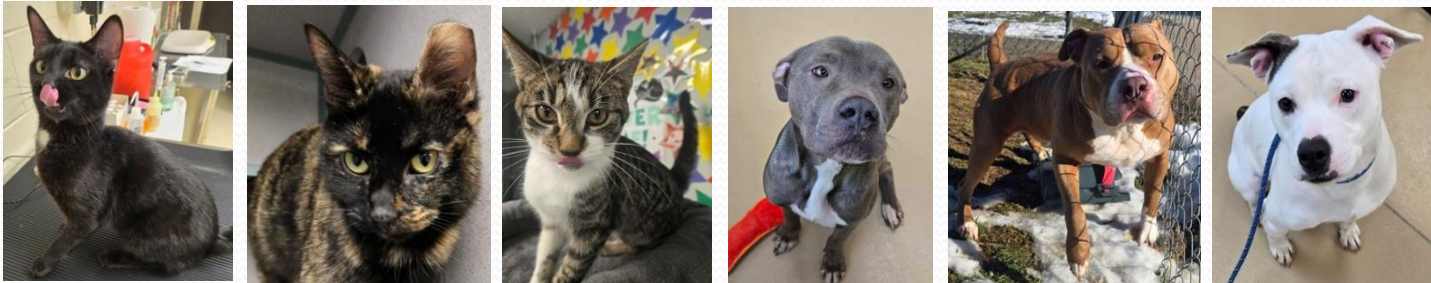
Shannon & Company, CPA who have prepared our tax returns for many, many years at no cost to us. We are very grateful to them for their expertise in all matters related to taxes.

If you've been thinking about getting a pet, check out the dogs and cats available at the Greene County Animal Control shelter by visiting their web site **greenecountyohio.gov** then click on Animal Control then Adoptions or connect with them on Facebook. These animals need, and deserve, a good home.



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When you adopt, remember the shelter is a very stressful place for these guys, so please be patient. It may take several days for them to feel safe in their new surroundings and comfortable enough to let their true personality show. The shelter staff can tell you more about their background and provide useful tips on how to make them feel welcome in your home.



Looking for a Forever Home are, from left, Lugh, Aoife, Felix, Bridger, Hank and Spuds. Call the shelter at 937-562-7400 to check availability. The Greene County Animal Shelter is at 641 Dayton-Xenia Road, Xenia.

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

- **Wanda Domicone** from Shawn Quinn, Margaret Lipp, Marti & Bob Riddle, and Arnie & Fran Rosenberg
- **Bill Isaacs** from Theodore Binzer, DVM.
- **Barbara Henley** from Jane Powell
- **Ed Patterson** from Doug Cline, Megan Cramer and the Airflow Club of America
- **Sherry Kersteiner** from Brenda Hess, Kris Christen, Dan & Nancy Voss and Hannelore White
- **Susan Honeyman** from Theresa Check

- Pets:**
- **Char and Izzy** from Theodore Binzer, DVM
 - **Penny, her calf** and the other animals lost in a barn fire from Alfred and Carolyn McDaniel
 - **The many beloved pets** of Peg and Ben Wildman

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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