

Spring 2026

From the President: Our main goal is to help prevent pet overpopulation by offering low cost spay/neuter (S/N) programs for cats and dogs. This effort is intended to keep as many animals as possible from ending up in shelters or, worse yet, on the street to fend for themselves. With that in mind, we had a good 2025 with a total of 1,214 S/Ns through both of our programs. This total includes 589 outside or stray cats brought in to our monthly S/N clinic. In fact, a grand total of 11,189 of these cats have been through the clinic since we started them in 2006. I am so grateful to our volunteers who work the clinics and to the residents of Greene County who take the time to bring these cats in to be fixed. Also, last year our Humane Agents conducted 19 site visits in response to calls concerning the potential abuse or neglect of livestock. The agents offer guidance and assistance in the proper and legally required care of livestock and will conduct follow up visits until the issue is resolved. Of course, we wouldn't have this kind of success without our members and donors who so generously support us. We appreciate each and every donation and sincerely thank you for helping to improve the quality of life for the animals in Greene County.*Cindie McCulloch*

House Bill 247 or Avery's Law went into effect March 20th of this year. This bill is named for Avery Russell, who was severely injured in a dog attack in Reynoldsburg, OH in 2024 when she was just 11. The bill will: Impose criminal penalties on a dog owner if they negligently fail to keep their dog from committing, without provocation, an attack; give the local dog warden the authority to seize a dog immediately following such an attack; revise the investigation and enforcement requirements for when an authority receives any complaint that indicates a possible violation of any provision of the law including protections for dogs that are defending themselves, their owners, or their property. Finally, after receiving due process, mandate termination of the dog if it seriously injures or kills a person.

Mater gets a home! A very nice couple saw Mater on a web site they thought was ours and contacted us to see what happened to him. We directed them to the Greene County animal shelter, where Mater had been kept for about a month. They then made their way to the shelter and adopted this lucky dog. We do not have the capability to house animals but we do try to help owners who need to rehome pets by offering the **Adoption Connection** on our website. There you can see cats, dogs, and the occasional bunny hoping (hopping?) to be taken into a forever home. We are so glad Mater has a new family and, if you look closely, I think you may see a smile on his face!



Animal Hoarding was in the news in March when the Humane Society of Greater Dayton removed 137 animals from a single residence in the city. Included in this number were guinea pigs, chinchillas, rabbits and cockatiels. The condition of the home was filthy and the animals were severely neglected. There are many reasons why someone may become an animal hoarder and sometimes they may not even realize their situation has gotten out of control. Hoarders are often socially isolated and not aware how much their home has deteriorated, smells, or even how many animals they have. Worse yet, they can be totally unaware of how the animals are suffering. If you know anyone who may be in this situation, please report it. In Greene County you can start with Animal Control for guidance at 937-572-7400 or the Greene County Sheriff's Office at 937-562-4800. You can also reach out to the Greene County Health Department at 937-374-5600.

The Humane Society of Greene County is not affiliated with county government but is an independent non-profit group of volunteers. We do, however, have Humane Agents who will respond to calls concerning neglect or abuse of livestock. The agent on call can be reached at 937-917-4374.



Special thanks to Raleigh for asking her friends, pictured on the right, to bring pet food to her birthday party instead of gifts for herself. In the nicest of gestures, she donated all of this food to help fill our pet food pantry. Thanks, Raleigh, and a very Happy Birthday to you!



And, a big thank you to the **Miami Valley Ohio Chapter of the American Red Cross** for donating a generous amount of dog and cat food. We are always in need of pet food and litter and are grateful for every donation.

Our pantry serves low-income residents, 65 to 70 of whom routinely visit once a month to pick up food, along with others who only come in on an “as-needed” basis when they find themselves a little short of money. If you would like to donate food to the pantry, you can stop by our office at 187 Bellbrook Avenue in Xenia on any Saturday between 10 – 2. No donation is too small.

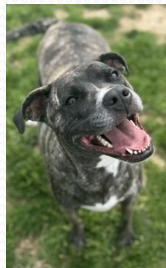
If you're ready to enjoy the spring weather, walking is an ideal way to get exercise and a perfect walking companion can be found down at the Greene County Animal Shelter. Check out some of the great dogs up for adoption or, if you'd rather just hang out with a buddy at home, cats are ideal companions. The shelter is located at 641 Dayton Xenia Drive in Xenia, or visit <https://www.greenecountyohio.gov/113/Adoptions>



Arthur



Pandora



Chloe



Rocky



Pumpkin



Paddy



Roberto



Chunk



Blu



Cranberry



Sheamus

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

- **Inez Worrell** from Tammy Burchfield and Rob Arnold
- **AJ Parks** from Heidi McKinney, Jill Cochran and Bruce & Kim Walker
- **Donald F. Mooney** from The Candlelite HOA
- **Shirley Lang Barber** from Mary Luttrell and Dave Barber
- **Norman Lee Stamper** from Tony McIlvaine, Cynthia Cross and Erin Hitesman
- **Ruth Ann Guyton** from Patricia Wellmeier and Misty Strickland

You can donate securely on our website: 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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