



**HUMANE SOCIETY**  
OF GREATER DAYTON

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# PAWSITIVE PROGRESS

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**Web site:**

[www.hsdayton.org](http://www.hsdayton.org)

**Hours of Operation:**

Tue - Fri 1 to 6 p.m.  
Sat 12 noon to 4 p.m.

**Adoption Fees:**

Cats and Kittens: \$45-\$65  
Dogs and Puppies: \$200-\$300  
Rabbits: \$65  
Small Animals & Birds:  
\$10-\$150

**Board of Directors:**

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# What's Happening at the Shelter



## TNR Continues Impact on the Miami Valley

Thanks to you, in 2018, our Trap-Neuter-Return program was able to trap hundreds of community cats in the Miami Valley and spay or neuter them. Because of this, you are helping us prevent an estimated 235,000 kittens from being born homeless over the next five years.

## Thank You to Sandy's Towing for use of trailer

We wanted to give a big shout-out and thank you to Sandy's Towing who generously allowed us to use their flatbed trailer as well as provided a driver to help pull the trailer so that we could participate in a few parades this past year. We are so lucky to have a partner that is so generous and wonderful. Thank you, Sandy's Towing!



## Working Cats Perfect for Unique Spaces

Do you have a barn, stable, outdoor shelter or even a business or warehouse? We have working cats who need your help! Help us find homes for the feral or semi-feral cats at our facility. These cats may not make wonderful domestic pets, but they are healthy and would do wonderful in a nontraditional setting. Plus, they can help with keeping any unwanted rodents away! All our working cats are spayed/neutered, microchipped, vaccinated and ear-tipped prior to being relocated and our staff will help you with the adjustment period needed to make this transition a success. E-mail [mphillips@hsdayton.org](mailto:mphillips@hsdayton.org) for info!



## MeowZa Cat Boutique Moving Locations

The MeowZa Cat Boutique, inside the Dayton Mall, is moving locations! We will remain in the mall, but are excited to move to a higher traffic area near JCPenney so we can help save more cats and give them their forever homes! More details will come in the coming months as we will have a Grand Opening once the store opens again for business.

# Finding a Family After 525 Days

525 Days. 12,600 Hours. 756,000 Minutes. That is how long Cassie sat waiting. Hoping. Searching with longing eyes for her forever home.

Cassie initially came to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton in August of 2017. She was a lovable pup and quickly got into our START program with Dayton Dog Training Club. She excelled and grew to master many commands as well as more advanced dog training techniques.

Throughout her time with us, Cassie had been adopted from time to time but was sadly always returned. However, with each return we learned more and more about Cassie's personality such as how she loves to be the spotlight of attention or that she isn't too fond of kitty cats. This just helped us narrow down options so that we could find Cassie that perfect match she so needed.

Her new owner was perusing our website and was looking at the dogs available for adoption. Cassie caught her eye and she clicked to get more information. Right as she was doing this, Cassie appeared on her TV screen as part of her appearance in the Jeff Schmitt Auto Group's commercials, which are running in partnership with a fundraiser they



are hosting for the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. Her owner considered this a sign and came to the shelter to meet Cassie. She fell in love and the rest is history!

Now, Cassie is spending her days curled up on her big fluffy dog bed. She loves to play with her new mama and to get lots of belly rubs. She is elated her wait is over! As Cassie's story demonstrates, whether an animal is with us just 5 days or 525 days, we are devoted to finding each one the forever home they so deserve!

## Cassie's inspirational story spreads across the nation

After being with us for more than 525 days, we were thrilled that Cassie found her perfect forever home.

We weren't the only ones wanting to celebrate with Cassie and her new owner though!

After posting Cassie's wonderful news to our social media, her story spread like wildfire across the country. She was featured in more than 600 media outlets including television, online, radio and print media. She hit national news including Fox News, CBS Nightly News, ABC News and even to Good Morning America. She also got international coverage in the UK and Canada.



Everyone was so thrilled that not only did Cassie get her second chance, but that we never gave up on giving her the home we all knew she deserved. Thanks to you and your support, we are so grateful to see Cassie thriving in a new home with a new family!



# Furry Skurry 5K named Top Race for 2018

Thanks to all of you who joined us in 2018 for our annual Furry Skurry 5K & Furry Fest! We had nearly 1,000 people participating in our 5K and nearly 2,000 attending the festivities throughout the day.

We are honored that for the second time, the community voted to make the Humane Society of Greater Dayton's Furry Skurry 5K the Best Charitable Race in Dayton through Dayton Magazine's Best of Dayton awards.

This year's Furry Skurry 5K & Furry Fest will occur Saturday, May 25th at Eastwood MetroPark in Dayton. Register online now by visiting [www.hsdayton.org/FS](http://www.hsdayton.org/FS).



# Pet Affaire Named Top 3 Best Galas by Dayton.com

We are honored that this year our Pet Affaire Gala has been named one of the top three galas in Dayton, according to Dayton.com's Best of Dayton awards.

We had a record-breaking year with a sold out crowd in 2018 and are already planning this year's event!

We hope you all mark your calendars and choose to join us with your pets on November 16th at the Schuster Center in Downtown Dayton as we kickoff another exciting event!



# How a Little Change can Change a Life

Did you know we have more than 100 companies currently participating in our donation box program? This is a fantastic way for local companies to come together and easily raise funds to benefit the animals in our care!

All you have to do is place our donation box at your counter or bar and let people drop in the change! It is easy to do, but the impact you have on animals is huge! With just the change in your pockets, you are helping to spay or neuter dogs, cats and rabbits. You are microchipping animals. You are giving them comforting beds and nourishing food. With just a little change you can change their life for the better!

If you would like to place a donation box in your store, please contact Lauren Boone at [lboone@hsdayton.org](mailto:lboone@hsdayton.org).



## Let Your Legacy Live On and Save Pets' Lives

The Leave a Legacy Program is a valued and special group of people who believe in the Humane Society of Greater Dayton's mission and have chosen to leave their legacy in the animal welfare community.



Through planned, charitable gifts that can be made in a variety of ways, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton is able to ensure the future viability and community impact. Programs include wills and bequests, pet bequests, life insurance, gift annuities, charitable trusts, retirement funds and outright gifts to the organization. By consulting with a financial advisor, you can determine which option is best suited for you. For questions, contact Courtney Steckel at [csteckel@hsdayton.org](mailto:csteckel@hsdayton.org) or call (937) 262-5923.

## Support Pets by Shopping

Did you know you can help homeless animals simply by shopping? No, you don't have to buy anything extra and it costs you nothing to do! Just sign up and a portion of your sale will go directly to the animals!

### Kroger

1. Visit [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com) to sign in.
2. Make the Humane Society of Greater Dayton your charity of choice. Our Charity ID is AS008.

### Dorothy Lane Market

1. Visit [DorothyLane.com](http://DorothyLane.com) - click "Club DLM" and then on "Good Neighbor Program."
2. Type in your name, email and Club Card Number. Select the Humane Society of Greater Dayton as your charity and click "Enroll Now."

### Amazon Smile

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and login as normal
2. Type in Humane Society of Greater Dayton as your charitable organization and 0.5% will help pets.

# Keep Pets Safe with Cold Weather Upon Us

Winter is upon us in the Miami Valley. With it, also comes bitterly cold air, rain, sleet and snow. All of these weather conditions can take a toll on your pet's skin and paws. In fact, it can cause chapped or itchy paws and flaky dry skin. As the temperatures drop, your pet is also at risk for many injuries or even death if left outdoors for long periods of time. Follow these simple tips to make sure you and your pets get through the cold winter safely.

## Battle Cold Weather

Take pets inside with the exception of periods of exercise. This will protect them from the winter elements. Consider dressing your pet in a sweater or coat for outdoor activities. This will help them retain their body heat and will also prevent their skin from drying out.

## Provide Proper Shelter

Although we recommend all animals stay indoors, the sad truth is many are outdoors even in the cold. If your pet must be outdoors, provide them with proper shelter. You want a shelter that is dry, draft-free and large enough for your pet to turn around, sit and lie down comfortably. Also, avoid placing blankets or towels in shelters when it is cold. These items absorb the wetness and actually can harm pets more than keep them warm. Instead, use straw in shelters. This helps circulate air, stays dry and adds warmth and padding.

## Keep Pets Nourished

In the winter months pets tend to use more energy to stay warm. Make sure to feed your pets a little more food during the winter and give them plenty of water. This will help them produce the energy they need to stay warmer and will keep them hydrated, which will help moisturize their skin. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen.

## Bang Car Hood

Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, which may crawl up under the hood for warmth. To avoid injuring animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.



## Groom Your Pets

Animals with longer coats tend to have issues with salt crystals, snowballs or even de-icing chemicals clinging to their fur, which can dry your pet's skin out. Keep fur trimmed to stop some of this from collecting on your pet. Don't forget to also clip the hair between their paws. By also brushing your pet frequently, you can stimulate blood circulation, which improves your pet's overall skin condition. You do however want to also limit the number of baths you give your pets during the winter months. Washing too often can remove the essential oils your pets need to keep their skin healthy.

## Avoid Salt and Chemicals

Keep paws free of salt and other winter chemicals. The salt and chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates his or her mouth, too.

## Keep Antifreeze Out of Reach

Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that can attract animals. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze where it cannot be accessed by pets. If your pet does ingest even the smallest bit of antifreeze, contact your veterinarian immediately or call the ASPCA's Poison Control line at 888-426-4435.

# Open Your Heart, Home to Babies

Although the temperatures are still cold, our Foster Program is already thinking of warmer times. As Spring approaches our shelter is inundated with newborn kittens and puppies that need our help.

Animals in our shelter are not permitted to be part of our Adoption Program until they are at least 8 weeks old. This means that we rely heavily on our devoted foster families to care for these animals in their homes until they are big enough to find their forever homes.

Whether you want to foster once a quarter or only want to foster a specific animal, we will work with you to fit all your needs! Please consider signing up for our Foster Roster and help us give all these helpless babies the chance at a good life! For more information, e-mail [foster@hsdayton.org](mailto:foster@hsdayton.org) or call (937) 262-5937.



## Your Support Finds Homes for Pets Every Day!



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**Meatball**  
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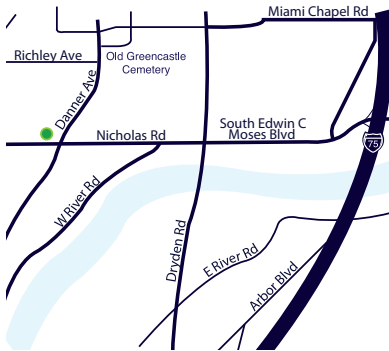


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# Hope Starts With Y-O-U!

Thank you so much to all of the devoted champions and advocates we have as part of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton family!

Without each of you sharing our animals' stories through social media, giving generously through your in-kind and monetary gifts and adopting animals each and every day, we would not be able to impact thousands of animals every single year.

We look forward to what 2019 will bring and thanks to you we will put hope and happiness back in the eyes of so many homeless animals in need!

To continue to save more lives, please give generously at

[www.hsdayton.org/donate](http://www.hsdayton.org/donate)