



HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER DAYTON

# Pawsitive Progress

*Celebrating 116 Years of Helping Animals*

Fall 2018

## Cats Saved After Being Left in Storage Unit

This summer, our Humane Agent received a report about cats that were being kept in a storage facility in Dayton. With temperatures rising, our agent immediately went to the storage unit where she could smell ammonia coming from the unit in question.

Our officer quickly rushed to get a search warrant and opened up the unit to find nine cats being housed inside. Two of the nine cats were very small kittens. Thankfully, despite the heat and lack of water, all nine cats were alive. We removed these cats from the unit and brought them to our shelter where they received top-notch care by our talented veterinary team. Charges were filed



*Photo courtesy of Marshall Gorby, Dayton Daily News*

against the storage unit owner and all of the cats will find new homes through our adoption program. We are thankful for the person who reported this to us. These animals are going to get their second chance because someone chose

to be the voice for the voiceless. If you witness something that you think can be cruel or neglectful toward animals, please report it! You can report it on our website at [www.hsdayton.org](http://www.hsdayton.org) or by calling 855-PETS-911 (855-738-7911).

## Travel Around the World with Us at Pet Afflaire

Get your Passport and get ready for adventure! The Humane Society of Greater Dayton is kicking off this year's Pet Afflaire Gala and dinner with your pets with a worldly theme!

From live entertainment, unique cuisine and once-in-a-lifetime experiences, we will take guests to a variety of places all across the world (and you don't even have to leave Dayton to do it)!

Plus, this night of fun isn't just for you! We encourage all of our guests to bring their pets with them as well! From dogs



and cats to rabbits and event a pot-bellied pig, we have seen it all during this memorable event!

This year, we are excited to also announce that we will be holding the event at the Shuster Performing Arts Center.

In addition to all the fun, we will have a mobile auction that starts on Saturday, November 3rd. You do not have to attend Pet Afflaire to bid on items, but those in attendance get final bid.

Space is limited, so register soon to reserve your spot by visiting [www.hsdayton.org/PA](http://www.hsdayton.org/PA) or by calling (937) 262-5921.

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Donations: (937) 262-5920

Spay/Neuter Program:  
(937) 262-5926

Volunteer/Events Info:  
(937) 262-5924

**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

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# What's Happening at the Shelter?



## Spay/Neuter Event Helps Nearly 50 Cats

Recently our staff held the Paws for Peace Spay/Neuter Clinic to help provide low-cost surgeries of owned cats in our community. In just four hours, our amazing team was able to spay or neuter 48 cats!



## Shelter Offered Free Microchips to Community

To help protect animals who may runaway during the Fourth of July festivities, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton provided free microchips to the community leading up to the holiday. We had nearly 30 animals who took advantage of this great opportunity to protect their pets!

## Have Your Company Become an Offsite Cat Adoption Center

Do you have a business or organization that receives a lot of traffic from the community? Why not sign up to be an offsite cat adoption center for the Humane Society of Greater Dayton? We provide you will all the supplies you need and you get the love of a cat in your facility until it is

available for adoption. For more details on this great opportunity, contact Stephanie at [srawlins@hsdayton.org](mailto:srawlins@hsdayton.org).

## Grocery Shop Locally and Help Pets in Need

Did you know you can help the animals at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton simply by grocery shopping? Simply visit [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com) and sign-up or login. Designate the Humane Society of Greater Dayton as your charity of choice and when you shop a portion will go to the Humane Society. You can also sign up for the Good Neighbors Program at Dorothy Lane Market. Just fill out the form at the customer service counter!



Sign up online now by  
visiting our Donate page:  
[www.hsdayton.org/donate](http://www.hsdayton.org/donate)

# Partnership Helps Dogs Become More Adoptable

The staff and volunteers all know and love the animals here at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. Each animal manages to steal our hearts! Sadly though, some of our amazing dogs get overlooked, which it turns means they stay with us longer. It leaves us asking, “Why is such a good dog still here?”

Sometimes it can be a dog’s health, size, age, or even appearance that hinders its chance of getting adopted. Additionally, studies suggest that visitors take an average of 70 seconds to evaluate whether a dog will be a good fit for their family. Between kennel presence and first impressions on the leash, that doesn’t give the energetic, untrained dog a great chance of letting their personality shine. In the end, these dogs often become “long-term residents” of the shelter, anxiously waiting for their home while trying not to succumb to shelter stress.

So how can you help? While volunteers that are part of the Canine Crew are essential for maintaining any level of training the dog may have, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton is grateful



to work closely with the Dayton Dog Training Club to provide a higher-level program in turn making these overlooked dogs more adoptable. The Saved Trained Adopt Remain Together (START) volunteers donate extra blocks of time to work specifically with dogs that are in need of behavior improvement. In addition to Wednesday evening courses, START volunteers practice with their assigned shelter dogs 2 to 3 times per week to continue progress in their training regime.

The experts at the Dayton Dog Training Club work with our volunteer trainers

and dogs to solidify their bond and determine any issues they need to work on. They also begin teaching them basic commands such as Sit, Lie Down, Wait, Come and Leave It. From there, the Dayton Dog Training Club creates a customized training plan for the dog and trainer to work through until the dog is adopted at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.

Each trainer and dog is assigned to each other based on abilities, personalities and training styles.

The result of this training is huge! It lowers stress in the dog’s life at the shelter and makes them more adoptable for the public. Plus, to ensure the dog stays well-behaved after finding their forever home, the Dayton Dog Training Club generously offers two free training sessions to all people who adopt a dog who is part of the START program. This partnership has and continues to make a huge difference on the lives of our pets! It’s a win-win for the dogs and for the community and we are so happy to have such an amazing partner in the Dayton Dog Training Club.

## Fore Paws Golf Classic Hits Record Numbers to Help Pets

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 7th Annual Fore Paws Golf Classic at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace! This was a record breaking year for this event! We had the most participants we’ve ever had for the golf classic, 128 to be exact. We also raised more than \$37,000 to go directly to the care of the animals at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. Thank you everyone who joined us! Mark your calendars for next year’s outing on Friday, August 16th at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace!



### Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

#### Premier Pup

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# Your Support Helps Pets



Laverne, adopted 07/18/18



Jose, adopted 07/17/18



GW, adopted 07/10/18



Larken, adopted 07/06/18



Jack, adopted 06/30/18



Neptune, adopted 06/20/18



Doodlebug, adopted 06/15/18

## AN OWNER'S PERSPECTIVE

# Remembering a Cat that Changed One Family's Life

We were looking for trees to replace the three that died this year. There, in the middle of the showroom, stood a cage that housed a little cat. It had been placed there by the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, in the hope that someone would adopt him.

The laminated placard attached to the cage read as follows: "Hi, my name is "Stripes." I only have 3 legs, because I tried to make friends with a big dog, by sticking my paw through a chain link fence. Darned if that dog didn't try to drag me through the fence and into his yard. No one took me to the vet until a few days later. I lost my leg, but I am fine now. I just need someone who will give me a home and love me forever."

It is my habit, whenever I see one of these cages, to stop and say hello. I usually send love and a wish for the animal to find the perfect home, and then move on.

This time was different. I looked into his beautiful green eyes, and I was hooked. I was totally, instantly in love! My practical side insisted that taking him home was impossible, because our 14-year-old cat would never accept him. My husband agreed. And so we left.

Try as I might, I could not stop thinking or talking about this little guy. Suffice it to say that 2 weeks and 4 trips to "look



at trees" later, we officially adopted Stripes and renamed him Trinity. At first, it almost seemed like he had forgotten how to play. After all, he had been living in a cage ever since his trauma and subsequent surgery. When he did remember, his eyes lit up and he attacked my hand with enthusiasm. I held still, and said, "Pull your claws in. Gentle." He immediately retracted his claws, and patted my hand with his soft paw pads, looking up at me as if to say, "See, Mom. I can do that!" From that day forward, all we had to say is, "Gentle!" and he immediately retracted his claws.

Trinity had the sweetest little personality. Maggie, the 14-year-old, refused to fully accept him, so he would say "hello" and move on. He never tried to attack her, no matter how much she hissed at him.

He loved to chat. He only "meows" when he is distressed in some way.

Otherwise, he makes more of a chirping sound. "Blrrrrt? How are you? Have you come to play with me?"

A truly unexpected gift is that he is my little healer. More than 4 1/2 years ago, we lost our cat of 14 years, Merlin. Although I had Maggie, I missed Merlin. Trinity's temperament is so close to Merlin's, and although I will never stop loving Merlin, I no longer have the terrible, constant ache in my heart that had been there since Merlin died. Trinity taught my heart to smile again.

We are so lucky and blessed to have a chance to love this adorable little guy.

The world became a colder, sadder place on May 31, 2017. That was the day we had to let our beautiful boy go. Rest in Peace, Sweet Boy. Thank you for gracing our lives.

- Mary Cheers & Rick Hubbert

## Shelter Offers Low-Cost Spays/Neuters for Owned Cats

Do you own a cat but have never gotten it spayed or neutered? Have no fear, we can help! The Humane Society of Greater Dayton is now scheduling times for individuals to have their owned cats spayed or neutered for a low cost. To participate, you must prepay

and schedule a time to bring in your cat. You can prepay by visiting the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, 1661 Nicholas Road in Dayton during open business hours (Tuesdays through Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m.).

Cost for owned cats regardless of gender is \$45 per cat.

This service is currently only for owned cats. For information on this program or to schedule a time, call (937) 268-PETS (7387).

# Wish List

## Animal Care

- Iams, Pedigree, Caesar or Science Diet canned dog food (only pate or ground)
- Hill's Science Diet dry medium adult dog food
- Hill's Science Diet dry mini puppy food
- Hill's Science Diet dry indoor adult cat food
- Hill's Science Diet kitten formula
- Friskies or Fancy Feast canned cat food (only pate)
- Kitten Meal Replacement
- Grocery gift cards to buy produce for rabbits
- Cat toy mice or foil balls
- Medium Kong Toys for Dogs
- Wicker Balls for Rabbits
- Wee Wee Pads

## Veterinary Care

- Distilled water
- Surgical gowns and masks
- Paper & cloth surgical drapes - all sizes
- Eye ointment
- Mineral oil
- Urinary dipsticks

## Shelter Supplies

- White copy paper
- White cardstock
- Glue sticks
- Clorox wipes
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Hand Soap

For a complete list, visit [www.hsd Dayton.org/wishlist](http://www.hsd Dayton.org/wishlist)

# Mark Your Calendars for Furry Skurry & Furry Fest 2019

This year's Furry Skurry 5K & Furry Fest is one for the books! We had lots of new activities, new vendors, more participants and more animals - plus goat yoga!

Thanks to the generosity and support of everyone in attendance, we raised nearly \$80,000 to help the animals at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton! This year, nearly 900 participated in the Furry Skurry walk/run to help pets and an estimated 2,000 were in attendance. We are beyond grateful for everyone



who joined us and look forward to spending next year with you. Mark your calendars for the 2019 Furry Skurry & Furry Fest on Saturday, May 25, 2019 at Eastwood MetroPark.

## Thank You to Our Generous Sponsors!

### King of Canines

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## Become a Constant Companion

Have you ever thought about becoming a hero to an animal in need, saving a life, or making a difference in your community? Well here is your opportunity to do all three! Help make a difference every month by joining the Humane Society's Constant Companion Monthly Giving Club!

Think about the things you spend as little as \$10 per month on — a couple of lunches or coffee every morning, or \$20 per month on — a few movie rentals, or even \$50 or \$100 per month on — dinner and movie. For the same

amount monthly, you can be a lifesaver to pets in need!

Through an automatic monthly funds transfer from your credit/debit card, you can enjoy the convenience and benefits of monthly giving:

- Eliminate the need to write checks.
- Save on postage.
- Participate at a higher level by spreading your payments over 12 months and more!

Sign up today at [www.hsd Dayton.org/](http://www.hsd Dayton.org/) donate or call (937) 262-5920.

# Rabbits from Las Vegas Dumping Site Find Second Chance in Dayton

What started as a good gesture for the residents at a state-run treatment center for youth has turned into a rabbit catastrophe in Las Vegas, Nevada and the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, along with other shelters across the country, has stepped in to help save the lives of several of these rabbits.

A few years ago, a pair of rabbits were released on the grounds at the Desert Willow Treatment Center to act as a therapeutic tool for the young patients at the facility. However, these rabbits were not fixed before being released and they quickly bred and multiplied on the grounds.

Now, 15 years later, the location is overrun with rabbits. They are estimating that earlier this year there were between 800 to 1,000 domestic rabbits on the facility's grounds. These were not only through breeding, but also individuals who have dumped their owned rabbits at the facility.

Local volunteers have been feeding and caring for the rabbits and are currently building a sanctuary for them. However, things became more critical following a report by the Department of Health and Human Services in the State of Nevada claiming that the rabbits are "creating a safety risk to the public, the presence of these animals creates a high potential for clients, staff and visitors to contract disease." Following this report, the public panicked and volunteers arrived to the dumping grounds to find dozens of dead rabbits that appeared to have been poisoned.

Wanting to help the situation as quickly as possible, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton agreed to partner as a resource to find homes for some of these rabbits. Thanks to Triangle



Rabbits, a transport was lined up with more than 100 rabbits. The transport left Las Vegas on a cross-country trip stopping along the way to drop off rabbits at a variety of partner organizations. People and organizations came together and rabbits were placed all over the United States and even into Canada. The Humane Society of Greater Dayton has been able to take in 10 rabbits from Las Vegas and most have already found forever homes! Currently, there are still about 400 rabbits still in need of placement in Las Vegas. Recently, the Las Vegas City Council also passed an ordinance that all businesses such as pet stores that sell animals such as cats, dogs or rabbits must work with rescues to adopt them.

All of the rabbits entering the Humane Society of Greater Dayton were spayed or neutered prior to being placed up for adoption. They ranged in age from a few weeks to a few months old, but our Bunny Brigade, a group of rabbit-focused volunteers at our facility, have been working tirelessly to ensure they are healthy before placing them up for adoption.

If you would like more information on how you can be part of the Bunny Brigade or have questions regarding owning a rabbit, contact us at [rabbits@hsdayton.org](mailto:rabbits@hsdayton.org).

## Get Your Snag a Subaru Tickets for a Chance to Win an Outback

You could win a 2018 Subaru Outback!! That's right, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton has teamed



up again with Subaru Of Dayton for another Snag a Subaru raffle drawing! Raffle tickets are just \$25 each and you have a 1 in 3,000 chance to win a car!

Tickets will be sold online through December 13th or in person until December 14th (or until sold out).

Get your tickets now while supplies last! Visit [www.hsdayton.org/Subaru](http://www.hsdayton.org/Subaru).

## Leave Your Mark Leave a Legacy

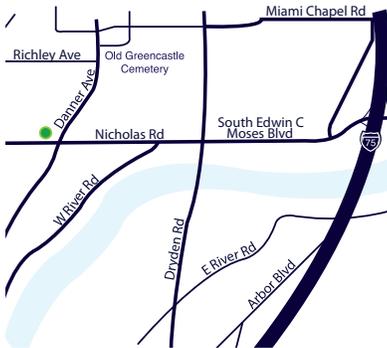
The Legacy of Care is a valued and special group of people who believe in the Humane Society of Greater Dayton's mission and have chosen to leave their legacy in the animal welfare community.

Through planned, charitable gifts that can be made in a variety of ways, the Humane Society 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, [csteckel@hsdayton.org](mailto:csteckel@hsdayton.org) or (937) 262-5923.



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## Mark Your Calendars for These Big Events!



**Pet Affaire**  
Dinner with Pets  
November 10, 2018



**Home 4  
the Holidays**  
Mega Adoption Event  
December 15, 2018



**Snag a Subaru**  
Raffle Drawing  
December 15, 2018

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