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Tue - Fri 1 to 6 p.m.

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Adoption Fees:

Cats and Kittens: \$45-\$65

Dogs and Puppies: \$200-\$325

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What's Happening at the Shelter



Enjoy a Dragons Game While Supporting Pets

Bring out family and friends and enjoy a Dayton Dragons game while supporting animals. Purchase your tickets no later than June 27th and you will pay just \$14 per ticket with \$7 of each ticket going back to support the Humane Society of Greater Dayton for the July 27th game. Use the QR code to purchase tickets or visit www.hsdayton.org/baseball.



Epic Pet Give-a-thon Provides Critical Funds

We want to give a huge thank you to all of the donors and sponsors who helped support our 4th annual Epic Pet Give-a-thon. All throughout this

telethon, we had the opportunity to share our success stories, talk about our programs and services and show the community the impact we are having on animals thanks to their support. In total, we were able to raise nearly \$40,000 for the homeless animals in our community! We would also like to thank the telethon sponsors including Dayton 24/7 Now, Jeff Schmitt Chevy and Your Miami Valley Chevy Dealers, Sallie Jorgensen, altafiber, Carra Builders Commercial Construction, GM Financial, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Larrick's Warehouse Outlet and Pet Butler of SW Ohio.



Shop and Save Lives All With One Click

Did you know the Dayton Humane Veterinary Hospital has their own online pet store? From top-quality foods to treats, over-the-counter medicines and bedding, there are supplies there that can help any pet owner. We even have auto-ship options for you so you'll never forget your pet's food or supplies again!

If you choose to order your items from us, you'll also be supporting the animals in our care. With every sale we make, a portion of the proceeds helps our animals directly. Visit www.hsdayton.org/shop to start shopping today!

Kittens are Here! Join the Foster Roster

Can't commit to adopting an animal? Why not consider fostering? It is a short-term commitment, but the impact you have on these animals is priceless. Whether you are interested in kittens and cats, puppies or dogs, or rabbits, we have options available for you. Plus, our team provides you with the training and supplies to make your fostering experience a positive one!

As Kitten Season begins, we are going to see an influx of animals needing our help. Visit www.hsdayton.org/foster and sign up today to join our Foster Roster. Your support will help these animals more than you will ever know!



HSGD Launches Innovative One Health Program to Provide Resources to Pet Owners in Need

The Humane Society of Greater Dayton is excited to introduce its innovative One Health Program, designed to offer comprehensive assistance and support to pet owners confronting challenges beyond the realm of veterinary care for their beloved animals. This initiative underscores the organization's dedication not only to the welfare of the animals under their care but also to the well-being of the people who own them. Central to the One Health Program is the recent appointment of a specialized One Health Program Manager, a licensed social worker uniquely equipped to aid clients facing various pressing issues impacting their broader lives (One Health), aside from the veterinary care required for their pets.

In this multifaceted role, the newly appointed One Health Program Manager will passionately advocate for the veterinary clients of the Humane Society, collaborating with numerous service organizations in the community to address a wide array of challenges and requirements. Through the implementation of One Health programming, the Humane Society of Greater Dayton is poised to address the diverse needs of their veterinary clientele comprehensively. Whether individuals are grappling with fundamental challenges such as food insecurity, homelessness, utility inadequacies, financial hardships, or other difficulties, the program aims to offer guidance, support, and advocacy, ensuring both pet owners and their animals can thrive.



“Navigating through a state of need can be overwhelming, especially when you’re striving to support your furry family members,” said Brian Weltge, President & CEO of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. “Accessing necessary resources beyond veterinary care to assist you or your family can be complex and unclear. This new initiative at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton will function as a liaison and advocate, guiding and connecting our clients to vital community resources addressing their needs. Our One Health Program will pave the way for greater peace of mind and comfort for our clients and their families.”



2023

A YEAR IN PHOTOS



One of our volunteers wraps tape around the opening of a winter cat shelter. In 2023, we built around 250 cat shelters that were then distributed all throughout the Miami Valley to keep community cats safe from the harsh winter weather.



Through the Book Buddies program, we were able to provide a resource to help children practice their reading skills. Children can come to the shelter and read to our pets. It provides an experience free from judgement for the children that helps them build their confidence in reading. It also provides socialization to our pets.



In 2023, we launched a new partnership program with Brookdale Nursing Home as an innovative foster home location. Through this partnership, the facility fosters litters of kittens for us. Not only does this help us free up cage space at our facility, but it provides a therapeutic resource for staff and residents at the facility as they care for the kittens until they are able to be adopted.



Three puppy clients patiently wait for their exams during a wellness visit to our Dayton Humane Veterinary Hospital.



Annie, a horse that came through our shelter as part of a cruelty and neglect case enjoys the fresh greens in her new pasture. After arriving to us just skin and bones, she is now thriving in a new forever home where she is getting the love and care she deserves!



As the exclusive partner of the Senior Resource Connection since 2022, we have been able to provide food and pet supplies to the seniors within the Miami Valley through programs such as Meals on Wheels. Seniors who are part of this program no longer have to choose whether to eat their food or give it to their pets. They now have pet supplies and food delivered right to their door along with their own food. It is a win-win for the pets and for their owners and it is a program we take such pride in being a part of to support the seniors within the region!



Humane Society of Greater Dayton's President & CEO, Brian Weltge, assists with carrying in some puppies from a transport we had with one of our partner organizations. As a no-kill facility, animals come to us in many ways including partnerships with several local, state and national organizations. These partnerships help to combat unnecessary euthanasia practices while giving animals a second chance.

Record Breaking Year By the Numbers



2,453 Animals Placed

This includes 2,385 adopted into forever homes, 49 reunited with owners after being lost, 5 transferred to rescues or sanctuaries to receive specialized care, 13 stray cats released to specific areas to thrive outside and 1 wild animal released to a sanctuary.



7,972 Animals Spayed or Neutered

This includes 1,981 stray animals before they became available for adoption, 1,959 owned animals and 4,032 animals through our Trap-Neuter-Return Program, which helps to combat cat overpopulation in our community.



4,187 Animals Examined

Through the Dayton Humane Veterinary Hospital, we examined or treated 4,187 animals this year including 1,023 new clients. We were also named Best Veterinary Clinic by both Dayton.com and Dayton Magazine.



424 Cases of Neglect Investigated

These investigations resulted in 99 warnings issued and 151 animals removed from dangerous situations. Our humane society agents also received and responded to 2,948 phone calls from the public.

Join the Paw-some Party at Furry Skurry

Get ready for a tail-wagging good time at the 33rd Furry Skurry 5K, hosted by the Humane Society of Greater Dayton! Happening on May 18th at St. Leonard in Centerville from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., this event promises to be a day filled with furry fun and excitement for the whole family.

From a thrilling 5K walk or run to adorable baby goats and high-flying pups in a Frisbee Disc Stunt & Trick Show, there's something for everyone to enjoy! Plus, indulge in delicious treats from Dayton's top food trucks, strut your pet's stuff in the Pet Costume Contest, and shop 'til you drop at the Flea(less) Market with more than 30 vendors.

With every registration supporting homeless animals at the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, you'll not only have a blast but also make a meaningful difference. Don't miss out – register now and let's make memories together while supporting a paws-itively wonderful cause!

Register Now!
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We Found Our Forever Homes, Thanks to You!



Carl, adopted
01/29/24



Toadette, adopted
01/26/24



Jimmie & Gopher, adopted
01/20/24

From Stray to Family: Bruce's Story of Healing & Hope

A good Samaritan came to our shelter to report a dog they saw wandering the streets close to our facility. Our staff went out to find him and discovered Bruce. Covered in blood and cuts, Bruce was found by our staff eating the scraps of a sandwich from a sandwich bag along the side of the road. But when he saw us there to help, a flicker of hope ignited within him.

Immediately our team rushed him to our veterinary staff where his injuries were determined to be those from a previous attack. Our team cleaned him and began caring for his wounds. Bruce's transformation had begun. Day-by-day, his wounds healed, but it was the healing of his spirit that truly marked his journey. Through gentle interactions and nurturing, he learned to trust again. After months in our care, a family, who had already adopted from us two years before, came in to meet him. Immediately, they fell in love with him and Bruce began giving them his signature sloppy kisses. Now, Bruce is happy and healthy and spends his days in the yard playing with the children and his new dog best friend. Thanks to your support, Bruce got the second chance he deserves!

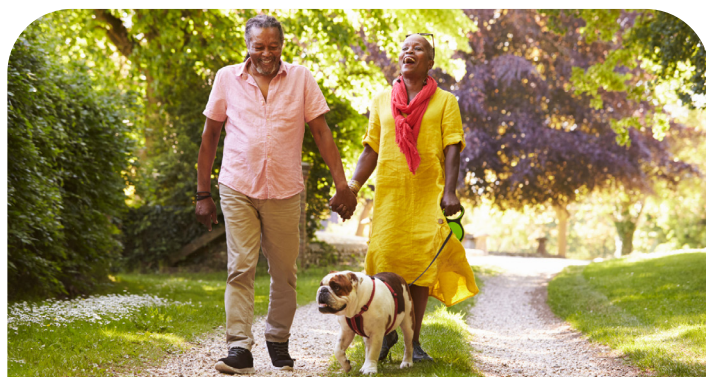


Create Your Will for FREE...and Don't Forget Your Pets!

Thank you for supporting the Humane Society of Greater Dayton in 2023. Whether you donated, volunteered, or fostered, you have made a positive impact on thousands of animals!

Since 1902, our intention has been to provide care to pet-owners and pets alike. In that spirit, we are excited to introduce a new partnership with FreeWill and offer a free estate planning tool with the intention of protecting the people and pets you love. Everyone should have a plan to protect what they love — and estate planning is especially important for pet owners. By writing a will, you can designate a guardian to ensure that no matter what happens, your furry friend always has a caring home.

FreeWill offers self-guided, online tools so friends of the Humane Society of Greater Dayton can write a will 100% for free. More than 725,000 people have used it to protect what they love, often in 20 minutes or less. While creating your plans, you'll also have the opportunity to designate a



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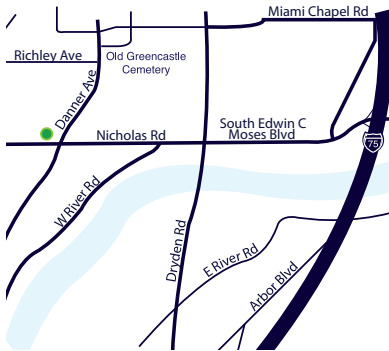


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On the Road to a Healthy, Happy Life

Midnight's story is a testament to resilience, patience, and the power of love. From being surrendered by her owner as an extremely overweight senior cat to finally finding her forever home after 304 days at the shelter, Midnight's journey has been nothing short of remarkable.

With the support of our team, Midnight embarked on a transformative path to reclaim her health and happiness. Throughout her time at the shelter, Midnight was diagnosed as diabetic. To manage this, our team had to provide her with insulin shots two times a day. We, as well as her foster family, worked to get her diabetes under control so that we could then focus on her weight loss journey.

Her endearing personality and determined spirit touched the hearts of many, eventually leading to the momentous day when her new owner saw her in a live Facebook video. He immediately came to the shelter and decided to provide her with the loving forever home she deserved. Now, we are happy to report that Midnight has kept up her health regime and thanks to her new family and veterinarian she has shed her excess weight and is completely off all her insulin! Midnight is healthy, happy and loving her new life with her family! Thanks to all of you, this beautiful lady is thriving yet again!

