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**Bridging the Gap: Focusing  
on People and Pets in Need**

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#### ADOPTION CENTER HOURS

Sundays & Mondays: Closed  
Tuesday to Friday: 1 to 6 pm  
Saturdays: 12 to 4 pm

#### VETERINARY HOSPITAL HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 8 am to 5:30 pm  
Friday: 8 am to 5 pm  
Saturdays & Sundays: Closed

#### MEOWZA CAT BOUTIQUE HOURS

Sunday: 12 to 4 pm  
Tuesday to Friday: 12 to 7 pm  
Saturday: 12 to 6 pm

#### ADOPTION FEES

Cats & Kittens: \$30 to \$115  
Dogs & Puppies: \$100 to \$375  
Rabbits: \$65 to \$100  
Pocket Pets: \$10 to \$100

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE SHELTER

### ANNUAL BATTERY FUNDRAISER BEGINS

Is your watch in need of a fresh battery? Stop into James Free Jeweler's Dayton location now through the end of November. They are offering complimentary battery replacements, with a unique twist—any donation made for this service will be donated to our animals!



### GET A CHANCE TO WIN THIS NEW CAR!

The Car RUFFle is back for another year and thanks to Jeff Schmitt Chevrolet and your Miami Valley Chevy Dealers, we are going to be giving **one lucky person a new, fully-loaded 2024 Chevy Trax RS!** Tickets can be purchased now through October 18th by visiting [www.CarRuffle.com](http://www.CarRuffle.com). You must purchase your tickets



online and you must be within Ohio to purchase. 100% of the money raised from this raffle goes directly to the animals in our care so get your tickets now for your chance to win this car!

### FURRY SKURRY 5K RAISES NEEDED FUNDS

Thank you so much to every one who join us during this year's Furry Skurry 5K! Thanks to your support we were able to raise more than \$116,000 for the animals. We would also like to thank our sponsors including AES/Arby's, Subaru of Dayton, Diamond Kennels Resort & Spa, Expedient Technology Solutions, Lamar Advertising, St. Leonard, WHIO, Cargill, LexisNexis, Meijer, Pet Butler, PetSuites,



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# THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX



## ALTERNATE HOUSING EXPANDS REACH OF FOSTER PROGRAM

The Humane Society of Greater Dayton is thinking outside the box with their foster program by adding unconventional fostering homes to the mix.

These partnerships couldn't come at a more critical time for the Humane Society. During this year's breeding season, the Humane Society has had more than 300 animals in foster care at any given point. Seeking alternative foster homes was essential to support the increased number of animals, ultimately helping to free up more cage space and in turn help more pets find their forever homes.

Currently, HSGD is partnering with two senior centers including Engaging Days Senior Enrichment Center in Englewood and The Patterson in Beavercreek. This innovative approach not only helps the Humane Society manage the influx of animals needing foster care but also enriches the lives of the seniors who interact with kittens at the facilities. The kittens receive constant attention and care, while the seniors benefit from the joy and companionship. This creative solution has shown firsthand how collaborating with other community groups can create a positive impact for both people and pets and we look forward to expanding this program further.





# BRIDGING THE GAP

## MORE THAN ANIMALS: BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY TOGETHER

At the Humane Society of Greater Dayton, we believe the well-being of animals and humans are inextricably linked. We're not just here for the animals; we're here for the entire community. Our mission is to advance the health, welfare and safety of animals and people. By providing resources and support to pet owners, we're strengthening the bond between people and their pets, fostering healthier, happier communities.

## HOW DO WE SUPPORT PEOPLE?

- **Affordable Veterinary Care:** Our veterinary hospital offers high-quality, low-cost care to help pet owners keep their companions healthy and out of shelters.
- **Education and Training:** We offer a variety of programs to educate about responsible pet ownership, including trainings, classes, our Book Buddies reading program and more.
- **Support Services:** We understand life can be challenging, and sometimes extra help is needed. Our One Health Program includes a licensed social worker who advocates for people in need, ensuring pet owners and their pets receive the necessary care and resources. Additionally, our Safe Pets Shelter Program collaborates with local domestic violence shelters to provide boarding for pets of those escaping violent situations.
- **Community Outreach:** We partner with local organizations like the Senior Resource Connection to provide pet food to Meals on Wheels participants. Our Pet Therapy program brings pets to senior centers, offering seniors companionship and interaction with animals.





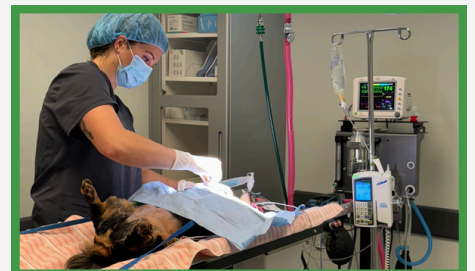
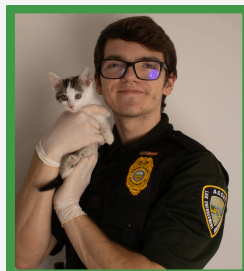
The Humane Society of Greater Dayton has grown to become more than just an adoption center. We are building a community focused on the care of animals and people.



We understand pets are more than just animals; they are beloved family members who bring joy, companionship, and unconditional love into our lives. Since 1902, we have been devoted to caring for animals in the Miami Valley. With more than 120 years of service to the community, we have grown to be much more than an adoption center. We are the leader in animal welfare and continue to grow and expand our programs and services to fit the needs of our community. With your support, we are proud to be here for the animals who need us.

## HOW DO WE LEAD THE WAY IN ANIMAL WELFARE EACH YEAR?

- **A No-Kill Animal Adoption Agency:** We are proud to be the largest adoption agency in the Miami Valley helping nearly 2,500 animals find homes each year. We are also the only organization in the Miami Valley helping all types of animals find homes.
- **Cruelty & Neglect Investigations:** Each year, our humane society agents investigate hundreds of cases of cruelty and neglect toward all types of animals within Montgomery County.
- **High-Volume Spay & Neuter Clinic:** To battle overpopulation, our team performs nearly 8,000 spay and neuter surgeries each year for shelter animals, owned animals and community cats. By spaying or neutering these animals, we are ensuring they live a healthier, longer life while also stopping unwanted litters within our communities.
- **Full-Service Veterinary Hospital:** At our veterinary hospital we are able to provide low-cost, high-quality veterinary services to owned pets. Plus, with our financial payment plans, we will work to ensure all pets receive the care they need no matter the financial burdens owners may have.
- **Community Cat Initiative:** This program ensures community cat safety, combats overpopulation, and promotes spaying or neutering through Trap-Neuter-Return. Our Working Cats Program also provides safe, non-traditional shelters for community cats.
- **Pet Enrichment and Socialization:** From providing dog training, enrichment puzzles and excursions for our animals, we also have large Volunteering and Foster programs designed to help socialize and support the development of animals in our care through loving interactions.







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TO REGISTER.



# TEE OFF FOR PETS AT NCR COUNTRY CLUB

Calling all golf aficionados and animal advocates! Join us on **August 26th** for the 13th Annual Fore Paws Golf Classic at the exclusive NCR Country Club, featuring the legendary PGA Championship South Course and scenic North Course.

Tee off with purpose, as you support the Humane Society of Greater Dayton's mission to save furry friends across the Miami Valley. Don't miss this chance to experience top-level golf while helping our furry friends find forever homes. Register now and show the world the power of compassion on and off the course!

## EVENT ACTIVITIES

- Interact with adorable adoptable dogs and kittens
- Relax and rejuvenate with complimentary chair massages
- Refuel your energy with complimentary snacks at the Turn
- Start your day off with a delicious breakfast and a complimentary drink at the bar before you hit the course
- Score big with incredible raffle baskets filled with goodies
- Showcase your power and precision in the Longest Drive (Men's & Women's) Contest.
- Test your aim and finesse in the nail-biting Closest to the Pin Contest, where every stroke counts.
- Indulge in a delectable buffet lunch
- And so much more!

## DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS IN YOUR ESTATE PLANNING!

Every animal deserves the security of a safe and loving home — but we often hear of pets left abandoned because they did not have a proper guardianship plan in place.

That's why we introduced our Pet Bequest program. Through this option, pet owners can bequeath their pets to HSGD by including a

bequest of any size in their will or trust. For those who are unable to leave their pet to a loved one or family member, this option ensures your furry friend will always be cared for, and receive the unconditional love you shared with them.

To get started, we invite you to use [FreeWill's estate planning tool](https://www.FreeWill.org).



It's 100% free to create a will or trust and makes it simple to participate in our Pet Bequest program if you so choose.

**START YOUR WILL FOR FREE AT [WWW.HSDAYTON.ORG/WILL](https://www.hsd Dayton.org/will)**



# JOFFREY FIGHTS FOR HIS LIFE

Earlier this summer, a small, innocent kitten endured the most unimaginable cruelty. This sweet kitten, which we named Joffrey, was deliberately set on fire by a hateful heart and continues to fight for his life. The man responsible for this horrendous act has been indicted and is currently in jail, facing several felony and misdemeanor charges. While the courts deal with him, we have a more pressing situation at hand: saving the life of the innocent kitten who happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Joffrey arrived to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton in critical condition, suffering from severe burns and wounds. Our dedicated team immediately began round-the-clock care, providing pain relief, changing bandages, and performing essential procedures to stabilize him. Despite our best efforts, Joffrey needed specialized care. On July 18th, we transferred him to The Ohio State University Veterinary Center, where he has undergone two surgeries to treat his wounds and repair his burnt ears. Unfortunately, Joffrey developed a severe, treatment-resistant infection, requiring strong antibiotics and continued intensive care. He remains at the center as he continues to heal. Through his time there, we are happy to report that the largest wound on his frail,

little body has begun shrinking in size and his infection is clearing up. However, the veterinary team is concerned with one of his elbows as it does not appear to be healing properly. They believe a skin graft may be in order and are unsure at this time how much mobility he will have in that leg. Despite all of his pain and suffering, Joffrey still wants to do nothing more than curl up in your lap and receive love and pets.

As a no-kill animal welfare agency, we are committed to valuing and protecting all animals from suffering. Joffrey's strength and resilience inspire us to do everything we can to help him fully recover, but we can't do it alone. The OSU Veterinary Center generously covered a large portion of the cost around his procedures, but thanks to all of your support we have raised additional funding to cover the rest of Joffrey's extensive, specialized care. No creature should endure the cruelty Joffrey has faced, but thanks to you we can ensure he receives the best care possible. He isn't out of the woods yet, but we are honored to be able to show Joffrey that there is still love and kindness in this world. Thank you for your support!







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# WE FOUND OUR FOREVER HOMES, THANKS TO YOU!



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Adopted 05/26/24



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Adopted 04/30/24



**UNO & MONO**  
Adopted 07/26/24



**STORMY**  
Adopted 07/23/24



**SADIE**  
Adopted 05/02/24



**SWISS & CHEDDAR**  
Adopted 06/01/24



**ROMBA**  
Adopted 05/24/24



**LEMON & GRAPEFRUIT**  
Adopted 07/22/24



**RICHTER**  
Adopted 03/26/24



**HEDWIG**  
Adopted 06/07/24