The HS of MC Newsletter

Dogged Pursuit

In February of 2025, our humane agent responded to a call of neglect. When she arrived, she found a dog in deplorable condition. He had suffered a horrendous injury, was severely emaciated, and quite frankly, he was defeated. The hope in his eyes was gone. The neglect he had endured had broken him, and his future was uncertain. He was rushed to an emergency veterinarian that evening, and the extent of the damage became excruciatingly clear.

His court case concluded in March of 2026 with two felony convictions (the first ever for the Humane Society of Morrow Co) after a frustrating, year-long process. His recovery was neither swift nor easy-but he did recover. Thanks to dedicated veterinary staff and the unwavering love of his foster family, this dog fought a remarkable fight and survived. He was adopted shortly after the trial ended. His temporary foster home is now his permanent home. Schmidt, now known as Gunner, knows nothing but love and hope, and he has a future so bright it's blinding.

For those who are afraid to speak up, let this be your motivation. Be part of the change we as humankind must take on. Every living, breathing creature deserves a life free from suffering. If each of us commits to even one action to make this world better for animals, the impact can be monumental.

Congratulations, Gunner. Your endurance and strength make you an exceptional boy, and we could not be happier for you.

Annual Easter Bunny Photos

Our springtime fundraising event featuring photos and meeting with the Easter Bunny on March 28, was so much fun! Tickets for the Easter Raffle baskets were available also. Between photo sales and raffle tickets, we raised $790.77 during this egg-stra special event! As always, we appreciate everyone that stopped in. A huge thank you to our event volunteers: Tammy, Scott, Steve, Kara, Jessica, Deb and Terry.

Pies for Paws

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Pizzaburg fundraiser on March 30. As a result, we raised $544.25 for our organization. We are so thankful for this opportunity and can't wait for next year's pizza event! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing volunteers: Deb, Terry, Judi, Steve, Jenifer, Erin, Jessica, and Nikki for their time, energy, and dedication.

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UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

Watch for the **Father's Day gift basket raffle** in June and **Scratch Off Lottery raffle** in July! You can purchase tickets in person at the ARC or online.

The Annual Spay-ghetti Dinner benefiting our Spay/Neuter Fund will be served on Saturday, September 19, 2026, 4 – 7 pm @ Whetstone Industries, 440 Douglas St, Mt. Gilead. The spay/neuter program offers low cost spay/neuter services to the Morrow County community. Watch our Facebook page or our website for further details.

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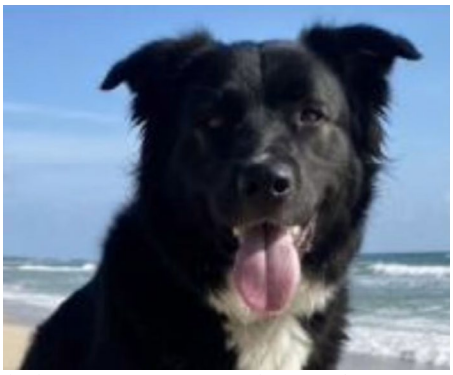
A special thank you to the incredible staff at COVE especially Dr. Violi and Dr. Glass and Julie of Whetstone Vet Clinic. Without their expertise, compassion, and dedication, this outcome would not have been possible. And our gratitude to the Morrow Co Prosecutor's Office for pursuing the conviction. We are so grateful for everyone.

Meet Our Adoptable Pets

Adopt-A-Pet! Here are a few of our adoptable cats that you may visit during open hours at the ARC or at the Pet Supplies Plus store in Westerville. Come out and meet our adoptable furry friends in person!

Meet Pilot!
Pilot, found at a local gas station early this year, is an adult spayed female domestic short-hair tabby estimated to have been born in late spring 2025. She was fearful of people but is learning that they only want what is best for her and accepts love and affection all day long. She has been wormed & microchipped, is negative tested for FLV/FIV & vaccinated with the Felovax or FVRP vaccine. Pilot is an observer that stands back learning all the new things around her. She gets along with other cats and is fine with dogs.

Meet Laney!



Laney, a recent voluntary surrender, is an adult spayed female mixed breed dog born in 2023 and currently weighs 65 pounds, just the right size for big hugs. She is heartworm negative and current on DHLP, Bordetella and rabies vaccines. Laney is house trained, good with children and curious about cats. She is in the prime of her life and has so much love to give. Whether it's long walks, cozy evenings, or just being your loyal companion, Laney is ready to be your best friend.

Meet Finn!
Finn, found at a local library just weeks old and was bottle fed until big enough to eat on his own, is a neutered male domestic short-hair cat born in October 2025. He is an adventurous fella who loves exploring the world around him and is ready for the next adventure. He has been wormed & microchipped, is negative tested for FLV/FIV & vaccinated with the Felovax or FVRP vaccine. Finn gest along with other cats and dogs and looking for a forever family to share adventures with!

Meet Lena!
Lena, abandoned by her owner, is an adult spayed female domestic short-haired cat estimated to be 2 or 2 1/2 years old. She has been wormed & microchipped, is negative tested for FLV/FIV & vaccinated with the Felovax or FVRP vaccine. Lena gets along with other cats but has not tested with dogs. She is looking forward to finding a home that will love her forever.

Cat adoption fees are $75, which helps cover the spay or neuter, microchip, and vaccination costs. To begin your adoption process, fill out an adoption application online at our website or at The Animal Resource Center. Thank you for adopting!

Stop into the ARC, 16 N. Main Street, Mt Gilead to see the beautiful new mural painted by local artist Christopher Duda. Go to our Facebook page to view the video of Chris creating this amazing artwork. You can purchase a signed print of the mural for $10 ($3 from every sale comes to The HSofMC). Visit https://www.cmdudaart.com/product/all-love-today-humane-society-of-morrow-county. Thank you Chris!!

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