



Humane Society of Morrow County

The HS of MC Newsletter

The Great Puppy Rescue Update

The Great Puppy Rescue is a program developed by HSofMC with Savin' Em All Rescue to help those individuals with unexpected litters of puppies. Many people who have inquired have been undecided because it sounds too good to be true,



but the fact is it's all about the animals. The program has begun to pick up steam and has a total of 17 puppies enrolled. Whenever possible the litter is fostered by the enrollee. Both mother and puppies are given the appropriate vaccines (including Bordetella) and are treated for internal parasites. The mother is later spayed without charge to the enrollee. At the appropriate time, the litter is spayed/neutered and adopted.

The current enrollees have been very happy with the program and relieved that the litter will be properly vetted and adopted into good forever homes.

Public dog shelters do not have the facilities or personnel to adequately care for pregnant dogs or lactating dogs with puppies. As a result, they have been contacting us to ask if we would accept the pregnant/lactating dogs. We have been accepting them and placing them in a foster home that is equipped and experienced to handle pregnant/lactating mothers. To date, 3 litters have been birthed at this foster home.

The foster home needs many items – blankets, towels, pillow cases, newspapers and good quality dry puppy food. It also needs the concrete kennel floor repaired to facilitate sanitation, the walls laminated and the windows replaced. If you can help, please contact the HSofMC at 419-947-5791. Another rescue organization generously donated insulation for the entire building. The HSofMC has generously donated kennel inserts, food and bedding.

If you know of anyone who has an unexpected litter, please have them contact the HSofMC at 419-947-5791 or e-mail to: savinemallrescue@yahoo.com or thegreatpuppyrescue@columbus.rr.com.

Humane Society Board Candidates

The following people are seeking three-year positions on HSofMC's Board. Election will occur at the annual meeting.

Donna Bremigan

- Has been a member of the Society since its inception
- Was President of the Society for 13 years
- Has served on the Board in various capacities
- Chair of Education Committee
- Serves on Fundraising and Shelter Committees
- Works on various fundraisers
- "I feel that the Humane Society has progressed tremendously in the past years and I would like to continue to serve the Society as a board member in future years."

Patti Feustel

- Treasurer of HSofMC
- Chair of Public Relations Committee
- Served on Nominating Committee
- Serves on Edison Village Council as President Pro Tem, chairman of Safety Committee and member of Finance Committee
- Accounting Chair for 3 years for Morrow County Relay for Life
- Secretary/Treasurer (4 years) and Board Member (2 years) of Morrow County Fairboard
- Morrow County Junior Fair Coordinator for 4 years
- First-Knox National Bank Teller/CSR for 10 years

Melanie Greenawalt

- Chairman of Fundraising Committee
- Serves on Adoptions/Foster Homes Committee
- Attends many adoption events in Central Ohio
- Participates in several fundraising events such as Rabies Clinic and Photos with Santa
- Initiated, organizes and runs Annual Fall Festival for Homeless Dogs
- "Through my involvement in these events and activities I have raised substantial funds and brought new awareness to the Humane Society of Morrow County."

Lynne Petitti

- Appointed HSofMC Board Member
- Attended Ohio Peace Officer Training for Humane Agents and passed written examination
- Co-founder of Circle P Sanctuary, Inc., a 501(c)(3) organization that focuses on horses and horse issues
- President and Treasurer of Circle P Sanctuary
- Editor of Circle P Sanctuary newsletter
- Family owned and operated catering company which worked for the PGA Tour Championship organization



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Board Meetings

Board Meetings are held at the Mt. Gilead Library annex on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The public is welcome to attend.

Annual Meeting

The Humane Society of Morrow County will hold its annual general members meeting Wednesday, December 9, at 7:00pm at the Mt. Gilead Library Annex. The agenda will include election of Board members and committee reports. Refreshments will be served. Members and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

HSofMC currently has 93 paid memberships. Breakdown is as follows: Lifetime 19, Corporate 5, Family 26, Individual 43.

Education Committee

HSofMC had a booth at the Help Me Grow event sponsored by the Morrow County Health Department. This event educates young children on health and safety issues. HSofMC's booth featured coloring books with animals and a prize wheel which the children could spin.

HSofMC also had a table at the Mt. Gilead Corn Festival which contained literature on all aspects of good animal care.

Letters will be distributed to teachers and principals for in-class HSofMC volunteer visits which focus on good animal care.

Fundraising Committee

HSofMC's food trailer attended the Crestline Harvest Festival on September 17 – 19.

Blessing of the Animals and Mutt Strut 2009 will take place at the Mt. Gilead State Park on September 26, 2009. Blessing of the Animals will be held at the park gazebo beginning at 10:00 a.m. under the direction of Reverend Braun of the First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Gilead followed by Mutt Strut 2009 sponsored by the Humane Society. If you would like to participate in Mutt Strut 2009 and earn money for the Humane Society, please pick up a sponsor form at a Morrow County veterinarian, a Morrow County library or call 740-625-5607 and a form will be mailed to you.

Melanie Greenawalt's Fall Festival for Homeless Dogs is scheduled for October 10, 2009. The festival will take place from 12 pm to 4 pm at 3956 Township Road 21 (corner of Township Road 21 and State Route 61). The event includes



costume contests, dog contests, silent auction, dog photos, games, food and fun. Check the Sentinel and Compass for more details.

HSofMC's annual Photos with Santa event is scheduled for December 3 and 4, 2009 at the Mt. Gilead Fire Station. Check the Sentinel and Compass for details later this year.

Humane Agent Report

Judi Robinson has been sworn in as Humane Agent for Morrow County. She is ably assisted by Jennifer Johnston and Lynne Petitti.

Following is a summary of second quarter calls that were received by HSofMC. Currently Judi Robinson and Patty Mills are working the HSofMC call line.



Nature of Call	April	May	June
Dog Neglect	18	13	20
Cat Neglect	2	0	0
Horse Neglect.....	12	15	1
Cow Neglect.....	2	0	0
Dog Surrender	10	5	6
Cat/Kitten Surrender	11	18	19
Pet Inquiries.....	18	18	9
Voucher Inquiries.....	7	3	16
Miscellaneous Calls	58	36	38
Total Calls.....	138	108	109

**PO Box 298 Mt. Gilead, OH 43338
419-947-5791**

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

ASPCA Animal Poison Control: 888-426-4435

Dog Warden's Office: 419-946-1747

WEB SITES

www.HSofMC.org • www.petfinder.com



Morrow County Fair Booth

Thanks to all who visited us at this year's Morrow County Fair. We grossed almost \$700 and had a lot of interest in our poster showing the "Hall of Shame". It takes more than just the society volunteers to help stop animal cruelty. The basket of goodies was won by Cyndi Knackstedt of Mt. Gilead with her guess of 372 dog treats, outguessing 396 other people. Congratulations Cyndi!! Plan to visit us next year in the commercial building by gate A.



A Success Story

Asia is truly an ambassador of her breed. She is a happy-go-lucky girl that loves everyone. She has never met a stranger. She greets everyone with a 100-watt pittie grin!

Asia didn't have an easy start in life. She was found as a pup thrown in someone's yard in a bag, torn up and bleeding from what looked like bite wounds. It was suspected that she had been used as a "bait dog".

The man who found her took her in and cared for her, then later gave her to a family that would include 3 daughters, another dog and lots of kitties. Asia was given lots of love and never seemed to show emotional scars of her past. She grew to be a very loving and nurturing dog who would mother kittens and other sick or injured animals.

Circumstances changed for Asia's family, and she was surrendered to the Humane Society last summer at the age of twelve. She was a joy to have around and greeted everyone with a happy tail wag. Everyone loved Asia! She was always happy and even though she was starting to get arthritis in her hips, she would still come to greet every visitor and follow her foster mom everywhere.

Asia was adopted by a young woman who is a Vet Tech and goes to work everyday with her "mom". She is on medication for her arthritis and is doing very well. She enjoys going on walks and car rides.

Asia has changed a lot of people's thinking on pit bulls. She is a perfect example of what a typical pit bull can be if given love and attention as a member of the family. Pit bulls are a very loyal and loving breed when raised in the right atmosphere.

Like children, they learn what they live.



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2009 BOARD MEMBERS

OFFICERS

President: Jennifer Johnston
Vice President: Patty Mills
Secretary: Melanie Greenawalt
Treasurer: Patti Feustel

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS

Elaine Ballitch
Donna Bremigan
Melanie Greenawalt
Patty Mills
Lynne Petitti
Judi Robinson

COMMITTEES

Policies and Procedures

Members: Lynn Petitti, Elaine Ballitch, Joan Ballitch

Membership/Volunteers

Chair: Elaine Ballitch
Members: Joan Ballitch

Education

Chair: Donna Bremigan
Members: Jennifer Johnston, Judi Robinson

Public Relations

Chair: Patti Feustel
Members: Patty Mills, Jennifer Johnston, Martha Sayers

Fundraising

Chair: Melanie Greenawalt
Members: Elaine Ballitch, Joan Ballitch, Donna Bremigan, Jennifer Johnston

Grants

Chair: Elaine Ballitch
Members: Joan Ballitch

Website

Chair: Martha Sayers
Members: Judi Robinson

Shelter/Property

Chair: Patty Mills
Members: Donna Bremigan

Newsletter

Chair: Elaine Ballitch, Nancy Collander
Members: All Board Members

History

Chair: Jennifer Johnston
Members: Melanie Greenawalt, Lynne Petitti, Patti Feustel, Judi Robinson

Adoptions/Foster Homes

Members: Melanie Greenawalt, Jennifer Johnston, Judi Robinson

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Raffle Winner

Dan Fishburn won the raffle prize of replications of 5 historic Mt. Gilead buildings.

Thank You

To Lane Miller and Tamara Rosha for their generous donation of 4 humane animal traps

To Walt and Irene Johnson and Kevin and Nancy Collander for helping in the food trailer at the Crestline Harvest Festival

To Jennifer Johnston and Judi Robinson for ably assisting Donna Bremigan with educational events

To Patty Mills and Judi Robinson for assembling an outstanding HSofMC booth at the Morrow County Fair