

Paw Prints

Wynter at HSDC

During a bitter cold afternoon on January 29, 2010, an emaciated black dog collapsed, nearly frozen to death, in front of a home in Delaware. The home's caring residents rushed Wynter to the Humane Society of Delaware County. When Wynter arrived she was unable to stand, and her entire body was stiff and shaking. Yet one look past her matted hair into those loving eyes made it clear that she was a survivor with a dream: To one day sleep in a warm house full of love and tasty treats!

Wynter's path to recovery started immediately. After warming her at HSDC, she was rushed to an emergency facility for evaluation. For the next twenty hours, she received around-the-clock care and started on her slow road to recovery.

The next day as Wynter headed back to HSDC, she made a guest appearance at the Houses for Hounds event. Feeling a bit stronger than the day before, Wynter gingerly walked around reminding people why they were there: To ensure other dogs didn't end up as cold as she had!

After two months, Wynter continues along her remarkable journey toward recovery. She is slowly regaining her weight and growing a stunning coat, and once again Wynter is discovering the joys of life. She is truly beautiful and a favorite among volunteers!

Wynter is just one example of the 1,200 animals helped by the Humane Society of Delaware County every year. Thanks to dedicated supporters such as yourself, HSDC has been caring for sick, injured,

and homeless animals for the last 37 years.

In addition to a new mission statement for 2010, HSDC has also embraced the following new vision statement:

The Humane Society of Delaware County envisions a time when our county celebrates the human-animal bond and treats all fellow beings with care, compassion, and respect.

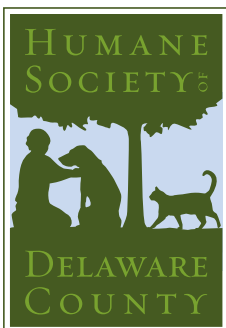
Heading forward, HSDC will continue to uphold its promise to help the people and animals of Delaware County. Thanks to the many new programs and dedicated volunteers, HSDC is looking forward to a bright future!

And as for Wynter... she is ready for adoption! Please stop by to meet her and the many volunteers who are helping to make her dream come true. 🐾



Wynter—her playful nature will bring a smile to your face!

New Logo Marks Exciting Changes at HSDC



Exciting changes are taking place at HSDC, and we're celebrating with a new look!

The new logo was designed to reflect the new mission statement of HSDC: *The Humane Society of Delaware County is committed to building lifelong bonds between people and animals through education, community outreach, and the prevention of cruelty.*

In addition to the new mission and vision statements, many existing programs have been improved and new programs added. Staff and volunteers have been working diligently to implement the changes that will successfully carry HSDC through the next decade.

Two great opportunities to help homeless and abused animals in Delaware County: The 120 Club and Adopt-a-Kennel. Details on page 6.

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Volunteer

Everyone knows that HSDC relies on strong volunteers to keep things running, but what you may not know is that there are more than just dog-walking opportunities available.

If you can rewire a broken sign or spare a lunch break to update spreadsheets, we need you! It may only take a few minutes of time doing what you do every day to make an enormous impact. **All skills, trades, and professional services are welcome and needed!**

Please e-mail humanehscd@live.com to let us know how you can help, and we'll add you to our directory. **Sometimes, just being available to help when needed can make all the difference in the world.**

Warm Weather Pet Tips

Summer will soon be here, and your pets need your help! Regardless of the size and type of your pet, a change to warmer weather requires us to rethink our pet's living conditions.

Indoor pets such as fish, reptiles, small mammals, and cats have grown accustomed to a specific temperature in our homes. Make sure that as the weather changes outside that their indoor environment remains constant. If your home is not air-conditioned, consider moving animals to a cooler place out of direct sunlight.

Dogs that spend time outside are especially vulnerable to hot weather. Please don't expect your dog to have the same level of energy he or she does in cooler months. Always have shade available and lots of cool, clean water for her to drink.

If you travel with your dog, avoid leaving him in a parked vehicle. On a moderate 75° day with overhead sun, a car's temperature can quickly reach 120°—even with the windows open! Signs of heat stroke include laborious panting, drooling, a bright red tongue and gums, and collapse. If you observe *any* of these signs, get the animal cooled down immediately using cold water or ice packs, and transport him or her to a vet. Whenever you are out with your dog, make sure to have plenty of fresh water, and consider keeping chemical ice packs handy.

Summer also marks an increase in insects such as mosquitoes, fleas, and ticks. Please make sure your animal is on a treatment plan and monitor his skin condition by making pet grooming a daily activity.

Being a responsible pet owner means being prepared, educated, and helping others learn. Please help spread information on keeping pets safe this summer, and remember to demonstrate responsible behavior with your pets.

Volunteer Spotlight—Chris Kushnir

Humane Society volunteers log an average of 1,300 hours every month, and Chris Kushnir is responsible for many of those hours.

Chris has been volunteering at HSDC since September 2008 and has evolved from a shadow in the cat room to an exemplary volunteer. Chris still dedicates the majority of his time to helping socialize cats, but also assists at the front counter, organizes donations, and lends a helping hand to lots of special projects.

One of Chris' greatest assets is his knowledge of the

cats on the adoption floor. By knowing the names and personalities of almost every cat, Chris is able to share information with prospective adopters and help match great cats with great families.

Why does Chris volunteer? "It's fun, and I like animals!" said Chris. He admits it can be a little sad when a cat he has come to love leaves with its new family, but he is glad to know the cat will be happy.

Chris' advice to others who are interested in volunteering: "If you like animals, I'd give it a try—it's



pretty rewarding!" You can meet Chris in person by stopping by the cat room most any afternoon of the week.

Thank you, Chris! 🐾

Vaccination Clinic

This is your chance to get routine pet needs taken care of in one convenient stop! On May 15, veterinarians will be on hand at HSDC between the hours of 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to provide vaccinations, microchipping, and wellness checks. Costs and packages for dogs and cats are as follows:

- **\$50 – Wellness Check**
rabies vaccination (1 yr.), combo vaccination (dogs/dalppc, cats/fvrpc), flea/tick treatment, microchip
- **\$40 – Wellness Check**
rabies vaccination (1 yr.), combo vaccination (dogs/dalppc, cats/fvrpc), flea/tick treatment
- **\$15 – Wellness Check**
rabies vaccination (1 yr.)
- **\$15 – Microchip**

With summer right around the corner, be sure to take advantage of these great services now and be ready when the weather gets warm. Preventative medicine will let you rest easy knowing your pets are protected from diseases and the great outdoors. And if they should get lost, their microchips will provide a permanent form of identification that can aid in a speedy recovery. Remember, prevention makes for healthy pets! See you May 15. 🐾



Every Bunny Needs a Home

If you received the latest mailer from HSDC, then you're already acquainted with a very special rabbit who needs a home. Sammy was one of 26 rabbits removed from deplorable outside living conditions and placed in the care of HSDC.

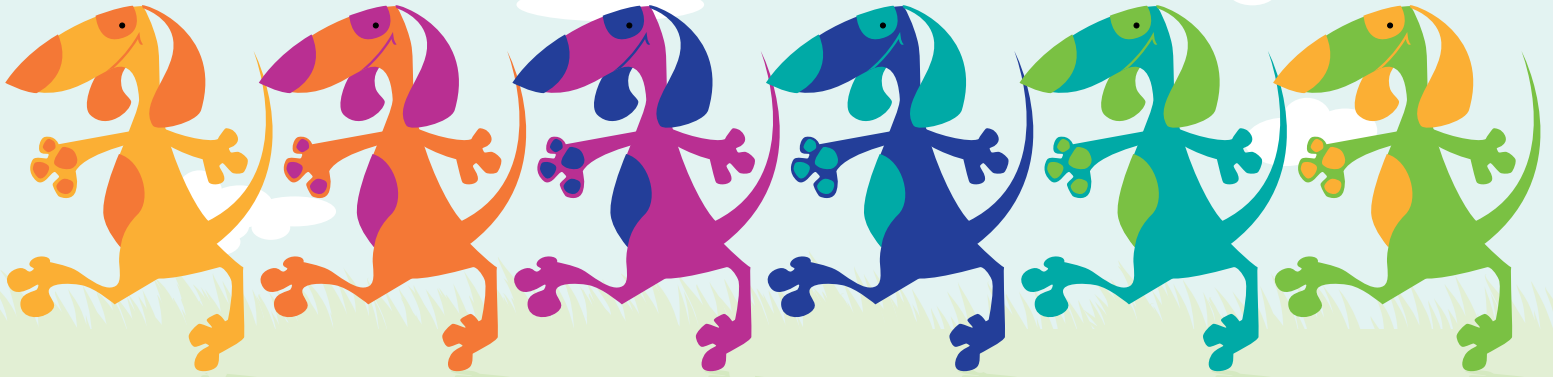
These cuddly creatures are healthy, socialized, and very easy to handle. Many are living as bonded pairs. During the photo shoot, Sammy was a perfect model, never losing his cool—even while being wrapped repeatedly in a scarf!

The rabbits are California and New Zealand white rabbits. All have been spayed/neutered and medically checked. Now they are ready to find their forever homes.

If you would like to adopt one of these lovable souls, please contact HSDC at 740-369-7387.

Additional photos can be viewed on the Web at www.HSDCOhio.org. 🐾

MUTT MARCH & ADOPT-A-THON 2010



DATE: SATURDAY,
MAY 22, 2010

TIME: ANY TIME BETWEEN
9 A.M. AND 1 P.M.

WHERE: HSDC
4920 OH 37 E

All proceeds benefit the mission of HSDC.

HERE'S THE SCOOP

Ask friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to sponsor you by pledging a set amount for each kilometer you walk. Spread the word of all the great work and services provided by HSDC, and encourage your sponsors to pledge a minimum of \$5.00 per kilometer.

REGISTRATION

Join other marchers at the registration booth at HSDC any time between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Be sure to bring your pledge/entry form (on the back of this page) and some comfy walking shoes. You can even bring your dog!

All friendly dogs are welcome—especially those adopted from HSDC!

THE MARCH

Your 5 kilometer (3.1 mile) walk will begin and end in front of HSDC. The last participants need to begin their walk by noon. Please be prepared for the weather as this is an outside event. If you are walking with a dog, please keep him or her on a short leash for everyone's safety.

PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!

In addition to knowing you helped raise money to provide care for many wonderful animals, you also get an HSDC T-shirt for raising over \$100! Trophies will be awarded for 1st-, 2nd-, 3rd-, and 4th-place donation collectors.

Of course there will be plenty of treats and refreshments for walkers and dogs alike!

PLEDGE COLLECTION

Whenever possible, please collect pledges prior to the march. For those needing to wait to collect pledges, please bring all pledges to the Humane Society of Delaware County along with your completed pledge form by May 29. Thank you for your support!

MUTT MARCH PAST AND PRESENT

Mutt March is a long-standing event at HSDC that has raised over \$30,000 since it first started! Surprisingly, however, it has never had more than fifty walkers in one year.

This year HSDC has set a goal of 100 walkers—help us achieve our goal by inviting friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to join Mutt March 2010!

Pledge money raised through Mutt March goes directly to supporting homeless, abused, and neglected animals in Delaware County.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIVES OF ANIMALS IN
DELAWARE COUNTY!**

ADOPT-A-THON AND ADOPTION REUNION

HSDC is hosting its third Adopt-a-thon in conjunction with the spring Adoption Reunion.

Starting Saturday, May 22, HSDC will remain open for thirty hours to provide homeless animals with a new beginning. Please stop by to help us reach our goal of finding loving homes for thirty animals in thirty hours. Adopt-a-thon hours are from 10:00

a.m. on May 22 to 4:00 p.m. on May 23—all night long!

We will also be hosting our annual Adoption Reunion on May 22. If you have adopted a pet from HSDC, please bring him by between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. for the reunion. Enjoy an afternoon of games, food, and entertainment. Then come back in the evening to enjoy movies under the stars and meet some very special pets.

CALLING ALL

SUPER HEROES

DOG DEFENDERS
CAT CRUSADERS
ANIMAL AVENGERS



**WE
NEED
YOU!**

YOUR MISSION:

**TO END ANIMAL
CRUELTY AND
NEGLECT**

**TO AID SICK AND
INJURED ANIMALS**

**TO PUT A STOP TO
OVERPOPULATION**

**TO FIND LOVING
HOMES FOR ALL
ANIMALS**

YOUR TASK:

DONATE NOW

SUPER HERO NEWS NET

What You Need to Know

The Humane Society of Delaware County is a non-profit organization that receives no government funding. HSDC is supported entirely through donations from people like **YOU**.

Through donations, HSDC

- cares for unwanted pets until new homes are found.
- provides medical care for injured and sick animals.
- investigates animal cruelty.
- teaches others about humane treatment of animals.
- reunites lost pets with their owners.
- operates a low-cost spay and neuter clinic to reduce pet overpopulation.

In 2009, HSDC

- cared for and matched 986 dogs, cats, and small animals with their forever families.
- sheltered over 150 animals daily.
- improved the lives of over 850 feral cats.
- investigated 1,022 cases of cruelty.
- provided 3,188 low-cost spay/neuter surgeries.
- sponsored 90 mobile adoption events with 380 animals.
- distributed over 20,000 pounds of pet food to seniors and low-income pet owners.
- received 16,826 hours of volunteer time.
- hosted 13,432 guests.
- provided low-cost vaccine clinics.

What You Can Do

Donate NOW and become a life-saving HERO!

Every donation goes a long way in meeting our goal of making Delaware County a safe and healthy place for all animals. **Simply fill out the included return envelope and send it back.**

Choose Where Your Donations Will Be Used

Adopt-a-Kennel: For only \$2, you can provide one animal with the food and care he or she needs for one day. A donation of \$725 will sponsor a kennel for one year, \$60 for one month, and \$14 for one week. One-year sponsors receive a plaque on their sponsored kennel.

Guardian Angel: A special fund for the treatment of sick and injured animals

Stop Littering: Help prevent overpopulation. Funds are used to subsidize spay/neuter surgeries and post-operative care. (\$300 will provide 6 surgeries)

Humane Services: Help stop animal abuse and neglect in Delaware County. With your monthly pledge of \$20, or your annual pledge of \$240, you become a member of the *120 Club*.



WISH LIST

- Non-scoopable cat litter
 - Office supplies (please call for details)
 - Laptop computer
 - Memory sticks (1gb+)
 - Canned cat food
 - Paper towels
 - BP gas cards
 - Industrial-sized trash bags
 - Dry kitten food
 - Large dog crates
 - Cat traps
 - Catch pole (rescue operations)
 - Yarn for cat blankets
 - Dog leashes and collars
 - Dog and cat toys
 - Liquid dish soap
 - Bleach
 - Laundry detergent
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- Foster homes
 - Sponsorship of a Humane Agent position
 - Sponsorship of a Marketing position
 - Sponsorship of a Volunteer Coordinator

Corporate Sponsorship

- Contact HSDC for more information.



Freeze Out 2010: Freezing So They Don't Have To



On Friday, January 8, HSDC hosted an extraordinary night of frigid fun with a serious topic: The suffering of animals who are left outside during cold winter months. Starting at 8 p.m., ninety demonstrators gathered to spend ten hours in icy darkness for Freeze Out 2010. By 6 a.m. Saturday morning, there were only twelve remaining.

Each winter, thousands of animals in the central-Ohio region are kept outside without the proper shelter. Many of these dogs, cats, and horses will perish from the cold; others will suffer from severe skin damage. The goal of Freeze Out 2010 was to generate media coverage and get the word out to central Ohioans to bring their pets indoors when the temperatures drop.



By the end of the night, WCMH 4, *The Sunbury News*, *The Delaware Gazette*, and *The Columbus Dispatch* had all stopped by to interview HSDC event planners and to talk with demonstrators. The most exciting part of the event began at 11 p.m. when a dedicated group of demonstrators stripped down to the

bare necessities for the “30 Minutes Extreme” to experience first-hand the hazardous effects that severe weather can cause to animals without shelter.

In addition to spreading awareness, the event raised \$3,500 to handle animal-related emergencies this winter. Funds were also used to purchase materials, and on Saturday, January 30, 150 volunteers cut, hammered, and painted fifteen dog houses, eight cat houses, and twenty raised dog beds.

In an effort to provide proactive solutions to animal abuse and neglect, HSDC distributes dog and cat houses to area residents with limited income. As the weather begins to change, the Humane Services department will switch from cold- to hot-weather solutions and focus on helping animals that live outside in the summer heat. It is always the goal of HSDC to provide community members with needed resources before there is an animal-related emergency.

Please take a moment to read the warm weather pet tips on page 2, and prepare your pet for summer. Then, pass this newsletter on to your friends and neighbors to assist them in caring for their animals during the hot summer months. 🐾



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For more about summer safety, please contact HSDC. Hand-out information is also available at HSDC or online at www.HSDCOhio.org.

Quick Tips for Traveling by Car

- Get your dog used to the car by sitting together without leaving the driveway. Then, go for short rides.
- Avoid car sickness by traveling on an empty stomach. However, make sure water is available at all times.
- Keep the car well ventilated. If your dog is in a crate, make sure that air can flow into the crate.
- Do not let your dog ride with his head out of an open window. This can lead to eye injuries.
- Never let your dog ride in the back of an open truck. This can lead to severe injuries or death.
- Stop frequently for exercise and potty breaks. Be sure to clean up after your dog.
- Car rides can be boring for everyone. Instruct children not to tease or annoy the dog in the car.
- Never, ever leave your dog unattended in a vehicle! Designate a family member to stay in the car with the dog.

Quick Tips for Lodging

- Find out in advance which hotels or motels allow dogs. Many do not or may have restrictions.
- If your dog is allowed to stay at a hotel, respect other guests, the staff, and the property.
- Keep your dog as quiet as possible.
- Do not leave your dog unattended. Many dogs will bark or destroy property if left alone in a strange place.
- Ask the management where you should walk your dog, and pick up after him. Do not leave any mess behind.
- Remember that one bad experience with a dog guest may prompt the hotel management to refuse to allow any dogs in the future. Be considerate of others, and leave your room and the grounds in good condition. 🐾

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Public Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday-Friday 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Please pass this newsletter on to a friend!



Dates to Remember...

- 🐾 **Vaccination Clinic**.....May 15, 2010
9 a.m.–1:00 p.m. at HSDC
Offering rabies and combo vaccinations
as well as wellness checks and microchipping
- 🐾 **Mutt March**May 22, 2010
Pledge form inside!
- 🐾 **Adoption Reunion**May 22, 2010
& **30 Hour Adopt-a-Thon**
Games, food, and entertainment!
- 🐾 **Putts Fore Mutts** June 18, 2010
Play golf and help HSDC!
- 🐾 **Furball 2010** October 2, 2010
Exciting new set-up!

Log on to **www.HSDCOhio.org** for details.

Keep up-to-date!

Join the mailing list by calling 740-369-7387.