



# ANIMAL CORNER

Newsletter for the Wood County Humane Society

Winter 2005

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## KIND KIDS BOOK CLUB

Children and families were invited to attend a collaborative program offered by the Wood County Humane Society and the Wood County District Public Library Children's Place on Sunday, November 6. Activities included stories about animals, animal craft projects, a pet parade and reading to Great Dane therapy dog Bailey and her two feline friends. Participants were asked to bring a favorite stuffed animal and something for the WCHS shelter animals. This successful event was the kick-off for a new WCHS initiative, the Kind Kids Book Club.

This program will encourage children from age four on up to read books about animals selected from an extensive reading list of picture, fiction and non-fiction books. WCHS strives to teach citizens compassion, respect, and to care for all living creatures. Children will learn about the humane treatment of animals and responsible pet ownership through books compiled from lists developed by the ALA, ASPCA, HSUS, and Teachkind. The list is available on the WCHS website, at the shelter and local libraries. The books are available through the library.

Prizes will be offered as incentives to join the WCHS Kind Kids Book Club.

### Prizes:

◆ Up to 10 books: Kind Kid certificate and a Kind Kids tour of the WCHS shelter in May 2006

◆ 10 books reported: add an "I'm a Kind Kid" button and an animal puzzle

◆ 20 books reported: add a plush animal toy

◆ 30 books reported: add a book from Kind Kids Book List

For more information: please contact Kathy Hershberger, WCHS Community Education Chair, at 419-352-7822



### How the Kind Kids Book Club works:

1. Select and read books from our Kind Kids Book List and, if you wish, select a book of your own choosing that has a message of animal kindness to report as a "Kind Kids Choice" book.
2. Fill out your personal information (name, address, phone) on each Book Report form.
3. Complete a book entry on the Kind Kids Book Report form for each book read.
4. Mail the Kind Kids Book Report(s) to the address indicated on the form by April 30, 2006.

\*Parents may assist young children with these steps as needed.

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**PHOTOS WITH FROSTY**  
 on November 19th starred newly elected 2nd Ward Councilman John Zanfardino and volunteers from BGSU Friends of the Humane Society.

L-R, rear: Krystle Nichols, Audrey Hyder; front: Bailey Jordan; Morgan McKinney. Held at Studio 157 in Bowling Green, this fundraiser was fun!

**Photos with Santa** was held in Perrysburg at Moto Photo on Dixie Highway the same day. Both studios donated all proceeds, - a holiday double-header.

**Happy Holidays**

**WISH LIST**

- ◆ Clay non-clumping litter
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Liquid laundry detergent
- ◆ Suitcase-type folding dog crates
- ◆ Ground canned cat food
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# ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR JANUARY 23

## *The WCHS cordially invites you*

to attend our annual meeting on at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 23, in the Georgian Room at the Heritage Inn, 1069 Klotz Road, Bowling Green. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

At the meeting, WCHS members will elect new board members, honor volunteers and participate in a brief informational session.

Look for details on the program agenda and more of the nominees on the Web site:

[www.woodcountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.woodcountyhumanesociety.org).

*Information on board candidates as of Nov. 15*

**Robin Jolly** has actively volunteered at the WCHS for almost nine years, currently helping out at the shelter three to five times a week, particularly with the cats. As a former teacher who holds a B.S. in early childhood and elementary education and a master's degree in library and educational media, both from BGSU, Robin, who is a resident of Perrysburg, has been active on the education committee this year, participating in children-oriented events and at many adoptathons. She looks forward to continuing her contributions to the education committee and feels that pet overpopulation is an important humane issue to address.

**Kathleen Newman** is a Perrysburg resident who is interested in serving as the WCHS representative on the Northwest Ohio Community Shares board as well as the education and public relations committees. She has participated in community projects for other nonprofit organizations and feels that she has a good understanding of the responsibility and time commitment of being a part of a working board. Kathleen, who has shared her home with a number of pets over the years, as studied animal training, health and behavior. She has served as an educator for the Toledo Zoo and is most concerned about the neglect and abuse of pets and stray animals – an issue that she feels can be combated with strong educational initiatives.

**Aimee Smith** has been an active volunteer at the WCHS since February 2004, but animals – particularly dogs – have been a part of her life since childhood. Aimee, a Grand Rapids resident, is a quality systems specialist for Benchmark Technologies, a consulting firm that works with manufacturing and service organizations to improve systems. She is most interested in shelter functions, but also in public education and

fundraising. She has executive committee experience with the American Society for Quality, Toledo Section, and is currently the group's chairman. Aimee looks forward to ensuring that the board and shelter staff work together to meet the goals of the WCHS.

**Margaret Weinberger** has extensive experience in volunteering through the Board of Elections, Black Swamp Arts Festival, Right to Read, Family and Child Abuse Prevention Center and the WCHS, as well as committee work at BGSU and Michigan State University. The WCHS membership committee chair from 1987 to 1988, she has become particularly active volunteering at the shelter recently. Margaret, who grew up in northwest Ohio, holds a Ph.D. in American culture studies from BGSU and is a sociology instructor there. She is most interested in serving on committees impacting the day-to-day shelter operation..

## SAFE PETS

### HELPS ABUSED ANIMALS AND PEOPLE

Did you know that a correlation exists between human abuse and animal abuse? Did you know that WCHS has a program that can assist abused animals and their owners get out of violent situations?

The Safe Pets Program allows anyone in an abusive relationship to place their pet with the humane society while they are in a safe house or getting back on their feet. When they are ready to take care of the animal again they can return to the shelter and get the animal. This service is confidential and only the person who drops the animal off may pick the animal back up.

The service is free of charge and the individual that surrendered the animal is only responsible for any medical expenses incurred while the animal is in the shelter.

Kathy Hershberger, Community Relations Chair for WCHS spoke at the Bowling Green State University Women's Center on Wednesday October 5 as part of the Center's series in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness month. Her presentation consisted of materials that related to the First Strike Program, which is run by the Humane Society of the United States. The First Strike Program is the national education venture that hopes to make people more aware that human abuse usually starts with animal abuse.

Hershberger hopes that by making this correlation obvious, people will be able to see that if they are in an abusive relationship, and are concerned about their pet, there is a safe place for them to go.

# Shelter Stories

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**Sinatra** is a beautiful Siamese cat with gorgeous blue eyes who came to us through a call from a woman in Portage. She contacted WCHS because this cat had taken refuge in an old dog house and appeared to be starving and sick. Even though the shelter was full, Sara, a staff member, was sent out to assess the cat's condition. She took one look at the cat and brought it back to the shelter. Poor Sinatra was on death's door. He was so incredibly emaciated and dehydrated it was hard to believe he was still alive. Every rib could be counted, his hip and spine bones were easily visible as well. WCHS staff members administered fluids and fed him and put him on a heating pad and hoped he would make it through. The vet saw him the next morning and only gave him a 50% chance of survival. Sinatra went to a Siamese Rescue foster home in early December, to help him get the level of care that he needs.

**Pocahontas** is an adorable tiger kitten. She was "dumped" on the doorstep of the shelter in a SEALED Tupperware box. The well-meaning person who left her there had poked holes in the container, but unfortunately they were not big enough for air flow. It was 90+ that hot summer day, and we discovered the kitten just in time. She was drenched in the condensation from being locked in the plastic box and listless and barely responsive because her temperature was so high. Once we cooled her down, dried her off, and got her settled in, the foster home discovered trouble with one of her back legs. As it turns out, her leg was broken. It healed with cage rest and Pocahontas has found a new home with a loving family.

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**Chance** is a terrier mix. He came to WCHS in a cruelty case that was settled in court last month. The initial report came from the Wood County Dog Shelter: two dogs tied out without food, water, or shelter. On the first visit by our Humane Agent, both dogs were tied out without food or water. Chance was tied under a bush and could barely reach his dog house. His bowls were empty. Our Humane Agent attempted three times to discuss the proper care required by law with the dogs' owner. Following those three attempts and many other visits (the dogs still had no food, water, or shelter on any of the visits) the officer obtained a search warrant from the courts and took the dogs into custody and charged the owners with animal cruelty. The owner plead guilty to 2 counts of animal cruelty. The dogs remained in WCHS custody and are both about to be adopted into good, loving homes. You can't see Chance's ribs anymore and his coat is a wonderful shiny red color.



# SPOTLIGHT

## Meet Arcadia



Arcadia is a gorgeous white German Shepherd. She is very friendly, and loves to play. When she came to us she was emaciated - someone had abandoned her in the kennel outside the shelter. Arcadia has been through a lot and really needs the companionship of another dog to help her with her separation anxiety. She absolutely loves "Roo" a shepherd mix at the shelter. It would be great if they could find a great home together.



## Meet Megan

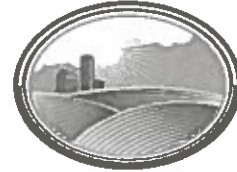
Megan is a sweet and loving short-haired cat. She came to us with her four kittens because she had mastitis so bad she had a horrible hole in her abdomen and the kittens couldn't nurse. She was a great mom and was caring for the kittens even though it was extremely painful for her. She likes other cats, likes to sit on your lap, and has a very sweet heart-shaped face.

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# The Cat Show is Coming!

The Mid-Michigan Cat Show is just around the corner. Every January, WCHS staff and volunteers take shelter felines to the Lucas County Recreation Center to compete with the other cats in the area and to be seen by possible adopters. This year the event is being held on Jan. 14 and 15.

WCHS is charged a fee to enter cats in the show, so sponsorships are needed for our cats to attend. A \$50 donation will sponsor a cat cage at the event, and any sponsorship donation is very much appreciated. Please send your sponsorship check to the WCHS shelter with a note indicating that you would like to sponsor a cat for the cat show. Sponsors are acknowledged on the cages during the event.

Volunteers are needed to assist the judges and inform the public about the cats available for adoption. If you are interested in volunteering during the event or beforehand to help groom cats, contact Jan Harr at 419-352-0301 or e-mail [jharr@wcnet.org](mailto:jharr@wcnet.org).

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The Pet Animal Welfare Statute, PAWS, addresses this growing problem. PAWS requires breeders who sell directly to the public – whether through newspaper ads or the Internet or other means – and who raise seven or more litters of dogs or cats each year to be licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Without PAWS, many puppy mills will continue to escape inspections, and the dogs will continue to live in misery. Please ask your U.S. Senators and Representative to cosponsor PAWS.

More information about this issue is available from the Humane Society of the United States website: [https://community.hsus.org/campaign/2005\\_PAWS3](https://community.hsus.org/campaign/2005_PAWS3).

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**Annual Meeting**            **January 23**

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