



Wood County Humane Society

Bowling Green, Ohio

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER REMARKABLE YEAR FOR THE WCHS!

The Wood County Humane Society has continued to gain momentum. Through the diligence and dedication of volunteers, staff and board members, the WCHS has exceeded fundraising goals, increased its community outreach and reinstated valuable programs -- all while continuing to provide unique services to the citizens of Wood County and to hundreds of animals.

WCHS services include investigating hundreds of calls about animal neglect and cruelty, spaying and neutering cats and dogs to help curb overpopulation and providing educational programs for children and adults alike.

This year was particularly exciting, due to the number of new members on our board of directors.

In January 2005, six brand-new board members were voted in -- Beverly Baumgartner, Les Buker, Phil Burton, Carrie Pilger, Andrew Schuman and Jason Zilles. Their fresh perspectives and new energy have brought great benefit to the organization, and knowing that these individuals are there to help lead the WCHS will make it easier for those of us who are leaving our posts -- Dolores Black, Esther Fabian, Jan Harr, Jacqui Nathan and Jane Rosser -- to feel confident that those responsible for the direction of the organization will continue to build on the foundation that has been set.

Speaking of foundation, construction of the new kennels at the WCHS shelter is slated to begin this spring.

Thanks to the generosity of The Andersons, Delventhal Construction and hundreds of individual donors, the WCHS exceeded its fundraising goal of \$60,000 for a badly needed new outdoor kennel system.

We raised \$62,034 in cash contributions and \$5,600 in in-kind contributions, for a grand total of \$67,634! This has been a grand endeavor. We can't wait to see the new outdoor "romper rooms."

We had hoped to realize the project during the fall; however, in order to ensure that the design of the new kennels is the most efficient, practical use of space, revisions in the final design were made, and we are delaying the start of construction until spring. As soon as the weather permits, the project will be underway, and we will be sure to keep the membership updated on our progress.

Of course, the involvement of our board members, volunteers and donors is all a means to the same end -- to support the functions of the shelter staff.

Thanks to the leadership and hard

work of Renee Valtin, shelter manager, the WCHS staff found new homes for 240 pets in 2005.

Again this year, most of Cruelty Investigator Jody Smith's visits resulted in a positive outcome for all involved. Pet owners are informed of laws that govern proper animal care and animals get improved living conditions. Ms. Smith then makes follow-up visits to ensure that owners have made necessary improvements and to answer questions. Sometimes overwhelmed owners surrender their pets and, after being spayed or neutered, the WCHS finds new, safe homes for these animals.

And 2006 is gearing up to be just as exciting. On behalf of the animals, thanks for the part you play in the WCHS!



2005 board members, back row: Jason Zilles, Val Fine, Beverly Baumgartner, Jim Valtin and Les Buker. Front row: Dolores Black, Jane Rosser, Carrie Pilger, Jacqui Nathan, Jan Harr and Esther Fabian.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Co-chairs: Valerie Fine and Allison Graham

200 Fundraising Highlights:

Mutt Strut Walkathon – This April event at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg raised more than \$16,000 in pledges, sponsorship and food donations! A record number of walkers enjoyed a day of strolling with their pets, and a number of vendors were on hand to show off their goods and services.

Garage Sales – This year's garage sales held in May and August were again coordinated by Sandy Lepper and Sue Butler and were a big success – more than \$16,000.

Wine & Cheese Silent Auction – Held in July at Otsego Stone Hall, this event has grown so much that we need to find a larger venue! Val Fine very successfully coordinated the event again this year. The event's net income was about \$15,000!

Bandana Sales – Volunteer Gail Finan and friends are making and selling dog bandanas as a fundraiser. The second year we've made these doggie accessories available, sales have increased four-fold since 2004.

Max & Erma's nights – In partnership with Max & Erma's in Levis Commons, the WCHS scheduled two nights where 20% of the proceeds generated by our supporters would be donated back to the WCHS. Each event raised about \$300.

Holiday Pet Photos — Jacqui Nathan and Esther Fabian coordinated Pet Photos with Santa and Fotos with Frosty at the Perrysburg Motophoto and Studio 157 in BG, respectively. Special thanks to George Petkowitz, our resident Santa Claus!

2006 Upcoming Fundraising Highlights:

Annual Mutt Strut – Will be held in the fall instead of spring at Fort Meigs in Perrysburg.

Wine & Cheese Silent Auction – Tentatively scheduled in the spring instead of fall, Olscamp Hall at BGSU.

Garage Sale—There will be one garage sale instead of two. Imagine the former two garage sales packed into one!

Cookbook – We're in the recipe-collecting phase of cookbook development. Submit your recipes now and plan to purchase a cookbook later this year.

WCHS MANAGEMENT

RENEE VALTIN, SHELTER MANAGER
REBECCA SHIFFERT, ASSISTANT SHELTER MANAGER
JODY SMITH, HUMANE AGENT



Carissa Jock, top adult fundraiser (again!!!) at the 2005 Mutt Strut.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

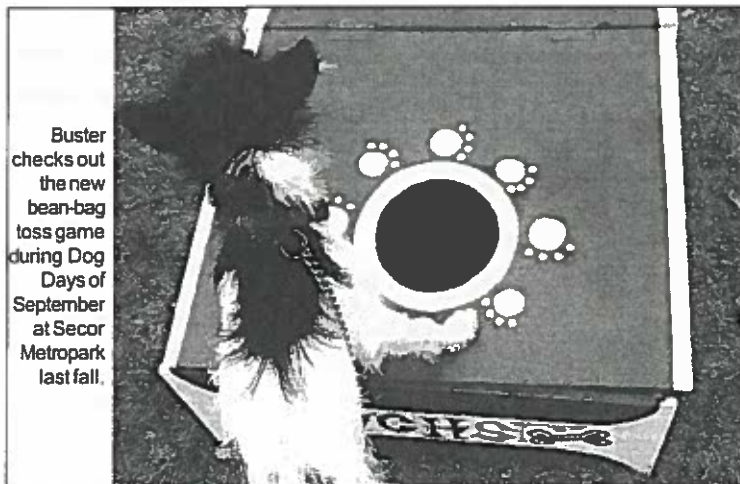
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	MEMBER AT LARGE
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SHELTER REPORT

	Cats/Kittens	Dogs/Puppies	Other	Totals
Incoming				
1) Stray	79	0	0	36
Injured	49	1	1	51
Healthy	30	0	2	32
2) Surrender		7		7
3) Cruelty	82	34	0	116
4) Returns				
Shelter	6	3		9
Adoptathon	0	0	0	0
Total Incoming	167	45	3	215
Outgoing				
1) Adopted				
Shelter	158	52	1	211
Adoptathon	0	2	0	2
2) Foster Homes	103	20	9	123
3) Euthanized	19	1	0	20
4) Died	7	0	0	7
Total Outgoing	184	55	1	240



Buster checks out the new bean-bag toss game during Dog Days of September at Secor Metropark last fall.

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HOURS:

FRI. - SUN. NOON - 4 P.M.

WED & THURS. NOON - 7 P.M.

EDUCATION & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chair: Kathy Hershberger

Several new committee initiatives were put into place this year, including:

- In April, we held a "Be Kind to Animals" Poster Contest for kids in Wood County and displayed the artwork at the Wood County District Public Library during the May.
- On June 4, we collaborated with the American Red Cross to offer a Pet First Aid Class at the Way Public Library (Perrysburg).
- In September, Mike Fabian and Dave Schwan made a new WCHS bean bag toss game to be used to attract kids to our community booths.
- In November, we held a special "Read for the Animals" event for children, which included pet care lessons, stories, crafts, therapy dogs and shelter cats at the Wood County Library.
- In November, the committee also launched a new "Kind Kids" book list of animal-friendly reading and corresponding "Kind Kids Book Club" to motivate kids to use the reading lists.
- At year end, the committee mailed an outreach letter to preschools and all the public elementary schools and libraries in Wood County to inform them about the Kind Kids Book List and Book Club and about the Humane Education services that WCHS offers including group presentations on various topics and shelter tours.

WOOD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY 2005 CRUELTY REPORT

Total New Cases	234
Abandonments	18
Citations	26
Charges Filed	3
Education	55
Ongoing/In Progress	50
Cruelty/Neglect	72
Unfounded	31
Rechecks	70

Estimated Total Cases Including Rechecks 304

Highlighted cases

Ike and Ginger, warrant requested and granted, charges filed and case was won in favor of WCHS. Ike and Ginger were starved, 50 percent underweight and living in filthy conditions.



GINGER LOOKING HEALTHY AND WELL FED AFTER BEING BROUGHT IN TO THE WCHS.

Case of two juveniles and one adult dragging a Weston-area family dog to its death with a speaker wire tied around the neck, hooking to a car and then running over the dog. Those individuals were charged and sentenced to the most possible jail time under Ohio law.

Shelby and Chance, two dogs who were severely neglected by being outdoors twenty four hours a day, with Shelby being tied to a lawn mower having no access to any shelter whatsoever. After several citations, a search warrant was issued and executed. Charges were filed on three family members. Case was decided in favor of WCHS along with custody of Shelby and Chance.

Case in progress which started on Christmas Eve, 2005, where a search warrant was executed in Perrysburg Estates. Upon arrival, two deceased dogs were found in the bedroom, one of which was decapitated. Another dog was found alive, chained in the kitchen living in feces and urine. The bedroom where the deceased dogs were found was totally covered in urine and feces. Vet states the decapitated dog was more than likely "chewed on." This case is still pending as the suspects have outstanding warrants for armed robbery in Lucas County.

Case of an elderly lady with four bulldogs who is having a difficult time caring for them. WCHS is working with this woman to make sure she has the help she needs due to her being bedridden, on occasion, for weeks at a time.

DID YOU KNOW?

Clearchannel radio stations WCKY 103.7 and the FOX 107.7 weekly feature a different WCHS pet available for adoption.

Several cases of horses being neglected, however, not enough probable cause to pursue. Most of these cases are basic education or owners not having proper fencing or shelter.

Case of a local man living in a house with no utilities and abandoning his dog for days at a time. This is an ongoing case. The Wood County Health Department is working in conjunction with WCHS to resolve.

WCHS would like to thank the Wood County Sheriff's department the Health Department and local police departments for all of their assistance in the past year.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the veterinarians and their staff for all they do for us. We could not help all of these needy animals without your assistance.

SPECIAL THANKS

THE ANDERSONS FUND
SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

ALLTEL

BARK BUSTERS

BG COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

THE BRASS KEY SHOP

CLEAR CHANNEL

GOLD STAR PET RESORT

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