

WCHS

Wood County Humane Society

2010 Annual Report



The Wood County Humane Society had a good year. Our dedicated staff, volunteers and Board of Directors have worked together to provide many valuable and unique services to the citizens of Wood County and to help hundreds of animals. These services include cruelty investigations, SNIP, our spay/neuter initiative in cooperation with HUMANE OHIO, caring for hundreds of animals at the Minniebelle Conley Shelter, educational programs, information and referral, and the Safe Pets Program, which helps people fleeing violence by providing temporary housing for their pets.

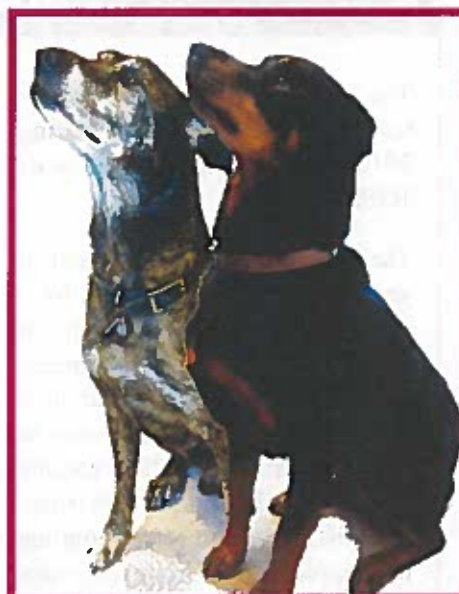
This past year saw several changes in the board and staff. Our recently-hired shelter manager, Jamie Fairbanks, suffered serious health problems early in the year, and the board granted him an extended medical leave. The interim manager, Rachel Bryant, and her hard-working staff have been providing exemplary service to the public. We send our fervent wishes for health and recovery to Jamie.

Our new Humane Agent, Erin McKibben, taking over in May, has done a remarkable job. We also bid a regretful good-bye to two retiring board members. On behalf of the Society, I want to thank Darlene Bevelhymmer, and Patty Switzer for their service during the past year.

All of our activities are made possible by our kind and generous community through a myriad of fundraisers and appeals, by the vital support of the Wood County Commissioners, who

have been so generous, even in these tough times, in providing annual funding for our Humane Agent, by various grants and contributions from businesses and non-profit foundations, and our membership in Community Shares. During the past year, we received funding from Pet Supplies Plus, BP Fabric of America Fund, Vanguard Charitable Endowment Program, Petco Foundation, and The Humane Society of the United States. WCHS also received funding from The Kenneth A Scott Charitable Trust for a grant, written by board member Melissa Shaffer, to hire an Adoption Outreach Coordinator to organize adoptathons at external sites. We are excited to get that project underway.

WCHS is most grateful for the support of the generous individuals who



Elderly friends Pooh and Daisy found a wonderful new home together in 2010

Shelter Report

ANIMALS COMING TO THE SHELTER

Injured	346
Healthy	130
Surrendered	73
Cruelty cases	113
Abandonment	77
Returns	34
TOTAL INCOMING	773

ANIMALS LEAVING THE SHELTER

Adopted at the shelter	469
Claimed by owners	23
Euthanized	19
Died	55
TOTAL OUTGOING	566

Shelter population at 12/31 207
(39 of these are in foster homes)

have remembered WCHS in their wills and contribution bequests, and for all of the donations of useful items too numerous to name here. Our thanks go out also to the professionals who donate their services, especially attorney Andrew Schuman and accountant Darlene Petkowitz, who have given many hours to WCHS. We thank all of the businesses from which we receive invaluable support: the media; the businesses that sponsor our banks – such as Video Spectrum, which over the years has raised more than \$2,000 – and those who give their expertise, such as Pisanellos, who sponsored our Black Swamp pizza sale.

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How We Spend Your Money

2010 Income

Fundraising Income	52,469.97
Membership	82,060.34
Public Relations Income	13,325.41
Shelter Services	58,966.30
Spay Neuter Donations	10,167.30

Total Operating Income	216,989.32
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2010 Expenses

Building and Grounds	26,651.22
Community Education	213.91
Volunteers	166.75
Fundraising	11,446.99
Membership	7,013.76
Public Relations	3,003.71
Shelter Operations	209,346.28
SNIP Program	7,772.43

Total Operating Expense	265,615.05
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Net Operating Income/Expenses	-48,625.73
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Total Grants, Bequests, Other Income	107,526.77
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Total Capital Expense	10,668.61
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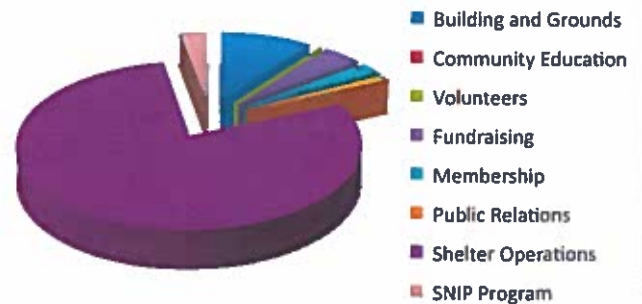
Net Capital Income / Expenses	96,858.16
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Net Income/ Expenses	48,232.43
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2010 Income



2010 Expenses



Building & Grounds

Accomplishments in 2010: volunteers did major pruning of the shrubs and bushes around the shelter property during the summer and another volunteer replaced the deteriorating wood borders near the front door. In September, 22 tons of new stone were delivered to the shelter and hauled in wheel barrows by volunteers into the fenced areas behind the shelter. Finally, the central furnace was serviced and the air conditioning/heating unit in the office area, which was inoperative, underwent major repair.

Volunteers

The WCHS is fortunate to have more than 100 volunteers. During 2010, 16 volunteers gave more than 100 hours!

The volunteer committee spent the year organizing the database for easy access to volunteers. This allows us to quickly find volunteers for committee functions and large events like our Wine & Cheese and the Mutt Strutt, as well as volunteer positions at the shelter. We tried to establish a method for responding to new applicants in a very reasonable time frame and directing them to areas where they are needed. We also

established a program for training new volunteers at the shelter when needed.

VolunteerMatch has been an active source of applications, and many folks stop by the shelter to offer help.

Blind kitten Pebbles was adopted by a vet in South Carolina



SNIP 2010

Spay/Neuter Initiative

Total cats in program 355

Total dogs in program 1

TOTAL ANIMALS 356

Month	Stray Cats	Shelter Cats
Feb	30	5
March	18	0
April	23	6
May	21	4
June	17	21
July	22	15
August	23	18
September	24	23
October	27	13
November	20	10
December	12	3
TOTAL	237	118

2010 Cruelty Report

From January through March our Humane Agent position was in flux, and the position duties were handled by shelter staff and volunteers until a new Agent was hired. Total cases during this time were 24.

Cases May -December

Many of these cases involved multiple animals

Abandonments	5
Reasons for Concern	45
Search Warrants	6
Education	59
In Progress/On-going	6
Surrendered	12
Referred to	
Another Agency	16
Unfounded	15
Non-Prosecution Agreement	5
Total Cases	169
Total Re-checks	219

Fundraising Highlights

While the economy continued to have an impact on fundraising efforts this year, as did the weather, the committee was proud of their achievements:

Garage Sale – Joe Schroeder and his hard-working crew brought in almost \$7500 - almost half again as last year!

Wine & Cheese Benefit– Held in May at Nazareth Hall, this major fundraiser was very successful, making more than \$18,000 with support from sponsors Pat McCutchan-Vernier, M.D. and Rick Vernier, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Toledo City Paper/Toledo Area Parent, Homewood Press, Les Cheneaux Design Type, WBGU, K100, Heidelberg Distributing - Barefoot/Gallo Wines, Nazareth Hall, Rose Custom Interiors, J & J Gallery, Beat the Bookstore, The Andersons, Invisible Fence and Dorrin Birch. Donating their time and skills to make the evening a wonderful time for all were Auctioneer Jerry Anderson, BGSU jazz quartet The Guytones and DJ/MC Paul Spoerl.

Mutt Strut – This August event at the W.W. Knight Preserve raised \$7,600, an increase of 65% over last year! Beauty Pawgeant judge Lissa Guyton and DJ Mike Mitchell awarded prizes to a number of talented dogs and their proud owners. The Top Dog this year was shelter staff member Megan Baker, who raised more than \$2,000! She and Top Pup, Abigail McKenzie both won great prize baskets. Sponsors included PetSmart in Rossford, WT05, Union Bank, Pat McCutchan-Vernier, M.D. and Rick Vernier, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, Toledo City Paper/Toledo Area Parent, Welch Publications/Perrysburg Messenger-Journal, Press Publications, WBGU, Herald Papers/Maumee Mirror, Hills Science Diet, and the Wood County Park District.

Holiday Appeal – Membership chair Kathy Dean organized this important annual mailing. The seasonal good will brought in more than \$18,000!

Neuter is Cuter – This fundraiser sponsored by Rossford Pet Supplies Plus raised more \$580 for SNIP.

Santa Photos – 80+ photos at the Airport and Rossford Pet Supplies Plus locations brought in almost \$1,000 for SNIP, thanks to generous support from Kohne Camera, Freeze Frame Photos and Pet Supplies Plus.

Other fundraisers included a Max & Erma's fundraiser and several fundraising events put on by the BGSU Friends of WCHS.

The fundraising committee included Maggie Leonard, Patty Switzer, Lori Young, Jan Harr, Shirley Hoemann, Val Spears and Jacqui Nathan. The successes of 2010 led to a decision to maintain the new locations and dates for the Mutt Strut and Wine & Cheese events, so our patrons will know when to look for these events. We are looking forward to 2011!

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who made these events possible!



Screech found a great new home in 2010!

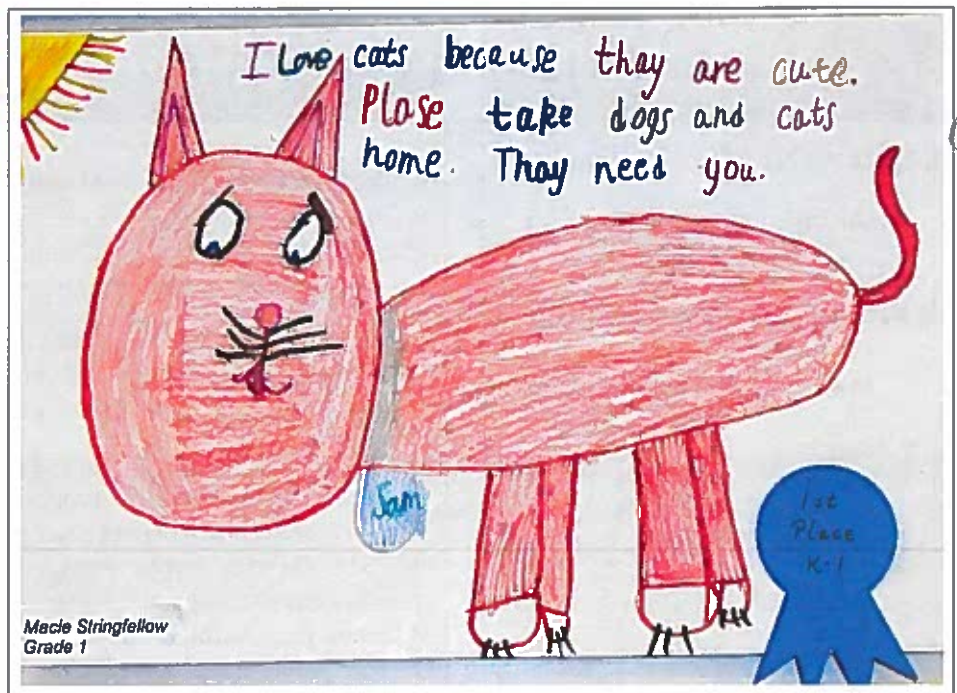
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We are extremely thankful for our lifetime members, for the volunteers who spend countless hours on fundraising activities, SNIP, helping at the shelter, walking dogs and taking care of cats at Petco. We salute our dedicated staff, and thank everyone who has sent a donation or fostered a dog or cat. We have so much to be thankful for!

This organization is strong, and looks forward to meeting the challenges of 2011. I am confident that we can succeed, because our community is behind us.

On behalf of the board members and staff, and all of the animals, I want to share heartfelt gratitude for the opportunity to work with this effective, kind, hardworking and caring group of people who make it possible for the WCHS to do what it does.

Warm regards,
Jacqui Nathan, President



2010 Board of Directors and Staff

OFFICERS

President	Jacqui Nathan
Vice President Administration Community Shares Representative	Dar Bevelhymmer
Vice President Policy & Personnel	Kay Chapman
Treasurer/Budget & Finance Committee	Jennifer Yates
Secretary	Lisa Ingram

COMMITTEES

Membership	Kathy Dean
Public Relations/Newsletter	Lisa Ingram
Fund Raising	Maggie Leonard Patricia Switzer Jacqui Nathan
Education & Community Events	Robin Jolly
Volunteer	Jan Harr Renee Valtin
Spay/Neuter	Melissa Shaffer
Buildings & Grounds	Dar Bevelhymmer

STAFF

Shelter Manager	Rachel Bryant
Cruelty Investigator	Erin McKibben Megan Baker Alicia Fairbanks Ryan McKibben Jessica Rose Erianna Sherrod

Community Events & Education

2010 was a busy year for the Wood County Humane Society's Community Events & Education committee.

We participated in a number of community events including the Family Fair at the Woodland Mall, the Wood County Hospital's Health & Safety Fair, WBGU-TV's Kids' Extravaganza, Perrysburg's Harrison Rally Day and Trick or Treating in downtown Bowling Green.

Numerous school visits throughout the county were made to speak to Wood County's youngest citizens. The annual "Be Kind To Animals" poster contest received more than 100 entries and had twelve winners.

The "Kind Kids Book Club" again saw an increase in the number of students participating. A special "Thank you!" to Dolores Black for contributing prizes for the book club and the poster contest.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and members of the Bowling Green State University Summer Sports Camp were given shelter tours. Committee chair Robin Jolly wrapped up the very successful year by visiting the Luckey Elementary School After School program with her dog, a WCHS alumnus. Committee members Dolores Black, Kathy Hershberger, and Robin Jolly are looking forward to another lively year representing the WCHS in 2011!