These Eyes
by Lynn Hartsough

These eyes are Barney’s eyes....

For 4 1/2 months these eyes have gazed out of kennel bars waiting for his turn to go out in the yard.

For 4 1/2 months these eyes have gazed up into the volunteers eyes, waiting for them to throw him his ball.

For 4 1/2 months these eyes have watched person after person walk past his cage. They stop and look until they see the words Pit Bull Terrier mix, then they walk on.

For 4 1/2 months these eyes have watched kennel mates on either side get adopted while he sits.

They say a picture paints a thousand words, well this picture of these eyes, paints a dog that longs for a home with a yard and a tennis ball and someone to throw it. That’s all these eyes want. These eyes, good boy Barney’s eyes.

Barney Gets Adopted!

Johnny, our 12 year old Siamese mix, is heading home right meow!

ALES FOR TAILS
A adoption!
Sweet 8 year old Abner - Homeward bound from the PetMobile!

Happy Gotcha Day! ...July 27, 2017
We couldn’t have asked for a more perfect day to host our inaugural Ales for Tails event!

Saturday, August 12th, hundreds of people and pets joined us at Municipal Brew Works in downtown Hamilton for a dog-gone good time! The festivities started at 12 PM with the opening of the brewery. Several vendors and three food trucks lined the streets, offering unique products and delicious bites. Mike’s Mobile Veterinary Service offered $10 microchipping provided by 24Pet-Watch. They were positioned next to the Cincinnati Reds Rover and the Animal Friends PetMobile. All adoptions through the PetMobile and at Animal Friends Humane Society were 50% off, resulting in 10 dogs and 10 cats finding forever homes!

DJ Bill Dattilo energized the crowd with an array of music for all ages. Pets and their owners gathered for the Pet Parade led by Top Dog (Facebook photo contest winner) Milo, a Golden Retriever puppy. The parade marched around Marcum Park, where the Hamilton Flea was in full swing, and back to Municipal Brew Works. Next came the pet contests, where dogs and their owners took the stage to compete for best trick, best costume, beauty or beast, best tail wagger, and owner/pet look alike! The competition was fierce, but five lucky dogs walked away victorious and received goodie bags from PetPeople. A crowd favorite was a harlequin Great Dane with an ‘Eat mor Chikin’ sign... they won best costume as a Chick Fil-A Cow!

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The afternoon continued with demonstrations from a local martial arts studio and the k9 unit of the Butler County Sheriff’s Office. The DJ wrapped up and the stage was prepped for our live entertainment. Delicious brews were flowing as Soul Biscuit took the stage first, wowing the crowd with Classic Soul, R&B, and Motown funk.

The headliner for the evening was The Magic Lightnin’ Boys, a local band playing blues-rock originals. Fans sang along as the sun set on a fabulous day!

Thanks to our fundraising committee for planning and executing an outstanding event and to Municipal Brew Works for providing the venue and supporting our cause.

We look forward to making this an annual event, so mark your calendars for the 2nd Saturday in August, 2018!

CHEERS!
Sami, and two dogs, Barney, a catahoula, and Izzy, a german shepeard/beagle mix that we actually
from AFHS in 2011 (Ladybug was her shelter name) and she is the sweetest dog I have ever had. I will
there for a long time until they are adopted. I have a beagle named Perdita, (Perdy). She was adopted
prayer ministry where I pray for the animals at AFHS, especially the dogs and cats that have been
Event and our priest will be blessing the animals that are up for Adoption. I helped organize this event
Episcopal Church there will be a Blessing of the Animals for St. Francis Day. There will also be a loose
and my volunteering is a ministry for me. Reaching out and helping in the clinic is how I serve God
Now that's the cat's meow!

• From January 2016 through July 2016, our surgery clinic sterilized 1,271 cats!
• Through our Community Cat Program we have spayed/neutered, ear-tipped and re-
• A cat's meow is usually not directed at another cat, but at a human. To communicate
• Most cats have no eyelashes.

Karen Heinke

“I started volunteering with Animal Friends in May 2014. I had wanted to volunteer for a while before that but between working and my family, was not able to fit it in. Now that the kids are on their own and I’m retired, I’m finally able. I mainly do the petmobile events as I love bringing the animals out into the public and seeing the interaction between the people and the animals. It’s so rewarding when someone finds that perfect pet! I have 4 rescue of my own . . . two cats, Bella and Sami, and two dogs, Barney, a catahoula, and Izzy, a german shepard/beagle mix that we actually adopted from Animal Friends about 3 years ago.”
**Cindy Weingartner**

"On April 21, 2012, I fulfilled a personal goal to become a volunteer at the Animal Friends Humane Society (AFHS). I vividly remember the exact date because I was transitioning from a very busy corporate role where I was traveling 3-4 days a week to a new career where I could work from home. This transition made it possible for me to add community volunteerism into my schedule and AFHS was at the top of my list! I decided to become a volunteer for AFHS because I wanted to be an advocate for our homeless cats and dogs. AFHS is such an asset to our community with their spay/neuter program, Barn Cat Program, and the many services they provide to the lost, homeless, abandoned, and mistreated animals that enter their shelter each day.

Although I consider myself a "cat person," I spend most of my time serving on the PetMobile with the dogs. The PetMobile is a fabulous way to get 4-8 dogs out of the shelter for a few hours and create opportunities for them to interact with potential adopters. As a public advocate for these pups, it energizes me to educate visitors on the benefits of adoption and ultimately see these happy pups go home with their new family! I have always been an animal lover. I grew up on a dairy farm with cows, horses, dogs, and lots of cats. Today, my husband Paul and I have 2 cats that we adopted from AFHS. Paul is now 5 years old and Mello is nearly 4. They both bring us a lot of joy and lots of laughs with their silly antics! Because cats are naturally attracted to me, my friends and neighbors call me the "cat whisperer." In my personal time, I love to travel with my husband, Paul. We have traveled all over the world, and wherever we go, I am always looking for critters. One of my favorite critter sightings occurred in South Beach Miami where I found 3 separate feral cat colonies. When I was not walking separate feral cats in the Miami-Dade County Animal Services, just like AFHS, has a very successful "trap-neuter-release" program that curbs the feral cat population and keeps them healthy. I am very honored to be recognized for my work at AFHS. It is truly a privilege to volunteer for such a great organization."
Hello,

My husband Chad and I adopted a beautiful, sweet dog from Animal Friends in October 2012. Her name was Lilly. She was a Great Pyrenees. I can’t say enough about how wonderful she was and how much she touched our hearts. She’s very special as we had gotten her a month after my husband returned from Afghanistan. So, we were part of the Pets for Patriots program with her. Unfortunately, my husband is deployed again and I had to make the very difficult decision to put her down. She was diagnosed with dementia. She was ten years old and I’m so glad that I was able to make her last few years of her life with us. I know you guys have a newsletter and I think you put pets who are adopted that pass in your newsletter. She really meant a lot to us and it would mean a lot for her name to be in the next newsletter if you do that. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for allowing Lilly to be in our lives. I’ve attached the original picture of my husband and I when we had gotten Lilly in October 2012.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Harris
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Leaves A Living Legacy

HOW TO LEAVE A LIVING LEGACY: You can name Animal Friends Humane Society as a beneficiary in your will, IRA, life insurance policy, or retirement plan. You can create a Charitable Lead Trust or Charitable Remainder Trust. Include AHFS in your estate planning or donate a percentage of your assets: Encourage pet-loving family members and friends to consider these gift-giving options.

AHFS is a 501(c)(3) donation dependent organization.

List

1) Canned Dog and Cat Food
2) Postage Stamps
3) Cardboard box ‘cat’ trays - used as cat litter boxes
4) Liquid & Powdered Laundry Detergent
5) AAA Duracell and Energizer batteries
6) Fabuloso Cleaner
7) Gas Cards for PetMobile

...and goodies for our staff!

7
A Very Special Weekend!

All Day Friday!

Special Adoption Deals!

BLACK FRIDAY
November 24th

SAVE THE DATE!

ANIMAL FRIENDS
Humane Society

Bark’n’Purr
BALL 2018

13th Annual
Bark ‘n’ Purr Ball on St. Patrick’s Day
Saturday, March 17, 2018
at Receptions in Fairfield, Ohio

PET PHOTOS
with Santa

Saturday, November 25th from 11-4
and Sunday, November 26th from 11-4
at Animal Friends Humane Society
1820 Princeton Road in Hamilton

2018 Butler County Dog License
Available Dec 1st at the shelter
- a portion of sale benefits AFHS -

ALL DOGS indoor & outdoor 3 months & older
MUST be licensed between December 1, 2017 & January 31, 2018

After the holidays, the fundraising committee will be seeking donations for the Bark’n’Purr Ball silent auction - please help us come up with some goodies for this year!

The oldest, largest, non-profit animal adoption agency in Butler County, Ohio

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Our Humane Society was established in 1952...

Our mission is to promote humane principles, to protect lost, homeless, abandoned and mistreated animals, and act as advocates for animals in our communities.

Check Out Upcoming Events: www.animalfriendshs.org