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# FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER ANIMAL TALES

# Forever Homes– Yipee! Say Cheese...



Billie



Blue



Jasmine





Lucy Lou



Ronnie

## Second Chance at Love 🗢





Adopted!

Chance was only 4 months old when he was found abandoned in a box at a local park. The Good Samaritan who found him along the park's walking trail quickly loaded him into his car and rushed him over to Animal Friends. One quick glance inside the box was enough to recognize that the poor pup had been neglected for far too long. It was clear that Chance required hospitalization to save his life, so he was sent to a local vet clinic to undergo intensive treatment. He was diagnosed with a severe case of mange, which is a skin disease caused by mites that's common in dogs and puppies that haven't received proper vet care. He was missing hair over half of his body, was severely dehydrated, and his legs were so swollen they oozed and bled anytime they came into contact with something. Worst of all, Chance was battling a serious blood infection due to the mange going untreated for so long. His treatments involved various IV antibiotics, daily medicated baths, and stockings on his legs to help keep the swelling down. Chance proved to be a fighter, and after a few weeks in the hospital the doctors allowed him to be released to continue his recovery in a foster home. His once bald and scaly skin now had the softest little hairs growing all over it, and he had the energy of a normal puppy again!

A short month later, Chance was adopted! His new name is Bucky Blue and he's enjoying his new life with his family on their small, rural farm. With 2 acres of fenced in land with creeks on both sides, Bucky Blue never gets bored! During the day, he can be found running and playing with the kids, tugging on his rope swing, rolling in the sand near the creeks, or endlessly seeking out moles alongside his 15-year-old canine brother – they successfully captured 5 over the summer! For bedtime, his preferred spot is in bed with one of the kids or on the floor beside them. His family says he loves all people and to be hugged and cuddled, and gets excited when it's time to run errands at Home Depot! Although he still struggles with some residual health issues, his family says he's a thriving pup and they're so lucky to have him as part of their family.

## New Faces at AFHS



#### Lisa Miller

#### **Operations** Manager

"My introduction to animal welfare started with TNR and grew from there. I feel fortunate to have been able to combine my background in education with my experience in animal welfare to help bring positive outcomes for people and their companion animals. In addition to my two girls, we have a horse, a dog and a lot of cats. In my free time I like to read, cook, shop for antiques and check out local wineries."

### Kelley McClaughry

Dog Care Coordinator

"Hi, my name is Kelley McClaughry and I am the new Dog Care Coordinator here at Animal Friends Humane Society. I am originally from Omaha, Nebraska, but recently moved to Ohio to continue my passion for animal welfare. I have a rescue hound/terrier mix named Jackson who I adore more than anything in the world. My passions include hiking, and traveling the world! I am so excited to start a new chapter here at AFHS to devote my time to benefit the animals and the community."



### Sarah Lewandowski

*Community Outreach Coordinator* 

"Hi! I'm Sarah, the new Outreach Coordinator for Animal Friends Humane Society! Though I am a new face around here, AFHS has held a special place in my heart for a long time. Growing up, my father, sister, and I used to volunteer at AFHS back in its Trenton location on Sundays. Like many of you, week after week we fell in love with the animals we met, and it easily became the highlight of my week and planted a life-long passion for animal advocacy. During my time away from AFHS I have had many wonderful experiences to prepare me for and fuel my love of working with people and animals and helping promote the powerful connection between the two. In high school I worked as a kennel tech and doggie daycare leader for a local veterinary clinic. For college I received my undergraduate degree in Psychology through Lee University in Cleveland, TN. During my time in Cleveland, I had the opportunity to intern with a therapeutic riding facility and began volunteering and eventually getting hired on as the weekend lead dog kennel technician for a local animal shelter. For graduate school I went to University of Tennessee Knoxville to get my Master's in Social Work and complete their Veterinary Social Work Certificate Program, studying the Link Between Human & Animal Violence, Grief & Pet Loss, Animal Assisted Interactions, and Compassion Fatigue & Conflict Management. In Knoxville I began fostering dogs, volunteering in a program that assisted at-risk adolescents in training shelter dogs in basic obedience, and in my School Social Work Internship I participated in animal assisted therapy by working with three therapy dogs in individual sessions and through implementing a "Ruff Reading" program. After graduation I served for a year as a Family Intervention Specialist in Indiana doing in-home case management and trauma-focused therapy for children, adolescents, and families. While I adored working with my families, my heart longed to return to a career where I would be back around both people and animals. Being back home in Ohio near my family and returning to the first animal shelter I ever volunteered with has been a dream come true! AFHS has grown so much from the small shelter I remember, and I am so looking forward to partnering with you all and continuing to expand on the incredible work that is being done and save many more lives of these animal friends who forever change ours."



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### Shelter Hours

M, T, F, Sa, Su 11am - 4:30pm

W, Th 1pm - 7pm

# Volunteers of the Month



#### Bob Batterson April 2021

Bob has been a dedicated volunteer since April 2018, and can always be relied upon when an animal is in need of transport. He's also a frequent volunteer on our PetMobile and assists our Outreach Coordinator with various data entry tasks to help ease her workload. We're forever grateful for all the ways that Bob helps us around the shelter. "Thanks for choosing me for Volunteer of the Month. I love all of the staff and other volunteers. I retired three years ago. I had always wanted to volunteer but had very little free time with my job. I started walking dogs then started with the PetMobile. I have met a lot of good people doing so. I had to curtail my exposure to the public when Covid came along. AFHS has found me different ways to volunteer during this trying time. I have been married to my wife, Yvonne, for 38 years. We have had 6 Dobermans throughout that time. We had planned on not having a dog after I retired and that stayed true until a year and half later. Then Bolt came along during the Ales for Tales event, number 6. Thanks Megan N. LOL We've had Bolt, a 4-year-old Doberman. A very energetic rowdy boy. He is intelligent to the point that it's scary. I thank AFHS for the opportunity to help the animals."







#### Judy Lenihan May 2021

This is Judy's 2nd time being recognized as Volunteer of the Month, and it's no wonder with all the amazing things that she contributes to the AFHS Volunteer Family! "I have been fortunate to be able to volunteer at AFHS since July 2016. Despite many changes within the organization, the volunteers and staff remain committed to doing their best for all of the animals. I began by walking dogs, earlier in my life I served in the capacity of a vet tech. There wasn't such a position back then (being older than dirt); but I helped with anesthesia, took and developed (?) x-rays, manned the receptionist desk, helped the vets with injections and sometimes unruly dogs and cats. I finished my undergraduate degree at Eastern Michigan University and began a varied career which included being a stringer for the Detroit Free Press, editor of a local weekly newspaper, technical writer, public relations for a school district and finishing with working as an office manager and administrative assistant at a suburban school district. Nowadays besides volunteering at AFHS (walking dogs, working in the clinic, helping at Petmobiles), I also volunteer at West Chester Hospital in the trauma office and at the hospital's front desk. My week is rounded out by actually earning some money at a small financial wealth management office. I try and continue my exercise routine daily - I lift weights and try to ensure at least 12,000 steps are taken each day. I have been fortunate to spend one month each winter in Jensen Beach Florida, thanks to very dear friends whom I have known for over 50 years. I love to read, play tennis, golf and travel. This fall I have a trip planned to the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu. In general, I enjoy life and all it has to offer!

#### Dottie Wasem June 2021

Our front office staff enjoys working on the days that Dottie comes in to volunteer! Dottie helps to keep things running smoothly and efficiently, and she's greatly missed in the office when she leaves to assist the Outreach Coordinator with PetMobile events! Dottie has been a regular volunteer since April 2018. "I was a second or third grader that I wanted to be a teacher. When I was in high school, a teacher told me I should go into special education because I was such a caring person with a lot of patience. I got my undergraduate degree in elementary education and got my Master's degree in special education. My first teaching job was in special education and my dream job lasted for 35 years. After retiring, I finally had the time to give back to my community. I volunteered with Dress for Success when their mobile unit came to Warren and Butler counties. While it was very rewarding, my heart just wasn't into it. The love of animals kept pulling at my heartstrings and led me to Animal Friends, where I have volunteered for a little over three years. I have met so many wonderful people, both staff and volunteers and have learned so much from all of them. I have walked dogs, done dishes and laundry, helped clean and basically anything else that needed to be done that I could do. I currently volunteer three days a week helping the front office staff as well as helping with the PetMobile events. I hope to be able to help with the Humane Education program if/when it gets rolling again after being put on hold with the Covid restrictions. There is a saying that says, it takes a village to raise a child. I have found this saying also applies to the shelter. It does take all of us to provide for the needs of our precious animals. Volunteering at Animal Friends was the best choice I have made. I now have my dream volunteer gig. It has also led to my adopting some more fur babies to add to my family. I look forward to volunteering for many more years."



# Volunteers of the Month





### Cindy Weingartner July 2021

Nine years ago, I left a busy corporate job to start my own Executive Coaching business. This allowed me more flexibility in my schedule and the first thing I did was start volunteering for the Animal Friends Humane Society. Growing up on a dairy farm, I have always held a soft spot in my heart for all animals and wanted to spend my discretionary time as an advocate for homeless cats and dogs. From the beginning, I have been impressed with the service and dedication of the employees and volunteers at AFHS to meet the needs of the lost, homeless, abandoned, and mistreated animals that enter the shelter every day.

The PetMobile is my jam. I get to use my personal communication skills and love for animals in a dynamic and engaging environment connecting with the public to engage them, educate them, and ultimately send happy pups and kittens home with their new families!

I also support AFHS through personal adoptions. My husband, Paul, and I have 2 AFHS alums, Meilo – formerly Batman (8) and Paulo – formerly Apollo (10). They bring us so much joy and entertain us with their silly antics and crazy personalities.

When traveling in the states and abroad, I am always looking for a "cat fix." Wherever we travel, I look for a Cat Café to visit. So far I have found them in every city and country we have traveled. My favorite "cat fix" has been discovered on our trips to South Beach, Miami. There are several feral cat colonies at the bottom tip of the island. On my daily walks, I bring a bag of cat food and do a "shaky shake" along the path of the tall grasses and the cats jump out of the grasses to greet me. The Miami-Dade County Animal Services, just like AFHS, has done an excellent job with their "trap-neuter-release" program to curb the feral cat populations and ensure their general health.

I am very honored to be recognized for my efforts at AFHS. It is truly a privilege to volunteer for such a great organization.

### Debbie Sheaff August 2021

Volunteer since October 2019, Debbie has been a life-saver during kitten season in helping with everything from cleaning, to adoption events, to passing out pet food to those in need with our Pet Food Pantry! Debbie's passion is something that is easy to see not only in her personal volunteering, but in how she works to help recruit other animal lovers to come help out as well! We are so thankful to have Debbie around and hope we continue to be blessed by her volunteering for years to come! "I am the mother of 3, grandmother of 7, and great-grandmother of 3! I have volunteered for a number of years and adopted 4 kittens! I spent the last 43 years at the Jewish hospital helping others. My passion as I continue to volunteer at Animal Friends is seeing all the love and respect we have for not only the animals but each other! It's an honor to accept this nomination!



## Wishlist

#### Priority items needed right now:

Dry and Canned kitten food (Purina Pro Plan preferred!) Kitty litter (non-clumping litter is safest for the kittens) Little litter boxes

Kitchen scale (used to weigh the kittens daily) Cat/kitten enrichment toys and items

#### Full kitten wishlist can be found here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1SFD-QP6D7G3UZ/ref=nav\_wishlist\_lists\_2?\_encoding= UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1)

#### General items we are always in need of:

Trash bags Stamps Carabiner Clips 3" Gas gift cards Fabuloso cleaner

#### Full amazon wish list here:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2RM933XQ37OBM/ ref-nav\_wishlist\_lists\_1?\_encoding=UTF8&type=wishlist&pldnSite=1 Chewy wish list here: https://www.chewy.com/g/animal-friendshumane-society\_b66333643#wish-list

# Bissell's **D** Empty The Shelters was a huge success!



Animal Friends was proud to partner with BISSELL Pet Foundation this summer for its national "Empty the Shelters" adoption event that ran July 7-11, 2021. This quarterly effort has helped **more than 53,742 pets** find their forever homes in area shelters by reducing adoption fees to \$25 or less per dog, cat, puppy and kitten. AFHS was one of more than 180 shelters from 40 states who participated. Pictured are just a handful of pets who found their forever families during this event. In total, **37 cats and 27 dogs were adopted from AFHS during the 5-day event!** 

Don't worry if you missed out on this opportunity, because AFHS is excited to be partnering with BISSELL again for their fall "Empty the Shelters" event that will take place October 4-10, 2021. More information can be found ahead of the event on our website *www.animalfriendshs.org.* 



ADOPTIONS— Cooper • Spirit • Sparky • Lucien • Emmie • Sadie • Chewbacca Jasmine • Madea • Luna • Trixie • Lance • Ziggy • Boone







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## **1 YEAR LATER...**

### From Rescue to Show Pony





AFHS worked alongside the Butler County Sheriff's Dog Wardens on a cruelty case involving 5 horses back in July 2020. A tip had come in about a badly injured horse that was locked inside a barn, with no access to food or water, and no medical care. When the wardens arrived, they found 2 horses roaming in mud near the outside of the barn, and 3 other horses enclosed inside with no airflow or food and water. One of them was severely injured and in critical need of medical attention. All 5 horses were seized and their owner was charged with animal cruelty. Our community rallied and raised donations that allowed AFHS to provide all of the care that the neglected horses needed to recover. Their owner was later found guilty of animal cruelty, and all 5 horses found new homes with loving families. One of the horses was adopted by the family of a very special young girl who helped us with their daily care. Isabella "Bell" was happy to take on any task that was needed, from cleaning stalls, to keeping manes freshly braided. It wasn't long before a bond was quickly formed between Bell and the horse she later named Pepper Jack. Flash forward to a year later, and Bell and PJ just celebrated their first successful County Fair where they won 1st place in Walk Trot Trail and 4th place in Ground Poles. Congratulations to Bell and PJ, and thank you to our wonderful supporters for helping give this prize-winning pony a second chance!



### Don't Shop...ADOPT! **Black Friday Adoption Event** November 26, 2021

### 11:00am - 4:30pm

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