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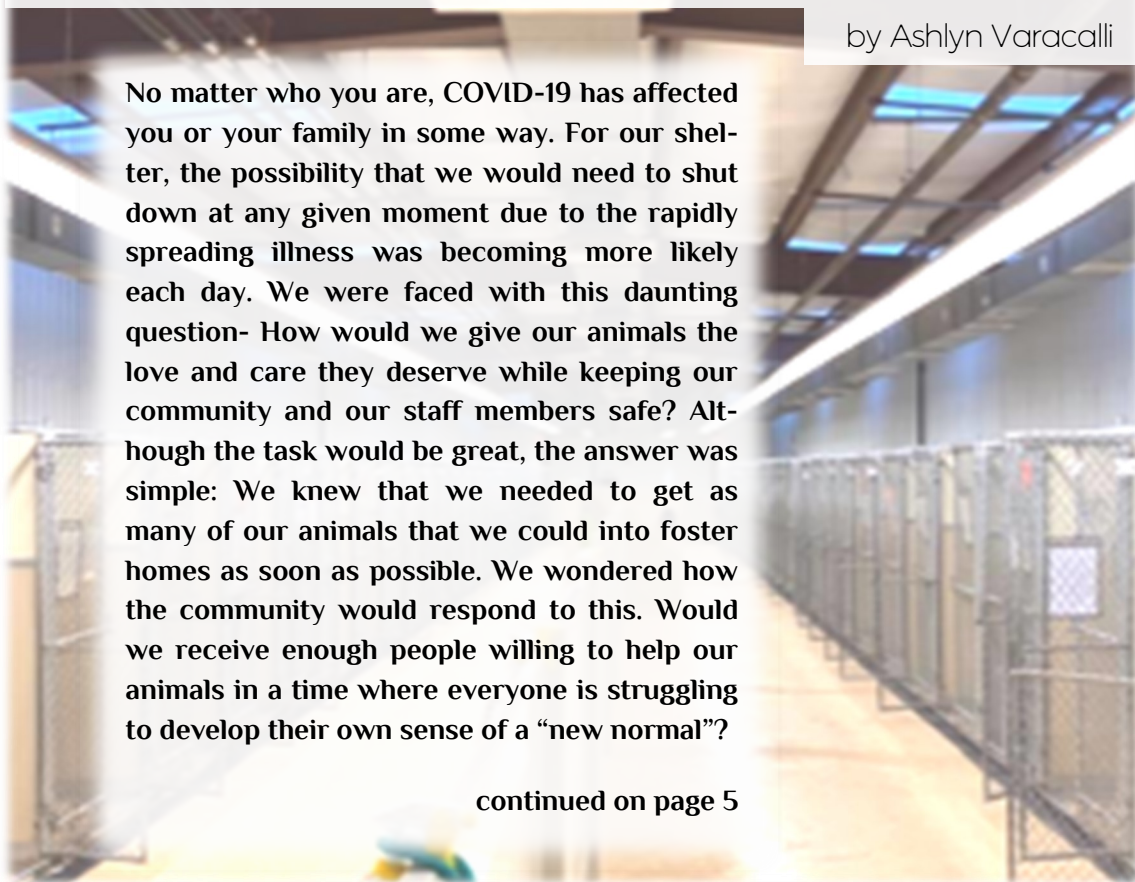
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THE COVID-19 SHELTER CLEAR OUT

by Ashlyn Varacalli

No matter who you are, COVID-19 has affected you or your family in some way. For our shelter, the possibility that we would need to shut down at any given moment due to the rapidly spreading illness was becoming more likely each day. We were faced with this daunting question- How would we give our animals the love and care they deserve while keeping our community and our staff members safe? Although the task would be great, the answer was simple: We knew that we needed to get as many of our animals that we could into foster homes as soon as possible. We wondered how the community would respond to this. Would we receive enough people willing to help our animals in a time where everyone is struggling to develop their own sense of a “new normal”?

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“Our community of animal lovers made this possible. It’s so uplifting to see family after family offering up their homes to a foster animal. This not only lessens the burden on our staff and volunteers, but more importantly it ensures those animals will not have to endure the majority of their days alone in the shelter should we be forced to close down. We simply cannot thank you all enough!”

- Tara Bowser, Executive Director





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INTERVIEW

WITH THE #1 BUTLER COUNTY DOG SURREY!



By: Tara Bowser

Name: Surrey

Nickname: Surrey girl

Age: 4 years

Breed: Border collie / cattle dog / Pyrenees
(DNA test done to prove it!)

Gender: Female spayed

Owner: Sue Hargraves

How did you become Surrey's owner? Sue fosters for Above and Beyond English Setter Rescue. In August 2016, there was a plea to save a dog that was in danger of being euthanized at a rural shelter in North Carolina. The dog was being advertised as a purebred English Setter, so Above and Beyond Rescue stepped in and rescued the young dog. Surrey went into Sue's home for foster care, and because she fit right in almost immediately, Sue decided to make her a permanent member of the family. She later had DNA testing done that shows Surrey isn't an English Setter at all, she's actually a mix of Border Collie, Cattle Dog, and Great Pyrenees!

Any siblings? Georgi who is a mixed breed male 3 years old.

Any more siblings in the future? Currently fostering Ilios – English setter. Sue likes to foster, so she keeps her pack at 2.

Favorite treat? Anything mom buys.

Favorite toy? She likes to chew on nylabones and occasionally steals the other toys from Georgi and foster dogs. She doesn't necessarily want the bone, she just doesn't want them to have it!

Favorite things to do? Loves to spend time outside in the backyard. She will sit for hours and watch the squirrels walk on the power lines. It's like her own version of TV! She could binge watch all day if mom would let her!

Bedtime ritual? Sleeps in bed with mom

Special tricks? She is a great nanny dog to the foster dogs. She loves to play with them and teach them the ropes.

How does she feel being the #1 dog in Butler County? She feels special! Like a DIVA!

Unique quality? 2 different colored eye lashes. The right side of her face is white and the left is black

Thoughts from the owners? Rescuing/fostering/adopting is challenging at times, but it is very rewarding and so worth it. The pets make it all worth it!

Other comments on Surrey? She's a very laid back girl for her breed. It was 4 months into fostering her before Sue ever heard her bark for the first time! Up until then, she thought maybe something was wrong with her. Sue thinks Surrey would make an amazing therapy dog (I agree, she's SO docile!)



Thank You, Richard G. Fox, For 20 Years of Dedication To A.F.H.S.

By Carolyn G. Kramer

It takes a special kind of person to serve on a humane society Board of Trustees for 20 years. It's a volunteer position without a paycheck. The reward is knowing your efforts have saved and improved the lives of thousands upon thousands of animals and benefited all residents of your County as well.

Richard G. Fox lost his wife Pati, who suddenly and unexpectedly died of a heart attack related to long term asthma in 1998. When he lost Pati, Rick felt a need to spend time on a worthwhile project. Because Pati and he loved animals, Rick decided he'd like to raise funds for the animal shelter that served Butler County.

Rick joined the Board of Animal Friends Humane Society in 1999 as treasurer. In 2005 he was elected President and began guiding the Board through difficulties at the original out-dated shelter building in Trenton, Ohio and into a new, up-to-date facility in Hamilton.

Sadly, the shelter building that had been remodeled and expanded in 1987 became inadequate and in terrible condition by 2005. Many thousands of dogs and cats had wreaked havoc in the building. Peeling paint and an old septic tank system that sometimes backed up made the place an unacceptable health hazard.

Butler County animal lovers to the rescue! A letter to the County from two thirteen-year old girls who volunteered at the shelter made Commissioners aware of the unhealthy situation, and a suggestion from another dedicated volunteer helped put a one-time levy on an upcoming ballot in 2006. The 0.5 mill levy passed by 60,508 to 51,081 and eventually resulted in a new shelter building erected on County grounds. Rick and other Trustees had to work out several serious problems with Commissioners.

Commissioner Mike Fox (no relation to Rick) grasped the levy idea and speeded the ballot process. There were many problems: Shortage of anticipated funds due to economic downturn. Arguments about the best location for the new shelter. Architectural cost overruns. Time wasted making decisions--- working through three County Administrators until most were agreeable. The new animal shelter building finally opened August 9, 2009.

Rick retired from the AFHS Board in March 2020 after 17 years as president. He commented that his accomplishments were, *"Being smart enough to surround myself with very intelligent people from varied career paths to make great teams and to stay out of their way so they could get the jobs done. I have been blessed with wonderful board members, a shelter staff that I wouldn't trade for the world, an army of volunteers, and a generous public. I am so grateful to have had them in my life. I'm leaving the organization in very capable hands. Thanks for the memories which I will cherish for the rest of my life."*



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Top: Rick Fox takes part in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the grand opening of AFHS's new building in 2009. **Bottom left:** Rick pictured with his first Animal Friends adoptee— Slick. **Bottom right:** Rick playing the drums at the annual Bark n' Purr ball.

volunteer of the month



SEPTEMBER 2019

Lisa Knapp

Lisa has been fostering litters of puppies with us for the last 7 years! We thank Lisa for her time and effort she puts in towards her fosters and look forward to years to come with her! "I'm married to my wonderful husband Larry Knapp, who enables and supports me in this daily adventure of fostering puppies. Together, we've raised 5 sons who are all happily married and avid pet lovers as well. We are expecting our 6th grand baby in December. When I was working, I was a teacher for 30 years. When I retired, I started an alpaca farm and that was also when I began

fostering for Animal Friends Humane Society. Over the last 7 years, I've fostered at least 73 puppies and I've only kept 3!! Being a foster parent to all of these puppies has been such a blessing to me! It brings me such joy to nurture, love and provide each puppy the best start in life we can provide. It has been my sincere privilege to work with and get to know the awesome shelter staff and volunteers who have made it their daily mission to help animals in need. Animals are God's gifts to us all, and I am happy to have a small part in all of this. In closing, I need to thank all of my family, friends who help me with every litter we get. I also want to thank all of the adopting families and acquaintances who have opened up their hearts and homes to these puppies, giving them a forever family."

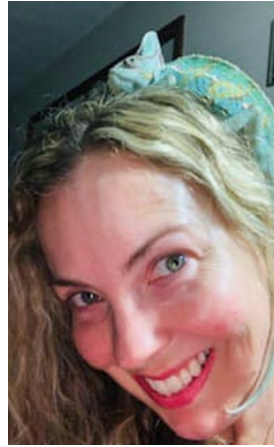


OCTOBER 2019

Wendy Burnette

You will mostly see Wendy assisting back on the Petmobile! We are delighted to have Wendy as a volunteer and look forward to having her in the volunteer family for years to come! I decided to volunteer at AFHS when I was between dogs. I was working 40 to 50 hours during a four day work week which was too many hours to introduce another dog into my life. I had released my third 13 year old doberman to the rainbow bridge feeling guilty that my time with her had been so limited,

relying on people to wake her up from her long naps to go out while I was gone. I was and am impressed by how well the dogs and cats at AFHS are cared for, often in a situation at the shelter better than from where they escaped from. The areas to walk on the trails and across the fields is so serene. I enjoy the other volunteers who know the animals so well and love them like I do. People ask me how I can be there and not take them all home. The only time I had any issues was with a beautiful 7 month red dober-boy, who was trembling and sad. A woman trying to adopt him had a shepherd who clearly would not have it. The adopter was about 300 pounds and could barely walk. When I left, I was grateful because that was clearly not going to happen. I got sick before going back on my next day off. He was then adopted to a home familiar with dobermans and had some active boys who would play with and really enjoy him. My favorite place to volunteer is on the pet mobile, because I can spend hours with one dog and work on skills. I have had the delight to see some get chosen for forever homes. I look forward to engaging in play yard where I have not participated due to lack of training. I finally got to work less hours and rescued a 3 year old floppy eared black doberman named Delilah, who is now 5 and loves to show off how obedient she is. Thanks for choosing me and asking for my story.



NOVEMBER 2019

Christy Hopper McConnell

Christy has been a volunteer since May of 2019. In her time of being a volunteer, she has logged in 213:05 hours! We are so lucky to have Linda in our volunteer family! I have always had a love for animals since I was a child. Growing up, we always had cats and dogs in our home. As a stay at home mother of four wonderful children, I decided I wanted to donate some free time to a cause that has always touched my heart. I attended orientation at AFHS in May 2019 thinking I would volunteer to walk dogs and socialize with the

cats a few hours a week. It wasn't long before there was a need for volunteers in the vet clinic, and I jumped on the chance to get involved. I started going in one day a week, and loved being there so much that now I go in as often as I can. It was then that I realized I truly missed my calling to be a vet tech. The team in the clinic- Kristy, Maia, Dr. Corfman, Dr. Eilers, and more- all welcomed me and made me feel like a part of the team. I have learned so much from all of them and enjoy being there so much that I now spend as much time at the shelter as I can. When the clinic isn't busy, I love getting to know the cats and dogs there. I feel that I get as much or more out of volunteering here as the animals do that I get to interact with. The whole staff has been so welcoming, and I wholeheartedly see the dedication that they put into taking care of the animals. Waiting on me at home is not only my loving husband, Shane McConnell, but two veiled chameleons (Cam and Bob), one panther chameleon (Melon), two bearded dragons (Jewel and Sampson), a Cockapoo named Doctor. Last but not least, I have the sweetest most beautiful cuddly cat, Claire that we adopted from AFHS in 2012. With all of the dedicated volunteers that work hard every day, I must say it is truly an honor to be chosen as volunteer of the month. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a wonderful group of people and pets.

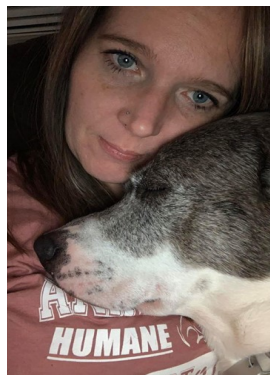


DECEMBER 2019

Patty Baston

Patty has been part of the foster family for three years now! We are so happy to have Patty helping us out as a kitten foster and can't wait to have her for years to come! I became associated with AFHS in 2014 when I adopted Razzle my blue point Siamese kitten from the shelter. He was such a wonderful kitten we decided he needed a friend. That's when we adopted Mittens, our little calico. From there it was a natural progression to begin fostering kittens. This had been my 3rd season fostering babies. And, I think, my most rewarding year. My first foster this

year "Latte" became a permanent member of our home. And, of course there was Macy. My most challenging baby. But, thanks to her determination to live, and my dedication to help her thrive, she is now a beautiful healthy kitty with a wonderful, loving family. And, this is the very reason I foster.



JANUARY 2020

Natalie Hillis

Natalie has been volunteering with us since February of 2019. She spends her time walking dogs or helping with play yard groups! Within the year as a volunteer, she has committed 110 hours to the shelter! We thank Natalie for her time she puts in towards the shelter and look forward to years to come with her! I began my journey volunteering with AFHS last year & it was one of the best choices I ever made. I went through years of

Natalie continued...

saying how I wanted to volunteer, but not taking initiative to do so. Finally, I went and did the orientation to get started (it is only offered once a month for 2 hrs. on a Saturday morning). I can honestly say, this past year has been a life changer for me in many ways!! Being able to volunteer my time to show these animals that they are loved & not forgotten is something I look forward to every time I enter those doors. I love spending time with the doggies by taking them on walks, playing/loving on them in the play-yards and lots & lots of pictures!! In the process of finding Fur-Ever homes for these Fur-babies, I have been extremely fortunate to find some really Fur-bulous volunteers & staff!! If volunteering is something that you have thought of, I strongly encourage you to find the time to do the monthly orientation. It could be a life changing experience for you as well!! I've always said: "As much as it helps the staff and these Fur-babies, it has helped me a million times more."



FEBRUARY 2020

Laila Kunvarji

Laila has been fostering kittens with us for about 8 months. She has fostered about 14 litters/single kittens in that time! We thank Laila for her time she puts into caring for the little ones and look forward to years to come with her! Hello everyone! My name is Laila and I've been fostering kittens for 8 months. Last spring, I attended the kitten shower here at the Animal Friends Humane Society and I

decided to fill out an application to become a foster. Just a few weeks later, I attended orientation and left with a bottle baby, my first foster. I love having kittens around and I have accepted that I will never be able to have a straw in my cup. Lol! The best part about fostering is getting to watch these tiny babies blossom from scared, shy sometimes sick kittens, into sweet, social, cuddly kittens which is very rewarding to my family and I. My daughter, Jasmine, has helped me tremendously along the way and is planning on fostering kittens once she's graduated from college. She adopted Cleo, our first foster, who is the sweetest kitten I have ever met and they share a strong bond. I also foster failed two precious siblings, Lilo and Stitch. Our fur family includes four cats named Charlie, Ellie, Lilo and Stitch, Lily the Chihuahua and Koko the African grey parrot. My family & I love having kittens around all the time. It's like heaven on earth!! I have learned so much about these babies along the way and have met some very nice people who share the same love that I have for animals. Thank you so much for choosing me as volunteer of the Month and giving me the opportunity to make a difference.



MARCH 2020

Larry Stolte

Larry has been volunteering with us June of 2018. He spends his time socializing our cat in cat adoption! Over his time of volunteering with us, he has spent 388:10 hours! We thank Larry for his time he gives to our cats and look forward to years to come with him!

I started at AFHS almost two years ago after retiring from the U.S. Postal Service. My time as a letter carrier exposed me to the reality of the stray/feral cat situation, chained up dogs, and missing pets. My job and love of animals

allowed me to reunite lost pets with their people, build simple cat shelters while convincing homeowners to allow them on their property, feed and water less fortunate critters, and even bring a few in for spay/neuter. I eliminated the feline middleman (sorry AFHS) by reeling in Karma, Ramses, and Shamrock right off the street from my routes and into our home. Now that I'm retired, future pets will come from AFHS. This is why I hang with the cats at AFHS, attempting to socialize them and convince their future servants to adopt them. Twenty years ago, I volunteered at the Humane Society in San Diego. Though I spend my time with cats, I love dogs. I feel that breed specific laws are nonsense. I (mailman for three decades) am especially fond of what people refer to as pit bulls. They are delightful snuggle bunnies.

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How many of our animals would we be able to place with such short notice? We were completely blown away by the response. During the first week and a half we sought to place our animals in foster homes (from March 15th-March 24th) we placed 63 total animals into foster care (24 cats and 39 dogs). We also adopted out 41 total animals (12 cats and 29 dogs). 14 of those adoptions were done directly out of foster homes, with 8 of them being adopted by the foster family themselves! Even in the midst of a crisis, good can be seen.



Pictured above: COVID-19 Shelter Clear Out Foster Failures

Top left—Reggie, formerly Fiat, Top right—Roger, Bottom left—Barton, formerly Gonzo, Bottom right—Sharky

Since then, we have still been taking in new animals- emergency owner surrenders, cruelty cases, and strays. We are not currently doing adoptions at the moment (This was written in March/April, as the shelter was closed due to the stay at home order), but instead we are placing all animals directly into foster homes. We will continue to place all eligible animals into foster homes while we are not operating on typical business hours. We hope to be back to normal soon, but in the meantime we are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our community. Our animals rely on their humans to be their voice and advocate for their safety- and our staff, volunteers, and fosters have done just that! We will navigate through these unpredictable times together, as a community, for the well-being of our furry friends!



Hearts that care...

IN MEMORY OF DONATED BY

Molly.....Charles Kleine
 Jasmine.....Dolores Schuessler
 Cocker spaniel Penny.....Kay Clark
 Hershey Cohen.....Karen Whalen,
 Anita Jung, Sharon Alford
 Wiggles.....Peggy Burton
 Red.....Mr. & Mrs. George Speck
 Dutchess & Stuff.....Carole & JB Little
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 Schatzi.....Russell & Ernesine Winkler
 Olive.....Gloria Rogers
 Takashi.....Carol Marshall Burke
 Megan.....Patricia Spelski
 Patsy Wagers.....Joe and Kate Wespiser
 Lou Savelli.....Judy Florio
 Jerry McCandless.....Paulette McCandless
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 Denise Gilliam.....Jamie Blake
 Sherry Ray.....Deborah Morningstar
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 Sterling Baer.....Sara & Dean Porter
 Judy Schliesman & Jack Frost.....Nicholas
 Schliesman
 Lady Bug.....Karen Farmer
 All pets.....Jim & Barb Cooley
 Nathaniel Read.....Susan Read
 Karen Runnels.....Charles Runnels
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 Robert Kennedy,
 Angela Back (Liberty Mutual Insurance),
 Jo Ann Lambert
 Jim Huff.....Linda Louise Huff
 Sylvia Cawein.....Patty McCartney
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 David Anson.....Annette M. Sherman
 Russell Selby.....Tara McCarthy
 Parker James.....Katie Kennedy
 Michael Eder.....Bill Eder
 Morris VanGorden...Maria & Danielle Devine
 Mary Hamblin...Mr. & Mrs. George Brown II,
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 Edwin Stitzel, Patricia Stitzel,
 Erick Stitzel.....Dianne Ninke

Carl Massi.....Charles & Linda Smith
 Gretchen.....Terrance Bledsoe
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 Cuddles, Socks, Minnie, Chessie; and dog
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 Long-haired doxie, Max.....Toni Dennis
 Logan.....Clark Moore
 Her beagle, Charlie; and cat,
 Hershey.....Patricia Sizemoore
 His dog, Mama.....James Pressler
 Dizzy.....Ruby McQuade
 Bella.....Marcie Gschwind
 Cats: Fluffy and Missy; and her dog,
 Ace.....Loma Bolling
 Cody, Huey & Peppy.....Michael Hamann
 Zoe & Quinn.....Larry Pytlinski
 Their dog.....Donald & Lucinda Reed
 Shih Tzu- Pepper.....Rick & Jennifer Scheid
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 Oscar.....Chad Heflin
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 Junior.....Patty Spath-Meyer
 Wicket.....Glynda Smith
 Moe.....Rae LoBuono
 Annie & Rosie.....Kathleen Korb
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 Throne
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 Mayzie.....Judy Van Niman
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 20 yr old cat, Ashley "Poo Poo Princess"...Ken
 & Judie Lakes
 All our four-legged angels.....Lora Schueller
 Zoey King.....Melissa King
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 Mya.....Annalisa Wolf
 Snoopy & Mama Cat.....April Jester
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 Mr. Red, a kitty.....Gary & Jennifer Speck
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 Jackson
 Bandit.....Susan Stitzel
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 Gabriel.....William Menchen
 Sam, Snoopy, Ruby & Bud.....Doug Blazer
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 Dashley
 Teddy, Cindy, Sunny, Bandit, Sam.....Barbara
 Windholtz
 Markie.....Debra Brown
 Meggie.....Carole Replogle

Kathy Young
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 Romshe
 Wilma Pendergrass.....Mike & Sandy Collins
 David Evans.....Joe Luebbe,
 James & Margaret Baker, Connie &
 Chuck Duersch, Robert & Nancy Moore,
 Kathleen Marriott, Robert & Sue Lowery,
 Sue & Mike Samoviski, Pamela Furmon
 Alice Holmes.....Bridget McCarthy-Osswald
 David Wittman.....Mrs. Claire Wittman
 Dr. Rock Alford.....Robert & Sharon Medlock
 Robert Weekley.....Robert & Sharon Medlock
 Gunner.....Jackie Andrews & Johnny Dillon
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 Jade.....Cheryl Thomas
 Rescued border collie, Casey.....Mrs. Lee
 Steenken
 Candy & Honey.....David & Elaine Taggart
 Sadie.....Veraldene Withrow
 Lindy & Rudy.....Linda Dinkel
 Percy & Lewie.....Robin Rosenhahn
 Henry & April.....Thomas & Mary Schell
 Josey.....David & Wilma Edmonds
 Charle, Lucille & Dusty.....Barbara Curtis
 Loto.....Neil & Ellen Marwehe
 Ed & Sophie.....Vickie Sluss
 Abby.....The Chandler Family
 Sierra, rescued beagle/Belgian Malinois...Jan
 & Doug Claucherty
 Rescued cat, Linus.....Gregory Romshe
 POCO and Wolfgang.....Susan Snyder
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 Dexter.....Heidi Wyant
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 Apollo.....Lois Medecke
 Stinky.....Sylvia Maynard
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 Helen Fisher.....Fred Fisher
 Roger Rau.....Lee Ann Rau
 Toby Garde.....Greg & Kristen Wright
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 Lois Romans.....Diana Bradley
 Ruth Elizabeth Jurrus.....Carol "C.J." Couto
 Christian.....Timothy Welsh
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 Butch Earhart.....Jeanine Thomas
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 Ollie.....Diane Keafer
 Greyhound, Gus.....Carol Thomas
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 Ernestine Winkler
 Ginger.....Patrick DiConcilio
 Chocolate lab, Godiva.....Dawn Pavuk
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 Will.....Cindy Dyer
 Lexi.....Stephanie Denzel
 Rosco, Allie & Toulouse...Karen & Matt Fuchs
 Chris Robinson.....Martha Brown
 Pati Fox, Ed Fox, Esther Fox, Geneva Owen,
 George Owen.....Rick Fox
 Peaches, Goldie, Link CoCo, Mitzi, Nikki,
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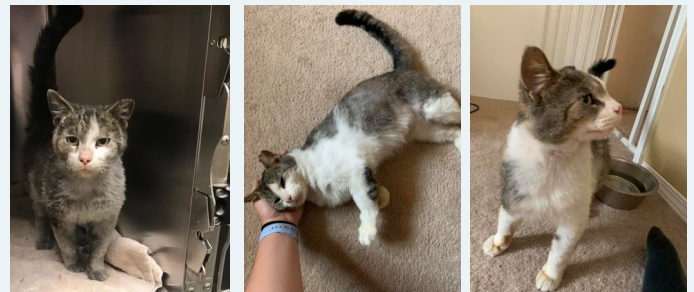
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 Charlie.....Carole Fritzsche
 Buckeye.....Jeffrey Thullen
 Precious Peach.....Laura Dailey
 All my basenjis.....Vicky Locke
 Lucy.....Elizabeth Burress
 Logan.....Clark Moore
 Gunner.....Shirley Gabbard
 Edison (22 yr. old cat).....Linda Jester
 Bubbles, dog; Nubbins, cat.....Annette Fulks
 Max and Charlie.....Toni Dennis
 Daisy.....Michael & Marcia McCutchan
 Girl.....Scott Neuhaus
 Topie and Orea.....Beverly Bruno-Case
 Beloved dog, Poochie.....Carolyn Denny
 Their cats.....Sandor and Sharon Katan
 Beagle Charlie, cat Hershey.....Patricia Sizemore
 Waldo.....Doreen Taylor
 Ozzy.....John Baughman
 Lilly.....Carol Amato
 Shelter dog, Marty.....Cheri Wannemacher
 Tressel Lucas.....Leanne Malcolm
 Brownie.....Leah Ralston
 Duffy Rose.....Franklin & Pamela Rose
 Winnie.....J.R. Griess
 Scully Joy.....Bob & Cheryl Barrett
 Fluffy, Missy and Ace.....Loma Bolling
 Phantom.....Ronald Shafto
 Pheobe.....Steve & Linda Smith
 Trixie.....Ben Jenkins
 Miss Kitty.....Candace Cook
 Eleanor "Duffy" Stephens.....Doug & Cindy Murtlow, Jerry & Janet Koehne, Harold Morin, Maureen McMullen, Mary Jane Gorman, Kurt Jacobsen, Margaret Trikilas, Ginny Thiel, Mt. Ida C.S.T. Outreach
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 Robert Gifford.....Patty Gifford
 Otto Henkel.....Bill & Arlene Rahn
 Scott Morningstar.....Angela Salazar & Paul Kasperski, Forrest Houser, Donna Crawford, Joni Fox, Jason Labella, Paul & Patricia Nelson, Steve & Carol Unger, Linda Summers, Kevin & Karen Eleng, Bill & Linda Wheeler, the Carpenter Family (Elva Carpenter, Nick and Sandy Humble, Larry & Cheri Carpenter, Danny & Sandy Carpenter), the Directors, officers and employees of Twin

Valley Bank
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 Parker James.....Katie Kennedy
 Mary Ann Willis Sanders and her dog, Duffy.....Joan Crane, Carolyn Soupene
 Thomas Dugan.....Carolyn McDonough and family
 Priscilla Pflanzler.....Brett Kirkpatrick and the staff of Community First Solutions
 Shirley Ziegler.....Elaine and Dick Dembik
 Dr. Perry L. Gnivecki.....Dr. & Mrs. H.C. Lloyd Eldred "Buddy" Harding, DVM.....Dr. & Mrs. Steve and Carla Baer
 Denny Shamp and Scooter.....Shirley Mason
 Molly McClain.....Phyllis, Julie & Sprite Kadle
 Mickey & McKella.....Vanessa Elliott
 Ruby Hockenbery.....Debbie Hockenbery
 Raybuu.....Ronald Mauvi
 Sweet Cinnamon.....Patricia Schulz
 Richard (Dick) Miller.....Sherry Miller, Larry & Becky Moore, Penny & Roger Miller, Wanda Woodrey, Diana Yater, John & Kim Jones
 Ike and Lucy.....Penny Lodge
 Tippy Marie.....Nancy Paden
 Terri Price.....Christine Rafeld, Gary & Penny Goon, Tim & Melissa Merkel and family, Bob & Wendy Norman and family, Justin's friends at Trifor (Shelley and Mark Horn)
 Leo.....Jacqueline Barrier
 Bonnie Evans.....Debbie Hockenberry
 Aunt Anne Malott.....Debra L. Brown
 Mary Ann Lampe.....Marilyn Rack
 Rebecca (Becky) Keyser.....Debra Gentile-Wood
 Zoe and Quinn.....Larry Pytlinski
 All their 4-legged family members.....Lora Schueller
 BearBear, Sebastian, Tuffy.....Dave & Karen Dostal
 Adopted deaf Pyrenees, Brinkley.....Michael & Trayci Mazzaferri
 Taz.....Matt & Karen Fuchs
 MacKenzie and Pipper.....Jean Landeen
 Petey.....Colette Krabis Klinovshy
 Manchester Lexi.....Sara Porter
 Hoss Rubin.....David & Elaine Taggart
 Beloved dogs: Jack and Jill.....Michelle Brooker
 Teddy, Cindy and Sunny.....Barbara Windholtz
IN HONOR OF DONATED BY
 Mrs. Mary Melko's 100th birthday.....Michael Hingsbergen
 Kathy Lawhorn.....Tim & Terri Proud
 Pat Miller's 80th birthday.....Michele Calvert, Mary Ann Dorrel, Garri and Guenther Guecking, Gail McWilliams
 Abby.....Karen Shearer
 Dee Parragh.....The Harvey Hubbell Foundation (Pat Zambrello, Admin)

Fort Hamilton Laboratory.....Judy Bartlett
 Cheyenne and Shoney.....Rebecca Faeth, William Hollander, Molly Sweeney, Francis Calardo, CardsToInspire, Amanda Owens and lab friend, Lulu; Ron and Pamela Wilson
 Kathy & Greg Munafa for Christmas.....Joan Haydock
 Napoleon.....Joyce Zinser
 Christy.....Michelle Catania
 Grace.....David Kass
 Lucy.....M.C. Schellenbach
 Piper & MacKenzie—2 westies.....Jean Landeen
 Barbara Upson.....Kathy Larson
 Maureen Ferris.....Sandra Pennington
 Robert Palatchi.....Mrs. Donna Palatchi
 Princess.....Alice Sizemore
 All the helpless ones—not forgotten.....Kit Palmer
 Clippy.....Brad & Karen Gerth
 The Sherron Family and Thunder, Bella & Zoey.....Dawn Knochenmuss
 Heather Kellum.....Cindy Butler
 Astro, Puppy Bowl 2019.....Ariel Perelmuter
 Gabby's 11th birthday.....Mrs. Elizabeth Vandetti
 Punky and Chipper.....June Pierce
 Roxie and Iceman.....Jonathan and Kristen Carlson
 Christmas Gift Beel Family...Vicci & Gary Beel
 Lee Feltner.....Gail Stark
 Ferris Pendergrass.....Mike & Sandy Collins
 Jon Karlsson and his cats, Mr. Big and Yum Yum.....Dawn Knochenmuss
 Tom Leck.....Robert Leck
 Millie Rosenthal.....Richard Rosenthal, Jr.
 Susan Frazier.....William Gracie
 Jennifer Goris.....Maura Wittkugel
 Karla Gumm's Birthday.....Alexander Gumm
 Todd Ventrola for Christmas.....Caitlin Cook
 Terri Sturgeon's cats.....Patricia Hays Bond
 Christina Crosswell.....Kurtis Polacek
 Holli McBride.....Danielle March
 J B Winters.....Susan Harris
 Paula Hutton.....Ryan McDonough, Dannie Evans
 Terry Winoker.....Ben Winoker
 Pauline Clark.....Stephany & Dave Sloneker
 Lisa & David Creelman.....Mary Sue Wentzel
 My special angel, Diva.....Donna Kaufman
 Watson.....Chris & Greg Bedel
 Deaf Pyrenees, Brinkley.....Michael & Trayci Mazzaferri
 Kii Su.....Helina Piano
 Rescue dog, Honey.....Richard Watson
 Favorite girl, Kona.....Andrea Renner
 Good girl, Ildgie.....Jordan Brown
 Carolyn Kramer.....Dick & Reva Westpeter
 Jackie & Mike Minges 50th Wedding Anniversary.....Pauline Twidale
 Adopted pets: Pepper and Cooper.....Charles & Joan Binstadt
 Allen Beiter.....Brent & Karen Marie Billock
 Daniel Paolercio's birthday.....Carson Wealth, Scott D. Ford, RFC
 Mindy Staton.....PEO Chapter CL; Marcia Koenig, Treasurer
 Skye and VanGogh.....Carole Fridzche
 Barb Engel.....David Griffel
 Janie Rowlands' birthday.....Dan Rowlands

MEDICAL CASE SUCCESS STORY!



By: Tara Bowser

"Thank God for 9 lives! Sheldon was a community cat who spent his days roaming his neighborhood, and was seeking shelter at night in an abandoned house in the city of Hamilton. On the evening of March 21, a fire broke out in the abandoned house where Sheldon was sleeping. He thankfully was able to escape, but suffered smoke inhalation and his whiskers and fur were singed from the fire. Animal Control officers were called out to the fire ravaged home to pick up Sheldon, and he was immediately brought to Animal Friends for care. Our medical team monitored the loving grey and white cat over the next few days to make sure he didn't have any permanent damage from the smoke inhalation, and once he was given the "all clear" from our vet, he was placed into a caring foster home. The foster family said he does flips on the ground like a puppy to get attention and belly rubs, and his whiskers and hair are growing back! We're happy that we were able to play a part in Sheldon's recovery!"



NEW DATE
Friday, September 25, 2020

All upcoming events are COVID-19 dependent

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Municipal Brew Works
 20 High Street, Hamilton, Ohio

August 8th
10am - 9pm

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Come for the Pet Parade,
 Adoptable Animals, Dog/Cat Pet Contests
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Proceeds benefit Animal Friends Humane Society

**5th Annual crafts,
 critters & car show**

Saturday, July 18, 2020

11:00am-4:00pm

Bridgewater Falls *3385 Princeton Road
With Special Guest, Trooper!



Thank you, Rick Fox

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His "second career" is still going strong. Since 1998, he's performed as the talented drummer with the Thunderbay Band that was established 39 years ago and has a great reputation in the area for country/rock music.

Rick nominated Greg Varacalli to replace him as President of the AFHS Board of Trustees. "The Varacalli family has been volunteering at the shelter for many years. Greg has a compassion for animals and good business sense. He listens to problems, thinks them through, and makes good decisions. I have a lot of respect for Greg and know that Animal Friends is in good hands for years to come."

Thank you, Rick Fox! Your dedication and behind-the-scenes work has resulted in safer, healthier, happier communities.

OUR WISH LIST

- 1) SCOOPABLE CAT LITTER
- 2) BREEDERS EDGE KITTEN FORMULA
- 3) CANNED CAT FOOD
- 4) SOFT DOG TREATS
- 5) GAS GIFT CARDS
- 6) POSTAGE STAMPS

... AND GOODIES FOR OUR WONDERFUL STAFF!