

# Wagging Tales

PAWSIBILITIES®, HUMANE SOCIETY OF GREATER AKRON



FALL 2012

## STORY OF OUR MISSION

On a cold February afternoon, Pawsibilities, Humane Society of Greater Akron received an emergency call for animals in distress. Humane Officers Tim Harland and Shannon O'Herron responded and soon arrived at the scene of a home with 17 cats living in deplorable conditions. Officer O'Herron notes "Many of the cats lived in small cramped cages they could barely move around in. All of the cats both caged and loose roaming in the home all lived in filth. Many had urine stained fur and most needed dental work due to serious tooth and gum issues". Our Humane Officers removed all 17 cats and transported them to our facility for treatment and shelter. The resident of the property also suffered health problems from the living conditions, and was subsequently evicted shortly after Pawsibilities, Humane Society of Greater Akron had removed the animals.

One of the animals, Colleen, was very timid and shy when she first came to the shelter. Around nine years old, Colleen was a beautiful black and white, medium hair cat with a mouth injury. Upon further inspection, staff veterinarian, Dr. Michael Wilson, determined Colleen was missing part of her upper lip, lower nostrils and had horizontal bone loss. Due to the disfigurement, Dr. Wilson removed necessary teeth to enhance Colleen's quality of life.



Animal technician, Ashley Milhoan says "Colleen was very friendly when she was here and a known volunteer favorite!" After a few months in our care, Colleen was adopted into a loving forever home. She now resides at Raytec Systems in Stow, where owner Greg Baynes works and visits on the

weekend. Colleen prefers the quiet office space where she is the only cat and receives a lot of spoiling. Greg



and the staff have fallen for Colleen and had this to say about their new co-worker "Colleen is the most loving wonderful cat in the world. She is the new office cat at Raytec Systems. She loves all of the people that come in and out of the office even the UPS man. She brings a smile to everyone that meets her. She is spoiled by everyone but she deserves it."

Greg's daughter Hailey notes "Colleen's unbelievable; no way she can be 9! She plays, rolls, purrs, and meows like a kitten! Thank you again PHSGA for taking care of Colleen before we adopted her. She is really an amazing cat... she prefers the office, no other cats, dogs, or TV's. She's living the life!!!! Adopting a senior was an amazing choice!"



**Colleen is one of hundreds of animals that Pawsibilities, Humane Society of Greater Akron, rescues, heals and adopts out annually.** Stories like this would not be possible without our dedicated staff, kind adopters and generous donors. Thank you all for your continued support!

# JOIN OUR 2012 LEG UP BUILDING CAMPAIGN!

Our dream of a forever home begins with the first step - raising the required \$600,000 down payment by the end of 2012. We have a unique and time-limited opportunity to finance the purchase of our new, more visible and more accessible animal shelter.

Gifts from first-time supporters will be matched "dollar for dollar" with a \$100,000 Challenge Gift from a generous family. Please reach out to friends and family who share your love of rescued animals. Every gift counts! Every \$1 leverages another \$1.

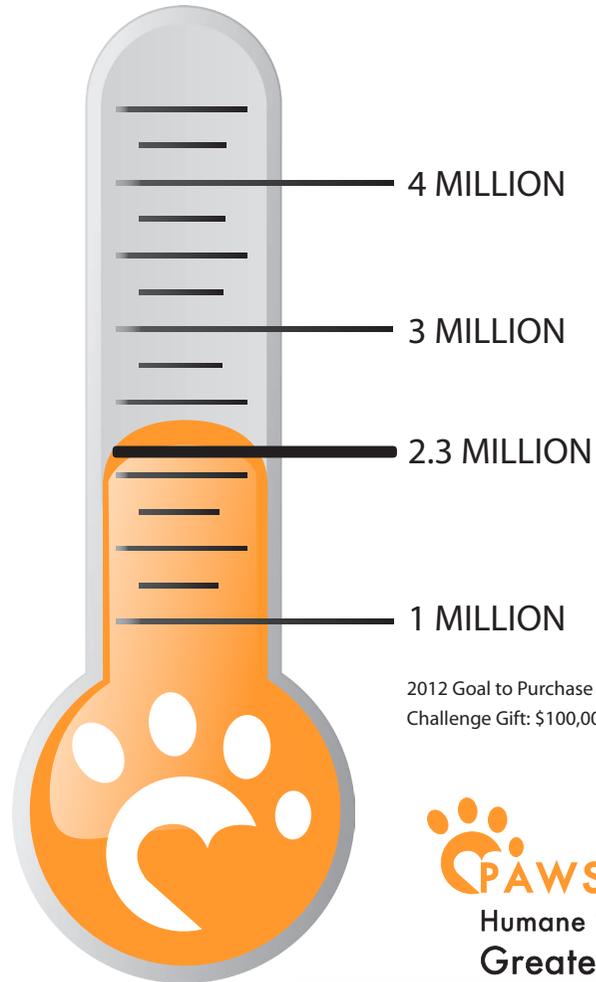
We are grateful to every one of you who helped us renovate and move into this incredible building. Quick Road is only eight short miles away; but we've come so far in the improved level of shelter care we can now provide to abused, neglected and abandoned animals.

You've made this journey possible. On June 20 we celebrated the opening of our first on-site medical, surgical and isolation suite. Deserving animals now get the veterinary care they need more quickly and without stressful transport. Dogs have state of the art kennels and a fenced back yard to run free. Adoption rooms, new cat condos, a kitchen and grooming station are planned.

Imagine how much more can we do without a rent or mortgage payment! We can save and heal more animals, educate more people, train more volunteers and enrich the lives of so many more adopters. Your gift to the 2012 "Leg up Campaign" is the first step to home ownership. Thank you for your commitment. Visit [www.summithumane.org](http://www.summithumane.org) by December 2012 to help.

Karen Hackenberry  
Executive Director

## \$5 Million Capital Campaign



2012 Goal to Purchase the Building: \$600,000  
Challenge Gift: \$100,000 from new donors

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# save the date

## *Pawsibilities®*, Humane Society of Greater Akron *September—December 2012 Events*

### **Pawsibility Ball**

**Saturday, September 15th**

**6:00pm**

**The Hilton Akron/Fairlawn 3180 W. Market St. Akron**

Join us for the presentation of the 2012 Animal Hero Award to Judge Mary F. Spicer, retired. The Pawsibility Ball is our most glamorous event of the year! Tickets are \$125 and include a wonderful evening filled with dinner, music and auctions.

### **NOTO Boutique Night**

**Thursday, September 20th**

**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**51 E. Market St. Akron**

Join us for a fun night out while shopping for a cause! For one night only enjoy exclusive specials from NOTO. NOTO offers contemporary women's fashion and carries current trends at affordable prices.

### **Rummage Sale**

**Friday, November 2nd**

**Saturday, November 3rd**

**9:00am—5:00pm**

**Stow-Kent Shopping Plaza**

Gather up a group of friends and check out what the "Imagine the Pawsibilities" Rummage Sale has to offer. All proceeds benefit our shelter and you never know what you'll find!

### **Photos with Santa**

**Saturday, December 1st**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

**PHSGA Shelter**

Join us for our annual Photos with Santa event and capture your furry friends on Santa's lap! We will also have Pawsibilities, Humane Society of Greater Akron merchandise on sale so you can start your holiday shopping for friends and family.

For more information about any Pawsibilities, Humane Society of Greater Akron event, visit our website at [www.summithumane.org](http://www.summithumane.org).

## VOLUNTEERS PROVIDE INVALUABLE SUPPORT

Pawsibilities, Humane Society of Greater Akron is grateful for our amazing volunteers who dedicate their time, talents and monetary support to the animals in our care!

We are proud to have had 604 active volunteers with an astonishing 23,057 hours in 2011. During the spring Volunteer Recognition event, **RON DELLINGER** received an award for the most volunteer hours in 2011 with 1,104 hours. The following three volunteers with the most hours were Ron's wife, **GEORGEANN DELLINGER**, **SUZANNE MECKERT** and **LYNN REMLY**. Volunteer Lynn Remly was also honored as a 2012 "Jewel of the Community" by Leave a Legacy for her generosity and foresight, having chosen to leave a legacy (bequest or planned gift) to the animals of Pawsibilities, Humane Society of Greater Akron.

We are always accepting new volunteers and volunteer orientations are held on a monthly basis. For more information about the volunteer program, or to register for volunteer orientation, visit our website at [www.summithumane.org](http://www.summithumane.org).

# BOARD MEMBERS

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## ADOPTABLE ANIMALS



**COMET** is around 4.5 years old and weighs about 60 pounds. He is a sweet boy who loves to soak up the affection you give him. When the toys come out, the playful puppy in Comet soars. He walks well with other dogs but would prefer to be the

only four-legged friend in the home. Comet is more on the shy side, so he is recommended for a family with older children. He enjoys going on walks with you and has an easy going and calm demeanor. He is very smart and LOVES to learn! Comet is attending basic obedience classes here at the shelter and he already knows sit, down, shake, roll over, sit pretty and crawl! If Comet is shooting into your heart, please contact us or come visit him.



**ORION** is around 4 years old and weighs about 70 pounds. He has a nice mix of playful and laid-back energy. If you get the toy out he likes to play like a puppy and then the next minute he wants to be a laid-back couch potato. He would do

best in a home with older children and gets along well with other dogs, but enjoys them to be as chilled as him. Stop the hunt for a pooch, you just found Orion!



**DENISE** is a beautiful mellow cat. She does enjoy being petted and brushed but kindly lets you know when she's had enough. She can be playful at times, but all this calm little lady wants is to enjoy her retirement years sitting back and relaxing in a home. Denise is about

7-8 years old. We have her on a special diet to help her lose weight so she would need to continue to lose the pounds in her home so she can feel better all around. She has had seizures while in our care but not frequent enough to be put on medication so she needs a family who understands this. She does well with dogs and may be okay with some cats. She would do best in a home with older children due to her age and feistiness. We hope you can give Denise her happiness at last.



**CABRINA** is 4-5 years old and is a sweet and affectionate cat. She loves being petted, especially behind the ears. She may be okay with some cats. She is a little timid but will warm up to you with some time and her favorite cat treats.