

# Wagging Tales FALL 2016

## DISCARDED STRAY TO SHELTER SUPERSTAR

Each day is filled with new beginnings at PAWSibilities®, Humane Society of Greater Akron. We eagerly welcome new animals into our care who begin lifesaving veterinary treatments, make new friends, and build relationships. We say our goodbyes to animals excitedly beginning their new lives as a part of a loving family.

On May 3rd, Jefferson, a Shepherd/Airedale Terrier mix, was rescued by PHSGA and granted his own new beginning. Found as an injured stray near the Akron Zoo, he was dirty, wary, and limping. Jefferson, while lost and alone on the streets, had been hit by a vehicle. His ordeal left him frightened and in terrible pain. Although he did not yet realize it, he faced a future filled with love, patience, and healing.

Safely in our care, Jefferson received a thorough examination by our Shelter Veterinarian, consistent nutrition, comfortable bedding, and lots of attention and socialization from staff and volunteers. We suspect that Jefferson had never before been treated so well!

Jefferson, at first, was nervous and withdrawn in his new surroundings. The new noises, scents, routines, and people were overwhelming for Jefferson while he healed. Jefferson's rear leg had been badly injured and required specialized orthopedic surgery to properly repair the damage. Following his surgery at a local veterinary hospital, Jefferson recovered well. Unfortunately, Jefferson still faced a second battle – his battle against heartworm disease.

Without consistent preventative veterinary care, heartworm can be transmitted to dogs and cats by the bite of an infected mosquito. The subsequent infection, if left untreated, can damage internal organs and possibly lead to death. In order to treat Jefferson's heartworm infection, our veterinary staff administered lifesaving medication that killed the heartworm parasites living inside his body. Throughout the four week treatment, Jefferson was patient, appreciative, and brave.



Even while undergoing treatment, Jefferson had plenty to keep him busy and engaged at the PHSGA shelter. Our Director of Behavior and Outreach, Kristin Branagan, recognized early in Jefferson's rehabilitation that he would be a perfect candidate for the PHSGA Shy Dog Program. This special class is tailored to give individualized attention to fearful, shy, and nervous dogs with the intent to help them become accustomed to their new environment and develop trust. Jefferson LOVED his time in the Shy Dog Program and made many friends, canine and human alike!

Fully healed and equipped with the tools to develop beneficial relationships with humans, Jefferson completed his rehabilitation by the end of June! He now faces his second new beginning – one filled with hope, love, and respect. Because of PHSGA's lifesaving mission, Jefferson will never again know the fear, pain, and loneliness that afflicted his precious life before his rescue.

Each year, PHSGA rescues nearly 2,000 animals just like Jefferson from tragic situations of abuse, neglect, abandonment, injury, and illness. The dedicated support of our community allows us to make our mission a reality. Join PHSGA and help animals like Jefferson. Donate today!

### DID YOU KNOW?

**PHSGA rescued 880 animals from situations of cruelty, neglect, abandonment, illness, and injury in just the first half of 2016!**

## LOCATION

7996 Darrow Rd.  
Twinsburg, Ohio

## CONTACT US

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## LEARN MORE

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## ADOPTION HOURS

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday-Friday: 1pm – 7pm  
Saturday: 10am – 6pm  
Sunday: 12pm – 5pm

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## FOREVER HOME PHOTOS



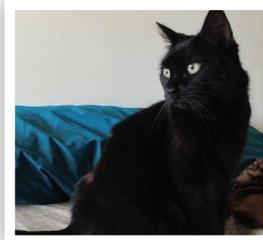
**MAURICE**  
Adopted: May 20, 2016



**MALCOLM**  
Adopted: March 18, 2016



**RIPLEY**  
Adopted: June 4, 2016



**FLURRY**  
Adopted: March 10, 2016



**APRICOT**  
Adopted: May 14, 2016



**PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY**  
Adopted: May 5, 2016



**ANNABELLE**  
Adopted: March 30, 2016



**KIARA & NALA**  
Adopted: April 2, 2016



**LACY**  
Adopted: April 5, 2016

## PHSGA RESCUES SMALL ANIMALS TOO!

Meet Popeye and Olive! This forgiving and resilient pair of ferrets was abandoned in a cage beside a dumpster in Akron – left to perish and suffer in the elements with no food or water. After being found by a kind citizen, Popeye and Olive were rushed to PHSGA for veterinary assessment and specialized care. Both of them were thin, dirty, and suffering from skin ailments due to inadequate care and neglect.



After a much needed bath, well-rounded nutrition, and lots of behavioral enrichment, the duo were ready for a new home! On July 23rd, Popeye and Olive were adopted and have settled nicely into their new safe, loving home.

PHSGA's mission serves all companion animals and livestock including guinea pigs, domesticated mice, horses, chickens, fish, rabbits, and more!

## DID YOU KNOW?

From January to June 2016, PHSGA found loving homes for 586 rescued animals! During the same time, our Humane Officers investigated 432 reports of animal cruelty!

## 16th Annual PAWSibility Ball

September 17 | 6pm – 10pm  
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn  
3180 W Market St, Akron

Join us as we celebrate those who make our mission a reality! This year's event will honor the generosity of our 2016 Animal Heroes: Ron and Dawn Hartman and Turfscape Inc. The special evening includes dinner, entertainment, activities, auctions, and more! Please RSVP by September 7 by calling (330) 487-0333 ext. 239.

## Yappy Hour

October 27 | 4pm – 7pm  
PAWSibilities®, Humane Society of Greater Akron  
7996 Darrow Rd, Twinsburg

Sample award-winning beers, meet our adoptable animals, win prizes, and enjoy Halloween-themed activities! The annual event is made possible by the support of Thirsty Dog Brewing Co.

## Rummage Sale

November 3 | 6pm – 8pm, \*Preview Sale - \$10 admission\*  
November 4 | 9am – 5pm  
November 5 | 9am – 3pm  
Stow-Kent Shopping Center  
4301 Kent Rd, Stow

Peruse and purchase gently-used, secondhand items at GREAT prices. Holiday items will be featured! All proceeds benefit PHSGA.

## Photos with Santa

November 19 | 10am – 12pm, 1pm – 4pm  
PAWSibilities®, Humane Society of Greater Akron  
7996 Darrow Rd, Twinsburg

Looking for the perfect photo for your holiday card? Stop by PHSGA and have your pet's photo professionally taken! Cards, prints, mugs, and other fun keepsake items will be available to order.

## Bow Wow Bingo

February 23 | 6pm – 9pm  
St. George Family Center  
3204 Ridgewood Rd, Akron

Join PHSGA for a fun, lively evening of bingo, drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and desserts! Be the first to a "BINGO" and win a great prize courtesy of our event sponsors.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our fundraisers account for nearly 20% of our annual budgeted income! Our exciting events bring our community of supporters together to help us save lives! Join us!

## SPECIAL EVENT SPOTLIGHT

On May 7th, the Humane Society of Greater Akron hosted its annual Bark in the Park, and it was one for the books! Our attendees, sponsors, vendors, and pledge walkers enjoyed a beautiful Saturday filled with dogs of all varieties, unique pet-related shopping, delicious food, interesting demonstrations, and fun activities. This year's event also introduced new Pledge Walk Fundraising Challenges for area businesses and veterinary clinics. Participants faced passionate, but amicable competition in the name of animal rescue! Our incredible community showered our animals with their generosity raising nearly \$50,000 for PHSGA's animals! We are so grateful for everyone's enthusiastic support of our mission! Don't miss out on next year's Bark in the Park – it'll be even bigger! See you May 6, 2017!

### Congratulations and gratitude to our Bark in the Park 2016 Fundraising Champions:

Corporate Team Challenge:  
Veterinary Clinic Team Challenge:  
Individual Fundraiser:  
Private Fundraising Team:

Montrose Auto Group  
Hartville Veterinary Clinic  
Karen Schofield  
Barkley's Buddies (Ed and Bethany Barkley-Hanson)

### A special "Thank You" to our 2016 Presenting Sponsors:

Cascade Auto Group  
Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation



# PHSGA VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR!



**MARIANNE KAY**

the Laundry Crew, bathing dogs, assisting our veterinary staff, and fostering puppies and dogs in need of extra special care and attention. We are so grateful for Marianne's enthusiasm, dedication, and generosity! We are honored to have her and all of our incredible volunteers as members of our organization!

Marianne Kay was honored on April 16 at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast as PHSGA's 2015 Volunteer of the Year, and boy did she deserve it! Marianne has been an exceptionally dedicated volunteer since joining our organization in July of 2013. Last year, Marianne donated a whopping 1,638 hours to help PHSGA fulfill its important mission! Marianne donates her time supervising

## NOW ACCEPTING NEW STUDENTS!

PHSGA is now offering an expanded list of course options for your canine companion. Taught by Certified Professional Dog Trainers with years of experience working with a variety of dogs, our classes give owners the ability to learn positive reinforcement training in a small group setting. Courses are ongoing and offered at an affordable price. Gift certificates are available and make excellent gifts for the dog owners in your life! Private training sessions can also be arranged at the client's convenience. Email [training@summithumane.org](mailto:training@summithumane.org) to learn more!



### Coming Soon – A Fresh, New Look!

On October 1, 2016, we will be unveiling an updated logo and organization name. Our new name will be the Humane Society of Summit County! Our new look will be a better reflection of the region we serve and our important mission of rescuing animals in need. Stay tuned!

### DID YOU KNOW?

PHSGA was founded on July 2, 1968. We have big plans to celebrate our 50th Anniversary – stay tuned!

### MISSION

PAWSibilities®, Humane Society of Greater Akron is the trusted caretaker and advocate for the abused, neglected, and abandoned animals of Summit County.

### VISION

Create a community where animals are treated humanely.

### SUPPORT PHSGA!

- **Volunteer** — Share your love of animals in need! Donate your time to help our animals! Visit [www.summithumane.org/volunteers](http://www.summithumane.org/volunteers) to sign up and learn about available opportunities.
- **Donate** — As a nonprofit animal rescue, we rely upon the generosity of our community. Help us change lives! Visit our website or complete the enclosed payment form.