

Wagging Tales

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Pandora's Unbroken Spirit

Every so often, a dog comes into our care whose resolve for life reminds us of why our mission is so important. Pandora is one of those dogs.

On a chilly day at the end of January, Pandora was found roaming the streets of East Akron. Discarded to fend for herself, she was cold, filthy, and scared. Pandora's muzzle was also wounded. In obvious need of veterinary attention, the small Maltipoo puppy was transferred into our care the same day.

Dr. Kauffman, PHSGA's shelter veterinarian, thoroughly examined Pandora and was shocked to realize the cause of Pandora's muzzle injury – a rubber band. Well before Pandora's rescue, we can only assume that someone maliciously restrained her mouth in an attempt to prevent her from eating, drinking, and barking. The band remained tight around her muzzle, cutting into her delicate skin and causing excruciating pain and unnecessary suffering. In order to save Pandora, our veterinarian surgically removed the rubber band, which had become deeply embedded and caused an infection.

Within a day's time, Pandora was alert and full of joy. She faced her recovery with enthusiasm as her wounds healed and her spirit lifted. She soon realized that she was free of the torture that had plagued her puppyhood. During her stay here, Pandora was often found playing with toys and excitedly carrying them around in her mouth, a simple joy that had been previously taken away from her. She loved everyone she met and quickly became a favorite among staff and volunteers. Even after all that she had endured, Pandora's spirit was unbroken.



Pandora just hours after surgery



Pandora did not have to wait long for a new family to fall in love with her. On February 28th, Pandora snagged the hearts of the perfect family and was quickly on her way to live the life that she deserves filled with cozy naps, lots of toys, and a warm home. She will never again be forced to endure neglect, abuse, or rejection.

PHSGA is dedicated to serve as the haven and advocate for Summit County's victims of animal cruelty, neglect, and abandonment and stray animals suffering from illness and injury. We strive to create a community where all companion animals are treated humanely and with due respect for their lives and wellbeing. With your generous support, we can achieve this mission and continue to give second chances to those in need – just like Pandora! Help PHSGA change lives! Donate online or with the enclosed form today!



It's KITTEN season!

Interested in helping PHSGA save lives? Become a volunteer foster parent! We will soon be inundated with very young, helpless kittens that need extra special care and attention before they are ready for adoption. PHSGA provides training, supplies, and veterinary care throughout the fostering period. Visit our website at summithumane.org/volunteer to learn more and download our Foster Parent Application!

Adoption Updates

In 2015, PHSGA found homes for 1,418 animals! Thank you for giving them the lives they deserve!

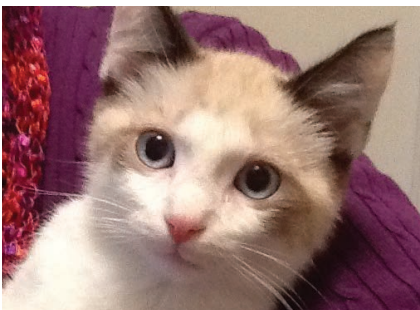
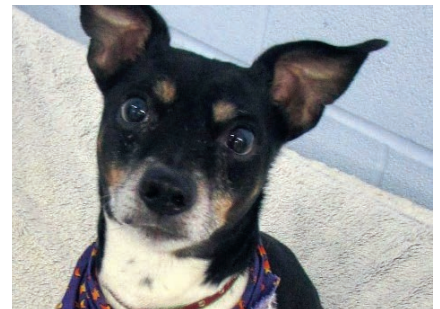


◀ Anya (now Coco)

"She is adjusting so well!
We absolutely love her!"
Adopted: June 23th

Sonic ▶

"I could not have asked
for a better friend."
Adopted: November 14th



◀ Chaz (now Bailey)

"Bailey has brought so much
joy to my life. Thank you!"
Adopted: November 10th

Jabari (now Marley) ▶

"He is my heart."
Adopted: January 25th



◀ Jack Dean

"Jack is very much adjusted to his
new home and I believe to be very
happy!! The proof is in the pictures!"
Adopted: May 2nd

Lola and Toby (now Belle and Chip) ▶

"They are the most amazing kittens I
have ever met. They are so healthy
and wonderful. We cannot imagine
life without them now."
Adopted: December 8th



◀ Juliet

"She is doing very well and she's
fit right into our little family."
Adopted: March 14th

RESCUE.
HEAL.
ADOPT.

save the date

Bark in the Park

May 7 | 11am – 2pm
Springfield Lake Park,
2491 Canfield Rd, Akron, Ohio

Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with activities for the entire family - including your dog!

PHSGA Rummage Sale

June 9 - 11, August 18 - 20, November 3 - 5
Stow-Kent Shopping Center,
4301 Kent Rd, Stow, Ohio

*Our quarterly Rummage Sales are always popular!
Don't miss out on great items at low prices!*

16th Annual PAWSibility Ball

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

Join us as we celebrate those who make our mission a reality! The evening includes dinner, entertainment, auctions, and more!

Proceeds from PHSGA fundraisers directly support our mission to rescue animals in need! Visit our website for more information about these and other upcoming events!

www.summithumane.org

Special Event Spotlight

PHSGA's signature fundraising event – the PAWSibility Ball – was a smashing success! Last September, over 270 guests gathered at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn in support of PHSGA's mission to rescue, heal, and adopt Summit County's most in need animals.

We would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to all of our guests in attendance, our donors, and our generous event sponsors:

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Veterinary Allergy and Dermatology (Dr. Alice Jeromin)



BINGO!

On February 25, over 100 guests joined PHSGA at our first-ever Bow Wow Bingo hosted by Beth McLeod of Channel 19 News! Attendees enjoyed an evening of several bingo games, exciting prizes, a lively silent auction, and refreshments courtesy of Blue Canyon Kitchen and Tavern! A lucky guest also won the Grand Prize Raffle – a \$500 gift card!

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Visit Us!

We're conveniently located at
7996 Darrow Rd.
Twinsburg, Ohio

Adoption Hours
Mon: Closed
Tues-Fri: 1pm – 7pm
Sat: 10am – 6pm
Sun: 12pm – 5pm

adoptable animals



Nice to meet you, I'm Rollie! My sister Pollie and I were found as strays wandering together outside. At PHSGA, we've received the best of care. I've been given an important responsibility – I help my sister, Pollie, navigate. You see, when we first arrived at PHSGA, Pollie was suffering from severe eye damage and disease and the veterinarian decided that it would be best to remove her eyes, leaving her blind. She does remarkably well, especially with my help! We never leave each other's side, and we're told we make a cute pair! We love a good scratch and yummy treats. Pollie and I are excited for what our future holds – maybe it will include you? Visit us at PHSGA!

Hello – my name is Vivian! I'm about five years old, and I love both playing with toys and snuggling up for a good nap. I also have a cute little bobtail! Several months ago, Humane Officers and local law enforcement found me with 23 other cats and LOTS of other critters – 77 total – living in cramped, filthy conditions. We were not properly cared for. Although I've been treated very well at PHSGA, I'm ready for my forever home! Because of my overwhelming past, I would prefer to be the only cat in my new home, but I have potential to get along with the right dog. Can you give me the home and future that I deserve? Stop by PHSGA and meet me today!



Check us out on TV!

PHSGA has partnered with Channel 19 News Cleveland to showcase our adoptable animals on their Sunday morning broadcasts! Be sure to tune in to learn about our animals and events. Thank you, Channel 19 and Beth McLeod for helping PHSGA find forever homes for our deserving animals!



Donate today!

Visit our website at summithumane.org or complete and mail the enclosed form with payment. Your support will change lives!

Volunteer at PHSGA!

Share your love of animals and become a PHSGA volunteer! Visit our website at summithumane.org to apply and learn about volunteer opportunities.

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