

# DREAMS TO REALITY



# YEAR IN REVIEW



*Pictured left to right – Elizabeth Walters, for Congresswoman Betty Sutton; Darryl Mast, Hattie Larlham VP of Operations; Russ Pry, County Executive; Nick Kostandaras, Summit County Council Member; Bruce Hearey, Hattie Larlham Board President; Don & Lorraine Fair, Pawsibilities Leadership supporters; Tom Schmidt, Twinsburg Township Trustee; Dawn Hartman, Pawsibilities Board President; Janice Hutko, Constant Companion Participant; Ted Moore, Pawsibilities Board Member and Windie, the wonder dog.*

- Thank you for believing in the dream.
- On March 29<sup>th</sup> volunteers and staff moved over 250 animals to our new home.
- New partnerships and ventures boost our mission and bottom line.
- From April through September, over 500 animals were adopted from our new, more visible and accessible shelter.
- We believe in your continued support to finish construction so we can save even more lives in 2011.
- Come visit our new home and see the Pawsibilities for yourself!

# Believe

## 2010 SAVE THE ANIMALS

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Pawsibilities®, HSGA now has the ability to automatically charge your credit card monthly. Kindly bill my credit card \$\_\_\_\_\_ monthly

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*Please use my tax-deductible donation to care for animals who deserve a second chance at life.*

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- \_\_\_\_ \$100 Silver Paw
- \_\_\_\_ \$250 Gold Paw
- \_\_\_\_ \$500 Platinum Paw
- \_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Leadership
- \_\_\_\_ \$2,500 Champion
- \_\_\_\_ \$5,000 Advocate
- \_\_\_\_ \$10,000 Guardian

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### Board Members

<b>Chairman:</b> Dawn Hartman	Shelly Allio	Fredrick J. Keller, D.V.M.
<b>Vice Chairman:</b> Kerri Bowman, D.V.M, DACVS	Carianne Burnley	Kyle Klawitter
<b>Treasurer:</b> Nevin Nussbaum	Bob Cailor	Ted Moore
<b>Secretary:</b> Kim Holmberg	Bob Eckert	Judy Steiner
<b>Asst. Treasurer:</b> Cathy Watson	Gary Gardner	NiCole Swearingen-Hilker
<b>Ex-officio:</b> Drew Alexander	Carol Haines	Pat Weschler
	Don Hess	Erin Wojno
	Mark Hilker	Bob Zajac
	Sandi Kaucic	

### Photos With Santa

**Saturday, December 4, 2010 • 10:00am-2:00pm**  
**Pawsibilities, The Humane Society of Greater Akron**  
**7996 Darrow Rd., Twinsburg, OH**  
 Photos are \$5 for sitting fee.  
 Prints will be available to order online in any size you would like!

*We will be printing a complete list of memorial and honorariums in the first newsletter of 2011. Thank you for your understanding*

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 Sunday: Noon-4pm  
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# Wagging Tales

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FALL 2010

## SLIM'S STORY



*Slim when found*



*Slim three weeks later*

Pawsibilities®, the Humane Society of Greater Akron is continuously committed to taking in the abused, abandoned, and neglected animals of Summit County.

The story of Slim is just one of hundreds that touches our hearts and reminds us of the importance of our mission. Slim was abandoned at a dilapidated vacant house, tied to the garage with a telephone wire. By the time we were notified, he was severely emaciated and dehydrated.

As he was loaded him into the van, Slim whimpered when he smelled an open bag of dog treats. When he was handed one, they realized that he was a true gentleman.

He was rescued in mid-July. As you can see by his follow up picture, three weeks of tender loving care & proper nutrition made all the difference in the world. He is a wiggly, friendly goofball who wins the heart of everyone he meets. He is currently

available for adoption and working with staff and volunteers on manners and basic obedience.

In a given year, we take in over 2000 animals. Many of them are like Slim and just need some kind, human assistance to help them into a loving home. We are able to do this because of people like you in our community. We cannot thank you enough for opening up your hearts and checkbooks to assist us in accomplishing our mission.

Daily, we find reasons to celebrate rescue stories like Slim's!



# A LOOK BACK AT OUR 2010 EVENTS: THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED AS SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS & ATTENDEES!

**May – Bark in the Park at Springfield Lake Park**  
Our most successful Bark in the Park to Date. Mark your calendars for May 14 next year!



Kane



Winning Team from Montrose Auto Group

**June – Grand Opening**  
A fun-filled day showcasing our adoptable animals in their new "digs", lots of trucks from Twinsburg Township and delicious food provided by Hattie Larlham



Community members touring our new dog kennel area



Adults & kids enjoying the Township trucks

**July – Hudson Wine Fest and Muddy Paws**

Be sure to join us again next year at 2011 Hudson Wine Fest, July 15-17. Special thanks to Summit Charitable Events Foundation for hosting this event. Thanks to Hudson's Vertical Runner and owner Vince Rucci, Muddy Paws continues to be a huge success.



One of the premier wine events of the year



Guest sampling an array of wines



Volunteers showcase our adoptable animals



Runners and pets prepare for the race

**August – Paws & Pitches**

Akron Aeros Game



Pet Parade

**September – Pawsibility Ball & Rummage Sale**

This year at the Gala we honored our first Pawsibility Hero, Cindie Holub

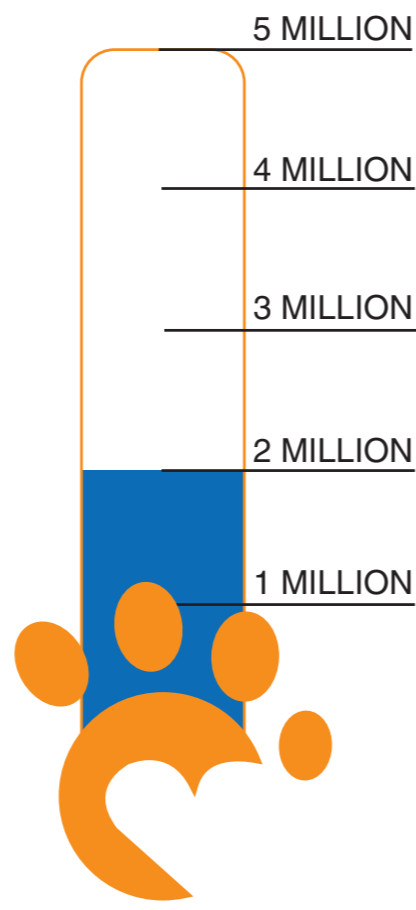


Cindie Holub's hero award is accepted by her father, Jim Davis and husband, Brian Holub



Holiday Rummage Sale

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



**Capital Campaign Update:** With the generosity of wonderful folks in the community, we have raised \$2 million dollars! Our goal is \$5 million and we still have lots of naming opportunities available such as adoption meet and greet rooms and medical

isolation rooms. Please visit our website at [www.summithumane.org](http://www.summithumane.org) to choose your naming opportunity today!

**Medical Surgical Suite:** Once complete, we will be able to spay and neuter our animals on-site. This will save thousands of operating dollars related to transport and off-site veterinarians.

**Fencing:** Our dogs need a safe, secure perimeter to get much needed exercise, play time and one-on-one quiet time with volunteers and staff.

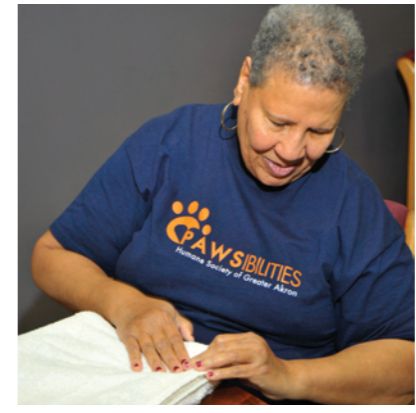
**Adoption Interview and Get Acquainted Rooms:** Right now, we do not have any quiet areas for dogs and cats to meet their potential new pet parents. These rooms will provide a stress-free space for adopters and their pets to spend quality time getting to know their new best friends.

**Pawsibility Pal Program:** Thank you to all of our Pawsibility Pals in 2010. A few of our Pals were Lou Ritenour Decorators partnered with Marcelita's in Hudson, Alice Blue Media partnered with TNT Catering and Scorchers in Twinsburg. These two events raised \$1000 for abused and neglected animals!

To learn more about our Pawsibility Pal Program, visit our website at [www.summithumane.org](http://www.summithumane.org).

## VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HOMELESS ANIMALS

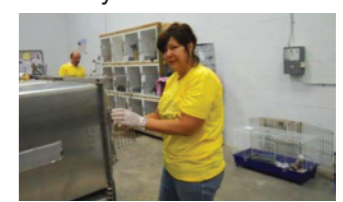
**Hattie Larlham:** Collaboration has been the driving force for our new facility. Hattie Larlham's wonderful Constant Companion Program has given four Pawsibilities cats a new forever home. They get to explore, play, enrich the lives of Hattie's clients and get lots of love in return every day. Also, Doris Harris is a very special client that has become an honorary volunteer for the homeless animals. She may be legally blind but that does not slow her down! Each day, she folds baskets of laundry to help make sure all of our animals have a warm bed to sleep. Thank you, Doris!



Doris Harris happily folding towels for the animals.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact Heather Kinaitis at [hkinaitis@summithumane.org](mailto:hkinaitis@summithumane.org) or 330.487.0333 ext 232.

**L'Oreal:** L'Oreal in Streetsboro is one of the caring companies that improve lives in our community. They volunteered at a time when our facility was absolutely bursting at the seams with cats and kittens. They spent all morning cleaning kitty cages and making our adoption room welcoming for guests and adopters that day! Thank you L'Oreal!



Laura Gerak, of L'Oreal helping to clean cat cages



Kathy Kraft

**Kathy Kraft:** Kathy began volunteering in the Fall of 2007. Needless to say, she fell head over heels for our felines. She has since become one of our most beloved & devoted volunteers. Kathy dedicates over 500 hours a year to Pawsibilities! She is a weekend volunteer adoption counselor and a key member of our successful Rummage Sale Team. Many days, she stops and buys a car load of supplies on her way in to volunteer. Thank you Kathy!

## THREE HUMANE OFFICER CASES LEAD TO "CATAPALOOZA 2010"

One week in August, our humane officers were involved in three cases that led to almost 100 cats and kittens needing immediate rescue.

**Case 1: Good Intention gone awry:** A good-hearted woman begins taking in strays but doesn't spay and neuter them. The growing number of litter after litter quickly causes her to become in over her head and unable to even provide basic care such as proper nutrition. Our humane officers rescue 34 cats from this case.

**Case 2: Owner is hospitalized, cats left with no one to care for them:** When animal-owning citizens fall ill or pass away and have no family members in the area, our agency is always there. Our humane officers rescue 15 cats and kittens from this particular situation.

**Case 3: Owner evicted, leaves pets behind:** Sadly, this happens all too often. Animals that were once beloved pets are left behind inside the empty residence with no means to fend for themselves. The lucky ones are

noticed immediately by a landlord or neighbor before they begin to starve. Our humane officers remove 23 cats and kittens from this residence.

To think, this is just **one** week of the year! Your financial support goes a long way to continue to do this important work in our community. Simply fill out the form on the back page and send your tax deductible donation today! Also, a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the agencies who stepped in to assist. **Bath Veterinary Clinic, One of A Kind Pets, Paws and Prayers and Ohio Pet Placement**



## Thank you to all of the Sponsors who helped to make this a great year!

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