

Wagging Tales



SPRING 2017

A PUPPY'S STORY OF RESCUE AND HEALING

When Grace arrived at the Humane Society of Summit County five months ago, her condition was horrifying. Her mange was so bad that no fur remained on her body. The dejected expression on her face told only a story of neglect, heartbreak, and pain.

Found by Akron police officers in the middle of the night, Grace had been abandoned and left to suffer and perish in the elements. Her delicate, naked skin was covered in painful, open sores and scabs. Grace was thin, weak, and miserable.

Once at the Humane Society of Summit County, Grace was thoroughly examined by our veterinarian. She was diagnosed with severe demodectic mange caused by an infestation of destructive parasitic mites, a secondary bacterial infection, and fleas. Prescribed a soothing bath and various medications to treat her skin and alleviate her inconceivable pain, Grace began her road to recovery.

Grace's problems did not arise overnight. Months of neglect and deprivation eventually led to her appalling condition. While highly treatable with early intervention, Grace's abusive owners allowed her disease to become fully debilitating.

With three months of intensive veterinary care, Grace was a new dog. Her days of neglect and agony, fear and heartbreak were over. In addition to medical treatment, her volunteer foster family provided behavioral healing as well. She learned skills, manners, and how to be loved. Grace blossomed. She transformed into an enthusiastic, curious, and friendly puppy. Healthy and happy, Grace now has only love and comfort to look forward to as a cherished member of an adoptive family.

Grace, like too many of our animals, experienced the worst in humanity prior to her rescue. The resilience, forgiveness, and fervor for life exhibited by our rescued and rehabilitated animals such as Grace will never cease to amaze and motivate us as we take on the most challenging neglect and abuse cases. Her story is just one of thousands made possible through the generosity of our supporters. We ask that you join us in ensuring that animals such as Grace do not continue to suffer. Please become a partner in our lifesaving mission by making a transformational donation. You can help us make new beginnings possible!



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DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, we found homes for 1,850 animals. That's more than a 30% increase from 2015!



Humane Society
OF SUMMIT COUNTY™
Support the Pawsibilities

LOCATION

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Twinsburg, Ohio

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ADOPTION HOURS

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

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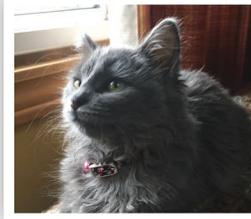
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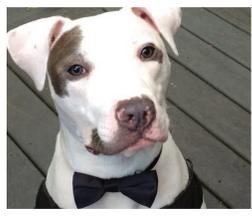
PANDORA
Adopted February 28, 2016



GRAYCEE
Adopted December 13, 2016



MIA
Adopted September 27, 2016



GORDO
Adopted April 10, 2016



BEOWULF
Adopted January 3, 2017



CASPER
Adopted September 2, 2016



CHESTNUT AND SCARLET
Adopted December 8, 2016



SIR LANCELOT
Adopted September 3, 2016



CALLIE
Adopted September 27, 2016

JOIN OUR FURRY 500 CLUB!



The Furry 500 Club is a special group of HSSC friends who pledge their monthly support of our lifesaving mission. You can join them!

For just \$42 a month, \$500 per year, you can make a huge impact. Your donation, for example, could support a lifesaving, emergency surgery for one critically injured or abused animal, 12 spay/neuter surgeries, or a full course of vaccines for 20 dogs and cats.

Join the Furry 500 Club today to make a difference for the thousands of animals we rescue each year AND receive our exclusive monthly donor newsletter and invitations to private donor events!

We hope you'll join this special group of people by returning the enclosed donation form with your gift, by calling 330-487-0333 ext. 223, or by visiting www.summithumane.org/f500.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our experienced veterinary team performed 1,392 spay and neuter surgeries last year! Overpopulation is one of the biggest contributors to abuse and neglect.

BARK IN THE PARK

May 6 | 11am – 2pm
Springfield Lake Park
2459 Canfield Rd, Akron

Bring along your four-legged friends for a fun-filled afternoon at our most exciting event of the year. Participate in our popular pledge walk, enjoy vendors, food trucks, activities, raffles, and more! Create your own fundraising webpage and learn about rewards for fundraisers by visiting our website at www.summithumane.org/bitp. This year's Bark in the Park is generously presented by Cascade Auto Group and Wild Republic.



17TH ANNUAL PAWSIBILITY BALL

August 26 | 6pm – 10pm
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn
3180 W Market St, Akron

Join us as we celebrate those who make our mission a reality and the animal lives we save! We will be graciously honoring our 2017 Animal Heroes – the Remen Family and W. L. Tucker Supply Co. The special evening includes dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions, and more.

YAPPY HOUR

October 26 | 4pm – 7pm
Humane Society of Summit County
7996 Darrow Rd, Twinsburg

Sample award-winning local beer, meet our adoptable animals, win prizes, and enjoy Halloween-themed surprises. More info coming soon! Visit our website for updates.

PAWSIBILITY BALL SPOTLIGHT

Our 16th Annual PAWSibility Ball held on September 17, 2016 and honoring HSSC's Animal Heroes Ron and Dawn Hartman and Turfscape Inc. was a wonderful success. Over 250 guests attended our signature gala event in support of our mission to rescue, heal, and adopt Summit County's discarded, forgotten, and abused animals.

We would like to thank each of our generous guests, event volunteers, and PAWSibility Ball Event Sponsors!

HEALER SPONSORS:

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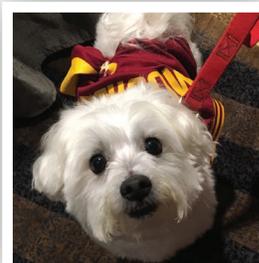
ADOPTER SPONSORS:

Veterinary Allergy and Dermatology
The J.M. Smucker Company
Stark and Knoll, LPA

Guests enjoyed refreshments, a gourmet dinner, dessert, and entertainment throughout the night



Animal Heroes Ron and Dawn Hartman accepted their award from Lisa Hibbs and President/CEO Diane Johnson



Frankie found his forever family at the PAWSibility Ball!



Hosts Fred and Beth McLeod charmed the crowd at PAWSibility Ball 2016

ON THE ROAD TO ADOPTION OUR NEW MOBILE ADOPTION CENTER

The Humane Society of Summit County is proud to unveil our brand new, state-of-the-art Mobile Adoption Center made possible through the generous support of the Remen Family Foundation. This revolutionary vehicle expands the reach of HSSC throughout Summit County, opens new doors to potential forever homes for animals in need, and will dramatically cut the length of stay for animals in our care enabling us to serve more animals in need.

Our new Mobile Adoption Center is a fully equipped 27' vehicle custom designed specifically to house up to 28 animals safely and comfortably for travel throughout the county. Adoption counselors and volunteers will travel with animals to community events, civic groups, corporate offices, local businesses, and more to provide on-site adoptions of available animals as well as animal welfare education. This vehicle allows HSSC to meet people where they live and work and to secure safe, happy futures for the wonderful animals in our care!



HELP YOUR DOG POLISH HIS MANNERS!

The Humane Society of Summit County offers a wide range of canine behavioral training classes to the public. Learn essential skills for training your dog in our group classes or schedule a private session for one-on-one advice. Our experienced Certified Professional Dog Trainers use positive reinforcement training to teach essential manners, skills, and even tricks! Email training@summithumane.org to learn more.

DID YOU KNOW?

HSSC held over 300 behavioral training classes for our adoptable dogs last year. With the help of experienced volunteers, our dogs learn important manners and skills before they find their new family!

MISSION

The Humane Society of Summit County (HSSC) is the trusted caretaker and advocate for the abused, neglected, and abandoned animals of our community.

VISION

Create a community where animals are treated humanely.

SUPPORT HSSC!

- **Volunteer** — Donate your time, talents, and compassion to help animals in need! Visit www.summithumane.org/Volunteers to sign up and learn about available opportunities.
- **Donate** — As a nonprofit animal rescue organization, we rely directly upon the support of our community. Help us save lives! Visit our website at www.summithumane.org/Donate or complete and mail the enclosed donation form.