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Welcome to the  
20th Annual  
**PAWSIBILITY**  
*Ball*

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*Honoring our 2020 Animal Heroes*

**Fred & Beth McLeod**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2020

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Thank you to Fred and Beth McLeod for  
the outstanding level of support they have  
shown to the animals under the care of the  
Humane Society of Summit County!

*~ Mickey & Angie Remen*



# WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for the 20th Annual Pawsibility Ball! We are excited to have our closest friends together, in person and virtually, as we raise valuable support for pets in need. Our event looks different this year, but different can be good! If we've learned anything these past several months, it's that we are strong and resolute. We are adaptable. We find hope and possibility in difficult situations.

For over 50 years, we have proudly served as Summit County's resource for humane rescue, animal adoption, and education to make our community a safer place for animals. Our role in the community is unique because of the services we provide which include humane law investigation, safe shelter, nutrition, veterinary care, behavioral support, and love around every corner in our no time-limit facility. In 2019, we saved over 2,500 dogs, cats, and small animals.

This year is no different, but the way we do our work has adapted. Our Humane Officers take new precautions when performing lifesaving rescues. We have modified our shelter space to be safer and more efficient in the new environment and to conserve personal protective equipment. We utilize therapeutic foster homes to provide care for animals while they await adoption. We conduct adoptions by appointment which provides more time to get to know adopters and make stronger matches.

This evening we have the great pleasure of honoring Beth and Fred McLeod. Our past hosts of this event, we thank Beth and Fred for elevating the cause of animal welfare, raising necessary support, and being animal rescuers themselves. The loss of Fred last September was a tragedy for our community and Humane Society family. It is our great honor to recognize Beth for her partnership and friendship to this cause.

This work would not be possible without the support of every person attending tonight – in person or virtually. The investments of donors, volunteers, adopters, staff, and our community provide the time, talent, and resources needed to open our doors each day. We are sincerely grateful for these partnerships that save lives and create happy endings for the deserving animals in our care.

Thank you for joining our celebration of animal rescue!

With gratitude,



Diane Johnson-Owens  
President/CEO

# PRESENTING OUR 2020 ANIMAL HEROES

BETH AND FRED MCLEOD



We are proud to honor Fred and Beth McLeod for their dedication to the animals of Summit County. Both passionate animal rescue advocates and local personalities, the McLeods hosted the Pawsibility Ball since 2016, raising the profile of this event to make it one of Akron's top annual fundraising events. Beth McLeod has also generously hosted our sell-out Bow Wow Bingo fundraiser held in March for the past 5 years.

Beth has led a long and successful career in broadcasting and can be seen nightly in her current role as a Meteorologist at Fox 8 News. Her beloved husband, Fred, was the longtime Cleveland Cavaliers and Fox Sports Ohio play-by-play announcer until his untimely passing in September 2019.

The McLeods have helped raise support and awareness for animal rescue and helped promote the mission of HSSC to save the lives of vulnerable animals in need. Additionally, they have rescued several dogs including Sammy, who was adopted from the Humane Society of Summit County.

The Humane Society of Summit County community is deeply grateful for the support the McLeods have given by elevating and growing awareness of our mission, supporting our special events, and raising valuable funds to ensure that animals in need have a second chance.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

For the safety and comfort of all guests, this event is held simultaneously in-person and streaming virtually.

## VIRTUAL EVENT

Virtual guests may join our event via Zoom through their link provided by email or available on the [pbball2020.givesmart.com](http://pbball2020.givesmart.com) website as early as 7:45PM.

## YOUR EVENING'S HOST

Robin Swoboda

## IN-PERSON EVENT

### 6:00PM

#### SILENT AUCTION, WINE PULL, GIFT BAG PULL

Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar

### 7:00PM

#### DINNER AND LIVE EVENT WELCOME

Diane Johnson-Owens and Robin Swoboda

### 8:00PM

#### PROGRAM AND VIRTUAL EVENT LIVESTREAM

Welcome

Introductory Video

Animal Showcase

Animal Hero Award Presentation

Live Auction

Fund-a-Need

### 9:00PM

#### SILENT AUCTION CLOSES AND CHECKOUT

Unless otherwise noted in an item's description on [pbball2020.givesmart.com](http://pbball2020.givesmart.com), items will be available for pick up at the Humane Society of Summit County during designated pick up times. See page 16 for details.

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Meet Sapphire! This sweet senior girl came to HSSC after her owner was unfortunately no longer able to care for her. At the time, she was in need of veterinary care to treat an eye condition and remove small masses that had appeared on her abdomen, issues that would later be addressed with surgery. It was determined, during routine intake testing, that Sapphire was also battling heartworm disease, a potentially fatal disease if left untreated.

Heartworm disease is caused by a parasitic infection that will eventually cause severe damage to the heart and lungs. It's a serious disease that unfortunately is encountered more and more each year at HSSC. Luckily, with delicate prolonged care, it is treatable.

In order to successfully rid her body of the dangerous parasites, Sapphire was given periodic injections of a lifesaving medication and placed on cage rest – a process that takes two months. She did very well during her treatments and recovery and found a special place in many of the hearts of our staff. Through it all, Sapphire was sweet, silly, and happy to see everyone who she met.

Once her recovery was complete, Sapphire was ready to find the family of her dreams!

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Meet Carp! This handsome kitty was found with an injured front leg and brought to HSSC by a kind citizen. Because of his injury, Carp's leg had become twisted inward, and he had to painfully hobble in order to move.

Once safely at our shelter, our veterinarian examined Carp and determined that his injury was extensive. The best treatment would be to remove the leg in order to alleviate Carp's pain and provide him with mobility.

Carp recovered from his difficult surgery and adjusted well to his new life on three legs. This affectionate, snuggly kitty will soon be ready to find his forever family!

# WINE PULL

## \$20 per bottle

Choose a bottle, red or white! A lucky few will receive a high value bottle worth \$40 or more! Wine Pull may be purchased in person at the wine pull table or on the GiveSmart site. Virtual guests who purchase Wine Pull may pick up their purchases at the Humane Society of Summit County (7996 Darrow Rd.).

### Thank you to our Wine Pull Donors (*as of August 12*):

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to the Humane Society of Summit County for 20 years of hosting the Pawsibility Ball!



# GIFT BAG PULL

## \$20 per bag

Try your luck and win exciting prizes! Select gifts for people, dogs, or cats for surprises worth \$20, \$40, \$75 or more. The grand prize bag is worth \$95!

*Special thanks to Kathy Kraft and Brenda Ehrhardt for making the Gift Bag Pull possible!*

# ABOUT MOBILE BIDDING

## To Start Mobile Bidding:

1. You have received a “Welcome” text message upon arrival. Please follow the link provided to your personal bidding page. Visit [pbball2020.givesmart.com](http://pbball2020.givesmart.com) or [text pbball2020 to 76278](tel:76278) to receive a link to the auction.
2. Please add a credit card to have on file in order to bid in the silent auction. You may change your payment method at check out.

## To Bid and Purchase Items:

1. Once you are signed in, click “ITEMS” to view and bid on our auction.
2. Click “BID” when viewing an item to place the minimum bid, or sign up to auto-bid up to a certain dollar amount.
3. You will receive text messages throughout the evening to update you on items you are bidding on or following, so keep your phone close! Use the links in the text message to navigate back to the website.
4. For instant items, you may purchase wine and gift bags through the Givesmart site and show your confirmation at the Wine Pull and Gift Bag Pull tables to pick up your purchases. Virtual Guests may pick up instant item purchases at HSSC the week of August 31st (see page 16 for details).

## Need help with mobile bidding or the streaming program?

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# ABOUT THE FUND-A-NEED



The Fund-a-Need is your chance to make a difference by giving lifesaving support. The donations made to this event provide essential operating funds and allow us to provide care to animals in normal times and challenging times. The Humane Society of Summit County is a refuge, a light in the darkness, and a place of hope for over 2,500 abandoned, abused, and neglected animals each year. Your gift makes this possible.

Three generous supporters, our dear friends Ron & Dawn Hartman, Marci Matthews, and Mickey & Angie Remen have come together to offer a \$30,000 matching gift fund. Every gift raised tonight, up to \$30,000 will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, and go twice as far toward saving Summit County pets.

## **How to Support the Fund-a-Need**

Visit [pbball2020.givesmart.com](https://pbball2020.givesmart.com) and click “DONATE” to make your gift.

**Live Guests:** Raise your program (with number sticker visible) to make your gift during the Fund-a-Need donation opportunities.

**Virtual Guests:** Comment in the Zoom chat box during the Fund-a-Need donation opportunities to make your pledge.

***Please help reach our \$80,000 Fund-a-Need goal at the Pawsibility Ball!***

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## THANK YOU

to Fred and Beth McLeod for their continued support to the Humane Society of Summit County and dedication to animal welfare.

*Congratulations on being the 2020 Animal Heroes!*

Drs. Mark Daye & Kerri LT Bowman

# LIVE AUCTION

## ABOUT THE LIVE AUCTION

Bidding in the Live Auction is available to in-person and virtual guests! Early bidding will be open at [pball2020.givesmart.com](https://pball2020.givesmart.com) on our fabulous items for a week prior to the event. Once the event begins at 5pm on August 29th, early bidding on these items will close.

**In-person** bidders may raise their numbered event program book to place a bid during the Live Auction.

**Virtual guests** may bid by visiting [pball2020.givesmart.com](https://pball2020.givesmart.com) (each item will open once it is available to bid) or by entering a bid in the Zoom chat.

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## CLEVELAND CAVALIERS “VERY IMPORTANT FAN” PACKAGE

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**Donor:** Cleveland Cavaliers

**Value:** Priceless

## FRED MCLEOD’S TIE AND A BOTTLE OF WINE FROM THE NBA FINALS CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING GAME IN 2016

Beth McLeod memorably gifted Fred's ties to his close friends, colleagues, and athletes as a way of honoring his memory. This is your chance to own the final tie. To complete this package is a bottle of wine served during the Cavaliers' celebratory return flight to Cleveland following their 2016 NBA Finals Championship win.

**Donor:** Beth McLeod

**Value:** Priceless

## CATERED DINNER FOR 10 AND A VISIT FROM THE MOBILE ADOPTION CENTER

Enjoy a gourmet meal from the comfort of your own home with 10 of your closest friends catered by Robert J. Catering & Events complete with a visit from the Mobile Adoption Center and adoptable dogs and cats! A fun evening of great food and lots of furry friends to meet!

**Donor:** Robert J. - Events & Catering, Humane Society of Summit County

**Value:** Priceless

# SILENT AUCTION

We are proud to offer nearly 100 exciting packages of items and experiences! There is something for everyone in our silent auction!

## **View Items and Bid Online**

For a complete list of Silent Auction items, descriptions, and to bid, visit us online at [pball2020.givesmart.com](https://pball2020.givesmart.com) or [text pbball2020 to 76278](#) to receive your personal link! See page 11 of this program for more information about getting started with mobile bidding.

The silent auction will close at 9:00pm. You will be notified of items you have won by text and email.

## **Item Pick Up**

Unless noted on the [pball2020.givesmart.com](https://pball2020.givesmart.com) website that they will be available in person at Pawsibility Ball, your items will be available for pick up at the Humane Society of Summit County (7996 Darrow Rd., Twinsburg) on **Wednesday, September 2, 12-7pm OR Saturday, September 5, 9am-2pm.**

## **Thank you to our Silent Auction Donors (as of August 12)**

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**Congratulations to the Humane  
Society of Summit County on their  
20th Annual Pawsibility Ball!**

*Congratulations to the 2020 Animal Heroes,  
Fred and Beth McLeod, on your hard work &  
dedication to the beloved animals of  
Summit County!*

*~Judge Mary F. Spicer, Retired*

## **THANK YOU FOR JOINING US AT THE 2020 PAWSIBILITY BALL**

The Humane Society of Summit County (HSSC) cares and advocates for the abused, neglected, and abandoned animals of our community. Through education and support, we strengthen the bond between people and animals.

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# **2021 EVENT CALENDAR**

### **Bow Wow Bingo**

Friday, March 5 | 6pm-9pm  
St. George Family Center, Fairlawn

### **Putts for Pets**

Monday, July 12 | 12pm-6pm  
Silver Lake Country Club, Stow

### **Bark in the Park**

Saturday, May 8 | 11am-3pm  
Lock 3 Park, Akron

### **Pawsibility Ball**

Saturday, August 28 | 6pm-10pm  
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn, Fairlawn

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