

Wagging Tales

HUMANE SOCIETY
OF SUMMIT COUNTY



FALL 2018

A JOURNEY THROUGH FOSTER



Snowy the kitten just moments after his birth.



Boris, just a few weeks old, exploring his surroundings!



In foster care, Rory nurses and cleans her three kittens.



The kitten trio in their adoptive home!



Rory found her new family soon after her kittens!

Each year, the Humane Society of Summit County rescues and cares for over 800 kittens. Many of these kittens arrive orphaned, suffering from dangerous diseases or injuries, or newborn with their nursing mothers. These rescued kittens require delicate, around-the-clock care before they are ready for adoption – care that can be difficult to provide within a shelter setting. It is in these urgent situations that volunteers within our foster program, made up of over 50 generous families, step up to the challenge, opening their hearts and homes to animals in need of their care and love.

In late March, HSSC rescued an abandoned cat who was visibly pregnant. Rory, as she was later named, and her soon-to-arrive kittens needed a home and our help and expert care. At our facility, Rory was examined by our veterinarian, who determined that Rory would soon deliver her kittens. She needed a quiet, safe environment – a foster home.

Orchestrated by our incredible volunteer Foster Coordinator, Brenda, Rory was welcomed into the home

of Vicki, a dedicated HSSC foster parent of three years. Although she had never fostered a pregnant cat, Vicki was enthusiastically up for the adventure! Sent to her temporary home with all of the supplies her and her kittens would need, Rory was ready to be a mom.

With a bit of help from Vicki, Rory's three kittens were born on March 29. Proud and dutiful, Rory cleaned each of her tiny kittens and relaxed as Vicki carefully checked each one. All were healthy and strong!

Over the next two months, the kittens transformed! Vicki and her young niece, who is always eager to help her aunt with foster duties, witnessed each heartwarming milestone as the kittens grew – they opened their eyes, started to walk, began to explore, tried canned food, learned how to pounce, stretched their little claws, and became independent! Vicki's niece was given the very important honor of naming the trio and, inspired by characters from a favorite children's book, named them Boris, Fluffy, and Snowy.

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MISSION

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.

LOCATION

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ADOPTION HOURS

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

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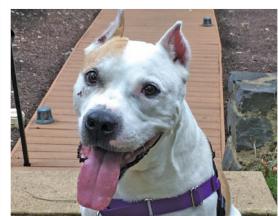
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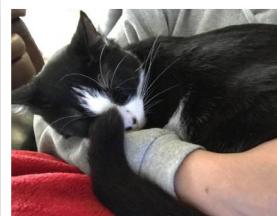
FOREVER HOME PHOTOS



ROCKET
Rescued as a nursing kitten
Adopted June 2, 2018



CAPTAIN (AKA BONZO)
Rescued as an injured stray
Adopted June 7, 2018



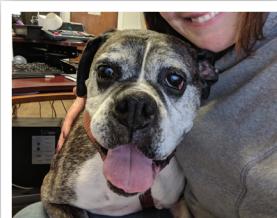
AJAX
Rescued by Humane Officers
Adopted March 22, 2018



PUMA
Rescued as an injured stray
Adopted May 11, 2018



MILLIE
Rescued as an orphaned kitten
Adopted May 16, 2018



CEASAR
Rescued by Humane Officers
Adopted February 14, 2018



ELLIE
Rescued as a sick stray
Adopted June 24, 2018



THELMA
Rescued as a sick stray
Adopted April 6, 2018



MOOSE
Rescued by Humane Officers
Adopted May 16, 2018

LEAVE A LEGACY OF HOPE FOR ANIMALS

Planned Giving is a great way to ensure the Humane Society of Summit County can continue to save the lives of homeless pets for years to come.



Providing for HSSC in your estate plan can be as simple as naming the “Humane Society of Summit County” in your will or as sophisticated as creating a charitable gift annuity which would provide you with an income stream for life, helping you meet your long-term financial and philanthropic goals.

Other ways to include HSSC in your plans include naming HSSC as the beneficiary of real estate, retirement plans, insurance policies, personal property, stock, and trusts. Besides helping you meet philanthropic goals, Planned Giving may also provide you with significant benefits such as capital gains tax savings, increased cash flow, or reduced estate taxes.

Before you make any decision, you should consult your tax, legal, or financial advisor to help you determine the best options for you.

Please contact our President/CEO Diane Johnson at (234) 212-9708 or djohnson@summithumane.org should you have any questions or requests regarding your Planned Gift or to notify us of your intentions.

A JOURNEY continued....

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As the trio grew to be big, strong, and old enough for adoption, Vicki's time as a foster parent for Rory and her kittens approached its end. It's a difficult time for any foster family, but they are often reassured by the fact that each animal has a bright, happy future ahead of them in their adoptive families. Rory, Boris, Fluffy, and Snowy were no exception! Vicki was overjoyed to learn that just days after bringing the kitten trio to the shelter to find their forever home, they were adopted on the same day, at the same time, by the same family! All three siblings will be together

forever! To make the news even more joyous, Rory found her own adoptive family the very next day!

Rory and her kittens' foster journey is just one example of the lifesaving mission and dedicated care given to our rescued animals so desperately in need each and every day. Without the support of our volunteers and generous contributions from our community, our work could not be done. You can make an impact. Donate, volunteer, and adopt! Become a partner in our mission!

OVER \$65,000 RAISED AT BARK IN THE PARK 2018!

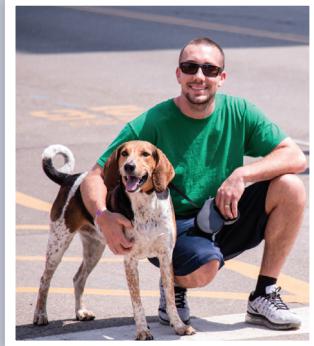
With this year's brand new, centralized location, Bark in the Park attracted an enthusiastic crowd to Lock 3 in downtown Akron, Ohio! Over 2,500 people and 500 dogs supported the lifesaving work of HSSC as sponsors, vendors, pledge walk participants, donors, and guests! Together we raised a record-setting amount of funds for the animals we rescue and enjoyed a beautiful day celebrating the special bond between people and animals!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2018 PRESENTING SPONSORS:

Cascade Subaru

Lisle M. Buckingham Fund of Akron Community Foundation

**SAVE THE DATE FOR 2019!
JOIN US ON SATURDAY, MAY 11!**



UPCOMING EVENTS

BOW WOW BINGO

**Friday, March 1, 2019 | 6pm – 9pm
St. George Family Center, 3204 Ridgewood Rd, Akron**

Get ready for 8 fast-paced rounds of exciting Bingo with fabulous prizes! Also enjoy dinner, dessert, basket raffle, Grand Prize raffle, a cash bar, and more. Meet some adoptable pets too!

BARK IN THE PARK PLEDGE WALK/FUN RUN & PET EXPO

**Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 11am – 3pm
Lock 3, 200 S Main St, Akron**

Summit County's largest celebration of pets and people! This family and dog-friendly event will feature a one mile pledge walk and fun run, over 80 vendors, food trucks, a beer garden, HSSC Mobile Adoption Center with adoptable animals, and fun activities and demonstrations!

THE MOBILE ADOPTION CENTER IS ON THE MOVE!

With so many fantastic places to visit in Summit County, the Mobile Adoption Center and its crew of adoption counselors and volunteers have been busy bringing adoptable dogs, cats, and critters to great community events and partnering companies to help them find their forever home! Check out several of them below!

