

Wagging Tales

HUMANE SOCIETY
OF SUMMIT COUNTY



SPRING 2018

FROM UNDERDOG TO WONDERDOG

Every day, we rescue, heal, and find loving homes for animals who need us the most – the sick, injured, abandoned, and abused. We serve and advocate for those with no voice, no hope, and no refuge: Those just like Bonzo, a victim of neglect so severe he almost didn't make it.

After being found running loose by a compassionate citizen earlier this year, Bonzo was rescued and quickly brought to the Humane Society of Summit County for the veterinary care and second chance he so desperately needed.

Bonzo was frightened, thin, and suffering from a horrific neck injury. His collar, over an extended period of time, had rubbed, irritated, and cut through the bottom of his neck. Bonzo was rushed into surgery. Our veterinarian delicately cleaned the infected wound and provided Bonzo with medications to ease his pain.

Unfortunately, that would not mark the end of Bonzo's struggles. Our veterinary team would find that Bonzo was also suffering from advanced heartworm disease, a dangerous infection that can lead to fatal health complications. Bonzo faced a three-month recovery at HSSC while undergoing treatment.

During the entirety of his stay at HSSC, Bonzo has been brave and resilient. His joy, playfulness, and sweet demeanor never waned, and he has quickly become a staff and volunteer favorite. Once fully healed, we are positive that Bonzo will find the family he has always deserved.

It's devastating to realize that Bonzo's ordeal was easily preventable with the most basic of care. With proper and consistent food, Bonzo would have never become thin, hungry, and weak. With a simple pet or belly rub, Bonzo's dangerously tight collar could have been realized and adjusted. With routine treatment against common parasites, he would have never contracted heartworm. Bonzo was a victim of neglect. He was lucky to have escaped.

The Humane Society of Summit County is dedicated to protecting our community's animals. We strive to not only heal and rehabilitate animals in need, but to also prevent animal neglect through community education programs. Your support of our efforts will help us save animals in need and prevent future instances of abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Donate, volunteer, and adopt! Become a partner in our lifesaving mission today!



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DID YOU KNOW?

With nearly 2,500 animals rescued each year, our veterinary team annually performs over 10,000 medical exams!



Humane Society
OF SUMMIT COUNTY™
Support the Pawsibilities

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

7996 Darrow Rd.
Twinsburg, Ohio

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ADOPTION HOURS

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

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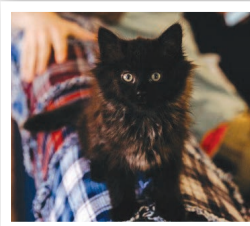
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FOREVER HOME PHOTOS



XENO
Rescued by Humane Officers
Adopted December 15, 2017



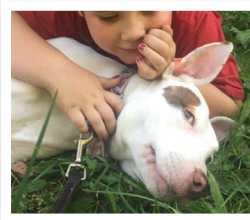
SAGE
Rescued as a sick stray
Adopted November 25, 2017



DAISY
Surrendered by owners
Adopted September 20, 2017



CALLISTO
Rescued as a sick stray
Adopted March 22, 2017



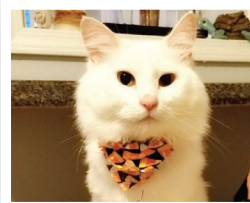
AHSOKA
Rescued by Humane Officers
Adopted September 20, 2017



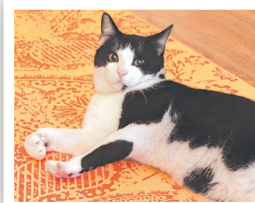
HANK
Rescued by Humane Officers
Adopted June 9, 2017



ODIN
Rescued as an injured stray
Adopted November 18, 2017



ALBUS
Rescued as a sick stray
Adopted October 1, 2017



ZAZU
Rescued as an injured stray
Adopted February 3, 2018

INTRODUCING...

Happy Tails THRIFT SHOP



To benefit the Humane Society of Summit County™

Our new retail store is open! Be sure to check out the Happy Tails Thrift Shop at 1770 Merriman Rd in Akron for a continually updated stock of unique collectibles, antiques, and affordable home goods, furnishings, entertainment items, hobby supplies, fashion accessories, jewelry, pet supplies, and more. All proceeds from the store directly support HSSC and the animals we rescue.

Full details available online at www.summithumane.org/thrift-shop

DONATE

Wednesday to Sunday: 11am-5pm

SHOP

Thursday & Friday: 11am-7pm
Saturday: 10am-6pm

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

Saturday, May 12 | 11am – 3pm

Lock 3, 200 S Main St, Akron

Summit County's largest celebration of pets and people is now at Lock 3! Presented by our generous community partners at Cascade Subaru and the Lisle M. Buckingham Endowment Fund of Akron Community Foundation. Details available online at www.summithumane.org/bitp.

GRAND OPENING HAPPY TAILS THRIFT SHOP

Saturday, May 19 | 10am – 2pm

Happy Tails Thrift Shop, 1770 Merriman Rd, Akron

Celebrate and shop at the official opening of our new thrift shop! Enjoy snacks, games, raffles, and music all while supporting HSSC. For more Thrift Shop events, visit www.summithumane.org/thrift-shop.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 21 | 1pm – 5pm

FOP Lodge, 2610 Ley Rd, Akron

Join HSSC for a family- and pet-friendly celebration of 50 years of commitment to animal welfare and rescue in Summit County. Enjoy live music by local favorite *Roxymoron*, a Dogs n' Suds picnic, fun activities, our Mobile Adoption Center, and more!

18TH ANNUAL PAWSIBILITY BALL

Saturday, August 25 | 6pm – 10pm

Hilton Akron/Fairlawn, 3180 W Market St, Akron

Join us for a sparkling gala event with a gourmet dinner and auction as we honor this year's Animal Heroes: Rennick and Dee Andreoli and Dr. Kerri L.T. Bowman. Tickets and event sponsorship opportunities available at www.summithumane.org/pball.

PAWSIBILITY BALL SPOTLIGHT

The highlight of our annual fundraising events, the Pawsibility Ball, was once again a glorious evening celebrating and supporting the Humane Society of Summit County. Nearly 400 guests gathered on August 26, 2017 to enjoy a gourmet dinner, fabulous live and silent auctions, pet showcase, wine and surprise gift bag pull, and more! The evening culminated in honoring our 2017 Animal Heroes: The Remen Family, Dawn Bolin, and Kent State University Airport.

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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS! 1968-2018

JULY 2, 1968

Founded by twelve men and women as Akron Area Friends of Animals for the purpose of “the inculcation of humane principles, enforcement of laws of prevention of cruelty to animals, and the protection welfare, care, health, rescue, and shelter of animals” in Summit County, Ohio.

**HUMANE
SOCIETY
of
GREATER
AKRON**



MAY 1969

Changed name to Humane Society of Greater Akron, clarifying our role within our community.

1970s

Agents were available 24/7 to respond to emergency medical calls and reports of animal cruelty (nearly 3,000 calls per month).
Photo courtesy of Akron Beacon Journal and Summit Memory (1979)



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MARCH 1982

First issue of *Wagging Tales*.

JUNE 1986

Moved to a historical farm property on Quick Road, Peninsula within Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The new facility allowed us to shelter and care for our rescued dogs, cats, livestock, and wildlife together for the first time.



1980s

For nearly a decade, volunteers maintained an active visitation program at area nursing homes and assisted living facilities, bringing companionship and joy to elderly residents.
Photo courtesy of Akron Beacon Journal and Summit Memory (1988).

MARCH 2010

Relocated to Twinsburg, Ohio, vastly increasing our space and ability to care for rescued animals.



**Humane Society
OF SUMMIT COUNTY™**

OCTOBER 2016

Rebranded as the Humane Society of Summit County.

2018

Celebrating 50 Years of commitment to animal welfare and rescue in Summit County!

CELEBRATE WITH HSSC!

Details of our 50th Anniversary Celebration can be found on the previous page!