



# Wagging Tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF SUMMIT COUNTY

## Ruff Starts and Purrfect Endings



*A long recovery journey led Kreachner to his forever family.*

### Kreachner's Recovery

When Kreachner arrived at HSSC, it was apparent he had survived a horrific attack, likely from another animal, while living on the streets as a stray. He had large, infected wounds covering the entire back of his head and puncture wounds on his paws. Kreachner would not have survived without our veterinary team.

He urgently needed lifesaving treatments, including dozens of stitches and antibiotics to control infection following his harrowing ordeal. Following three months of treatment and after multiple surgical attempts to repair the wounds on the back of his head, it was clear to our shelter veterinarian that the damage to his ear was irreparable. Amputation of his left ear made it so Kreachner could finally heal and get back to living a life free of protective medical cones, painful wounds, and the constant reminder of his attack.

Even with one less ear and a long recovery, Kreachner has always been a sweet and affectionate lap cat. Four months after coming through the doors of HSSC as an injured stray with an uncertain future, Kreachner won over the hearts of a forever family and is living a life worlds away from the pain of his past!



*Tank overcame a lot and is his silly, fun-loving self today.*

### Tank's Adoption

Tank, injured and afraid, was brought in by a Good Samaritan after an altercation with another dog. As if lacerations and puncture wounds weren't enough, Tank was suffering from almost complete hair loss due to alopecia. After repairing the damage to his head and ear, our veterinary team noticed he had painful cysts between his toes which needed to be surgically removed. Tank continued his healing journey in the comfort of a foster home. With medical care, TLC, and a lot of perseverance, Tank was healthy and ready for his forever family!

His forever family told us:  
*"Tank is a crazy, silly, fun, loving boy. He is part of the misunderstood club, for sure, but all he wants is love, to play tug, to eat and to be as close to us as possible. He is still a work in progress, just like most of us humans, but has come a long way. He also enjoys playing with his older and sometimes grumpy pup sister, Robin."*

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## Mission

The Humane Society of Summit County serves our community by caring and advocating for vulnerable animals and enriching the lives of pets and people.

## Location

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## Learn More

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## Adoption

Visit [summithumane.org/adopt](https://summithumane.org/adopt) for up-to-date information regarding our adoption process.

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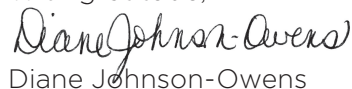
# A Letter from our President/CEO

Every day is a new opportunity at the Humane Society of Summit County. For the animals in need, it is the opportunity for a new beginning and to receive the care and love they need to recover. For adopters, it's the chance to find a new member of the family and know the unconditional love they provide. For staff and volunteers, it is the opportunity to touch the lives of animals in need and help each along a path to a better life. For you, our supporter, the opportunity lies in the chance to make this work possible, to make a difference for thousands of pets, and to create a community that is a kinder, more humane place.

2021 has brought new opportunities for HSSC! In addition to our continual effort to rescue, heal, and find homes for vulnerable pets, we are also working in new ways to support our community. Through our **Pet Food Pantry** program, we distribute pet food monthly through existing hunger action networks to ensure all members of families — 2- and 4-legged — are fed. Our animal behavior staff provides counseling and training for pets and owners to help keep families together. Through our **No More Bullying!** classroom-based program, over 2,000 3rd-5th graders will learn how to treat both people and animals with kindness and compassion this school year. And proudly, this fall, our **MABEL Mobile Veterinary Clinic** will begin to provide low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, vaccines, and microchips for owned animals in the parts of our community that need these services the most.

This work and the rescue services that will save 2,500 animals this year are possible only through your generosity. We are honored to serve the pets and people of Summit County with your support. Thank you for your dedication to this mission.

With gratitude,



Diane Johnson-Owens



## MABEL Mobile Veterinary Clinic

The Humane Society of Summit County will be launching a mobile veterinary practice, MABEL, in September 2021 that will provide spay/neuter services, basic vaccines, and microchipping.

Empowering communities around healthy and safe pet ownership, MABEL will create opportunities for those who may have never sought veterinary care for their animals to do so in a low-cost, geographically feasible way. The program will serve communities with limited or no access to basic veterinary care in an effort to keep animals with their families, reduce the number of unwanted litters, and help meet the basic wellness needs of pets.



*MABEL: Making Animals Better and Enriching Lives*

# ADOPTER PROFILE: Dick Viering

Dick Viering always thought of himself as a dog person. He and his wife Betsy had several pups over the years. In 2004, Dick decided he wanted to volunteer with animals and was told on his first day at HSSC that help was needed in the cat room. Thus, the lifelong dog-person volunteered weekly with cats for the next 7 years! Even after his tenure as a volunteer ended, Dick has been a regular and generous supporter of the Humane Society of Summit County.

In spring of 2021, Dick, now a widower, decided he was ready for a new friend, this time a feline. He was introduced to several cats, but when he met Buddy, the connection was instant! Buddy's sociable and affectionate personality won Dick over and today they are each other's constant companions. "Buddy has brought so much joy to my life," Dick shared recently. We are sure Buddy would say the same thing about him!



*Dick, a self-proclaimed dog person, made fast friends with Buddy.*



## Save the Date! 2022 Events

### Bark in the Park

Saturday, May 21  
11am-3pm  
Lock 3 Park  
Akron

### Putts for Pets

Monday, July 11  
12pm-6pm  
Silver Lake Country Club  
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### Pawsibility Ball

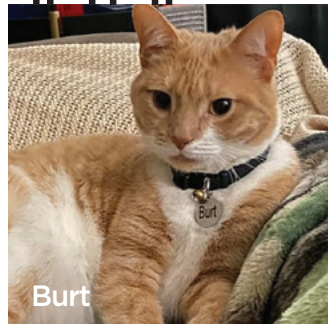
Saturday, August 27  
6pm-9pm  
Hilton Akron/Fairlawn  
Akron

### Bow Wow Bingo

Friday, October 14  
6pm-9pm  
St. George Fellowship  
Centre  
Fairlawn



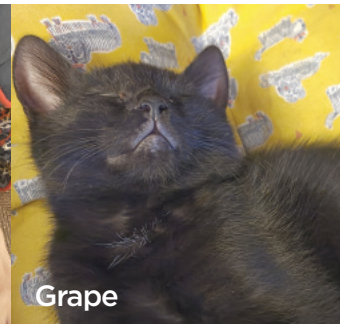
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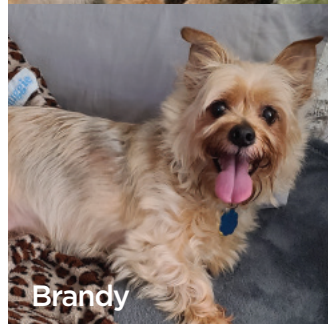
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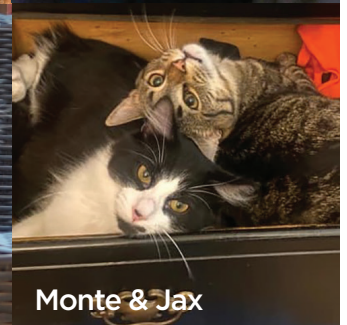
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# Home for Life

Many older pet owners struggle with questions over who will care for their pets after their lifetimes. At the Humane Society of Summit County, we support the human and animal bond and the benefits of pet ownership by providing this resource for pet owners whose pets outlive them. There is no fee or minimum age to enroll, and the program is not limited to HSSC adopters.

HSSC staff will help pet owners create a plan for their pets and provide resources like wallet cards and refrigerator magnets to help make these plans known. To enroll, or if you have any questions about the Home for Life program or other planned giving opportunities, please contact Louise DiLullo, Director of Development, at [ldilullo@summithumane.org](mailto:ldilullo@summithumane.org) or (234) 212-9749.



## Remember the Animals in Your Year-End Giving

The holidays are an important time to support causes that are dear to you, and we hope you will consider making a gift to the animals! In addition to a traditional donation, here are some ways you can support HSSC:

### GIFTS OF STOCK

A direct transfer of stock may give you an immediate deduction and save capital gains tax if the shares have appreciated. Transfer deadlines for the 2021 tax year are in early December. Ask your financial advisor for details and to initiate your gift!

### IRA REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may take advantage of a simple way to lower your tax burden. Up to

\$100,000 may be donated from your IRA to HSSC with no tax on the income.

### CARES ACT TAX SAVINGS

As in 2020, individuals claiming the standard tax deduction may claim an additional deduction of up to \$300 for individuals and up to \$600 per couple. This will reduce your taxable income for 2021.

To help you meet your philanthropic goals, we gratefully accept a variety of gift types. We recommend donors work with their own legal or financial professionals when appropriate for advice. Please contact Louise DiLullo, Director of Development, at (234) 212-9749 with any questions or scan the QR code to the right to visit our website for information.



## A Dream Come True



Emmie arrived at HSSC after being transferred from Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital. A Good Samaritan brought Emmie to the local veterinary hospital when she was found stumbling and

severely emaciated. Through our partnership with Metropolitan Veterinary Hospital, sick and injured

stray animals can get the treatment they need and be adopted into forever homes, just like Emmie.

Following treatment for emaciation, Emmie quickly found the forever home of her dreams. Her forever family couldn't agree more. "As two seniors, we were looking to adopt a senior canine companion that wasn't high energy, but still had some 'puppiness.' We found that, and more, with Emmie. Most times she's very laid back, but other times you'll find her doing zoomies outside and inside. She loves chasing butterflies and lightning bugs and playing with her toys. Emmie is the sweetest and most loving canine companion we've ever had. Thank you, Humane Society, for helping us make the best choice ever!"