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Name The New Shelter With Lifetime Sponsor Rights

If you have an extra Million Buck\$ or two in your pocket and you want to engrave your name in posterity, you could donate the money to Animal Friends Humane Society's building fund and see your name on the new shelter. Imagine YOUR NAME Animal Friends Humane Society Shelter.

The original block building that housed the humane society in 1952 cost less than \$15,000. That is not a misprint. Less than fifteen thousand dollars! But times have changed in over half a century and inflation has driven materials and labor sky high. A larger more functional shelter with state-of-the-art equipment and a spay/neuter clinic will cost up to three million dollars. Yes, \$3,000,000.00.

Animal Friends' present facility is 54 years old. It has sheltered approximately *half a million dogs and cats*. It is the **ONLY** open admission, full service shelter in Butler County. It takes in all dogs and cats from the most aggressive to the friendliest. About half the pets brought in come in as strays, the other half are dropped off by their owners.

"We are planning a well-designed building that will be easy to maintain," said Leland Gordon, Executive



This poor momma and her pups are being kept in the garage because there is no other space available.



Adoptable cats and kittens are housed in a variety of cages in every available corner of the shelter, including the lobby, a hallway, the garage and a storage room. Dogs must often be brought past their cages in the hallway and the cats become stressed.

Director. "We are *not* being extravagant. We will invest in modern kennel systems that are comfortable for the animals and easy to clean and sanitize for maximum good health. The new shelter will also feature state-of-the-art air exchangers. Our major concern is operating efficiently and caring for hundreds of animals every day," he emphasized.

"We are doing the best we can with a dilapidated building that is a hodge podge of very old kennels and scattered cages," continued Leland. "We house from 200 to 300 animals at a time. Caring for them is extremely difficult under stressful conditions."

Animals are held in cement cages, stacked three high, in two large areas. The arrangement makes it impossible for disease control. In addition, during cleaning, animals are tied out in the aisles and are exposed to each others waste. The dreaded dog killer Parvo Virus and kennel cough visit all too frequently as does the cat killer Feline Lukemia.

Sewage backups are frequent. The old shelter is on an outdated and barely functional septic system that must be pumped out when fecal materials and sewage comes up through the drains and into the kennels. The plan is for the new facility to hook up to a city sewer system.



Currently dogs must be tied outside their cages when kennels are being cleaned. They must stand in their own waste and come in contact with other dogs.

appreciate all the hard work they do from early morning until the shelter opens at 11 a.m.—and continually throughout the day."

Animal Friends receive an average of 26 animals

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New arrivals are admitted into the shelter through our cluttered, wet garage where dirty contaminated water from mop buckets is dumped into a central drain in the center of the floor. Although the area is often disinfected with bleach, it is an area unfit for habitation.

Unfortunately, when there is an overflow of incoming animals, some of them must be kept in the garage until a cage is opened for them.



In the new building there will be separate runs for each dog. Every cage will have a rear holding area where a dog will be comfortable and safe while the front of the cage is being cleaned. Keeping the dogs separated will dramatically cut down on multiple health problems and the spread of kennel cough and the killer disease called Parvo.

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per day six days a week. "When we run out of space, we house pets in our wet and cluttered garage," said Leland. "Even then we frequently run out of room and, unfortunately, when we run out of cages, animals must be humanely euthanized...we *hate* when this happens. Our staff is often in tears."

Because our 54 year-old shelter is still on a septic tank system we sometimes have sewage come up through the drains and flood the kennel and garage area. We must then have the tanks pumped out and take caution to disinfect the entire kennels areas to protect both the animals and the staff who work there.



In our present kennels cramped concrete cages are stacked three high and are extremely difficult to clean. Dogs in the lower cages are often drenched with urine and spilled water from the upper cages.

Plans are in the works for a larger, more modern shelter that will allow Animal Friends to properly care for more pets and reduce euthanizations. Although pets in the Adoption Kennels sometimes spend months in cages before being placed with loving families, (Last year over 2,200 were adopted.) some animals cannot be saved.

"Even though we use the most humane method—calming the animal with a sedative, holding it, petting it, loving it, and using an injection that gently, quickly "puts it to sleep," it is the most heart-breaking job our staff must do," continued Leland. "All this heartache because irresponsible pet owners allow their pets to have litters which results in too many animals and not enough homes to go around."

The bottom line is: Animal Friends needs MONEY, and lots of it. The non-profit organization is begging for donations to build a large, easily maintained new shelter. The present facility is deteriorating rapidly and needs to be replaced with a modest, well designed building whose main function is to properly care for and protect lost, stray and orphaned dogs and cats.

Several new building sponsorship levels are available with exclusive naming rights including Platinum \$500,000—\$999,999; Yellow Gold \$250,000—\$499,999; White Gold \$100,000—\$249,999; Super Silver \$50,000—\$99,999; Silver \$10,000—\$49,999; Bronze \$5,000—\$9,999; Copper \$2,000—\$4,999; Supporting \$1,000—\$1,999; and Donor \$500.—\$999. Major donations can be paid over time.

Anyone interested in lifetime naming rights at any sponsorship level should contact Leland Gordon at 513-867-5005.



Animal Friends can help homeless animals only to the extent of donations provided by the public. Struggling to operate on a daily basis, Animal Friends now needs major financial support to build a new shelter.

Shelter Hopes for Miracle From Religious Community

One small country church, one small heartfelt donation...

Could this be the beginning of support from the numerous religious communities throughout Butler County? IT WOULD BE A MIRACLE.

Rick Fox, president of Animal Friends Humane Society, plays drums in a band called *Thunderbay*. Mike Gabbard the guitarist and singer and Bill Eckhardt the keyboard player and vocalist in that band plus another friend, Werner DePellegrini bass player, also play in a Worship Band for the Collinsville Presbyterian Church. (Mike is pastor there.) The group plays music worship services during the Christmas season, at Easter and at other selected times during the year. This past year four churches requested their services.

In April Martha Pfeiffer from the Collinsville church questioned Rick about his involvement with the animal shelter. "Hey Rick, I see that you're involved with the dog pound."

"We aren't the Pound and let me tell you what we are doing," was his immediate reply. He gave her several animal success stories and explained what was being done at the Shelter to reunite animals with their owners. He told her of working with dog rescue groups to get more pets adopted. He emphasized the importance of the spay and neuter clinic and the extra medical attention

given animals at the Shelter and mentioned other terrific programs.

Martha commented that she had been aware of the positive changes at the shelter in the past couple of years. She was pleased with the progress that has been made.

At the next board meeting of the Collinsville Church Martha suggested that the church donate the proceeds of their offering from the musical service to the animal shelter. Rick had talked so passionately about the shelter and animals, and his band had given the gift of music to the church, so she felt it was a way to express the church's appreciation. The Board agreed.

"The church is with us in our fight to save animals," said Rick. "They are going to mention the shelter in the church bulletin and ask members to donate to the shelter. This is a small country church and I was speechless when Mike told me of their support."

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of churches and synagogues within Butler County. If each were to take Animal Friends Humane Society under its wings to raise special funds and provide help for animal orphans at Animal Friends shelter, real miracles could happen. To suggest how your church group can help, contact Leland Gordon at 513-867-5005.



LIMPING AND BARELY ABLE TO STAND, Orville, a 95-pound Black Lab, needed leg surgery that would cost \$500.00 for a specialist. Western Hills Vet Clinic in Middletown donated an exam and x-rays and a specialist was on stand-by while the Shelter sent out email requests for donations. When Hendrika Case of Oxford read the email and saw Orville's photo her heart went out to him. She and her husband had been looking for a Lab for some time. Not only did they adopt Orville, they also paid for the surgery and requested that the \$200 already raised go to help other shelter pets!

2007 Pet Lover's Calendar

*going on sale this fall for only \$12.00
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AFHS Board Secretary Returned To Katrina Aftermath To Rescue Pets

A personal account of Patty Turner-Felts, Animal Friends Board Secretary

When Patty Turner-Felts made a second trip to New Orleans, she was shocked to see the condition of animals that had been living for over two months in the horrible devastation of Hurricane Katrina. She visited the worst hit area—the St. Bernard Parish. Her first day was spent in the housing projects searching through approximately 30 two-story buildings. The pungent smell of dead animals, mold and everything rotting seemed to permeate her entire being. She wore a heavy-duty respirator that had been donated for volunteers, but the horrific odors cling to her memory.

Every step she took in first floor apartments was difficult because she sank deep into disease-filled sludge. She lifted furniture and debris looking for signs of life. Unfortunately, death was all she found.

"I personally saw about 40 lifeless bodies in bathtubs, closets, under beds and various places. Knowing their last moments were spent alone, frightened and confused only made the search worse for me. We found nothing alive that day."

Volunteers were told that dogs were to be a priority because they were starting to run in packs and becoming aggressive and territorial. They were mutilating human remains making it impossible for identification and harder for the cadaver dogs to discover. Law enforcement officers were shooting them.

The remainder of the week was spent trapping dogs. Feeding stations had been pulled two days prior to make sure the animals were hungry so traps could be set with food as bait.

"The first dog I trapped was unforgettable" remembers Patty. "She was a very small, shy, frightened, skinny Beagle. She was so sad. She wouldn't let anyone touch her. Knowing she



SAVED PUPPY! Patty is thrilled with puppy saved from the ravages of Hurricane Katrina and the flood.

survived on her own alone for over two months in those unbelievable conditions made me admire her."

Patty took the Beagle to headquarters and placed a big soft warm blanket in her crate along with food and water. She covered the crate with another blanket to help the dog feel safe.

"But looking into her eyes I could tell it would be a long time before she would feel safe," sighed Patty. "I came back the next morning and she was gone—taken to Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Tylertown, Mississippi. I'll always wonder..."

This rescue mission was extremely difficult but rewarding for Patty because

she was able to rescue animals from the streets—pets that may not have survived if they had not been captured right then. It was a critical time and time was running out.

Over 18,000 animals were rescued after Hurricane Katrina hit on August 29, 2005. It was the largest animal rescue attempt in the history of our country. Patty is proud to say she was a part of the compassionate effort and she will never forget her hands-on experience.

"I saw the physical results, the diseases and the skeleton bodies of the starving, but I realize the emotional effect was the most devastating, said Patty. "Nothing compares to the emotional wounds I saw. I will never forget the looks in animals' eyes as I tried to comfort them."

Volunteering was difficult and sadness overwhelmed her, but the experience made her realize how vulnerable we all are. "I love and hug my pets every day," added Patty. "I hope they, and the rest of my human family, never have to go through a disaster of any kind."

"I will continue to do all I can for animals, knowing in my heart it will never be enough."



BE READY TO ACT FAST

Protect Pets During Emergencies & Disasters

Like children your pets depend on you for their safety and lives. Implement a plan NOW and be prepared for any emergency or disaster. During a crisis there is no time to formulate a plan. You must be ready to act fast!

If your dogs and cats are not microchipped and registered, HAVE IT DONE RIGHT AWAY in case they get lost or separated from you. Animal Friends will microchip your pet for only \$25 and register it for free. No appointment is necessary—just bring the animal to the Shelter. Tiny, rice-size chips are injected under your pets' skin and remain there for their lifetime with information that can be read by a hand-held scanner at a shelter or veterinarian office. *(All incoming stray animals at Animal Friends are scanned for identification.)*

Both dogs and cats should wear collars with identification tags that include your cell phone number because you keep your mobile phone with you wherever you go. *(If a lost dog is wearing a license the owner's name and address are found by checking the county auditor's office. If a lost cat is wearing an ID tag, Animal Friends calls the owner.)*

Take front and side view photos of your pets. If you have your dogs groomed, take before and after pictures. If groomed when lost, they could look totally different when found if their fur has

grown out. *(Animal Friends keep a "Lost Book" with pet photos that owners bring to the shelter when looking for their lost pets.)*

Purchase carriers for your pets to keep them safe and confined if you have to leave your home in a hurry. Keep a basic first aid kit, a list of your pets' medications, and proof of vaccinations; plus make a list of emergency phone numbers of veterinarians, animal shelters, kennels, and hotels that accept pets. You should keep these and pet photos stored in a protective zip-type bag.

Have enough food and clean water to last several days ready in a box to pick up and take with you. Often small cans of food with easy-

to-open tabs are best so that there are no leftovers.

Include a couple of small favorite pet toys and security blankets. And, don't forget to take some plastic bags for doggie "poop patrol" and lightweight litter for your cats—a brand you know they will use.

The devastating natural disaster in the South reminds us of our vulnerability to influences outside our control. There is no need to be paranoid, but we should be prepared for emergencies such as tornados, fires, chemical spills, and so forth.

Folks in the New Orleans area were totally blindsided

by the hurricane and flood. Some thought they could withstand the vicious winds, but they had no idea the levies would break and they would be inundated with water rising up to rooftops. The storm and aftermath will go down as the worst natural disaster in American history thus far.

Many folks refused to leave their beloved pets when the flood waters began rising in New Orleans and many folks and their pets drowned. Many people who were rescued but left their pets behind suffered emotional trauma and guilt that will last their lifetimes. Many never saw their pets again. Some will never escape their nightmares.

It is good that Congress recently introduced the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Act that requires state and local authorities to make plans so that people and their pets may evacuate a disaster area together. It is up to individuals and families to prepare themselves for future emergencies—and to plan to save their pets.



QUICK, PAINLESS MICROCHIPPING. Hershey, a Short Hair Pointer, is now permanently identifiable with a tiny chip thanks to Animal Friends at the Dog Fest at the Voice of America Park in West Chester. Owners are Judy Ellis and children Evan, Jillian, and Ethan.



MICROCHIPPED AT DOG FEST. Sam Slayden and kids, Lydia 12 and Kevin 8 brought their dog, Hampton, from Hebron, Ky. to Dog Fest in West Chester. Animal Friends microchipped about 30 dogs that day.



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Twenty-five percent (25%) of dogs in shelters are purebred. Darnell Hines and Douglas Cushman came from Columbus to adopt a Great Dane. Excerpts from their letter:

"We adopted Sophie on May 17th, 2006. We'd been looking at shelters around the state trying to find the perfect Great Dane but to no avail. Either the shelters didn't return our calls or the Dane didn't work out. All of that changed when we came across Animal Friends Humane Society on petfinder.org. There was a picture of Sophie and she looked so adorable. She had puppy-dog eyes and she epitomized the term "gentle giant."

We called Animal Friends and Becky was extremely friendly and knowledgeable about Sophie. We immediately made a deposit and drove down that very day to potentially adopt her. The staff at Animal Friends were warm and professional. Our needs were completely taken care of. Most important of all, Sophie was a perfect match for us and we've been happy ever since. We want to thank the staff at Animal Friends for their friendliness and for allowing us to adopt such a special dog!"



RESCUE GROUPS are allies of Animal Friends. They remove pets from our shelter to find homes for them, allowing more cage space for incoming animals. Dani Bishop of Golden Retriever Rescue poses with one of our purebred Golden.



AN EMAIL PET ALERT about an injured Dachshund at Animal Friends caught Robin Hoskins attention. "Deuce" had been found abandoned in the parking lot of a daycare and brought to the shelter. Both of Deuce's rear legs were injured and he was dragging his body. Robin went to the Shelter and couldn't resist taking Deuce home to foster. While at first it was thought the dog needed surgery, after a couple of weeks Deuce was able to walk! Deuce was neutered and then adopted by the Hoskins family—joining 4 other small dogs. Pictured are Robin, Deuce, and Robin's mother Cindy Martin.



A PANIC CALL from the Humane Society of Preble County asking for help resulted in AFHS taking 3 cats that had been collected in a "hoarding" situation. Some well-meaning people attempted to keep 30 cats that they could not properly care for, feed, spay and neuter. The result was uncontrolled breeding and an unhealthy situation for both animals and humans. Preble animal control had to remove the pitiful pets.



PRACTICAL PAPER GIFT. Mary Villarreal and Laura Siebenburgen brought 200 rolls of paper towels to the shelter that were collected by the Yellow Team at Fairfield Middle School.



A "DONATION DOG" receives lots of pats and hopefully some generous donations while taking a stroll inside the West Chester Chamber Business Expo.



John Lay, owner (pictured) and Nick Murphy, manager of **Trenton Computer Services** spent many long days repairing our computer systems after the server crashed. They donated all their labor and several computers.



OSCAR MEYER, a Basset mix, spent five months at Animal Friends before being adopted by the Herzberg family. Jeremy, the Dad, says "My wife and I have had a lot of dogs and Oscar is the best dog we've ever had. He's sweet and gentle with the children even though our 2 year-old is rough on him." Pictured at AFHS's Easter Egg Hunt are Mom Kristen, baby Samantha, Jeremy, Hope and Oscar.



Michelle Hastings, kennel manager, cuddles a kitten that is too young to be adopted. Foster families are needed to keep mama cats and their litters in their homes to make space at the shelter.



MUDDY PAWS didn't stop Danielle Gillespie and Kiersten Fienning from exercising numerous shelter dogs one rainy Saturday.



Jamie Goins, owner of **Trenton Pet Grooming** donates grooming services to shelter dogs several times a month.



Scott Franer (pictured) and Jim Fields of **AGP Lock** donated 3 hours working on shelter lock repairs.



BIRTHDAY PRESENTS. Megan Heusinkveld asked friends to give presents for the shelter at her birthday party. Eight-year old Megan and her little sister, Kelli, brought 4 baskets full of treats and other supplies to the shelter.



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First Annual

FUR BALL Dinner & Auction A HUGE SUCCESS!

Animal Friends' first Fur Ball Dinner and Auction was a lively success thanks to all who planned, donated and participated! Held on April 8, 2006 at Receptions in Fairfield, the event was a sold out affair. Proceeds from the live auction, silent auction and raffles garnered over \$36,000.00!

Next year we plan to use the name **Bark & Purr Ball** (someone else has fur ball). We will have an enlarged space for more goodies and attendees. The date will be **Saturday, March 17, 2007**, so be sure to get your tickets as soon as they are announced. ALSO, plan to donate items for the auctions and raffle.



Girl Scout Troop 294 sponsored a school drive for over 4 weeks and donated \$300 worth of supplies to the shelter. The community service helped the Scouts earn their Bronze Award. Back: Taylor Alden, Kim VanFleet, Tiffany O'Connor, Emily Westmeyer and Anna Deutsch. Front: Aimee Miley, Alexandra Wilson, Ashley Miley. Missing: Michaelle Dewberry, Erin Geibel, Troop Leader Diane O'Connor, Asst. Elizabeth Wilson,



Federated Department Stores Corporate Office, that operate Bloomingdales and Macy's, held a week-long fundraiser for Animal Friends at their headquarters in downtown Cincinnati in May. The effort raised a huge amount of supplies and some cash for the shelter. Three dogs and a cat were also adopted! Ginny Sparks, who spearheaded the event, also saves newspapers and aluminum cans for the Shelter's Recycle Program. She owns a Beagle and a Shepherd mix.



Girl Scout Troop 595 brought donations and helped clean the shelter. They walked dogs to help socialize them.

Back: Jennifer Short, Robin Hoskins, Front: Kyla Napper, Haley Manning, Ashley Hoskins, Cassie Short, Courtney Kleman and a Shelter dog named Benji.



Girl Scout Troop 6892 helped clean the shelter yard and had fun walking dogs. Back: Lacey Kuhn and Troop Leader Kim McKinney. Front: Kirsten McKinney, shelter doggie, and Kendra Thomas.



He could barely walk or raise his tail. Casey, an older Shih-Tzu mix was brought to the shelter as a stray. His fur was a tangled mass of solid mats and he was covered in feces.

AFHS sought immediate help and groomers, Amy Bolin and Lisa Johnson of **Canines by Design** at 4545 Dixie Highway in Fairfield (513-939-3100) donated their talents and spent three hours grooming the dog. Over 2 pounds of fur was removed revealing irritation sores due to the previous lack of care. Casey was adopted by Tammy and David Schipper of West Chester and will never be neglected again. "He's a hoot and keeps me laughing, He's a Joy," said David.

ADOPTION SUCCESS LETTER EXCERPTS:



Dear Leland

Maxi had been in the shelter for over 8 months when I first saw her with you on TV one Saturday morning. What struck me about her is how she kept nudging at your hand to pet her while you were doing the interview. Long story short, I adopted her. I already had 2 West Highland Terriers.

Now, months later, Maxi is thoroughly enjoying her new life. It took one day to train her to our pet fence. She now loves to run and play in the yard. As for the Westies, Maxi was gentle and playful with them, even though they were clear about their dislike for her from the start. But they finally came around, and they now play together and have a great time.

It took only a few days to completely house train Maxi, which I think is amazing since my female Westie is still not house broken.

Maxi sleeps next to my bed. Every night she gets up to kiss my hand, then goes back to sleep. I think she just wants to make sure I'm still there. She is my constant companion. Every step I take, she takes with me.

Dena Coyle
Hamilton



AM I GOING HOME? An orphan dog from Animal Friends seems content in the arms of a young boy who seems quite happy to be holding him. A boy needs a dog... a girl does, too. Seven dogs were adopted or went into foster homes at the Rave Theatre event.



THE MOVIE PREMIER of *Eight Below* about the adventures of a team of sled dogs in Alaska was shown at the Rave Theatre in West Chester. AFHS volunteers took the PetMobile and 7 dogs to the event. Hundreds of movie-goers spent time with the animals, made contributions to the Shelter, and learned about volunteering. All the dogs, including a white Husky (like the ones in the movie), were either adopted or went into foster homes to be kept until adopted.



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Jayme Zimmerman, left, is a 4th year veterinarian student at Ohio State University. She came to Animal Friends to get surgery experience under the watchful eye of **Suzanne Tomasi, DVM**. Suzanne donated her services to Animal Friends in the fall of 2005 and spring of 2006 because she wanted to help homeless animals. She did spay and neuter surgeries one full day every other week.

\$\$\$ INSTEAD OF GIFTS.

Instead of gifts for herself when she celebrated her 10th birthday, Katie Harrison asked for donations of checks for orphaned animals at Animal Friends. Fifty-five kids attended her party and contributed \$1,100 and some treats for the animals.



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RETIREEES ARE GREAT VOLUNTEERS. Bill Rogers and Jim Wolfe, both retirees, walk numerous dogs several times a week at the Shelter. It's great exercise for both men and the pets that are excited to leave their cages and get out into the yard to feel the grass under their paws.

PLEASE HELP!

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- Attend our Bark 'n' Purr Ball
- Raise funds at bake sales and other activities

THE MORE YOU GIVE, THE MORE WE CAN HELP THE ANIMALS!



FLASH, A BEAGLE

from Animal Friends Shelter greeted hundreds of kids at Pierce Elementary School in Hamilton during career day. The friendly Beagle gave puppy kisses for three hours while Shelter Director, Leland Gordon, spoke to the crowds about the importance of spaying and neutering of pets to prevent pet overpopulation. Leland also stressed that pets should be microchipped for permanent identification and should wear collars and tags in case they get lost.

Animal Friends Humane Society

About us... Animal Friends Humane Society is the largest, oldest non-profit animal shelter located in Butler County, Ohio. On a typical day we house 200-300 animals. We are the only full-service, open-admission shelter in Butler County. We take all stray and unwanted dogs and cats---friendly and aggressive animals and deceased pets and we operate an Adoption Kennel. We are the only animal organization in the county that prosecutes animal cruelty cases.

Pet Wish List

- Towels- New or Used
- KMR Puppy & Kitten Powdered Milk Replacer
- Canned Cat, Kitten, Dog, Puppy Food
- Powdered L-Lysine
- Chain Leashes
- Clay-Type Kitty Litter
- Used and New Dog & Cat Collars
- Cat Treats, Dog Rawhides
- Kurunda Dog Beds-Call for Details
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- Money for Vaccines, Medicines, and Vet Clinic Supplies
- Distilled Water
- Surgery Gloves-Large

For the Kennel

- Bleach and More Bleach for Disinfecting
- Hand Sanitizer
- Fabuloso (Cleaner)
- Clorox Disinfecting Wipes
- Clorox Toilet Wand Refills
- Plug In Air Fresheners
- Fabric Softener
- Heavy Duty Cotton Mop Heads
- Arm and Hammer Cat Litter Deodorizer
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Scrub Brushes for Doing Dishes
- Antibacterial Liquid Hand Soap
- Forty (33+) Gallon or Contractor Trash Bags
- Latex Gloves- Medium and Large
- Febreze
- Squeegees with Long Handles-Foam Ends, Not Hard Plastic
- Spartan HDQ Neutral Chemical-Call for details
- Large Plastic Dog Carriers



For our Office

- Hewlett Packard Laser Jet Ink Cartridge 92298A
- Canon FaxPhone L170 Toner
- Brother Cool Laminator LX-900 Rolls
- First Class and Postcard Postage Stamps
- White Out
- Post It Notes
- Sharpie Pens-Black & Color
- Receipt Books-Carbonless Sets
- AA Batteries
- Kinko's Gift Cards
- Office Depot Gift Cards
- Large Binders (the Really Big Ones)
- Lowe's/Home Depot/Ace Gift Cards
- Walmart/Target Gift Cards
- Kroger/Bigg's Gift Cards
- Bottled Water & Chocolate for Our Over-Worked Employees!

For Maintenance of Shelter

- Pressure Washer Techs to Donate Services
- Roofers to Donate Services
- Lawn/Snow Removal Persons Donate

Services

- Tree Trimmers to Donate Services
- Masons for Masonry/Cement work
- Handymen to Donate Services

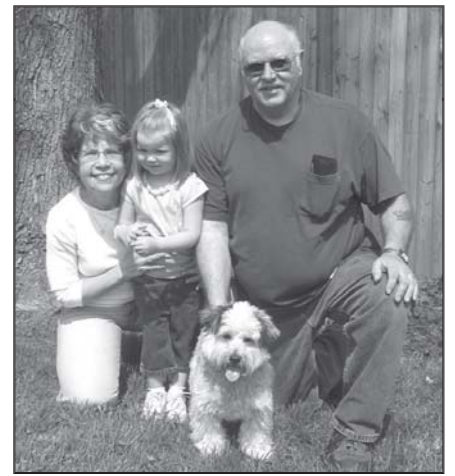


Online photos of AFHS
adoptable dogs & cats at

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ADOPT
VOLUNTEER
DONATE

BOY SCOUT TROOP 194 of Mason brought over 20 people to the shelter on a very rainy Saturday in March. For 4 hours they cleaned debris off the property, walked along the adjoining road to remove trash, and cleaned inside the Shelter. They also exercised dogs.



ADOPTED IN FEBRUARY, "Walker," was brought to the Shelter's Easter Egg Hunt by the Jackson family. The fluffy, happy pup is "a great dog!"



A Huge Thanks to Fur Ball Auction Business Donors!

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Whistle Stop Drive Thru
White Garden Inn
Wild Oats-West Chester
**WE'RE VERY SORRY IF WE
MISSED ANYONE!**



10th Annual Critter Caper



REBEL
105.9FM
Today's New Hit Country



Saturday, September 9, 2006

10 am - 2 pm

Voice of America Park

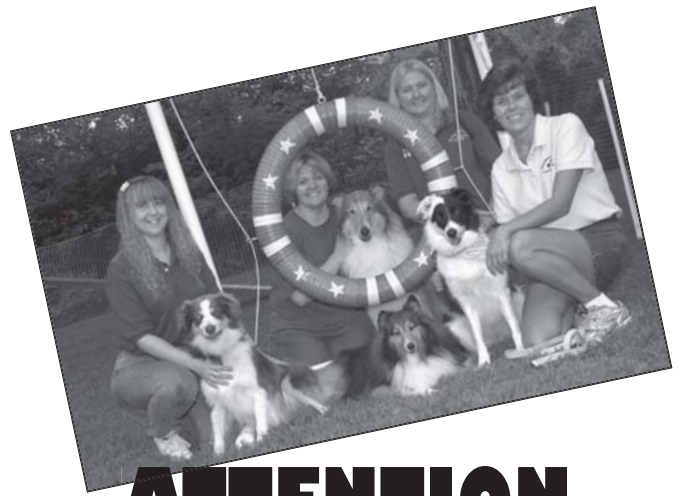
(off Tylersville Road in West Chester)

Registration: 10:00 am - 10:45 am

Walk: 11:00 am

- 🐾 Only one dog per walker, please
- 🐾 All dogs must be at least 6 months old
- 🐾 Be sure your dog's vaccinations are up-to-date
- 🐾 Keep your dog on a six foot or shorter leash
- 🐾 Walk at moderate pace, run only if both you & your dog are conditioned
- 🐾 Do not bring a dog whose behavior could be dangerous to others. Event officials reserve the right to refuse entry to aggressive animals.
- 🐾 Be courteous and responsible. Please SCOOP UP AFTER YOUR PET.

Businesses, corporations, and individuals can become SPONSORS and receive year around advertising at our shelter plus recognition in our newsletter. Donations start at \$100.00. Call Leland Gordon at 513-867-5005 for further information.



**ATTENTION
NEW LOCATION:**

Voice of America Park

West Chester, Ohio

From I-75: East on Tylersville Road, Left into Park

- 🐾 Short Dog Walk and Pet Event
- 🐾 Pet Agility
- 🐾 Demonstrations
- 🐾 Vendors
- 🐾 Contests and Prizes
- 🐾 Raffle
- 🐾 Food and Fun for Pets and People

**Walkers Raise Money for
Animal Friends Humane Society's
In-House Spay/Neuter Clinic
by getting pledges from family and friends.**

Registration of \$25.00 includes: Lunch & Goodie Bag!

*Raise an additional \$50.00 and get a limited-edition
Critter Caper T-Shirt!*



Critter Caper 2006 Pledge form

All pledges and donations benefit Animal Friends spay/neuter clinic

SPONSOR'S NAME	ADDRESS, CITY/STATE/ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS	PLEDGE AMT.	PAID?
EXAMPLE: Irma Walker	123 Critter Lane, Trenton, OH 45067	poochie@cinci.rr.com	\$50	YES
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All pledges are due by event day. All pledges collected for AFHS are non-refundable. Make checks payable to: AFHS/CC 2006.

When collecting pledges, please check to see if you or your sponsor's employers have matching-gift programs.

Shelter Hours:

Mon., Tues., Fri., Sat..... 11 am - 4:30 pm

Wed., Thurs..... 11 am - 7:00 pm



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REGISTRATION

Register for only \$25.00 (includes goodie bag and lunch). Raise an additional \$50.00 in pledges for a limited edition T-shirt. Children 10 and younger walk free. Complete the form below and mail it to: Animal Friends Humane Society, or bring it with you to the Critter Caper.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **AFHS/CC2006**

MAIL TO: **AFHS Critter Caper**

5225 Trenton Road • Trenton, Ohio 45067

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone (s) _____

E-Mail _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE

I understand that participating in this event involves potential risks and damages, including but not limited to the vehicle traffic, spectators, participants and animals, the effects of weather, surface conditions of roads and sidewalks, the possibility of falls, bites, and so forth. I nevertheless wish to participate, and I represent that I am physically able and properly conditioned to do so. I further agree to follow and abide by all written and presumed safety rules pertaining to this event.

In consideration to the acceptance of my entry, for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, I do hereby release and discharge all sponsors of this event and all claims, demands, damages and liabilities of whatsoever kind or nature relating to or arising from my participation in this event.

Signature _____

Date _____

Signature of Parent (if under 18 years of age) _____

Date _____

Hearts that care...



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Where there is a WILL, there is a Way...

Ten steps you can take right now to ensure you leave a Legacy of Love.

1. Prepare a will. **2.** Establish a Charitable Lead Trust. **3. Establish a Charitable Remainder Trust.** (See information in box below.) **4.** Name **Animal Friends Humane Society** as a beneficiary on a new or existing life insurance policy. **5.** Name AFHS as the beneficiary of your IRA or retirement plan. **6.** Consider a Life Estate Arrangement. **7.** Consider donating assets to AFHS. **8.** Set aside a specified amount or percentage of your estate for AFHS. **9.** Encourage pet-loving family members and friends to consider these gift-giving options for their planned giving to AFHS. **10.** Remember deceased loved ones with a gift to AFHS in their name.



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Everyday 70,000 puppies & kittens are born in the United States! It's simple math - there just aren't enough homes for all these animals...

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NEGLECTED & ABUSED.

Heavily matted and walking on their own fur, two eight-year old Cocker Spaniels had to learn how to walk normally after being groomed by Canines By Design in Fairfield. The groomings took a whopping eight hours and removed *eleven pounds* of fur from the two small dogs. Now, both pets are happy-go-lucky and have a new home!

