



## New Shelter Update

*Editor's Note: The following update is what has been going since our announcement of a new shelter.*



Oh, it's been very busy!

We were ready and rearing to go, but the big wait was getting approval from county and state on the plans and then to get all the permits to do the construction and remodel. Geo-Site, Ltd which owns the building, has done both the design work and the permanent renovations and we can't thank them enough.

As of end of July, the building had all the carpet taken up and talk about a job! It was so glued down, the guys had to boil water to put on the carpet to help soften the glue enough to use huge floor scrapers. Needless to say, not an easy job. And since there was still some glue, the floors had to be tiled.

Next came digging a ditch in the back to get ready to lay drain pipe to the already existing line. This drain pipe is for the drains in the dog kennel area.

While the guys were doing some of this work, it was noted that some of the window sills have rotted



out. They used wood frames and did not seal it well. So new windows might have to be added to the list of items needed for the shelter. The foreman on the job will be looking and deciding if the same windows can be used and just make new frames or not.

The concrete floor in the dog kennel area was jackhammered up. Not all of it, but

where the drains for the dog kennels will be. The drain lines were put in and new concrete poured. We are also going to have a new concrete front. There is currently one step up into the building. This will change to be a long slope from parking lot to front door to allow easier access for our supporters with mobility concerns.

Once all the concrete was poured and set up (hardened), block walls for the dog kennels were put in. These will make cleaning much easier and help keep disease down.

We've put construction photos throughout this issue of the newsletter and invite you to look and see the amazing things that have been happening throughout this summer and the help we need from you for the magic to continue.

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## Meet Patty

**Personality:** Patty is just a peach!

**Secret:** I like cats but am not sure about dogs.

**Life motto:** don't sweat the small stuff.

**Guilty Pleasure:** Catnip.

**Wants you to know:** she likes everything and everyone.

Patty is a female tiger cat who is about a year ago. She is very friendly. She likes other cats, but is not sure about dogs, but we think it depends on the dog. She would love to find a loving home soon.

Patty's adoption fee is \$60.00. The fee includes feline Leuk/FIV testing (he is negative), vaccines, worming, and spay. Our vet has checked her over and she's ready for her forever home.

You can fill out an adoption application on line. More information is available on [www.petfinder.com](http://www.petfinder.com), our website or by



*Playful and cuddly!*

calling the shelter at 740-852-PETS

I'd make a great addition to your family!



### Worthy quote:

"The dog represents all that is best in man."

- Etienne Charlet

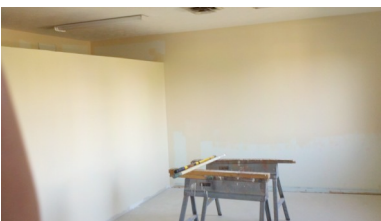
## Bonzi Nominations Wanted

It's that time of year again to select the Bonzi nominations and we want to know who you think is deserving of this coveted award. We are looking for individuals, businesses, and groups who make a huge difference in the work we do.

Be sure to send you nominations or input to us by Friday September 30th. You can email us at [shelter@hsmcchio.com](mailto:shelter@hsmcchio.com) subject heading: Bonzi, call the shelter at 740-852-PETS, drop off a nomination at the shelter during regular

business hours, or send us a snail mail nomination. The selection committee will review nominations and make the final selections. Honorees will be announced in October.

## Volunteer Day at the New Shelter



*This will become the cat playpen.*

On Saturday, September 17th, starting at 9:00am until ???, we need volunteers at the New Shelter located at 2020 ST RT 142 NE, West Jefferson, just a quarter of a mile south of I-70. Volunteers are needed to help finish up painting, wash windows, clean, build stuff, etc. On Sunday, September 18th, starting at 10:00am until ???, we will finish up all we can.

We think we may already have folks who can build the playpen wall and shelves in

the cat playpen area, but there is plenty more that needs to be done.

We are also looking for folks who can help with the landscaping in the front of the shelter. There are a couple dead bushes and others needed trimmed up. We would LOVE to have some fall plants if possible.

All volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer form which can be done that day. If you are under 18 years

old, a parent or guardian is required to also sign form. Folks can pick up these volunteer forms at the currently old shelter at 1357 ST RT 38 SE, London during open hours of noon to 5pm Monday to Saturday or wait until day of volunteering and fill out at new shelter.

Come and be a part of the New HSMC Shelter.

## Pet Tip: Allergies

This has been an awful summer for human and pet allergies. Most households have at least one family member who suffers from seasonal allergies and we're just starting ragweed season.

Just like with us, there are many causes of pet allergies: dander, pollen, mold, flea saliva and food.

Pets who have allergies can have itching, watery or goopy eyes, ear infections and may develop hot spots. These hot spots are raw areas where the

pet has licked and dug at the skin.

There are many ways to treat these symptoms including special soothing baths, topical and over-the-counter and prescription medications. Chronic on-going allergies may require testing and allergy shots.

The best place to start is a trip to the vet's for an examination. Your vet can work with you to develop a treatment plan specifically for your pet.

## Wish List

This month the shelter could really use the following:

6 foot leashes

Gentle leaders and harnesses (all sizes)

**Paper towels (urgent need)**

Rope toys and Everlast bones

Shampoo and Conditioner

Brushes: rubber, wire, and slicker  
Emery Board  
**METAL RAKE**



We really need a new rake, ours broke.

## Did You Know?

- Giraffes and humans have the same number of bones in their necks: seven.
- A cat can run about 12 miles per hour.
- A cheetah does not roar like a lion, but purrs like a cat.
- A cow gives nearly 200,000 glasses of milk in her lifetime.
- The world's smallest mammal, the bumblebee bat weighs less than a penny.
- At birth a panda weighs 4 ounces and is smaller than a mouse.
- All polar bears are left handed.
- Ants don't sleep.
- Rabbits can reach speeds of 44 MPH.

## Neuterville Wish List

We are happy to report that we are doing in-house spays and neuters (sorry, no public surgeries at this time). As we are doing these, Megan Rammell our vet tech and our shelter vet, Dr. Horne have discovered that we need a few more items including items for additional surgery packs. We are looking for donations to purchase these needed items.

10-15 blade handles (app. \$10.00 each)

20-30 towel clamps (app. \$8.00 each)

Endotracheal tubes (size 5 and 8) (app. \$20.00/box)

5 pair of Metzenbaum scissors (app. \$50.00 each)

5 pair of Mayo scissors (app. \$25.00 each)

Suture cassette stand

To donate to the Neuterville Wish List you can send a check or money order made out to HSMC and drop it off at the shelter or mail it to P.O.Box 777 London, OH. For credit cards you can donate safely and securely on line at our website and click on the Paypal link, then zip us an email to tell us to put your donation towards Neuterville.

**"(We) have discovered that we need a few more items..."**

*- The Staff*



*We need some items for Neuterville.*

## Bites from the Director



You can help the people who help us!

"(I'm) trying to figure out how I can go to Bark Park instead of washing windows..."

- Betty



*Lots of planning and hard work went into the kennel area.*

*Editor's note: the need for volunteers is so important we've mentioned it twice in this newsletter! And since we have such great volunteers and you guys love Bark Park we hope that we can divide and conquer—helping at the new shelter and our friends at Coonhound Companions.*

Hey HSMC Volunteers,

There are 2 wonderful events going on Sept 17th that volunteers are needed for.

First event is a painting, cleaning, building weekend at the new HSMC Shelter. We will start on 9am until we go home. Then do a repeat on Sunday the 18th if needed starting at 10am until we go home. This will be one of many

weekends and days like this.

The second event is Bark Park. Some of you have been before and know what is going on. Some of you have not been, so read below.



Coonhound Companions is having their Bark Park Day on Sept 17th. (So wish I could go. More fun than painting) You can volunteer all day or part of the day.

Mary Beth is the chair person for this event. This is not an HSMC event. However, I am hoping a few of our HSMC Volunteers will offer

up help. Mary Beth is the dog warden for Union County and we do work very closely with her. If we did not have Deputy Kronk as our dog warden, Mary Beth would be my pick for our dog warden.

So I offer up these two events for volunteers. (trying to figure out how I can go to Bark Park instead of washing windows.... hmmm). So if you can help at Bark Park, you must email [mhall@co.union.oh.us](mailto:mhall@co.union.oh.us)

I truly do hope some of you will offer up help to her.

And if you decide to come help at the new shelter, just let me know what day.

*Betty*



## It's All About Change

This is the season of change. The kids and most college students are back in school, the hours of daylight are getting shorter, and the leaves are just beginning to hint at change. Soon it will be time for sweatshirts and apple cider; blue skies and crisp evenings; as well as, finally, a break from the sweltering summer we've had.

It will be a season of change for us at the shelter as well. As you can see from this issue, things are going full speed ahead with the new shelter. We are coming to a point when

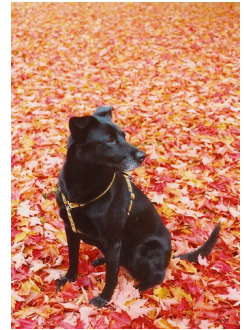
we need your help with painting, cleaning and other things. And you know Betty, she won't be shy about asking for help!

Of course the biggest change will be the move into the new shelter. Our entire operations will be under one roof. Our staff will no longer have to endure the elements to run from trailer to trailer to concrete kennel. There will be other changes as well including those of us who volunteer or go out to the shelter to remember the new location!

Change, while scary or even exciting, is a part of life. And somehow it is appropriate and fitting that the biggest change in our history comes at this colorful season of change.

Our twenty plus years of sweat and tears along with your unwavering support, donations of time and money along with prayers have put us on the brink of making the impossible possible.

So, buckle your seatbelts! It's going to be an exhilarating ride!



*Fall is a time of change and this year big changes are coming!*

## Paws and Pals Dinner and Silent Auction Date Set

Mark your calendars and save the date!

Our 8th Annual Paws & Pals Dinner and Silent Auction is coming up Saturday November 5th. As is the custom, Der Dutchman is hosting the event.

For those of you who haven't attended this event, it features family style dinner (vegetarian dinners available) and great pies for dessert. But it's not all about food. We'll have great items

in our silent and live auctions. There will be things to bid on that will fit into any budget. As with all of our auctions, we'll have a great power point of the shelter, our adoptable animals and those who have found forever homes.

This event also features our annual Bonzi Awards. This coveted award is given to supporters who have gone above and beyond to make a difference in the lives of the ani-

mals we serve. This year's winners will be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

So, make plans to attend. It's a great place to mix and mingle and get an early start on your Christmas shopping. Cost for the event, which includes dinner, beverage, and dessert, remains \$30/single, \$50/couple. Info on the website soon.

And we need auction items!

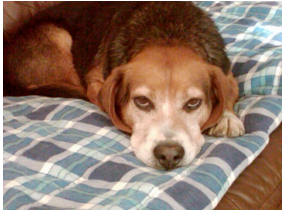
**"It will be a season of change for use at the shelter as well."**

**- The Editor**



*Come be a pal for the loving paws in your life!*

## The Dog Rules



*On the bed by invitation?  
Yeah, right!*

The dog is not allowed in the house.

Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.

The dog is allowed in all rooms, but has to stay off the furniture

The dog can get on the old furniture only.

Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.

Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.

The dog can sleep on the bed whenever he wants, but not under the covers.

The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only

The dog can sleep under the covers every night.

Humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.

- Unknown

**"Okay, the dog is  
allowed on the  
bed..."**

- Unknown

## Happy Tails

We thought you would appreciate knowing how Fergie has adjusted to life with us.

It has been three years now and we couldn't imagine life without her. Sometimes we can't believe how much love she has inside her.

She is so well behaved when she goes with us

anywhere, and especially to the vet. She obeys really well and still knows all of her little tricks she learned.

We get a kick out of her when she plays with our other two dogs (Alvin and Lydia) what a ball of energy!

We can really say that adopting Fergie is one of

the best decisions that we ever made.

We want to thank you for letting us adopt her

*Patsy and Dale Simmons*

*Editor's Note: We love hearing about how our animals are doing in their forever homes. Please drop us a line and let us know and if you can, please send photos.*

## Pets Make Great Reading Partners

Can reading to a dog raise children's reading levels? According to studies on the subject a young student's reading scores can advance significantly – two to four grade levels – by reading to a dog for just 20 minutes a week throughout the school year (40 weeks).

The American Library Association estimates that there are 27 million functionally illiterate adults in the United States. The national "America Reads" program notes that 40 percent of fourth graders read below their grade level, and that children who don't master reading by the third grade risk

falling further behind.

Children who read to pets have less absenteeism, visit the library more often, and improve their grades on report cards. Also, children with low self-esteem are often more willing to interact with an animal than with another person. Pets can also teach children empathy and compassion.

### Getting Kids Excited About Reading

"We didn't invent the concept of a child reading to a pet, but we were the first to use the structure," said Kathy Klotz, executive director of the Reading Education Assistance Dogs program (R.E.A.D.). She refers to depictions of people read-

ing to dogs in Victorian times, and she has heard several adults admit that they used to read to their dog in the closet as a child. "There is no question that children are terribly eager to read to a dog."

Parents don't necessarily have to wait until a program like R.E.A.D. comes to their child's school. They can try this at home with their children, Klotz said, as long as the dog or cat is trained and able to stay calm for at least 20 minutes while the child reads to it.

*Courtesy Pet Health*



*Reading to the dog increases reading scores.*

**"Can reading to a dog raise children's reading levels?"**

## More Shelter Photos



*Laying tile in what will now be the cat room.*



*Dog kennels, outside aisle.*



*Dog kennels, main aisle.*

## Paws 4 News

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## Guess What's Coming Up?

TBA - Petsmart Adoptions West-pointe Plaza

11th - National Pet Memorial Day

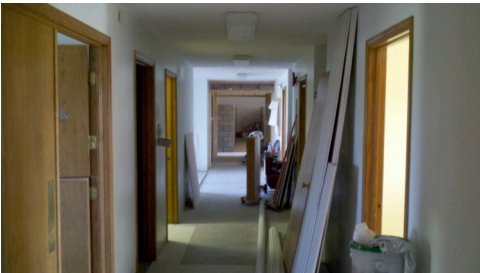
17th - Coonhound Companions Bark Park Day - help needed

17th & 18th - New shelter work days.

Week of the 18th - National Dog Week

28th - World Rabies Day

November 5th - Paws & Pals Dinner and Auction, Der Dutchman. Donations needed.



*Above: hallway during construction.*



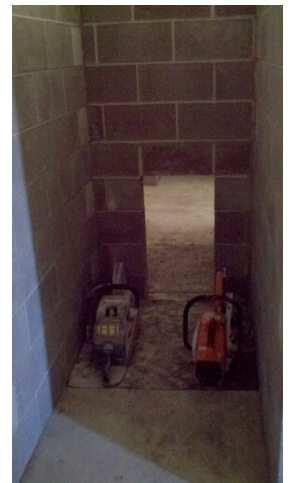
*Above: renovations beginning for Neuterville.*



*Above: drainage being put in kennel area.*



*Left: dog kennel*



*Right: kennel with door opening to adjacent kennel*