

Open House and Adopt-a-thon



Come See our new digs!

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Many of you have already stopped by to see our wonderful new shelter and many more of you are anxious to see it. While we have been officially open since January second, we've been serving the public, unpacking, organizing, and finding our rhythm.

We are please to announce we are having an Open House and Adopt-a-thon. This event will start Friday, February 10th from 1:00pm to 7:00pm and continue Saturday, February 11th from noon to 5:00pm and Sunday, February 12th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

Tours will be given. There will be door prizes along with refreshments. Bring an item from the wish list below and get an additional raffle

ticket.

Several of the animals will have "Open House" discounts on their adoptions fees. The goal of this huge event is to give the public a complete tour of the new Humane Society shelter and also find forever homes for as many animals as possible.

We hope that you will come out whether you are looking to adopt a pet or not. Come and see what we are doing to help the homeless and lost animals of Madison County. And be sure and invite everyone you know to come as well.

Wish List

- Postage Stamps
- Reams of copy paper

- Cat litter: bagged or boxed.
- Packs of paper towels.
- Gas cards for shelter vans
- Packs of AA batteries.
- Heavy duty trash bags.
- Welcome mat
- Rubber-backed door mat
- Packs of plain thank you cards
- Mr. Clean Magic Erasers for cleaning.

Make plans to attend and we'll see you there! And yes, we could use some volunteers that weekend.

For those of you who like a little pomp and circumstance, we will have a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday 2/10 at 1:00pm.

Meet Zsa Zsa

You should know: she's not a dog fan at all.

Passionate about: people.

She'd whisper in your ear: cats can help keep you healthy.

Longs for: a home where she can be the center of attention.

Wants you to know: she's very affectionate.

Zsa Zsa is a gorgeous 3 year old female brown tabby cat. She's feline leukemia and FIV negative, up-to-date on all shots, and spayed. She's playful and wonderful and ready for a forever family. She doesn't like dogs, but doesn't mind other cats as long as they don't pester her.

As a Princess, her adoption fee has been reduced to \$30.00

You can fill out an adoption application on line. More infor-

I'd spruce up your home!



I'm part of the princess castle collection.

Information is available on www.petfinder.com or by calling the shelter at 614-359-7560

Worthy quote:

"We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."

- Immanuel Kant

Help us while you shop. It's easy to do and Kroger will donate a percentage of almost every purchase you make to help the homeless animals in our care. Kroger Plus cards are available at any Kroger's. **TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:** Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com

Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with the Humane Society of Madison County after you sign up.

- Click on Sign In/Register

Kroger Card

- Once registered, click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.



- Enter our NPO number (81167) or our name, select us from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are en-

rolled correctly, you will see our name on the right side of your information page.

- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for use until after you register your card.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

If you are already registered it's time to resign up and remember to name us as your charity!

Thanks to You

Thanks to your generosity and help we had a great 2011.

- 168 dogs found forever home though us.
- 36 dogs were sent to

rescues.

- 54 cats went to their forever homes
- 1 rabbit went to rescue.
- 97 dogs were reunited with their

families.

We look forward to another great year serving the community.



You helped us find forever homes like this one!

Pet Tip: Water

Water is essential for life. While we and our pets could go a few weeks without food, we could only last a few days without water.

This time of year it is important to think about water. Temperatures are well below freezing and outdoor animals can't get enough water by eating snow or ice. They must have access to clean non-frozen water.

Make sure to check outside water bowls several times per day and replace icing water

with clean water without ice. Consider placing bowls near the house or in the garage if it is accessible to delay freezing.

Encourage water consumption for indoor pets or pets that go in and out by discarding water in the bowl and replacing it with fresh water everyday.

Also, remember to wash water (and food) bowls on a regular basis. It is helpful to have more than one set. Consider dishwasher safe bowls.

Wish List

This month the shelter could really use:
In addition to our Open House list:

Clay litter

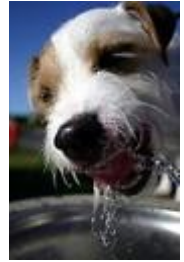
Morton (yellow bag) water softener salt

C batteries

Bleach

Small office sized trash bags

Cork board roughly 23" x 17"



Pets need fresh unfrozen water at all times.

Did You Know?

- The Mars family horse, Snickers, was the name chosen for the candy bar we all know.
- Roosters can't crow if they can't fully extend their necks.
- The placement of a donkey's eyes in its head enable it to see all 4 feet at the same time.
- A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.
- The cheetah is the only cat in the world that can't retract its claws.
- A full grown bear can run as fast as a horse.
- The closest relative to the manatee is the elephant.

Veterinary Dental Health Month

All of us recognize the importance of brushing and flossing our teeth everyday and seeing our dentist on a regular basis, but what about our pets? The value of dental care for our furry friends is often overlooked. This oversight leaves them susceptible to health issues that can be easily preventable.

February is National Dental Health Month. It is the perfect time to look at your pet's dental needs and make some changes to your home routine. Many vets offer discounts on dental cleanings during this month.

Good dental health is more than solving bad breath problems. Infections in the mouth can be the source of infection in joints, the lungs, the heart and even the liver. Veterinary dental specialist feel that dental disease is the top disease affecting adult pets.

By the age of 3 years, over 80% of dogs and 70% of cats some type of periodontal disease. This periodontal disease can include gingivitis, periodontal infections, oral tumors, and even fractured teeth,

Home dental care is essential between professional cleaning at the veterinarian. In addition to brushing, owners should examine their pets mouths for bad breath, broken or discolored teeth, tartar build up, sores or tumors and schedule a trip to the vet if these are found.

Ask your vet or vet tech about learning to brush your pet's teeth, water additives, treats and toys that will help keep their teeth in great shape.

Good dental health is more than solving bad breath problems.



Check to see if your vet is offering dental specials.

Bites from the Director

Dear HSMC Supporter,

The Humane Society of Madison County has moved into our new shelter located at 2020 ST RT 142 NE, West Jefferson OH 43162. This new shelter has been a dream of many animal lovers and pet owners for a long time. If you have not made it out for a tour, we are open Monday to Friday from 1pm to 5pm and Saturday noon to 5pm. Closed on Sunday and all major holidays. Once winter is over, we are planning some evening hours.

The new shelter has been a blessing for the shelter animals, the shelter staff and public. All is now under one roof and there is a room for folks to visit with the animals. It will be easier to keep clean and providing even better care for the animals. Of course with this new

shelter will come more expenses for the HSMC. Now that we are no longer on county property, the HSMC will have to pay all utilities, have the lawn mowed, snow removed, etc. These are expenses we never had before. The HSMC board knew we would have more responsibility at the new shelter, however, it is worth it. We are hoping you feel the same.

Below is the membership form for 2012. By becoming a member, you will help in providing the funds to continue our mission of caring for Madison County homeless animals. You will receive information on fundraising events, special member only events, and so much more. We can only print so many newsletters so if at all possible, please let us send our newsletter to your e-mail.

Be assured we will not share your e-mail address with anyone. We have big plans for the HSMC in 2012 and we are sure you will not want to miss a thing.

If you would be interested in helping the HSMC at the shelter or with some of our events, please ask us to send you a volunteer form or pick one up at the shelter. Even volunteering for a few hours a month can make the biggest different to the HSMC and the animals in our care.

Again, we thank you for your support of the Humane Society of Madison County and we hope you have a Great New Year!

Sincerely,
Betty Peyton
HSMC Shelter Director

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Single -\$10.00 Family - \$25.00 Business - \$50.00* \$75.00 \$100.00 \$150.00 Voting- \$250.00

* A gift of this amount or more will entitle you to mailings of our newsletter.

Name: _____

Telephone # : _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

If you would like volunteer information, please circle Yes

To help save the funds for the care of animals, newsletters & upcoming events can be emailed to you. Your email address will not be shared with others.

Please make checks payable to the Humane Society of Madison County and mail this form & funds to
HSMC
P.O. Box 777
London OH 43140

Gifts to the Humane Society of Madison County are tax deductible as allowed by law.



You can be part of the change you wish to see in the world.

“Even volunteering a few hours a month can make a big difference...”

- Betty



Be a part of something great!

Dear Dogs and Cats,

The following was found posted **very low** on a refrigerator door.

Dear Dogs and Cats: The dishes with the paw prints are yours and contain your food. The other dishes are mine and contain my food. Placing a paw print in the middle of my plate and food does not stake a claim for it becoming your food and dish, nor do I find that aesthetically pleasing in the slightest.

The stairway was not designed by NASCAR and is not a race-track. Racing me to the bottom is not the object. Tripping me doesn't help because I fall faster than you can run.

I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this. Do not think I will continue sleeping on the couch to ensure your comfort, however. Dogs and cats can actually curl up in a ball when they sleep. It is not necessary to sleep per-

pendicular to each other, stretched out to the fullest extent possible. I also know that sticking tails straight out and having tongues hanging out on the other end to maximize space is nothing but sarcasm.

For the last time, *there is no secret exit from the bathroom!* If, by some miracle, I beat you there and manage to get the door shut, it is not necessary to claw, whine, meow, try to turn the knob or get your paw under the edge in an attempt to open the door. I must exit through the same door I entered. Also, I have been using the bathroom for years - canine/feline attendance is not required.

The proper order for kissing is: Kiss me first, then go smell the other dog's or cat's butt. I cannot stress this enough.

Finally, in fairness, dear pets, I have posted the following message on the **front door:**
TO ALL NON-PET

OWNERS WHO VISIT AND LIKE TO COMPLAIN ABOUT OUR PETS

- (1) They live here. You don't.
- (2) If you don't want their hair on your clothes, stay off the furniture. That's why they call it 'fur'-niture.
- (3) I like my pets a lot better than I like most people.
- (4) To you, they are animals.. To me, they are adopted sons/daughters who are short, hairy, walk on all fours and don't speak clearly.

Remember, dogs and cats are better than kids because they:

- (1) eat less,
- (2) don't ask for money all the time,
- (3) are easier to train,
- (4) normally come when called,
- (5) never ask to drive the car,
- (6) don't hang out with drug-using people;
- (7) don't smoke or drink,
- (8) don't want to wear your clothes,
- (9) don't have to buy the latest fashions,
- (10) don't need a ga-



The notes was posted low for them to read.

"I cannot buy anything bigger than a king sized bed. I am very sorry about this."

- Unknown



zillion dollars for college and
(11) **you can make sure they never get pregnant**

Give From the Heart



Help us find Arthur a home!

“We can do no great things; only small things with great love.”

- Mother Teresa



Come make a difference, walk, pet, groom, hang out with our animals

This month is all about love and celebrating that love. This issue of the newsletter celebrates many things, our love of animals, the things we can do to help them, and how who we are drives us to do what we do.

We know that if you're reading this you love animals or you love someone who does.

Right about now you're probably thinking that this is a Valentine's Day appeal. Well, it is and it isn't. Certainly if you *want* to donate feel free to send us a check or donate on-line (www.hsmcoho.com).

We all lead busy full lives. Every person reading this has said, “Someday I want to...” or “When I get the time...” But how do you get the time?

H. Jackson Brown said, “Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to

Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.” And he's right.

We're not talking about devoting your whole life to helping, but perhaps you could do one easy, small thing. And if all of us did one easy, small thing then it would



add up to one big amazing thing.

Consider giving us one of these 9 easy gifts from your heart:

1. **Save your soda cans.** Put them in bags and bring them to the shelter. Save them from that Super Bowl party you're at this Sunday and ask friends, family and
2. **Recycle papers.** And magazines and catalogues and non-confidential papers. Collect from everyone and bring them to our green recycling dumpsters at the shelter (coming soon), Wal-Mart, K-Mart and Kroger's. Let us know if you have a place that will let us put a bin. It doesn't have to be in Madison County. We'll take your shredded paper too (just make sure it is bagged).
3. **Shop on line.** When you shop on line go through www.igive.com and designate us as your charity. It won't cost you any more than going to a site directly and we get a percent-

co-workers to help. Then, bring them by the shelter at any time.

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age of your purchase.

4. **Recycle those gifts.** Everyone gets something they don't like at Christmas. Give it to us. We'll use it in one of our fundraisers to help the animals. And those empty baskets that had fruit or other things in them? We'll take those too. We make up many of the baskets for our fundraisers.

5. **Search and donate.** Go to www.goodsearch.com and designate us and we'll get money every time you search the internet.

6. **Give us your old towels and blankets.** Yes, we use them and no, we don't care how old or worn they are.

7. **Pick up an extra one.** We can always use paper

towels, bleach, toilet paper, copy paper, dog and cat treats. Grab an extra one when you go shopping.

8. **Pass this newsletter along.** Forward this to everyone you know and ask them to do the same. The more people who know



about the work we do the better. And for those who live really far away, we hope this inspires them to adopt when adding a four-footed family member and to help out a local shelter or rescue.

9. **Share your talents.** We know you have them. Do you bake? We have bake sales. Do you like to write?

We'd love to have you write something for the newsletter. Do you like people? Consider helping out for a few hours at an adoption event or setting up at a fundraiser or helping us make follow up calls. Whatever you want to do we're glad to have you.

We hope you'll pick at least one small easy thing to help the homeless animals. Of course if you have a big enormous thing or idea you want to do, we'll take that too.

From all of us at the shelter we wish you a Valentine's Day full of warm hugs.



Little things add up to big things.

“Try not. Do! Or do not! There is no try...”

- Yoda



Pitty hopes you get lots of warm furry hugs!

Paws 4 News

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Finding Forever Homes for Our Furry Friends.



Promoting Life. Promoting Adoption.



Guess What's Coming Up?

2/10 - 12th: Open House and Adopt-a-thon, volunteers needed.

April - Tour for Life more details next issue

Late Spring - Cash-4-Kibble - more details soon.

Give a gift that will love homeless dogs for years to come!

Give a Meaningful Gift for Valentine's Day!

Tired of sending roses and chocolates to your sweetheart for Valentine's Day? Why not give a gift that will bring comfort to a homeless pet for years! We have some Kuranda dog beds which provide the dogs with a soft, dry place off the floor to sleep, but we don't have enough for everyone. The company is offering special discounts for these beds

through a Donation Program which sends the beds directly to the shelter in the donor's name.

The beds are sturdy and long lasting so you will be providing a lasting gift for a dog today and another tomorrow for many tomorrows to come. We can use sizes 35x23, 30x20, 25x18. Please call Kuranda at 800-494-7122 or go to their website at www.kuranda.com to donate a bed to a shelter dog in our shelter in your

name, or as a gift in the name of your two legged or four legged Valentine. Simply click on the donate a bed button at the bottom of the screen. Make sure to select our shelter. Kuranda will mail a personalized Gift Card acknowledgement directly to them from you.

Please remember the dogs in the shelter during this cold winter and all year long!