



WOOD COUNTY
Humane
Bowling Green, Ohio Society

2015

Annual Report



“The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.”

—Mahatma Gandhi

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WCHS Staff

Shelter Manager.....Erin Moore

Assistant Manager.....Tim Sanders

Humane Agent.....Katie McClure

Volunteer Coordinator.....Tonya Burkett

Outreach Coordinator.....Megann Smith

Animal Care Staff.....Olga Clay, Cassie Williams, April
McCurdy, Melanie Bracco, Michaela Brickner, Bailey Simmons, Kyle Macke



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Vice President of Shelter Operations.....Debbie Johnson, DVM, CAWA
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S.N.I.P.....Leyna Jennings
Members.....Amanda Barnett,
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Volunteers Who Logged More Than 100 Hours in 2015

Lynne Helm

Liesel Traister

Matt Skivers

Glenda Swartz

Hayley Rish

Kristen Grom

Kyle Macke

Jess Apodaca

Christina Link

Bethany Black

Hannah Goltz

Dawn Urie

Perry and Dawn Hamman

Barb Arnold

Christy Deutschman

Irene Rieman

Sara Thompson

Connie Cadwallader

Rogers Family

Tom and Donna McCurdy

The Friends of the WCHS

Kathy Dean

Sue Frost

Connie Black-Postl

Kyle Silvers

2015 Fosters for WCHS

Cufr Family

Cassie Williams and Brent Bloomfield

April McCurdy

Chuck and Christy Spontelli

Phyllis Chaney

Bauer Family

Michaela Brickner

Chris and Katrina Livingston

Tracy DeRan

Brian and Laurie Harple

Brigitta Burks

Guck Family

Melanie Bracco

Megan Wood (Formerly Megan Baker)

Leyna Jennings

Bostater Family

Erianna Sherrod

Matt Skivers

Olga Clay

Sara Thompson

Victoria Dawes

Maddie Corcoran

Dave and Kathy Ledford

Erin Moore

Annual Award Winners

MINNIEBELLE CONLEY COMMUNITY AWARD

Jarrold Demski, Heidelberg Distributing Company

The Minniebelle Conley Community Award is presented annually to a generous community partner whose contributions have significantly assisted us in fulfilling our organization's mission: to bring about the best possible treatment and quality of life for all animals in Wood County. Jarrold Demski specifically was nominated for this distinction because of Heidelberg Distributing Company's long-time sponsorship of one of our major fund-raising events: the annual Wine & Dine. Without Jarrold's and Heidelberg's generous in-kind and monetary donations each year, the Wine & Dine would not be nearly as successful as it currently is and the WCHS would not be able to fund the annual care of as many animals as we currently are able to fund.

SPECIAL FRIEND OF THE ANIMALS

Kristen Grom

The Special Friend of the Animals Award is presented annually to one of our supporters who over time has shown a marked commitment and dedication not only to WCHS, but more specifically to the animals. This award typically is used to recognize those who are instrumental in creating a better quality of life for the animals under our care. Kristen Grom specifically was nominated for this distinction given her long-time volunteerism with WCHS. Not only has Kristen's outstanding videography and photography work been instrumental in getting our name into the community so that as many people as possible know what WCHS is and what WCHS does, but also her photographs in particular have been key in helping our animals find their forever homes much more quickly than might otherwise have been possible.

ELLEN FULLER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

John Aleksander

The Ellen Fuller Volunteer of the Year Award is presented annually to one or more of our many dedicated volunteers in recognition of outstanding service to the organization. John Aleksander specifically was nominated for this distinction because of his dedication and commitment to the SNIP program (including transporting the animals back and forth to Humane Ohio), as well as his service on the Board of Directors as Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee. Of particular relevance to John's nominator was that, over the past year, John has been instrumental in initiating a series of changes to the shelter that have resulted in a greater quality of life for our animals.

WANDA LOOMIS HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR

Connie Cadwallader

The Wanda Loomis Humanitarian of the Year Award is presented annually to an individual who demonstrates a marked devotion to and an active engagement in the promotion of animal welfare in Wood County. Connie Cadwallader was nominated for this distinction for many different reasons. Connie's nominator noted her avid dedication to our SNIP program and Connie's advocacy for our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts, explaining, "I can't tell you how many cats Connie has single-handedly trapped/help trap, transported/help transport, and funded/help fund, but it's enough to make an enormous difference in those lives she has touched (both people and animals)!"

Shelter Report

Erin Moore, Shelter Manager

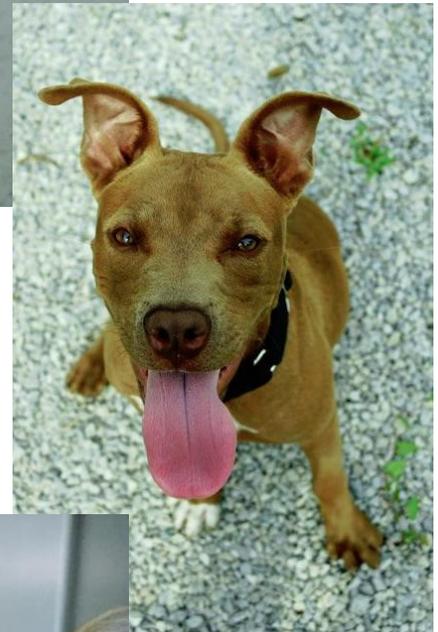
Dogs

Received:

Owner Surrender	33
Transfers	67
Adoption Returns	22
Cruelty Confiscations	17
Strays	3
<u>Abandoned</u>	<u>4</u>
	146

Outcomes:

Adoption	146
Transfers	3
Returns to Owners	4
Euthanized	2
<u>Died in Care</u>	<u>5</u>
	160



Cats

Received:

Owner Surrender	47
Transfers	8
Adoption Returns	35
Cruelty Confiscations	3
Strays	281
<u>Abandoned</u>	<u>3</u>
	377

Outcomes:

Adoption	387
Transfers	6
Returns to Owners	11
Euthanized	26
<u>Died in Care</u>	<u>4</u>
	434



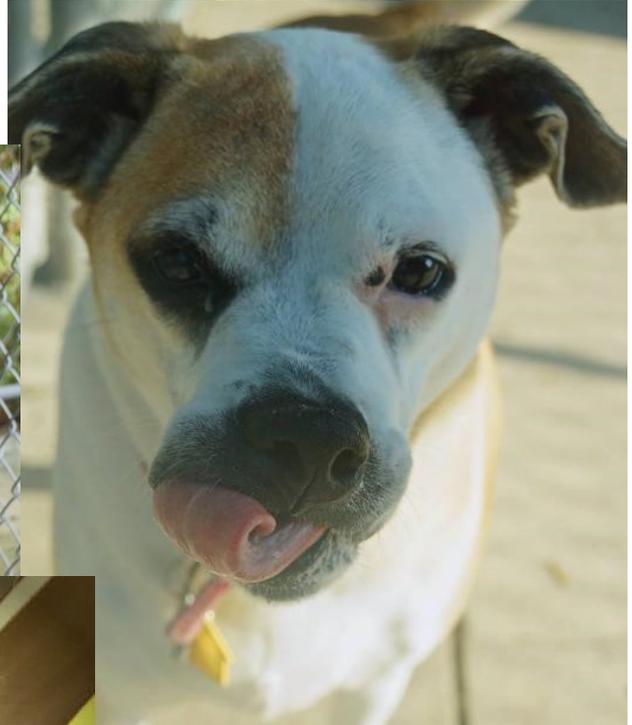
Other Animals

Received:

Owner Surrender	0
Transfers	0
Adoption Returns	0
Cruelty Confiscations	1
Strays	7
<u>Abandoned</u>	<u>0</u>
	8

Outcomes:

Adoption	4
Transfers	1
Returns to Owners	3
Euthanized	0
<u>Died in Care</u>	<u>0</u>
	8



Key Facts From the Shelter in 2015

Regarding Our Dogs:

- ◆ Transfers in from other agencies are up 40 percent compared to 2014; some partners with which we regularly worked in 2015 include the Wood County Dog Shelter, Lucas County Canine Care, and the Humane Society of the United States Emergency Placement Program.
- ◆ Adoptions are up 12 percent compared to 2014.

Regarding Our Cats:

- ◆ Owner surrenders are up 21 percent compared to 2014.
- ◆ Transfers in from other agencies are up 21 percent compared to 2014.
- ◆ Strays are up 16 percent compared to 2014.

Overall:

- ◆ Adoptions are up 31 percent compared to 2014.
- ◆ Returns to owners are up 10 percent compared to 2014.
- ◆ Our wait list is down 100 percent by the end of December compared to 2014. Specifically, on December 31, 2014, we had 19 households and 300 cats on the wait list; on December 31, 2015, we had zero.
- ◆ In 2015, we completed 250 spay/neuter surgeries in shelter and 271 total surgeries in shelter.



Vice President of Shelter Operations Report

Debbie Johnson, DVM, CAWA

This has been a very busy and exciting year at the Wood County Humane Society!

Several new members joined our team in 2015. Katie McClure is our new Humane Agent. Katie attended training in Columbus in August, was appointed shortly thereafter and began investigating cases of cruelty and neglect in Wood County. We also filled our Assistant Manager position. Tim Sanders joined us in September, bringing many years of shelter experience with him. Finally, we created a part-time position for a volunteer coordinator, which was filled by Tonya Burkett. Tonya has hit the ground running and is organizing and expanding our volunteer program. We are so happy to have these new team members and invite you to stop by and meet them!

Another big change in 2015 was adding the ability to do surgeries in our shelter. Our organization has been working towards this for a long time, and we are so excited to see it happen. Thanks to a wonderful donor, Jean Miller, we were able to purchase discounted medical equipment and some used stainless steel cages. The first surgery was performed in-house in August. We are very lucky to have Dr. Stephanie Fecht contracting her services for us. Dr. Fecht is one of only a handful of veterinarians in northwest Ohio with shelter experience. In addition to providing spay and neuter surgeries for our animals, we are also able to provide many other surgeries and medical procedures, including dental work, which helps to make our animals more adoptable. Providing these surgeries in-house is not only more cost-effective, but it also decreases the amount of time an animal is waiting before being available to go home with an adopter.



We are also providing spay/neuter surgeries for stray cats at our shelter for a very low fee. We have live-traps available to rent, so if you have stray cats in your area of Wood County, then feel free to call and schedule an appointment. We continue to provide transportation to Humane Ohio for low-cost services for owned animals once a month.

If you have been to our shelter lately, then you have probably noticed we have been hard at work sprucing up the place! Our first project was our cat rooms. Thanks to a generous donor and a successful crowdfunding campaign, we were able to purchase new state-of-the-art cages for our



cats that prefer not to roam free. We also painted, installed a new sink and cabinets, and provided lots of fun perches and beds for our cats. We think you'll agree with them that it's a pretty fun place to be while they wait for their new homes!

Our next project was painting and reorganizing our surgery room, cat intake room, and kitchen, and creating a staff break room out of a former storage area. Then we moved on to renovating the dog kennels. Thanks to our Board members taking this on as a service project, we were able to complete the renovations in less than a week. The kennels have been painted, and a new stainless steel bathing tub was installed. This tub was paid for through the Petfinder Foundation's Paws for Cause grant. Money from that grant was also used to pay for kongs for our dogs and "adopt me" vests the dogs can wear when they are out in public. Our dogs sure seem to like the results, and we think you will too. Finally, we are ending the year by turning a closet/storage area into a space for our

volunteers. Our volunteer coordinator will have an office space where volunteers can check in, see what volunteer opportunities are coming up, and feel like they have a little space of their own—emphasis on little, but functional !

While we were busy updating our shelter's appearance, we were also working on updating how we deliver services to our community. We have reviewed and revised our adoption application and contract. We instituted variable adoption fees, with fees now based on a dog or cat's age and size. This strategy helps us lower adoption fees for animals that might have taken a little longer to get adopted in the past, like senior pets or those with minor medical issues. At the same time, we began running frequent adoption promotions, with the goal of engaging our community more and encouraging them to consider adoption when looking for a new pet. We reduced our prices for March Madness, Black Friday, and St. Patrick's Day to name just a few. Stay tuned for more fun promotions in 2016!

All of these improvements that we have worked so hard on in 2015 have allowed us to adopt out even more animals with your help. This has allowed us to help other local animal organizations by transferring their animals into our shelter. We have done this with both the Wood County Dog Shelter and the Lucas County Canine Care and Control, and have signed on as Emergency Placement Partners with HSUS, which means we will help by taking in animals from disasters and hoarding cases. We are proud to be able to help homeless animals within our community

and to be able to spread our reach to help animals in need outside our area. Beginning in December, we started housing cats at the Petco store in Bowling Green. We are so happy to be partnering with Petco, and know that we can help even more animals thru our ability to reach more adopters at this location.

We are profoundly grateful to be able to help homeless animals, and recognize that we could not do any of this important work without you, our supporters. Whether you donate money or supplies, “like” us on social media, share pictures of adoptable animals, clean cages, walk dogs, play with cats, host or attend fundraisers, or help us in any other way, each of our victories is also your victory. When we saved over 500 lives in 2015, each one of those numbers represents a best friend made, a family completed, and each of those small victories also belongs to you. We thank you for all that you continue to do to help homeless animals in Wood County. We hope you share our pride in what we have accomplished in this past year and our excitement for what we will accomplish together in 2016!



Humane Agent Report

Katie McClure, Humane Agent

Year to Date - Cruelty Complaints

January - 25 cruelty complaints received, 27 closed cases, 44 rechecks
February - 17 cruelty complaints received, 17 closed cases, 34 rechecks
March - 21 cruelty complaints received, 13 closed cases, 40 rechecks
April - 25 cruelty complaints received, 19 closed cases, 48 rechecks
May - 32 cruelty complaints received, 27 closed cases, 40 rechecks
June - 19 cruelty complaints received, 15 closed cases, 39 rechecks
July - 11 cruelty complaints received, 15 closed cases, 29 rechecks
August - 18 cruelty complaints received, 13 closed cases, 20 rechecks
September - 20 cruelty complaints received, 15 closed cases, 74 rechecks
October - 34 cruelty complaints received, 28 closed cases, 113 rechecks
November - 17 cruelty complaints received, 18 closed cases, 122 rechecks
December - 26 cruelty complaints received, 17 closed cases, 147 rechecks

Total cruelty complaints received: 264

Total closed cases: 224

Total rechecks: 750

Open Cruelty Complaint Calls: 30

Closed Cases Categories:

Education: 102

Unfounded: 76

Owner Surrender: 16

Other Agency Referral: 31

Unable to Locate: 6

Abandonment: 1

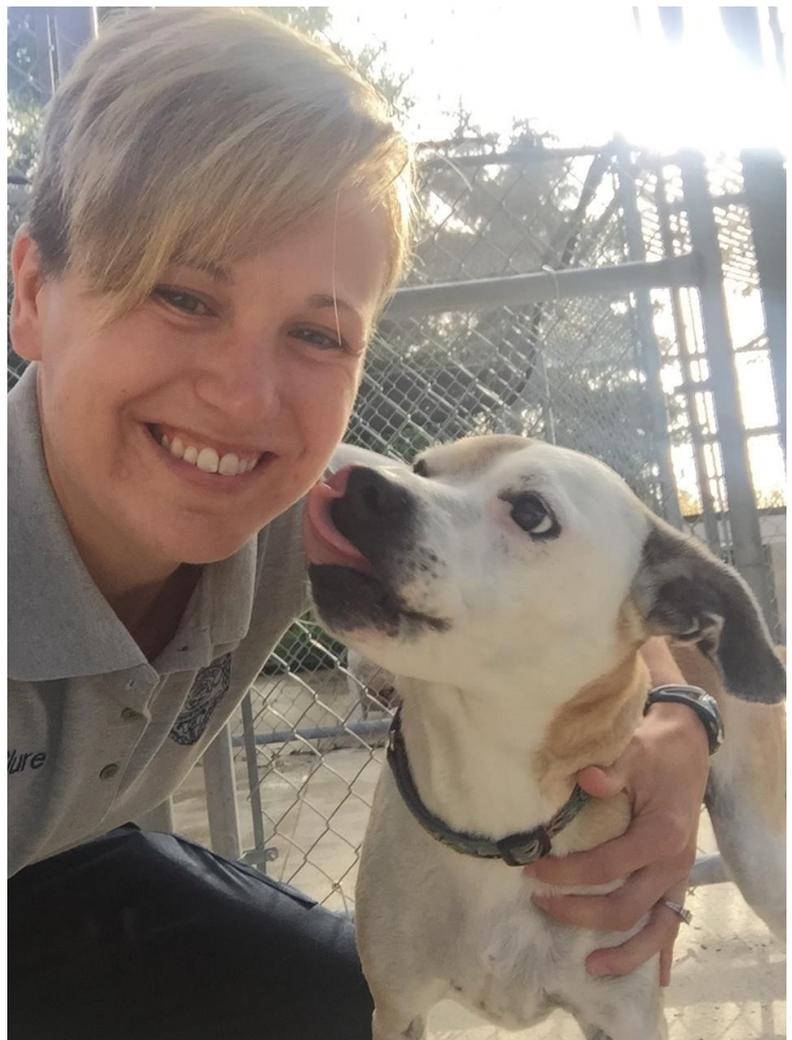
Poisoning: 1

Shooting: 1

Charges Filed: 8

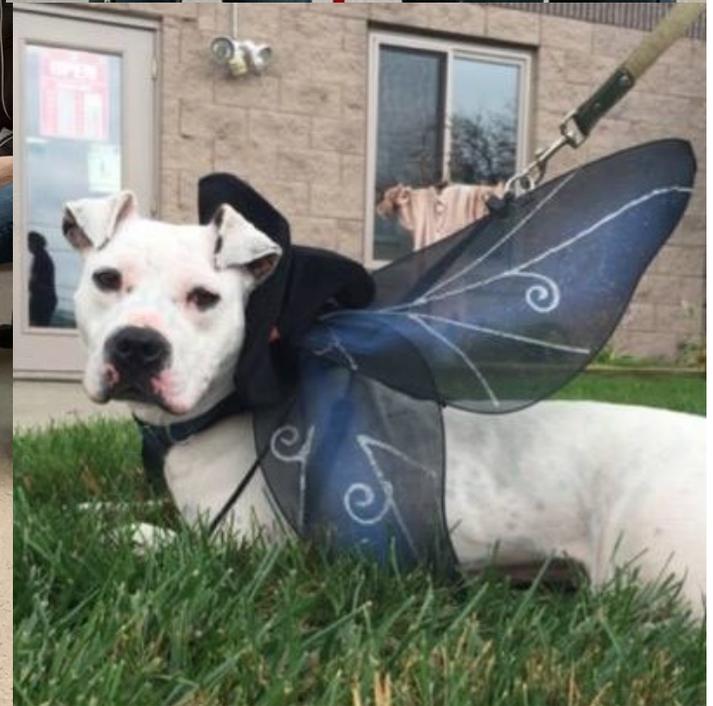
Investigations with other Agencies:

Bowling Green Animal Control, Perrysburg Township Police Department, Wood County Sheriff's Department, Toledo Area Humane Society, Wood County Health Department, Bloomdale Police Department, Village of Weston Township, Ohio



Department of Natural Resources, Rossford Police Department, Lake Township Police Department, Maumee Animal Control, Seneca County Humane Society, Henry Township.

Training Opportunities: Basic Humane Agent Training (24 hours) - Ohio Peace Officers Training Association, Training with Toledo Area Humane Society.



Outreach Coordinator Report

Megann Smith, WCHS Outreach Coordinator

EVENTS:

January:

4 adoption events
0 resulting adoptions
Select donations

February:

8 adoption events
5 held at pet stores
3 held at Woodland Mall
0 resulting adoptions
Select donations
1 private event: leadership presentation for youth

March:

2 adoption events
0 resulting adoptions
Select donations
1 private event: shelter tour

April:

2 adoption events
0 resulting adoptions
Select donations
3 private events: shelter tour, Montessori school presentation, Senior Citizen Home Visit
Spring Poster Contest--low participation

May:

2 adoption events
0 resulting adoptions
Select donations
4 private events: 2 Montessori School presentations, 2 Library presentations
Open House was held--large attendance, lots of adoptions, not sure if result of open



house or ongoing special for the weekend

June:

2 private events: 2 library presentations
Kitten Shower was held--various donations, sparked volunteer interest

July:

4 private events: 4 library presentations

August:

No activity



September:

2 adoption events
 0 resulting adoptions
 Select donations
 1 private event: Nursing home visit
 BGSU Volunteer Fair: mostly ended up referring those interested to Friends of the WCHS due to lack of transportation

October:

1 adoption event
 0 resulting adoptions
 Select donations
 2 private events: FWCHS meeting, visit to nursing home
 Project Connect: aims to help those in need locally, we had a booth set up to promote food assistance and SNIP
 BGSU Homecoming Parade: Tonya's first outing!!! Welcome aboard!
 Howl with the Humane Society: low attendance

November:

1 adoption event
 0 resulting adoptions
 Select donations
 BG Holiday Parade: 3 confirmed volunteers resulting in 3 dogs attending, more volunteers arrived the day of, resulted in 1 adop-

tion!

December:

9 adoption events
 7 at pet stores
 2 at Woodland mall run by campus group
 * 1 adoption event cancelled leaving total of 8 for the month
 1 resulting adoption
 Select donations
 1 private event: on campus educational booth ran by students
 Perrysburg Holiday Parade: cancelled participation due to lack of volunteers

NOCS

There is a new Executive Director.
 There is less pressure to sell minimum amount of event tickets.

PetSmart

Total of estimated 12 cats adopted from store Findlay-location store.
 Currently working on placing cats in Rossford.

PetCo

Total of 7 cats adopted from the store.
 (Began placement in December.)



2015 Financial Report

Connie Black-Postl, Treasurer

EXPENSES

Ordinary Expenses	\$337,144.78
Other Expenses	\$ 1,836.28
Promotional	\$ 227.98
Rent or Lease	\$ 254.00
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,319.48
Taxes and Licenses	\$ 42,185.95
Travel	\$ 70.30
Uncategorized Expenses	\$ 7,605.58
<u>Volunteer/Staff Recognition</u>	<u>\$ 2,838.29</u>
Total Expenses	\$395,482.64

INCOME

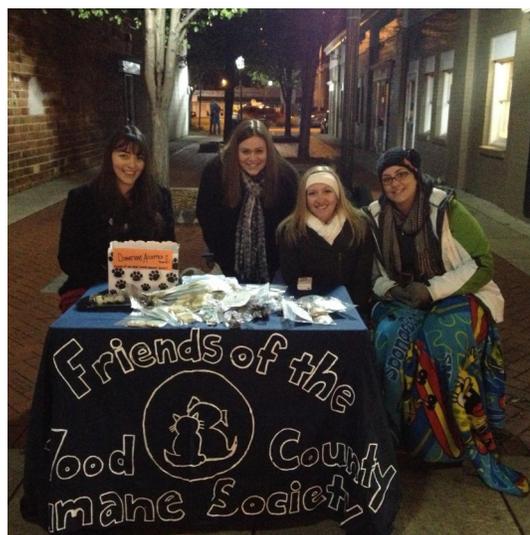
Ordinary Income	\$316,109.64
Uncategorized Income	\$ 24,293.00
<u>Other Income</u>	<u>\$ 87,545.46</u>
Total Income	\$427,948.10



Volunteer Coordinator Report

Tonya Burkett, WCHS Volunteer Coordinator

In 2015, the Wood County Humane Society began building a new volunteer program. This new program will hopefully make volunteering at the shelter more accessible to everyone in the community! While trying to construct a program from the ground up, we have made several changes: for example, changing the volunteer database from Volgistics to Better Impact, or better known as My Volunteer Page. The decision to transition to My Volunteer Page was based on the difficulty communicating with volunteers through Volgistics, not receiving help from Volgistics staff in a timely manner, and the cost of the database. Volgistics was also unable to allow volunteers to view their cumulative hours, and did not have a “time clock” which allows volunteers to “clock in” and “clock out” for different volunteering opportunities. Because of these factors, we decided to begin a trial period with My Volunteer Page and upon successful completion of that trial, we purchased the software. We have been using this new database for about a month and a half and have noticed a vast improvement to our volunteer program! We are easily able to communicate with volunteers, volunteers are able to contact the activity leader with any questions they may have on an upcoming opportunity, clock in or out at the shelter, and view their hours!



Another change we have made to the WCHS volunteer program is the age requirement! Children under 16 who are interested in volunteering may do so in the presence of a parent or guardian. Students who are 16+ may volunteer without a chaperone for a variety of tasks, including: assisting at adoption events, parades, or fundraising, serving as a feline friend, helping with shelter cleanings, and after a student has demonstrated responsibility and received appropriate training assisting as a canine companion. With this change, we hope that we are able to give anyone who is interested in supporting animals in need in Wood County a chance to do so!



In addition to changing the age requirement we are also

partnering with community organizations to allow all individuals to volunteer at the shelter! Every Saturday and Sunday morning, the honor students from the Juvenile Residential Center come to the shelter to assist us in morning cleanings. These students are so grateful they are often seen smiling while cleaning litterboxes! Several of these students are even interested in becoming a volunteer once they have completed the JRC program! We have also begun building a relationship with the non-profit PathStone chapter located in Bowling Green, Ohio. Pathstone assists individuals, ages 14-24, in education, occupational skills training, and job placement. The students in this program have a strong desire to help animals in need just as Pathstone has helped them when they were in need! We look forward to partnering with such a passionate group of individuals!

Just as we have begun partnering with community groups in need, the volunteer program of WCHS has also begun building a stronger connection with Bowling Green State University. The student organization, BGSU Friends of the Wood County Humane Society, has completed several successful fundraisers in our honor and they even walked several of our adoptable dogs in the Homecoming parade this past October! This upcoming 2016 spring semester, two classes will be spending a portion of their semester at the shelter volunteering in each of the different shelter areas. One of the courses, entitled Service Learning Workshop on Animal Ethics and Human Interaction, is requiring each of its potentially 25 students to complete 40 hours of service over a 10-week period! With this course alone, we could have BGSU students dedicating 1,000 hours of service! Due to BGSU having 16,000 students and requiring almost every major to complete volunteer hours, practicums, or internships to graduate,



we are hoping to give back to the students who assist us in-between their ever-busy schedules by developing internships in several different areas! Potential internships include: event planning, fundraising, animal care, education, accounting, outreach, animal behavior, and graphic design. To accommodate other BGSU student organizations or courses, we are introducing one-time group volunteer service opportunities. We are allowing groups to complete their flexible community service with us. We will assist different sized groups in activities which require little to no training, and no volunteer fees! But due to the limited available space at the Minniebelle Conley Shelter, we are unable to schedule service opportunities for groups of three (3) people or more at our permanent location. Examples of volunteer opportunities outside the shelter include: the group hosting a third-party fundraiser in honor of the Wood County Humane Society (approval is required), assisting in the care of adoptable cats stationed at the Bowling Green Petco, representing WCHS in a community parade, or assisting at special events such as a fundraiser or adoption event. We are anticipating that the volunteer program will continue to grow based on our increased community involvement throughout Wood County and BGSU!

In order to elevate the ease of communication to all volunteers and potential volunteers, we are utilizing the communication capability of the volunteer database but have also created a Facebook page and Twitter account to keep everyone up to date on the latest news and volunteer opportunities! The Facebook page is WCHS Volunteers, a private account but you may request a membership, and the Twitter page name is @WCHSVolunteers! Stay connected by befriending WCHS Volunteers through our social media pages!

If you are interested in volunteering at the Wood County Humane Society, then please visit our webpage to complete an application. For any other questions please contact Tonya Burkett, the Volunteer Coordinator, at: wchsvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com



Building & Grounds Committee Report



John Aleksander, Committee Chair

The Building & Grounds Committee had a busy year in 2015. The year began with Connie Black-Postl as Committee Chair; John Aleksander assumed that position later in the year. (Connie graciously accepted the Treasurer position when it became vacant.) Board member Jack Karsten is now also a member of the Building & Grounds Committee.



Significant renovations occurred throughout 2015 at the Shelter. Listed below are the highlights of what was accomplished. None of these projects would have been possible without the efforts and dedication of a number of volunteers from the Board, Shelter staff, WCHS members, BGSU students, and the community at large. Many thanks and much appreciation for all of the hard work is extended to all!



In preparation for upgrades, demolition of old cabinetry, countertops, shelving, animal cages and miscellaneous items occurred in the old intake and isolation rooms, both cat rooms, dog kennels, kitchen, front mechanical room and furnace room.

All walls and floors to be painted were extensively prepared to accept new coatings per the manufacture's specifications. (Read lots of hours of sanding, scraping, washing, taping

etc!)

Two-part epoxy paint was applied to the walls in the following areas: dog kennels, both cat rooms, new surgical room (old intake), isolation room, kitchen and new staff lounge (furnace room). The front mechanical room/new part-time office was painted with a standard epoxy paint.

Floors in both cat rooms and the staff lounge were coated with a two-part epoxy paint. Floors in the new surgical room, isolation room, kitchen and front mechanical/PT office area were coated with a specialized epoxy floor paint.



New cabinetry, countertops, shelving, specialized sinks and tubs, animal cages, and other accoutrements were installed in all of the newly painted areas. Appropriate plumbing and electrical work were completed to accommodate the new upgrades in these areas.

The Shelter's 28-year-old roof was evaluated and determined to be in need of replacement. By investing roughly \$4,000 in repairs this fall, we were able to extend the lifespan of the existing roof for another 2 to 3 years. Repairs have stopped existing leaks. The Heating, Ventilating and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems within the Shelter were also evaluated. There are significant problems with all aspects of the climate control within the building. Some repairs and temporary measures (special thanks to Dunbar Mechanical) are being undertaken to assure the safety and comfort of the animals, staff, volunteers and general public throughout the upcoming winter. Research into long-term repairs and/or replacements for the roof, HVAC systems, windows and doors (interior and exterior) and other structural necessities is being spearheaded by a Capitol Improvements Committee led by Board member Jack Karsten.

Installation of panic hardware on a gate in the outdoor dog kennel area was completed.

Committee Chair received a letter from the City of Bowling Green Fire Division notifying the Shelter that the fire safety re-inspection performed on June 18, 2015, found all previously cited fire code violations had been corrected.

These are the highlights of the past year for the Building & Grounds committee. In addition, there were numerous smaller improvements that have hopefully improved the quality of life for the animals and working conditions for the staff. Again, many thanks to everyone who helped with all the projects this past year and looking forward to continuing our work in 2016!

Fundraising Committee Report



Bethany DeLuca and Emily Keegan, Committee Co-Chairs

The Fundraising Committee is responsible for planning and carrying out major and minor events throughout the year to raise much needed funds required to follow our mission at WCHS. In 2015, Fundraising saw some milestones and the success of every major event! We also welcomed Bethany DeLuca as Co-Chair of the committee, and she has brought tons of enthusiasm and great ideas to the table.

In May we celebrated 20 years of Wine and Dine at Greystone Banquet Hall with presenting sponsor Paws and Remember. The move of this event to Perrysburg was a great success, and the hard working staff of Greystone were a pleasure to work with. Guests enjoyed a buffet by Carolyn's Catering, and danced the night away to cover tunes provid-

ed by Velvet Jones Band, bid generously on silent auctions, and had another great live auction with Jerry Anderson. The flowers donated again this year by Glendale Flowers were beautiful and very popular in the silent auction. We couldn't have had such a great event without our countless auction item donors and sponsors. Thank you Heidelberg Distributing, Glendale Flowers, WBGU TV, Lamar, Perrysburg Animal Care, and Invisible Fence!

Stephanie Squire Ringler and Joe Schroeder had another record breaking year at the annual Garage



Sale, raising more than \$15,000 in just three days. We are so grateful for the work they (and their amazing volunteers!) offer every year, and continue to be amazed by the participation of our community. Thank you!

Mutt Strut took place in October at the WW Knight Preserve in Perrysburg. We welcomed Lissa Guyton again this year as emcee and judge of The Pawgeant where our very own longest resident, Tamara, took home The Queen's Crown!

Thanks to Co-Chair Bethany Deluca, WCHS now has two online shops! The proceeds from these sites directly support WCHS and its mission. Visit our eBay store for dog and cat gear like leashes, collars, training supplies and costumes, and other items with our WCHS logo. Our Etsy shop features handmade accessories and home decor made by local artists.

In the new year, the Fundraising Committee will welcome a new Event Planning Intern. Working with the Committee Chair, this intern will learn about the importance of major events to non-profit organizations like WCHS and bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm as we lay plans for 2016.

If you are interested in joining this committee, then please send an email to the Fundraising Committee wchsfundraiser@gmail.com.



Membership Committee Report

Sue Frost, Committee Chair

Membership Committee: Plans and implements mailings to solicit new donors, including individuals and corporations; encourages past donors to continue giving; promotes estate planning; maintains all membership and donor records; acknowledges all monetary and in-kind donations.

2015 Activities:

3-1-14	Sent out 325 letters for renewals from 12-2-14 to 6-30-15)
4-14-15	Sent out 12,000+ letters for donations (Wood County Dog License)
6-20-15	Sent out 390 letters for renewals (1-1-15-9-30-15)
9-15-14	Sent out 3,500 letters for the Holiday!

Summary

- Joined the Fundraising Committee to help in soliciting auction items for Wine & Dine
- Secured kitchen cabinets (donated) for Shelter
- Sent letter to board members for their renewal of membership
- Logged over 200 volunteer hours for this Committee



Public Relations Committee Report

Heath A. Diehl and Andrea Szymkowiak, Committee Co-Chairs

Over the past calendar year, the Public Relations Committee has worked hard to strengthen the presence of our organization in northwest Ohio communities in many ways. For the second consecutive year, our adoptable animals were regularly (i.e., weekly) featured in *The Perrysburg Messenger Journal* and *The Rossford Record Journal*, and, over the past year, we secured a regular (again, weekly) feature of our adoptable animals in the Bowling Green *Sentinel-Tribune*. We are thankful to generous and supportive community partners like Deb Buker, Editor, Welch Publications, and Jan Larson McLaughlin, Editor, *Sentinel-Tribune*, for giving us and our animals a visibility in the community that we otherwise would not have had. We also have continued to include more local media outlets in the distribution of our press releases and have been met with lots of enthusiasm, support, and excellent coverage for our events and other happenings.

Perhaps the biggest development for the Public Relations Committee in 2015 was the migration of our newsletter, *Animal Corner*, from print to electronic format. Winter 2014 marked the publication of our final print newsletter and February 2015 ushered in the first electronic issue of our newsletter. This new format not only has saved our organization thousands of dollars in printing and mailing costs over this past year, but it also has allowed us to more efficiently and quickly bring our members more news about WCHS-related activities. In fact, over the past calendar year, we began publishing on a bimonthly, rather than a quarterly, basis. In 2016, we will continue to publish our newsletter electronically. Members can find new issues of *Animal Corner* in their e-mail inboxes and on our website on the first Monday of February, April, June, August, October, and December of the coming year! (If you have not yet signed up to receive *Animal Corner* via e-mail, then please subscribe by sending an e-mail to our Board Secretary.)

In February, we extended the scope of our communications with our membership. In collaboration with our Event Planner, Tara Moore, we began distributing announcements for upcoming WCHS events via Mailchimp, a mass e-mail distribution site that allows us to more effectively and efficiently target important communications to our membership. (If you would like to be added to our Mailchimp mailing list, then please e-mail our Board Secretary.)

In June, Board member Andrea Szymkowiak joined Heath A. Diehl as Co-Chair of the Public Relations Committee. Since assuming her new position, Szymkowiak has taken over the responsibility of drafting all WCHS-related press releases and distributing them to media outlets.



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Leyna Jennings, Committee Chair

During 2015, we had:

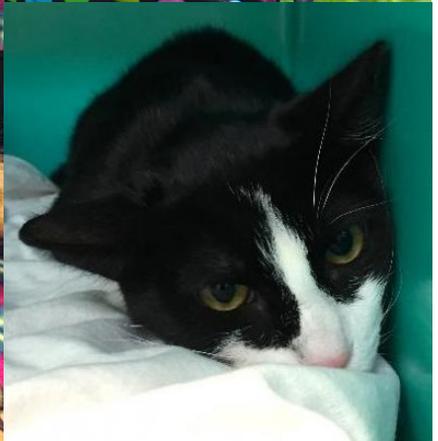
52 Shelter cats fixed through Humane Ohio

78 Public Cats fixed through Humane Ohio (31 stray, 42 owned, 5 Cocoon cats)

133 Cats fixed through out MRFRS Grant (87 stray, 46 owned)

162 Shelter animals fixed in shelter

88 Strays fixed in shelter



To all of our members, our community partners, our volunteers, our staff, and our supporters:

Thank You!

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for all your donations and support!

