



Our Mission

The mission of the Humane Society of Erie County is to educate residents on proper care, compassion, housing and support of animals as we work to connect them with their forever homes.

Our Animals

All animals at the shelter are spayed/neutered and receive necessary vaccinations prior to adoption. No animals are euthanized due to time spent at the shelter or lack of space.

Board Members

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Melissa Gundlach, RVT,
Executive Director
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Cassandra Shuman
Trynity Mock
Aneesa McGregor

Shelter Hours

Donation drop off 8am-3pm
Mondays-Saturdays

Animal room walk-throughs
Noon-3pm Mondays-Saturdays

Adoptions by appointment

Contact Us

1911 Superior Street
Sandusky, Ohio
(419) 626-6220
Fax: (419) 626-2061

Dear Shelter Friends,

What a year of growth and progress it has been here at the Humane Society of Erie County! We're excited to share some of this past year's highlights with you in our annual newsletter.

We'd like to let you know that this will be our final newsletter in a traditional mass mailing format. While printed copies will still be available upon request, we're making the shift toward digital communication. If you'd like to continue receiving updates from us using traditional mail, please contact us to let us know. If you'd like to keep in touch via email, please be sure we have your correct email address on file.

Over the past year, we've been busy with a wide range of projects — from building improvements and maintenance to much-needed computer and software upgrades. Change can be challenging, but we believe these “growing pains” will lead to long-term benefits for both our staff and the animals in our care.

One highlight of the year has been our technology upgrades, which came with a learning curve. We've been incredibly fortunate to have the assistance of a dedicated summer intern from Bowling Green State University, who's helped guide us through the process. You'll get to meet him later in this newsletter!

We've also continued to strengthen relationships with rescue partners, dog trainers, and local businesses — while building exciting new ones. Our volunteer program has expanded, and with it, our dog playgroups and canine outings. These opportunities are helping enrich the lives of our animals and increase their chances of finding forever homes.

There are a lot of moving parts at the shelter right now, and we're feeling energized and hopeful about what's ahead. We appreciate your patience as we adapt to new systems — and if we miss a call or message, please know it's not intentional. Don't hesitate to reach out again!

Every day, our staff, volunteers, and board members go above and beyond for the animals who depend on us. But we couldn't do any of it without you — your support truly makes our work possible. Thank you for being part of our village.

With gratitude,

Melissa





Stats for 2024:

- Brought in 539 cats & dogs
- Adopted out 516 cats & dogs

THANKS!

Thank you...

Erie County Community Foundation,
Erie County Community Foundation Youth Advisory
Council, Nord Family Foundation Matching Gift Program,
the Sidney Frohman Foundation, Ohio Pet Fund,
and the Endowment Fund of St. John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church of Union Corners.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

IRONMAN Ohio

Volunteer opportunity at the IRONMAN Ohio finish line. IRONMAN Foundation will donate to HSEC for volunteer hours worked. Sunday, July 20; online signup.

Golf Scramble

Friday, July 25, at Woussickett Golf Course

Yappy Hour

First Tuesday of every month until October; Old Dutch Tavern; 5-6pm

FurFest Silent Auction

Tuesday, December 2, The Winery, 6413 Hayes Ave., Sandusky

Pet Christmas Stockings

For sale beginning in November 2025

HSEC Wish List

Cash Donations for Spay/Neuter
and Medications
Bleach (Any Brand)
Gas Cards for the Van
Non-Clumping Cat Litter
Sensitive Stomach Cat and Kitten Food
Heavy Duty 13-Gallon Trash Bags
New Dog Toys for Hard Chewers
(Nyalbone, etc.)

Canned Cat/Kitten Food
Canned Sensitive Stomach Dog Food
Cat Toys
Canine and Feline Probiotics
Powder Laundry Detergent
Feliway & Adaptil,
low-stress pheromones



HUMANE SOCIETY OF ERIE COUNTY GOLF SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY JULY 25TH 2025



Woussickett
Golf Course
6311 W Mason Rd,
Sandusky OH
44870

\$100/Person
\$400/Team

18 holes of
golf w/ cart,
lunch, dinner,
drink ticket &
prizes

50/50, Raffles,
Games, & more



Register at Woussickett's website in the event tab
or at the QR code above.
For questions, please call the shelter at 419-626-6220

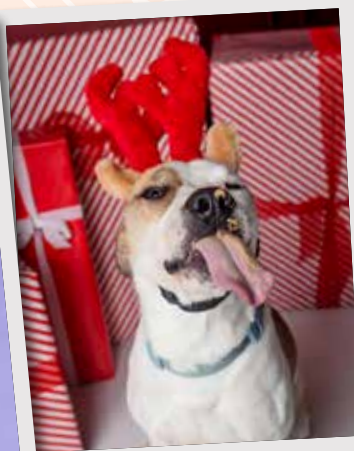
A Paws-itive Partnership with 1826 Photographic

It takes a village for us to do what we do each day for our very deserving animals. One way to help highlight their great personalities and increase chances for adoption is by using amazing photos. In January of 2023 the amazing people over at **1826 Photographic** reached out, and we have been working with them ever since!

Each month we take three dogs to their studio and these talented and patient photographers spend the needed time with our shelter dogs to help put their best face forward. The time put into the sessions as well as editing the images over the past two and a half years has added up to countless volunteer hours that we are grateful for. What a great job they do for our shelter dogs! We cannot thank them enough! Check out their website for information on these great people and their pet portrait packages: www.1826photographic.com.



Jessi



Django



Sparkles



Vinny

Meet Thomas: Our Summer IT Intern

With our technology upgrades on the horizon, we knew that we would benefit from some help! We were grateful to receive funding from the Dorn Foundation to cover the costs of an intern for us this summer. Meet Thomas! He has helped us integrate and utilize our new software, taught volunteers and staff about the new system, updated our website — adding resources and educational articles — and will help us install new computers made possible by the Sidney Frohman Foundation. He has been a pleasure to work with, and we are excited to see where his future will lead him.

Hi! I'm Thomas Kampf. I am interning here at HSEC to complete my degree in computer science at Bowling Green State University, which I expect to graduate from once the internship is over. I've been helping with a few of their systems such as moving volunteer signup from paper to online, making updates to the website, and more to come. The bonus of this job is that I do get to work with the animals which was a big reason why I wanted to work here. My plans for the future are to land a job as a web, database, or frontend developer. When I'm not at work, I like to play my bass guitar. My choice of music to play is all over the place, but if I had to pick a favorite genre and band it would be classic rock and my choice of band would be Dire Straits.





Give Smarter with a Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you're 70½ or older, you can make a tax-free donation directly from your IRA to your favorite charity — up to \$100,000 per year! A QCD helps you:

- Reduce your taxable income
- Satisfy your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- Support our mission without paying taxes on the donation

Contact your IRA custodian today to make a QCD and maximize your impact!

For more details, contact us at **419-626-6220** or **hsec.1911@gmail.com**.



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Contact us at hsec.1911@gmail.com to make sure we have your correct email address to continue receiving updates, or call us at (419) 626-6220. Printed copies will be available upon request.



Other Ways to Help

- **Kroger Community Rewards:** Link your Kroger card to an organization for a FREE way to donate funds to your favorite charity.
- **Ongoing aluminum can drive:** Save your aluminum and drop it off 24/7 at the shelter in our collection bin. We recycle it, and put the funds into our gas tank to get our animals to the veterinarian!
- **Chewy.com:** Check out our wish list for items, shop from home and have it shipped directly to us!
- **Amazon.com:** Check out our wish list for items, shop from home and have it shipped directly to us!
- **Shopping spree:** Head out for a shopping trip gathering items from our wish list on our website and drop off the donations 8am-3pm Mondays through Saturdays.
- **Walmart Spark:** Donate change by rounding up your purchase at checkout on Walmart.com by selecting us as your charity of choice!
- **Schedule a monthly donation through our secure website:** No fuss and no forgetting! Every donation helps!
- **Like & Follow us on Facebook:** Sharing our content and interacting with our Facebook page increases our audience, further promoting our animals to find homes!
- **Volunteer:** We love our volunteers, and the more hands we have helping, the more animals we can help! Get more information for volunteers aged 10+ on our website!

FURRY FRIENDS WORD FUN

K R A O E P Q E W Q T Z E B W
 Z E R K E N N E L L R F V N P
 Z K W D H Z K L H I E Q Z M P
 X S J G F M I J S T A R K Y B
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 P B N G M X P L J O P L B H N
 Z U S L E E P I N B K A V H E
 H D C R W O E M N S E W Z I T

WORD BANK

1. treat
2. hunt
3. nip
4. paw
5. fetch

6. purr
7. meow
8. woof
9. bone
10. kennel

11. whisker
12. litter
13. kitten
14. claw
15. sleep

16. yarn
17. cuddle
18. collar
19. leash



Fleas, Ticks & Mosquitoes — Don't Let Them Bug You!

As the weather warms up, our pets enjoy the sunshine just as much as we do! Whether it's a hike through the woods or lounging on the patio, cats and dogs love spending time outdoors. But with the warmer weather comes a familiar challenge: pesky insects eager to feast on our furry friends.

Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes are common in Ohio, and due to unpredictable weather patterns and their persistence, many pet owners consider them a year-round problem. These parasites feed by taking blood meals from mammal hosts. Wildlife such as squirrels, deer, and rabbits carry them — and they're more than happy to make cats and dogs their next stop. Outdoor cats and wild animals can easily bring these pests right onto your patio or deck.

Once fleas or ticks enter your home, they can be incredibly difficult to eliminate. Prevention is always easier — and far less stressful — than trying to manage an infestation. Even indoor cats aren't completely safe. Fleas can hitchhike inside on your clothing and then find their way to your pets. Dogs, too, can carry fleas and ticks indoors, which may later transfer to other animals in the house.

Fleas lay microscopic eggs on your pet's fur, but because the eggs aren't sticky, they fall off easily — spreading wherever your pet roams. When they hatch, the adult fleas jump back onto your pet. Their lifecycle resembles that of a butterfly: egg, larva, pupa, and adult. Depending on environmental conditions, this cycle can last weeks to months, making infestations long-lasting and difficult to control.

What's worse, these pests can carry serious diseases. Fleas may transmit tapeworms, mosquitoes can carry heartworm, and ticks can spread illnesses such as Lyme disease and anaplasmosis. The best way to prevent these risks is simple: stop the pests from biting your pet in the first place.

Fortunately, there are many products available to repel or kill these parasites — but not all are created equal, and not all are safe. Treatment options include outdoor sprays, indoor foggers, pet collars, oral medications, and topical treatments. Always consult your veterinarian before starting any treatment or using area sprays. Buying directly from your vet is often the safest option, as they source products directly from trusted pharmaceutical companies. Be sure to ask about current promotions or coupons.

Enjoy your summer with your pets — pest-free and worry-free!

-Melissa Gundlach, Executive Director, RVT



Meet Our Staff!



Deb Hargrove
Team Member
since 4/2013



Marissa Collingsworth
Manager
since 5/2017



Schyler Resor
Manager
since 11/2020



Cassie Shuman
Team Member
since 8/2021



Kathy Keller
Kennel Manager
since 9/2022



Trynity Mock
Team Member
since 8/2024



Aneesa McGregor
Team Member
since 11/2024



My gift is in: ☐ Memory of _____

☐ Honor of _____

Acknowledgment should be sent to: _____

Address: _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Please return this form with your check by mailing or dropping off at **1911 Superior Street, Sandusky, OH 44870.**

You can also give by credit card over the phone by calling **(419) 626-6220**,
or through our secure website at **humanesocietyoferiecounty.org**



Name(s) _____

Address _____

City / State / ZIP: _____

Phone _____ Email _____

*My company will match my gift (company name): _____

Amount: ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ Other \$ _____

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