The Whole Kitten-Caboodle about Kitten Season

What looks cute on the outside but makes your heart ache on the inside? Hundreds of newborn kittens. They come in all colors and personalities. Yet they have one thing in common: they are all homeless and come to Rescue Village to be sheltered, nurtured, and adopted.

In summer 2007, there were crates and cages all over our shelter as we struggled to make it through kitten season. 300 kittens were inside the shelter, 100 were in foster care. We saved and adopted almost every one of them.

But, there was a problem. When a shelter is overfilled, even the best, like Rescue Village, cannot keep the animals healthy. We were determined to “up our game” in 2008.

Here was the plan: we would limit the number of cats and kittens inside Rescue Village to around 100 and expand our foster program. This way, we could keep our cats healthy. We would operate what is fondly called our “kitten assembly line.” Imagine a conveyor belt moving meowing adorable kittens from the day they are found to the day they go to a new lifelong home.

**Step one is the kitten foster care network.** When kittens arrive they go into foster care. Over 150 volunteers and many staff members take kittens home to provide the extra care they need until they weigh two pounds and are big enough to come to the shelter (see “For the Love of Fostering” on page 4).

**Step two is kitten “Isolation” (ISO).** With so many kittens, the Rescue Village staff had to be innovative. They turned a storage/staff room into kitten “ISO” area. The space holds up to 30 kittens. Dr. Megan Volpe, Vet Tech, Grace Blamble, and Vet Assistant, Dee Dee Bondra, get to work. When they say, “they’re ready” every kitten will be vaccinated and spayed or neutered. After recovery, and when space is available, the kittens move along, one step closer to going home.

**Step three is the kitten room on the adoption floor.** With their names displayed on their cage doors, this is SHOWTIME! Now it’s about making the public ooohhhh and ahhhhh. Every little kitten face seems to say, “Pick me, pick me!” Eventually, each one becomes someone’s “most special kitten in the whole wide world.”

The Rescue Village kitten assembly line keeps on moving six months a year. Hundreds of kittens get to grow up healthy and loved. A job very well done! Still, the staff is already thinking about kitten season 2009 with the goal of ending the cat overpopulation crisis at the forefront of their dreams.
Look for our Summer Appeal in the mail.

We all have different ways to provide financial support to our favorite charity. Some make multiple gifts throughout the year. Others prefer to make one gift per year at the same time of year, each and every year. No matter how you decide to give, we deeply appreciate your financial support of the work we do at Rescue Village and we enjoy telling you about that work in our quarterly newsletters and appeals. Thank you!

Rescue Village Hours
Monday: noon to 7:00pm  
Tuesday: noon to 5:00pm  
Wednesday: closed  
Thursday: noon to 7:00pm  
Friday: noon to 5:00pm  
Saturday: noon to 5:00pm  
Sunday: noon to 5:00pm  
adoptions stop ½ hour before posted closing times

There is something about having a senior dog that is deaf. We rely on hand signals and touch although I am convinced he is learning my expressions. When we walk I sometimes miss the “conversations” I used to have with my “hearing” dogs. Still, in his way, Dublin listens very carefully and he has taught me a lot about what it means to say, “I’m all ears”.

At sunrise one morning, I went to walk with Dublin through the beautiful fields off Bell Street. Before I took even two steps my cat Clementine escaped out the door. In seconds she disappeared. When it came time to head to work, no Clemmie. When I searched again at noon... still no Clemmie. I was heartsick.

Home for the evening, I woke up Dublin, put on his leash and started to look for my cat. Shaking a paper bag filled with dry cat food sounded like a big maraca. My “meowwww meowwww” was more mournful than optimistic. Suddenly, Dublin started pulling like crazy. Yet, he seemed to have a purpose, a direction, and a clear goal, so I went with it.

He led me from the field to a house down the road a bit. Breathing hard, he went right up to a garage. His tail was wagging like a puppy, he was sniffing like a hound dog, and he started doing his strange old wheezy bark. I pulled up the garage door and sitting there, covered in dust bunnies, was Clementine!

Dublin was the neighborhood hero. Though deaf, he had “listened” with all of his senses.

As the director of Rescue Village I have this “thing” about the importance of listening, with all of our senses, all of the time, to our community as well as to the animals.

In July, the Board of Trustees, staff, some of our volunteers, donors and supporters launched the Strategic Planning process to develop a three to five year plan that will guide the work of Rescue Village. This is where we make big picture decisions and create the road map for achieving our mission.

I may not have Dublin’s nose, but I am keenly aware that we must gather your insights and understanding; solicit your feelings and thoughts; keep an open mind to new ways of doing things; and “hear” the good and not-so-good feedback, and everything in between.

We cannot go into the future without you. This is why I am inviting you to attend “Dialogue & Desserts.” This is why I am asking you to answer our questionnaire available on our website www.geaugahumane.org. This is why I would love to talk with you about your hopes and dreams for Rescue Village and for animal welfare.

In short, to find our direction, to set clear goals, and to chart our course, we need you and WE ARE ALL EARS!

Sincerely,

Hope Brustein
Rescue Village’s Humane Education program has been busy this summer. One of our most meaningful summer ventures is our partnership with The Gathering Place— a community-based cancer support center, serving the social, emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of individuals with cancer and their support network.

Through two summer camps that are provided for 24 children, the partnership allows both organizations to collaboratively accomplish their mission’s work. The goals of the camp are to foster compassion for all living things, develop caregiving and nurturing behavior, and reinforce coping and resilience skills.

When the children arrive on Monday they are paired with a puppy or kitten. The children bond with their animal and write a book about their hopes and dreams for their new best friend, which is shared with the animals’ adopted family. Also, during the week the children work with and teach a certified therapy dog a trick. The highlight of the week is Friday when parents and family attend a dog show where the children show-off the trick they taught their animal.

We are proud of the work our Humane Education programs are doing to foster compassion for all living things. Please contact Mary Carney at (440) 338-4819 ext. 20 or e-mail education@geaugahumane.org with any questions about our humane educational programs.

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Lyme Disease Can Affect Both Dogs and People

By Myrna Papurt, DVM

Does it seem as though new diseases are constantly appearing? Lyme disease is one of the more recent conditions that has appeared in both the human and veterinary literature, yet the condition is not new. Lyme was first diagnosed in humans in 1975, in Lyme, Connecticut, the town for which the disease was named. In dogs, Lyme was first diagnosed in 1984. Lyme is not common in our area, but might become more prevalent because we are building more homes in the brushy and woody areas occupied by wildlife.

Lyme disease is a zoonosis: a disease that can be caught by both humans and animals. The disease is caused by the bacteria, Borrelia burgdorfi. At least three species of ticks spread the disease when they feed on deer, raccoons, birds, skunks and other wildlife. All of these ticks are extremely tiny, (poppy-seed size) and are easily overlooked; even the victim can hardly feel the tiny bite. On humans, and often on dogs, the bite of the tick can leave a “bull’s eye” lesion: a red area with a white center. This mark can last for several days.

Physicians and veterinarians have difficulty diagnosing Lyme disease because the signs of Lyme mimic other conditions. In humans, early signs of the disease often resemble the flu. The common symptoms are fever, swollen and painful joints, muscle pain, headache, and stiff neck.

In dogs, the most common sign of Lyme is reoccurring lameness that shifts from leg to leg. Swelling of the limb and enlarged lymph nodes in the area may accompany hot painful joints. If left untreated in humans or dogs, Lyme disease can spread to the heart and the nervous system and can cause permanent damage to the affected person or animal.

Especially when caught in the early stages, Lyme disease is treated successfully with antibiotics given for several weeks. Animals and humans often are treated if Lyme is even suspected, because the signs of the disease are so variable and the available blood tests are so unreliable.

Take precautions to prevent you or your dogs from getting Lyme disease. Stay out of woody and brushy areas with your dogs. Examine dogs (and yourself) very often and very carefully for the tiny ticks, and remove them with tweezers if you find any. Regularly apply tick killers and tick repellants to your dogs. Wear long pants when in possibly tick-infested areas, and fasten the cuffs of your pants closed with rubber bands to keep out wayward ticks.

Vaccination against Lyme disease is available and is recommended by veterinarians for high-risk animals such as hunting dogs.

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I want to make a gift to help the animals

I would like my contribution to benefit—
- General Operations
- Cage Sponsorship
  - All cages are $15 per month
  - cat cage
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- Honor/Memorial

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For the Love of Fostering

By Alyssa Martin

The “weather” kittens, the “planet” kittens, the “Mexican food” kittens—every litter that comes into our home for foster care is unique. All have their quirks, their likes and dislikes, though their need for love and affection are always the same. They learn to trust the hands that reach in to give them a bottle, burp them, and clean them. Our first foster litter, in the spring of 2005, brought us a cast of characters we will never forget—Tornado, Sunny, Thunder, and Rain, a.k.a. the “weather” kittens. They were the first in our foster kitten scrap book, which has close to sixty kittens in it, each with their own story.

We got the “weather” kittens when they were about two weeks old. They looked so helpless, like tiny balls in different shades of gray. I took each one out of their crate and my children and I looked them over and tried to distinguish one from the next. It was a rainy day, so of course their names were born from the obvious.

We quickly learned how to hold the bottles and give a little squeeze to get the formula flowing to entice the kittens. We found good ways to get a little burp out of each one, sometimes rubbing the back from head to tail, sometimes giving little pats like a baby. The kids gave me the job of potty ing! With soft pieces of gauze dipped in warm water, I learned to lightly rub the bottom of each kitten to get them to discharge waste.

Once fed, burped and cleaned they were happy to nap, one in each of our laps. The kittens were quiet and my children were quiet. It was like a little moment of peace was given to us as a gift.

It was then that I realized that fostering was not just about helping the animals. It was about doing something together as a family, something that brought us purpose, direction, and satisfaction. It’s through fostering that my children learned to give to others without asking for anything in return.

So, to Tornado, Sunny, Thunder, Rain, Jupiter, Neptune, Mercury, Venus, Sugar, Big Beauty, Little Beauty, Jewel, Amber, Safire, Crystal, Leia, Chewie, Amidala, Skywalker, Mower, Trimmer, Chip, Mimzy, Taco, Burrito, Salsa, Woody…Thank you.

Please consider becoming a foster care family. If you are interested, please contact Laura at 440.338.4819 ext.18 or e-mail volunteer@geaugahumane.org.
Special thanks to...

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- Russell Township for allowing us to use the maintenance yard parking lot
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- Jane Geisse for providing housing for our Veterinary Student Intern
- Faith Pescatore for teaching our new Humane Agent, Joyce Rice, the ropes about horses
- Carolyn Bertei for planting the impatiens at the front entrance of RV

Upcoming Classes (in the Rescue Village classroom).
Visit our website at www.geaugahumane.org or call 440.338.4819, ext. 10 for more information or to register.

Good Dog 101
A primer on positive reinforcement training for owners with dogs aged five months to two years. Basic commands such as sit, down, come, leave it/give it/take it, and loose leash walking will be taught. Six evenings. $95 or $85 for adopters from Rescue Village, and includes a manual and treat pack. Registration is required. No dogs the first week of class.
- Mondays, September 8 thru October 13, 6:00–7:00pm
- Sundays, October 5 thru November 9, 2:00–3:00pm

Puppy Preschool
A class to start you and your puppy (eight weeks to five months) off on the right paw. You’ll learn how to teach your dog basic manners, how to walk nicely on a leash, and how to greet people politely. Six evenings. $95 or $85 for adopters from Rescue Village, and includes a manual and treat pack. Registration is required. No dogs the first week of class.
- Mondays, October 27 thru December 1, 6:00–7:00pm

Take Rescue Village ON THE ROAD
Find us at Ohio PetExpo on Saturday & Sunday, November 22nd and 23rd at the I-X Center in Cleveland as we take the message of Rescue Village, ADOPTION = LOVE, far and wide into our community.

If you would like to volunteer for this event please contact Laura at 440.338.4819 ext. 18 or email volunteer@geaugahumane.org

Rescue Village Wish List
- Cat and kitten food
- Dog and puppy food
- Large 33–36 gallon garbage bags
- Gently used bedding, towels, and throw rugs
- Pet store gift certificates
Adoption hours (Animal intake by appointment)
Mon. & Thurs. from noon to 7pm / Tues., Fri., Sat., & Sun. from noon to 5pm / Closed on Wednesday

The Lonely Hearts Club

A club for extra special animals searching for VERY SPECIAL people. At Rescue Village we go the extra 100 miles if need be for every creature. Lonely Hearts Club members get focused attention because they might be older, or bigger, or sight-impaired, or need some custom care but, just like everyone else, they deserve someone to love them forever. This new program will devote time to “getting the word out” about our most needy Rescue Village animals.

If you are looking for a peaceful and affectionate cat, **Sophie** is the gal for you. She came to Rescue Village with nasal problems and a few missing teeth (surviving on the streets she had no one to provide healthy food and veterinarian care). Fortunately, Sophie has no problem eating wet or dry food. She enjoys sleeping, lounging in the sun, and watching TV. Sophie has been at Rescue Village for over a year.

**Penny** is an adorable 4 year old Jack Russell Terrier mix. Our veterinarian determined she has a chronic dry eye condition, requiring daily care for the rest of her life. Penny has no idea that she is any different from other dogs! She loves to bounce around and run, run, run! She loves people and animals and will fit nicely into any new home!

**Parsley** is a laid back cat who also loves to play. He can be independent at times, but he craves attention most of the time! Rescue Village has been Parsley’s home since October of 2007. Parsley did not like being in a cage and was moved to the community room. Now he enjoys the breeze and is entertained by the birds. Parsley has been at RV for almost a year, watching many of his buddies adopted.

**Samson**, a gorgeous 2 year old Great Dane/Shepherd mix, was surrendered after his owners developed allergies and could no longer keep him. **Samson is a member of our Lonely Hearts Club.** He needs a special family that loves his size and also understands he should not be around cats or small dogs. In the right home, Samson will be a gem!
Scrappy had been wandering the streets for days, until a kind person rescued him and gave him a home. Unfortunately, two years later, due to financial reasons and life changes, Scrappy had to be surrendered. While at Rescue Village Scrappy was a free-spirit—running after birds, squirrels, and bugs! After joining the Lonely Hearts Club and being in the shelter four months and two days, the Suhadolnik family came in looking for a dog. They knew right away Scrappy was meant to be part of their family. It was a perfect fit! Scrappy loves his new family, baseball games, and nestles into bed every night with the children to rest up for tomorrow’s long day of play.

Sweet little Zeneia and Fiver came to Rescue Village in January 2008 with four other bunnies. Being the two most timid of the group, it took time for the right person to come along who understood that Zeneia and Fiver would warm up to their new family. That person was a volunteer, Heidi McKinley. She fell in love with them from day one and hoped the perfect family would come along. When they didn’t (and after begging her husband weekly), she brought them home permanently. The bunnies have adjusted well to their new home and are very lovable. Heidi tells us with 100% confidence that they have a great life full of love.

Miss Marple, young and skinny, was found one winter by a caring man. He loved her dearly, because she was so sweet and not aggressive. Unfortunately, he surrendered Miss Marple to Rescue Village, because he could not find an apartment that would allow cats. In May, after a year and four months at Rescue Village, Miss Marple was adopted into a loving home. Judy Honeck and Lynda Novotny adore Miss Marple and her affectionate personality and Miss Marple adores her new family, her electric mouse, and her catnip toys.
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Karen Zack
Friends at Kinetico Inc.
I recently adopted a cat from Rescue Village. I don’t know if I should keep my cat in the house or let it outside. What do you think?

There are many reasons why you DO NOT want your cat to be allowed to roam free outside. The dangers include:

- She can be hit by a car
- She can ingest deadly poisons like anti-freeze or pesticide
- She can be attacked by roaming dogs or wild animals
- She can contract diseases from other animals
- She can be trapped in the garage or outbuilding of a vacationing neighbor
- She can be injured by people with cruel intentions
- She can be stolen
- She can become lost and unable to find her way home

However, there are safe options if you would like your cat to experience time outside.

The least expensive option is to invest in a harness and leash. Cat-sized harnesses and leashes can be purchased at all pet stores. An outgoing cat will probably adjust to the harness and lead right away. Make your initial outdoor visits in your yard brief—until your cat becomes accustomed to new sights and sounds. The key is to keep the experience short, sweet, and positive. Once she learns that she is safe with you by her side, you will be able to share hours of outdoor quality time together.

Another option is to build or install an outdoor cat enclosure. Numerous companies now offer affordable, easy to install cat-safe fences. They can be purchased in numerous sizes and designs and are specially designed to keep your cat in and predators out. Most are designed with window or door access so your cat can venture in and out at will. With a cat safe enclosure, your cat can exercise, play and enjoy nature from a safe location.

A third option is to install Invisible Fence Brand outdoor containment system. With Invisible Fence, you can determine where your cat is allowed within the home and the yard. The drawback is the fact that although your cat is kept within certain limits, there is no protection against incoming predators.

Choose the cat safe option that works best for you and your pet. Together you will be able to enjoy many years of companionship without compromising safety.
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a doggone purrfect night

A Doggone Purrfect Night raised more than $54,000 for the animals! Held under an elegant tent on the Rescue Village campus, 220 guests enjoyed an evening of shelter tours, wonderful food by Blue Canyon, and music by Denzon and the Road Dawgs. The evening featured a new short film by Amy Sancetta starring, Copenhagen, a beagle adopted from Rescue Village.

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor Sylvia and Heath Oliver, Lobby Sponsor Stautzenberger College, and Silent Auction Sponsor Herschman Architects.
woofstock pledge form

walker’s name

age (if under 18)

address
city
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pet’s name
daytime phone
evening phone

name (please print)

address, city, state, zip

Check

Cash

amount

please collect checks when possible • make payable to Geauga Humane Society

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grand total

All contributions to Geauga Humane Society are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. The IRS requires a receipt acknowledging individual donations of $250 or more. Please have donors name and address printed clearly for us to send this receipt.

Waiver • I, the undersigned, for myself and heirs, hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I might have against Geauga Humane Society, The Holden Arboretum, any sponsor of this event, their employees, agents, or any of them arising out of my or my pet’s participation in this event. I also agree to exercise all safety precautions, avoid littering, and respect the property of others. I also give full permission for use of my name and photograph in connection with the event. In addition, my pet(s) participating in today’s walk have current RABIES and other vaccinations.

signature (parent or guardian if under 18 years)

Everyone can participate. If you raise at least $40 you get an official tie-dye Woofstock t-shirt. Raise more and receive—

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$20 Rescue Village (RV) key chain
$40 Woofstock tie-dyed t-shirt
$75 RV stainless mug & Woofstock tie-dyed t-shirt
$150 RV long-sleeve t-shirt & Woofstock tie-dyed t-shirt
$300 RV duffel bag & Woofstock tie-dyed t-shirt
$500 RV stadium blanket & Woofstock tie-dyed t-shirt
$1000 all of the above

our thanks

to these veterinarians who offer free examinations for animals adopted from Rescue Village

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Willoughby Hills Veterinary Clinic Ronald Budz, DVM
At Rescue Village we will even give “driving education for doggies” if it helps one of our shelter dogs get adopted.

Lefty was a great dog with a big problem. He simply would not get into a car and this made adoption almost impossible. Our volunteer Homeward Bound trainers took on the challenge. They formed a remarkable team of “driving ed” teachers.

At first, Lefty would not come close to getting in a car. One day, enticed by hot dogs and treats, with a running start, Lefty DOVE into the back seat of an SUV.

Getting Lefty used to the car moving and making turns without becoming terrified and woozy came next. Short drives grew longer and Lefty stopped shaking.

As Homeward Bound trainer Ed Slaby said, “Seriously, folks, GREAT WORK by all of you who have begged, pleaded, and bribed Lefty to get some wheels under him. When he does get adopted, and I feel it will be soon as he is a fun little guy, this will be one hurdle he won’t have to face.” Days later Lefty went home reading Car and Driver magazine!