In a region that has lost more sports championships than we can count, there is a team that YOU can count on being a winner. There is a contest where no one loses and homeless animals are the big winners—no matter what!

**The Contest:** The national ASPCA 100K Shelter Challenge

**The Challenge:** Save a minimum of 300 more cats and dogs August 1 through October 31, 2010 than we did during the same months in 2009

**The Prize:** $100,000 for our team and establishing a new level of life-saving!

**Your Team:** Geauga Humane Society and Lake Humane Society...TOGETHER!

WE ARE NORTHEAST OHIO’S ONLY TEAM AND ONE OF 50 SHELTERS IN THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE!

The key to winning is increasing adoptions. Spread the word to family, friends and neighbors that shelter animals make great companions. Let them know that for every animal they adopt, they really save two...the one they take home and the one that fills a now-empty kennel or cage. Conrad the kitten, Robin the Pony, or Luna the beautiful older lab mix and thousands more depend on people just like you to help them meet their match!

It takes a village to run the shelter but it takes a region to win the 100K Challenge. Think of it this way: if tens of thousands of people in Northeast Ohio who care deeply about homeless animals get behind this team and become its cheerleaders we will be putting the need to help homeless animals in front of hundreds of thousands of people. This will encourage people to adopt from shelters. This will motivate people to volunteer at shelters. This will inspire people to donate to shelters. This will be Northeast Ohio saying to the nation that our region believes that every homeless animal deserves dignity, shelter, care and new forever homes!

We also invite you to join the team. Volunteer to get out publicity. Help us with “Foster Frenzy” days and big adoption events. Invite a Rescue Village speaker to address your organization, place of worship or a gathering of friends. Help make connections with local media. Write letters to your newspaper about adopting from and supporting your humane society. Make a donation to create fliers, banners, t-shirts and more about the 100K Challenge.

And if (or when!) we win? Think of what $100,000 can do? (split between Geauga Humane and Lake Humane) Inside Rescue Village the ideas are percolating: build more cat community space and outdoor areas? Put the money towards a future expansion of the shelter’s isolation and quarantine space? Fund new spay/neuter programs?

When people open their hearts and their homes, we save lives. Please support your Northeast Ohio team. This championship is being played right here. We are your home team and we promise you will not be heart broken.
An Educated Staff and Enthusiasm Grow Beautiful Gardens

You may already know about Marino's Cool Cat Cafe and how we are increasing cat adoptions at Rescue Village. There is a back story to these exciting developments that is worth telling.

While many agencies are slashing staff education budgets, we decided to make sure our staff continues to have opportunities to broaden their horizons and learn best practices. This is why Wendy, our Cat Behavior Coordinator, and Erin, our Program Coordinator, went to the Feline Forum conference in Chicago.

When they arrived home they were women on fire! The workshops featured renowned animal welfare professionals like Dr. Kate Hurley from the UC Davis shelter medicine program. The understanding they shared challenged even the best shelters, like Rescue Village, to grow and learn.

Wendy and Erin brought back a vision. As good as we were, they put forward a case for major changes. One part was turning the cat community room into a people-friendly adoption space that showed off our cats’ wonderful personalities. Another dream was making sure that each cat in the main adoption room had two cages versus one, so they could move around, jump and stretch.

Our dynamic (staff) duo won allies among management, co-workers and volunteers. Everyone was drawn to the possibility of improving the quality of life for shelter cats and increasing their chances for a faster adoption.

Their excitement was contagious and, like a well cared for garden, new ideas were sprouting everywhere. People stepped forward to fund each and every need, including scratching posts for all, and the delightful Jenny Campbell mural in Marino's Cool Cat Cafe.

I was thrilled by this explosion of innovation that was guided by best practices and a staff that had taken ownership of our mission. (No doubt, cats like Isabel, are tickled pink by the changes!) Past adoption and length of stay data was carefully assessed and quantitative goals established. In April, 2010, we celebrated having reduced the average length of stay at the shelter for a cat from 50 days in 2007 to 14 days in 2010.

Now, as part of the Northeast Ohio team taking part in the ASPCA 100K shelter challenge, we are reaching for new milestones in adoptions. We are all in this together. Hats off to Wendy and Erin. They led the way, inspired and informed by colleagues they had just met and thirsting for education that ended up being transformative. Though, more than anything else, they were simply determined to save lives.

from

the executive director
Tips for enjoying Woofstock with your canine family.

Woofstock—our dog-walk and family festival—will bring together thousands of people and hundreds of dogs for a 1-mile dog walk and a full day of dog and family-friendly activities. One of the ingredients that can ensure that you and your dog(s) have a great time is to have a health and safety checklist.

Top of the list? Protect your pet and other people’s pets by being up-to-date on vaccines. This includes the required rabies vaccination.

Next? All dogs need to be on leash at the event so that you can have control of your dog at all times. Have a proper fitting collar or harness so your dog does not get loose. The leash should be 4 to 6 feet in length, with a strong clasp that is in good working order. Do not use a retractable lead (Flexi-lead). There are too many other dogs (and people!), and everyone can get tangled.

As an outdoor event held in September, the weather during Woofstock can be quite hot. Water will be readily available at the event, but feel free to bring your own supply. It is a good idea to bring a few treats to reward good behavior and keep your canine pal content. Always remember to provide your dog with a break in the shade, especially if your canine companion is a senior.

If you are attending the event with a puppy (6 mos. or older please), keep a close watch on him and make sure he has a positive experience that builds his confidence and social skills with both humans and other dogs.

Woofstock is a blast. Come prepared so that everyone in your crew, two-legged or four-legged, has the best day ever!
SPECIAL Rescue Village Summer/Fall Hours
Monday: noon to 7:00pm • Tuesday: noon to 5:00pm • Wednesday: closed • Thursday: noon to 7:00pm
Friday: noon to 7:00pm • Saturday: noon to 7:00pm • Sunday: noon to 5:00pm
adoptions stop 45 minutes before posted closing times

Rescue Village Wish List
• Stretch and Scratch exercise product for caged cats, available online at www.stretchandscratch.com
• Dry food (Purina One, Purina Chows, or Pedigree) for dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies
• Peanut butter (for dog treats)
• Canned vegetables for the barn animals
• Paper towels
• Garbage bags (33 gallon)
• Bleach
• Laundry detergent (Arm & Hammer liquid)

Mark Your Calendars
August 6–8 Rescue Village/Lake Humane Block Party Come support us as we kick-off the 100k Challenge sponsored by the ASPCA! Our Goal: Save 300+ Lives in 3 months. We invite everyone to come to RV and join our rally as we kick-off the 100K Challenge. Go to www.geaugahumane.org to see all the adoptable animals and current adoption specials.

August 14–15 Dogs Days of Summer Summer is ending, but the adoptable dogs are still looking for their forever homes. Stop by RV or check-out our adoptable dogs at www.geaugahumane.org. Special pricing! All dogs 6-months and up will be $50.

August 20–22 Sidewalk Sale at Rescue Village Experience THE SIDEWALK SALE of the Summer at Rescue Village! Join us this Friday, Saturday and Sunday for special deals on dogs and cats at Rescue Village. Check out www.geaugahumane.org to see our adoptable and adorable cats and dogs and our specials.

September 11–12 Kitten Kaboodle The answer to our kitten conundrum is the Kitten Kaboodle! Visit Rescue Village to see the awesome kittens and take advantage of amazing specials: Adopt one kitten, get the second one free and all black beauty kittens are just $10.

October 2-10 “Paw-toberfest” This is our twist on Oktoberfest. Come on in and celebrate the fall season with us with special pricing on adoptions all week. Visit www.geaugahumane.org to see all the wonderful animals currently up for adoption.

Project S.A.V.E.
Weaver was left alone, abandoned at our doorstep one evening when no one was at the shelter. He arrived needing a lot of special care. He required surgery, because his lashes were growing into his eyes. Years without treatment caused his ears to look “unique.” Today, Weaver is feeling so much better. He is a happy and sweet boy, who just wants to tell the world he is ready for a loving home. Weaver is very affectionate and is always willing to share his special purr.
I first saw Sandy on Saturday, May 8, 2010. I went back to see her on Sunday and put a hold on her. When we first met, she was shy and very cautious. I came back on Monday to adopt, but was told I would have to wait until vet clearance on Thursday. The staff allowed me to visit her each day. At first, she wouldn't get into my car. The staff worked with her so that on Thursday (adoption day) she jumped right into the car and we were off for home. The first night she slept in her bed in the downstairs living area. The next night she jumped into my Select Comfort bed upstairs. She now sleeps there each night for 8 hours (her sleep number is 60). She adapted quickly to the house, is housebroken, and just a wonderful, loving companion. She loves to cuddle. She eats well and loves her treats. Thanks to the Geauga Humane Society, and its wonderful, dedicated staff, Sandy has a loving home which she can enjoy for many years to come.

—Philip Shupe

On May 22, 2010, our family visited Rescue Village in hopes of finding two rabbits we saw on the Rescue Village website. As luck would have it, they were still there. They had the names Snuggie and Ting Tings, though we renamed them Dylan and Marshall. They are brothers and are pretty much inseparable. Each one has his own personality. Dylan is quite shy, and Marshall is the curious one. We have been to Rescue Village a few times for different adoptions. In 2005 we adopted a cat named Sky Captain; he is a big yellow loving cat and loves to speak his mind all the time. Then in 2006 we adopted an Australian Shepherd Collie Mix name Raz. He is a huge dog, who just loves to play with his tennis ball and absolutely loves our cats. Our family of five loves our pets and are glad we were able to give them a nice home.

—Jeff & Jill Smith

The new cat is incredible! He follows Norm and me around like a shadow, he’s always purring and is now playing with our other adopted cat Casper. He seems to respond to a name with a long “E” (Kingsley, Kitty) so I think his name will be Bailey. I know the staff went the extra mile and I’m really blessed, as the cats make my life much better!

—Carole Sanderson
from the field

by Christian Courtwright, Geauga County Humane Agent

Hot Tips for Hot Weather

It was a holiday weekend when I got a call from a local police department. They reported a dog left in a car in the sun at a town carnival.

Inside, an adult boxer mix barked at the police officer. His tongue lolled out of his mouth, and his panting was frantic as he paced from the front seat to the back.

The dog was freed and urgently needed water. I wiped him down with a wet cloth. As the dog cooled off the family of the dog arrived. They were surprised to find police and the humane society agent gathered around and shocked to see their dog. The family had been excited to get to the carnival, and no one noticed the dog hop into the back seat. Thank goodness we were able to save their pet before the unthinkable occurred. I advised them of the risk of leaving a dog (or any animals) unattended in a vehicle during warm weather.

It doesn’t have to be very hot for an animal to overheat inside a car. A dog in a car in hot weather can die of heat stroke in 10 minutes. I’ve seen it happen.

Summer, with its road trips and daily excursions to the park, can be a great time for families and their pets. But thought must be given to the safety of our four-legged friends:

- Never leave your dog unattended in a vehicle during warm weather.
- Make sure your dog always has access to drinking water.
- Dog safety also involves locking up your pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers. These chemicals can kill a dog if ingested. Contact your vet right away or the ASPCA’s poison control line at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect your dog has gotten into anything harmful.
- Do not leave your dog unattended in a pool or high water. Some dogs love to swim but not every dog is a good swimmer, and drowning is common in the summer months. Know your dog’s limitations.

If you follow these basic guidelines your pet will enjoy the summer as much as you do. If you go out, check the back seat of your car for stowaways. You never know when your dog may want to go along for the ride.
Luna. Big, gentle Luna. What a wonderful treat she received when she attended the newly initiated Pet Health component of the summer camps. Luna and the campers were engaged in experiencing her nose to tail exam, performed by Dr. Meg Volpe and her assistant, Grace Blamble—all to teach the campers how dogs and cats are examined when they arrive at Rescue Village, and the importance of knowing what to look for in their own pets, too. The boys and girls were each invited to listen to Luna’s heartbeat with their own working stethoscopes, and of course had much fun listening to theirs, and then checked out every living animal at home! Probably over and over!

Last fall, Meg and Mary applied for, and received a grant from the Banfield Charitable Trust and received 85 stethoscopes from FutureVet, a manual of lessons and ideas, a CD with printable handouts, and a fantastic ten piece set of anatomical models that included hair, teeth, eye, ear, kidney, heart, spine, knee, nail, hip.

Dr. Volpe ended this phenomenal lesson with just the right amount of the necessary “Ewww” factor—containers of long old gross nails, a very long worm that a cat had thrown up, ticks, and the extra gross warbles! Ewww!!

We plan to keep this new camp activity and expand as time permits! It is exciting!!

Next up—Reading To Cats! Already in progress! And the campers beg to have their turn!

Anything to do with a ball, Gus is a super star. Of course, The Invisible Fence always stops Gus, even if it means stopping on a dime after traveling at the speed of light in a Bully Run. I never have to worry about losing Gus because our Invisible Fence is always on guard to protect Gus from highway accidents, or just wandering off to play ball with the neighboring kids. Gus has also earned his Canine Good Citizen, and is a Therapy Dog showing off his athletic skills.” —Sue F.
Woofstock 2010
Annual Dog Walk and Family Festival for Pets and their People

September 19, 2010 • 8am–3pm • 9am One-Mile Dog Walk
The Holden Arboretum • Rain or shine • $5 parking per vehicle

Who You, Your Family, Your Friends & Your Dog
What Dog Walk, Canine Games, Dog Agility, Kids Games, Shopping & Live Music
Why To help Geauga Humane Society reach their $100,000 goal so they can continue to care for thousands of homeless animals each year.
How Raise pledges between now and event day, win great prizes.
To register & to start collecting pledges go to www.geaugahumane.org and click on Woofstock.

Thank you to our sponsors:
Collect Pledges & Earn Prizes
Raise as much as you can through pledges from your friends and family online. That way, you’re not only caring for more homeless animals, you get cool prizes too. You can use the registration form below, or create your own web page and do it all online.

Collect  Prize*
$10  Bandanna
$40  Woofstock T-shirt
$100  Rescue Village water bottle or coffee mug & Woofstock T-shirt
$200  Rescue Village hoodie & Woofstock T-shirt
$300  Rescue Village fleece vest & Woofstock T-shirt
$500  Everything above and your name entered in drawing to have you and your rescued animal featured in the Cleveland Canine
$1000  Everything above and your name entered in drawing for Bass Lake Taverner & Inn “Stay and Dine”

Top Fund Raiser Prize
You and your dog will be featured in the winter 2010 Rescue Village Reporter. In addition your dog will be the chair-dog of Woofstock 2011.

Top Kid Fund Raiser Prize
You and three friends will enjoy a Kalahari Get Away that includes a one-night stay in the Desert Room and four water park passes.

*All prizes will be awarded based on money turned in on or before Sept. 19, 2010.

Join us and make a difference!
For the past two years, youth, Karlie Pirnat, has collected pledges for Woofstock. When we asked her why she goes the extra mile for the animals, she said, “I like to raise money for Woofstock because I love animals and I want them to be happy, healthy, and safe just like our cat and my Gramma’s dogs. I wish all animals could have a home of their own.” Thanks Karlie, you’re the animals’ hero!

I get really pumped up when it is time to collect pledges for Woofstock. I love all the animals and believe they all deserve a loving, caring, safe home. Nothing fills my heart with more joy than when I’m collecting donations, knowing I’m saving lives and giving homeless pets a second chance.
— Cindy Woc

Woofstock • Pledge Form • Sunday • September 19, 2010
Please bring all pledges (checks and cash) and this form with you to RV before the event or to Woofstock on the day of the walk. $5 parking per vehicle. Checks should be made payable to Geauga Humane Society. For more information or to fundraise online please visit: www.geaugahumane.org

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A receipt for your pledge sponsors can be obtained by calling us at 440.338.4819 ext.19. (For donations of $250 and over.)

Please check the following:

☐ Enclosed is $40 for my Woofstock T-Shirt  ☐ Enclosed are my pledges that total $ ______

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 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)
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**Puppy Preschool:** A class to start you and your puppy 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. Cost is $95 ($85 for adopters from Rescue Village) and includes a manual and treat pack.

**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 when called, leave it/give it/take it, and loose leash walking will be taught. Cost is $95 ($85 for adopters from Rescue Village) and includes a manual and treat pack.

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- Call 440.338.4819 ext. 43
- Email: trainer@geaugahumane.org, visit www.geaugahumane.org to download the class application, questionnaire, and informational materials.
- Stop by Rescue Village

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Tami Thurman, for wearing the aRVy costume in the Blossom Parade, and for teaching the new classes for volunteer greeters
**Good Things Are In Store for Valerie—She Discovered Her Rescue**

Valerie was one of over 200 (!!) animals rescued from cruelty by the Animal Rescue League of Trumbull County. Malnourished and filthy, Valerie was also heartworm positive. Rescue Village was among many wonderful agencies to lend a hand and, because we have the resources to treat heartworm, Valerie came to our shelter. Treatment takes months and requires a quiet place to rest and get well. Valerie also needed time to heal from the emotional trauma of long-term cruelty.

"Dogs are wise. They crawl into a quiet corner and lick their wounds and do not rejoin the world until they are whole once more." —Agatha Christie

Along came Valerie’s guardian angels—Tara, Mark, Brian and Audrey Loos. They offered to provide foster care for this adult dog. After Valerie was ready to come back to Rescue Village for adoption Tara wrote, “As our first foster experience, it was extremely rewarding, albeit heartbreaking to let her go... She is truly a special girl. Thanks for entrusting her in our care.”

**Won’t you consider offering foster care to an adult dog?** It will change a dog’s life and enrich your own.