Fraizer, Adopted October 2015

Happy Holidays
Bringing Out the Best In Us

As the year winds down, we look back and ahead at the same time. We hold dear to the animals, people, and events that have shaped our lives. The wonder of this season is all about remembering the times that brought out the best in all of us at Rescue Village.

- coming together for a horse named Rose...trying to beat the odds...and although we couldn’t catch the miracle we’d been hoping for, we showed what it means to be a humane community
- rescuing 42 cats all at once and saving every single one even though the shelter was totally disrupted by construction
- bringing a little pig named Muriel to the shelter’s safe haven and making sure she got the care she needed so she could squeal with delight once again
- welcoming a big white Pit mix named Sparkle, our first City Dog, and watching her go home in a state of joy
- working as a team to bring in 36 puppies at one time late on a Friday night
- knowing it’s -35° with the wind chill and our humane agents spending all day in the field checking on animals left outside
- seeing our volunteers travel over and over to Columbus to meet a transport of puppies from the south

The inspiration shines like the sun every day in one way or another. After a challenging year we gave all of our staff members a gift of a t-shirt. It reads, "The only way to do great work is to love what you do." This passion and profession can overcome hardship; can find the funny even at the darkest hour; can work what seems like miracles. Saving animals and stopping cruelty and neglect...it’s what we do and THAT brings out the best in all of us. Here is to the New Year. Happy Holidays to you all!
Humanitarian Award

Each year Rescue Village gives a singular award to a person, from RV or from the community at large, who has made irreplaceable contributions to the mission of saving animals.

We call it “The Humanitarian of the Year” award. This year, our decision was to award a group of people and name them as Humanitarians of the Year. Without a doubt, the choice was clear.

Though the day was rainy, our volunteer corps gave a standing “O” when the announcement was made that, “The entire staff of 2014-2015 are our Humanitarians of the Year.”

The plaque presented in their honor read: “Taking care of animals is a 365 days a year profession. Not a day goes by without acts of compassion, kindness, courage, determination, and a deep belief that we must make a life-saving difference in the world. This is the ordinary heroism of working in an animal shelter and it is amazing.

Yet, there are times when ordinary people do extraordinary things and earn the admiration and endless thanks of an entire community.

The years 2014 and 2015 were such a time. The historic expansion and remodeling of Rescue Village challenged everyone to work in the midst of dust, jackhammers, fumes, and great disruption. The shelter stayed its course and remained open and busy with the business of rescue and rehoming. Rooms were repurposed and the work became that much harder. Rescues were many and love filled the shelter - even at points of exhaustion and frustration.

The Rescue Village Staff, in its entirety and as individuals, scaled a very high mountain with grace and humanity. For this achievement, we award you the Humanitarians of the Year Award. You will forever be remembered as the heartbeat of a journey that brought Rescue Village to a new level of leadership in the field of animal welfare.”

Annie, Adopted October 2015
It's late on Friday night and the shelter is ready to close. A large transport van turns into the driveway. On board are 36 puppies rescued from hundreds of miles away by Rescue Waggin'. This canine transport program, run by PetSmart Charities, is a lifeline for dogs, young and old. This transport is a lifesaver and Rescue Village is a "Destination Shelter."

The puppies are carried into the shelter. There are so many different mixes and all must be vetted, spayed and neutered, and adopted. Their journey ends well and they all go home within a week.

There is also need right here in our own backyard. Rescue Village "pulls" dogs from other shelters who may be bursting at the seams and in desperate need of help. With our expanded shelter we have more room and more flexibility. A new partnership was born shortly after moving into our expanded building. We came together with The Cleveland City Kennel and their Director, Ed Jamison. The City Kennel had started a new and novel "City Dogs" program and RV became one of its fans.

These urban dogs are often Pitt mixes and City Dogs has transferred some great ambassadors of these breeds. Like Sparkle, who was quickly adopted and Elvis, who filled an empty space in a special man's heart.

Folks in our neck of the woods are just starting to learn how great these dogs can be. RV is very excited about working with City Dogs and all of our partners because all of us are about the same thing - saving animals!
Pet owners with larger properties often struggle with the need to contain their pets and the want to give them as much space as possible. Those that are interested in Invisible Fence® Brand containment can now enjoy a wire free solution while providing their pets multiple acres to run.

The GPS 2.0 - Wire Free Pet Fence™ Solution, is the most advanced containment solution in the pet industry, perfect for large properties. The GPS 2.0 Technology uses 32 GPS satellites to set containment boundaries on properties larger than three acres in any shape with no maximum perimeter. This advanced containment solution protects pets with no wires and no digging, whereas traditional systems require burying thousands of feet of wire.

Invisible Fence® Brand’s exclusiveDifficult Rules for Different Pets Technology lets pet owners customize different boundaries for each of their pets. Smaller, internal boundaries can be designed within the perimeter boundary to protect pets from areas such as pools, barns, livestock areas and gardens.

For more than forty years, we’ve provided pet owners with the most advanced, cutting-edge technologies to help keep pets safely at home and give owners peace of mind, said Ed Hoyt, Director of Invisible Fence® Brand. Our GPS 2.0 Wire Free Pet Fence® Solution is completely customizable, safely containing pets with no wires and no digging, whereas traditional systems require burying thousands of feet of wire.

Invisible Fence Company of Northeast Ohio invites those with properties, of three acres or more, to give them a call to learn more about this wire free containment solution.

A free in-home consultation can be scheduled at 800-578-3647 or online at InvisibleFence.com.
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Thank you again and we cannot wait to see you next year for Woofstock 2016.

remembrances June 1, 2015 - September 30, 2015

In Memory of Companion Animals

Alice
Carole M. Nazar

Annie (Black Lab)
Michael F. Schaeffer

Apollo
Carole M. Nazar

Archie
Donna Schnell

Augie
Sharmee R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

August
Kathleen R. Rudmann

Baby
Mobile Veterinary Care

Banjo
Mobile Veterinary Care

Big Springs
Cathy Springbro

Boo-Boo
Judy A. Catania

Boosman
Steven S. Friedman

Buddy Klein
Janice Klein

Buttons
Karin E. Smith

Buzzy
Mobile Veterinary Care

Cancer and Bonnie
Don Clark

Case
Robert F. Wane
Victoria E. VLane

Castle
Greg Shouds

Castle Jo
Carole M. Nazar

Chapin
Chrysa Nasca Kirsch

Chase
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Chico
Arielle Olson

Chief
Tracy Montz

Christy
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Coco
Mobile Veterinary Care

Cooper
Marie Goodman

CZ
Judith G. Ward

Dexter & Dusty Matties
Sylvie S. Mattier

Diamond
Mobile Veterinary Care

Dinky
Tracy Montz

Dolly
Steven P. Kaufman

Dolly
Marlene V. vonsov

Echo
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Ed
Mobile Veterinary Care

Edgie & Joey
Carole M. Nazar

Eddie
Cheryl Dolchansky

Emera
Marilynn Smolitsicz

Eusie
Ursula W. Lasky

Forest
Dorina Schnell

Forest
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Freckles
Brenda Shapiro

Fred
Tracy Myers

Frost Loop
Mobile Veterinary Care

Gennie
Mobile Veterinary Care

George
Glenn E. Lehmbt

George
James L. Greggs

Ginger
Mobile Veterinary Care

Glory
Daniel B. Charney

Gordon
Stuart Harris Inc.

Gracie
Mobile Veterinary Care

Guinness
Mobile Veterinary Care

Haggis
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Hannah
Linda Neer

Heidi
Mobile Veterinary Care

Hershey
Mobile Veterinary Care

Hobbs
Nancy D. Lick

Holly
Mobile Veterinary Care

Honey Bear
Mobile Veterinary Care

Hope
Carole M. Nazar

Ike
Mobile Veterinary Care

Jagger
Marilynn Smolitsicz

Jasmin
Carole M. Nazar

Jewel
Mobile Veterinary Care

Junior
Mobile Veterinary Care

Kaylee
Kim D. Ganz

Katie
Richard Dostendorf

Kates
Mobile Veterinary Care

Kimmie
Mobile Veterinary Care

Kluey
Laurie W. Lasky

Lanie
Marc R. Klotter

Lauri
Amy L. Wilbon-Delissio

Lexie
Mobile Veterinary Care

Lily
Mobile Veterinary Care

Little Black Kitty
James Whyte

Lola
Sharmee R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Lucy
Elen J. Ferrone

Maggie
Robert F. Ware

Majorie
Mobile Veterinary Care

Max
Mobile Veterinary Care

Maxie
Sharmee R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Mia
Sharmee R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Milo
Mobile Veterinary Care

Molly
Mobile Veterinary Care

Monty
Marvin McCollister

Muffins
Leonard E. Sheldon

Nell and Trooper
Arlene J. Roberts

Oscar
Mobile Veterinary Care

Pete
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Peppe
Mobile Veterinary Care

Pepper
Pamela B. Levine

Phillip
Golden Kocher

Quinny
Sharmee R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Rainbow
Mary MacGilliver

Rainy
Heidi B. Levine

Riley
Marie Goodman

Rosie
Mobile Veterinary Care

Rudy
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Rufus
Gard M. Hoke

Rusty
James Hawry

Sam
R. Clark

Shaw
Mobile Veterinary Care

Shadow
Mobile Veterinary Care

Shannon, Max, Charlie and Freeway
Michael F. Redmon

Shay
Mobile Veterinary Care

Shiloh
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Sofia
Mobile Veterinary Care

Sunny
Mobile Veterinary Care

Tabby
Mobile Veterinary Care

Taboos
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Takos
R. Clark
Mobile Veterinary Care

Tar
Jan L. Stewart

Thomas
James Nosse

Thor
Lauren B. Sheldon

Tommy
Mobile Veterinary Care

Ty
Gary Miltin

White Cat
Mariam L. Sandi

Willow and Woody
Deborah Fabrikich

Xilla
Richard Ladew

Zeek
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Zenna
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Dougie Lowrey for the arrival of high-water 2015 before the downpour regularly, wow!

Suzy Woestcott, Paul Winkl and the Woofstock Games MC at Woofstock for creating such an exciting experience for our dogs and their humans.

Doug O’Habak for being our Dog Games MC at Woofstock, great job!

Karen Daick for making the Kissing Booth for Woofstock 2015

P.A.L.S. committee: Traci Heidtman, Albee Leskie, Heather Ferguson, Tami Thurman, Polly Feldman, Don Otto, Don Shostock, Pam Domingos, Mary Margaret Dorsay for your volunteering commitments and dedication to making the Woofstock experience beyond help and dedication to education and therapy dog outreach.

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Of so many homeless animals. Thank you so much to LHS and Ganley Subaru of Wickliffe for partnering with us to save lives!

The 2nd annual Rock n Roll to the Rescue featuring Eddie Money was a SOLD OUT success! Every seat in the Rocksino was filled ... there are over 1,800 seats there! The night was filled with lots of fun, music and entertainment, but most importantly, it was filled with love for our Rescue Village animals. We are beyond grateful to Howard Perl for producing this amazing, unique fundraiser every year. Also a huge thank you to our friends at Ganley Subaru of Bedford and The Barkley Pet Hotel for being present sponsors.

To everyone who came, we hope you had a HOWLING good time. To those of you that didn’t, man did you miss out!

Money for the Animals

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Bright Covers

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help our dogs through the long winter!! Thank you Hank and Patti for donating BrightCovers to RV.

Robert C. Gannon
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with beautiful durable covers that provide relief from direct sun and shelter from rain and snow. This means we can get all appropriate dogs relief from some of the boredom and stress that occurs inside even the best shelter.

Mary A. Wilburn
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