



rescue village reporter

Geauga Humane Society Newsletter • Sponsored by Invisible Fence Co.

420 volunteers/23,000 hours

People helping animals... animals helping people... a labor of love that allows Rescue Village to soar.



Volunteer Ed Slaby and Buzz photo: Amy Sancetta

As Perkins, our rescued rooster, welcomes the day, the first volunteers arrive. The staff is already at work. Go behind the scenes of an animal shelter and you learn quickly that the key to a healthy shelter is the daily cleaning. Volunteers are busy working in the cat adoption rooms and mucking the barn. It's not glamorous but it makes all the difference to the health of the animals. There is an art and science to good sheltering and the volunteers even attend classes.

As the dog kennels are sprayed and made squeaky clean, the volunteers start giving the dogs their first walks of the day.

Cat cuddlers provide comfort and socialization. Homeward Bound trainers implement individually designed behavior programs.

People with volunteer name tags around their necks are everywhere.

There is a constant hustle and bustle and it does not stop with direct animal care. Administrative volunteers keep the outgoing mail timely, send out event invitations, and service the Cage Sponsor program.



Volunteer Barb Stiebeling and Lucky photo: Amy Sancetta

very needy the chance to grow, get well and be ready for adoption.

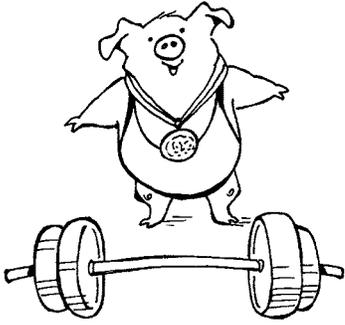
If you've ever been to Woofstock, Empty Bowls, or our summer dinner dance, the professionalism and fundraising success comes from volunteer committees who devote thousands of hours to raising over \$100,000 for the animals of Rescue Village. The newsletter you are reading and every appeal, brochure, invitation and our website rely on a volunteer photographer, cartoonist, and designers.

One measure of a humane society is the vibrancy of its volunteer program. At its core this is a matter of the heart. But in its every day of the year down-on-the-ground reality it is a matter of hard work, team work, generosity, and willingness to meet a great need. **Ordinary people, hundreds of them, doing extraordinary things TOGETHER.**



Volunteer Wendy Lewis and Jaci photo: Amy Sancetta

When we take our show on the road, RV Ambassadors and their trained therapy dogs build good will and compassion. Reaching out to deliver our humane educational message at a school assembly, volunteers fill out our crew. Our foster families give the very young and the



Look for our Spring 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

Welcome

to the following new members of the Geauga Humane Society Board of Trustees

Celeste Cappotto

Alan Hirth

Nancy Rubin

Linda Taft

from the executive director

In the spring, as the sun rises, there is a layer of mist that burns off the meadows of South Chagrin Reservation. I have made a pact to walk these paths along the river every week until the end of next fall to witness all of the marvelous changes that will occur from one week to the next. My newly adopted senior shelter pooch, Dublin, is coming along.

The meadows will change from dark brown and gray to purple, yellow and blue wildflowers. Spring is like stretching after a long sleep— reaching as far as you can, bending over and touching your toes, leaning your head back and seeing things from a fresh angle!

Like the season, Rescue Village is filled with new energy. We have been on a journey that began years ago and produced wonderful adoption programs, humane education outreach, and law enforcement against cruelty and abuse.

Still, new challenges have arisen: massive cat overpopulation; increasing pet surrenders and abandonment as the economy flags; horses facing insufficient care because the cost of hay has skyrocketed. Addressing all of this, and more, demands innovation, and collaboration.

Rescue Village is ready for the challenge. Our hiking boots are nicely worn in but not at all worn out! We know animal welfare. We know the people of our county and region. We know the needs of the animals. There are new paths and we want to try them out. The sense of urgency that drove Geauga Humane Society from a tiny shelter on Merritt Road to Rescue Village on Rte. 306 has not faded. We are no less impassioned about saving the lives of homeless, abused, and neglected animals.

2008 will see the theme Adoption=Love touch hundreds of thousands in northeast Ohio. The new Lonely Hearts Club will help special needs animals find homes more quickly. Our Spay/Neuter Intake Program (SNIP) will provide help controlling overpopulation while animals wait for space at Rescue Village. Our barn program will serve more horses and farm animals. We hope to initiate a new program for horse owners and their animals in need called Neighbors Helping Neighbors Resource Network.

I invite ALL OF YOU to join me (and Dublin). We are putting together our road map, packing light, and ready for adventures along the way. Rescue Village is on the move!

Sincerely,

Hope Brustein



Hope and Dublin photo: Amy Sancetta

animal answers

By Myrna Papurt, DVM

Respiratory Infections are a Problem in Cats

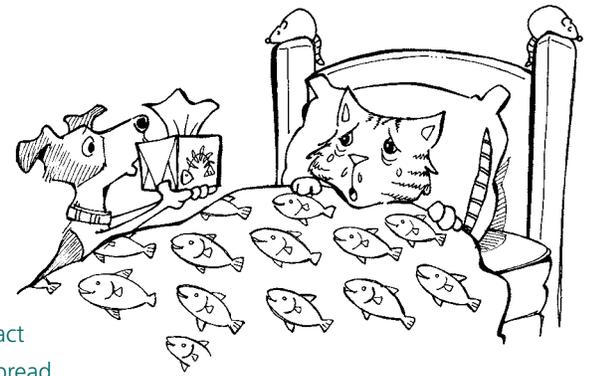
Does that cat have a cold? Its eyes and nose are running; it's sneezing. Is it the same cold that people get? Can I catch it from a cat? Can my dog catch it?

No, that cat doesn't have the same "cold" as humans. The cat has an upper respiratory virus infection (URI) caused by one or more of several different viruses. These viruses are not contagious to species other than cats. However, cats with URI's and humans with the common cold share many of the same signs: sneezing, nasal discharge, affected eyes, fever, poor appetite, and lethargy.

Even though the signs are similar, the human and cat diseases are quite different. The cat disease will probably last more than just a few days. The cat often has long-lasting eye and nose discharge. The cat may shed the virus even when the signs have disappeared.

Just as human colds are spread by contact with affected persons, feline URI's are spread to other cats by contact with cats carrying the virus or by objects such as bowls that have been used recently by cats that are shedding the virus. That is why URI's are common in feral cat colonies, breeding groups, and, unfortunately, in shelters. A shelter may admit a cat that is incubating or recovering from upper respiratory disease without knowing that the cat is sick.

Treatment of URI consists of supportive care. Affected cats are isolated from healthy cats and are given fluids, extra-tasty food, warmth, and antibiotics to prevent secondary bacterial infections. Most cats recover from URI. A few may have signs of disease for a long time; a few badly affected cats and kittens may not survive.



All cats from Rescue Village are vaccinated against URI and other diseases before they are offered for adoption. Affected cats are not adopted until they are restored to health. When you adopt a cat or kitten from GHS or any shelter, remember that it will need to have its immunity kept high by regular booster vaccinations from your veterinarian.

humane education

A great experience was had by fifteen **Spring Into Action For the Animals Camp** campers. Visits by Sheriff McClelland and Midge, and Caroline Prior and Alfie the Macaw were two highlights. Our own Pam Semanik and Sara Dillenkofer provided the campers with both dog and cat enrichment, and volunteer Nikki Coben gave a wonderful Power Point presentation entitled Cats 101, and played an impressive "Reasons to Spay Neuter" game.

Mary Carney, *Humane Education Coordinator*, made a presentation to a large home school group in Huntsburg, addressed the Kiwanis Club of Chardon, facilitated presentations to ten kindergartens at the Gardiner Early Learning Center in Bainbridge, and had Lisa Breier's Girl Scout Troop 582 decorate the shelter for **Go Orange for the Animals Day** on April 10—a celebration of the 142nd Anniversary of the ASPCA. With five Rescue Village Ambassadors and Lisa and her girls, Rescue Village put on an assembly for grades 1–3 at Notre Dame Elementary School on April 10. In return, RV was the recipient of over \$300!

Camps

All of the summer camps were filled by January 24th and the waiting lists are long. Those interested in next summer's camps can check the web site by mid-December for dates, times and application form.

Wish List for summer's camps

Colorful fleece, lightweight cotton material for bandanas, adult helpers for the August 11–15 camp.

Special Thanks

Connie Hirsh and **Lois Reed**— camp helpers, **Rachel Zeman, Jamie Nabid, Lauren Lee**— girls who spent hours preparing camp materials, **Brittany Lang**— a young lady who spent many hours making games and preparing camp materials, **Hathaway Brown School student club PAWS** (Pets and Wildlife Service Club), **Girl Scout Troop 582**— Lisa Breier and her scouts decorated the shelter for "Go Orange For the Animals Day", **Beth Furlong**— who laminated many of the camp materials



Go Orange for the Animals Day

rescue village

bulletin board

Village Voices — *Dialogue & Dessert* with the Executive Director

Please join Executive Director, Hope Brustein, for a casual evening of dialogue and dessert. Your voice is important to us. Come to raise questions, share your ideas, and give us feedback about all things Rescue Village. Bring along a dessert to share.

Wednesday, May 28th 6:30 pm

Tuesday, July 22nd 6:30pm

Tuesday, September 30th 6:30pm



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Take Rescue Village ON THE ROAD

Now that the nice weather has arrived we're taking animals and the message of Rescue Village, Adoption=Love, far and wide into our community. You will find us at:

Akron Pet Expo Saturday, June 7th, Hardesty Park in Akron 10-4

Cleveland Metro Zoo Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo Day, Saturday, June 14th

Hunter Jumper Classic adopt-a-thon at the Polo Fields Saturday & Sunday, July 12-13th

Canine Fun Days at the Polo Fields Saturday & Sunday, August 16-17th

If you would like to volunteer for any or all of these events please contact Laura at 440.338.4819 Ext. 18 or email volunteer@geaugahumane.org

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.

Come When Called This command could be critical for safety, and allow your dog some off-leash fun. No age limit for dogs. Two sessions. The class costs \$40 and includes a manual and Treat Pack. Registration is required. Bring your dog to both classes.

Thursdays, June 12 and June 19, 6:00-7:00pm

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. 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.

Thursdays, July 3 thru August 7, 6:30-7:30pm

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

Rescue Village Wish List

- 45 gallon Heavy duty garbage bags
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Purina Cat Chow
- Canned cat and kitten food
- Pedigree or Purina Puppy Chow or dog food
- Canned dog food
- All purpose spray cleaner
- Window cleaner
- Paper towels
- Clean blankets
- Trash bags
- Waste basket trash bags
- Arm and Hammer laundry soap



Homeward Bound/Enrichment Program Special Wish List

- Turbo Scratchers and refills/ PetsMart
- Cat grass kits
- Lazer lights
- Hide-Away or Pyramid cat beds
- Cat jungle gyms/Target
- Catnip
- Heavy plastic containers measuring: 16-18" length, 10"-12" wide & 8"-10" high
- Cat Greenies Treats
- KittyWalk Outdoor Cat Run
- EDGE BOUND Carpet Squares

Special thanks to...

Karen Kaminski of Buckeye Water Gardens for volunteering her talents and keeping our waterfall beautiful

Jan Glasser, Abbie Leska, Connie and Tom Barrett for making *Lights in the Garden* a reality

David Glasser for rounding up a desktop computer for the Executive Director

Les Ober from the OSU Extension in Burton for sharing his knowledge of horse issues in Geauga County

Troy Ladies Club for inviting us to speak at their April luncheon

Dave Thorn and Megan Sullivan from DTR Associates for their landscaping advice

Pam, Betsy, Jen, and everyone else who helped Happy remain happy during his stay at Rescue Village

Ben & Jerry's in Chagrin Falls for welcoming us and our adoptable animals to Free Cone Day

Stephanie Havanas, Nancy Carlton, Stephen Burks, Madelyn Sanders, and Debbie Sands for making Volunteer Appreciation Night a success

Bon Appetit at Parker Hannifin, Debbie Brown/Hair Wave Salon, Buckeye Chocolates, Nestle, Patterson Fruit Farm and White House Chocolates for supporting Volunteer Appreciation Night.

Congratulations to our new Homeward Bound trainers!

Elaine McNeely, Kim Price, Jim Price, Hollie Toner, Gina Velotta, Donna Zink, Maureen Donnellon, Marva Toohey

Kudos also go to **Nancy Parker and Pamela Crowe** for earning their Certification in the Association of Pet Dog Trainers.

Be an AdvoCAT or a DOGged Do-Goooder Ohio Legislative Alert

Support Animal Protection Orders

The Ohio House of Representatives is considering a bill that would allow judges to include companion animals in domestic violence protection orders and anti-stalking protection orders, as well as require courts to order psychological counseling for minors convicted of animal abuse. Additionally, the bill requires the State Board of Psychology to approve at least one continuing education course available to psychologists on counseling individuals who abuse animals. **Please contact your district representative and ask him or her to co-sponsor this important bill!**



photo: Amy Sancetta

Humanitarian of the Year

Rescue Village presented our Humanitarian of the Year Award to **Richie Green**. The award recognizes her work with the feral cats in Chardon. Richie has fed and cared for cats that otherwise would have lived lives of suffering. She learned to humanely trap the cats and then bring them to Rescue Village where they were spayed and neutered through our Catsmart program—solving the feral cat problem in downtown Chardon. Ritchie Green is an extraordinary friend to the animals of Geauga County.

Information in RV Reporter is believed accurate. Geauga Humane Society does not accept responsibility for errors or omissions. Consult your veterinarian for animal related concerns. It is our general policy not to sell or give away our mailing list. We do, however, reserve the right to share our list with certain strategic partners who are working with us to advance our mission. If you do not want us to provide strategic partners with your name, please send written notification to P.O. Box 116, Novelty, OH 44072.

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Adoption hours/Animal intake by appointment

Mon. & Thurs. from noon to 7pm/Tues., Fri., Sat., & Sun. from noon to 5pm/Closed on Wednesday



Cage Sponsor Program

Cage Sponsors provide food, medicine and veterinary care for the animals in our shelter. Sponsors receive monthly photos and stories about the animals they are helping.

I would like to sponsor a cage!

All cages are \$15 per month

Dog Cage

_____ cage(s) for _____ months

Cat Cage

_____ cage(s) for _____ months

Name _____

Address _____

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Introducing...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 extra 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. Look closely, this might be exactly who you've been waiting for!



photo: Susan Walsh

Martha... a sweet, lovable, mature feline who wants a lap to snuggle in and a home to call her own. Martha spent most of her life loved and cared for in Florida. However, her owner passed away and she was relocated to Ohio to start a new life. Sadly, Martha came up missing and was out on the streets. Martha, who is a nine-year-old, black and gray, short-haired tiger, has been at Rescue Village just shy of a year. She dislikes other felines so she is unable to have a buddy to share her cage. She loves people and longs for a person all her own. Martha is very affectionate, loves to play, and is oh so curious.



photo: Ed Slaby

Crystal came to RV in January, 2008. There were just too many dogs in the home, so the family surrendered Crystal to our shelter. Crystal is very sweet and loves playing and cuddling. She is energetic and thrives on taking active walks. She plays fetch and adores squeaky toys! Crystal is one year old, almost 60 pounds, and is very close to being housebroken. She will do best in a family with children over 12 since she tends to play roughly and sometimes forgets to look before she leaps in excitement. A fenced in yard would be ideal. A no cat home would be best. So, if you're looking for a friend that is all about love, Crystal is the one for you!

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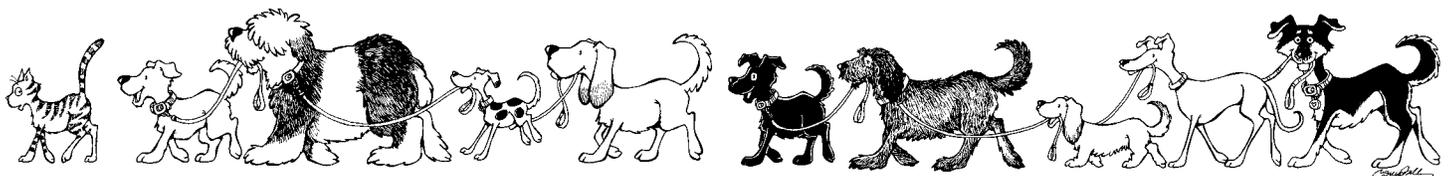
Lucy with Dave, Sam, Ed, Gus and Liz Jansen photo: Ed Slaby

Lucy, a young Black Lab mix, came to Rescue Village because she and the other dog in the house didn't see eye to eye. She is a dog that would be considered "special needs" due to a head tilt that she developed early on in life from unknown circumstances. This would sometimes throw her off balance, and she would run in circles from time to time when she got really excited. But when the Jansen's came into Rescue Village looking for a new family member, they did not see a dog with special needs. All they saw was a sweet, loving, playful & fun girl who they knew would be a great addition to their home. Lucy now lives the life of luxury with the Jansen's. She has three human brothers that she loves very much, along with two wonderful human parents who spoil her rotten. She has fit right in, and they say they couldn't imagine life without her.

Ella, a senior cat, came to Rescue Village when her owner couldn't afford to keep her anymore. She quickly became a staff favorite because she was so cranky and opinionated. But, due to her age, she was having some difficulty finding her new forever home. David Makatura was looking for a laid back cat that would be a good companion and could live with his resident bird. Once he saw Ella online, he knew he just had to meet her in person. After coming to Rescue Village and spending some quality time with Ella, he fell in love. Ella has settled right in, and has quickly become queen of the household. She and the bird get along and have a good understanding of each other!



Ella with David Makatura photo: Ed Slaby



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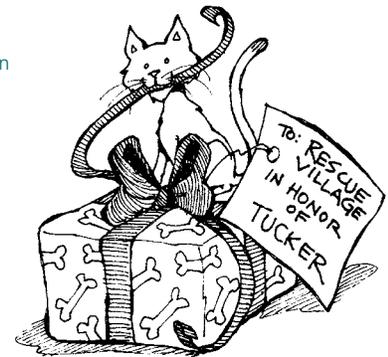
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ask the trainer

I just got a puppy and I'm having a hard time housetraining him. Can you help?

I adopted a three year old female Lab mix from Rescue Village. I was told that the dog was housetrained, but she's had a couple of accidents in the house and I don't know what to do. Can you help?

Training a dog to go potty outside requires a lot of patience and persistence. You're going to have to put in some time and effort at the beginning, but it's worth it to be able to relax when your dog is finally 'reliable' in the house.

The first thing you have to remember is that dogs don't inherently know to go potty outside. Simply letting your dog out in your big, fenced-in yard isn't going to teach him to not use the new carpet as his potty spot once he comes back in. Your dog, and especially a new puppy, knows neither your culture nor your language! Yelling, asking, begging, and telling him where to go or not go isn't going to get you very far.

If you follow this plan, your dog should begin to understand the concept of going potty outside in as little as two or three weeks:

1. Take your dog out frequently. Although most adult dogs can 'hold it' for eight or more hours per day, the rule of thumb for puppies is that they should be able to hold it for as many hours as equals their age in months plus one. For example, your three month old puppy should be learning to hold it for four hours.
2. Take your dog outside, on a leash, and walk him to the spot where you'd like him to go potty. Don't allow the puppy to sniff around all over the yard. Keep him in one area and just stand there until he goes potty.
3. Once he starts to 'do his thing', you can say a word or phrase such as 'go potty' or 'hurry up'. In the future, this phrase will become his verbal cue of what he's supposed to do.
4. When he's finished, praise him lavishly.
5. Let him play outside or wander around the yard on-leash for a minute or two before bringing him back inside. If he's adequately confined to your yard, you can throw a ball for him and have a good time. This teaches him that going outside is for business first, play second.

Keeping your dog confined when you can't watch him, and getting him on a set feeding schedule, will also help in housetraining. Remember that if your dog has the opportunity to go potty in an inappropriate location, it isn't his fault! Don't reprimand a dog for accidents, or you may be inadvertently teaching him to find a better-hidden location next time. Use a specially-formulated product to pick up dog scents if you do find areas in the house that your dog has been using inappropriately.

Be patient, be persistent, and be ready to enjoy your well-adjusted, housetrained dog!

from invisible fence® brand

Another Rescue Village Animal Safe at Home



Leia, a two-year-old Lab mix, was adopted from Rescue Village in October 2008 by Vicki Durandt and her family. The Durandt's wanted to give Leia room to run on their property but the cost and unsightliness of a traditional fence concerned them. The Invisible Fence Brand outdoor containment solution was the perfect answer! When asked what her favorite thing is about the Invisible Fence Brand System, Durandt says "Not seeing it!"



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Get started!! Raise money for the animals at Rescue Village and then join us for—

Woofstock 2008 at the Holden Arboretum

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Sunday, September 21st 9am-3pm

Woofstock is a dog walk and groovy day of pet- & family-friendly activities, shopping, treats, and live music **to benefit the homeless animals of Rescue Village**. There are two ways to raise money and earn **great prizes!** You can join the walk as an individual or as a member of a PACK (team). This year you can get started early raising money and organizing your friends, family and cohorts ONLINE! **It's easy!** Just go to www.geaugahumane.org and get started. Or you can raise money by using the pledge form on the next page. Spend the summer spreading the news: WOOFSTOCK OR BUST!

For more information call 440.338.4819 ext.19.

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Join us for— a doggone purrfect night

Sylvia and Heath Oliver present our all new summer event to benefit the animals at Geauga Humane Society's Rescue Village. A lovely evening to remember.

Saturday, June 21, 2008 6:30pm at Rescue Village

Individual Tickets—\$75 per person

Patron Tickets—\$125 per person

includes a pre-event champagne tour at 5:30pm to discover the grounds & meet the animals

Sponsor a shelter animal for the evening—\$200 per animal

Be their shining star! Your name and/or a photo will be placed on the kennels for the day of the event.

Come dressy-casual and enjoy

- ☐ cocktail hour ☐ music ☐ "Raise your Heart" paddle auction ☐ elegant dinner
- ☐ tours of Rescue Village ☐ silent auction



Call Diane at 440.338.4819, ext 19. **Seating is limited, please RSVP by June 9th.**

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Rescue Village Hours

Monday & Thursday: noon–7pm

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: noon–5pm

Closed Wednesday

adoption stops ½ hour before posted closing times



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Volunteer of the Year—Ed Slaby

For Ed Slaby, the Volunteer of the Year, life at Rescue Village started seven years ago when the doors to the new shelter opened. Now it is hard to imagine our community without him.

Ed is part resident photographer—taking wonderful pictures of the animals for the Cage Sponsor program and Petfinder.com.

He is part Homeward Bound dog trainer. Ed’s love and skills have helped hundreds of dogs get ready for adoption.

A life-long dedication to animals shows in everything Ed does. He does not hesitate driving all over Russell Township looking for a lost dog. He will come quickly to help out during rough moments. His knowledge is invaluable and his calm confidence helps us all to know that “it’s going to be okay.”

Ed goes above and beyond and inspires everyone who knows him.



*Ed Slaby with Buzz
photo: Amy Sancetta*