When I first started working as a humane agent, one of my instructors taught me that this job requires wearing “many hats.” He said we must act as police officers, emergency responders, animal handlers, vet techs, and social workers — sometimes all at once. A recent case brought that lesson home.

An urgent voicemail message claimed there were eight to ten dogs abandoned at a property in Claridon. I met with Barnee Woolf, who coordinates dog intake at the shelter, so we could make a plan to bring in that many animals at one time. Her supernatural calm was a big help. Ready for anything, I drove to the property.

I knocked on the front door, and the house erupted with barking. It sounded like eight to ten dogs to me! I knocked again and waited, hoping someone would be home. Several cars and a motorcycle were parked in the driveway, covered with snow.

Eight dogs in Claridon
One dog was barking in the garage. I looked through a window and saw a medium-sized brown dog on a short cable, surrounded by garbage. The dog was wagging his tail and seemed to be in good shape. But the conditions looked terrible, and I needed to find the owner right away.

When I went back to my van, the owner arrived. I’ll call her “Helen” (not her real name). Helen was a middle-aged woman, well spoken and articulate. But there was something very sad about her. After I explained who I was and why I was there, she admitted that she had six dogs and two puppies inside the house. She said that she lives at a neighbor’s house now, because her house is “such a mess.” Helen explained that she had been trying to find homes for the puppies and that her kids said they would take the older dogs.

We spoke about the dogs’ quality of life, and she soon offered to surrender one to Rescue Village. When pressed about the other dogs, she said her kids would come to get them. I told her that I would need to see the conditions of her home to make sure none of the dogs are suffering or in danger. She agreed, but didn’t want to lose contact with any of the animals. She had had them since they were young. She wept.

Understanding Helen
I needed to change hats. I could no longer be the stern humane officer. To resolve this case with the best results, I needed to find out what caused this situation in the first place. So Helen and I went outside to an old picnic table, brushed off the snow, and sat and talked for a while. We talked of general things at first. When I mentioned her snow-covered motorcycle, Helen said it belonged to her boyfriend. I asked where he was and if maybe he could help with the dogs. She said he was killed not long ago, but wouldn’t go into detail.

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Diversity and Direction

Every May we take shelter dogs with us to the Blossom Time Parade in Chagrin Falls. It is a joyous day, and we are always surprised how well the dogs cooperate, considering the crowds, noise and heat. While parade floats line up, we gather at the Simpsons. The dogs run free in their fenced-in yard. Add the resident dogs, Cara, Grace and Emma, and there is a big mix that could result in a big mess! They graze, wrestle, occasionally raise a hackle or two, but basically work it out. Doggie politics at its best—agreeing to disagree!

We come together around Rescue Village, hundreds of us humans, a community of animal lovers united by compassion. A humane ethic runs, like a luminescent thread, through the fabric of our lives. How many times have we cried together? How often have we shaken our heads in unison in disbelief or smile in celebration of happy outcomes?

Yet, somehow, our politics are more difficult. They intersect with a complicated reality. I chuckle sometimes, wondering if having language and soooo many words make it harder to understand each other. We live in a time when issues of humane treatment of animals are societal issues, throbbing with passion and contention. From banning dog auctions in Ohio to determining standards of care for Ohio’s livestock and poultry, people and organizations, including Geauga Humane Society, are taking stands and acting on ethical convictions.

The debate will ebb and flow. I am confident that these waves are slowly eroding old values and justifications for continuing practices that are inhumane. Certainly no one can make a powerful argument anymore that animals do not experience, on their terms, comfort, sadness, boredom, pain, fear, or love. All animals deserve our moral concern. And, as we witness every day at Rescue Village, we choose how we act on those concerns.

Maybe you are thinking, “It’s spring, why such a weighty letter?” Because, this season, and those coming, will see many debates on animal welfare in Ohio. And, just as surely as the spring wildflowers will emerge, so will the colorful diversity of opinion, even among friends and family at Rescue Village. A human hackle or two may rise, but it is the way we work things out—agreeing to disagree, while taking responsibility for the future.

Hope Brustein  
photo: Amy Sancetta
2010 is the year of the Tiger. What is GHS doing for the cats?

In honor of the year of the Tiger and Rescue Village’s devotion to saving cats, 2010 is the Year of the Cat. We are raising the bar and committing ourselves to an even higher level of excellence in the care and adoption of cats. Professionals have been consulted, conferences have been attended, and every iota of information that we could find was contemplated to determine how to make a cat’s stay as stress-free, home-like as possible. Studies show that cats that feel safe and behave naturally are adopted more quickly than those that are frightened or unhappy. They also have fewer stress-related diseases.

Cat Pavilion

Until 2010, many cats were housed in small one-story condos. This year, each cat has two to call his own—allowing him to play and stretch. No longer are they eating, sleeping, playing and using the litter box in one small space. Each night, there is a Kitty Kampout. Select cats are moved to a “Get Acquainted Room”, complete with shelves for jumping and climbing. They can even enjoy an elevated catnap.

These changes have resulted in cats being adopted more quickly; the average length of stay went from 50+ days to 30. Although we are housing fewer cats at one time, we are adopting more cats because of the quicker turnover rate.

Cat Community Room—Marino's Cool Cat Cafe

The Cat Community Room is now Marino’s Cool Cat Cafe, in honor of our former Constable, Marino. Gone are the boring sleeping cubicles. Welcome, a colorful and exciting mural created by cartoonist Jenny Campbell. The room is now open to the general public, and the mural attracts them into the room to meet and greet the resident cats. In 2009, only 19 cats were adopted from the Cat Community Room, a tiny percentage of the 886 cats adopted last year. As of March, 10 out of XXX adopted cats were from the Community Room.

Our feline friends are meowing with excitement because of all the changes. Walk through our cat areas at any given time and you will see active, happy, healthy cats.

our thanks

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

Able Animal Hospital H.S. Sandhu, D.V.M.
Animal Clinic of Chardon, Inc.
Tom and Wendy Frankmann, D.V.M.
Animal Hospital, Inc.
Scott Murray, D.V.M., Debbie Dennis, D.V.M.
Megan Barnhizer, D.V.M., Jeanne Friedman, D.V.M.
Animal Medical Center of Euclid
Auburn Veterinary Hospital, Inc.
Paul Clemens, D.V.M.
Aurora Veterinary Clinic
Banfield, the Pet Hospital of Willoughby
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Banfield, the Pet Hospital of Aurora
Big Creek Veterinary Hospital
Eric Neate, D.V.M., Joel Pervical, D.V.M.
Brightwood Animal Hospital
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Chagrin Animal Clinic
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Middlefield Veterinary Clinic
Mobile Veterinary Care
Shammy Clark, D.V.M.
Newbury Animal Clinic
Bharat Khemsara, D.V.M.
Orange Village Hospital
Earle Rogoff, D.V.M.
Pet Hospital of Willoughby
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Suburban Veterinary Clinic
Terrence Ochterski, D.V.M.
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Ronald Moroff, D.V.M.
Town-n-Country Pet Hospital
Andy Leeb, D.V.M.
Tyler Animal Clinic, Inc.
Michelle Radecky, D.V.M., Rick Mastrococo, D.V.M.
VCA Midpark Animal Hospital
Scott Jackson, D.V.M., Anita Kinscher-Juran, D.V.M.
Village Veterinary Clinic
West Geauga Veterinary Hospital
Christine Pappas, D.V.M., Paul Ramsey, D.V.M.
Willoughby Hills Veterinary Clinic
Ronald Budz, D.V.M.

Marino’s Cool Cat Cafe  photo: Amy Sancetta
Adoption hours (Animal intake by appointment)
Mon. & Thurs. from noon to 7pm/Tues., Fri., Sat., & Sun. from noon to 5pm/Closed on Wednesday

Mark Your Calendars

MAY: Adopt a Certified Pre-Owned Cat or Dog
Adopt a Certified Pre-Owned Cat or Dog. All available models meet high standards of safety, reliability, comfort, value, and purr-formance. Take a quality pet home today for one low 0% APR payment ($55 - $130.75, depending on model)! And for a limited time, purchase one Certified Pre-Owned Cat, get another of equal or lesser value for FREE!

JUNE: Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month
At GHS it's all about shelter cats, all the time. The month of June is extra special— it's Adopt-A-Shelter Cat Month! Make your way to Rescue Village and meet the feline of your dreams! Visit www.geaugahumane.org to see our cats and the specials for the month.

AUGUST: Sidewalk Sale at Rescue Village
Visit “The Block to Shop” and experience THE SIDEWALK SALE of the Summer on August 20-22 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.

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.

Please sign me up for—
   ___ cat cage(s) for ___ months at $15 each
   ___ dog cage(s) for ___ months at $15 each

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This is a gift. Please send to—
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Check: Make payable to Geauga Humane Society
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Please return this entire form to:
Geauga Humane Society
Post Office Box 116
Novelty, Ohio 44072
Attn: Cage Sponsor Program

Your gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Double your donation with a matching gift— see your employer for details.

Rescue Village Wish List

• Stretch and Scratch (www.stretchandscratch.com)
• Dry Kitten Chow
• Laundry Soap
• KMR
• Laser Lights
• New/Used Collapsible Crates
• Pet Toys
• Cat Grass Kits

Lonely Hearts & Project S.A.V.E.
Perch came to us in October 2009 from another shelter. Perch is a 2- to 4-year-old, male Black Lab mix. He arrived at RV with a noticeable limp. In January, Perch received life-changing surgery for a slipped kneecap that limited his ability to walk and run. Because of his surgery and his initially timid personality, Perch will need an owner with patience and understanding. Come to Rescue Village to meet this sweet and lovable Lab. A special thank you to Dr. Tom Frankmann at the Animal Clinic of Chardon for his surgical skills with Perch and his generosity extended to Rescue Village.
Paxton was born while in a Rescue Village foster home. When he was a few months old, he was put up for adoption and that was when Lauren Miller, a fourth grader, came into the picture. Once Lauren and her family decided on Paxton, Lauren suggested that she have a birthday party for the dogs she could not take home. Lauren and her mom, Jill, learned about "In Kids We Trust," Rescue Village’s club for young philanthropists, and decided to participate. Invitations for the party asked that guests bring a Rescue Village wish list item in lieu of a gift. At the end of the party, they loaded up their minivan and brought all the gifts to Rescue Village. Lauren said it was her best birthday party. She felt proud that she did something special for the dogs waiting to be adopted.

Towaca is a 9-year-old Pony of the Americas. He arrived at Rescue Village with Lex, another horse. Both were malnourished and deprived of adequate shelter. Immediately, Towaca went into foster care with Dr. Myrna Papurt, our volunteer veterinarian, for extra training. Nine months later, Towaca returned to RV. Stacey Nichols was at Rescue Village for something non-horse related and met Towaca. It was love at first sight, and Stacey continued to come in to visit him. In time, she made the decision to adopt. Stacey’s three children love riding Towaca, and Towaca loves doing what he was bred to do.

When Lulu arrived at Rescue Village in September 2008, she was a very fearful cat, spending most of her time hiding. If approached, she would hiss, thus turning away potential adopters. In January, Amy and Eric Rutkowski came to Rescue Village. They had lost two older cats and were looking for a companion for their remaining feline. They were a bit unsure of how to choose their new companion pet, so they spent some time in “Marino’s Cool Cat Café.” They visited with various cats, but noticed that Lulu was rather attracted to Eric. The decision was made and Lulu’s adoption took place. While Lulu is still shy, when it is bedtime she scampers up the stairs to join her family in bed. We predict continued progress for our special gal pal, Lulu.
**Art in the Garden**

Art in the Garden will be held **Saturday, May 22, 2010** from noon to 5 pm in the Rescue Village Kranz Family Celebration Garden. Local jewelry artists will offer their beautiful creations for sale. While you’re shopping, stroll around our grounds and visit the animals. 20% of sales will benefit the animals.

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**Mardi Paws**

presented by Black Lab Corporation

How wonderful to experience a Mardi Gras-style Mardi Paws without having to take a plane to New Orleans. Over 300 friends of the animals gathered to raise over $65,000 for Rescue Village's programs and services. With masks and beads and sparkling centerpieces made by local high school students, the celebration went into the night.

Thank you to our sponsors—

Party 411, The Barkley Pet Hotel, Westervelt Design, Ciuni & Panichi, Benesch Attorneys at Law

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**Come Join Us...**

for the third annual

**Doggone Purrfect Night**—

**Saturday, June 26, 2010**

**at Rescue Village**

to benefit the animals at

Geauga Humane Society’s Rescue Village

Visit www.geaugahumane.org or call 440.338.4819 ext. 19 for information.
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Furry Walk-A-Thon
Sunday, September 19, 2010
The Holden Arboretum  10am–3pm

GRAB YOUR SNEAKERS AND YOUR FURRY FRIEND
This year we will be gathering everyone at 10am for the official
two-mile walk and fun run through beautiful Holden Arboretum.
Following the walk, enjoy the fun family festival activities such as
cool canine games, the agility course, 40 pet-friendly vendors, live
music and much more.

We’re pulling out all the stops to raise as much money as we can
for the animals in our care, and we definitely want YOU to be part
of our event.

Last year’s rain did not stop the fun had by the 800 dogs and
1,700 pledge raisers, festival goers and generous sponsors who all
came together to raise an amazing $65,000!

Sign up now and help us raise $100,000 in 2010— TOGETHER
WE CAN! www.geaugahumane.org/events/woofstock.html

woofstock pledge form
Start Collecting Pledges for the walk/run— The idea is to raise as much as you can through pledges from your friends and family.
That way, you not only care for more homeless pets, you qualify for great prizes.  A limited-edition Woofstock t-shirt and a weekend
family trip are among the coveted premiums. You can use the registration form to collect pledges, or you can create your own web page
and do it all online at www.geaugahumane.org.

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GHS Office Supplies Wish List

- Multipurpose/Copy Paper, 8 ½ X 11, 20 Lb. white
- Letter size laminating pouches, 3 Mil.
- Heavy Duty Paper Shredder, cross-cut, new or very good condition
- Spiral notebooks, narrow ruled
- Large glue sticks
- Batteries—AA and AAA
- Post-it Notes
- Scotch magic tape, including refills
- Packing tape
- Legal pads, narrow ruled, white or yellow
- Envelopes 10 X 13 and 6 X 9
- HP 61X (C8061X) Toner Cartridge, High Yield
- Colored Paper, 8 ½ X 11, 24 Lb.
- Avery 5160 White Laser Address Labels
- Color Card Stock, 8 ½ X 11, 110 Lb.
- Laminating Machine
- File folders
- Pens
- Clear tote boxes
- White or black binders, all sizes

Classes

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.

Class schedule (subject to change)

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How to Enroll

- 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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Dr. Tom Frankmann at the Animal Clinic of Chardon for his surgical skills with Perch
Chairwomen Tiffany Mushrush Mentzer and Jan Glasser and the entire Mardi Paws committee: Kathy Armstrong, Judy Cruxtom, Tiffany Fenner, Nicki Greer, Cheryl Hawkins, Heather Perigo, Sheila Simpson, and Stacy Westervelt
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Linda from World of Magic for her tricks at Mardi Paws
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Ardis Danicic for always going the extra mile to help the administrative team with any task

Correction—Rescue Village Reporter, Issue 4, 2009 inadvertently recorded Rescue Village’s history incorrectly. Hugh was not a mascot, but was the spokesdog for the capital campaign that built Rescue Village. While at Merritt Road, he spent days at the shelter and nights with the shelter manager and her family. Later, he became the mayor of Rescue Village. Hugh was adopted into a loving, forever home where he was able to retire from “public life,” and finish his life as a beloved pet.
Getting in Tune with “Homeward Bound”
We can almost imagine the beagles howling that old Simon & Garfunkel tune, “I wish I were homeward bound.” It is the objective of our unique dog behavior program called “Homeward Bound (HB).” HB volunteers must be recommended and meet prerequisites. These highly skilled volunteers (numbering over 30 people) direct their knowledge and know-how to helping shelter dogs overcome treatable behavior issues to become good citizens. It is all about giving our dogs the best chances of getting adopted and staying in their new homes.

Reading the daily log that sits in the dog pavilion gives a flavor for the program. This is where HB volunteers write notes on the work and their experiences with dogs. Each entry gives HB trainers and staff an understanding of what is happening. One report about a dog named Tillie says, “So silly! The horse drove her into a barking frenzy, so I worked on ‘leave it.’ Tillie is very smart and did unbelievably well. Also worked on taking treats gently, which she needs more help with. Needs a buddy.”

“There are plans to make Homeward Bound even stronger in 2010,” says coordinator Barnee Wolfe. Our dog behavior hotline will be answered by HB trainers. We will be working to create specific “prescriptions” for individual dogs, to ensure consistency in our positive reinforcement approach. Homeward Bound meets monthly to review case studies and to provide continuing education for the trainers.

Another Rescue Village Animal Safe at Home

The Kushan family adopted Bandit, an adorable Australian Shepherd mix puppy from Rescue Village and realized right away that Bandit had a lot of energy. John and Perry Kushan spent time with him in the yard on a tie-out at first, but they quickly realized he needed to run. “Neighbors recommended a do-it-yourself fence from the store, but we knew it would be a big job to do ourselves. It’s been more than worth it to have the installation, training, and support from Invisible Fence,” explained John. “Bandit learned really quickly, and it’s a beautiful thing to open the door and let him out.” With the freedom of the entire yard, Bandit bounds around chasing balls, toys, and displaying puppy antics. “Bandit definitely gets the exercise he needs— he loves to play and run and be with his ‘people.’ And he can follow us while we’re doing yard work or run after a toy and we don’t have to worry that he’s left the yard.”
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Peppy Nancy Davis and Scott Smith
Phantom Loretta Varajal
Pringle Dankie Ann
Queenie Anna
Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.
Ramsay Tom and Becky Peterson
Rascal Helen Goldenberg
Reilly Barbara Convey
Patti Becker
Ricky Allison Basla
Riley Gay Linaman
Rocky Mobile Veterinary Animal Care Inc.
Rudy Sandy and Elliot Philpion
Ruger Joann Tacka
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Kind Kids R Cool Campers
Rescue Village is thrilled by how deeply the kids in our community care about animals. There are so many kids with so much love that our humane education camps are always filled! For the 17 “Snow Melter” campers and the 16 “Animal Adventure” campers, winter was no bore. Their camp days were filled with hands-on activities like studying animals’ sense organs and learning to understand cat body language. Bird feeders were created by the kids using acorn squash. What a treat for the birds that live in the woods behind the shelter! The campers celebrated Spay Day and learned about how to be animal advocates. The camps are so popular that all six weeks of summer camp were filled by February!

The camps increase our need for new supplies. **Your donation of the following items would be very much appreciated:**
- Permanent Colored Markers
- Wooden Dowels (36” long by 3/16” round)
- Glue Sticks
- Sheets of Colored Poster Board
- Hand Sanitizer

(top) Cheyenne Kitchel and Zoey enjoying Saturday Animal Adventure Camp. (above) Snow Melter campers showing off their bird feeders.