

Fort Defiance HUMANE SOCIETY TAILBLAZERS



50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

It's hard to believe there was a time when the animals in Defiance County had virtually no protection. But, thanks to the hard work, passion and determination of animal-loving visionaries, the Defiance County Humane Society (now FDHS), was officially incorporated November 21, 1966.

Prior to that, a meeting was called to order by temporary chairman, Roger V. Bacon, October 19, 1966, for the purpose of organizing the Society. A discussion was held on the Articles of Incorporation to be adopted and a proposed Constitution which were both approved. Those present were: Mrs. Paul Schweitzer, Mrs. John A. Garman, Mrs. Edward B. Schultz, Bertha Stever, Paul E. Schweitzer, Carl Hoch, Paul E. Myers, Louis B. Rickerd, J. T. Raimonde, Jan Meloy, Alan E. George, Roger Bacon, Mrs. George Ensign, Don B. Ziegler, Jean Peaslee, Raymond M. Hasselschwert, Mrs. Jay Baum, Mrs. G. Donald Adams, John T. Thomas, Mrs. John T. Thomas, Mrs. Marjorie K. Lehman, Mrs. Pat Sproul, Ray E. Navin, Mrs. Ray Navin, Mrs. Zelma Bean, Mrs. L. L. Ensign and Virginia Zeller.

Those elected to the Board were: Mrs. Pat Ensign, Dr. J. T. Raimonde, Don B.

Ziegler, Rev. Carl Hoch, Jane Adams, Mrs. Paul Schweitzer, Roger V. Bacon, Bertha Stever, Mrs. Virginia Zeller and Dr. Alan E. George. Dues, in the amount of \$2, were collected from those desiring to become charter members.



A treasurer's report was given and it was reported that there was \$31 in the treasury and that 14 members had paid their dues.

First officers elected were: President, Mrs. George Ensign; Secretary, Mrs. Donald Adams; and Treasurer, Mrs. John A. Garman.

Today, we join with others who love animals around the country in celebrating our 50th anniversary. So much has happened over the past 50 years. There have been amendments, challenges, and victories – but, by and large, the Fort Defiance Humane Society, with your help, has saved the lives and improved the care of literally thousands of innocent animals. We are dedicating this achievement to our forefunders and the devoted efforts and strength of our supporters over the years. Together, as caretakers and protectors, we can ensure that many more lives will be changed for the better in the years to come!



FALL COSTUME CRITTER CRAWL

Join us for our Fall Costume (optional) Critter Crawl, **Saturday, October 15, 2016**. We will meet at Leisure Time Winery, near Napoleon, to board our spacious motor coach buses which will include restrooms and DVD players. The first bus will depart at 1:00 p.m. and the second bus will depart at 2:00 p.m.

Our destination will be the Country Heritage Winery and Vineyards in Laotto, Indiana. There will be wine tastings, silent auctions and 50/50 events. There will be prizes in 3 categories of costumes. We will arrive back at Leisure Time Winery between 5:15 pm and 6:15 pm.

The cost of \$50 includes wine tastings at both wineries, transportation and a "spooktacular" good time! For more information and to register, call Linda Thurlwell at 419/783-9804. Your registration fee must be paid prior to this fun outing.



A WIN-WIN STORY

When an anonymous, faithful couple contacted us and asked if there was anything special we needed in the \$2,000-range, we immediately said we needed a professional groomer's tub. Wallah! They provided the monetary needs and we purchased and installed a wonderful stainless steel grooming tub. It has a non-slip pullout ramp for the pets that slides under the tub and the tub is deep for turning large dogs. It also has a raised floor grate for smaller animals. It has made life easier for the staff and their backs, necks and shoulders as they groom pets with ease. The tub is designed for comfort and safety when bathing squirmy, playful or even aggressive animals. That was the first Win!

The second Win came when we had a picture of our shelter director, Josh O'Hara, bathing a Golden Retriever in the new tub published in the Crescent-News. We had several calls concerning the then, Shiloh. It just happened that Penny Timms was one of the callers. Sadly, she had recently lost 2 of her faithful companions. Bandit, a border collie, had lung cancer and passed 5/26, the day before her birthday, and



J.J., a yorkie, had congestive heart failure and passed 7/29. As you can imagine, that left a big hole in her heart and life. Her home was so quiet. By now you have guessed that she adopted who is now known as Buddy. She says he is absolutely great. He is very gentle, loves his toys, does tricks, is very well behaved, just the best dog. Buddy is very affectionate and constantly wants attention. He loves to ride in the car, sits in the back seat and rides like a little man. She could tell when he got in her car at the shelter that he was ready to go home. He also loves getting a bath. He

has already had visits to the vet and the groomer. He does have some skin conditions, thinking it's allergies, and his back legs are a little stiff, but he is on needed medication. Whatever, Penny feels that their attachment was meant to be and that it is a match made in Heaven!

MOUSE IN YOUR HOUSE?

This information is taken from the HSUS site. Please check out the entire article "What to do about Wild Mice" for more details. This time of year many wild mice are looking for a cozy spot to spend the winter. And your home fits the bill! If all they did was eat some of our food, we could probably co-exist. But since they can spread diseases, chew electrical wiring, as well as contaminating the area with their droppings, keeping them outdoors is the best idea.



Mice can enter through openings no larger than the size of a dime, so preventing their entry can be an ongoing process. Such things as wire mesh or quick-drying cement work well, as well as copper pot scrubbers or steel wool, depending on the location of the entrance hole.

What about traps? HSUS states that there are no truly humane ways to kill mice, only some that are less humane. Never, never use glue traps. Poisons can also kill pets or young children, so they should not be used either. If you search the web, you can find many types of live traps. Moving the trapped mouse to an area where there is an old abandoned building gives it a better chance of survival.

As the Little Church Mouse said, "Life always offers you a second chance, it's called Tomorrow!"

LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

We've partnered with H.O.P.E for Animals of Ft. Wayne, IN, to offer a convenient, monthly, low-cost alternative to increase the number of sterilized pets in our area. Surgery dates are the first Wednesday/Thursday of each month. So far this year, 376 spay/neuters have been performed through this program. Please contact us or go to our website for more details!

ADOPTION RATES

Dogs \$125
Cats \$45 or 2/\$75

Seniors or Seniors

• Animals 6+ years or
• Adopters 55+ years
Dogs \$50 • Cats \$15

Pets for Vets

* Military ID required
Dogs \$50 • Cats \$15

Longtime Residents

• Animals at Shelter 60+ days
Dogs \$50 • Cats \$15

Feline Fridays

*Fridays Only
Cats and/or Kittens
\$25



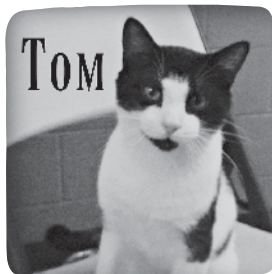
All adopted animals are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, dewormed and medically cleared.



FELINE NEUTER DAY

Our 4th Feline Male Neuter Day will be held **Friday, October 14, 2016**, at the shelter. This event is supervised by Dr. Karen Pedden from the Hicksville Veterinary Clinic. So far, 370 unsuspecting male cats have been neutered through this program. The cost is only \$10 and includes any domesticated or feral male feline. The owners have the option of having their kitty tested for FIV/leukemia for only \$20. This is a test that should be done initially and followed up with yearly vaccinations. Call the shelter for details to register. Fees must be paid with cash in advance. The shelter will be closed to the general public that day. Just think of it—370 cats! If statistics are correct, an un-neutered male cat can result in at least 20 kitten births. Just these neuters alone, saved the lives of over 7,400 kittens!

These boys, Tom, Romeo and Boston, have done their part to prevent unwanted births. They are at the shelter just waiting for you. Remember, if you adopt 1, you save the lives of 2!



2016 PUTTS FORE PAWS

Our 13th Annual Putts Fore Paws golf outing at Eagle Rock Golf Club held July 16, was a great success. This fundraiser helped us get our “paws” on nearly \$10,000 for “Teto’s Fund,” benefiting our spay/neuter program. Congratulations to our first place winners Dave Booth, Mike Marx, Jim Amspoker (also winning men’s longest drive on #2), and Jim Kryling. Our sincere appreciation is extended to not only the players, but to the businesses and individuals who donated the various hole sponsorships and prizes. The major sponsors were: TOP DOG, Defiance Eagles Aerie #372; BEST FRIEND, Applebee’s, Defiance Rotary Club, Jerry Serrick & C.J. & Chevy; and PET LOVER, Citizens National Bank, City Beverage, Marilyn Frey & Sami, Mark & Denise Hench, Sherwood State Bank and Thrivent Financial. We hope to see you teeing off next year, July 15, 2017!



2016 PARTY IN THE PARK

“PARTY SOGGY—BUT NOT A TOTAL WASH”

Despite a rainy forecast, over 500 people came to our 4th Annual Party in the Park! The outdoor concert was held Friday, July 29, in the park behind the Defiance Moose Lodge where patrons witnessed the live performances of “Venyx” and “Wally & The Beavs” while enjoying burgers, hot dogs and cold drinks. Luckily, the rain held off until “Venyx” was nearly done with their set. The rain caused the remainder of the show to move into the Moose Lodge (which required quick action on the part of the many hard-working volunteers). Food and drink were again available, and the patient audience was able to dance the night away to “Wally & The Beavs.”



This event still managed to raise almost \$8,000, which will go directly towards creating FDHS’s first on-site surgery suite – allowing more frequent low-cost spay and neuters for our community.

SINCERE THANKS TO:

Platinum Sponsors: Northwest Real Estate, Defiance Moose Lodge; **Gold Sponsors:** Stambaugh Jewelers, Integrity Defiance Auto Body, Jacob’s Meats; **Silver Sponsors:** Wooden Indian Pawn Shop, Nationwide Insurance - Jill Clinger, Clemens Mobile Welding; **Bronze Sponsors:** B&Z Auto Repair, Glenn Park of Defiance, March 4th Design; **Honorable Mentions:** Culligan Sales & Service, Roehrs-McMillen Insurance, Advance America; **Volunteers:** Scott Wirth of Smokin’ Hot BBQ, Farmer Twp. Fire Department, Moose-Member Volunteers, FDHS Volunteers – and of course the unwavering support of our community.

SPECIAL REQUEST: Please do not leave aggressive or sick animals in the drop-off area, due to the possibility of danger to the other animals and staff. If you must relinquish your pet, please do it during our regular business hours, noon to 5 pm, 7 days a week. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



HAPPY TAILS



BANDIT – is a 2-year-old Pit Bull. He was with us some time back and tested positive for heartworm. We had him treated and he was heartworm negative. He was adopted, but the

adoptive parents did not administer his heartworm preventative medication. He was with us, once again, and, once again, the poor fellow tested positive for heartworm. He was treated again and is now heartworm free. Just when Bandit was wondering what life had in store for him, Rebecca Thieme and her friend, Chad, stopped at the shelter to play with the dogs. They had been talking about getting a companion and when they saw Bandit, they hit it off right away. From day one, Bandit has had no accidents in the house. When they are gone, he has the run of the house and keeps everything in order. Pit bulls can be extremely affectionate creatures and Bandit falls into that category. He is very attached to Laylah, 10, and Layden, 5, and follows them everywhere and plays great with them. He mainly sleeps with Laylah, but just likes to be with someone. It is, no doubt, a security issue for all he has endured. Rebecca said, “There is nothing else to say except he is a wonderful dog and we wouldn’t give him up for anything!” And, Bandit is thinking, “Finally, this is my home and family!”

SIENNA - was left in our drop-off area, 7/30/14, along with her 7 siblings and their mother. The babies were just a week old. Slowly, one-by-one, Sienna’s brothers and sisters were adopted. At last, she was adopted 10/31/14, to her forever home, or so she thought. However, she was back at the shelter 2/26/15, when it was discovered that she was not being taken care of properly. Exactly 1 month later, Sienna went to a home with several children so she could play and play to help burn off her puppy energy and to get the proper training she needed. Or so she thought. On 2/28/16, she was brought back because “they had no time for

her.” Now, she was 1.5 years old with no proper training and had been at the shelter 3 times.



Shontael Elward and her friend, Craig, had considered getting a pet for quite some time to play with her daughters, Alena, 14, Sesily, 12, and Rose, 11, and Craig’s son, Cullen, 21. The 14th of July, the family stopped at the shelter, thinking they would choose a puppy, but there were none available. The next day, Shontael went back by herself and saw Sienna. She was impressed with how well she behaved, her temperament and that she was so affectionate. She knew Sienna, now Betty, was



the perfect fit for their family. During the day, she is outside romping with the children, playing catch and helping in the garden. Shontael is super pleased with how she has acclimated to life with their menagerie of animals—cows, pigs, chickens and cats. She loves to ride in the car and on their 4-wheeler. At night, she heads for

her cozy corner of the barn to sleep with and watch over her new-found friends. “She is wonderful. We waited a long time and saw a lot of dogs, but none could compare to Betty,” said Shontael. She found her forever home in the country where she can run and play with children who adore her and has a family that enjoys spending lots of time with her, at last!

FAMILY FUN DAY

The 1st Annual Family Fun Day was held June 18, 2016, on the grounds of the Fort Defiance Humane Society. We were very excited to begin this annual occasion of fun for the whole family. There was a loong bounce train, a dunk tank, a scavenger hunt, fair-type games with prizes, a cake walk and a HUGE garage sale. Also, we had an exhibit and life animals from the Toledo Zoo, birds from the Raptor Rescue and horses from Knee Deep Ranch. Absolutely something for everyone! Jamie Blank was our emcee and Chef Harvey served up the hot dogs and snacks. There were tours of the shelter, adoption fees were reduced and 4 critters were adopted that day. With the help of our major sponsors,



Enjoying the day were Abby Stehulak holding Olive, and Savanna Weber with Vivienne.

Defiance Eagles Aerie #372, Rettig Music and Defiance Rotary, we were able to raise over \$5,000 to benefit the animals at the shelter. We hope to see you next year at our 2nd Annual Family Fun Day with even more exciting activities!

FDHS QUARTER AUCTION



If you have ever been to a Quarter Auction, you know it is a lot of fun. If you haven’t, well, wait no more. The FDHS will host a Quarter Auction, **Sunday, October 9,**

beginning at 1 pm in the Eagles banquet room. There will be items donated by area businesses, for the auction, and various vendors will also be available. Quarter Auctions are not bidding

auctions. You buy paddles (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) and the auctioneer holds up a special item. If you would like to own it, you put the required number of quarters in a cup and the auctioneer draws a number. If it is your number, you are the lucky winner. It is a great way to start your Christmas shopping. There will also be a 50/50 drawing and snacks. Bring lots of quarters and join us for a fun afternoon of Quarter Auction to help the critters at the FDHS!



SAVE A LIFE
ADOPT A PET



“All of our adopted animals are spayed or neutered.”



YES, I WANT TO HELP THE ANIMALS AT FDHS!

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I would like to receive the Newsletter by email. Go to our website to be included on our emailing list.

Please indicate how you would like your donation used:

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\$ _____ Farm Animal Fund

\$ _____ Education

\$ _____ Tree-of-Life Plaque (\$100 or More)

Please mail donation to:

The Fort Defiance Humane Society, P.O. Box 2, Defiance, OH 43512

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We do not sell, give, or lease donors' names.***



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