



rescue village reporter

Geauga Humane Society Newsletter • Sponsored by Invisible Fence Co.

Rescue Village Goes Rural with Spay/Neuter Services

Rescue Village is dedicated to ending the crisis of unwanted and homeless animals. Every adorable 8-week old kitten could be having kittens of her own in just four months. We take in litters of unwanted puppies and once the ooohs and ahhs stop, we vow to fix every animal.

We've been "fixing" animals through programs centered at Rescue Village in Russell Township, but now we're "fixing" them in the farmlands of central and eastern Geauga County; reaching people and their animals where they live and where the need is the greatest. This is what *Fix It in the Farmland* is all about.

Bringing free and low-cost spay and neuter to the rural areas of our county is a dream come

true— made possible in 2008 by a grant from **Ohio Pet Fund** and by partnering with **PetFix** mobile spay/neuter clinic. Sarah Westman, RV's Shelter Manager said, "It's always been one of our goals to work with the Amish community and bring humane education to them and this program is a great way to do that. The trip from areas around Middlefield to Rescue Village is too long for horse and buggy."

Fliers announcing *Fix It in the Farmland's* free spay/neuter clinics circulate via the Bookmobile, the Auction Barn, feed stores, senior centers, and Jobs and Family Services. Appointments are scheduled in advance.

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It's 7:45 am in Middlefield and people have already started to line up with their animals in the parking lot of Tractor Supply. Rescue Village staff and volunteers set up inside the store. The big white PetFix mobile surgical unit arrives at 8:00 am. About 18–20 dogs and cats will be spayed or neutered by the time the day is done.



photo: Amy Sancetta

getting out there that "responsible pet owners spay and neuter their animals." The Amish community is getting wind of *Fix It in the Farmland* and becoming excited that these services are available.

The elderly who arrive live on fixed incomes and cannot afford a \$300 surgery. One woman, Ruth W., had her pet Ringo, a little Terrier mix, neutered through "Fix It." Ruth said, with a broad smile, "This is wonderful!"

Rescue Village volunteers help to run the program at Tractor Supply. They are hands-on involved: watching the animals in the recovery area, making sure everyone gets post-surgical instructions, and talking to the public about Rescue Village.

By 4:00 pm all of the animals and their owners are reunited. We pack up shop after another successful *Fix It in the Farmland* clinic day. By targeting communities in need, tracking where the shelter gets litters of kittens and puppies, and tallying all of our surgeries, **we take steps towards making sure that we "make every one wanted."**



photos: Amy Sancetta

Many different kinds of people use the program. This day there are a number of younger people — a sign the message is



Look for our Year-End 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 1/2 hour before posted closing times

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from the executive director

I've been taking a lot of long walks lately, perspective walks. I do some of my best thinking when the long shadows of late fall afternoons crisscross the trails I travel.

Walking past our Rescue Village barn towards the woods, Wilber, the slate grey pot bellied pig comes running up towards me, tail spinning. Martini, a beautiful young pony, is grazing in the



Hope and Dublin photo: Amy Sancetta

next pasture. I see one of our volunteers playing with a dog named Bear in the pen by my office. There are animals all around me, including my dog Dublin, who don't watch presidential debates, or understand sub-prime mortgages, or global meltdowns. They've never heard of Sarah Palin, Joe Biden, Tina Fey, Dow Jones, or Freddie Mac. They don't know why they were left behind when their owners moved, or dropped off at the shelter. They don't understand where all the familiar faces went. What they do know is that here, at Rescue Village, they are not hungry or too cold or too hot. They know that new familiar faces will give them blankets and bedding, belly rubs and walks, toys and treats, exams, medicine (and more head patting) if they are sick. And they know that they are safe until a new family comes to take them home.

These fall afternoon walks clarify. Rescue Village will shelter Wilber, Martini, Bear, Socks, and thousands of other animals through stormy times. In their lives we, and you, ARE THE GOOD NEWS.

We will hold the animals close to our hearts and in so many ways make sure that they know "it is going to be okay." That is my pledge and I know it is yours too.

Sincerely,

Hope Brustein, Executive Director

Take some time to read a book with a humane story to a child.

Here are a few suggestions:

"Let's Get a Pup," said Kate!

Bob Graham 2004

A touching tale of a young girl's wish for a dog of her own. A joy to read, and a Boston Globe-Hornbook picture book award winner.

Puddles on the Floor

Lorena Estep and Tanira CI Thayne 2005

Chance is a Beagle puppy that wants a home and a family to love him. But because he leaves "puddles on the floor" he finds himself at the end of a chain. He patiently waits for love to return and eventually finds a loving inside home and a new wonderful family.

In Kids We Trust

Every day Rescue Village is touched by the humanity of our community's kids. You can read about some of our young animal lovers in this newsletter. Kids extend their compassion when they volunteer through the Parent and Me program, drop-off cat and dog food and toys gathered at birthday parties, or give monetary donations collected at lemonade stands, from neighbors, or at their birthdays or Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.

Our children are the key to a humane future. Rescue Village is dedicated to providing education starting at a young age. Many parents share our approach and teach their kids about kindness and giving through direct experience.



We are excited to announce a new program, In Kids We Trust, a club for youth who give to Rescue Village. Our young philanthropists will have special club benefits, like being invited to an "Annual Meeting" (kids style), a chance to be on an Advisory Board, and more. It will be meaningful and fun— tapping kids hearts and minds. Visit www.geaughumane.org to learn more about In Kids We Trust, scheduled to begin January 2009.

News Worthy Kids

Chesterland—

Opal and **Katherine**, 5th grade students at Lindsey Elementary School, and **Amanda**, 8th grader at West Geauga Middle School, all budding entrepreneurs, spent much of their summer combining their efforts and skills to turn the making of bracelets and earrings for fun, into an awesome fundraiser at Woofstock, with 100% of their profits given to Rescue Village!

All three attended TLC Kids Camps, are involved in sports at school, play musical instruments, love reading and animals, and agree that it is not only fun, it also feels good to give back and to help in the community.

We are very grateful and so proud of these gentle, caring, and generous young women. Rescue Village is lucky to have them! Thanks, girls!



Opal and Katherine

Chagrin Falls—

Merrick, age 13, comes from a long line of animal lovers. He also loves music and theater. When the time came for Merrick to plan his



Merrick

Bar Mitzvah he decided that his gifts would go to Rescue Village. To say "Thank You!" we invited Merrick and his family for a grand tour of Rescue Village, complete with hands-on visits with the animals. We asked Merrick to share his wishes about how his gifts should be used. His focus is on helping animals that have been abused or neglected and aiding animals that need extra medical care or surgery. Rescue Village is so inspired by Merrick and will honor his requests. Merrick's Bar Mitzvah gifts have already helped Rosie, a pig, receive surgery to fix her fractured hind leg and Laura, the Border Collie mix, to have eye surgery. You rock Merrick!

North Olmstead—

Asia, a 1st grader, had an AWESOME time at the Gathering Place Kitten Camp. She loved playing with kittens and teaching tricks to a therapy dog named Nutmeg. During the week of camp Asia and her mother found a litter of tiny kittens and brought them to Rescue



Asia

Village where they were taken in and cared for by staff and volunteers. Moved by her experience, Asia went door to door collecting money for our animals, and made cat toys for our feline residents which she delivered at Woofstock. Mom says Asia is following in the footsteps of her grandfather, known as the "Dog Man," because he always carried a dog biscuit in his pocket to give to any pooch he met. Keep up the good work, Asia!

Solon—

Brittany, a two-time Rescue Village camper, was Woofstock's top youth PACK leader. She raised \$1,325 by asking friends and relatives, sending out letters, creating a Firstgiving fundraising page, and setting up a table in front of her mom's



Brittany

nail salon and at Wal-Mart. Brittany said, "I raised money because I love animals and I did it all in the memory of my dog Shadow that passed away a year ago. My dog Shadow came from RV and I miss him very much! But we did adopt two more dogs, Coco and Mocha!"

Brittany is a 6th grader in Solon. She loves soccer, animals, dance, chorus and shopping and aspires to be a vet when she grows up. Brittany says that she enjoyed attending TLC camps because she was able to play with puppies and kittens, help walk older dogs, make dog biscuits, and make the tie-dye bandanas for Woofstock. Way to go Brittany!

I want to make a gift to help the animals

I would like my contribution to benefit—

- General Operations
- Cage Sponsorship
All cages are \$15 per month
 cat cage dog cage
- Honor/Memorial

Donation Amount

- One-time donation
- Monthly donation for _____ months
(credit card only)

Total Pledged \$ _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Company Name _____

- Check Enclosed (payable to Geauga Humane Society)
- Credit or Debit Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ V-Code _____

If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a special person or animal, please fill out the information below.

- In Memory _____
- In Honor _____
- person animal

Send acknowledgement letter to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Please return to:

Geauga Humane Society
 PO Box 116 Novelty, OH 44072

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



rv alumni

Squint Kathy Disien adopted "Dexter" from Rescue Village 6 years ago. Found as a stray, he was given the name "Squint" because he would squint his eyes when you spoke to him. Everyone just loved his goofy personality. Many adopters looked at him, but with hip dysplasia and bad knees, people were reluctant to adopt. Sadly, Dexter was at the shelter a very long time. Then came Kathy! She took Dexter home and became a trusted friend. Kathy reports that with good medical care Dexter can now bend his knees and walk with a waddle. He will even break out into a run when squirrels are in the yard! Dexter, who is about 9 years old, has received his Canine Good Citizen award and is also a therapy dog. Dexter has changed Kathy's life, teaching her that even in the face of adversity you can beat the odds and find happiness. That is a life lesson worth keeping!



Dexter and Kathy photo: Ed Slaby



Merlin with Kate and Emily photo: Ed Slaby

Merlin is a dog with the utmost patience. Merlin's story started when he was transferred to Rescue Village in April of 2005 from the Cleveland City Kennels, after his owner died. While scared and lonely, his spirit shined through as he made Rescue Village home. Merlin occupied the first cage on the right side of the dog pavilion, where he would sit atop a fluffy comforter. He was adopted, but brought back due to problems with other pets in the home. He was adopted a second time, but brought back due to allergies. Both times he returned to the same cage. Finally the Anagnostos family came in and chose Merlin. Merlin is dearly loved and has the perfect life. He has his own canine companion, Scooter, who keeps him young at heart. We could not have asked for a better, more loving home than what Merlin found with the Anagnostos family.

Kia Kia, a beautiful soft brown tabby, and her sister, Kintara, were abandoned at Rescue Village almost three years ago. Pat Gerstner first met Kia in the cat adoption room, when she volunteered on Fridays. Kia was shy and always hid under her blankets, but she did not mind if Pat reached under to scratch her head. Pat began to give Kia extra attention. Gradually she emerged from her cocoon, and gradually Pat fell in love with her. Pat said "On vacation over the 2007 Christmas holiday, I thought a lot about Kia and decided to adopt her." Although Kia can go anywhere in Pat's house, she spends her time in one room sitting happily on the window seat watching birds and other outdoor activity. True to her gentle nature, Kia never responds with a hiss or a growl.



Kia and Pat photo: Amy Sancetta

Rescue Village Wish List

- Canned dog and cat food
- Paper towels
- Vegetables for the pigs
- Laundry soap
- Zip ties and trash bags
- Carabineers (non-locking)
- Dog and Cat Fancy and Bark magazines



Arlene Ann MacDonald, founder of Geauga Humane Society in 1974, passed away in September. Geauga Humane Society is forever grateful for Arlene's dreams and vision for the animals in our community. Her legacy will live on for years to come.

Upcoming Classes (in the Rescue Village classroom).

Visit our website at www.geaugahumane.org for class dates and times or call 440.338.4819, ext 43 for more information to register.

Puppy Preschool A class to start you and your puppy (eight weeks to five months) off on the right track. You'll learn how to teach your dog basic manners, how to walk nicely on a leash, and how to greet people politely. Cost: \$95 (\$85 for adopters from Rescue Village). Fee includes a manual and Treat Pack. Registration is required. No dogs should be brought to the first week of class. Sessions are six evenings; visit www.geaugahumane.org for future training dates.

Good Dog 101 A primer on positive reinforcement training for owners with dogs ages five months to two years. Basic commands are taught. Cost: \$95 (\$85 for adopters from Rescue Village). Registration is required. Sessions are six evenings; visit www.geaugahumane.org for future training dates. Bring your dog to all six classes.

Come When Called This command could be critical for safety and allow your dog some off-leash fun. No age limit for dogs. Cost: \$40 and includes a manual and Treat Pack. Registration is required. Sessions are two evenings; visit www.geaugahumane.org for future training dates. Bring your dog to both classes.

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Dr. Faulkner from Madison Veterinary Hospital for donating vaccines

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Jim Jung for assembling our new cat cage bank (again and again)

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Sally Biel Contizano, Chairperson, Carol Peter, Co-chair, and the entire Woofstock committee: Connie Barrett, Jenny Campbell, Barb Corkran, Katie Frantz, Theresa Kulp, Abbie Leska, Wendy Lewis, Donna Liebenauer, Melissa Ramsak, Shawn Russell

All of the dozens of volunteers who worked so hard to make Woofstock a success

The magnificent **Holden Arboretum** for hosting Woodstock 2008

Imagery Gallery and Mary Hobbs for raffling a beautiful colored-pencil painting, Iris in the Rain, to benefit Rescue Village

Gai Russo for supporting Rescue Village through her dynamite jewelry sales

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Carol Peter, Sheila Simpson, and Ed Slaby for their work with the Strategic Planning Committee

PetFix Holiday Tree Sale and Festival

10am-5pm Saturday Dec. 6 & Sunday Dec. 7

Colonial Auto/Transmission Kings lot,
8228 East Washington St., Bainbridge (next to Chagrin Cinemas)

Great trees at great prices. Fun, Food, Music

Enter to win a Nintendo Wii™ (donated by the Barkley Pet Hotel & Day Spa)

Proceeds provide low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for those who cannot afford full fees. To date, PetFix has performed over 7,000 surgeries preventing the births of some 70,000 unwanted cats and dogs in one generation alone.

"We are proud to provide the surgeries for Geauga Humane Society's Fix'em in the Farmland program." For information or to reserve your tree in advance, call Timy Sullivan at 440.247.8931.





Adoption hours (Animal intake by appointment)

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

The Lonely Hearts Club



A club for extra special animals searching for VERY SPECIAL people. Lonely Hearts Club members get focused 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 program devotes time to "getting the word out" about our most needy Rescue Village animals.



Galaxy is a wonderful, calm older Greyhound mix. He is very mellow and keeps his cage spotless. Typically, you will find Galaxy staring at you intently waiting for a treat or a nice walk to stretch his long legs. Galaxy is extremely friendly and needs a lot of exercise.

happy endings in waiting



Martini, a mixed breed pony, was rescued by Joyce Rice, Humane Agent, after a concerned neighbor reported he had been left behind when his owners moved. Martini arrived at Rescue Village underweight and with a bad case of intestinal worms. He received veterinary care and now is a healthy two year old pony that enjoys apples, carrots, and being loved by humans (especially children).

Socks is an older cat (around ten) that has been at Rescue Village since May 2008 when his owner moved and had to surrender him. His fur is a little thin because he has been over-grooming himself. Socks is quiet and does not ask for much more than a window with a view, a soft comfy couch, some good kibble, and a clean cat box! He loves to be petted and scratched around his head. Socks is looking for a warm quiet home to spend his golden years.



Wilber's family surrendered him when they realized that pigs do not make good house pets. Transferred from Lake Humane Society to Rescue Village, our barn provides him the environment he needs while he awaits adoption. Wilber loves the outdoors, apples, and adores attention from people (including rolling over on his back to invite someone to rub his belly!).



happy endings



Rosie with Timy and Ed Sullivan photo: Amy Sancetta

Rosie and her three siblings came to Rescue Village after they were rescued from a farmer in eastern Geauga County. Rosie, a black and white Border Collie, was adopted by Ed and Timy Sullivan. Timy says, "It's hard to believe that one little puppy could fill the enormous void left by the loss of two old [dog] friends like George and Benny— but she's doing a darned good job...With our older adoptees, I was always saying, "I wish I'd known you as a puppy." This time, we'll not only know the whole story, we'll help to write it...a real privilege..." To make this adoption even more special, Rosie's rescuer turned out to be Amy Sancetta, a good friend of Timy and Ed.



Hector and Elaine McNeely photo: Ed Slaby

Hector is doing great in his new home. Even though he is six years old, he is acting like a puppy. He gets along with his two sibling dogs, Riley and Sadie, and pays no attention to the cats. Riley taught him how to play and he learned what toys are for by watching Sadie, a Cockapoo, play with her squeaky toys. Now he sneaks around and steals Sadie's toys bringing them upstairs to his bed. Hector is a loved member of his new family— even if he is a bed hog!



Sophie with Sunni Gothard photo: Ed Slaby

Sophie, a darling four year old Tortoiseshell, was originally brought to Rescue Village as a stray. She stayed with us for over a year, living in our Cat Community Room, waiting for a new family to take her home. One day the Gothards went online, saw Sophie and knew she was the cat for them! They hurried to Rescue Village to adopt her, and now she is living the good life. The Gothards say they are very pleased with how quickly she adapted to her new home! Sophie discovered the window bed, and lies there all day looking out over the big backyard, watching birds and chipmunks pass by. She also loves to cuddle up on the couch and watch T.V. Sophie couldn't have asked for a better home!

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animal answers

By Myrna Papurt, DVM

"I just adopted a dog and I'd planned to keep him outdoors. It really gets cold around here. Will he be okay out there in the wintertime?"

Ohio law requires that companion animals must be protected from extreme cold and extreme heat, but many Ohio dogs spend their entire lives outside of heated buildings. Some of these are guard dogs and some are stock dogs, so their work keeps them outdoors in all temperatures. Some people actually feel that dogs belong outdoors and not in their houses. Is it cruel to expose a dog to the winter temperatures of the snowbelt? Consider several factors:

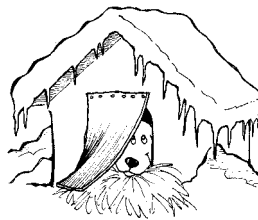
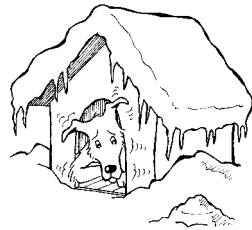
Does the dog have a thick enough coat? An Alaskan Husky type, or even a thick-coated German Shepherd Dog or a Collie can be outdoors most of the year. Many people keep their hunting dogs such as retrievers and spaniels outside—these types of dogs have built-in insulation. Short-haired dogs don't do so well. Even many beagles and hounds that are kept outdoors should be kept comfortable with artificial heat.

Is the dog big enough? No small or toy breed should ever be denied heated quarters even if they have relatively long coats, such as Maltese and Yorkshire terriers.

Is the dog fat enough? Animals that live under cold conditions require more calories just to maintain their body temperatures; outdoor dogs should be fed more generously and underweight dogs brought up to normal weight before the onset of winter.

Does the dog have adequate shelter?

Every dog requires free access to a dry bed protected from snow, wind, and rain. A bed inside a barn or garage should be on a raised pallet, not on cold ground or concrete surfaces. No dog should be chained to a dog house.



Artificial heat in outdoor dogs' beds can be supplied with a heated pad or cushion made for this purpose and available from pet stores and pet supply catalogs. These heat sources come in two types: a cloth pad something like a human's heating pad, and a fiberglass pad containing heating elements. If your dog is likely to chew or scratch a cloth pad, it will be better supplied with an indestructible heater.

Can a dog live outside comfortably during the winter? Some dogs can, if the right conditions are maintained. Some dogs never can; they don't have the size nor the coat for the snowbelt. Do it right, with a big, thick-coated dog and dry, safe conditions, and your dog will thrive. Do it wrong and your dog will suffer.

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Bella, an 8-month old Collie/Shepherd Mix, was adopted in May of 2008 by Marcia Goldberg and her husband of Beachwood, Ohio. Even before bringing Bella home Marcia said "I knew I wanted to get an Invisible Fence Brand System for her. I didn't want to worry about walking her in the winter and most importantly I didn't want her tied to a chain while in the yard." They had the system installed immediately after bringing Bella home and according to Marcia "the Invisible Fence employees are just top notch!" The Goldberg's customized the layout of their Invisible Fence Brand system to loop off the garden area while still giving Bella access to the rest of their back yard to romp and play.



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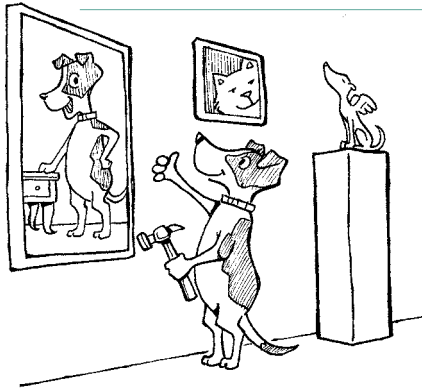
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Home for the Holidays Adopt-A-Thon

The animals of Rescue Village invite you to share the holiday season cheer with them at the **Home for the Holidays adoption event on December 12, 13 and 14**. Visit adoptable cats and dogs, shop in the General Store, and have photos take with Santa Paws and Santa Claws. Refreshments will be served. What a wonderful time of year to enrich your life by adopting a shelter cat or dog and giving them a home for the holidays and beyond.



Join us on **Friday, December 12 for Holiday Lights in the Garden from 6:00 to 9:00 pm**. This

interactive celebration will be marked by the lighting of candles in memory and celebration of pets and people past and present. The lights will sparkle and Rescue Village will be filled with the sounds of holiday carolers. Hot cider and cocoa will warm a night to remember.

Holiday Lights in the Garden and Home for the Holidays Adopt-A-Thon are open to the



public. You can purchase a candle for \$10 that will be lit on Friday night at the Rescue Village's reception desk or by calling 440.338.4819,

ext. 10. We also ask that you consider bringing a donation of dog food, cat food, bedding, or toys. A wish list of items can be found at www.geaughumane.org. Please consider dropping off your donations under the Giving Tree in our lobby anytime between Thanksgiving and New Year's.

The Orange Art Center and Geauga Humane Society present the second annual Animals in Art exhibition. All proceeds will benefit Rescue Village and the Orange Art Center. For a complete list of participating artists and craft sale participants, visit www.orangeartcenter.org.

Patron Reception: Thursday, December 4, 2008. Call 216.831.5130 for more information

Art Sale Dates: December 5–December 14, 2008 Monday–Friday, 9:30am–4:00pm

Craft Sale: December 13, 2008. 12:00pm–4:00pm at the Orange Art Center

Empty Bowls

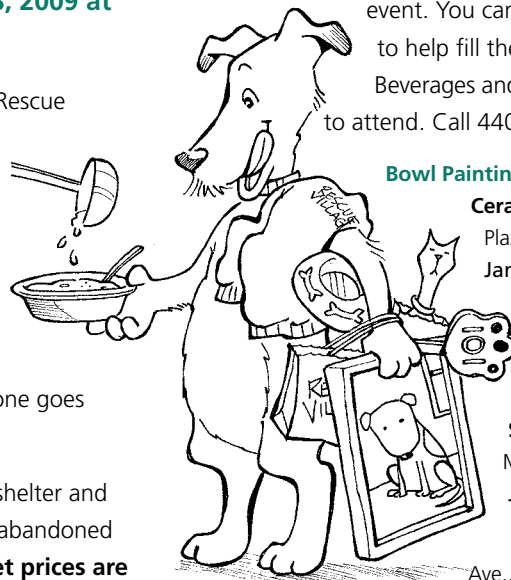
The chill of winter is upon us, but don't fret, a bright spot is right around the corner—Empty Bowls 2009.

Empty Bowls, will be held Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Family Life Center in Bainbridge.

This warm winter extravaganza benefitting the animals at Rescue Village is a sell-out event. All guests select and take home a one-of-a-kind hand painted ceramic bowl donated by artists, friends and supporters of Rescue Village. In addition, the evening includes an amazing silent auction and a lively live auction, including bowls decorated by a variety of local and national celebrities. An endless supply of splendid soups from some of the region's top chefs, together with your generosity and giving, assures that no one goes home hungry!

Proceeds from Empty Bowls 2009 will help Rescue Village shelter and find homes for more than 2,300 sick, injured, abused and abandoned animals that make their way to the shelter each year. **Ticket prices are \$65 for an individual and \$125 as a patron.** For more information or to reserve a seat call 440.338.4819 ext.19.

Sign up for an Empty Bowls Pottery Party! Members of the Empty Bowls committee will be hosting bowl decorating parties at a variety of locations. Over 400 hand crafted bowls are created for the event. You can create and donate your work-of-art to help fill the "Bowl Room" on event night. Beverages and snacks will be served. Please register to attend. Call 440.338.4819 ext. 19 for details.



Bowl Painting Party Dates:

Ceramics and You, 12662 West Geauga Plaza, Chesterland, **January 16 6–9pm, January 25 3–6pm, February 6 6–9pm**

Hands on Pottery, 28420 Chagrin Blvd., Woodmere, **January 9 6–9pm, February 6 6–9pm**

Spirit of Clay, 828 SOM Center Road, Mayfield Village, **January 17 11am–2:30pm, January 23 6–9pm**

California Ceramics, 19451 Roseland Ave., Euclid, **January 10 11am–2:30pm, January 18 11am–2:30pm**

Woofstock 2008

Woofstock 2008 presented by **National City** was held September 21 at **The Holden Arboretum**. Again, this year, we set an attendance record! Over 2,250 people and more than 600 dogs came out on a beautiful day to enjoy the dog and family friendly festivities.

More than \$72,000 was raised to care for the animals at Rescue Village. Congratulations to the following individuals who collected the most money: adult, **Kelli Coleman** and youth, **Brittany Wexler**.

Nancy Alden and **Rick Majors** from **SoftRock 102.1** greeted dogs and humans alike. Everyone was treated to peaceful tunes by the **Jimiller Band** and enjoyed the beauty of the gardens and forests at The Holden Arboretum. Many thanks to our presenting sponsor: **National City**.



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Solution found!

On the 4th of July 2007 Keith took in his two beagles. He and his girlfriend Heidi talked regularly about the need to have the dogs fixed. Yet, the cost of spay/neuter surgery was prohibitive. Like so many people, Keith and Heidi wanted to do the right thing but needed a solution that would work.

One day Heidi's co-worker showed her Rescue Village's **Fix It in the Farmland** flyer announcing a program providing free spay/neuter services in central and eastern Geauga County for our area's neediest animal guardians. They called Rescue Village immediately to schedule an appointment.

The surgery went without a hitch at the mobile clinic hosted by Tractor Supply in Middlefield. Heidi was grateful for the help and the kindness extended by Rescue Village's staff and our partners from PetFix. And we are grateful that people like Keith, Heidi, and her co-worker are making sure that every puppy and kitten is a wanted puppy or kitten.



Gabby (left) and Maggie (right) with Heidi.