

Birthdays in December

Holly Bacon—Dec. 1
Clarence Powell —Dec. 7
Heather Books—Dec. 19
Maria Miller - Dec. 27

Dec. Work Anniversaries

Ruth Vlastic - 4 years
Anna Hillard— 3 years
Benjamin Coffey—2 years

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SPCA Staff Meeting - Cincinnati Zoo— Dec. 12 @ 7 pm
- Fur Ball—Sharonville Convention Center— April 28, 2018

- Monday, December 25th
Christmas Holiday —
Shelters Closed to public
- Monday, January 1st
New Years Day Holiday -
Shelter Closed to public

SPCA Cincinnati Staff Meeting

We hope to see all staff at the Cincinnati Zoo Treetop conference area on Tuesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm. There will be dessert, drinks and a "Meet-n-Greet". We will also have a raffle for the staff. You must be present to win. One ticket and a parking pass have been distributed to each staff member.

DAISY AWARD

Carey Wright, Transport Driver, has been with the SPCA for 9 years. He transports animals between the Sharonville and Northside facilities. He also transports animals to various care centers for surgery. Carey's duties include delivering mail and documents from one facility to the other.

Carey has a beautiful wife named Julie. He has four cats, Harley, Windsor, Tank and Lilly. He is a coach for the Milford High School bowling team. Carey says he is here for the animals; and he likes the people he works with. He wants to remind us "to be kind to animals".



spca cincinnati's new Dog Warden

It is my honor to announce the **spca cincinnati's** new Dog Warden – Brandon Corcoran.

Through a Hamilton County resolution, unanimously approved by the Board of County Commissioners as of November 29, 2017 at 11:30 AM, Brandon assumed the duties as Hamilton County Dog Warden.

Mr. Dates was present to pass his badge to Brandon.

Please join me in congratulating Brandon on his achievements, dedication and commitment to caring for the pets in our community.

-Jake



Mr. Harold F. Dates— pictured on the left, passes his badge to Brandon Corcoran— pictured on the right.

the insider keeps you informed about what is happening with you and your fellow team members. If you have any potential articles, stories or updates, please forward to Valerie Jamison, **the insider** Editor - vjamison@spscincinnati.org

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE!



Ashley Lehmann

Kennel Tech

Sharonville

Hired 11-30-2017

REINDOG PARADE

It was cold and snowy last Saturday, December 9th, but that didn't prevent over 400 dogs and 1,200 watchers from showing up to Mount Adams for the 28th Annual Reindog Parade. The costumes for both dogs and humans, just got better and better with a flock of greyhounds dressed as flamingos, a Krampus sighting, and an ATV driving dog, which took this year's top prize.

We would like to thank our amazing staff members, volunteers, and of course the Mt. Adams Business Guild for braving the cold and helping make this yet another successful Reindog Parade.



It's the Season of Giving!

spca cincinnati accepts donations of pet food, kitty litter, treats, and much more! We also accept other items such as liquid bleach, latex gloves, and 55 gallon trash bags. Please see our complete [Amazon wish list](#) and **spca cincinnati** drop off list on our website. **spca cincinnati** is a 501 (c)(3) organization and is not permitted to place a value on any in-kind gift received. Donors are asked to retain their receipts for tax purposes.

Holiday Shopping?

Don't forget, when shopping at Amazon, go to **Amazon Smile**. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **spca cincinnati**. Once signed into AmazonSmile, you simply choose "The Hamilton County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" (dba **spca cincinnati**) as your supporting charity.

Kroger is committed to helping **spca cincinnati** by rewarding us with your purchases made at local Kroger stores! **YOU can participate by registering your Kroger Plus card to benefit **spca cincinnati**, our rewards number is 41419.** Go to krogercommunityrewards.com or visit the **spca cincinnati** website for directions. In the month of November we received over \$3,000 from Kroger shoppers for the **spca cincinnati**!

The following poem was submitted by Tom Chatham, President Commercial Division of USI and the SPCA Cincinnati Chairman of the Board. This is a great summary about the importance of the spirit of our behaviors.

*"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life.
Attitude, to me, is more important than facts.*

It is more important than the past, the education, the money, than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company... a church... a home. The remarkable thing is we have a choice everyday regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day.

We cannot change our past... we cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude.

*I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% of how I react to it.
And so it is with you... we are in charge of our Attitudes."*

— Charles R. Swindoll

Good News!

Donation "In honor of Sadie's 2nd "birthday", December 8th, 2011, the day we rescued her from your facility. Sadie is alive and well and gives us so much more than we could ever give her. We have seen the dark side of people's behavior with animals . . . and we are grateful organizations, like yours, are there to protect all animals, who only want a home and someone to love.

Thank you for what you do everyday!

Comments from one of our grateful online donors,
received November 6, 2017



Pet Word Search

People keep all sorts of animals for pets. Hidden below are 18 of the most popular. Can you think of any we forgot?



ANTS
BIRD
CAT
CHINCHILLA
DOG
FERRET

FISH
GUINEA PIG
HAMSTER
HORSE
IGUANA
LIZARD

MOUSE
RABBIT
RAT
SNAKE
TARANTULA
TURTLE

