

# the insider



## NOV. WORK ANNIVERSARY

Olivia Cox—1yr.  
Sue Henson—3yr.

*Happy Anniversary*

## NOV. AWARENESS

- ◆ National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week —Wk. 1
- ◆ Adopt a Senior Pet Month
- ◆ National Adoption Month



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, February 6, 2021



[www.spcacincinnati.org](http://www.spcacincinnati.org)

## DAISY AWARD

Congratulations to Katrina Gibson, as she is the current recipient of the **SPCA Cincinnati's** Daisy Award!



"I am a Kennel Technician at the SPCA. I mostly work with the dogs, but, I also work with the cats from time to time. I clean the kennels, provide enrichment, prepare food bowls, take animals out of their kennels for exercise, and work with pets on their manners. I also do meet-and-greets with the dogs to help find their forever home! The most interesting part of my job I would say is seeing the change in these animals from when they come in to when they're getting adopted. I love watching them grow into the best dog / cat they can be. When I'm not at work, I'm usually focusing on being a college student. I also spend time with my friends and boyfriend... or spending time with my kitties. I have 8 cats: Stanley, Bella, Zoey, Sebastian, Theo, Smokey, Mazi and Cali! Some words of wisdom I would like to share is—"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending" - C. S. Lewis.

**Thank you Kat for all that you do at the SPCA!**

## IN-THE-KNOW

Staff Provides Outdoor Enrichment

for South Korean Dogs!



Yesterday was a very special moment at the SPCA Cincinnati. Our staff took **Jan, May**, and a few other dogs from the South Korean rescue mission outside to run **FREE** for the first time on grass, without a leash!!

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## HR CORNER

Anyone employed with SPCA Cincinnati can find resources to assist with life events through EAP (the Employee Assistance Program)! Log-on now to obtain information on a variety of wellness topics. In order to use the website follow these steps: Go to [www.anthemeap.com](http://www.anthemeap.com) → Click on the Member log-in button → For the company name enter: **SPCA of Cincinnati**.

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Have an article you wish to add? Send to Nyketa Gaffney—Editor:

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# The SPCA Staff Take SK Dogs Outdoors!



Ashley Lehmann, Kennel Technician, described the experience as being much like that at Christmas time. Collectively, we couldn't agree more! Denise Jones, Senior Operations Manager, was excited to give the greenlight on outdoor enrichment for several of the South Korean rescues after they successfully completed quarantine.

"They are still learning that the human hand is safe...they are still learning that people are safe and care for them!" Says Denise. "We are going to continue to move at their pace, while next steps will include the necessary routine medical treatment to prepare them for adoption." Deshawnta, Vanly, and Ashley worked gently with the dogs to move them from their kennels to the outdoor play yard for the first time. As their sweet paws touched the soil and their noses planted in the grass, their tails went to wagging...and in an instant they were running FREE, without a leash—a moment they had never experienced before! Yes, tears flowed and hearts were elated.

The SPCA Cincinnati went LIVE 4X on our Facebook page because our followers asked us to! They were crying, laughing, and smiling along with our staff the entire time. It was truly a special moment to capture. We are proud of these dogs. We are proud of our amazing TEAM. Keep up the fantastic life-saving work you do every single day!!



**B**UT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!



Michelle Alfini, reporter of **Spectrum News 1** (SPCA's Ohio regional media affiliate), stopped by the shelter to talk Kennel Expansion and South Korean rescue mission with **HSI & HSUS!**

<https://spectrumnews1.com/oh/cincinnati/news/2020/11/06/cincinnati-sPCA-expansion-opens-door-to-dogs-rescued-from-illegal-meat-trade>





## What Is in Your Food?

Do the words *food additives* conjure images of chemical names with at least five syllables, concocted in a laboratory far from the amber waves of grain? People have been adding things to food for thousands of years. Salt has been used to preserve meat and fish. Vinegars made from apples and grapes have pickled everything from cucumbers to mushrooms. Herbs and spices have added variety and taste to all kinds of foods. So what is a food additive? A food additive is any substance added to food in its production, processing, treatment, packaging, transportation, or storage.

Of the thousands of substances that are used to preserve or enhance food, the three most common ones aren't obscure chemicals; they're salt, sugar, and corn syrup. In addition to flavoring food, food additives preserve what people eat in more modern fashion, keeping bread from going moldy and salad dressing from becoming rancid. Additives also help cakes rise, improve the nutritional value of cereals and baked goods, and prevent salt from becoming lumpy.

Before an additive makes it into the kitchen, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) puts it through extensive testing. The FDA reviews many new food and color additives each year, testing them for safety and effectiveness. After a new additive has been approved, the FDA publishes regulations identifying the types of foods in which the additive can be used, the maximum amounts that may be used, and how the additive must be identified on food labels.

Most food additives are safe for almost everyone. Because foods containing additives make up a substantial part of the food supply, it pays to know more about these additives. With the proper information, you can select the foods you think are best for you and your family and avoid those you'd prefer not to consume, especially if you or someone you shop for has food sensitivities or allergies...

For more on this topic:

VISIT THE EAP WEBSITE: [www.anthemead.com](http://www.anthemead.com)

“Monthly Promotion”



—Jessica Choate, HR Facilitator

# The SPCA Introduces Its Chow Now Pantry!



Follow the link to **VIEW** the full Press Release: [https://www.spcacincinnati.org/news-videos/press-releases/!](https://www.spcacincinnati.org/news-videos/press-releases/)

The **SPCA Cincinnati** is proud to introduce its current initiative: **Chow Now Pantry!** This program is fostered by a relationship with **Clossman Catering** in which we will feed 700 dogs, as well as cats and small animals, weekly. The **SPCA Cincinnati** has been Cincinnati's hometown shelter since 1873, with many "firsts" to benefit animal welfare – the Chow Now Pantry is another first. The public health crisis has placed a financial strain on families, and one of the most critical resources for every community is access to food. We are looking to fill in the gap for pet parents who need assistance. This initiative will continue for as long as there is an opportunity to serve, in an effort to combat the challenges of the current pandemic.

The SPCA Cincinnati thanks **Tukkin Farms** (5-acre family farm in Mt. Healthy) for being a valued community partner through this initiative! The SPCA will reach the community through our Chow Now Pantry Food Truck that will visit various pop up locations in the Greater Cincinnati area. Pop up locations have been identified by Tikkun Farms. There is so much more to come as it regards this phenomenal program, as we look to collaborate with our friends at **PetPeople** and **AutoPets** of Columbus, Ohio for a very special event later this month!

# SHELTER FRIENDS!

It has been an honor & privilege to call **Pet Valu – US** friend of the SPCA Cincinnati! We thank their extraordinary team for all of the support and dedication to animal welfare here in Greater Cincinnati, as well as for their amazing partnership over the years. Through their organizational transition, we wish **Pet Valu – US** the absolute best ahead!! [#WithLove](#).

**Pet Valu – US** local calendars are in-store - and each copy includes over \$100 of coupons! Proceeds benefit SPCA Cincinnati, supporting the care & enrichment of the companions we serve.

For a complete listing of Pet Valu locations, visit <http://us.petvalu.com/>  
to get your copy!



The SPCA is excited that [Klosterman Bread](#) has proudly partnered with us again this year to raise awareness of animal welfare in Greater Cincinnati! For a limited time, specially marked bags of their bread encourages shoppers to “loaf” with our organization. The SPCA is thankful for their support. Tell a friend to tell a friend!

# Community Support!

Our organization thrives because of the compassion of our community. It is truly that simple. The medical care we provide. The enrichment. Housing. Food. It is made possible by way of generous people throughout Greater Cincinnati—from SPCA’s Board of Trustees to the very students in classrooms who rally behind our mission!

We thank **Great Oaks** for the \$500 donation which was raised to offset expenses at our shelter, and aid in the care of displaced animals due to natural disasters.



October 30, 2020

Ms. Denise Jones  
SPCA Cincinnati  
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The Diamond Oaks FFA Chapter has voted to donate five hundred dollars to SPCA Cincinnati, in order to help with costs involved in caring for animals brought to Cincinnati due to recent hurricanes in the gulf coast. Please find a check for that donation enclosed with this letter.

Thank you for what you do to help make this world a better place for the pets we love so dearly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tamara Kuhel, Instructor, Veterinary Assisting, FFA Advisor  
Mrs. Chris Deffinger, Instructor, Equine Science and Management, FFA Advisor

Enclosure



—Denise Jones, Senior Operations Manager

# VOLUNTEER SERVICES

## NEWS



Hello and happy Thursday!

**Kennel Quarantine LIFTED:** The South Korean dogs have been medically cleared! **This does not mean they can be walked yet.** We are working on a plan for socializing them and will send that plan out as soon as we complete it. You can now walk through the kennels to get through to the main shelter! Please be aware that some of them are still a little scared, so I recommend tossing some treats to them as you walk by and do not stick your fingers in their kennels. **Do not take photos and share them with friends/family or on social media – this is part of our confidentiality policy.**

**Foster Animal of the Week:** Meet Spirit! An adorable 13-week-old puppy who came to us from Georgia. Miss Spirit is recovering from a jaw fracture, but you'd never know since she doesn't let it bother her. She only needs a foster for about a week before she gets her recheck. Spirit is a typical puppy, and can be mouthy, whiney, and very energetic. She likes other dogs, but her energy is too much for some pups. If you want to give this gal a home for the next week, let me know! She is on medication for a non-contagious skin condition.



**Volunteer Wing Entry:** Now that quarantine is up, getting to the volunteer wing will be much easier.

**In the last week, we have had 32 adoptions (16 cats, 16 dogs)!**

**Mobile Adoption Unit at PetPeople Hyde Park:** We need two cat handlers and *maybe* a dog handler for a mobile next Friday the 20th. The event will run from 9am – 12pm at the Hyde Park PetPeople. Shifts are available on Volgistics!

**COVID Reminder:** You must sign up for shifts in advance via Volgistics, and masks are required.

**Winter Wear:** Winter gear is here! If you made an order via email, your order is ready for you in my office.

**Dog Walking Teams:** We are putting out a feeler for starting Monday and Thursday walk teams. We have not been able to do this due to a lack of team leads. If you would be willing to learn & available, let me know!

### Upcoming Events:

November 13th, 14th and 15th 12:30pm – 5pm: Food Pantry Collection

November 21st: New Volunteer Orientation

November 27th, 28th, and 29th 12:30pm – 5pm: Food Pantry Collection

November 26th: Thanksgiving – CLOSED

December 4th, 5th and 6th 12:30pm – 5pm: Food Pantry Collection

December 5th: New Volunteer Orientation

—Erin Lawson, Volunteer Services Manager and Foster Coordinator