The SPCA Cincinnati Team Member Newsletter

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BIRTHDAYS IN AUG.

Dr. Jennifer Smith—8/9 Ashley Lehman—8/18 Vanly Doiron—8/29



AUG. WORK ANNIVERSARY

Denise Jones—2 yr. Andrea Brock-Hitchcock—4 yr. Trina Stockstill—4 yr. Todd Manser—23 yr.

Happy Anniversary

AUG AWARENESS

- International Assistance Dog Week—8/5
- ♦ International Cat Day—8/8
- ♦ National Non-profit Day—8/17
- National Black Cat Apprec.
 Day—8/17
- National Dog Day—8/26

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 29, 2020

FURBALL2020.COM



Daisy Award

Congratulations to Olivia Cox as she is the recipient of SPCA Cincinnati's Daisy Award!

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"I work in Managed Admissions where I take in owner surrenders. We do everything by appointment so I talk on the phone a lot with people



and get a background of why they need to surrender. I do my best to give advice and information to help the owner keep their animal or re-home their animal so they don't have to come to the shelter. I want to make the owner feel comfortable and talk to me if they need to. Surrender Prevention is the best we can do for the animals unless they're in an unsafe environment. The most interesting part of my job is interacting with the animals that come through my doors and seeing their transformation of being scared to trusting when they finally know that they are safe here and loved by all of us. I want to build that trust with them and help them through their time at the shelter until they find their forever home. My hobbies/interests include relaxing with my friends and hanging with my fur babies. I have two dogs, Riley and Sebastian. They are my favorite things in this world. *'Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain'."* —Olivia

Thank you Olivia for all that you do!

In The Know

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FOX19NOW

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Anyone employed with The 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 <u>www.anthemeap.com</u> \rightarrow Click Member Log-in \rightarrow Company Name enter: SPCA of Cincinnati.

PLEASE VIEW TOPICS ARCHIVED ON THE EAP WEBSITE

Have an article? Send to Nyketa Gaffney—Editor: **ngaffney@spcacincinnati.org**. Due at Noon the Wednesday prior to distribution.

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"It took them 12 rounds of CPR to stabilize her," Gaffney said.

According to Gaffney, Phoenix's injuries included two permanent wrist dislocations. Those are signs, she says, of abuse and neglect.

"She was emaciated. She could not hold her head up. Bones were literally out of her body," Gaffney said. "It's unfortunate that folks get to that point. How we treat animals is a reflection of how we treat others as people."

Gaffney says Phoenix has already overcome the odds. However, her fight is not yet over, as there are more surgeries and vet visits to come.

"She has gone through so much, but she's done it with such tenacity. Her personality just shines through. She's so strong. She's so brave," Gaffney explained.

Phoenix is currently living with a foster family. The SPCA hopes to adopt her out around the holidays.

Phoenix is also the spotlight dog for the SPCA's upcoming virtual fundraiser, The 2020 Fur Ball Gala.

Gaffney says they hope the courageous canine sets a standard and is an example of what can happen if you never give up.

"To know that she was not even breathing when she came in, and we've had to recover her twice," Gaffney said. "It's one of those things... it reminds you that through it all, anything is possible."

Gaffney says Phoenix's name is fitting since she has "risen from the ashes."

There is an investigation underway, Gaffney explains, to determine possible charges related to the reported abuse and neglect.

The SPCA is currently seeking donations to help care for animals like Phoenix. Those interested can donate online through the <u>Fur Ball virtual fundraiser website</u>.

- Jessica Schmidt

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REGISTER by CLICKING the Link Below https://e.givesmart.com/events/ewF/

-Jake White, President and CEO

Spotlight Dog: Jack!





Hello there, my name is Jack and I'm the definition of a farm dog. Now don't let that fool you, I still enjoy the finer things in life and I am very friendly towards people! I just have a lot of energy, so having a huge yard is a must for me. I have hip dysplasia, so you'll notice I walk a little funny, but let me tell you it doesn't keep me down one bit! I still love chasing toys, especially tennis balls. Because my hips can sometimes be painful (I'll need supplements for the rest of my life) I should be the only animal in the home. Sometimes if I think a dog is going to jump on me, I try and act tough to keep them away. I can also get a bit mouthy (it's all play, I just don't understand that I'm a big guy) and because of this I need to go to a home with older children (13+). As you can see, I'm a lovable handful, so my perfect adopter will have bully breed experience. The staff tells me I would benefit greatly from positive reinforcement training classes so I can learn some basic manners. If you're ready to add a fun new addition to your family, fill out an adoption application here: https://bit.ly/34jn85l.



Erin Lawson, Volunteer Service Manager and Foster Coordinator



50% of all booking fees benefit the SPCA Cincinnati!

Be sure to connect with Tails of Cincinnati on all social media platforms!

Support the SPCA Cincinnati by shopping online! We are now partnered with Purpose Driven Shopping; each time you make a qualifying purchase through participating retailers, SPCA will get a percentage of the purchase amount donated back to us. Find retailers' link you want to shop on our page and shop as you normally would!

If you use Google Chrome, you can also download the extension here:

http://tiny.cc/h9ytpz

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Fun Stuff At the SPCA!



Sue Henson and her kids had a wonderful time at Kings Island! Tickets were provided by the Development Department.

THANK YOU SPCA

Well look who's gotten into the Fur Ball spirit!

In preparation for the our organization's largest community fundraiser, Denise and Maria got into character for the taping of

Travel Time Tuesday.

Remember, each day of Fur Ball week is themed. Be sure to tell family and friends that they should tune-in everyday at 6pm on:

FurBall2020.com!



VOLUNTEER SERVICES NEWS

Adoption Numbers: In the last week, we have had 51 adoptions (38 cats, 12 dogs, 1 small animal)!

Courtyard/Patio Area: We have closed the courtyard w/ the turf due to the parasite issue we have been maintaining. Until further notice, please do not take any dogs to that courtyard. The concrete courtyard is still open for socialization and dogs who need to get their zoomies out.

HELP NEEDED - Bio Writing: We have come up with a new process for writing bios for our shelter pets which is a great way to volunteer from home. Writing bios drastically increases the likelihood of an animal finding its forever home. If you are interested in this, and **are good at creative writing** (not optional – sorry!), please let me know and I will send you the details. If you are creative and enjoy writing, please consider this role!

Reminder – new Sharonville Opportunities: If you thrive on detail-orientated work and want to learn more about the adoption and/or intake realms of the shelter, please contact <u>dejones@spcacincinnati.org</u>. We are accepting volunteers for the following roles:

- Managed Admissions Assistance
- Front Desk Assistance

The Great Catsby Cat Adoption Event – THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who came out to help with our cat adoption event last Saturday. We had a great day and 12 cats/kittens found their PURR-fect homes.

Dog Socialization – IMPORTANT! Even if you are an established volunteer but have not done the Dog Socialization training, you MUST undergo a short class with Kaitlin, the Behavior Manager. These trainings will be available on Thursdays and Saturdays at 12pm and 2pm and classes are limited to 4 people. You must contact Kaitlin to reserve a spot – email <u>kcheek@spcacincinnati.org</u>. If you cannot make a Thursday or Saturday, please contact Kaitlin.

Personality Sheets: All animals need a bio so that they can find their forever home. While we try to get to know each animal, it can be difficult to find the time. So, to make things easier, we have hung up personality sheets in the volunteer room (with the Volgistics computer and volunteer aprons). Once you complete a sheet (there are some for both dogs and cats), please hang it on the "Completed Personality Sheets" clipboard. From there, we will be able to create better bios for our shelter residents.

Donations Needed! We are requesting donations of Vienna Sausages for some of our pickier and/or timid dogs. Kroger has these for sale – 2 for \$1! If you have any donations, you can leave them by the volunteer check-in.

Bob Sumerel Golf Outing: Openings are now closed for the event this Saturday. Those of you who signed up will be receiving an email soon with details.

Fur Ball Assistance – Thank you to all who signed up to help with the Fur Ball auction item pickup! There is a meeting slated for this evening – virtual of course! Please contact Trent with any questions – <u>towens@spcacincinnati.org</u>.

Events:

August 22nd 10am – 6pm: Bob Sumerel Golf Outing (Help needed!) August 23rd – 29th: Virtual Furball – register here: <u>https://e.givesmart.com/events/ewF/</u> August 30th 12pm – 4pm: Fur Ball Silent Auction Item Pickup September 2nd 5pm – 8pm: Fur Ball Silent Auction Item Pickup September 12th 12pm – 4pm: Fur Ball Silent Auction Item Pickup September 12th 12pm – 4pm: Fur Ball Silent Auction Item Pickup

-Erin Lawson, Volunteer Services Manager and Foster Coordinator

NEW EMPLOYEES!



Shyenne Jackson (Welcome Back!)

Managed Admission

8/20/20

