

# the insider

## BIRTHDAYS IN AUG.

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

*Happy  
Birthday*

## AUG. WORK ANNIVERSARY

Denise Jones—2 yr.  
Andrea Brock-Hitchcock—4 yr.  
Trina Stockstill—4 yr.  
Catriona Stockstill—3 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 Appreciation Day—8/17
- ◆ National Dog Day—8/26

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, August 29, 2020

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## Daisy Award

Congratulations to Nancy Rinkoski as she is the recipient of **SPCA Cincinnati's Daisy Award!**



"I am Front Desk Customer Service. I process pet adoptions, answer the phones and help with caller inquiries, and schedule appointments for onsite pet meets. The interaction with our customers is one of the most interesting things about my job at the SPCA. Adding a pet to the family is important, and I enjoy being a part of that process; being sure they understand our adoption policy and all that comes with it, and the next steps they should take to get their pet started in its new life. I enjoy traveling, reading non-fiction, home improvement projects, and socializing with our friends and family. Traveling in 2020 has given us an opportunity to discover new and interesting places much closer to home. My friend, Warren and I enjoy spending time with his 2 sons, daughter and son-in-law, and their amusing pets. Since my dog, Jenny, passed away 6 years ago I have not yet adopted another pet, but I'm sure we'll be looking again. I am glad to have fostered several dogs in need since then, including a couple from our shelter. If an aquarium counts, we do have a beautiful one with some very interesting tropicals. One of my favorite quotes is... *The grand essentials of happiness are: something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.*" —Nancy

## In The Know

### SPCA Cincinnati Today and Beyond...

A Message from Chairman of the Board of Trustees



The last couple of weeks have been extremely busy as we've not only been preparing for the organization's largest fundraising event, but also finalizing the transition of the SPCA out of the Hamilton County Dog Warden contract. Our Chairman Tom Chatham has issued a statement to the public: "SPCA remains your local Humane Society as we have since 1873. Our Sharonville full service kennels and our Miamitown ( Simmonds Farm ) will continue the existing operations with expanded educational programs and adoption activities."

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## HR Corner

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 [www.anthemead.com](http://www.anthemead.com) → Click Member Log-in → 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](mailto:ngaffney@spcacincinnati.org).

Due at Noon the Wednesday prior to distribution.

# A Message from the Chairman of the Board

To All Our Supporters In Greater Cincinnati

SPCA Cincinnati would like to make you aware of a transition that has occurred regarding the Hamilton County Dog Warden's office. Our Organization was contracted by Hamilton County to perform the statutory duties of the Dog Warden for the past 65 years.

In 2019 we determined these duties were no longer in alignment with our overall mission and objectives. At that time we notified Hamilton County that we would be retiring from these duties and would work with them to make a smooth transition to another service provider. We are pleased to announce that this transition has taken place as of July 30, 2020.

SPCA remains your local Humane Society as we have since 1873. Our Sharonville full service kennels and our Miamitown ( Simmonds Farm ) will continue the existing operations with expanded educational programs and adoption activities.

There will no longer be any SPCA operations at Colerain Avenue.

Our Headquarters is housed at;

The SPCA Cincinnati  
11900 Conrey Road  
Cincinnati Ohio 45249



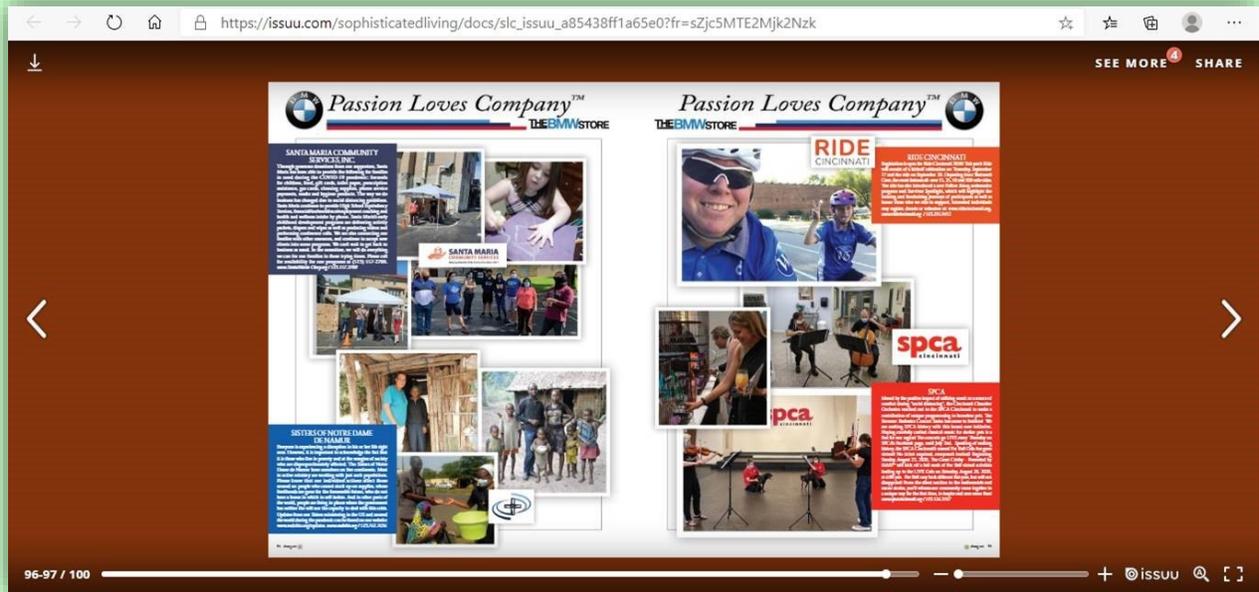
We remain committed to the humane treatment of all animals and will cooperate fully with Hamilton County and the new Dog Wardens office. It is in everyone's best interest that the same humane care and love we provided to these animals during our many years as Dog Warden, be continued with by the new Organization.

During the past several years, the SPCA Cincinnati provided leadership in creating a collaborative spirit among all animal welfare organizations. In 2018 The Pet Coalition of Greater Cincinnati was formed. The PCGC has actively been engaged in efforts to assist low-income communities with the care and managements of their pets. These activities are congruent with our prior collaboration with UCAN and OAR establishing a low cost spay/neuter trap and release program for community cats.

Please join us in wishing the new Hamilton County Dog Warden Office much success.

Thomas Chatham  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
SPCA Cincinnati

# The SPCA In Sophisticated Living Magazine



We've made the issue! As seen on **Sophisticated Living Magazine's** website, the SPCA Cincinnati is featured in the publication's **July / August 2020** edition! **SL** has become a great community partner, helping the SPCA expand its reach in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Click the link below to flip through the magazine. On page 97, you'll find our Barkestra Summer Concert Series with CCO and Fur Ball 2020 highlighted!



<http://tiny.cc/qfjmsz>



## *Excerpt*

Moved by the positive impact of utilizing music as a source of comfort during “social distancing”, the **Cincinnati Chamber Orchestra** reached out to the **SPCA Cincinnati** to make a contribution of unique programming to homeless pets. Today, the **Summer Barkestra Concert Series** has come to fruition! We are making **SPCA** history with this brand-new initiative. Playing carefully crafted classical music for shelter pets is a first for our region! The concerts go LIVE every Thursday on **SPCA's** Facebook page, until July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please, share this event online and help spread joy across our city.

Speaking of making history, the **SPCA Cincinnati's** annual Fur Ball gala has gone virtual! No ticket required, everyone's invited! Beginning Sunday, August 23, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. **The Great Catsby** – Presented by IAMS™ will kick off a full week of Fur Ball virtual activities leading up to the LIVE Gala. Fur Ball may look different this year, but will not disappoint! From the silent auction to the testimonials and rescue stories, you'll witness our community come together in a unique way for the first time, to inspire and save more lives!

# The SPCA Highlights: Operations!



After a very busy couple of weeks,  
we wanted to take a moment and spotlight 4 of our valued employees!

## CONGRATS TO THE WINNERS OF THE HEARTGUARD/NEXGUARD COMPETITION

Sheila Rieger's from our amazing Customer Service Team and Ashley Lehmann from our fabulous Animal Care Team are the winners of the competition. Ashley is looking forward to spending time with her daughter Luna at the Great Wolf Lodge-sponsored by the SPCA Cincinnati. Sheila with the largest heart decided to share her prize with the medical team, they were not part of the competition which would allow another hardworking staff member to enjoy the Great Wolf Lodge. Hollie Bullocks name was chosen and she will too get to enjoy the Great Wolf Lodge. Special note: the winners they also received a weeks vacation from Jake! Thank you all for educating the public in the importance of Heartguard and Nexguard! LETS KEEP IT GOING!!

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On another great note,

The SPCA has been able to retain two new employees, that we were so looking to have stay with the SPCA Cincinnati! Jessica Choate and Deshawnta Goodson, we are excited to keep you as part o our team!!

—Denise Jones, Senior Operations Manager

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**  
SILENT AUCTION SUNDAY –  
SILENT AUCTION OPEN TO ALL TO VIEW AND BID!

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24**  
MUNCHABLE MONDAY –  
SHARONVILLE CONVENTION CENTER'S  
CHEF BRAD COOKING DEMONSTRATION

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**  
TRAVEL TIME TUESDAY –  
ONLY 500 RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD  
WINNER SELECTS ONE OF 5 AMAZING TRIPS

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**  
WINE DOWN WEDNESDAY –  
Z WINE & CHEESE VIRTUAL WINE WALL OPEN

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**  
THIRSTY THURSDAY –  
SIGNATURE DRINK DEMONSTRATION

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**  
FURRY FRIDAY –  
ADOPTABLE PETS GET READY FOR THE GALA

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**  
FUR BALL GALA: THE GREAT CATSBY  
6 - 7 P.M. (SILENT AUCTION CLOSES AT 8 P.M.)

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—Jake White, President and CEO

# The SPCA Promotions & Campaigns

*Tails of Cincinnati*  
Coffee Table Book of Cincinnati Pets





**GET YOUR PET'S PICTURE IN A BOOK AND SUPPORT **

**Susannah Maynard, CincyPet Magazine founder & publisher and owner of Pet Love Photography will be photographing local area pets for this publication. Be a part of something special!**

**For info, visit [spcacincinnati.org/news](http://spcacincinnati.org/news)**

Visit [TAILS OF CINCINNATI](http://TAILS OF CINCINNATI), to view more and BOOK your session in support of the SPCA!



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>

A percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to **SPCA**. When shopping on Amazon, be sure to go to Amazon Smile. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your Amazon Smile Purchase to the **SPCA**. sign in to your account, choose "**SPCA Cincinnati**" as your supporting charity.





# VOLUNTEER SERVICES NEWS

**Adoption Numbers:** In the last week, we have had 62 adoptions (43 cats, 17 dogs, and 2 small animals). Numbers will be smaller now that we are only operating out of Sharonville!

**Sharonville Opportunities:** Now that the shift is complete, we just want to go over the opportunities available at Sharonville. See below for a list of volunteer roles:

Dog Walking Teams, Dog Socialization (Additional training needed), Cat Center Attendant, Kitten Nursery (Additional training needed), Animal Care Assistant – cleaning, Volunteer Services Assistant, Many, many more!

If you are interested in a role, or have an idea for a brand new role, please let me know!

**Dog and Cat Socialization Clipboards:** In order to keep track of which animals have been worked with, we have hung clipboards in Kennels 1 – 4 as well as in the cat center. When you work with an animal, please record it on the paper so that other volunteers know which animals still need one-on-one time.

**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.

**Cat Promo:** On August 15th, we will be having an event to hopefully find homes for all of the cats we have at the shelter. From 12-5, we will be opening the shelter up to the public (regulated of course), and adopting cats out for \$5. And we need your help! We need some assistance with adopters to the Cat Center, answering questions, and also need some friendly faces greeting guests and pointing them in the right direction. Sign up on Volgistics today!

**Fur Ball Set-Up Help:** From 12pm – 2pm on August 19th, we are asking for some additional help with setting up for our virtual silent auction. If you have time, feel free to stop by and help us set up the training room! Shifts are available on Volgistics, but sign-up isn’t needed to help with this.

**Fur Ball Help:** While the Fur Ball is virtual this year, we still need help with the silent auctions items. You can see the shifts on Volgistics: August 30th, September 2nd and September 12th. Please be aware that there is some physical involvement in this as it is a curb-side pickup as a runner, but less physical work involved with check-out.

#### Events:

August 15th 12pm – 5pm: Sharonville Cat Adoption Promotion (HELP NEEDED)

August 15th: New Volunteer Orientation

August 19th 12pm - 2pm: Fur Ball Auction Setup (HELP NEEDED)

August 22nd 10am – 6pm: Bob Sumarel Golf Outing (Help needed!)

August 23rd – 29th: Virtual Furball – register here: <https://e.givesmart.com/events/ewF/>

August 30th 12pm – 4pm: Fur Ball Silent Auction Item Pickup (HELP NEEDED)

—Erin Lawson, Volunteer Services Manager and Foster Coordinator