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## **A Reminder:**

The SPCA Cincinnati is open to the public 7 days a week, Sunday-Saturday, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Customers are still able to schedule appointments for adoption and admission. If someone comes to our facility without an appointment, they will still be helped, but will be helped during a time which the schedule permits. Thank you all for your hard work!

## *Daisy Award Winner*

Submitted By: SPCA Cincinnati Human Resources

Our Daisy Award Winner for this issue of The Insider is Heather Bowles! Continue reading to learn more about Heather:

Heather works in the SPCA Cincinnati Managed Admissions Department. She works hard each and every day!

Alaina Stowers, PR Manager, said, "When I started at the SPCA Cincinnati and was first learning about our organization and processes, Heather was wonderful. She was so helpful, patient, and welcoming. We even bonded over our mutual love for Star Wars! The time that I spent in Managed Admissions was fantastic."

Thank you, Heather, for everything you do for all of us here at the SPCA Cincinnati! We all appreciate you!



## *HR Corner*

Submitted by: SPCA Cincinnati Human Resources

Log-on now to obtain information on a variety of wellness topics. In order to use the website, follow these steps: Go to [www.anthemcap.com](http://www.anthemcap.com), click Member Log-In, Company name, type: SPCA of Cincinnati.

### **July 2021: Take a Summer Break From Burnout**

Summer can be an ideal time to take a break, re-energize from the stresses of life, and reconnect with what's important to you.



### **Plan Your Vacation Well to Get the Most Out of It**

If it lasted forever, it wouldn't be a vacation. Yet many people dread the return to their routine as strongly as they anticipated their getaway. Call it the "post-vacation blues."

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# Fur Ball 2021 at the Sharonville Convention Center featured in Cincinnati Magazine!

Submitted By: Maria Miller, VP Donor Relations

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## We're Back!



Christianne Zimmerman, Fur Ball Chair (Center), with SPCA Board of Trustee Members: Judy Reckor, Past Fur Ball Chair (Left) and Joelle Ragland, Fur Ball Silent Auction Chair (Right)

The SPCA Cincinnati's 19th Annual Fur Ball Gala, Presented by IAMS™ and brought to you by Platinum Sponsor Swiffer, is back! Celebrate in-person Saturday, August 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Sharonville Convention Center. The theme is *Disco InFURno*, so break out those leisure suits, bell-bottoms, and flashy disco dresses! Black-tie attire optional.

Guests will enjoy an open bar, a signature cocktail presented by Absolut, appetizers, a plated dinner, entertainment, live and silent auctions, the Whiskey Wall, the Wine Wall presented by Awakenings Coffee and Wine, a trip raffle, testimonials, rescue stories, and adoptable pets they can adopt the following morning at the SPCA Cincinnati in Sharonville. Visit [spcacincinnati.org/events](http://spcacincinnati.org/events) for tickets. No need to attend to donate, enter the raffle, or register for the online Silent Auction.

The SPCA Cincinnati thanks the Fur Ball Planning Committee and their 2021 Fur Ball Chair, Christianne Zimmerman, for her tireless compassion, hard work, and dedication. In addition to Zimmerman's Fur Ball leadership, she has led several critical rescue missions from St. Lucia to the SPCA Cincinnati. She has been fully committed to seeing that these dogs get their FURever homes – Christianne is no stranger to the SPCA Cincinnati's kennels and play yards with daily visits until each dog has been adopted!

"Fur Ball is the biggest night of the year for the SPCA Cincinnati and we are so excited to be back in-person," says Zimmerman, "Everything we do, we do for the animals!"

Fur Ball is the SPCA Cincinnati's largest fundraiser and helps care for the thousands of homeless and injured animals that enter their doors every year. Thanks to all the Fur Ball 2021 Sponsors and Donors for making the Fur Ball possible!

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# Disco InFURno

SPCA Cincinnati 19th Annual FUR BALL GALA

Saturday, August 28  
Sharonville Convention Center

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## *Riddle Me This...*

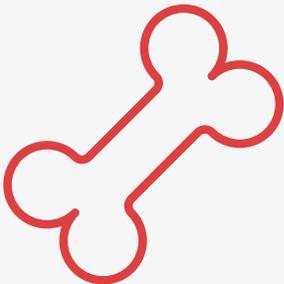
Can you solve it?

In this edition of The Insider, we have even MORE riddles to solve!

Below, you'll find 3 riddles. Can you figure them out?

Think hard on the answer, and once you are confident you have the correct answer to all 3 riddles, text your submission to 513-526-3767 or by email to [astowers@spscincinnati.org](mailto:astowers@spscincinnati.org)!

The winner will receive a \$10 Chick-Fil-A Gift Card!



Riddle #1: What can go up a chimney down, but can't go down a chimney up?

Riddle #2: Two in a corner, one in a room, zero in a house, but one in a shelter. What am I?

Riddle #3: What two things can you never eat for breakfast?



***FUN FACT!***  
What is the world's oldest known breed of domesticated dog?  
Find out on Page 6!

## Volunteer Services

Submitted by: Erin Lawson, Volunteer Services and Foster + Rescue Coordinator

**In the last week, we have had 73 adoptions (50 cats, 20 dogs and 3 small animals)!!**

**Simmonds Farm** - This Saturday! We are in need of some more dog handlers for this week's Simmonds Farm adoptions! If you are free this Saturday from 10am - 2pm and want to attend, sign up on Volgistics and I'll send you the details. In order to succeed at this role, you must be able to independently handle a dog, answer questions about the dog (information provided), and be able to pay attention to your dog's behavior since it will be HOT. These adoption events are great for the dogs; even if they don't get adopted, they get to have a fun field trip to smell new smells and see new sights. If you have questions, let me know!

**Important Confidentiality Reminder:** Just a reminder, anything in the Cat Center that is behind the glass is not available for adoption. There should be no information given out about these cats and kittens. If asked, please kindly tell guests that those cats/kittens are not available and direct them to which cats are available for adoption. You can also direct them to an employee if you are not comfortable answering guest questions. In general, please do not give any information out to anyone about animals who are not available for adoption! When in doubt, refer to an employee!



**Dogs with Special Diet Needs:** Any dogs with special dietary restrictions need to be fed certain foods only. That means if you are handing a dog off to someone, please let that person know if they aren't able to have certain treats to avoid any kind of GI upset.

**Adoption Change Reminder:** As of July 1st, our base adoption fee for dogs went up to \$70. There are packages that cost more and vary by weight, see below for details:

- Basic Adoption (all weights): \$70, includes adoption, collar, leash, and one month of Heartgard and Nexgard
- Bronze Package (prices vary by weight): \$131 - \$143, includes adoption, collar, leash, and three months of Heartgard and Nexgard
- Silver Package (prices vary by weight): \$198 - \$221, includes adoption, collar, leash, and six months of Heartgard and Nexgard
- Gold Package (prices vary by weight): \$333 - \$377, includes adoption, collar, leash, and one year of Heartgard and Nexgard

As always, our dogs are heartworm tested, up to date on vaccines and Heartgard/Nexgard, microchipped, and spayed/neutered!

**Cleaning Help Needed:** Due to our busy season, we're asking for some help cleaning our cat areas (Cat Center and Kitten Nursery). You will see shifts open 9am - 12pm each day for this role. No experience is needed; we'll show you exactly what to do! If you sign up for this shift, you will need to head to the Cat Center upon your arrival and let the employees know you're there to help clean. They'll show you what to do from there!

Note: Since you will be arriving early and there may not be someone at the Volunteer entrance. You can go to the front door and ring the bell and someone should be able to let you in from there.

**Fur Ball 2021: SHIFTS ARE LIVE!** We need all hands on deck for our 2021 Fur Ball Gala. See attached document for opportunities. If you have any questions about a role, please let me know. Anyone who signs up will get a free shirt (we need sizes by July 15th latest). If you have already signed up for Fur Ball 2021, THANK YOU! You can expect an email from me by the end of a week asking for your shirt size.

## Volunteer Services Cont.

Submitted by: Erin Lawson, Volunteer Services  
and Foster + Rescue Coordinator

**Community Outreach:** We are looking to add to our Chow Now Pantry team! We need both assistant volunteers and drivers; if you have a good driving record and would be comfortable driving a sprinter van or larger we'd love to have you join our fleet driver team. This role is incredibly rewarding and a ton of fun, so if you're interested let me know!

**Pet Tip of the Week:** Heatstroke/Heat Exhaustion in Animals! How to know if your pet is overheating! With summer upon us, we need to make sure our pets are staying cool. There are some symptoms to watch for if you and your pet are outside or in a hot environment:

- Excessive panting or difficulty breathing (most common in animals with flat faces)
- Excessive drooling, drool is thicker and stickier than normal
- Bright red, gray, purple, or bluish gums. These can be signs of dehydration
- Lack of urine. This can mean dehydration of overheating
- Muscle tremors. If your pet is shaking or shivering regardless of the temperature, it could be heat exhaustion
- Vomiting and diarrhea.

What to do if you think your animal is suffering from heat exhaustion

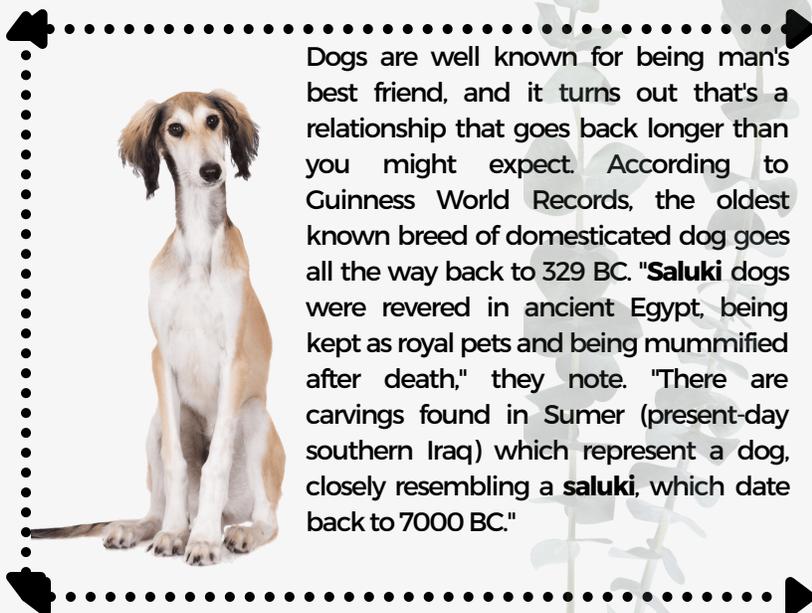
- Take your animal to a cool area
- Lower their body temperature using cool water, NOT cold. Using cold water will cool them too quickly and shock their body.
- Provide them with small amounts of lukewarm or cool water, not cold and no ice!
- When in doubt, call your vet. Even if they seem like they are recovering, they may need to be monitored for complications

**The More You Know:** Success story from Nevada! As many of you know, part of our mission is to create a truly pet-friendly community which means tearing down the walls of breed discrimination. Many places still have breed bans, and you can't rent a home if you have one of these breeds. Much of this isn't because the landlord is mean, it is simply due to insurance rates. It can also apply to homeowner policies.

Check out this article (thank you Kristine DeAnthony) for details on this animal welfare success! We hope more states start to follow Nevada's example and start seeing dogs as individuals instead of judging based on breed.

<https://news3lv.com/news/local/new-nevada-law-bans-dog-breed-discrimination-for-property-insurance>  
(This link should be clickable when viewing newsletter as a PDF!)

**Hot Weather!** For those of you walking or socializing dogs, please be aware of the pavement temperatures. If it is hot to the touch, please walk the dog in the grass or take them to the play yard. And please remember to keep activity short during the intense summer heat, heatstroke is no joke!



Dogs are well known for being man's best friend, and it turns out that's a relationship that goes back longer than you might expect. According to Guinness World Records, the oldest known breed of domesticated dog goes all the way back to 329 BC. "Saluki dogs were revered in ancient Egypt, being kept as royal pets and being mummified after death," they note. "There are carvings found in Sumer (present-day southern Iraq) which represent a dog, closely resembling a saluki, which date back to 7000 BC."



## *Upcoming Events Calendar*



**July 8th:** Humane Education - Town and Country Sports and Health Center Summer Camp; 1pm - 2:30pm

**July 9th:** Humane Education - Peaslee Summer Camp at Sharonville Humane Center; 10am - 12pm

**July 10th:** Simmonds Farm Adoptions; 10am - 2pm

**July 14th:** Humane Education - Maderia Elementary Summer Camp; 11am - 1pm

**July 16th:** Chow Now Pantry at Tikkun Farm; 12pm - 4pm

**July 17th:** New Volunteer Orientation; 9am - 12pm

**July 17th and 18th:** Chow Now Pantry Collection at Sharonville; 12pm - 3pm  
(HELP NEEDED)

**July 20th:** Barkestra at Sharonville; 1pm - 2pm

**July 23rd:** Chow Now Pantry at Tikkun Farm; 12pm - 4pm

**July 24th:** Simmonds Farm Adoptions; 10am - 2pm

**July 30th:** Chow Now Pantry at Tikkun Farm; 12pm - 4pm

**July 31st and August 1st:** Chow Now Pantry Collection at Sharonville; 12pm - 3pm (HELP NEEDED)

**August 2nd:** Humane Education: Sharonville Touch-a-Truck; 9:30am - 1pm

**August 5th:** Mobile Adoption Unit - Dogs - Bark in the Park with the Cincinnati Reds; 4:30pm - 8:30pm (HELP NEEDED)

**August 7th:** Simmonds Farm Adoptions; 10am - 2pm

**August 12th:** Humane Education: Traditions at Camargo Senior Living Facility; 2:00pm - 3:30pm

**August 14th:** Simmonds Farm Adoptions; 10am - 2pm

**August 14th and 15th:** Chow Now Pantry Collection at Sharonville; 12pm - 3pm  
(HELP NEEDED)

**August 21st:** New Volunteer Orientation; 9am - 12pm

**August 25th:** Mobile Adoption Unit - Dogs - Kirrikan Spirits; 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
(HELP NEEDED)

**August 28th:** Fur Ball 2021 - Disco InFURno (HELP NEEDED)



## July Birthdays



- Benjamin Coffey - July 10th
- Nancy Reynolds (Rinkoski) - July 12th
- Denise Jones - July 13th
- Jake White - July 29th

## July Anniversaries



## July Awareness



- July 10th - Don't Step On A Bee Day
- July 11th - All American Pet Photo Day
- July 15th - National Pet Fire Safety Day
- July 31st - National Mutt Day

## Upcoming Events



## SPCA Cincinnati Campaigns



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