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Your Employee Newsletter



First Adoptions at Simmonds Farm!

Submitted by: Erin Lawson, Volunteer Services Manager

On Saturday May 22nd, we had our first adoptions at Simmonds Farm! It was a gorgeous day to bring 4 cats and 5 dogs out to find their forever homes. We had two adoptions, one cat, and one dog - not bad for our first go!

The volunteers who attended had a great time and loved the opportunity to spend the morning at the farm. We can't wait to do it again!



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Daisy Award Winner

Submitted by: SPCA HR Facilitator

What brought me to the SPCA? I had previously worked in Development at another non-profit and enjoyed my time there. I knew I wanted to stay in the non-profit sector and apply the skills I had already learned. Since I always wanted to work with animals in some capacity, the SPCA seemed like the perfect choice for me.

If I could travel to any place, it would be... Japan, because I've always been fascinated with their art and culture. I had a chance to go as a teen and that fell through, so I swore I would make it there at some point in my life. I had plans to go this year, but the pandemic put it on hold for now. I'm hoping to go in the next year or so!

If I was granted one wish that could positively change the world...I would make everyone kinder, with genuine respect for all living beings. I feel like if everyone had compassion and empathy, the big issues like hunger and violence would be resolved.

My favorite animal, probably cats, since I now have a whopping total of 6 if you count Lunar, our garage cat. Only two of my cats were acquired on purpose! I also absolutely love primates, especially chimpanzees and gorillas, because they are so similar to us and I'm always in awe when I watch them interact.

What inspires/motivates me... Seeing other people make the hard choice to be kind at times when it's not easy to be kind.

My best advice..."To admit that you were wrong is to declare that you are wiser now than you were before."



Congratulations Lisa! And thank you for all that you do for the SPCA.

HR Corner

Submitted by Jessica Choate, HR Facilitator

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. Click Member log-in. Company name, enter: SPCA of Cincinnati.

May 2021: We Can Help You Focus on Your Well-being

Taking the time to feel gratitude can have powerful and positive emotional benefits. It can even help your physical health, as shown in an ever-growing body of research.

Practicing gratitude can make you happier, reduce your stress levels, improve your relationships, cause you to be more patient and compassionate, and help you stick to healthy eating and exercise habits. In an amazing way, this single practice can improve many important elements of your wellbeing.



Be well!

What is Gratitude? At a basic level, gratitude is simply the feeling of being grateful. However, it's deeper and more important than that! More on **EAP**.

What In the SPCA?

There were no winning answers for the previous "Insider" Pictionary. The correct answer was: "Better Together", thank you for your entries last week.

Let's play a NEW game - Word Scramble!!

To your right is a 4-word phrase that has been scrambled. Using the blanks as a guide, move the letters around to reveal a statement of something happening at the SPCA.

Once you are confident in your answer, you MUST text: **GOT IT** to 513-504-3196. Include your name and the answer to the current Word Scramble in the text message. The first team member with the correct answer by 6:00pm, on the day of the newsletter's distribution, will receive a sponsored prize! If no one guesses correctly, the prize will roll over to the next 'Insider'.

For this edition, the prize is 2 gift cards for 2 free boxed lunches at Raising Cane's, courtesy of the Donor Relations department. Don't miss out on this delicious reward!

The winner's prize will be dropped off at the front desk for claiming. If there are any questions, you can reach Jessica Choate at Jchoate@spcacincinnati.org.

Can you unscramble the scramble?

SPCA CINCINNATI Word Scramble

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How many armadillos can actually roll into a ball?

Fun Fact on Page 6! Read on...



Belated Christmas Party!

Submitted by: Denise Jones, Senior Operations Mgr.

WOW, what a day! The best Holiday party that was so engaging. Thank you, Jake and Mike, for making this happen.

I thank the entire team for all their dedication and passion daily to continue to make the SPCA Cincinnati the original hometown hero's.

Though Erin ran the cornhole boards, I was excited to see everyone participate and take the time to enjoy each other's company. It was good to see the smiles and I was very impressed by all the competition! I love it!

Looking forward to the fall fling, please let me know if you have any ideas for the next get together. Again, I thank each and every one of you for your hard work.



Simmonds Farm Pics!

Submitted by: Erin Lawson, Volunteer Services Manager



Volunteer Services

Submitted by: Erin Lawson, Volunteer Services and Foster Manager
In the last week, we have had **49 adoptions (21 cats, 27 dogs and 1 hermit crab)!**

Memorial Day: We will be **closed on Monday, May 31st** in observance of the holiday. I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend!

Dogs Who Need You! We have a few dogs here who are in need of special attention. If you are interested in learning which pups these are and how to help, let me know!

And our boy DICE GOT ADOPTED! He finally found someone as crazy as he is and it was a match meant to be. Thank you all for being patient with that wild child and helping him learn some manners!

Simmonds Farm Adoptions! We had our first adoptions at Simmonds Farm last Saturday and it was a great time! Two of our animals went home and we all enjoyed the sunshine. We plan on doing much more of these this summer, and shifts are up on Volgistics for the following dates:

- June 5th 10am - 2pm
- June 12th 10am - 2pm
- June 26th 10am - 2pm
- July 10th 10am - 2pm
- July 24th 10am - 2pm
- August 14th 10am - 2pm

Jeff Wyler Mobile Adoption Unit: We have a mobile coming up on **Friday, June 18th from 12pm - 4pm at Jeff Wyler at the Kings Automall.** If you can help, sign up today! Dog and cat handlers needed!

Volunteer Services cont.

Orientations Resume: After a long break, we are finally gearing up to start orientations again! We are getting through new applications slowly, so if someone you know applied, let them know to keep an eye on their inbox! Plus, if you are interested in helping onboard new volunteers, let me know! We can use help with check-in and dog handling. Dates are as follows and times are all 9am - 12pm:

- June 19th
- July 17th
- August 21st

Summer Time: With our lives returning to relative normalcy, so are our shelter happenings. That means more mobiles, humane education events, and even orientations will be resuming soon, and we are going to need some help! If there is something you are interested in learning more about (driving our mobile vehicles, joining the Humane Ed or outreach team, anything really), let me know and I will work with you to get you involved with something you enjoy. Have an idea for a program? Let me know! We value the input of our volunteers and while some things we just aren't able to facilitate, we're always open to new ideas.

Fur Ball 2021: Fur Ball is BACK on **Saturday, August 28th from 6pm - 12am.** Mark your calendars, as in a couple weeks the shifts will be live on Volgistics. I will send out role details in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events:

May 31st: Memorial Day (CLOSED)
June 3rd and 4th: Chow Now Pantry and Operation Give Back
June 4th: Chow Now Pantry at Tikkun Farm

June 5th: Simmonds Farm Adoptions
June 11th: Chow Now Pantry at Tikkun Farm
June 12th: Simmonds Farm Adoptions
June 18th: Chow Now Pantry at Tikkun Farm
June 19th: New Volunteer Orientation
June 24th 1pm - 3pm: Humane Education at North Bend Early Learning Center Summer Camp
June 25th: Chow Now Pantry at Tikkun Farm
June 26th: Simmonds Farm Adoptions
July 10th: Simmonds Farm Adoptions
July 17th: New Volunteer Orientation
July 24th: Simmonds Farm Adoptions
August 14th: Simmonds Farm Adoptions
August 21st: New Volunteer Orientation
August 28th: Fur Ball 2021 - Disco InFURno



Armadillos are the only mammals covered by a shell. The three-banded armadillo is the only species that can roll into a ball for protection. When a frightened three-banded armadillo curls into a ball, it often leaves a space open. If a predator puts a nose or paw into that space, to try and pry the armadillo open, the little animal slams its shell shut - ouch!

Did you know that??! What crafty little mammals they are!

June Birthdays

- Hollie Bullucks
- Deshawnta Goodson
- Todd Manser

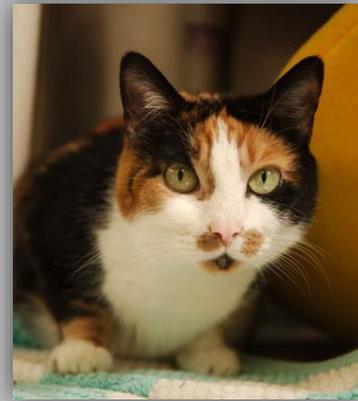
June Anniversaries

- Dr. Zola – 2yrs
- Hollie Bullucks – 4yrs
- Trent Owens – 5yrs

June Awareness

- National Hug Your Cat Day: 6/4
- National Take your Dog to Work Day: 6/25

Upcoming Events



Our girl Julia!

Please refer an adopter.

SPCA Campaigns



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