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News for the friends and supporters of the SPCA Cincinnati



Help Us Save More Lives!

This month, the SPCA Cincinnati announced a \$1.6 million K9 Expansion Project designed to meet the changing needs of our community and to provide a second chance for abused, neglected and abandoned animals. We are committed to re-homing 100% of all adoptable pets. To continue meeting this goal, we need your help to improve and expand the facilities at our Sharonville location.

Improvements will include:

Expanded Kennel Capacity

We're adding 50% more kennels to house additional dogs and provide more individual space for dogs per kennel. Let's give these dogs the comfort they deserve.

More Meet-N-Greet Areas

To allow for more one-on-one time for potential fosters and adoptions — and outdoor playtime for each dog. This also helps to fulfill the **SPCA Cincinnati** dog-walker's motto: "Every Dog, Every Day."

A Volunteer Services Department

To effectively manage the 350+ volunteers and give them a work space for special projects.

This will also serve as a safe place for volunteers to store personal property while volunteering with our pets.

A Behavioral Department

To train dogs with behavioral challenges in order to reduce their risk of euthanasia. All dogs deserve a second chance, and we're partnering with the next generation of behaviorists at local universities to make this happen.

Key Points to Ponder

- The current facility in Sharonville, Ohio was built with an expected expansion for the canine center.
- The usable build-out area is approximately 8,500 square feet.
- The current Meet-N-Greet/exercise yard is insufficient for independent family use and is exposed to weather and elements. The new Meet-N-Greet will be under a shelter with segmented enclosed areas. Added bonus: it also doubles as additional areas for behavioral training.

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Where Have You Been, Buddy?



Buddy came to the SPCA Cincinnati as a stray, miles away from home. After following through with the microchip process, we were able to locate Buddy's owner — in Washington state! His family drove three days across the country and arrived at our Sharonville shelter on the morning of November 1st.

“We packed Buddy plenty of toys and snacks for the road. To celebrate, our employees and volunteers showed Buddy out the door by creating a ‘Happy Bridge’ for him to walk through...”

Our adopters, volunteers, and employees raised \$300 in gas cards to help with the family's travel. In turn, Buddy's family donated \$500 to the **SPCA Cincinnati** for taking good care of him. Needless to say, many happy tears were shed. We packed Buddy plenty of toys and snacks for the road. To celebrate, our employees and volunteers showed Buddy out the door by creating a “Happy Bridge” for him to walk through, all documented on social media. Words can't express how happy we are to return this 3-year-old pit bull mix to his forever home!



Save The Date:

18th Annual Fur Ball Gala – The Great Catsby!

Take a trip with us as we go back 100 years to the 1920s. That's right, guys and dames, get dolled up in your glad rags for a ritzy evening of lavish cocktails, swanky dining and more! Your support of our signature gala on Saturday, April 25, helps us provide adoption, medical care and food for thousands of animals each year. Watch for your invitation in March — it'll be the cat's meow!

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets available now. Contact Trent Owens at (513) 489-7392 or towens@spcacincinnati.org for more information.

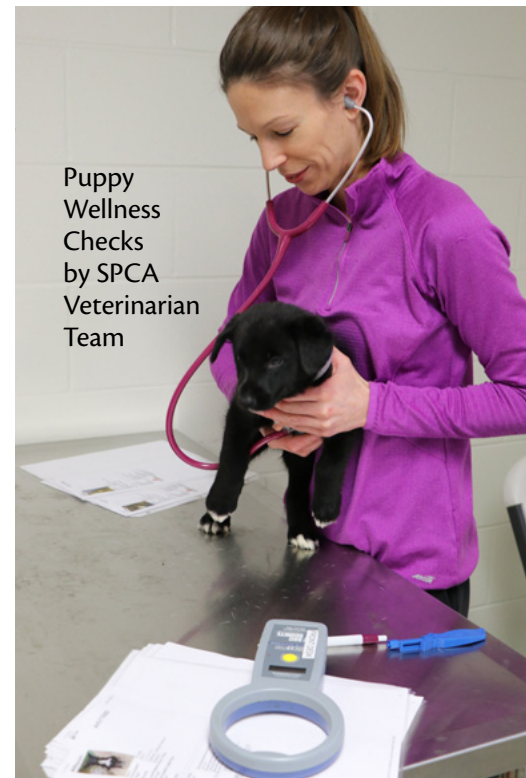


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Partnership to Find Puppies Forever Homes

This past fall, the **SPCA Cincinnati** became an ally across state lines, working with The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and the Humane Society of Tulsa. The **SPCA Cincinnati** extended a helping hand to relieve communities in Oklahoma and Texas that are overwhelmed with homeless pets and a lack of resources. Our shelter took in 29 adult dogs and puppies, including two mom dogs and their litters. The precious pets, who

traveled over 20 hours, arrived at our shelter and settled in before getting a good night’s rest! Mike Retzlaff, VP of Operations for the **SPCA Cincinnati**, says, “It’s an exciting program at the national level, of course we had to get involved. It’s the first time we’ve partnered with HSUS and Tulsa’s humane society in this capacity, but surely not the last. We would want the same for us if/when we need help.”



Puppy Wellness Checks by SPCA Veterinarian Team

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Happy Tail Endings!

- The new kennel space is designed to reduce noise, reduce odor, be more sterile and help canine containment.
- Surpasses the industry standards for HVAC, air circulation, air sterilization and cleaning.
- Volunteerism at the **SPCA Cincinnati** has expanded significantly, with a need for larger offices.
- The Dog Behaviorist needs a bigger space for proper training and for the significant volume of dogs that will need to go through the training. The increase in well-trained dogs ready for adoptions means more lives saved!

We have the plans and are ready to make a lasting impact on our community. **But now we need your help.**

Please consider donating to our expansion project. The money you donate will DIRECTLY improve the lives of all the pets in our care. We will ensure that your gift will make lives better, shorten the time animals stay in our shelters and save more souls.

– Jake White, President & CEO



Butters was found in a cemetery. She was very scared, had rear limb ataxia, worn paw pads from running and very long nails. Butters could hardly walk on her legs; it took her a while to stand due to her leg injury and worn pads. The **SPCA Cincinnati** took X-rays and, luckily, our veterinarian could not find any obvious tumors, fractures or other pathologies. We continued with medication for her worn pads and toes. With months of continued care, we helped to build muscles in her rear legs while treating the infections on her toes and back paws. Butters was **ADOPTED** after three months!



An Update from Butters' Furever Family . . .

“Hi there! It’s Butters’ lucky new mom with an update. I hope these pictures help settle everyone’s mind as our little angel is making herself right at home and bossing her furry big brother around while having the time of her life. Butters is such a good girl; I can’t believe how lucky we are to have her as part of our family. She is just fully embracing her new life; I just love it!”

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THE IMPACT WE MAKE TOGETHER



\$100

can help provide specialized food for animals with specific dietary needs.



\$250

can help provide the full continuum of care for a homeless animal.



\$500

can help provide complex medical and surgical procedures to an animal in our care.



To learn more about how you can help homeless animals in the Greater Cincinnati area, please visit www.spcacincinnati.org

