

# Shelter SCENES

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## meet Phoenix!

Phoenix's heroic battle for life is an inspiration to us all

*Read more about her story inside*



## Phoenix's Story

One animal that has changed our lives is Phoenix. When Phoenix first arrived to the emergency room, **SPCA Cincinnati** Veterinarian, Dr. Smith, thought she was a goner. But, after twelve minutes of CPR, Phoenix had a heartbeat. Severely emaciated, she was barely able to lift her head. She had sores all over and was too weak to keep her body at a normal temperature. **But Phoenix always had a spark in her eyes. She never gave up, so we never gave up on her and fought hard to save her life.**

Months later, she is still not out of the woods and is scheduled for yet another surgery. Phoenix requires intensive medical treatment and physical therapy but is getting stronger every day, thanks to her Foster Family. Just a few months after she was assumed dead, she is now happy, loves to play ball, cuddles, and will not leave your side! **Without the amazing support of community donors like you, we wouldn't be able to do what we do — thank you for helping us be the voice to the voiceless.**

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO, JAKE WHITE

## focused on the mission

The **SPCA Cincinnati** is proud to be purpose-driven in our work of saving animals' lives. We set goals that enhance the quality of their stay, improve the health of pets, and holistically prepare them for their forever homes. The K9 Expansion has been a passion project for our organization, with our community at the forefront!

Our canine kennels have increased by more than 50% and includes a dog behavioral kennel, a dog-training center, three training yards, Volunteer Service offices, and a Volunteer Activity Center. Offering the best comfort for dogs while awaiting adoption is something that is extremely important to the **SPCA Cincinnati**.

The K9 Expansion means fulfilling the **SPCA Cincinnati's** mission of saving more animals' lives at a greater level. It is an investment designed to meet the changing needs of our community and provide a second chance for abandoned animals across the Greater Cincinnati area and from across America, as well. We aim to operate efficiently and effectively through improved technology and innovation, and we're hitting the mark! The **SPCA Cincinnati** is excited about the future of animal welfare in our region.

## Meow, Wow!

Hipster came to the **SPCA Cincinnati** during COVID-19 as a beautiful stray male cat, around two years of age. He was named Hipster by our staff due to the severe wound on his left hip filled with pus and a necrotic tissue wound that went deep into the muscle surrounding his pelvic bones. On top of that, Hipster was battling ear mites. **SPCA Cincinnati** Veterinarian, Dr. Smith, performed numerous procedures to clean Hipster's wound, remove his infection, and even used laser treatment to help speed up recovery.

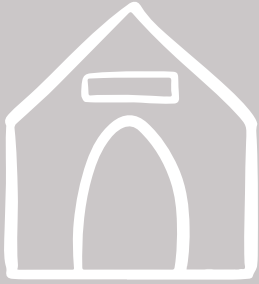
With a heart of gold just like the color of his fur, Hipster warmed the hearts of the **SPCA Cincinnati** staff and volunteers. He quickly became known as the MOST loveable cat! It was not long after Hipster's healing process ended that he found his furever home.

**Thanks to YOU, YOU help us give adoptable animals a second chance at life.** In return, these beautiful animals change our lives as well. In the words of Hipster's furever Mom, "I have been battling anxiety and depression for over 10 years and adopting Hipster makes every day exciting! He gives me a being to love and care for every day and he makes it so much fun. He has made the anxious days less overwhelming and the depressed days lighter. He always lifts my spirits up, no matter what. He is such a joy to have in my home."



OUR 2020 IMPACT

# We're Better *together*



Placed more than  
**6,450 Pets**  
in forever homes



Reunited nearly **1,000 Pets**  
with their overjoyed owners

**Spay or neuter** over **4,000**  
adoptable pets to prevent overpopulation



Educated approximately **7,000**  
**children and adults**  
about responsible pet care

**964 Volunteers** provided **28,216 hours** of volunteer service



## Leave a Legacy

There are many ways you can give to help save the lives of animals in the Greater Cincinnati area both now and in the future. When you include the **SPCA Cincinnati** in your estate plans, you can ensure your legacy will last by continuing to care for the people and pets in our community. Without your support, thousands of homeless adoptable pets would remain homeless, sick, and injured.

There are several planned giving options:

- **Bequests, wills, and trusts**
- **Retirement plans and life insurance policies**
- **Gift annuities**
- **Personal property and real estate**
- **Gifts of stock, bonds, and other securities**

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## Meet Sky

Sky was brought to the **SPCA Cincinnati** due to the declining health of his owner who shortly passed away upon Sky's managed admission into the **SPCA Cincinnati**. Sky was very depressed in his kennel as he waited for his furever home. Luckily, Sky didn't have to wait long before the Jarretts adopted him. In Mr. Jarrett's words, please read Sky's update below. Thank YOU for helping us ensure that adoptable pets like Sky will find their furever homes!

### AN ADOPTER'S OWN WORDS OF GRATITUDE

*dear SPCA Cincinnati,*

One year ago, my wife Jacquelynn and I adopted our Sky from you. Jacquelynn suffered from an early on-set of Alzheimer's. Six weeks after adopting Sky, my wife's health took a bad turn and she had to move into a nursing home permanently. From that day, until her recent passing, Sky and I visited 2-3 times each and every day, never missing even one. Sky took his role as Jacquelynn's companion and guardian to heart, laying at her side while lovingly inspecting every visitor, before allowing them by.

In the wake of her death, it is no exaggeration to say that he has saved my life! Sky has been my sloppy, silly rock, always at my side begging for a tummy rub, rump scratch, or his favorite game of keep away.

Sky has been a blessing from day one, and I wanted to say thank you to the staff of the SPCA for him.

*Sincerely, Mr. Jarrett*

## An Update on *echo*

Echo was attacked by a dog when she was a stray kitten. She came to the **SPCA Cincinnati** with both skull and cheek fractures. Despite our Veterinarian medical team's best efforts, Echo lost both of her eyes. Echo's determination and strength quickly led her on a path to both health and happiness in her furever home. A heartwarming update on Echo:

***"While it's heartbreaking to know that I will never get to see what color her eyes were, nor will she ever know my face, I can't imagine not having her as a part of my family. When I brought her home, I thought I would have to teach her how to live blind. The truth is, it hasn't stopped her from showing me everything she's capable of doing, with no help at all."***

