

## 10 Reasons to adopt from the Northeast Ohio SPCA

### 1. You save a life.

All animals at our shelter are in need of a forever chance. They have been given up or abandoned at kill shelters and transported to our no-kill facility. They are all unwanted, helpless and in need. By adopting you are giving them a second chance for life in a loving home.

### 2. You don't contribute to pet overpopulation.

All of our pets are adopted out spay or neutered. Adopting from a shelter helps weaken the pet overpopulation cycle.

### 3. You help say no to puppy mills and backyard breeding.

By adopting from our shelter you are making a stand against backyard breeders that produce millions of animals for sale in pet stores and through newspaper ads. Often known as puppy and kitten mills, these facilities repeatedly breed their female dogs their entire lives in cages without human love. These poor animals are often in filthy cramped cages forced to produce

litter upon litter and once they become too old are destroyed. Adopting a shelter animal means you don't support such cruel practices.

### 4. You take advantage of adopting an adult animal.

Adult pets are great. They are already housebroken or litter box trained. Many already know everyday commands like "sit" or "stay." You won't have to deal with the "puppy stage" or the "kitten stage" which includes biting, chewing, clawing, etc. You will be able to see the personality of the adopted pet right away.

### 5. The Shelter and Veterinary Staff are knowledgeable resources that are here to help you.

After your adoption should a problem arise the people who work at the shelter will be available to answer questions to help you during the transaction of your pet into its new home. Our staff works with animals every day and may have the answer to help you.

### 6. The Shelter has a great variety of dogs and cats.

Our shelter offers a variety that you won't find anywhere else. We have the greatest mutts you'll ever find as well as purebred dogs. We have more than 2,000 animals come through our doors every year!

### 7. You adopt a pet who has received good care.

All animals that come to the shelter are admitted by experienced staff. They are given vaccinations upon arrival, are given a veterinary exam and are spay or neutered. Our Vets are here to assist you with health care issues and concerns.

### 8. You support a valuable non-profit charity.

When you adopt a pet from our shelter, you assist a not-for-profit organization, but also send a message to others who will be asking you for years to come where you obtained your adorable pet.

### 9. Your cost is reduced.

Low adoption fees are much less than the cost of purebred puppies or kittens sold for profit. The monies received by the shelter will be filtered back to saving more lives.

### 10. You encourage others to adopt animals from shelters.

When your friends find out that you adopted your pet from the Northeast Ohio SPCA they may be encouraged to adopt from our shelter as well.



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FOSTERING**

### **Before you decide to foster from the Northeast Ohio SPCA consider the following:**

Temporarily opening your home to an animal allows our shelter to take in more animals that need help. In addition, fostering offers the one-on-one attention and loving comfort that only a home setting can offer, which is precisely what some animals need to heal.

As a foster volunteer you may host animals with special medical or behavioral needs, mother animals with nursing litters, or underage animals who need special feeding and socialization, like puppies, bunnies, or kittens. By fostering an animal you are providing rehabilitation in a nurturing home environment, directly preparing them for adoption into a loving home

### **Are you able to separate the foster pets from your own?**

You should have a place where you can isolate your foster pet from your own companion animals. A separate room or enclosed area with no carpet will work best. After two weeks you can slowly introduce the shelter pet to your pet if you are comfortable doing so.

### **Are you aware that there is a great deal of clean-up and even possible damage to your home when you take a foster pet home?**

Foster pets can ruin drapes, carpeting, clothing, and other valuable items. Preparing your home and the area the animal will stay in can prevent most accidents, but not all of them! Pets are like children and need to be monitored.

### **Are you able to monitor the health of the foster pet?**

You will need to pay attention to signs of illness or worsening of symptoms and call the shelter if you are concerned. Before taking in a foster, ask the foster care coordinator what to look for. If you see troubling signs, the coordinator will help you decide if you should bring the animal in for treatment.

### **Can you get to the shelter's vet quickly in case of an emergency?**

The shelter employs a vet who will treat your foster pet at no charge to you. If the animal you are fostering needs medical attention, you will need to transport him or her to the vet's office or shelter for care. If you transport the pet elsewhere the shelter does not cover the charges.

### **Are you emotionally prepared to return the pet after the foster period is up?**

It can be very difficult to let go once you have become emotionally attached to an animal! Be prepared for tears and heartache when the day comes that you must bring your first foster pet back to the shelter. But remember, he or she is now much more likely to find a loving, permanent home because of YOUR care!

### **Can you place your trust in the shelter staff to decide what is the best for the animal?**

The Shelter staff will select the adopter of the pet you have fostered after screening the adoption application. Allowing the staff to be in charge of the adoption can be very hard to deal with.

### **Do you feel comfortable explaining to friends that these pets are not yours to adopt out and that they must go through the regular adoption process at the shelter?**

If you are interested in helping to find a home for your foster pet, refer your friends and family to the shelter to complete an adoption application.

# FROM THE DESK OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: JEFFREY L. KOCIAN

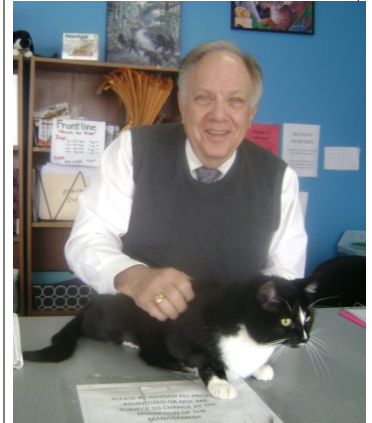
Our summer is ending and for many people our daily routine is also changing. With children going back to school and the weather changing we need to keep the four legged friends in our family in mind as our daily routine changes.

For the animals who are frequently outside in the summer and they are suddenly kept inside for long periods of time, you must make sure there is adequate arrangements

for them. You must make sure they are not left for prolonged periods of time without access to the outside and human contact. Some animals have separation anxiety If it becomes a problem you should consult your veterinarian for possible solutions. The same goes for pets that spend most of the time outside. Their needs must be provided for when there is a sudden change in weather (hot or cold).

Often times our pets react to major changes in life styles just as humans do. Some of them become destructive or defecate in undesirable places in an attempt to get our attention. Knowing this, we should keep them in mind when creating our plan for Fall and Winter living.

- Jeffrey Kocian



This years Browns mobile adoption event was our most successful yet. We would like to thank the Cleveland Browns for making us a part of their annual training camp in Berea. Over the course of the camp we had 102 adoptions! Congratulations to all the new families.



We were also happy to be a part of the 1st annual JACK Thistle-down Racino Horsepower Car & Bike Show. We had 3 adoptions at the event.

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