

# PAWS & CLAWS



## OUR MISSION

**“Through adoption, education, spay and neutering, we save lives to make euthanasia of healthy animals unnecessary.”**

## OUR VISION

**For every animal to attain the right to survival and be treated with respect and kindness.**

## OUR GOAL

**To adopt out 3,000 homeless pets this year.**

A special thank you to the following organizations for supporting the Northeast

Ohio SPCA:

IntelliNet  
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## HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS FOR PETS



If you put up a **tree** for the holidays and your pet attempts to **jump** on it, try putting aluminum foil, a bell, or any noise maker towards the bottom of the tree so that you'll be warned when your pet is being mischievous.

There is typically a direct correlation between the holidays and baked goods. Be sure to keep any **chocolate and bakery** out of your pet's reach. These foods are too rich for pets and can contain ingredients that are toxic to animals.

If you purchase a live tree, try to keep your pet away from any **pine needles**. If ingested, they can puncture your pet's intestines.

Also be aware of any ornaments, wrapping paper, ribbon, plastic, string, and tinsel. All of these items can cause intestinal blockage if eaten by your pet.

Try to avoid putting **lights** toward the bottom of your tree. If your cat or dog decides to chew on the **wire**, they could be shocked. Lights can also be a burning hazard if your pet gets tangled in them.

Stagnant **tree water** is full of bacteria and can cause diarrhea or nausea if consumed by an animal. Also, make sure your tree is secure so that it doesn't fall onto your pet.

Don't leave lit candles unattended! Be sure to place your lit **candles** in a safe place where they cannot be knocked over by your pet.

Ingestion of alcohol can cause your pet to become ill, go into a coma, and possible death due to respiratory failure. If your holiday celebration includes adult beverages, be sure not to leave your **alcoholic drinks** unattended or where a pet can reach them.

As a precautionary measure, always have a number to a **24/7 emergency veterinary clinic** on hand. Also, make sure you know how to get there in case of an emergency.

## A GREAT SUCCESS AGAIN...

### CLAM BARK

Thank you to all those who sponsored, donated to, and attended our annual Clam Bark event. The event took place at Bratenahl Village Park and nearly 260 people were in attendance. The Clam Bark brought in approximately \$25,000 for the Pet Shelter.

“Great friends, great food, wonderful weather, a good time was had by all,” said Jeff Kocian, the Executive Director of the shelter. We are forever grateful for all of the people that help to make this event happen and to those who attend the event each year.



## UPCOMING EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS



### PICTURES WITH SANTA

Bring your pet(s) to the Pet Shelter to have them photographed with Santa! For \$10.00, you will receive a 4x6 portrait and access to your photo online. Of the \$10.00 fee, half will serve as a donation to the Pet Shelter.

Photography provided by XIV Productions.

**When:** Saturday, December 9th 11 am - 4 pm

**Where:** 9555 Brookpark Rd  
Parma, OH 44129



### PAW PRINTS IN THE SNOW

With winter well on it's way, help the Pet Shelter keep puppy paws and kitty claws out of the snow this season. The shelter will provide local businesses with paper paw prints. For just \$1.00, customers of the business can write their name on the print. The signed prints can be displayed on windows, front desks, or where ever the business chooses! In return for your participation, we will advertise your business in the following newsletter and on our website. If you own a local business or know of one that may be interested, contact us at 216-351-7387! Or make a donation on our website: [northeastohiospca.org](http://northeastohiospca.org)



## CANINE INFLUENZA

BY: DR. WEBER

Canine influenza, or dog flu, is a viral contagious respiratory disease in dogs. Most dogs will exhibit mild signs, such as sneezing, discharge from the eyes and nose, and/or coughing. However, they can develop more serious signs such as a fever, decreased appetite, and low energy. Puppies, senior, immunocompromised, and unvaccinated dogs are the most susceptible. Your dog should always be seen for evaluation by a veterinarian if they exhibit any of these signs.

Your dog is most at risk of influenza if it is around other dogs such as at boarding, grooming, doggy day cares, or dog parks. The virus is spread by close contact via aerosol or can be transmitted through objects, like sharing toys or water bowls. Because it is a viral disease, there is no specific treatment. Supportive care is typically recommended as well as close monitoring. Most healthy dogs will fight the infection in a few weeks. There is a vaccination for a few strains of influenza available.

Like all vaccines, it may not completely prevent clinical signs, but can protect your dog from becoming seriously ill. We recommend the bivalent flu vaccine for all at-risk dogs, which covers two strains of the of the flu (H3N2 and H3N8). We find that more and more boarding facilities are requiring this vaccine. Talk with your veterinarian today to see if this vaccine may be right for your family pet. It is important to plan ahead, because if this is your dog's first vaccine, it will need a booster in 3-4 weeks for proper coverage.

## VOLUNTEERS



A special thank you to **Fluke Biomedical** for recently giving their time to volunteer at the Northeast Ohio SPCA Pet Shelter. These volunteers assisted in cleaning and organizing our facility. We are most appreciative and thankful for the employees of Fluke Biomedical and other local businesses that give back to the community and extend their generosity to the animals here at the shelter.

Interested in volunteering? Contact us!  
216-351-7387  
[northeastohiospca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:northeastohiospca@sbcglobal.net)



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

It's November and the Holidays are staring us in the face. On behalf of the Board of Directors, the employees, and most importantly the approximately 3,000 animals that pass through our doors this year, I wish you a very happy holiday season.

For all of those that have pets, the holiday season can be a very stressful time and care should be taken to make sure you don't share your stress with your pet. Family gatherings with many guests, children excitedly opening gifts, and new toys with small parts all pose a danger and stress for our

pets. If you are having a big family get-together and these circumstances scare or stress your dog, puppy, cat or kitten, try to find a safe place in your home where you can put the pet away from the excitement and chaos of a family gathering.

This time of year many people think it is an ideal time to get a new pet. Generally speaking, it would probably be a better choice to wait until after the holidays or even until the spring. Christmas trees can be inviting to cats and kittens, electric cords

sometimes become a good chew toy for a puppy, and poinsettia plants are dangerous and can poison a small animal. All this plus wrapping paper, new toys, and excited children often make a difficult adjustment for your new pet. Also, a ten inch snowfall will hinder housetraining a small puppy which ultimately makes you unhappy.

In closing, please consider the other members of your family and your pets when planning your holiday. Have a wonderful, safe, prosperous, and great new year.



## THE BEST HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR YOUR PET

Between the parties, the shopping, the baking, the gift wrapping, and the family gatherings, we all know that the holiday season can get pretty busy. In the midst of the chaos, don't forget that your pets love presents too! Haley Kozminski, a Lakewood resident, buys her pup gifts each year. "I like to buy her presents because this is her only life and it's a short one. Even though it doesn't seem like much to humans, these small gifts bring our pets a lot of joy," said Haley. Haley's favorite presents to buy her lab mix consist of bully sticks, cheese sticks, stuffed/squeaky toys, and sweaters.

### -Homemade Treats

This is an easy gift for your pet, as some homemade treats don't require baking and consist of ingredients that you likely already have. Treat your pup to a gingerbread cookie or a cranberry and pumpkin seed biscuit! Be sure to check the ingredient labels beforehand. Some

ingredients contain xylitol which is toxic to pets.

### -Catnip Caves

If you're a cat owner, you've probably realized that most cats love to play with paper bags or cozy up inside of them. The Catnip Cave introduces a whole new kind of paper bag because it's infused with catnip! Whenever the bag is rubbed, scratched, or tossed about, the scent of catnip is released. Some of these bags can last up to six weeks and are sure to keep your cat occupied.

### -Dog Treat Launcher

If your dog loves to play fetch, this could be the perfect toy for you. This hand held treat dispenser shoots your pet's favorite food or snacks up to 15 feet. Just fill the dispenser and launch away!

### -Coats, Sweaters, and Boots

Dog booties can protect your dog's paws and prevent injury from ice, salt, and any sharp objects that could be hidden beneath the snow. Don't let

the cold stop you from walking your dog or letting them play outside, buy them a coat or sweater to keep warm.

### -Ultimate Laser

Does your cat enjoy lasers? If so, the ultimate laser is a must-have item. This automatic toy produces up to fifteen different laser beam patterns and will have your cat bouncing off the walls.

### -Wobble Wag Giggle Ball

This interactive ball is durable for both indoor and outdoor use, and can withstand all but the most aggressive chewers. The ball will engage your dog by wobbling, bouncing, and making noise. It contains six "clutch pockets," which makes it easy for dogs of all sizes to carry and grab.

### -Personalized Pillow or Toy

Treat yourself and your pet to a customized pillow or look-alike toy! You can have a photo of your pet transformed into a real shaped portrait pillow or order a clone of your pet in stuffed animal form.

**-Outward Hound Hide a Squirrel**  
This toy consists of a plush tree trunk and three squeaky squirrels. You can play hide and seek with your dog or put the squirrels inside of the trunk and let your dog dig them out. The toy comes in multiple sizes so you can choose a size that best suits their breed. If your dog goes crazy on a walk when seeing a squirrel, they'll be sure to love this toy!



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Shelter Adoption Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday  
10:00am-7:00pm

Tuesday & Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm