

# PAWS & CLAWS

## JOIN US AT THE 14TH ANNUAL NEW LEASH ON LIFE WOOF WALK!



### OUR MISSION

**“Through adoption, education, spay and neuter, 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.**

Gather your friends, family, co-workers and pup(s) to walk and save thousands of animals at our no-kill shelter!

Registration will begin at 8:00 am followed by a three mile walk at 9:00. Fun for the whole family with a DJ, photo booth, vendors, pet contests, raffle prizes, adoptable dogs and more!

The New Leash on Life Woof Walk is our biggest fundraiser each year. We rely upon this event to bring in monies used to improve the lives of our shelter pets throughout their stay at our facility.

This year, all funds raised will be put toward an expansion of our clinic in an effort to accommodate more animals in need.

Registration can be completed on our website with the option to register as a team captain, team member, or an individual walker. The registration fee is \$25.00.

We encourage all walkers to spread the word and raise funds to benefit the expansion of our clinic at the shelter. For more information on registration and fundraising, visit our website! ([northeastohiospca.org](http://northeastohiospca.org))

If you are unable to attend but would like to support our cause, donations are accepted and much appreciated!

**WHEN:**  
**Saturday, May 12th**  
**8:00 am–12:00 pm**

**WHERE:**  
**Edgewater Park**



## ADOPTION DAY AT TEXAS ROADHOUSE

We've partnered with Texas Roadhouse of Brooklyn and will be having an adoption event at their facility on **Saturday, May 26th from 11:30 AM–3:00 PM**. Join us at 7341 Northcliff Avenue to meet some of our shelter pets and maybe even take one home with you! 10% of all purchases at Texas Roadhouse on this day will be donated to the Northeast Ohio SPCA. We hope to see you there!



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORTING THE SHELTER.**



*West Park  
Massotherapy*



**SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY**



Alex Smola of Richfield donated more than \$600 worth of goods to the shelter with the help of her family.



The Eagles Club donated \$2,500 to the pet shelter. Pictured left is Steve from the Eagles and Northeast Ohio SPCA Executive Director, Jeff Kocian.



The Marriot Downtown at Key Center hosted a puppy day for their employees featuring some of our pups! The generous employees put together a donation drive for the shelter collecting some of our most needed items. They also donated \$1,000 and two puppies found their forever homes at the event!

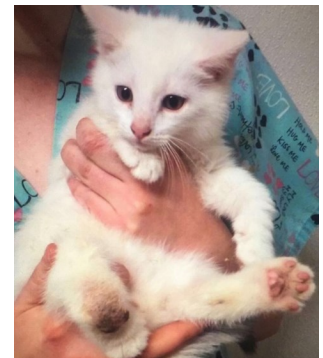
**THANK YOU!**

**A BIG THANK YOU FROM NUGGET**

Nugget was brought to the shelter in late January after being found outside in the cold with his siblings. Our staff quickly noticed that something was wrong with Nugget's back right leg. After clinical examination, it was determined that he was born with a deformity which prevented his leg from fully developing. We were told that numerous shelters had stated that Nugget would have no choice but to be euthanized due to the

condition of his leg. At this point, we knew we had to save Nugget's life. Our veterinarians concluded that Nugget's leg would need to be amputated and began preparing for his surgery. The cost of the procedure itself and accommodations for recovery was estimated to be \$1,000. Being a non-profit organization, we turned to the community for help and were able to raise the funds for Nugget's surgery!

We would like to give a very special thank you to all who contributed to Nugget and supported his journey to happiness! He has been adopted and is now living comfortably in his forever home.







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

Since our last publication, I have worked on our annual budget and presented it to the Board of Trustees. This year, our annual budget states that we will spend approximately \$1,125,000.00 to maintain the shelter. Some people are astounded when I tell them how much it costs to operate the shelter. We have approximately 2,500 to 3,000 pets pass through the shelter yearly and we currently have approximately 25 full and part time employees. Two of these employees are veterinarians and two are

registered veterinarian technicians. We are open seven days a week and even on holidays, we must have staff come in and take care of the pets in our shelter. We have worked on some approximate numbers and found the following costs per animal. A donation of \$20.00 will house a dog for one week, a donation of \$50.00 will vaccinate 13 dogs or cats, and a donation of \$100.00 will provide spay or neutering for a shelter pet. All pets are spayed or neutered prior to adoption. Our pharmaceutical bill for

the pets for a year runs approximately \$265,000.00. Hopefully this gives you some insight as to where dollars are spent at the shelter. We do not hire any outside fundraisers or consultants. Our Board is made up of volunteers and receives no payment. We receive no government funding and do not share in the dog license fees. I thought you might be interested in knowing where the money is spent for the pets that come into our care.



## ORCHARD'S STORY

On November 21st, we received a letter from Craig who had recently visited the shelter. Craig had put down his dog not long ago and felt that it was too soon to adopt. Despite this notion, he found himself at the shelter in October, not really knowing why. On that day, the shelter was full and all but one animal was eager for attention. That one animal was Orchard. Craig noticed that the tag on her kennel stated that she had been at the shelter since July and it seemed as though she had given up. The shelter staff advised him that Orchard was rough, had not been house trained, and had scars on her face from being burned before arriving at the shelter. Craig took Orchard out of the kennel and realized that the staff wasn't exaggerating when they said she was rough. He left the shelter that day saying he would be back. Craig returned a week later after "Orchard proofing" his

house. Upon arriving at her new home, Orchard jumped through opening's in Craig's fence and tossed around bales of straw like they were pillows. "So much for Orchard proofing the house," said Craig. After a few weeks, she started to settle down. It turns out that she actually was house trained, and her personality was slowly beginning to come out. Craig lives on a lot of land and decided it was time to let Orchard loose and see how she would react; she did great! She spent several hours running around and even teasing the goat a bit. "She also had time to throw garbage all over the garage, but what the heck," said Craig. Orchard now spends her days running free throughout the pasture and hiking in the woods with Craig. "She sleeps with me, stretches out and takes over the darn bed to be honest. She sticks to me like glue all night," said Craig.

Craig went on to say that Orchard is good natured; still rough for the most part, but can be very gentle too. "I'm not rushing much training but rather giving her all the time she needs to feel safe and secure. I think she is happy."



The shelter would like to thank Craig for sharing his story and taking a chance on Orchard. We wish you both nothing but happiness in the future.

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Shelter Adoption Hours:

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

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

