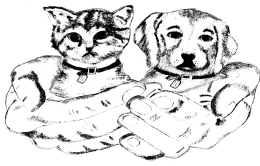




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Paw Prints



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President Reflects on 2011

How time flies!!!! For eleven years now we have been helping stray and abandoned animals in our community. A heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers who come faithfully every single week to provide a clean, healthy environment and lots and lots of love to all our wonderful, incredible animals. And a huge thank you to all who donate generously to us throughout the year. Because of your support, since the year 2000 we have been able to rescue and place over 2,200 animals. And of course, thank you to all who have opened their homes and hearts to one or more of our orphans at the shelter. Also, a special thanks to *Home Savings*, who gave us a grant again this year to help with our low cost spay/neuter program, enabling us to assist with the spaying/neutering of pets in our community.

Every year we take in many cats that are too thin, not spayed or neutered, and are loaded with parasites and fleas. A trip to the vet, along with good, healthy food and lots of love turns these strays into wonderful, healthy looking animals ready for adoption. Then there are the cats that come in that are extra special because of how they ended up with us. This year our special rescues are Henry, Luke, Jake and Ellie.

Henry, Luke, Jake and Ellie were born in a garage in the middle of winter to a feral mother cat who was thin and malnourished. She was supposed to be spayed before she got pregnant, but someone dropped the ball and let her have four more kittens.

The person who was helping get the mother cat and others spayed/neutered decided to take the four kittens home. She put Ellie, the female into one cage and the three boys together into another cage.

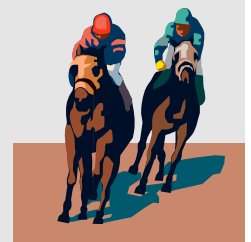
Second Chance agreed to take all four of the kittens as soon as the mother was spayed, but when we followed up, all we got were excuses. Finally, one of our volunteers got involved and discovered that not only was the mother cat pregnant again, but had just given birth to eight more kittens. In addition, when she checked on the progress of the first four kittens, who were now teenagers, she discovered something very sad: the three boys were still in a small cage together and had never been out to stretch their legs or run and play in over six months.

The volunteer stepped up and moved the four cats to her garage and immediately started letting them out to play. She also set up a trap to catch the mother cat before she got pregnant yet again. In the meantime, she took the eight kittens to the vet, only to find out that they were so malnourished and sick that they had to be euthanized. Within a couple of weeks she was able to trap the mother, get her spayed, and move her into her garage to recover from surgery before releasing her.

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Twelfth Annual Night at the Races Saturday, Feb. 11th St. Michael's Family Life Center in Canfield, Ohio

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with races beginning at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a huge Chinese Auction, a 50/50 raffle, a Texas Hold'em Cash Game and Maverick Poker. \$5 donation at the door (must be 18 to enter)



2011 PICTURES WITH SANTA

Bring your pet(s) for a picture with Santa
Dec. 10 and 11, Dec. 17 and 18 11-3 each day
Complete Petmart (Weston Center behind Walgreens)
5543 Mahoning Avenue, Austintown
\$10 donation - all proceeds benefit Second Chance



*On behalf of all of us at
Second Chance Animal Rescue,
we wish you a wonderful
Holiday Season!!!*



Featured Feline Friends . . .



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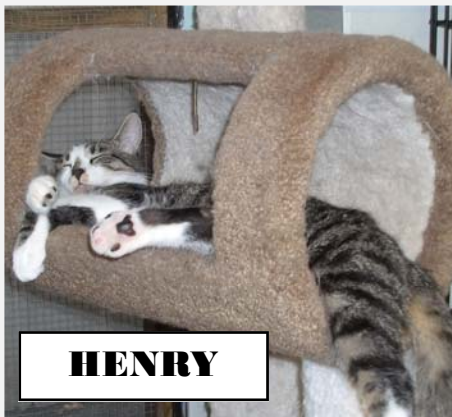


ELLIE

To adopt any of our wonderful animals, please call the shelter at 330.505.3575.



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HENRY



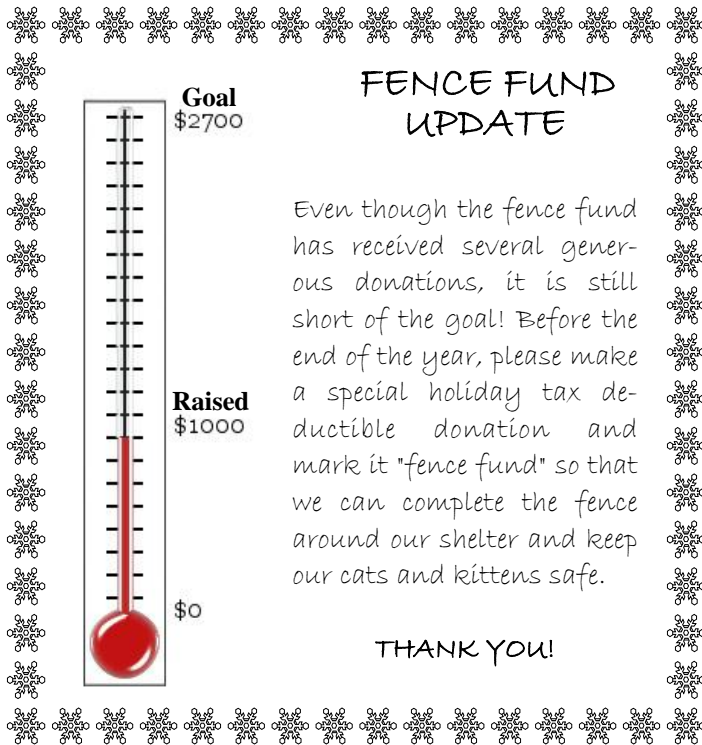
CANDY

Henry, Luke and Jake are three wonderful young boys who are very gentle and sweet. Ellie is also very sweet and loving. They all get along well with the other cats at the shelter. We are very lucky to have them and they are very lucky to have been rescued. The three boys were stuck in a small cage together 24 hours a day, seven days a week for over six months, never getting out to stretch their legs or run and play. Amazingly they are all well-rounded and loving in spite of how they were forced to live. Now they run around and play, chasing each other and the other cats and then curling up together for a nap. Any one of these wonderful cats would be an awesome addition to a loving home with other cats or dogs. Ellie has changed Candy's life for the better. Before Ellie came to us, Candy was a nobody. She hung around but never interacted with any of the other cats. Once Ellie moved

into the first room they started playing and now they are always together. Everyone at the shelter has noticed how loving and sweet Candy has become. She now approaches the volunteers when they arrive and rubs all over them, not stopping until she gets some attention. She is so much happier now with her new "sister," Ellie.

Please consider making a donation so that each of these wonderful cats can have the necessary surgery they need to get relief from the stomititus they have (see page one article). Once they have the surgery and heal, they will be ready for their forever home. Eventually they will be able to eat dry food and you will never be able to tell anything was done. On the plus side, they will never have to have their teeth cleaned (they won't have any)! Won't you consider adopting one or more of these awesome cats?

Are you or your company looking for a great tax deduction? Well, look no further. A donation to Second Chance Animal Rescue, a non-profit organization, not only gives you a tax deduction, it also gives you the joy that comes from knowing you have given some amazing animals a chance at having a great life. Also, your gift will help us to continue our work in the communities, such as our low-cost spay/neuter programs, our trapping programs and our ultimate goal to rescue these cats and find them great homes. Please help us to help them. Contact the shelter at 330-505-3575 or go to our web site at www.secondchanceanimalrescue.org to get more information on how to donate.



FENCE FUND UPDATE

Even though the fence fund has received several generous donations, it is still short of the goal! Before the end of the year, please make a special holiday tax deductible donation and mark it "fence fund" so that we can complete the fence around our shelter and keep our cats and kittens safe.

THANK YOU!

Thank You!

Thank you to father Robert Bonnot and Christ Our Savior Parish/St. Nicholas Church for allowing us to hold our bingo fundraisers in their facility during the past year.

A special thanks to Karen McBurney for the donation to purchase our new washing machine, which was very much needed. Thanks to all those who also sent in donations for the washing machine. Within two weeks after purchasing the washing machine our dryer died, so we used the remaining donations to purchase a new one. The cats say thanks so much – they love their clean, soft, snuggly blankets and beds, especially now that the weather is getting colder.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA FOR SOMEONE WITH EVERYTHING...

SPONSOR IN THEIR NAME ONE OF THE SHELTER'S CATS FOR \$10.

TO FIND OUT MORE, VISIT WWW.SECONDCHANCEANIMALRESCUE.ORG.



As you do your on-line holiday shopping, please remember to use GoodShop.com, where you can find the most up-to-date coupons and deals at over 2,400 popular online retailers. A portion of every purchase goes to Second Chance Animal Rescue.

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Henry, Luke, Jake and Ellie were thoroughly enjoying their new freedom and were becoming very social and loveable cats. When they arrived at the shelter, they settled in quickly and were so happy to be out running and playing together.

Ellie refused to stay in the main room. Every time someone opened the door between the two rooms, she slipped over into the first room. After a couple of weeks of this back-and-forth, we gave up and just let her move into the first room. Within a short period we noticed that she had developed a friendship with Candy, a small dilute torti. Now they are always together and every evening they entertain us by chasing each other around the room.

One thing we noticed was that all four of them remained rather thin and never really filled out as we expected them to. We treated them for lungworms and they still were thin. We took them to the vet and it was discovered that all four of them have an oral disease called stomatitis. This is extremely painful and is like living with a blowtorch in their mouths. Our vet recommended full mouth extractions for all four to give them relief. Henry went first and Luke a week later. Both are currently on pain meds, antibiotics and canned food. Once they recover from the surgery they will feel so much better and will

Can Collection...

Please help us - save ONLY aluminum pop and beer cans.



We really appreciate your cans. However, if the recycling center finds any other type of can, they discard the **entire** bag, which means the Shelter receives **NO MONEY** from your donation.

be able to eat dry food again. Our only regret is that we did not notice earlier and they suffered longer than they should have.

These surgeries are expensive; however we cannot let them suffer any longer. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the cost of their surgeries, please send your check indicating either "Henry," "Luke," "Jake" or "Ellie" on the memo line. These four cats are extremely loving and follow the volunteers around the shelter begging for attention. They deserve to be happy and free of pain and would make an incredible addition to any home. Please help us with their care if you can.

Unfortunately, there are still many, many homeless and abandoned animals living in the street hungry and cold, many of them sick and without medical care or a caretaker to help them through the winter months. We hope that in 2012 you will continue to support us in the ongoing battle to rescue and find homes for as many of these wonderful animals as we can. They desperately need our help – they cannot do it themselves – they rely on the kindness of humans to help them.

On behalf of all of us at Second Chance Animal Rescue, we wish you a wonderful holiday season!!!



In Memory Of . . .

My wonderful "Angelina Ballerina" – a light in my life, by Patty Piotter.

Our sister, Laura Madsen, who was a life member of our Elks Ladies Auxiliary to the B.P.O.E. #467 Elks Lodge in Alliance.

"Missy," a very special kitty we will miss a lot, by Bonnie and Dawn Kosec.

Robert Welch, by Frank and Virginia Smith.

My beloved "Tina" kitty, who passed away in August 2011, and my son's "Buddy" and "Kitty," who were rescued and did not survive, by Kathy Maxwell.

"Kirby," Tom and Linda Stefanish's dog, who had to be put to sleep in September 2011, by Jim and Shirley Burgham.

The "Bathroom Kitty," the cat who went on our walks, for the fat tail and giant purr. We miss you "Baxter," by Carol and Danny Singley.

"Niki," loved by Sharyn and Jeff Fees, by Mary Ann Fees.

Our wonderful cat, "Umbra." We loved and cherished you each day since you came home with us in 1997. You were always loved and will be truly missed, by Bernie and Joanne Curran.

In Honor Of . . .

Volunteer Kathy Ratliff's birthday, by Ida Halasz and John Sullivan.

Jed and Danielle York's marriage, by Lisa Kaufman.

If you would like to make a donation, please send it to Second Chance Animal Rescue, c/o In Remembrance/Honor, P.O. Box 4867, Youngstown, OH 44515



COMING Fall 2012...
1st Annual Chinese Auction

We'll have more info in our next newsletter.

Our "Wish" List



In addition to monetary donations, Second Chance always welcomes donations of the following items:

- Animal Beds
- Large Baskets for our Chinese Auction Items
- Blankets and Towels (gently used)
- Cat Toys
- Dial Liquid Soap
- Fabric Softener Sheets
- Large Litter Boxes (NEW)
- Laundry Soap (with Bleach)
- Litter Scoops
- Paper Towels
- Postage Stamps
- Q-tips
- Sturdy, Tall Kitchen Trash Bags

VOLUNTEERS!

To deliver donated items, please call 330-505-3575 to set up a time to meet with one of our volunteers. **THANK YOU!**