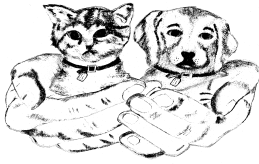




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Eleventh Annual Night at the Races

By Debbie Morgan, NATR Chairman

Our 2011 Night at the Races took place on Feb. 12th, and unlike last year, the weather had no effect on attendance, which was 240 plus our volunteers. The venue this year was St. Michael's Hall in Canfield, which provided our attendees with more room to get around and plenty of seats from which to enjoy the races. We received very positive feedback not only on our new location but on our new sandwich selections of pulled pork and meatball.

Once again, sixteen races took place throughout the evening with cheers, roars and groans accompanying every result. The owner of this year's winning horse in the auction race won \$385, which was half of the total combined bids of all owners.

Attendees also played Maverick and Cash Texas Hold'em, and purchased chances on the lottery and 50-50 raffles. One attendee won \$50 worth of instant lottery tickets while two others each won \$187 from the 50-50 raffle.

Lisa Vallas, one of the 50/50 winners.



This year's Chinese Auction was our largest ever with 92 baskets/items awarded throughout the night. Some of the most popular items were 2 cat trees, a Panera's Bread-for-a-Year certificate, several dog and cat baskets, a signed Marc-Andre Fleury mini-helmet, OSU, Browns and Steelers baskets and beer & snack baskets.

We want to say "THANK YOU" to our attendees, to all who donated the incredible Chinese auction items, to those who donated pizzas and to our wonderful volunteers who helped out before, during and after the Races. We are so thankful for your generous support!



We had another successful Night at the Races and couldn't have done it without you!

Danette, Paul and Lynda, three of our volunteers.

Second Chance BINGO (LICENSE #0914-45)

2011 Second Quarter Dates: April 16 and May 21 (3rd Sat. of each month - no bingo in June)

HELD AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, 764 FIFTH STREET, STRUTHERS, OH

Doors Open at 5:00 pm, Early Bird at 6:50 pm, Regular Games at 7:00 pm

\$500 COVERALL * \$250 PICTURE FRAME SINGLE - \$100**

EARLY BIRD & NIGHT OWL - \$150 EACH DOUBLE - \$120

CRAZY C, X GAME & DOUBLE POSTAGE - \$125 EACH

\$10 Master Set / 12 cards

\$10 Special Sets

\$15 Master Set / 18 cards

"Kitty" Number (caps at \$500, next one starts growing)

\$18 Master Set / 24 cards

*** April's Bingo will have 2 Kitty Numbers ***

5 Door Prizes - 50-50 Raffle - PULL TABS, INCLUDING IRS & BINGO BABIES



Featured Feline . . .

By Cheri

This is the story of Vinny - who I like to refer to as "THE PERFECT CAT".

To begin, let me start by saying that my husband and I adopted our two cats from Second Chance over 13 years ago. Unfortunately, we lost one in Spring of 2010 (Teddy). He was such a sweet and lovable cat, very affectionate to our 3 year old daughter. Needless-to-say she was heartbroken when he passed away and wished every day that we could get Teddy back. Our other cat, Bailey, who is now almost 14 years old, was never very affectionate to our daughter. He's not mean, just doesn't bother with her. So after months of Hope wishing for Teddy again, we decided to get her another cat.

This is where Vinny comes into the story. We went to the shelter and ALL three of us immediately fell in love with this big, sweet orange/white cat. We knew when we left there that he was one for us! We had the pleasure of having him with us for a little over 2 weeks before we sadly had to take him back to the shelter...by NO fault of his!! Our 14 year old cat just could NOT adjust. Over the 2 week time span things got worse daily with him. I knew the two cats wouldn't love each other instantly but I did think there would be some improvement each day. Vinny came from the shelter and was used to being around all those other cats and WANTED to be friends with Bailey. I don't think he understood why Bailey wanted nothing to do with him. It got to the point where we had some issues with Bailey: he stopped eating, hid all the time, was peeing outside the litter box, and a few other things. We eventually had to separate them at night and when we weren't home because Bailey was so stressed out. I finally realized that it wasn't fair to either of them. Vinny was sad at night because he was alone in the computer room and Bailey was scared all the time.

The hardest thing I had to do was take him back because he honestly is the PERFECT cat. I think about him everyday and wish so badly my stubborn old kitty would have come around. If you are looking for a sweet cat that absolutely loves to be held and cuddled...then you don't need to look any further...Vinny IS that cat. Even if you have young children, he is the one. My daughter would lay on the couch playing with her toys and Vinny was right there next to her. She would go to pet him and he would just "drop and roll" in front of her feet to have his belly rubbed.



Vinny

Have you ever seen a cat that will actually purr when you clip his nails...that's Vinny!! Although I know that he is well taken care of at the shelter, it still breaks my heart that he had to leave our home and go back. My husband and I are now sponsoring Vinny but our ultimate goal is to see him in a loving home, where he so deserves to be!

I am willing to speak personally to anyone that has any questions about him. And I am very willing to share all photos that I've taken with him and my daughter. Just by viewing the photos of this big lovable cat with our 3 year old will prove what a wonderful pet he would be. Please contact me (Cheri) at cherihy@aol.com and put "Vinny" in the subject line. Also if you would like to talk personally to me, contact the shelter for my phone number & they will pass it on to you. And if you DO have another animal at home, please know that Vinny would be a GREAT friend for your pet. My cat was just a "stubborn old man" who got used to being alone - poor Vinny just wanted to be his friend. I think about him every day and wish so badly that he could still be here with us, but since that's not possible right now - Please consider bringing him into your home...he would make a wonderful addition to any family!

To adopt Vinny or any of our terrific animals, please call the Shelter at 330.505.3575.



WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK!



We now have a page on Facebook. Be sure to "like" us to get updates about our events, recent adoptions and other shelter news. (There are a number of Second Chance Animal Rescues on Facebook, so look for our logo or use the link on our website to make sure you like the right one!)

Can Collection...



We continue to collect **aluminum soda and beer cans** to raise money for the Shelter.

Please note - these are the ONLY type of cans we can accept.

If you can help, please give us a call at 330.505.3575.

How Do You Search the Web?

By using the search engine **www.goodsearch.com** and designating Second Chance as your charity you are helping to raise money with every search you do.



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)
- Litter Scoops
- Laundry Soap (with Bleach)
- Innova Cat Food
- Paper Towels
- Q-tips
- Stamps (44 cents or Forever)
- 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!**

Interested in Helping Out at the Shelter?

Do you have 3 hours per week or every other week? We are in need of volunteers to help out at the shelter. We'd love to give anyone interested a tour, discuss what you'd be doing and introduce you to our "residents." If interested, please call the shelter at 330.505.3575 for more details or to set up a time to visit.

BINGO VOLUNTEERING...

If you are interested in helping at Bingo, please call the shelter at 330.505.3575.



YOU CAN SPONSOR A CAT...

It only costs \$10 a month. For more details visit www.secondchanceanimalrescue.org.

Cats are Wonderful Friends



*Gentle eyes that see so much,
paws that have the quiet touch,
Purrs to signal "all is well"
and show more love than words could tell.
Graceful movements touched with pride,
a calming presence by our side.
A friendship that takes time to grow.
Small wonder why we love them so.*

Author Unknown





In Memory Of . . .

"Holli," "Callie," "Lizzi" and "Ella," four of my wonderful cats who all passed away in January and are deeply missed. All were adopted from Second Chance, with Holli being my first adoption from the shelter twelve years ago, by Joann Barrows.

Beverly Ann Dell'Arco, by Nick R. Candiello.

our first cat, "Scooter." He was such a beautiful cat. We think about you every day and we miss you so much, by Mary Jane and Tony Vario, Lisa and Marc.

"Russie" and "Lil Patches," two wonderful cats that will never be forgotten. You enriched our lives in countless ways, by D. Mollica.

"Elsie," a twelve year plus boxer mix, Edna Dorothy's electric blanket. The next one she will have to plug into the wall outlet. Elsie will be sadly missed by all, by Bill Mueller.

"Elsie," , Edna D. Allshouse's big, gentle dog. Elsie loved everybody and everything. She will be greatly missed, by Mary Lou Mueller.

Edna's precious dog "Elsie." She will be sadly missed by all who knew her, by Francine and Tom Jasunas.

In Honor Of . . .

Leslie Powell-Thomas and Liz Pally, by D. Mollica.

A Tribute To . . .

Kathy Ratliff's volunteerism at Second Chance Animal Rescue, by Ida Halasz and John Sullivan.

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

5 STEPS TO A FITTER FELINE:

- 1) Schedule an examination with your veterinarian who can help you determine the correct weight for your cat.
- 2) Get him or her moving. Experts recommend 20 minutes of play or exercise per day.
- 3) Choose the best diet. Nutritional needs depend on age, activity level and health.
- 4) Measure the food carefully using a measuring cup. When calculating portions, work from your cat's goal weight (obtained from your veterinarian) and use the feeding guidelines on the package as a starting point.
- 5) Be consistent. When cutting back you may have to endure some pitiful meows, but you're helping your cat get fit for his or her own good.