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The Angel Wing is the "Hope" for the future of Angels for Animals. Donations, volunteers and homes for our animals is an everyday goal here at Angels for Animals. The key to our success is YOU!

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State of the Shelter by Diane Less

Well... needless to say, it has been a weird year. We continue to carry on in spite of our constant need of time, talent and treasure to save all the pets we are taking in. I think that COVID made people forget how to "fix" cats. Our intake is back to 20-40 a day, when this number was way down in 2019 and 2020. In spite of being open and having expanded services, we still hear "we thought you were closed." Evidently COVID made them forget how to use the phone and computer. All in all, we still had a great year!



Yes, it can always be better, we still need 2.4 million dollars to finish our Capital Campaign. We have a 1.1 million dollar loan that we would love to get rid of, but if we had not taken advantage of the low interest rates, we wouldn't have been able to open and start to earn money.

This is our goal: that the Angel Wing and all of our other services, the crematory, retail sales, etc. keep our Shelter open. Most of you have heard me say "Saving animals is wonderful, but very expensive." You've also heard me say "It's like running a giant money toilet."

The main need we still have is caging. Now we need to raise the funds for dog doors and cat caging, as you will read in George Beaver's article. We need dog doors. We have 25 paid for. The doors are stainless and tempered glass. They have revolving food and water panels in the power section. They are superior for germ and noise control and will last a lifetime. If you sponsor a \$1,500 door, you can get your name, or the name of a loved one on it forever!

We also need cat caging. The poor cats are always behind. We have so many of them because most people want to feed them but don't step up to "fix" them. If they would just bring us the first cat they find, before it multiplies, it would make our mission much easier. We get the old story, "Oh... I didn't know it was pregnant!!" Well, cats are always pregnant and males make babies too! We try so hard to save all the healthy, friendly cats. Lower numbers and expanded caging would make that ominous task much more doable! For \$200 you can have your name or your cat's name on a cage.

We also have more naming opportunities available in the Angel Wing. You can do up to a 5 year pledge on the larger ones. If you haven't seen our square foot wall, it is visible from the Marjorie Cotton walkway in our umbilicus, the connector wing that adjoins the Lariccia Animal Center to the Angel Wing. For just \$200 you can have your name displayed there. Each \$200 pays for 1 square foot of the Angel Wing. There are 30,000 feet available!! If you buy one, you receive an adorable little deed! If you buy 5-9 square feet, the dot in front of your name will be changed from blue to gold! This is an affordable way to get involved building the ultimate animal saving facility that will serve the whole region. They make a great gift too!

Don't forget... see the "good" you can do!
Tours of the "Wing" continue every Saturday at 1 p.m.

VISIT US SOON!!

Mission Statement

Angels for Animals believes that animals, as living creatures, have value beyond economic measure. Our mission is to educate the people of our community about pet overpopulation and regular veterinary care for pets; cultivate an awareness and responsibility toward the needs of companion animals; provide for the well-being of our community's animals that are abandoned or otherwise in need; and instill respect for and appreciation of all living things.



ANNUAL WINE TASTE

The Annual Wine Taste was held November 13 at Angels for Animals Andrews Hall. How great to hold the event in person and enjoy each others company. Jill Trimble created a beautiful invitation and graphics for the event. Dr. Mark & Stephanie McMurray worked tirelessly in planning and preparing from the food, to wine selection, to the details of the decorations in the hall. A big thank you to:

Rulli Brothers,
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for helping to make this event a success. Events such as these help to raise monies for the everyday needs of the shelter and the animals. We are grateful for our many volunteers who help with these events.

DONATION ANIMALS

Throughout the year our furry friends join us at one event after another to work the crowd and bring in donations. We love our donations animals and their owners! Donation animals must love people and love being around crowds. Once we slip on the vest, they get a little extra love and donations in their pouch.

To become a donation animal, you must complete an application at Angels for Animals, which is available online or at the shelter. If you have questions about signing up to volunteer with a donation animal, you are welcome to contact Angels for Animals at 330.549.1111 press #5, or speak directly to Ryan VanDyke, the dog manager or Sherry Bankey, the Cat Manager.

Events, dates, and times vary throughout the year, so there is plenty of time to volunteer and join our team!



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Angels For Animals Partners with Eastern Gateway Community College

by Amber Padula



I am happy to announce, in January of 2022, Angels for Animals will begin hosting on site the first graduating class of Eastern Gateway Community College's Veterinary Technician program. This amazing partnership between the college and Angels will conveniently provide students with ongoing hands-on learning experiences pertaining to veterinary medicine. The veterinary field is continuously growing and evolving. Veterinary practices in our tri-county area, along with numerous locations across the country, are in search of licensed veterinary professionals to add to their teams. Many of the lectures, labs, and necessary clinical experiences for vet tech students will take place at Angels for Animals in Canfield, OH.

Angels for Animals has a beautiful state-of-the-art facility including a shelter/adoption center, spay and neuter services, a full-service veterinary clinic including several operating theaters, and classrooms. EGCC's Veterinarian Technician program is an Associate of Applied Science that is designed to provide the education background to enable graduates to pursue careers as a Veterinarian Technician. A vet tech provides support to veterinarians in the care of companion, large and exotic animals. Similar to human medical nursing, vet techs can also choose to work in a specialized field such as internal medicine, emergency/critical care, cardiology, oncology, and many more. Some graduates choose to work in research, sales, academics, laboratory facilities, or even obtain government jobs. In order to apply for the program, prospective students must have a high school diploma or equivalent; successfully complete 13 credit hours of prerequisites; complete a minimum of 40 hours of field experience; and pass a background check. Field experience of minimum of 40 hours or more is required to qualify for consideration into the Vet Tech program. If you are having difficulty finding a field experience location, please contact Angels for Animals at (330) 549-1111.

Enrollment in this program will be limited to approximately 20 students per lecture, and 10 students per lab each year to obtain a low student/instructor ratio. If you have a love for animals and also a strong interest in science, please reach out to us for more information.

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Veterinary Technician's Oath

"I solemnly dedicate myself to aiding animals and society by providing excellent care and services for animals, by alleviating animal suffering, and promoting public health. I accept my obligations to practice my profession conscientiously and with sensitivity, adhering to the profession's Code of Ethics, and furthering my knowledge and competence through a commitment to lifelong learning."



Shopping at Angels by Robin Helscel

Here at Angels for Animals, we have a wonderful retail department filled with all kinds of goodies for your pets as well as yourself! We have a large assortment of leashes, collars and toys for dogs. We carry dog crates and harnesses too! For the felines we have a large array of cat trees, toys, cat nips, cat carriers, collars and leashes.

We also carry an assortment of nail trimmers and grooming brushes for every four legged friend. We carry a variety of shampoos and conditioners as well as sprays and cleaners for when our pets have sometime accidents.

We have a terrific assortment of tee shirts, hats and hoodies available as well! We are currently working on setting up an online store hopefully sometime by summer of 2022, which is very exciting! There is also a unique gift shop that has many unusual items available if you are looking for that special something for a fellow pet lover.

We have a retail room currently set up over in the new Angel Wing with dog and cat items to the left of the front vet desk. To the right of the desk we boast an urn room filled with many beautiful styles of urns to place your beloved pet's remains in when the time comes for end of life services.

We have really tried to make Angels a one stop animal center! Come on out to visit our retail area to see the huge variety of items we offer!

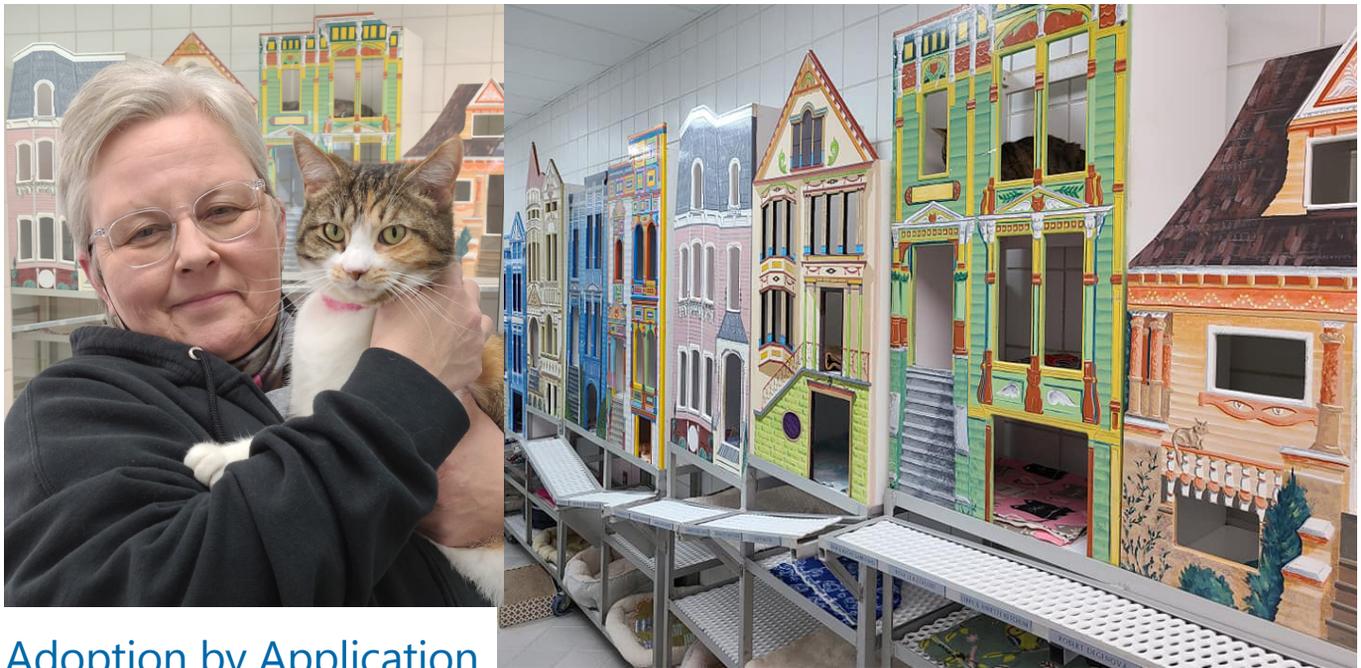


Looking for a great holiday gift?

Pick up the ANGELS 2022 CALENDAR at the shelter for just \$10.00, or you can order online to have it delivered for \$15.

Interested in having your pet in the 2023 calendar? You can enter their picture any day of the year. Just go to angelsforanimals.org after January 1 to enter or for more information.

Loki, owned by Stephanie Shelton, was the 2021 winner of the Angels Calendar Contest with 1850 votes!



Adoption by Application

by Sherry Bankey, Cat Manager

Hello everyone! In 2020, I talked of the changes and adaptations we had to make due to Covid 19. So much has changed once again, in all aspects of our lives and the shelter yet again! We are still doing adoptions by approved applications. We have seen many positives in doing it that way and it may become a permanent process. Why? We are able to keep the number of people coming in to adopt at a limited number, and this allows our workers, volunteers and clients to feel as safe as possible. Our adopters are serious about bringing home a cat or a dog and we are able to find the best fit, without the rooms filled with people. We have also seen that our cats have had less upper respiratory, eye infections and such. They are less stressed all the way around.

However, in the last 6 months, we have seen a shift. Approved applications are getting harder and harder to come by. The reason? Many applicants have pets in the home that are not up to date on vaccines, or spayed or neutered.

Some state they own their homes and we find that they in fact rent. Vets are called, as are landlords and many are perplexed why a client who doesn't have their current animals vetted are looking to adopt more. Landlords have strict rules of no pets or limits and are grateful we call them to verify if a pet is allowed to be there. We have had many people not understand why we say we cannot adopt to them. They get upset or simply will not take no for an answer. But, we are looking out for the animals not only in our care, but also for theirs!



30 Years of Helping the Homeless by Teresa McGuire

Here we are in 2021 and we at Angels for Animals are happy to be celebrating our 30th year advocating for and focusing on reducing the overpopulation and the number of animals homeless in our community. Our goal is to prevent the increase of unwanted births in both dogs and cats in our community.

We believe spaying and neutering should be within reach for anyone with a cat or dog. We strive to keep our services not only affordable to those who might not otherwise spay or neuter their animals. We are so proud of our spay and neuter programs. Not only do we offer low cost spay and neuter surgeries to owned pets, but we also run specials throughout the year such as Feline Fix Fest in the spring, Show Us The Mommy in the fall, and occasionally a BOGO deal. We are also proud of our Farm & Feral programs helping people in the community that are helping our mission.



One spay/neuter can prevent between 300-450 unnecessary litters from being born from one animal. Currently we have more than 4,000 homeless animals surrendered to our facility each year. Through the generosity of our Angel donors, we are able to provide healthcare, spay and neuter services to these animals in attempts to find them their fur-ever homes. Although we love what we are doing, we would love to see these numbers decrease. We are forever grateful to our donors, volunteers, the community, Dr. DeWitt, Dr. Cooper, Dr. Kotouch, Dr. Nokes, Dr. Clipse Dr. Sabihi, our dedicated staff and Diane Less for helping to make this all possible.

On a personal note, I came here from human medicine and I am asked all of the time: "Why would you do this? Don't you regret your decision?" Or my favorite, "When are you coming back to health care?" My answer is ALWAYS: "Are you kidding me? I get to hang out with animals everyday. I love my job!"



We currently schedule between 24 - 30 cats and 18 - 20 dogs for spay/neuter surgeries daily. We also accept trapped/feral cats checked by 8:30 a.m. for surgeries Monday - Thursday. We do this because we realize the exponential impact on the community.





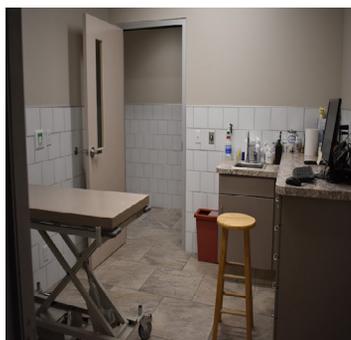
From A Dream to Reality by Kimberly Moff

From a backyard chicken coop, to a temporary dream home for so many homeless animals, Diane Less has created a legacy in her time just with the Angels for Animals Shelter she worked so hard to plan, fundraise for and maintain. As we took a tour of the Angel Wing, all was said in the eyes of a child who asked: "You mean this was all your idea? You created Angels for Animals? This is awesome!" You could see the admiration as he listened intently as she finished her tour.



Diane will be the first to tell you that the Angel Wing is her death plan. She explains it simply: "Her new dream of the Angel Wing was to create a much needed animal care facility unlike any other, to provide the best care for dogs and cats in our community. At the same time, this facility would bring in the needed revenue to maintain the continued care for the homeless

animals. If you take a tour of the Wing with Diane, you will be truly amazed. The potential of the facility is endless. When you enter into the main lobby of the vet clinic where the large reception desk is in the center, flanked by three exam rooms to the left and two exam rooms to the right. The south wall has dogs waiting on the left, with a restroom and customer lounge. On the right is the



cat waiting area and restroom. As you start around the bend, our cremation urn showroom is in the sunny corner space. As you head down a quiet hallway, you will see the private entrance for owner's pet euthanasia. There are two private comfort rooms so pet owners do not have to go through the main lobby during this difficult time.



There is a pharmacy, numerous treatment areas, the x-ray suite, dental suite, dog and cat ICUs and a surgery suite. We are capable of doing every type of veterinary service. We offer specialized and

sedated grooming for animals who do not like being groomed.

Next entering the amazing, high volume spay/neuter surgery area which exits you to the spay/neuter lobby. This also serves as a great event space and training area.





The third part of the facility is the animal surrender lobby. With the new procedure, all pets will start in the northeast corner lobby. From there cats will go into one of the eight feline holding rooms on the east side of the Wing. Dogs will make their way to one of our 31 dog holding runs on the west side. Along the back of the building is a garage for vehicles and storage. You have to see it to believe it...there is nothing like this anywhere!

Angel Wing tours are given by Diane every Saturday at 1 p.m. and also by appointment. Many naming opportunities are still available. Square feet of the Wing are available for \$200 each. Rooms are available



from \$15,000 and up. You can take up to five years to pay for your name to be part of our history. We need cages and kennel doors and so much more. We have employment opportunities from vet techs, kennel staff to veterinarians. We still need a lot of help to finish this amazing project.

Our thanks go out to everyone who has already contributed and hope more people will come out to tour the Wing and share our vision for the future of animal care.

Sponsor a square foot for the new Angel Wing and multiply the ways we care for all animals in the future.

Just fill out the information below and send it in an envelope addressed to Angels for Animals, 4750 W. South Range Road, Canfield, OH 44406.

I would like to sponsor _____square feet of Angel Wing @\$200 per square foot for a total of \$_____.

I would like to pay
 now
 monthly in payments of \$_____
 quarterly in payments of \$_____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Credit card (info below) Check (enclosed)

CREDIT CARD# _____

EXPIRES _____

For questions, call 330.502.5352.
 All donations are tax-deductible.



Vicarious Vivacquas - One Step At A Time by Ryan VanDyke and Kim & Jim Vivacqua

We adopted the most amazing dog ever, Carson, from Angels for Animals in 2005 and he stole our hearts the moment we first met him. The best way to describe him would be pure love and pure joy, every moment of every day. After 16 amazing years together, we lost Carson earlier this year. Even though we were so grateful for the lifetime of adventures we shared together, we were heartbroken beyond words. Looking for a way to honor him, we ended up back at Angels for Animals for the first time in 16 years hoping to give back in his memory. Those were incredibly difficult steps to take, and we always thought it was too hard for us to go to a shelter and see all of the homeless animals and not be able to take all of them home.

This last year has presented so many challenges to us here at Angels for Animals. However, it's also led to us getting two of our best volunteers; Kim and Jim Vivacqua! These two have been instrumental in keeping things running smoothly in the dog wing. Every night, you can find them walking our dogs or making sure they are taken care of. Or maybe you'll spot them out at one of our events, showcasing adoptable dogs and helping us fund the whole process!

Instead of having me gush about how amazing they are (AMAZING), I thought we'd let them talk about their experiences here. Why Angels for Animals? What made them want to help out? What's been their takeaway from their time volunteering? Well, here, we'll find out!

Ryan VanDyke

After weeks of deciding how we could best volunteer at the shelter, thinking office work or landscaping might be the best route for us, we were asked to help walk the dogs one weekend. Once again these were very difficult steps to take, but once we met all of the beautiful dogs there, saw the amazing care they get every day, and all of the love they receive from the Angels staff, we were hooked. We also learned a very important lesson that volunteering in a shelter is not a sad and depressing thing to do, but instead, it is so comforting to see the great care all of the animals receive while waiting for their forever homes and such an amazing opportunity to get to be part of it.

That one weekend walking session has continued for 5 months, almost every single evening. This time spent with the shelter dogs every day means the world to us and to them. They all have the most amazing personalities, from enjoy learning some new tricks, and have so much love to give in return for just a quick walk and some extra treats. This has become one of the most rewarding experiences of our lives.



One evening at the shelter we were introduced to a litter of some crazy beagle puppies that had come in from foster care that day. After our evening walks, we then found ourselves enjoying time playing with all the new pups. After a couple of weeks all of them found homes except for one. And that's how we ended up with the newest addition to our family, Petunia. She has already been on her first plane ride, graduated from puppy school, and her own beagle howl makes us laugh everyday. Petunia and all of the shelter dogs have shown us that there is always room in your heart for one more.

As we walk through the entrance of the shelter each evening, we are greeted by a quote on the door in memory and honor of Carson "Always leading the way. Always in our hearts." We are so thankful that he led us back to the shelter and the amazing Angels for Animals friends we have met along the way.

Kim & Jim Vivacqua



Grooming with a Little Extra

If you think about how exhausting it is to groom an animal that does not want to be groomed, imagine the fear and anxiety being that animal. Animals need to have a good experience while being groomed. A groomer must have the patience of a saint in some cases, to work through the fear that some animals have with clippers, nail clippers, ear cleaning, and with some, just the experience of being touched by a stranger.



Cindy Kingston is that special person who is able to work with the toughest animals during grooming at Angels for Animals. She is also trained in sedated grooming to ease the anxiety an animal may have during grooming. The animal is simply given some gas to help it nod off to sleep and stay comfortable during

clipping, nail trims, ear cleaning, and then slowly wakes looking brand new. Prices vary according to what all your furry friend needs during the visit.

Our grooming facility can also do bird, rabbits and other exotics. We plan to add another basic groomer to open more appointment times. All appointments must be scheduled by calling our Veterinary Clinic at 330-549-1111.



New Look for Website

by Kimberly Moff



With the new Angel Wing and so many new options online, we have finally created a new website to kick off an online presence for Angels for Animals. With our Animal Shelter, Veterinary Clinic, Spay and Neuter Clinic and so many other services that we currently offer at Angels for Animals, our website needed to reflect these many services. By using the tabs at the top of the website, you are able to travel from page to page to find answers and information on your specific needs.

Our new website also offers the opportunity to complete paperwork, make appointments, make donations, buy tickets to special events and so much more for your convenience. Adoptable animals can also be viewed at a click of a button.

Our goal is to eventually offer online sales of t-shirts, animal supplies and other basic items that are easily shipped to any location. Visit www.AngelsforAnimals.org and check us out!

Searching for information online and on your phone is the way of the future, and we are striving to grow with this need of online availability. Our online features also include our very active **Facebook Page**. Your favorite online hangout has recently become a crucial player in the way we accept donations. We also rely on Facebook to spread the word when we are low on food, supplies, and more.

PayPal. Our website has been using PayPal to accept donations for a while now, and we are thrilled every time we see the ticker move.

AmazonSmile. A unique way to give while you shop! Everyone uses Amazon now...it literally has everything. You can now make a donation every time you make a purchase if you wish.

Amazon Wishlist. Allows you to see what the shelter needs to take care of kittens, puppies and more. Amazon has made it easy to contribute to the everyday operations of the shelter! Go to <https://a.co/9I7R2V7>.

Planned Giving – What’s New? by Janet Flynn

It’s never too soon to make your end-of-the-year giving plans. There are many ways to donate to Angels for Animals. Some might benefit you through tax savings and others are new digital donation ideas.

Naming Angels for Animals in Your Will

Over the years Angels for Animals has been very fortunate to be the recipient of bequests from long-time volunteers, donors and animal lovers. As you tour the Angel Wing you’ll notice the names of people who were forward thinking enough to leave a gift to be used for the medical building expansion. These wonderful people paved the way for the beginning of the Angel Wing project by committing funds from their estates to be used by Angels for specific rooms or buildings. You too can be a part of this exciting future by naming Angels for Animals in your will. Please contact your estate planner or Diane Less at 330-502-5352 to learn more about leaving a gift to benefit the future of Angels.

Gifts of Property and Real Estate

In some situations Angels for Animals is able to accept gifts of personal property such as collectible items, jewelry, coins, artwork, vehicles and residential or commercial property. You can choose to designate your gift of residential property now and continue to live in it for your lifetime. Please contact Diane Less at 330-502-5352 if you would like more information. Donations of personal property can be given at any time, depending on storage space available, and a tax receipt letter will be provided.

Transferring Securities

Appreciated stock is an easy way to make a gift that is economically advantageous to you and Angels for Animals. Donating stocks directly might allow you to increase the net amount of your gift significantly.

Questions about stock donations can be answered by your broker or by calling Janet Flynn at 330-716-0697.

Matching Gifts and Payroll Deductions

Many employers now offer a matched percentage to donations made by their employees. Others will set up payroll deductions for donations to charitable organizations. Contact your human resource department to find out if such plans are available to you. One website designed to help you search for employers who offer matching funds can be found at <https://ww2.matchinggifts.com/search/rit>

Donate IRA Required Minimum Distribution

If you are 70 ½, you might be receiving a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA each year. The RMD is considered ordinary income and is taxed at an individual’s tax rate. If these funds are donated directly to Angels for Animals, which is a 501(c)3 organization, they are not treated as income to the donor by the IRS up to a maximum of \$100,000 per year. If your tax consultant determines this is appropriate for your situation, please contact Janet Flynn at 330-716-0697 to make the necessary arrangements.



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Alternative Ways of Giving – What's New?

by Janet Flynn

Facebook Birthday Fundraiser

If you are one of the 170,000 Angels Facebook followers you may have noticed many people setting up Facebook Birthday Fundraisers. This is an easy and fun way to invite your friends and family to make a gift in honor of your birthday or other special event directly to Angels for Animals. Instructions for the easy set up are on Facebook and no fees are deducted. Facebook Fundraisers can also be set up as Christmas Gift Fundraisers or Wedding Gift Fundraisers. Birthdays and other fundraisers are listed on the Angels website under "Tributes". Be creative with Facebook!

Ebay for Charity

Do you love to sell on Ebay? Angels for Animals is an approved charity with Ebay and has been receiving funds from supporters all over the country who list items and designate a percentage to go to Angels. Go to <https://charity.ebay.com/charity/Angels-For-Animals/1734188> for information on items listed and how to list your own items!

Be a Corporate Sponsor for a Special Event

Sponsoring a breakfast or event at Angels will give your business plenty of community recognition. Sponsors who commit to helping offset the expenses of an event will be listed on all social media advertising as well as the Angels website. If your business would like to be a sponsor or make a donation of food items please contact Robin Helscel at 330-549-1111.

Donate a Raffle Basket or Gift Card

Many special events held by Angels for Animals offer auctions of gift baskets or gift cards. If you or your business would like to donate to one of these events please contact Robin at 330-549-1111. Gift baskets or items are always needed for the Wine Taste, Reverse Raffle, Garage Sale, and other special events. Volunteers are available to create a basket for your business or pick items up if you make arrangements ahead. Auctions significantly increase the success of these events!

Become a Website Sponsor & Promote Your Business

Our new website is a window to new possibilities for communication for Angels. We welcome donations for companies or individuals who would like to place an ad and become a corporate sponsor on the website. For more information, contact Kimberly at Kimberly.moff@Angelsforanimals.org.

A "Purrrrr"fect Thank You

by Sherry Bankey

So far this year, 1025 cat/kittens have been adopted! This would not be possible without the help of our part-time staff members! They process applications, enter medical paperwork, talk to customers on the phone, nail trims, medicate and help vaccinate shelter animals, set up fosters for surgery, place kittens/cats with fosters, make medical appointments for fosters, help people adopt and so much more. These ladies do their best to get everything done and help so many cats/kittens their forever homes!

Thank you Sarah, Macie,
Maribeth, and Susan!





Dog Wing Moves Toward New Plans With New Ideas by Ryan VanDyke

Hey there, readers! My name is Ryan, and I'm the new(-ish) canine manager here at Angels. Today I want to talk with you about the rising tides of change, and how that affects what we do here at Angels for Animals moving forward; for better or for worse.

First, let me give you a glimpse into my background: I came from a shelter in Salem called the Pawsitive Hope Project. We were a small team of about five people. At most, we had eight kennels available for dogs and typically had room for about fifty cats. Throughout my several years there, we always put a huge emphasis on the one-on-one element of adoption and animal care. If you came in to adopt, you had my full attention. If I was working with an animal, they had my full attention. Through this, we were able to place animals into permanent homes and rehabilitate animals that otherwise might not have had a second chance.

Coming to Angels was a big step for me; I had concerns about the change in scale (we had a mere eight kennels at my last shelter, versus the almost sixty that we have here), and had to cast away the long shadows of self-doubt. However, I think my past shelter work will prove to be instrumental in my continued success here at Angels.

Since my arrival, we've begun the long process of re-evaluating what the dog program currently is, and what it could be. The issues we face today are not the issues we faced ten years ago. As such, it's time for our program to evolve to address the issues we see today. Thanks to

improvements in veterinary care and behavioral studies, we know so much more than we did a decade ago. There still remains work to be done.

To that end, our goal for the dog program ultimately remains the same, but the means by which we will accomplish those goals is changing. That means more work with behavior specialists, more time training, more one-on-one work with these troubled dogs. We may be bigger than other groups in the area, but we can always be better.

We're still dedicated to curbing pet overpopulation. We're still dead-set on putting an end to the suffering of companion animals. We're still putting animals into great homes. This increase in scope comes at a financial cost, and that's something we'll still need to figure out. But we've got one resource that so many places like us lack: You. You, dear reader, might be one of our amazing volunteers., or one of our compassionate donors. Maybe you're an animal advocate, or maybe you're someone reading this while waiting for your pet's name to be called at our veterinary clinic. Yet, here you are through one means or another, you're supporting us. You're leaving us able to help the helpless, and able to give hope to the hopeless.

No one wants an unhealthy animal, or one that is depressed. So what does that leave us to do? Ensure that they're healthy, and happy. Only then can we focus on getting them a healthy, happy home.



Our Christmas "Wish List"

All they wish for is a family of their own...a special person to love them forever. Until that day comes you can brighten their days by doing a little holiday shopping with them in mind.

CAT ITEMS:

- Canned pate food
- Cat Treats
- Cat Beds
- Scoopable Litter
- Turbo Scratchers
- Dry Cat Food
- Feather stick toys

DOG ITEMS:

- Canned dog food (Pedigree preferred)
- Busy Bone Treats
- Kong or hard rubber toys
- Martingale Collars
- Maro or Filled Bones & Snacks
- Training Treats

OFFICE AND MEDICAL:

- Postage Stamps
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- Manila Folders Letter Size
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- Sharpies – Black or Blue
- Masking Tape
- Bleach – Concentrated
- Zip Lock Bags – Gallon/ Quart
- Trash Bags – 13, 33 & 55 gallon
- Paper Towels
- Blue Dawn Soap & Sanitizing Cleaners
- Hand Sanitizer
- Post It Paper
- Batteries – 9 Volt, AA & AAA
- Distilled Water
- White Vinegar
- Facial Tissue
- Windex
- Towels & Blankets

Not sure where to shop? Check out our Amazon Wish List link at angelsforanimals.org. Ideas and suggestions are listed according to seasonal needs and requests from our kennel managers. If you see something that looks like it would keep our pups and kittens entertained please call 330-549-1111 to be sure it's a toy that would be safe in a shelter environment. Gifts and donations can be shipped directly to AFA or brought to the main lobby during public hours.

Volunteering at Angels for Animals

by Robin Helscel



Angels for Animals relies heavily on our wonderful volunteers to help with all we do. We are always looking for reliable individuals that can assist in the daily care of our dogs and cats. Our animals need taken care of on a daily basis just like

your pets. The same cleaning, watering and feeding routines go for our animals too. You have to be at least 12 years old to volunteer with the cats and 16 to work with the dogs. Medical volunteers need to be at least 18 years old as well as people interested in the maintenance department.

We have opportunities in the cat wing, dog wing, medical, maintenance area as well as special events. There is just so much to do here at the shelter and our staff is already pushed to the brink. This is why volunteers are needed so desperately.

In order to begin volunteering, you would need to come to our monthly orientation meeting. They are usually scheduled on a Thursday and it begins at 5:00 p.m. Each orientation lasts about an hour to an hour and a half. Our founder, Diane Less gives a great presentation on how Angels actually began and how we've gotten to where we are at present.

After the orientation, volunteers will meet with either the cat or dog wing managers to coordinate their availability and when the shelter is needing people to come in. It is really important when signing up for volunteering that you actually show up when you are scheduled. The animals depend on you and we depend on you. It is truly a very rewarding commitment that you will be taking on. For more information, call Robin in the main business office at 330-549-1111, Press 5.



Featured Long Time Residents

All they want is a home to call their own!

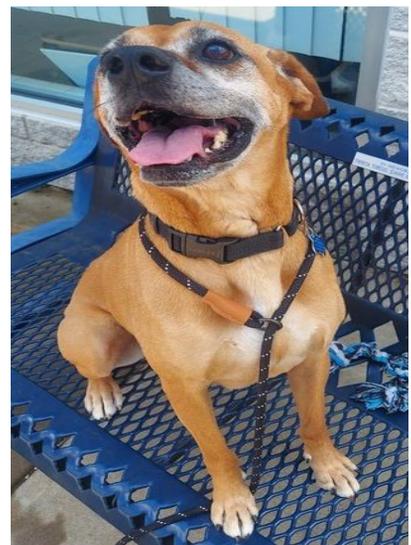


This beautiful cat is Gracie. She has been with us since 12/15/20. Gracie is not a cat that is for everyone. She is friendly, but lets you know when she wants a break when being petted. A quiet space to call her own would be her ideal home. She makes the funniest expressions and will roll on her back when she is content and takes a nap. We have estimated her to be 2 years and 9 months old.



How can you say no to that face?! Meet Tequila! She's one of our longest staying residents here at Angels, but through no fault of her own. This poor girl was placed into a home where she was loved and adored, but then after a year her owner moved and could not take her with him and she ended up back with us. Since then, she's had to deal with her noisy neighbors and has been consistently overlooked because she just doesn't get along with other animals. She has remained a sassy, charming and sweet lady that is constantly thrilled to meet new people and go on walks! This is one of the hard truths about the shelter world--some

animals just have to be in a home by themselves. Is it fair to sentence them to death just because they don't like others? We don't feel that it is. But we're only able to do that as long as these dogs get adopted! The longer they're here, the more that the stress of the shelter environment weighs down on these guys and girls. We're looking to find Tequila her second chance at a happy ending. Can you help us? Every share is another pair of eyes that might be the perfect fit for this spunky lady!



How Can I Adopt?

Adoption requires commitment and dedication to the lifetime of an animal. At Angels for Animals, we require that all individuals wishing to meet our animals complete a Pre-Adoption form. These forms are available at Angels for Animals or can be found and completed online on our website at www.AngelsforAnimals.org. The website offers detailed information about adoption, what is included, and what to expect. All of our animals have a history, personality, some have special needs, some love other animals, others not so much. Shelter life should never be a permanent life. If you have space in your heart and your home for a dog or a cat, consider adopting from a shelter. These animals definitely have space in their heart for you!

To adopt, call 330-549-1111
Ryan, Dog Manager, Press #4
Sherry, Cat Manager, Press #4



Canine Quarters: Calming, Comfortable and Cleanable by George Beaver

When Angels was setting out to build the Angel Wing Veterinary Center, large areas were set aside for the housing of stray and abandoned animals. A lot of thought was put into what would be our ideal kennels and rooms for our canine guests, and how would they be utilized.

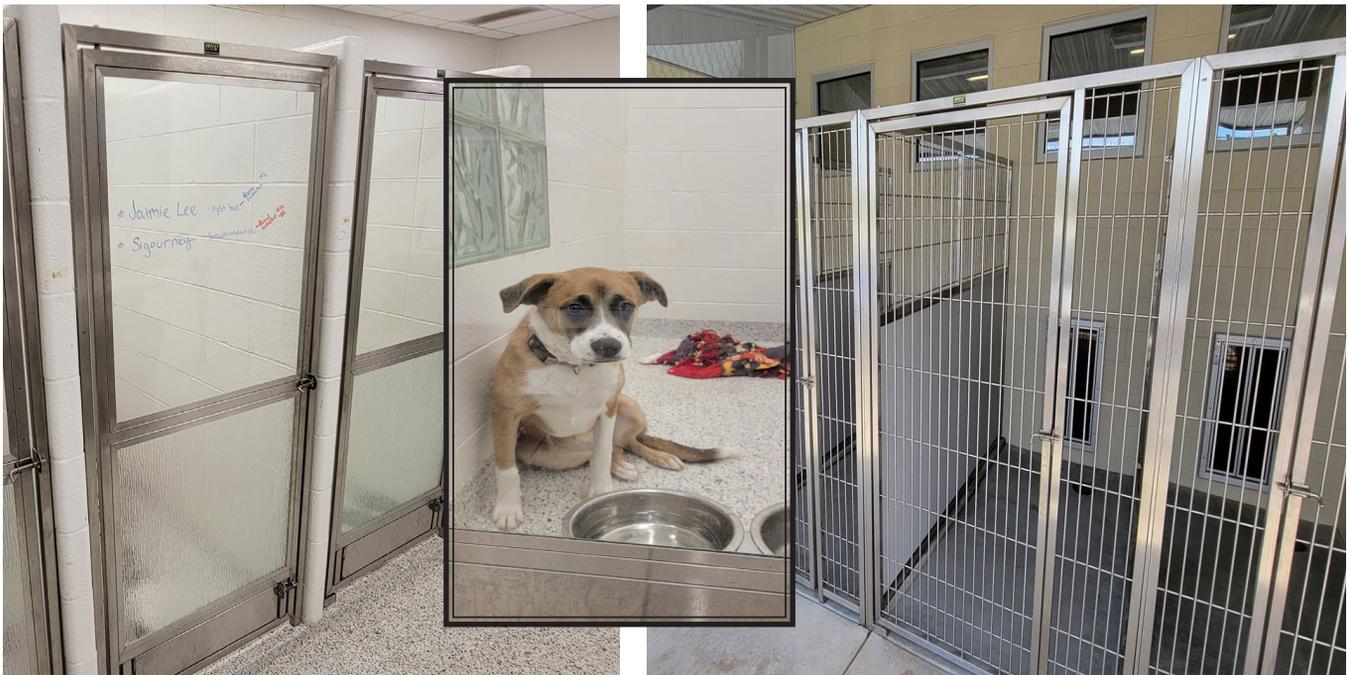
In the design process, we settled on 7 separate rooms to divide up incoming canines to the shelter. These rooms were as follows; A 12 kennel main holding room for animals ready to go to the shelter floor, 2 isolation rooms (one with 4 kennels and one with 3 kennels), 2 puppy rooms with 4 kennels each, a parvo or contagious room with 3 oversized kennels for long-term stays and a quarantine kennel with 4 kennels for newly arrived canines.

Each kennel was designed to be as calming, comfortable and cleanable as possible. Block wall dividers on the interior kennel wall with periodic glass block details minimize stress and noise from neighboring canines. Tough epoxy paint and a specialty epoxy floor covering seals the floors and walls and prevents contaminants from building up. Specialty insulated guillotine style door block heat or cold from the kennels when shut and bar style reinforced plexiglass door allow light and access to the outside for the pups when the guillotine doors are up. The cherry on top of all these design elements are Tristar-Vet Kennel doors on the inside and Tristar-Vet Kennel separators and doors for the outside kennels.

Installed by the staff of Angels for cost-savings, these doors provide light and access to our animals while ensuring a clean and comfortable environment for our dogs. Medical and quarantine kennels, which are interior only, have full length glass for observation of sick or recovering animals. Isolation, parvo and long-term holding rooms use a combination of rain glass, and clear glass to lower stress of residents when other dogs are brought past the front of their cages. All the doors have integrated bowl holders which allow staff to feed and water the kennel from the outside without having to individually enter each kennel, especially helpful in situations where you might be dealing with a sick and contagious animal.

Angels is purchasing these doors for our kennels including 11 doors for our veterinary clinic; 5 for patient holding, 3 for spay/neuter surgery, 2 for our upcoming ICU department and 1 for the clinic isolation exam room. These doors are part of our commitment to giving our furry visitors the best possible living spaces for the hopefully short time they are living with us before finding their forever homes.

If you are interested in sponsoring a door, (a unique naming opportunity), the cost is \$1500. Please contact Diane at 330-502-5352 and help make the canine facilities at Angels Calm, Comfortable and Clean!



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