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## The Beacon by Diane Less

As many of you know, I am in the sign business. Since 1972, I have been a commercial artist. I do all kinds of design work at my Spotted Horse Studio, including the basic designs of the Angels buildings and the World's Largest Cat Tree, which earned a spot in the 2019 Guinness Book of Records. I also designed our "home away from home" at the Canfield Fairgrounds. This is our #1 public outreach center. For six days, we talk to about 10,000 people!



The building was built with a cupola which had a flat top. I knew we needed something unique on the top of the building as I wanted people to be able to find us easily. Why not an 8 foot inflatable, lighted cat? He was adorable, and had the Angel sign on his chest. However, placing a huge cat on the roof of a building and then taking him down was a big pain to say the least. Unlike a real cat, he did not get up or down from there by himself! So, every year I had to coerce a crew of guys, rent a lift, and work out the timing to get him in place and take

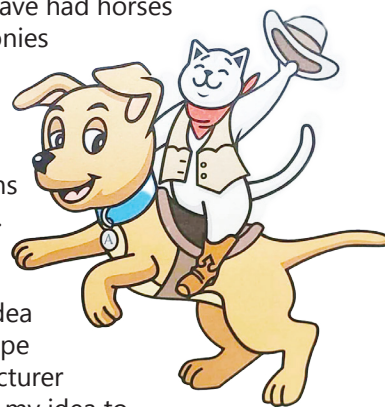


him down. Through the whole fair week I would pray for no lighting failures. The blow-up cat was a landmark. I think one of my most memorable moments was washing my hands in the restroom and hearing the woman next to me tell a friend on the phone to meet them under the BIG CAT! We had made our mark!

The cat began to show signs of wear and tear, and moving him became more of a problem. I am very fortunate to

have connected with super talented people and businesses through many years of project creation. Back in the 80's I met a talented illustrator, Fred Mozzy. We talked about coming up with an Angel logo with "Fair Flavor." Country western cowboys were a huge theme at the Canfield Fair. I myself have had horses at the fair since my childhood. I still show my ponies at the fair with Cindy Kingston, our amazing groomer. We are now known as the "cowgirls looking for trouble."

As kids, of course, the ultimate horse of our dreams was Trigger, the beautiful palomino of Roy Rogers. The image of this magnificent steed rearing up and Roy waving his hat was iconic! I called on Fred, and "Cowboy Kitty" was born! My original idea was to make a two-sided revolving sign cut to shape and internally lit. I went to my go-to sign manufacturer McHenry Industries with Fred's art, and presented my idea to Steve D'Apolito. Well, after getting a price tag of \$38,000, that idea went into the litter box.



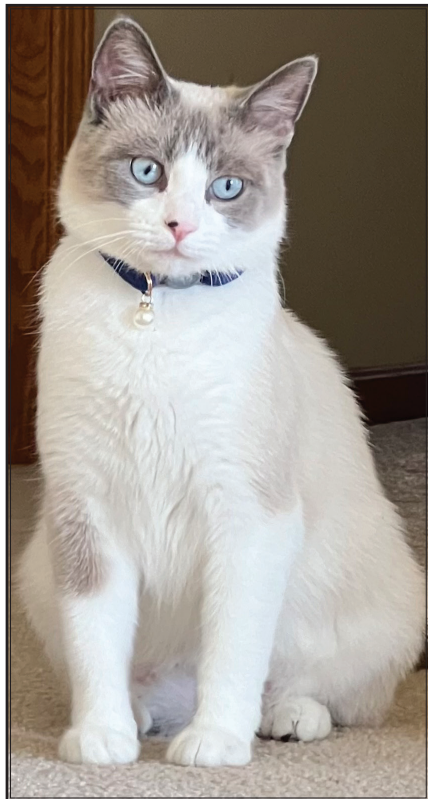
I was determined to get the job done for the 2024 Canfield Fair within a reasonable price range. Oh, a cupola! This gave us a four sided sign which could be seen from all directions. I called my long time buddy, Sam Boak from Boak and Sons, as he is

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## 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.



**Angels for Animals Annual Gigantic Garage Sale** dates will be April 11th, 12th and 13th at the Canfield Fairgrounds! Mark your calendars and watch for more details at [www.angelsforanimals.org](http://www.angelsforanimals.org)



## The Beacon (continued)

all things roof. We met with Steve at McHenry's and his "Sheet Metal Bob" to develop this awesome sign. The price tag with install would have been well over \$15,000. However, Boak & Sons donated all of their labor costs and McHenry did the entire fabrication for \$5,000. Diamond Steel had a lift we could use along with the Boak crane to put the "Cherry" on top of our building. This story is all about how "Angels" has become what it is through wonderful valley residents coming together to make things happen! As I tell people, we are for, by, and with our community in all that we do.



We can only do what we can do with **YOU!**

Visit us soon!

Tours of the "Angels Wing" continue every Saturday at 1 p.m.

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## Looking For The Great Holiday Gift?

Pick up the ANGELS FOR ANIMALS 2025 CALENDAR at the shelter for just \$12.00, or you can order online to have it delivered for \$16.

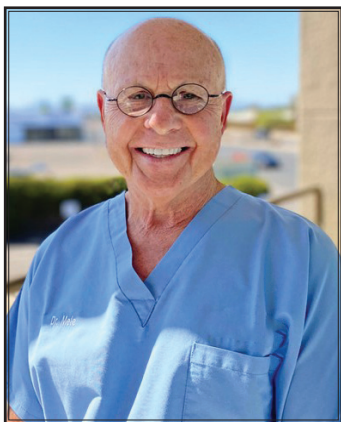
Interested in having your pet in the 2026 calendar contest? After April 6, 2025 go to [www.angelsforanimals.org](http://www.angelsforanimals.org) and find the link for the calendar contest. Your photos can be submitted from April 6, 2025 to September 20, 2025. We look forward to seeing your best photos of your furry friends!

Ernie, owned by Lois Pennell, was the winner of the 2025 Calendar Contest. See the story on page 8 of this Halo. The 2025 Calendar Contest brought in over \$32,000! A BIG THANK YOU to all that participated.



# New Faces at Angels for Animals

## Dr. Rocco Mele, Staff Veterinarian DVM (Practice Limited to Dentistry/Oral Surgery)



Angels for Animals welcomes Dr. Rocco Mele, who is joining our clinical staff this November, after a five year stint at the VCA Valley Animal Hospital and Emergency Center in Tucson, AZ. A veterinary practitioner for over 50 years, Dr. Mele has been actively involved in all aspects of Veterinary Dental Specialty Services for the past 20 years.

Born in Youngstown, Ohio, Dr. Mele has been interested in veterinary medicine from an early age. During a visit to a veterinarian with his grandfather, he decided that this would be his life calling.

After attending Youngstown State University for his undergraduate work, Dr. Mele moved to Columbus, Ohio where he attended Ohio State University and graduated with Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. This being his passion, Dr. Rocco Mele has devoted many years to advanced veterinary dentistry, which has led to articles and professional publications in both human and veterinary journals.

- New Paradigm Shift in Feline Dental Implants in Maxillary Alveolar Osteitis Treatment with Osseodensification - SPECTRUM Implants — Spring 2019- Vol. 10 No. 1
- Improving Clinical Results in Veterinary Osseous Grafting - Journal of Veterinary Science & Medical Diagnosis
- Osseous Veterinary Site Reconstruction Utilizing Autologous Dentin from Extracted Teeth - Journal of Veterinary Science & Medical Diagnosis
- Dental Implants and Incisor Bridge Placement in a Dog - Journal of Veterinary Dentistry 1-10
- Feline Dental Implants: A Long-Term Case Review - Journal of Veterinary Dentistry 1-11
- Feline dental implants: new paradigm shift in maxillary alveolar Osteitis treatment planning with Osseodensification – Journal of Osseointegration – Sept. 2019
- Feline Alveolar Osteitis Treatment Planning: Implant Protocol with Osseodensification and Early Crown Placement - MATHEWS JOURNAL OF VETERINARY SCIENCE -Vol No: 04, Issue 01

Collaboration with leading researchers, human oral surgeons, and biomaterial engineers, gives Dr. Mele opportunity to implement innovative techniques and

materials into his oral surgical protocols for cats and dogs.

Dr. Mele even had the opportunity to spend 8 weeks teaching his skills in Japan. The program Advanced dentistry / Cutting edge oral maxillofacial surgery and reconstruction allowed him to teach over several different clinics advanced dentistry techniques.

Dr. Mele has had the opportunity to be in the forefront of the development of new and innovative bone grafting techniques, materials, and dental implantology. Many of Dr. Mele's techniques discussed in a book he co-authored called Dental Implants for Small Animals which covers all aspects of veterinary dental implants.

In his free time, he enjoys spending time with his wife and family, watching dental surgery videos, and walking his rescue Chihuahua named Ivy.

## Dr. Mary Bryant, DVM

Dr. Mary Bryant moved here from Tucson, Arizona at the beginning of October 2024. She is an associate veterinarian and recently joined the staff at Angels for Animals. Mary followed her mentor, Dr. Rocco Mele, to continue to learn from him and hone her skills in veterinary dentistry. She received her Degree in Veterinary Medicine in 2022 from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in St. Kitts-Nevis.

Dr. Bryant's dream was to become a veterinarian since she was a young child. She volunteered and worked at shelters, zoos, and other hospitals since she was in middle school and carried this knowledge with her into each new and exciting adventure. One of the best things she loves about the veterinary field, is the many avenues that are available to explore. She is excited to put her past experience to use, as well as learn from her new fellow co-workers. This opportunity will allow her to live out her dream and create new adventures at Angels for Animals. She's looking forward to meeting the staff and volunteers at Angels for Animals and the people in our community, and can't wait to provide the best care for your animal companions.

When she is not at work, Dr. Mary loves listening to music, catching up with family and friends, spending time with her dog, and pestering her cat. She has a fondness for movie theatre popcorn, and enjoys heading out for a good movie.





# The Many Hats of Veterinary Technicians

by Kim Smith, Veterinary Technician, Angels for Animals



Angels for Animals is a large busy facility that has many employees. There are so many talented dedicated people that are needed to make this place run smoothly. Veterinary technicians are some of the employees that are critical to our Angel Wing.



Veterinary Technicians work alongside the veterinarians helping to provide quality care for the animals in the Spay and Neuter area and in the Wellness Clinic and Surgery. Veterinary technicians cover many jobs. We are

nurses in the exam room during wellness visits. We draw blood and run all the lab work. Changing hats in a heartbeat, vet techs become radiologists that take and process the radiographs. In the next minute, they are placing an I.V., putting in a catheter and monitoring anesthesia. If your pet needs a dental or a tooth extracted, or vet techs take dental radiographs, and clean and polish teeth. Angels for Animals offers End of Life Care and our veterinary technicians will be by

your side when it is time to say good-bye. When your pet becomes sick, our technicians can prepare your pets medication. Our veterinary technicians are an essential part of our staff and are necessary in all aspects for our veterinarians to provide proper care for your animals, as well as our shelter animals.

We just celebrated our vet techs at Angels for Animals during Veterinary Technicians Week in October. Lunches were supplied by Idexx, Elanco, and Angels for Animals. Dr. Clipse surprised the technicians with some fun baskets of technician-related items.

At this time, we have five registered veterinary technicians at Angels for Animals: Kim Smith, Cylee Barnes, Kelsey Betteridge, Della Aubry Biggey, and Francesca "Frankie" Duponty, with many of our additional assistant employees enrolled in veterinary technician programs. Veterinary technicians are highly trained, college educated professionals that have chosen the rewarding and difficult career of helping those furry friends that do not have a voice. We appreciate our veterinary technicians here at Angels for Animals along with those who assist them to do their jobs.



**I am a...**

- Phlebotomist
- Pharmacist
- Anesthesiologist
- Radiographer**
- Nutritionist
- Behaviorist
- Groomer
- Physical Therapist
- Dental Hygienist
- Coroner
- ER Nurse
- Geriatric Nurse
- Oncology Nurse
- Scrub Nurse

**I am a...**

- Kennel Worker
- Janitor
- Receptionist
- Dog Walker
- Cat Wrangler
- Medical Transcriptionist
- Neonatal Nurse
- Lab Tech

**I am a hug giver and a paw holder.**

**I have a big heart and a tired back.**

**I am an advocate for those without a voice.**

**And I have a will to love and care for all creatures.**

## Vet Tech

If you are currently a Veterinary Technician or are enrolled in a Veterinary Technician program, or thinking about pursuing this as a career, and would like a tour of Angels for Animals contact Diane at 330-502-5352. Applications are also available at [www.angelsforanimals.org](http://www.angelsforanimals.org) or call Robin at 330-549-1111, press #5.

# Resident Cats Wait for Forever Homes

by Sherry Bankey, Cat Manager

What is a "resident" cat? They are any cat over 5 years of age, or in the shelter over 6 months. Some of the cats here currently over 6 months are here for various reasons. Many are kittens who were shy, or just simply haven't met their "person".



**Junie**

Junie has been with us since June 2021. She is a shy cat, (now almost 5 years old), who has taken a long time to feel comfortable with humans. She will need an adopter that is patient and will give her time to know what it is like to be in home after so long in our shelter.

Kabootle has been with us since he was a kitten, (now 3+ years old), and this is all he has ever known. He is an odd fella, who takes time to trust and will allow to be petted if you walk "backward" to him. Cats have



**Kabootle**

quirks, and he sure does! He too will need someone to understand that he will not be comfortable in his new home overnight. He will need extra time, patience and love.

Snip has been with us since March of 2022, one of 3 kittens (both have found homes) that were part of a TNR project. We received

a call that these 3 kittens were too nice and the colony they were found in would not be good for them, so we had them brought to us to find them forever homes.

Snip wants so much attention, but still hasn't quite figured out how to accept allowing a gentle pet. He will dance around you, just out of reach. He adores other cats, and

would do awesome if he had a home with other cats (or even one from his adoption room).

Fleetwood came to us as a kitten in Spring of 2022. He came with littermates, and was the shyest of the group. Once he knows you, he will curl up on his back and just look at you with his big beautiful eyes!



**Snip**

Many shelters are filled with brown tabbies and black cats, as these are the most common color/pattern. Shy ones are overlooked a lot because they just stay at arm length. They don't "catch the eye", or other cats are all about garnering all the attention when potential adopters come to visit. What you see in the shelter is only a small fraction of what is brought to us that need forever homes. Many cats are in foster homes. One shelter visit is a small picture of what cat's personality truly is. Many long term residents have found homes, and we are happy to report that they have blossomed in a home setting!



**Fleetwood**

Many of those adopters have said that they discover new things about them and they are some of the best pets they have ever had. Do cats like them think to themselves, "Wow, I can really be me. I can finally relax and feel safe!"? Committing to a cat or even dog who has been in a rescue/shelter for a long period time not only gives this animal a chance of a better life to be loved, but opens a space in the shelter/rescue for another to be saved also! Always remember, any animal adopted from a shelter needs extra time, love and patience to settle in a home.



# Wishing to Be Home for the Holidays - Long Term Dogs

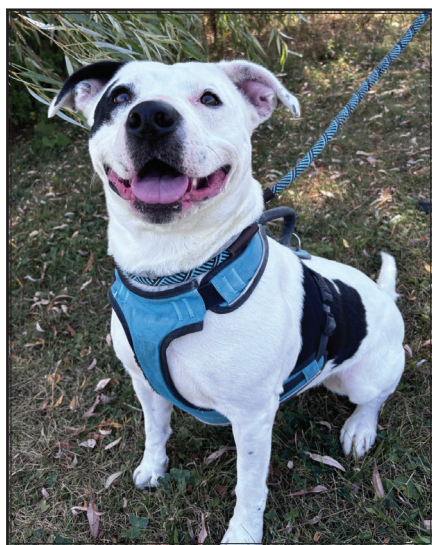
by John Gaut, Dog Manager



We were so happy to see Midas's dream come true! Finally, Midas will spend Christmas with a family of his own. He is a 3-year-old, 60 pound Pit Bull and had been in the shelter since June of 2023.

We recently found a home for Benny.

She is a female, black and white, Lab/Pit mix. She is 3 years old and came to Angels for Animals in December of 2022. She was adopted in February of 2023 and returned to Angels in May of 2024 through no fault of her own. She will finally found a family



Lexi is a 7-year-old female Australian Shepherd mix. She is 56 pounds. Lexi has been at Angels for Animals since February 1, 2024. Lexi also needs to be the only pet in the home and will need to be in a home with older children. Lexi loves to play with toys and go on adventures outside. At Angels for Animals, we call her our doorbell in the shelter wing

to provide her a home for the holidays. Both of these dogs will have a home for the holidays. However, we still have two long term dogs that need a home so that they do not spend another Christmas in the shelter.

because she will let you know when someone is at the doors to the dog kennels.

Jimmy is a 1 year and 7-month-old black Pitbull. He has been at Angels for Animals since

March 13, 2024. He is 63 pounds. Jimmy is a character who loves to play. We haven't found a toy that he doesn't like yet. He also loves to go for walks but on a long walk, he may stop and wait until you give him a treat to continue. It's Jimmy's little game. Jimmy does like other dogs but will need a dog to match his energy. Jimmy can't go to a home with cats though. We hope that this holiday season will not be Jimmy's first in a shelter.

Both Jimmy and Lexi are our long-term dogs, and we would love for them to be in a home for the holidays. We are asking for

the community's help that if you know someone looking for a great dog to please have them fill out a pre-adoption form on the Angels for Animals website and list Jimmy or Lexi as the dog they are interested in. For questions about either of the dogs, our Canine Manager John can be reached at 330-951-9032 during regular business hours.





# Behind the Scenes with Our 2025 Calendar Winners

by Kimberly Moff, Promotion and Marketing Director



Our Angels for Animals' Calendar has become quite popular over the years with individuals encouraging friends, family and others to vote to earn the winning spot on the front page of the calendar. As our contest came to a close for 2025, it became quite evident that several really wanted their furry friend's picture to be in the spotlight. Curious as to what fueled the fire behind the fight to the end, I took the time to visit with the top two vote winners.

Ernie won the contest and was submitted by an Angel's volunteer, Marsha Rozeski, who still continues to dedicate her time to Angels for Animals. Twenty years ago, while helping Diane take care of foster cats in Diane's barn, there was a little orange and white kitten. Marsha told her sister, Lois Pennell, about him and it was love at first sight. He was just six weeks old and very tiny. He remained small even through adulthood. He's had his share of health issues. He was diagnosed with Feline Vestibular Syndrome which lasted for six years of his life. It caused his head to tilt to the side, and he could never walk in a straight line. For more than four years he had a hyperactive thyroid which required medication twice a day. It was quite a challenge to give him pills twice a day. Through all of his issues he has remained loving and sweet. He has had many cat brothers and sisters over the years and has loved them all.

Marsha's family saves all year long for the calendar contest. The entire family saves their money and plans a strategy. The family team consists of their sisters: Lois Pennell (Ernie's mom,) Brenda Carnal, Cathy Shelton, Trudy Cheney; Nieces: Carly Houshour, Erica Harr, Stephanie Shelton, Devan Houshour and her nephew:

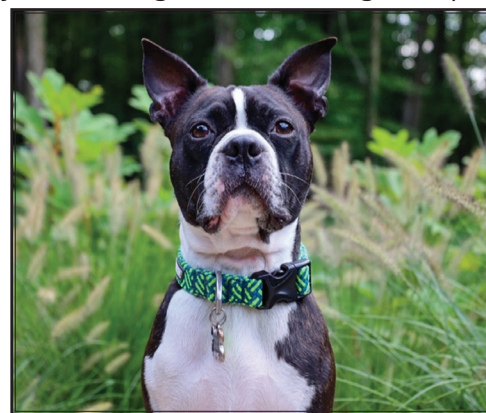
Damon Harr. The nephew, Damon, at age 13 donates his earnings from the family garage sale to spend on the contest. They find this fun, but also rewarding as they all love Angels for Animals. Most of the family have adopted both cats and dogs from Angels for Animals.



**Ernie & Brother - Sam**

However, this year was different. Lois had a special request for her family. You see, Lois was diagnosed with a very serious illness. Her wish was for Ernie to earn his rightful spot on the cover of the 2025 Angels for Animals Calendar. Ernie has been watching over his mom while she has been sick, and now, the cat she rescued 20 years ago has become her "Angel." This dedicated family were determined to make her wish come true and voted relentlessly until the end.

Sergeant Stubby, who came in a very close second place, also has a special story to tell. His dog mom, is Jillian Zidian. She has high functioning autism. She shared her story of searching for a service dog to help with her anxiety. After a search for the right place to find her companion, Jillian found a place called Medical Mutts in Indianapolis, Indiana. Medical Mutts takes



rescue dogs and trains them to be service dogs. Jillian wanted "Stubby" to be on the cover to recognize him for becoming her hero, like his namesake. He was named after a dog who served during World War II that saved countless men during a nighttime gas attack. Jillian also wanted to share awareness of the great work being done at Medical Mutts who matched her with Stubby, providing training and support as he transitioned to be her service dog. All dogs not qualifying as a service dog are also adopted out to families.



# Pets and Obesity

by Kimberly Smith, Veterinary Technician, Angels for Animals

The 2022 US pet obesity prevalence survey found that 61% of cats and 59% of dogs are overweight or obese. This same study notes that 84% of dog owners and 70% of cat owners feel their pets are at a healthy weight. There are so many problems both dogs and cats can have from being overweight.\*

In dogs:

- Decreased quality of life and life expectancy. On average, the lifespan of overweight pets is 2 years shorter and they are predisposed to heart disease and some types of cancer.
- Osteoarthritis is a direct result of excess weight on the joints.
- A weakened immune system, making pets more susceptible to infections.
- Overweight predisposes the development of a tracheal collapse in dogs of small breeds.
- Heart problems. Although dogs are not at risk of the heart diseases that humans are, excess weight can impact their heart rate and increase their risk of high blood pressure.
- Increased risk of disk herniation. This is even more likely in breeds with a predisposition, such as dachshunds.
- Worsening of some diseases such as diabetes, pancreatitis or allergies. Obesity may increase inflammatory processes.



In cats:

- Decreased quality of life and life expectancy, just like dogs.
- Osteoarthritis is a direct result of excess weight on the joints.
- Diabetes. An obese cat may become less sensitive to the effect of insulin and, over time, develop an abnormally high blood sugar level.
- Urinary problems. Obesity has been identified as a risk factor for feline urological syndrome, which causes pain and difficulty urinating in cats who have it.
- Skin problems. Cats which are too fat have difficulty licking some parts of their bodies, especially the base of their backs, to get them really

clean. As a result, we can see an accumulation of dandruff and sometimes knots forming.\*\* These are preventable issues and should not be



ignored. Everyone always says they wish they could have had their pet for longer and in many issues you can have the pet for extra years simply by being a responsible owner and taking charge of your pet's diet and weight. Diet and exercise can really make a huge difference in your pet's life but it is up to you the owner to make a difference.

\*Survey Reveals Pet Owners Don't Recognize Excess Weight, Struggle with Pet Weight Loss, and Give Lots of Dog Treats Executive Summary by Dr. Ernie Ward

\*\* My pet's health by Vetoquinol

# Creativity in Making Donations

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.

## Consider Donating a Portion of Your IRA Required Minimum Distribution

You might be receiving a Required Minimum Distribution from your IRA each year. 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. If your tax consultant determines this is appropriate for your situation, please contact Janet Flynn at 330-716-0697 to make the necessary arrangements.

## Naming Angels for Animals in Your Will

Over the years Angels for Animals has received bequests from long time volunteers, donors and animal lovers. Their names can be seen as you tour the Angel Wing, above doorways and on the exterior of the building. These generous people paved the way for the beginning of the Angel Wing project by committing funds from their estates to be used for specific rooms or buildings. Others designate funds to be used for the specific purpose of spaying/neutering stray dogs and cats. 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.

## Set Up a 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, co-workers and family to make a gift in honor of your birthday directly to Angels for Animals. Instructions for the easy set up are on Facebook and no fees are deducted.

## List an Item on 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.



## 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 330-506-2839. Gift baskets or items are always needed for

the Wine Taste, Reverse Raffle and Garage Sale. Volunteers are available to create a basket for your business or pick up items if you make arrangements ahead of time. Auctions significantly increase the success of these events!

## 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.

## Giving Gifts of Personal 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.

## 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/ritsituation>.

## 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 [www.AngelsforAnimals.org](http://www.AngelsforAnimals.org) and click on the Amazon wishlist button.



## “Warmth & Comfort” Campaign



*The time has come to take a look at the upkeep and maintenance of our entire facility. Our “Warmth and Comfort” Campaign will provide funds to update the heating and cooling system to keep our shelter animals and our staff comfortable. Keeping up with the maintenance on our entire facility is critical to providing a safe and comfortable “temporary home” for the animals that take residence here. Our shelter has provided a temporary home for many homeless, unwanted and abandoned dogs and cats and has been well loved over the years, but its age is beginning to show. The “Warmth and Comfort” Campaign is our pathway to updating the current facility by making critical repairs and improvements needed to keep our shelter and facility safe and comfortable for our staff, volunteers, and animals.*

*Part of our focus is the H-Vac system (heating and cooling system) in the shelter. The roof has developed leaks in several locations. The lighting is outdated. The ceiling is stained and water drips show up here and there. We need to evaluate our original kennels and cages to determine the renovations needed to make our shelter animals more comfortable. We have successfully reached our goal in providing a veterinary service within the Angel Wing to care for shelter animals as well as privately owned pets. Now, as we create a plan for the future, we need to care for what we already have.*

*An efficient heating and cooling system will help us both financially, and with our goal for comfort. Seeking new options for housing will improve our environment for our shelter animals. We need your help to make these necessary renovations.*

*Your donations today will continue our pathway to the future!*

*Go to [www.angelsforanimals.org](http://www.angelsforanimals.org) to donate and make a difference or contact us at 330-549-1111, press #5.*

Sponsor a square foot in 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

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*A shelter has an endless circle of needs, and your support is both appreciated and continually needed to keep our mission alive!*

# Plan a Car Show and They Will Come - Cars, Cats & Canines!

by Sam Flynn

Sunday, October 6th 2024, we hosted the third annual Cars, Cats and Canines Car Show fundraiser to benefit Angels for Animals. Blessed with warm weather and clear skies, over 350 classic, muscle and custom cars lined up at their chance to snag a spot in the shelter



parking lot. 2024's Car Show turned out to be the events biggest turnout yet. With that came some cars left cruising the lot, all spaces full, and a wonderful crowd of hot rod enthusiasts.

The doors to the shelter were open at noon and the community was welcomed in to see the dogs



and cats, shop in the retail area, and learn more about the important mission at work each day at Angels for Animals. Andrews Hall offered food and drinks, including beer, and wine tasting with L'uva Bella Winery. L'uva Bella also donated all of their proceeds to support the event. Across the way, Diane offered tours of the



facility. A big thank you to Dr. Mark and Stephanie McMurray for planning and preparing the food for the event. A few of our Donation Dogs welcomed the spectators to the shelter by heading out to visit the show with their donations vests. They worked the crowd to earn even more money in support of the event. We had a beautiful basket raffle, and live music. DNCEGROUP did a great job keeping our audience entertained and was also the MC for our event.



What a success at raising over \$12,000 at this event. This fundraiser not only raises money for the shelter, it helps to spread awareness of the mission at Angels for Animals. We would like to thank all of the volunteers and companies who donated time, resources, items and energy to help make this event possible.



Without the hardwork and dedication of our event coordinator, Sam Flynn and the Flynn family, we would never be able to plan such a unique event. We would also like to thank #1 Cochran for sponsoring our 2024 Cars, Cats and Canine Car Show! We send a special thank you to each and every individual who chose to spend their day at Cars, Cats & Canines Car Show! THANK YOU for making a difference for every cat and dog at Angels for Animals! Mark your calendar for October 5, 2025!



# Volunteers - The Pillars of Angels

by Diana James, Volunteer Director

Volunteers have been the pillars of Angels for Animals from the very beginning, working with Diane and Polly in the small barn on the farm. Volunteers are the heart of Angels for Animals and through all of their efforts, the vision of this truly amazing shelter became reality.



Everyday our volunteers care for the cats & dogs waiting for their forever homes. They help provide care that includes feeding, watering, washing, sweeping, mopping, laundry, walking dogs and the list goes on. This is a routine that goes on 7 days a week & holidays. There are no days off for the cats & dogs waiting for their new homes.



Volunteers donate 470 hours a month on average working in our cat wing alone. The financial savings to Angels is enormous. Paid staff working in the shelter are minimal for most day-to-day responsibilities in the shelter.



Our funding for the shelter and Angels Wing is based on fundraising. Volunteers are the keys to the success of all of our fundraising events. Without the countless hours volunteers pour into the Garage Sale, Canfield Fair, Cars, Cats and Canine Car Show and donation dogs, Wine Taste, Reverse Raffle, Pancake Breakfast and so much more, Angels would not have become the beautiful facility that it is today. In a day when its hard enough to keep a business staffed with paid employees, Angels is blessed to have a very dedicated group of volunteers who are committed to taking the time to volunteer for the shelter animals.

Time is the most precious thing that each of us can give. We have been lucky enough to have some of our volunteers working with us for the whole 34 years. Some have been with us since the beginning. The impact of this dedication goes beyond measure. To all of our generous volunteers, we send a heartfelt THANK YOU!



*To become an Angels volunteer, contact Diana James at 330-502-3796 or [djames@afa.vet](mailto:djames@afa.vet).*

*We always have volunteer opportunities and are always in need of more volunteers.*



We take pride in our terrific assortment of t-shirts and hoodies and zip up jackets.

A tall, multi-level cat tree with a blue cat face on top. It features various platforms, arches, and a scratching post. The cat tree is made of a grey, textured material, possibly carpet or felt, and has several levels for cats to climb and rest. The blue cat face on top has large eyes and a wide, open mouth. The cat tree is positioned against a light-colored wall.



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!





## Andrews Hall

### The Perfect Rental Facility

Andrews Hall is a beautiful rental facility located right next to our animal shelter at door A. The hall features a spacious dining/hall area that holds 160, full commercial kitchen with refrigerator, ovens and plenty of counter space,



separate bar area with coolers and ice machine, coat room, and restrooms. With your rental comes the use of (30) 6' rectangular tables and chairs. Our hall is perfect for any celebration or family/group gathering including weddings, showers, anniversary parties, graduations, memorial



services, meetings and the list goes on. Weekend rentals are booked for the full day. Events during the week can be scheduled as a half day rental. If you would like more information or inquiring about available dates for Andrews Hall, please call: **Robin at 330-549-1111, Option #5.**

## Fresh Pies All Year Long

Angels for Animals sells pies in our gift shop all year long! Our pies are baked local and ready to enjoy! The types vary from Dutch Apple, Apple, Cherry, Blueberry, Red Raspberry, Pumpkin, Strawberry Rhubarb, Peach, Pecan, and the list goes on! Stop in at Door B and pick up a delicious pie! Once you've had one, you will be back! Pies cost \$13.00.



## Memorial Donations

by Robin Helscel, Angels for Animals Office Manager

Many families request donations to Angels for Animals, in lieu of flowers, when a loved one dies. It is a wonderful, lasting tribute that benefits the shelter in so many ways.

When we receive a memorial donation, the front office will send the donor a thank you letter. They will also send the deceased's loved ones a family letter. They wait about a month to ensure all the people who donated are included in the family letter. The names of donors will be posted on our website at [www.angelsforanimals.org](http://www.angelsforanimals.org).

It is a wonderful, final and loving tribute to those animal lovers who have passed. These donations help our shelter by affording us the resources we need to get our furbabies permanent loving homes.

Memorial bricks are also available for purchase and are placed in our walkway between Andrews Hall and the Angels for Animals Shelter. Brick forms can be found online or you may stop in the shelter office at Door B to complete an order form.



Flowers eventually wither away but a memorial donation to Angels keeps our much needed mission going in our community and beyond.






# Clean Your Attic, Garage or Closet & Earn Money for Angels

by Kimberly Moff, Marketing and Promotions Director

The date for our Annual Antiques, Collectibles and Christmas Sale is just around the corner! Our team of volunteers will be taking donations the week of Thanksgiving, and very quickly turn Andrews Hall into a unique Christmas shopping experience. For the community, this is a perfect opportunity to clean for the holidays and turn your unwanted items into money for Angels! The unique items that find their way to our sale are simply amazing. We appreciate the community support for events like this, as we could not do it without your generous donations.





## ANGELS FOR ANIMALS

### 23rd ANNUAL

#### ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES & CHRISTMAS SALE

4750 West South Range Rd., Canfield Ohio 44406

**SALE DATES**  
**EARLY BIRD**  
FRIDAY, December 6  
5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.  
\$5.00 Early Bird Fee  
Get in the Christmas Spirit with a first viewing and shopping opportunity with refreshments



SATURDAY, December 7  
9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, December 8  
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**DONATIONS**  
Donations will be accepted beginning November 25 - November 30  
Tuesday—Friday, 12:00—6:00  
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
(Closed on Thanksgiving Day)  
FOR LARGE ITEMS OR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT DIANE @ 330-502-5352

**SALE OR DONATIONS ITEMS**  
Antiques & Collectibles including textiles, toys, classic & costume jewelry, primitives, artwork, furniture, pottery, decorative, seasonal and Christmas décor

**FIND THE PERFECT, UNIQUE GIFT OR TREASURE**



Our Christmas Sale is geared more toward specialty items. Christmas items include garland, tree ornaments, home decor, yard ornaments, figurines, nativity sets, lights and more. We also take pride in the beautiful costume and quality jewelry, antiques, and unique items.

What a great way to donate items you no longer use or to find a special gift, and the monies go to make a better Christmas for the animals waiting to find a home! For just \$5, the public can take advantage of the Early Bird Evening on Friday and get the first chance to buy, listen to music, and snack on appetizers and refreshments.

Our Christmas Sale begins with our Early Bird on Friday night, December 6, at 5:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 and continues through at least one additional weekend. Donation dates and times are listed on the flyer.

Pictures with Santa will also be offered December 14, 10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.



## Clean Your Attic, Garage or Closet & Earn Money for Angels (cont.)



proper building and arranging displays so the public can easily see what items are available. The sale opens on Friday and closes Sunday afternoon with a big "all you can carry for one price" sale. During this entire time, volunteers are manning the buildings, helping customers and making it a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. Both events are truly exhausting, but we have a lot of fun too!

Mark your calendars! Donation times are listed for both events below. Because of a limitation on storage space, we can only take donations during these days. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Diana James, 330-502-3796 or [djames@afa.vet](mailto:djames@afa.vet).



The planning of the 2025 Garage Sale will also be underway! From giving just a few hours, to working from the beginning of the collections, to selling every last item, our volunteers are the only way we can handle such an undertaking. Volunteers begin setting up the buildings two weeks before the sale by putting tables and racks into place. The next step in the process is drop off weekend, when our generous community begins bringing donation items to the Canfield Fairgrounds. This requires an army of volunteers to help unload vehicles and begin sorting through the thousands of boxes and bags full of every type of item you can imagine. Countless hours are spent moving items to the



2025 ANGELS FOR ANIMALS 31ST GIGANTIC

# ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

**April 11, 12, 13**

**CASH ONLY**

**AT THE CANFIELD FAIRGROUNDS**

BOOKS, TOYS, SMALL APPLIANCES, ANTIQUES,  
CLOTHING, GLASSWARE, JEWELRY, FURNITURE,  
LINENS, TOOLS, OUTDOOR ITEMS & MORE

**FOOD, BASKET RAFFLE & 50/50 RAFFLE**

**DONATIONS WELCOME**  
April 4 & 5—9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.  
at the Canfield Fairgrounds  
Call Robin at 330-549-1111 Ext. 146 for Large Item Pick Up  
To drop off items, enter the main gate of the  
Canfield Fairgrounds on Route 46 and follow signs.

**NO TV'S, COMPUTERS, SOFA BEDS, SAFES, LUGGAGE  
ENCYCLOPEDIAS, TIRES, CHRISTMAS TREES, BOX SPRINGS,  
OR MATTRESSES, CRIBS, CARSEATS & ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS**

Friday: Early Bird  
9 a.m.—Noon: \$10  
Buildings Open at 9:00 a.m.  
Wristbands on Sale 7 a.m.

Friday: Noon—5 p.m.: \$3

Saturday:  
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: \$3

Sunday  
10 a.m.—2 p.m.: FREE  
Most Items 50% Off

Sunday  
2:15 p.m.—4 p.m.: \$20  
All You Can Take.  
**WRISTBAND REQUIRED**  
Until 4 p.m.

**NO PETS,  
STROLLERS,  
CARTS OR  
WAGONS  
permitted in  
buildings during  
the Garage Sale!**

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FOR MORE INFO OR TO VOLUNTEER

Volunteers needed  
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330-502-3796  
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## Angels for Animals Services

Laricia Animal Adoption Center  
Business Office & Angel Store  
330-549-1111

Dog & Cat Viewing By Pre-Approved Application

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Mitchell Veterinary Clinic

Call to schedule an appointment

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	By Appointment

### Flynn Spay & Neuter Clinic

Call to schedule an appointment

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	By Appointment
Tuesday	By Appointment
Wednesday	By Appointment
Thursday	By Appointment
Friday	By Appointment
Saturday	CLOSED

### Cecil Crematory

Diane Less: 330-502-5352

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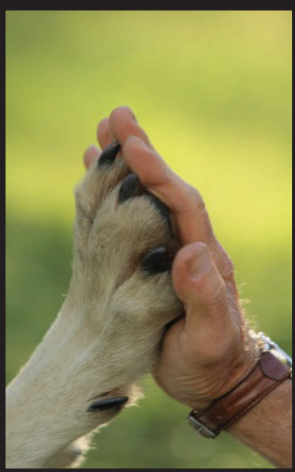
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**IT'S NOT GOOD-BYE. IT'S UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.**

One of the most difficult decisions in owning an animal is deciding when it is time to say good-bye. We have a private entry with spacious quiet rooms for euthanasia. Rooms were designed to give families a comfortable place to say good-bye to their furry friends.



Euthanasia can be one of the last loving gifts you can give to your pet or any animal that is suffering. Angels for Animals believes that no animal should suffer. When the time comes to make the decision for euthanasia, we are here

for you. Our caring staff will assist with your pet's transition to the Rainbow Bridge.

Cremation is one way to keep your pets memory with you. We have our very own onsite crematory. Your pet will be in our care until you come to take them home. We can also assist with decisions regarding providing a final resting place for a forever friend.



Angels for Animals offers a wide selection of urns from metal to ceramic to wooden. We have a variety of memory boxes, some with a place for a picture of your special friend. Stop in and see the beautiful necklaces and bracelets allowing your furry friend to be with you always. Memorial items can be found in the "Sweet Pea" Lariccia Pet Memorial Room (Enter Door C) or in our Angels for Animals Gift Shop (Enter Door B.)

