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State of the Shelter by Diane Less

2023 is nearly over. We have been in the Angel Wing just a little over 3 years. It is so wonderful to have such an awesome facility to help animals. Our community has supported Angels and made this possible.

The plan to have this amazing facility available to our future residents is a good one! Unlike most charities, this one has the capability to "earn" income so it does not have to depend on donations alone. It has been the plan since 1990 when Angels for Animals was founded.

Some of you can remember making pies in the basement of Locust Grove Church. How about the crazy three day garage sales at the CallaMar? Our animal power has relied on man (mostly woman) power. It still does.

Our main struggle is to find staffing. We need doctors, registered veterinary technicians, receptionists, vet assistants and dedicated volunteers. In the past year with the interesting animal situation, we have learned the value of effective adoption managers.

Like our economy, the animal scene is really changing. Angels did a great job educating the public. There are no longer thousands of puppies and kittens born in the general population. The available pets come from very bad situations of hoarding and abuse, and sadly, there are still some very ignorant people out there. Shelters are no longer buried in super adoptable pets. These sad pet situations have always been there at the bottom of the "animal pile." They are just coming to the surface now.

Now that the light has shed on the situations, there are more pets relieved of their lives of suffering. The down side for us is these pets are more difficult to place in homes.

Angels is always going to be here doing all we can to help animals owned and abandoned. The bottom line is having the people who wish to give their time, talent and donations.



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.

Promote your business with an ad in the Marketplace.
Funds help publish the very popular Halo Magazine.
Contact Kimberly Moff at
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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 19th, 20th and 21st at the Canfield Fairgrounds! Mark your calendars and watch for more details at www.angelsforanimals.org



Extraordinary Volunteers

We have many volunteers who make up the fabric of Angels for Animals. Each piece of this stitched together tapestry covers our enormous need for the shelter and fundraising. Each one helps us carry out our mission daily.

Among the volunteers are many extraordinary high school special education student groups & adult daycare groups with special needs that help at our shelter. These groups help with many of the tasks needed to care for our shelter dogs & cats waiting to transfer from our intake center to our adoption floor. Members of these groups have various physical and mental challenges, but have a spirit of joy in helping.

In the fall of 2022, we started with one adult daycare group who asked if we had an opportunity for them to help at the shelter. What this initial group discovered very quickly was that they very much enjoyed helping. This group wanted to make their one-time visit a regular visit each week. This fall our one group has grown to seven that help at the shelter and with some of our off-site fundraising events.

This collaboration has turned into a win/win for Angels and these special volunteers living in our communities. Having a sense of purpose, pride and contribution is rewarding for all, knowing they made a difference in an animal's life. There are no limitations to the love that dogs & cats give, and there are no limitations to the joy these volunteers get from giving back and lending a helping hand.

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Looking For The Great Holiday Gift?

Pick up the ANGELS FOR ANIMALS 2024 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 2025 calendar contest? After April 14, 2024 go to www.angelsforanimals.org and find the link for the calendar contest. Your photos can be submitted from April 14, 2025 to September 15, 2025. We look forward to seeing your best photos of your furry friends!

Billie and Ollie, owned by Devan Houshour, was the winner of the 2024 Photo Contest with over 1,800 votes. A big thank you to all participants for submitting photos and voting!





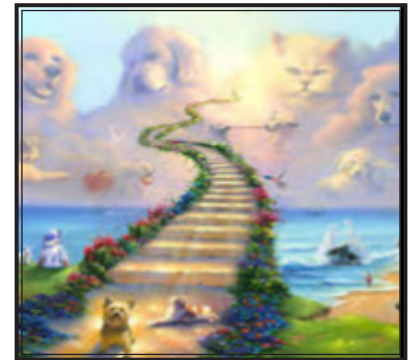
Angels for Animals Offers Comfort and Privacy When It Is Time to Say Good-Bye by Kimberly Moff

One of the most difficult decisions of owning an animal is deciding when it is time to say good-bye. Angels for Animals offers both Euthanasia and Cremation at an affordable price. Euthanasia can be one of the

last loving gifts you can give to your pet or any animal that is suffering. We offer a private entry into the Angel Wing with individual, spacious, quiet rooms that are designed to give

Animals has their very own cremation facility. Angels offers private and affordable cremation services. We offer a variety of options to cater to your wishes to honor the life of your pet. Owners may also request paw prints as a special remembrance of your furry friend.

We offer a variety of beautiful urns, boxes, and memorial keepsakes to provide a final resting place for a forever friend.



families a comfortable place to say good-bye to their furry friends. 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 pet's memory with you. Angels for



Decorative urns are offered in materials from metal to ceramic to wood. We have a selection of memory boxes, some with a place for a picture of your special friend. Stop in and see the beautiful necklaces, bracelets and key chains, allowing your furry friend to be with you always. Memorial items can be found in the "Sweet Pea" Larricia Pet Memorial Room or in our Angels for Animals Gift Shop.

Meet Our Resident Heroes - Our Veterinarians

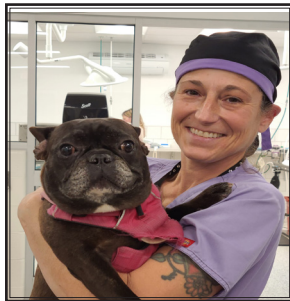
Dr. Jennifer Kotouch

Dr. Jennifer Kotouch is a graduate from The Ohio State University Veterinary College. She is our shelter veterinarian, and has worked with Angels for Animals since 2018. She has the important job of helping every animal that is brought into the shelter. When at home, she relaxes with Zumba and her "zoo" of 5 cats, 4 dogs, 3 goats, and 1 pig.



Dr. Parker DeWitt

Dr. Parker is a veterinarian in our spay and neuter facility. She is a graduate of The Ohio State University Veterinary College. She spays and neuters approximately 125

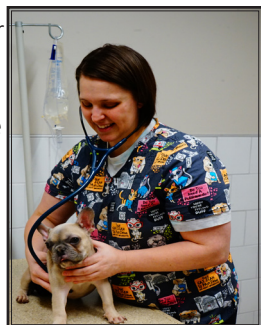


animals per week. What an awesome contribution to controlling the pet population. When not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, French Bulldogs and gardening.



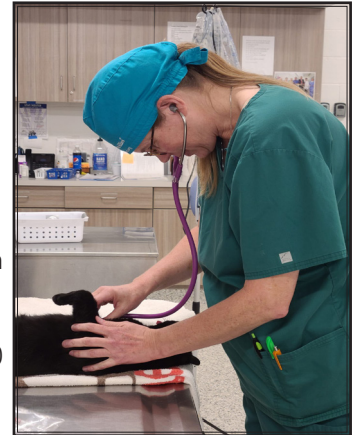
Dr. Jennifer Clipse

Dr. Clipse is a native of the Mahoning Valley and graduated in 2016 from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She worked for a local veterinary clinic until 2020 when she joined our amazing team at Angels for Animals. She is a wife and mother of two boys. She is also a pet mom to four dogs, chickens and ducks. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family, and is a member of a few bowling leagues.



Dr. Lynne Cooper

Dr. Lynne Cooper works in our spay and neuter facility. She graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Veterinary Medicine. She then received her Masters Degree in Pharmacology. She has been a teacher in veterinary technology programs for 8 years. After teaching, she became involved with a shelter in Pennsylvania where her interest in high volume spay and neuter began. She was in a private practice for a short time but returned to setting up spay and neuter programs focusing on cats in Pennsylvania.



Dr. Cooper has been with Angels for Animals for 4 years, and spays and neuters approximately 80 to 90 cats per week. She likes that she is making a difference in helping control the stray cat population. When not at work, she enjoys reading and spending time with her family and pets.

Dr. Mike Sabihi

Dr. Mike Sabihi is a veterinarian with over 40 years of experience in companion animals medicine, farm animals, shelter medicine, food safety and academia. He has been a resident of Ohio for over 44 years and enjoys this great state.

He has lectured students and performed research at OSU. Currently, he is a veterinarian at Angels For Animals and is the Director of the Veterinary Technician Program at Eastern Gateway Community College teaching veterinary technician classes

His passion is companion animals, so Angels for Animals provides a great opportunity for him to continue his work and provide the best care for his clients and their loved animals.



Mary - The Shelter Diva

by Sherry Bankey, Cat Manager



Mary came to us April 14, 2021 with her 5 babies. Mary and her babies had upper respiratory issues and needed medical treatment. Mary's eyes were the worst of the group. Both of her eyes have a corneal haze that for the most part does not affect her vision at this time, and may not in the future. They all went to foster to heal and for the kittens to get socialized and to grow big enough to be spayed/neutered.

All of Mary's kittens were adopted quickly. Mary found herself back at the



shelter and made no qualms about not liking other cats, which resulted in spending time in a cage. We decided to bring her into our office, where we usually keep declawed cats who come to us looking for forever homes. Mary decided she was boss of the area from day one. She has her claws, but "shared" her space with any cat in the office as best a diva can. Mary is quite a character! She loves to run out and into retail on occasion, making us chase her. Then we say "Mary go to your room" and she will run as fast as she can back! She also has a funny quirk with her back foot. Mary will roll on her side, kick herself in the face with it, stare at it, then "fight" with her own foot! It is quite funny and you can see her in rare form on our Tik Tok! She is not for everyone. Mary can be moody, and bitey at times. She needs a home with someone who will like a "crazy" cat with bursts of "I can be a jerk" at times. Mary has been at Angels for Animals for almost 3 years. We hope she will find that perfect person who will love her for all her quirky personalities!

All of our long-term residents, like Mary, deserve a forever home, and the longer they stay in shelter life, the harder the adjustment becomes. If you consider adopting, don't forget about those momma cats, those cats that have been abandoned, and those cats that may not be a kitten. They still deserve loving, forever homes.

Winter Weather is Coming - Cold Weather Safety Tips for Pets

by Kimberly Smith, Veterinary Technician, Angels for Animals

Most of us are aware that there are risks and dangers associated with summer and warm weather. Wintertime and cold weather have risks that pet owners should be aware of as well. Wellness care is a concern. Are they up to date on vaccines and preventative medications? Extreme weather conditions both hot or cold can be a stressor on a pet so making sure they are healthy is a great idea. Always have your veterinary clinic and an emergency vet phone numbers available in case they are needed. Make sure you have an adequate supply of your pet's medications in case the weather is bad and you are unable to get to the vet. Prepare an emergency kit, and include your pet in your plans. Have enough food, water and medicine (including any prescription medications as well as heartworm and flea/tick preventives) on hand to get through at least 5 days.

Your pet's tolerance to the cold may vary based on age, body condition and health status. Older or elderly pets may have lower tolerance to the cold due to arthritis, and some diseases interfere with your pet's ability to regulate their temperature well. Short legged animals may need snow removal in an area of the yard to make bathroom time outside easier. Animals can get slip-and-fall injuries just like we do, so watch for ice.

If weather becomes extreme, stay inside. Pets can be susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia just like people, and should not be exposed to freezing temperature for long periods. Some dogs were bred for colder environments, but even they should not be left outside in freezing weather for long periods.



Before starting your vehicle make some noise. Knock on the fenders and the hood of your car before starting it. Small animals, and cats, especially, like to get up in the warm engine compartment to stay warm if outside in the cold weather. Making some noise will get them out of harm's way before you start the car and injure or potentially kill a small animal. Make sure to check pet's feet when



they come inside. Ice can collect between the toes of long haired animals and cause lameness and pain. If they were in an area that has ice melt or salt wash the feet with warm water and pat dry. Pets may lick these substances and it can cause GI upset or make them very ill. There are pet friendly alternatives for ice melt so try to use those around your home. Antifreeze is sweet tasting and pets may lick it. Antifreeze can cause kidney damage and possible death if ingested. Make sure to clean up antifreeze spills well. With a little planning you and your pet can enjoy a great winter season.



Cars, Cats & Canines - Great Cars, Great Food, Great Fun!

by Kate Flynn

Sunday, September 17th, 2023, we hosted the second annual Cars, Cats and Canines Car Show fundraiser to benefit Angels for Animals. The morning started off with our first show car arriving at 7:30 a.m., followed by chilly morning air and quite a bit of rain. We chose to be



optimistic and pray the weather would pass, and it did! As the cars started rolling in, so did the sunshine and



the day quickly turned into a beautiful one. The doors to the shelter were open, 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. The crowd had more than enough to occupy their day with the Angel Wing tours, face painting, beer, wine, shopping, eating, and learning so much about the shelter. A few of the dogs welcomed the spectators to the shelter by heading out to visit the show with their



“adopt me” leashes and bandanas, and giving lots of kisses to the people. As people made their way through the shelter, the rooms of the cat wing were filled with friendly faces! It truly turned out to be a wonderful day! We couldn’t have made it happen without our animal loving community! The total amount raised for Angels for



Animals was \$8,000. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers and companies who donated time, resources, and energy to help make this event

possible. It was a lot of work and without these special volunteers, this event would not have gone off without a hitch! A special thank



you to Dr. Mark and Stephanie McMurray for the planning and preparing the food for the event.

To each and every individual who chose to spend their day at Cars, Cats & Canines THANK YOU for making

a difference for every cat and dog at Angels for Animals! We look forward to a bigger and better event next year!

Donation Dogs Make a Difference

by Diana James

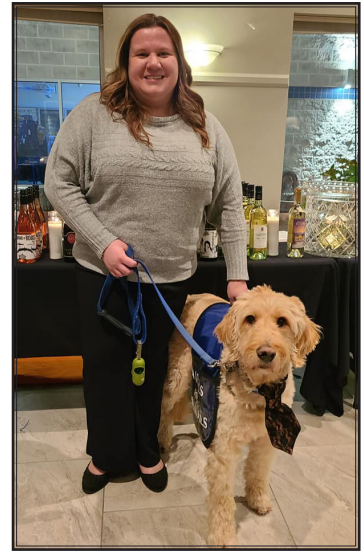
Who doesn't love to be greeted by a wagging tail and a smiling puppy face, with a chance to give a special touch to a furry friend. Do you have a furry friend who loves to be around people? Who wouldn't love to spend the day with their favorite pet helping to earn funds for animals who aren't



as fortunate to have their own home or someone to love. Our donation dog program offers a volunteer opportunity for individuals to bring their companion animal and join in the fun at our events, fundraising efforts and programs.



To become a donation dog volunteer all you need is a dog (or an approved companion animal) that is well socialized and friendly with other dogs and people. We will fit your dog (pet) with a donation vest and you and your special furry friend then visit with the public and ask for help for our shelter animals. It is a fun way to help the shelter and have a great time with your furry friend.



At the Canfield Fair in 2023 donation dogs brought in almost \$13,000 in 6 days! Your participation in this volunteer opportunity can make a big impact on our fundraising efforts. To those that are already in the Donation Dog Program (or have brought their goats or other companion animals,) we send out a BIG THANK YOU! This is one of our key fundraisers for Angels.



To become an Angels volunteer, contact Diana James at 330-502-3796 or djames@afa.vet. We always have volunteer opportunities and are always in need of more volunteers.

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

If you are 73, 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.

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.

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>,

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!

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 and click on the Amazon wishlist button.

Celebrate the Angel Wing

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. For years, she has worked so hard to maintain this beautiful facility. With the need for more room and a better place to provide veterinary care for our shelter animals, the "Angel Wing" soon became a dream, and then a plan. Our staff and so many dedicated volunteers worked endlessly over the years to make this dream a reality, and WE DID IT!

We are excited to announce that with all of the dedication from the community, volunteers, donations, fundraisers, and Diane's relentless pleas for help, we have successfully met our financial obligations in our Angel Wing Campaign! I will never forget tagging along on a tour of the Angel Wing. As we took the tour of the Angel Wing, all was said in the eyes of a child who asked Diane: "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 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.

Now, the time has come to take a look at the upkeep and maintenance of our entire facility. Our new focus is the H-Vac system in the shelter. 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. A shelter has an endless circle of needs, and your support is both appreciated and continually needed to keep our mission alive!

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

- now
- monthly in payments of \$_____.
- quarterly in payments of \$_____.

NAME _____

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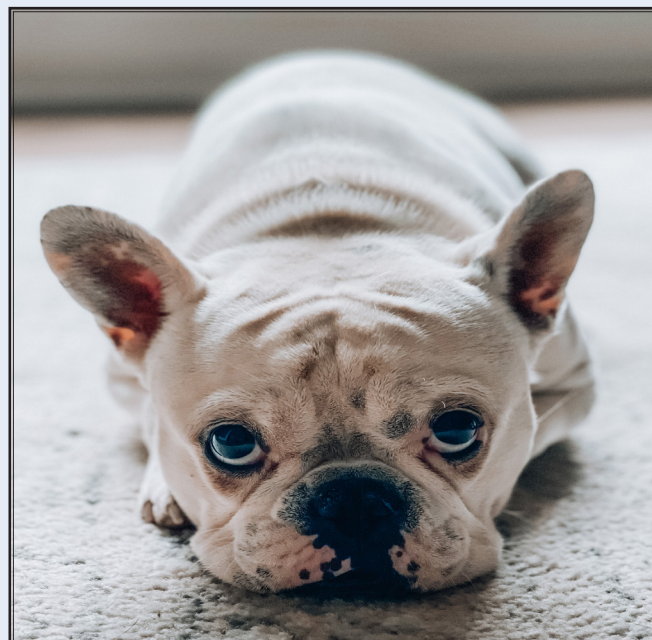
Credit card (info below) Check (enclosed)

CREDIT CARD# _____

EXPIRES _____

For questions, call 330.502.5352.

All donations are tax-deductible.



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Shopping at Angels by Kate Haplea

Here at Angels for Animals, we have a wonderful retail department filled with all kinds of goodies for your pets as well as yourself! Enter Door B Monday thru



Friday, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. 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, catnips, cat carriers, collars and leashes.

Pet odor eliminating candles and air fresheners are available to help make your house smell lovely.

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 accidents.



We have a terrific assortment of t-shirts and hoodies, and special occasion cards available. Volunteers make blankets, scarfs, gloves, necklaces, earrings, catnip sticks and more! We have even expanded to an online store on our website. 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 in the new Angel Wing with dog and cat items to the left of the front desk as well as in the Spay and Neuter lobby



for your convenience. 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!



Angels Gift Shop Takes A Creative Spin by Robin Helscel

Angels Gift Shop is well-kept secret. We have customers that have visited for years and not realized that just inside Door B is a dog and cat lovers paradise. We offer pets supplies, clothing, knick



knacks and more, which are all highlighted in the Gift Shop article in this magazine. However, we've decided to take a creative spin in our store. We are seeking donated artisanal items from local artists.

This new feature will offer local artists a chance to promote their artwork and give back to the community. A win/win for both! We will accept an item or two from any media: clay, fiber arts, framed photography, glass, painting, and/or metalsmithing to name a few. We will also have some unusual collectibles and antique items to make it even more interesting! These donations would be tax deductible, and they directly help our furbabies while they are here waiting for their forever homes. For more information, please call Robin at 330-549-1111 x-146.



The Fall Shed by Diane Less

Fall is a time of change. Fall changes to Winter. The leaves change color and fall from the trees. With the holiday around the corner, Fall can become a very stressful time. Even without the extra expense of the holidays, in our current economy, everyday costs are out of control. Prices on essentials such as medical expenses, food, utilities and fuel have skyrocketed. Pets have quickly become a luxury, and for many, unaffordable.



Here at Angels for Animals, we believe pets are family. They should not be considered expendable. In the Fall, some people feel they need to "shed" the family pet. "Get rid of" is a statement that makes me cringe. Although "dumping" your family pet at a shelter is unethical, it is not illegal. So many of the "shedders" are the ones who dampen the headway shelters make in placing animals into homes.

Saving abandoned or surrendered animals is also expensive. A shelter takes on all of the costs of these animals. The cost of the "shed" is passed on to the shelter that is already burdened with the expense of taking care of stray animals. To make matters worse, donations coming into the shelter are down. Although times are hard, animals still need our help. Strays need to be trapped and brought in from the cold and then spayed or neutered.

The "Feline Fix Fest" is your opportunity to make things better in 2024. This program has a goal to spay or neuter 3,000 cats for \$20.00 each in January and February. These cats would have babies in March otherwise. Each cat can produce 30 offspring in one season if not fixed. You can "sponsor" one cat for \$40.00 which will cover our cost. If you sponsor 5 cats for \$200.00, you'll also receive our 2024 "Feline Fix Fest" t-shirt!!

Stop the Shed-"Fix" instead!! More information on the "Feline Fix Fest" can be found on the back cover of this Halo will be posted on our website,

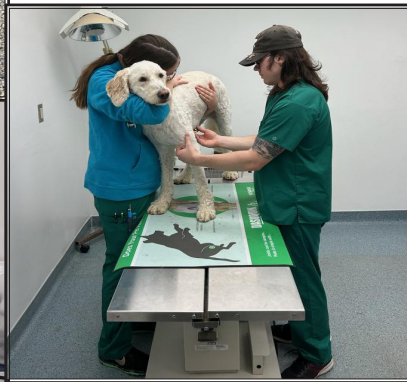
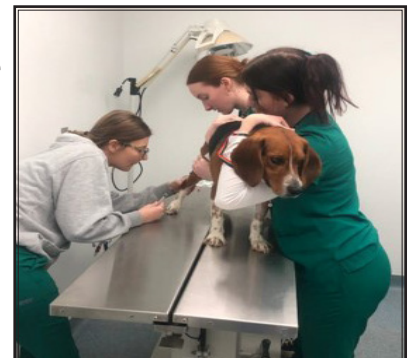
Angels For Animals Partners in Veterinary Technician Program with Eastern Gateway Community College by Stacy Pierce



Eastern Gateway Community College partners with Angels for Animals in the education of future Veterinary Technicians. Students have the opportunity to experience hands-on, on-site education while learning to do what they love. Angels for Animals offers a dedicated classroom, lab, and surgery area for on-site classes.



"We share the hope that with this program, we will train the technicians needed during the current shortage of veterinary professionals, to ensure our pets receive the care and treatment they deserve."
Stacy Pierce



For more information regarding the Eastern Gateway Program, contact Stacy at Scpierce@egcc.edu



Angels Website - A New Look

by Kimberly Moff

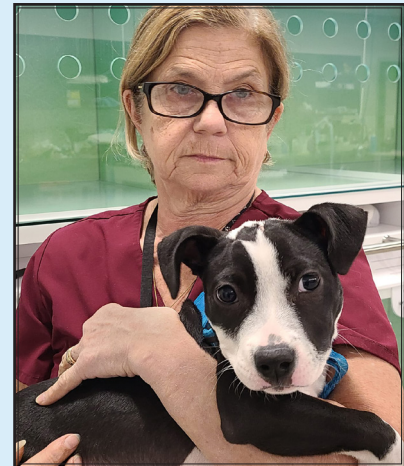
Now that we have created a new website for Angels for Animals, we will be streamlining our home page to help make finding information a little easier. This new layout should be easier to read on your cell phone and allow you to find information with a click of the button. The website will remain available until a new look is created. We will be using more interactive buttons, that once you click on them, they will automatically take you to the page where you will find information on specific topics.

Donations forms and/or buying event tickets can be handled by simply clicking the buttons on any page of the website which will take you to the necessary form with payment options. Watch for our new look in 2024! To find more information visit www.AngelsforAnimals.org.

Benefits to Sedated Grooming

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 trims, 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 up 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 330-651-4666.

Angels for Animals Takes The Spotlight in WRTA Holiday Light Campaign

by George Beaver

This holiday season, Western Reserve Transit Authority once again held their Holiday Lights Campaign which puts the spotlight on organizations that Light Up the Mahoning Valley all year long. Organizations had to be nominated by the community to be considered for this award. Twelve Mahoning County organizations were chosen from the nominees.

We are proud to announce that Angels for Animals was recognized as one of these organizations! Congratulations to the staff, volunteers, and community who continue to work for our mission. We cannot do what we do without all of you! Let's continue to "Light Up" our community!



Angels for Animals Gigantic Annual Garage Sale

Hardwork But Great Fun by Diana James & Kimberly Moff

Spring just begins to fill the air and spring cleaning begins in most households. Why not pack up those boxes and bags and bring those items to the Angels



for Animals Annual Gigantic Garage Sale. Out with the old and in with the new! Definitely a win-win situation for both the person wanting to clean some things out and Angels for



Animals, who could use these items to sell for funds to help the animals in the shelter.

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Please see a volunteer or staff member for any questions you may have. Thank you for your business!

In 2023 we filled seven buildings at the Canfield Fairgrounds with items donated from the community. By far, this is one of our biggest fundraisers. The scale of this event is absolutely amazing. Hundreds of volunteers spend hundreds of hours to make this three day sale possible. We have a wide range of volunteers from seniors to older youth. We have volunteers from high school groups including Key Club, (continued on next page)



Angels for Animals Annual Gigantic Garage Sale (continued)

National Honor Society, special education groups, athletic groups, and 4-H, Boy Scouts, other community youth organizations, and college



students. Every volunteer plays an essential part in making this event run very smoothly.

Preparation for the Garage Sale starts in January with meetings to plan how each detail will be handled at this enormous event. 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 2 weeks before the sale 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 could imagine. Countless hours are spent moving items to the proper building and arranging displays so the public can easily see what items are available. There are so many generous businesses who contribute to this whole effort.



We have had moving companies that have volunteered to pick up furniture and other larger items. Other donors have come forward to make lunch for our hardworking volunteers during our marathon work days. 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. This event is truly exhausting but we have a lot of fun too!

Garage sale 2023 was our most successful sale ever making \$225,000! Volunteers are the key to the success of this event!



If this sounds like an event you would love to help with, please contact Diana James 330-502-3796 or djames@afa.vet.

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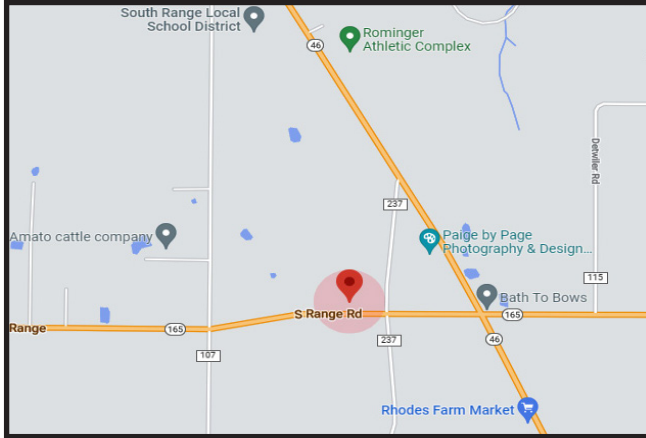
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