

Shelter hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Our foster cats and kittens can also be seen at the following locations:

Petco adoption center, Talmadge and Monroe, daily during regular store hours; and **Pet Supplies "Plus"** stores in the Toledo area every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For current adoption showing information, check the Toledo Blade classifieds every Friday and Saturday.

Visit Us Online:
www.maumeevalleysaveapet.org

Phone: 419-537-9663

e-mail: mvsap@att.net

If you are moving, please send your new address to:
Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet
5250 Hill Ave.
Toledo, OH 43615

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet is a member of Community Shares of Northwest Ohio and the Better Business Bureau.

Help Save a Life - Become a Member.

YES! Here is my tax-deductible donation.



Precious Angel: \$100

Patron: \$50 Supporting: \$35

Family: \$25 Individual: \$15

Senior: \$10 Other: \$ _____

I AM PAYING BY:

Cash Check Money Order

Note: Use this form for new memberships only. Current members will receive a renewal notice prior to their membership expiration date.

Name: _____

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City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

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President's Message

- Our newsletter will now be sent every other month.
- Membership cards will no longer be routinely mailed. If you desire one, you are welcome to call the shelter and request one be sent to you.

The above measures are an effort to be environmentally friendly and reduce any paper usage we can.

Thank you for your understanding!

Lori Friedes, President

Two Ways to Plant Your Spring Garden and Help Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet
Schneider Landscaping Offers A Percentage of May Plant Sales to Us!

Our 2011 Paws for Plants Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st from noon to 4pm at our shelter at 5250 Hill Avenue. We'll have a variety of annual and perennial plants, flowers and herbs, springy crafts and garden items, as well as a bake sale.

If you have plants, crafts, or items to sell that you'd like to donate or if you'd like to donate baked goods for our bake sale, please call the shelter at 419-537-9663.

And if you don't find that perfect plant at our sale, we're excited and grateful to announce that again this year, Schneider Landscaping/Garden Center is donating 10% of purchases to Save-A-Pet during the month of May when you present the certificate enclosed with this newsletter at the time of purchase. Have friends and family who want to shop? Feel free to copy the letter for them. Owner Ron Schneider continues to be a great supporter of Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet so let's show our appreciation by shopping locally from his beautiful, healthy selection of 1000's of annuals, perennials, herbs, hanging baskets, shrubs and evergreens. The prices are great and the quality is unbeatable! And you may see one of the resident greenhouse cats while you're there! Schneider Greenhouse is located at 841 N. Westwood, 1 block south of Dorr St., 1 minute from the University of Toledo.



Mark your calendar:

May 11 - MVSAP monthly meeting

May 20 - Carruth order deadline

May 21 - Paws for Plants Sale

June 8 - MVSAP monthly meeting

Last Call for Carruth

The deadline is fast approaching to order Carruth items to benefit Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet. As always, MVSAP receives 40% of all sales!

You can choose items from a brand-new catalog available at our shelter or by going on our website and looking at the items for sale.

The deadline for ordering is **May 20th**. To place an order or for more information, please call 419-474-0417 and leave a message.

NOTICE — MVSAP Meeting Topic


There will be a vote on the MVSAP bylaw revisions at the May 11th meeting.

Meetings are held at our shelter at 5250 Hill Ave., Toledo, Ohio 43615 at 7:00 p.m. the second Wednesday of the month.

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Donations-Memorials

Membership Renewals:

Mike and Sandi Sesock
 Cathy Connell
 Dawn Kurtz
 Marilee Brown
 Diane Denis
 Shari Gorski
 Renate Graubart
 Leslie Barnhart
 Brenda Brady
 Lynn Smith
 Rick Cashman
 Patricia and David Miller
 Paige Price
 Ruth Waniewski
 Gerald and Debbie Allgire
 Barbara E. Schrader Stein
 Dennis and Dianna Schroeder
 Richard and Penelope Reder
 Robert Keel
 William Heck
 Crystal Acain
 Bill and Janice Ferguson
 Marion Deck
 Karen Rothman
 Nancy Mitchell

New Members:

Christine and Frank Cucciarre
 Joan Baranek
 Michelle Zepp

Donations:

Ron and Thea Kendrick
 Darla Koepke
 Rachel Janney
 James Liptack
 Audrey and Michael Sherman
 Jennifer Staley (dryer fund)
 Joanne Vick
 Pam Krisher
 Barbara Hendriksen
 John and Carol Schade
 Susan DeGroff
 Sears Outlet Mall
 Jill Falls (dryer fund)
 June Remley
 Theresa Bohland
 Michael and Audrey Sherman
 Beverly Hall
 Crystal Acain (for kitty food)
 James Liptack
 Tamara Lamont
 Ann Marie Poisguy
 Olivia O'Connell
 Janelle Smith
 Carolyn McCormick
 Bette Woolley

Dolores Gramza
 John and Carol Schade
 Patsy and Don Albright
 Annette Thornton
 Bunny and Alan Ashby
 Cyril and Carol Yonov
 Mary Treenon
 Birch Haven Kennel canister
 Walt Churchill's Market canister
 In Touch Therapy canister
 Let the Fur Fly canister
 Luckey Farmers canister
 Petco canister
 Pet Finatics canister
 Pet Supplies Plus canister
 Riviera Salon canister
 Sears Outlet canister
 That Special Woman canister
 The Villager canister
 Vito's Pizza canister
 Lee Williams House of Meats canister

Dog and Cat Food and Supplies/Misc. Supplies:

Gary and Joan Parker - cat food
 Barb and Larry DeVries - cat food
 Ann Meier - pet bed, litter pans, food, scoops, cat tree, litter
 Yvonne Hengy - stamps
 Iams - cat and dog food
 Pet Finatics - dog treats, food, collars
 Jean Sonnenberg - recliner
 Dave and Denise Robison-Hurd - couch
 Beth Owens - cat tower
 Melissa Jeter - dog food and treats
 Pet Supplies "Plus" (Perrysburg) - cat food, auction donation
 Pet Supplies "Plus" (Talmadge) - kitten milk replacer
 Barb Apanaitis - cat food

100 Lives Holiday Letter:

Steven Marcus
 Janet and Stanley Fuller
 Richard and Penelope Reder
 Jacob and Cynthia Friedes
 Rachel Varkoly

Spay/Neuter Fund:

Christopher Simonds
 Mrs. N.C. Rochte

Misty's Second Chance Fund:

Marian Culver

Antique Mall Donation:

Bev Wright
 Mary Miller
 Loraine Thompson

In Honor Of:

Dr. Amy Beth Taublieb in honor of Matza Taublieb's 2nd birthday and Sweet Pea Taublieb's 18th Hatch Day

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You Can Help Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet ...

... By Volunteering

MVSAP is looking for volunteers to help our foster and shelter cats and kittens at the adoption center in the Petco store at Monroe and Talmadge. Volunteers spend an hour a week filling food and water bowls, cleaning litter boxes, wiping down the cubicles (all supplies are provided by Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet), grooming and playing with the cats and kittens.

We also need volunteers to assist our foster moms with setting up and taking down tables and cages at our weekend adoption showings.

If you are interested in helping or would like more information, please call Cindy at 419-340-6998.

... By Going Online and Shopping

Search and shop online and raise money for Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet to help our dogs and cats!

Just type in **www.goodsearch.com** and enter Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet in the "Who Do You Goodsearch For" box. Each time you search, money is generated for MVSAP.

And while you're online, go shopping and make even more money for our cats and dogs! Go to **www.goodshop.com** or **www.igive.com**, and type in "Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet". When you shop at one of more than 1,000 participating stores (from Amazon to Zazzle!), MVSAP will earn a percentage of the purchase price – at no cost to you!

... By Donating to a Special Fund

- **The Honey Fund** - Encourages adoption of older cats and dogs through a reduced adoption fee.
- **Misty's Second Chance Fund** - Provides for unusual veterinary expenses for cats and dogs taken into our foster homes and shelter.
- **Spay/Neuter Fund** - In January and February, Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet approved the spaying/neutering of 37 feral, stray or low-income-owned cats and seven low-income-owned dogs, paid for with grant money and donations earmarked for the spay/neuter program.
- **Vet-a-Pet Fund** - Provides veterinary care to the animals of financially challenged members of the public.

Be sure to indicate on the "memo" line of your check to which fund you are contributing, and mail to Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet, 5250 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH 43615.



... By Recycling

Don't know what to do with the empty ink and toner cartridges from your printer? Don't trash them ... donate them to Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet! We take them to a local office supply store to be recycled, and we receive store credit to purchase office supplies, such as mailing labels and stationery (so more of your donations can go to help our foster and shelter cats and dogs).

All brands and sizes of cartridges are accepted.

Take the cartridges to one of our adoption showings or to our shelter. Turn your trash into cash for MVSAP!

... By Buying an Item from Our Wish List

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet foster homes and shelter are always in need of supplies to keep their cats and dogs happy, healthy and well-fed. Here are some of the items on their wish list:

- dry or canned cat and kitten food
- dry or canned dog and puppy food
- clumping cat litter
- pet dishes/bowls (stainless steel, glass, ceramic)
- kitten/puppy milk replacer, nursing bottles
- gift cards to Pet Supplies Plus, Petco, or The Andersons, gas cards
- small and medium pet carriers
- fleece or wool blankets (new or gently used)
- pet beds
- toys for kittens and puppies
- collars and leashes
- paper towels
- liquid laundry detergent
- fabric softener sheets (not liquid)
- dish soap
- hand sanitizer
- Clorox wipes

Other items needed:

- postage stamps (for membership renewals, etc.)
- copy paper (8-1/2 x 11)
- pens

We will gratefully accept your donations at our monthly meetings, any adoption showing, or at our shelter. We appreciate your generosity!

... By Going Krogering

By your participation in the Kroger Community Rewards Program, MVSAP receives a portion of your purchase total. Go to krogercommunityrewards.com, click on Ohio (or Michigan), then click on Re-Enroll, or Sign-Up if you're a new participant. You'll need an email account which is offered free of charge by websites like yahoo and gmail.

Donation Canister Locations

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet would like to thank the following for letting us place donation canisters in their businesses:

Birch Haven Kennel & Grooming

birchhavenkennels.com
734-856-PETS (7387)
5277 Section Rd., Ottawa Lake, Michigan

Walt Churchill's Market

waltchurchillsmarket.com
419-794-4000
3320 Briarfield Blvd., Maumee

Walt Churchill's Market

waltchurchillsmarket.com
419-872-6900
26625 Dixie Hwy., Perrysburg

In Touch Therapy Center (massage therapists)

intouchtherapycenter.com
419-475-2440
4354 Monroe St. (near Cheltenham), west Toledo

Lee Williams House of Meats

houseofmeats.com
419-698-2731
2521 Starr Ave., east Toledo

Let the Fur Fly Pet Salon

419-578-7301
2423 N. Reynolds Rd. (between Central and Bancroft), south Toledo

Luckey Farmers

luckeyfarmers.com
419-874-3525
11330 Avenue Rd., Perrysburg

Pet Finatics

419-724-2277
3150 Navarre Ave. (near McDonald's), Oregon

Petco

petco.com
419-472-3810
Talmadge and Monroe, next to Toys R Us

Pet Supplies "Plus"

petsuppliesplus.com
419-472-5505
4115 Talmadge Rd., across from Franklin Park Mall

Riviera Salon

419-260-1591
1519 Eleanor Ave., west Toledo

That Special Woman (mastectomy and chemotherapy boutique)

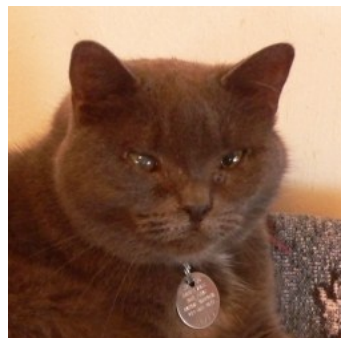
thatspecialwoman.net
419-536-6206
2461 N. Reynolds Rd., south Toledo

The Villager Beauty Salon

419-878-6686
29 S. Third St., Waterville

Vito's Pizza

vitos.com
419-729-5353
5145 Summit St., Point Place



Piazza



Lizzie



Muffin



Petunia

Meeting Dates and Times

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet holds its monthly meetings at our shelter at 5250 Hill Ave. (west of Reynolds behind the UT/MCO Credit Union) at 7:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for our upcoming meetings:

Wednesday, May 11, 2011

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

Maumee Valley Save-A-Pet Officers:

President - Lori Friedes
Vice President - Janet O'Brien
Treasurer - Marlene Rex
Secretary - Carol Furfaro



Quote of the Month

There are two means of refuge from the misery of life - music and cats.

-- Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Donations/Memorials (continued from Page 2)

In Memory Of:

Sue & Mike Cray in memory of Bev Wright and Wendy Hipp
Gale Bishop in memory of Bev Wright and Wendy Hipp
Cindy Findlay in memory of Wendy Hipp
Marlene Rex in memory of Wendy Hipp
Sandy Pass in memory of Wendy Hipp
Rick and Carol Hudson in memory of Wendy Hipp
Susan Sebo in memory of Wendy Hipp
Shirley Mayer in memory of Wendy Hipp
Barbara and Larry DeVries in memory of Wendy Hipp
Lori and David Friedes in memory of Wendy Hipp
Janet O'Brien in memory of Wendy Hipp
Jill Falls in memory of Wendy Hipp
Mike and Sandi Sesock in memory of Wendy Hipp
Janet Kulakoski in memory of Wendy Hipp
Nancy Mitchell in memory of Bev Wright
Pat and Bill Slawinski in memory of Bev Wright
Dorothy Zawodny in memory of Bev Wright
Dr. Susan Pontius in memory of Bev Wright (Honey Fund)
Darla Koepke in memory of Bev Wright
Mike and Sandi Sesock in memory of Bev Wright and her beloved cat Garth

Charlene and Brian McMullen in memory of Bev Wright
Richard and Joycelyn Degener in memory of Bev Wright
Karin Whisler in memory of Bev Wright
Bev and Ed Villhauer in memory of Bev Wright
Paula Radoy in memory of Sue Mann, mother of Barb Seretsky
Jane and Rollie Abel in memory of Carol (Pollauf) Favorite Patrons of the Village Pub, Millbury, OH in memory of Carol (Pollauf) Favorite

Janet O'Brien in memory of Dr. Stuart Remley
Eugene Smith in memory of Judy Smith
Walter and Mary Beham in memory of Willard J. Gill
Mrs. Virginia Grevis in memory of Willard J. Gill
Ronald and Patricia Gross in memory of Willard J. Gill
Marilyn Bartus in memory of Willard J. Gill
Beth Weilant in memory of George Hall
Beth Weilant - portable dog kennel for auction, stamps, litter and litter scoops, cat tree, food - in memory of George Hall

Pet Memorials:

Nancy Mitchell in memory of wonderful dog, Dewey Mitchell
Jim McMahon in memory of his cat Annie
Jeanne and William Lyons in memory of Patches Williams
Lori and David Friedes in memory of beloved dog, Tara Bass
Lori and David Friedes in memory of beloved dog, Nick Stochine
Beth Weilant in memory of Toby Laderach
Shelly and Dave Hopson in memory of their cats, Louie and Whitey
Bev and Ed Villhauer in memory of Spinner
James and Deborah Sniderhan in memory of dog, Maddie Gamertsfelder
James and Deborah Sniderhan in memory of cat, Emily Robinson
Donna Beck in loving memory of Security, a chocolate lab and beloved companion of Gerry and Andi Rapp

Gravely Injured Cat Saved from Suffering on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday volunteer June Remley and I were at the shelter late, well after 8 pm, trying to get stories together for this newsletter and working on Facebook when our shelter bell rang. Frankly, we don't always answer the bell when we're here after hours at night for safety reasons but the very fact that it was after hours made us think that it might be an emergency and there were two of us so to the door I went.

The gentleman at the door said that he and his wife had found a seriously injured cat in front of their house and didn't know what to do so they left it in a box at the Paws and Whiskers shelter across the street. When they pulled out they saw our sign and stopped to see if we could take the cat. Again, to be honest many people who tell us that they have a seriously injured cat, because they don't have experience assessing animals, are sometimes more worried than they need to be, but the thought of any cat, healthy or otherwise, sitting in a box overnight exposed to any kind of danger was too much to ignore.

Unable to immediately reach shelter manager, Lisa, I asked June what she would do and after a very short time to think, she said, "Take the cat." My thought exactly - we'd just have to explain to Lisa the next day and we were pretty sure she would do the same thing. So back the couple went to retrieve the cat and when we saw it we knew the decision was right - the cat was near death, sadly probably nearer to death than life from some type of injury to the mouth.

As I type this Sunday night, June is rushing the cat to the emergency vet, with instructions to do whatever we can and to give the kitty a name (every animal, no matter if it survives or not, should be given a name and should have someone there to help it cross the Rainbow Bridge and to shed tears for it) and I hope for the best, but if that's not to be then we can give this kitty a painless end without a night of suffering alone and scared in a box. Thank God that on this day special to so many, we were here late, the cat's rescuers saw our sign, and we were able to help.

Addendum: Unfortunately our injured cat (given the name of Grayling to match his beautiful tabby coat) tested positive for feline leukemia, had numerous debilitating mouth ulcers, and was in end-stage kidney failure. We do transfer healthy leukemia-positive cats to a leukemia-positive rescue group, but our vet said that any treatment at this point would simply prolong his suffering with no hope of recovery, and the decision was made to euthanize young Grayling. June stayed with him so that his last memory would be of a loving touch and kind word, and he passed peacefully away.

- Vice President Janet O'Brien



Rosy and Lacy ... or is it Lacy and Rosy??
Two sweet sisters who live in one of our foster homes are looking for a loving, wonderful family. Is your family the one?

Rose is a true beauty, and a survivor. She jumped out of a second story window after her owners abandoned her. She loves dogs and getting lots of love from her foster mom.



Jayden loves to run and play and give wet, sloppy kisses. Maybe she'll give one to you, too - come visit her and our other dogs and cats at our shelter at 5250 Hill Avenue.

Fat Cats and Pudgy Pooches

The American obesity epidemic has become a hot topic of news. And with good reason considering we're the fattest nation in the world and we're only getting fatter. But a new study has shown that animals are experiencing the same problem.

So what's causing animals to get fatter? Both the study authors and other relevant animal experts came to conclusions about why so many species were fattening up.

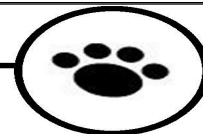
- 1. Richer Table Scraps.** Animals that feed on our table scraps are getting as fat from it as we are. Fifty years ago our table scraps were less likely to be an extra value meal from your local fast food chain and this is true of household pets as well. If you're feeding them human food and you don't eat healthy, they won't be eating healthy either.
- 2. An Indoor Lifestyle.** Like person like pet, our household pets follow our directions. If you're active and love playing outside, you're more likely to take your pet on walks, throw the ball outside, and take them on hikes. On the other hand, our increasingly indoor society means that animals are spending more and more time asleep on the couch while we watch television.
- 3. Toxins in Our Water Supply.** An EPA survey of 139 streams around the country revealed that 80 percent of samples contained residues of drugs like hormones, painkillers, blood pressure medicines, or antibiotics. Scientists found that toxins in the water supply disrupt the endocrine system of animals, which can literally slow down a mammal's metabolism.
- 4. Spoiling Our Pets.** We tend to spoil our household pets especially if we feel guilty for leaving them alone for much of the day while we're at work. Some pet treats contain too many calories, just like human snack foods. Some of the larger dog chews can contain as much as 600 calories, which for some dogs is more than a daily allowance of calories, according to the Association for Pet Obesity Prevention. Dog treats are nutrient dense and this, coupled with feeding our dogs junk food from the table, makes for an overweight pup.

(From Team Treehugger website)

Happy Endings



Former shelter cat Pursia (now named Pandora) looks regal in her new home.



Sweet Ginger resting after a long day taking care of kittens in our shelter's free-roaming cat room ... she would love to take care of your family too! Call 419-537-9663 for more information on this sweetheart.

Your Spring Cleaning = A Successful Garage Sale for MVSAP

This year we're again tentatively planning to hold our popular garage sale in June instead of August so you won't have to hold onto your treasures for quite so long. So start cleaning out your basement, organizing your attic, and streamlining your garage and save what you no longer need or want for us. The more we get, the more we make!

We'll have further information on dates and location for drop-off and the sale on our website, so save that stuff! And let us know if you're interested in volunteering to pick up items, sort and price, or work the sale. Call 419-537-9663.

License to Love

Is it time to renew your Ohio license plates? Why not show everyone your love of animals by ordering "pet license plates"?

The "pet plates" cost \$25 in addition to standard license fees. By state law, \$10 of the fee goes to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and \$15 goes to the Ohio Pet Fund. Proceeds from the sale of the plate are used for the spaying and neutering of dogs and cats to curb Ohio's pet overpopulation. Funds are used to educate the public about the proper veterinary care of those pets.



For information, log on to www.PetsOhio.com. To purchase the pet license plate, log on to OPLATES.com (click on "buy the plate"), call 1-800-589-TAGS, or visit any Ohio deputy registrar's office.

Momma's House

You may remember the article in our January issue about the two cats who were left at our shelter's doorstep. Thomas passed over the Rainbow Bridge, but his friend Momma Cat is still enjoying her life with us, getting lots of attention and love from our volunteers and visitors. Come visit her sometime!

