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## THANK YOU

To our WONDERFUL donor, Dana Arey, for regular donations of pet supplies!! Dana is always there for the animals!!



## Local Highschool Students Help Shelter

Wednesday, May 14, was a day of community service for students in the Early Childhood Education and Information Systems Technology programs of the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District's Career and Technical Center of West Union, Ohio. Twenty-two students and their teachers, Amy Hoop and Todd Mitchell, arrived at the Humane Society of Adams County's animal shelter to help clean out the garage in order to prepare for a garage sale fundraising event.

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## A Chance for Hope

Learn more about "Hope", a victim of animal hoarding.  
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## A Chance for Hope

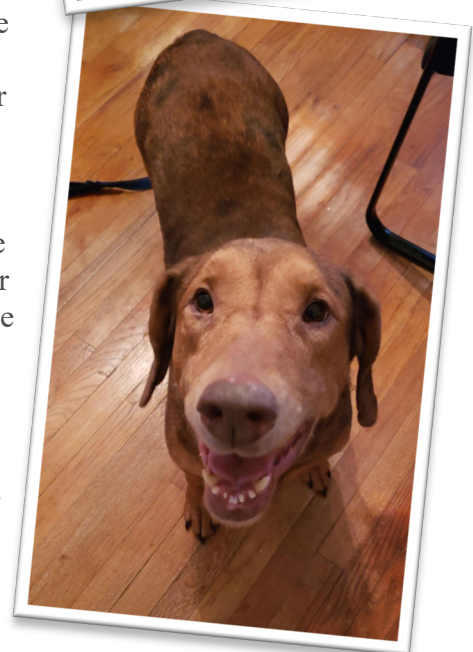
On New Year's Day 2021, HSAC received a call from the local Adams County Sheriff Department that the body of a man had been found inside his residence along a rural road in Peebles, Ohio. The man died of natural causes, though he was living in squalid conditions along with twelve dogs, multiple cats, three goats, and multiple chickens. Many of the animals were discovered to be underfed and living in up to a foot of their own excrement. Conditions inside the man's trailer were so poor that rescuers had to ventilate the structure in order to reduce the stench of ammonia from urine and feces.

Though many of the animals were tethered outside or allowed to roam free in the house and property, three large dogs were confined to wire cages. One of the caged dogs was "Hope", a very sweet,

easy-going Doberman Pinscher mix. Hope's cage floor was layered in feces and newspaper and her toenails were over an inch long on some toes.

Hope and the other rescued animals were initially cared for at the HSAC animal shelter in West Union, then Hope and some other dogs were moved into foster homes with a partner rescue group, Doberman Underground. Hope was examined by a licensed veterinarian and treated for her malnourishment, spayed, had her nails trimmed, and was made available for adoption. Hope is now happily living the life she deserves and greets her family with a smile of gratitude and love every day.

By working together, HSAC and our partner rescues and networks give dogs like Hope the chance to "hope" for a happy ending!







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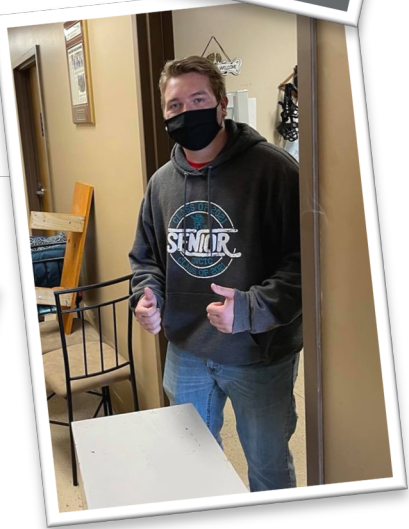
After a breakfast of doughnuts, juice, and milk provided by Rachael Hamilton and BK Scoop of West Union, the student volunteers got to work. Students helped shelve dog and cat food, sweep, gather trash, wipe down walls, disinfect cages, paint, and organize items in the garage and main shelter building. In addition to working hard, students enjoyed enriching the lives of shelter pets by playing with cats and kittens, and exercising dogs. The volunteers took a break for lunch, which was very generously provided by Giovanni's Pizzeria of West Union. Giovanni's of West Union is a great community partner in Adams County and a longtime supporter of the animal shelter.

The Humane Society of Adams County would like to thank all groups involved in the cleaning of the garage and shelter and the businesses that supported



the volunteers through breakfast and lunch donations. When groups work together to provide assistance and support, the job is made much easier for everyone. The garage sale is scheduled to take place on Saturday, June 5, 2021. All proceeds will be used to help the homeless pets of Adams County.

For more information about how to become a volunteer or to set up a volunteer day for your group or club, please email us at [info@adamscountyanimals.org](mailto:info@adamscountyanimals.org). Volunteer applications for individuals can be found on the website at [www.adamscountyanimals.org](http://www.adamscountyanimals.org).





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## Volunteers Wanted

You love animals, you want to make a difference in your community, and you have a few spare hours to give. Call us today!

Did you know that the Humane Society of Adams County was run completely by volunteers for the first nine years of its existence? Volunteers still take care of memberships, fundraising, public outreach, social events, education, and most donation drives. Our staff is amazing and they are there for the care of the animals and the smooth operations of the Animal Shelter, but we still rely on volunteers to do most of the behind-the-scenes work that keeps the Humane Society humming. We would love to have you join us!

Volunteers for HSAC enjoy several great perks: getting to work for a great cause, meeting like-minded folks who may become lifelong friends, enjoying access to some of the most adorable animals on the planet, and gaining the satisfaction of knowing that their work is making a difference in the lives of homeless pets.

To become a volunteer, please visit [adamscountyanimals.org](http://adamscountyanimals.org) to fill out a short questionnaire to ensure the best match for your abilities and interests. Training is provided for

free by our knowledgeable Shelter staff. Once you are signed up to volunteer, you can set a schedule and start helping – it's easy, fun, and you'll feel good about yourself for giving back to your community by helping the homeless cats, dogs, puppies, and kittens of Adams County.

## Animal Shelter Wish List

- Tractor Supply Pine Pellet animal bedding - 40 pound bags (Used for cat litter)
- Paper Towels
- Money for vet supplies (like antibiotics, vaccines, and other medicines)
- Gasoline Cards for shelter van
- Volunteers to drive pets to/from vet appointments (we often used Bethel Animal Health)
- Nitrile gloves, sizes Medium and Large
- Weed-pulling Labor Help
- Gift cards for local feed stores







Butterscotch is available to adopt!



Kiy Kiy is available to adopt!

## Use HSAC to promote your business!

The Humane Society of Adams County is always interested in finding creative ways to partner with local businesses. Whether you sell donuts or doorknobs, we bet there's a way we can promote your goods while helping homeless animals. Consider inviting us to hold an adoption event with cute puppies & kittens in your store. How about a "Stuff-the-Truck" event in which HSAC volunteers hand out lists of needed items to your customers as they enter your store? Your customers add one or two purchases to their shopping list and drop the items off on their way out. You get full retail price and HSAC get much-needed supplies to help the animals! Please email [info@adamscountyanimals.org](mailto:info@adamscountyanimals.org) to let us know you want to discuss ways we can help your business and help animals at the same time!

## Thank you for your support!

## Surprising Ways You Can Donate

- **Donate Your Time** – become a volunteer at the Shelter or at HSAC events.
- **Donate Your Talent** – Share your special hobby of gardening by helping spruce up the Shelter's landscaping, or use your sewing skills to make items we can sell to raise funds for the animals.
- **Donate a Place in Your Home** – Fostering a pet gives a second chance to an animal in need, and HSAC pays the bills. Dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens often need foster homes, as well as horses, donkeys, goats, and other livestock.
- **Donate Part of Your Wedding or Event Registry** – who needs another toaster, right? Add some of the Shelter's "Wish List" items to your registry and let your guests know that their support of the Shelter is also a way to support you and your event. A win-win for everyone (and you don't have to worry about re-gifting the toaster).
- **Donate Household Items** – The Shelter uses tons of dish soap, bleach, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, old towels, old blankets, hand sanitizer, and office supplies.
- **Donate Pet Food and Cat Litter** – You know how quickly your cat's litter box gets soiled – now multiply that by twenty-six and you'll understand how critical litter is to the Shelter. Pet food is also a quickly-used commodity, especially food for puppies and kittens.

All donations are tax-deductible. Consider hosting a Supply Drive for the Shelter with your child's 4-H or scout troop. When they come to drop off their collected items, we will take their photo, give them a personal tour, and sent the photo to the local newspapers to celebrate their service to the community. Every kid likes to see his/her picture in the paper for a good deed! Checks can be made to "HSAC" and mailed to P.O. Box 245, West Union, OH 45693.