

# LICKING COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

# SAVE-A-LIFE

# CAMPAIGN

A CASE FOR SUPPORT: 



In August of 2017, the Licking County Humane Society partnered with law enforcement to confiscate 59 animals from deplorable conditions in a trailer in Buckeye Lake. 43 cats, 13 dogs, and 3 ferrets were living in unimaginable filth. These neglected animals had open wounds from severe flea infestation, hair loss, dental disease, and many other health complications. One required surgery for cherry eye and several kittens were severely anemic due to flea infestation. Each pet also had to be spay/neutered, vaccinated, & microchipped. The financial cost for this type of large-scale rescue is enormous, but Licking County relies on LCHS to rise to the occasion, meet the mission, and help these animals in need.

**The Licking County Humane Society needs your help to continue this important work!**

The staff and volunteers at the Licking County Humane Society see the heartbreaking results of dog and cat neglect and overpopulation every day. Each year, they find homes for over 1,700 animals that would otherwise likely face a miserable life of neglect, cruelty, starvation, homelessness, or euthanasia.

**The Licking County Humane Society now touches the lives of 5,000 animals and 10,000 people each year!**

The Licking County Humane Society has been serving Licking County for over 50 years. In 2012, LCHS completed the “New Leash on Life” campaign which funded a new shelter on Thornwood Drive in Heath. This space dramatically transformed outcomes for homeless animals and their people in Licking County. This game-changing space allowed the shelter to vastly expand the number of animals served and to expand the programming for the community.

*The Licking County Humane Society seeks to improve the lives of animals and their people through advocacy, education, and support.*



Adonis is a 6-month-old puppy that was found abandoned in a ditch with a broken leg. LCHS gave him the medical care needed to live a long and healthy life with a loving adoptive family.



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## ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHS:

The Humane Society values sustainable growth. The operational budget is carefully balanced through grants, donations, earned income and adoption fees. Financial stewardship has helped the organization grow in the past 5 years, while increasing programming to new levels. Every operating dollar is stretched to achieve the mission! Thoughtful planning combined with a passion for the mission has allowed the organization to grow its programming:

- Traditional Animal Sheltering Services
- 10 low-cost spay/neuter clinics for the community each month
- 2-3 low-cost vaccine clinics for the community each month
- Pet food pantry for low-income families
- Pet respite care for those experiencing a medical crisis
- Pet food pantry for pet-owning Meals on Wheels recipients
- 4 nursing home visits with rescue pets each month
- Dog Obedience Classes to ensure that adopted animals can live without risk of being returned to a shelter for bad behavior

Every aspect of the operation is mission-driven. Employees and volunteers are passionately devoted to animals. A diverse and energized board brings a wide range of skills to bear on the organization. The Licking County Humane Society has an excellent reputation in the community as being responsive, ethical, and community-focused.

In 2012, LCHS was selected as the Best Non-Profit by the Licking County Chamber of Commerce and in 2015, 2016, and 2017 LCHS was chosen by the public as their “Favorite Non-profit Organization.”

The Cost of Veterinary Care - Like most humane societies in Ohio, we do not have a veterinarian on staff. We have an important partnership with a local veterinary office to provide medical services to the pets in our care. Although they provide us with generous discounts, we are responsible for the cost of these procedures. **Last year, LCHS spent \$79,000 on spay/neuter services alone and \$12,000 on dental care.** In addition, we provide flea/tick medication, vaccines, heartworm treatment and important surgical procedures such as: eye-removal, amputation, repairing broken limbs, and many more.

Sadly, there are many shelters that choose to euthanize animals instead of providing medical treatment. **At the Licking County Humane Society, we save lives.** Our mission is to provide the necessary medical treatment to ensure quality of life for Licking County’s homeless and abused cats and dogs. As a non-profit organization, our expenses are met primarily through fundraising and donations. We need your help.

## OUR GOAL:

**LCHS needs to raise \$100,000 each year to pay the medical expenses to continue our life-saving mission. We have already received two lead gifts towards our goal.**

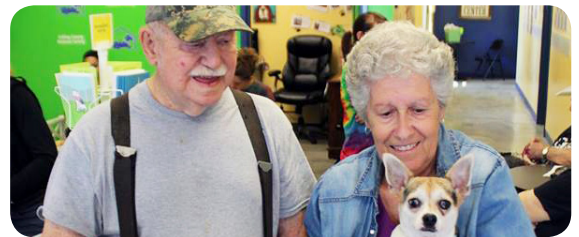
Through careful stewardship of our donations, LCHS is in position to continue funding for programmatic expenses. We need your support for the medical care. This project will help us save more animals and serve more families. Now, more than ever, we need your support to reduce pet overpopulation, and improve the quality of life for all companion animals and their people in Licking County.



**158% increase in adoptions**  
over 5 years



**11,000 animals**  
spayed and neutered



**12,000 lbs of pet food** provided to  
Meals on Wheels recipients



**909 animals confiscated**  
due to abuse/neglect

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