

# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

August 23, 2022

## THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING

### WELCOME!

Thank you, new volunteers!

Liz (Clinic)



Linda (Clinic)



Patrick (Small Animal Cuddler)



Hawwa (Canine Enrichment)



### ANIMAL COUNTS

#### As of August 23, 2022

Total Number of Animals: 256  
Adoptions Last Week: 41

#### Dogs:

Total Canine Count: 94  
Pending Adoption: 9  
Available for Adoption: 35

#### Cats

Total Feline Count: 139  
Pending Adoption: 0  
Available for Adoption: 48

#### Small Animals

Total Rabbit Count: 7  
Total Guinea Pig Count: 6  
Total Bird Count: 4

Animals are typically categorized as unavailable for adoption for the following reasons:

- They are new to the shelter and undergoing medical procedures, health evaluations, behavioral evaluations, or need some time to decompress.
- They are undergoing a mandatory hold
- They are a SafePet animal seeking refuge in our shelter
- They are protective custody animal cruelty investigation. These dogs are technically not our dogs to adopt out. We are going through the legal system to have the current owner or the court to sign the pet over to us.
- They are pending adoption.
- They are too young for adoption.

*WELCOME!*

Thank you, new volunteers!

Eva (Clinic)



Cameron (Cat Cuddler)



Beth (Cat Cuddler)



Robby (Cat Cuddler)

Teresa (Cat Cuddler)

Ashley (Cat Cuddler)





## HONEYSUCKLE'S DOG'S DAY OUT

I wanted to provide you a recap of my Saturday with Honeysuckle.

I picked her up and she was very excited to get going, but seemed confused that I wasn't taking her on her normal route. When we got out to my car, I opened the back door and she sort of just looked at me - she took some coaxing to get in and then had no idea what she was to do. She explored the back seat, looked out the rear window, climbed to the front, sat in my lap, honked the horn, until she finally retreated to the back seat. I don't believe she has been in a car much since we got on 83 she started barking - or maybe she just didn't like my driving?

On our way to Pet Supplies Plus in Etters for a bath and some shopping, I saw that the Red Land Midget Football cheerleaders were having a car wash. Honey-suckle got VERY excited to see kiddos, so I thought she may enjoy interacting with some families. Each time a child approached and asked to pet her, she sat and welcomed all of the attention. There was a family there who approached us and commented on how beautiful she was. They have a few dogs themselves and live on about 5 acres. Honeysuckle really started to show off when I asked her to sit, then we did down, and finally she stuck out her paw to shake. She was really putting on a show. The family filled out an application for her online while we waited for my car to be done. She seemed perfectly content to sit at the car wash all day and get pets, but we had more stops to make.



Next we went to the pet store where Honeysuckle chose two toys - a purple rhino and squeaky dog - and also chose a new collar. After a few opportunities to show off her tricks, it was time for a bath. She did try and walk up the steps to the self service bath, but had a hard time figuring out where to turn around. She did let me pick her up and let me bathe her. She loved the scrubs, gave me a few licks, and was non-reactive to the dogs on either side of her. After her spa treatment, we were back on the road.

Our next stop was Starbucks since bathing a dog can be draining and I promised Honeysuckle a pup cup. Of course there was a line and Honeysuckle was getting rather impatient, barking in the drive thru line. Once she got her treat, she took it very gently and rode the rest of the way to JoAnn Fabrics more relaxed.



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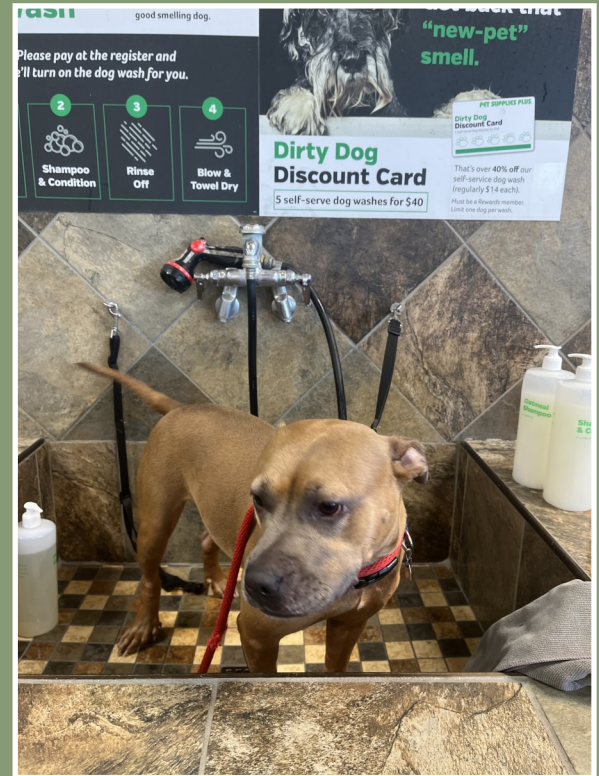
Once at JoAnn's, Honeysuckle navigated the aisles very well with a loose leash. Anytime she encountered a new friend, she sat and took pets and showed off her shake skills. At the back of the store, the manager was in a break room and asked if Honeysuckle could come say hi. Honeysuckle walked right over to the woman sitting on the floor and sat next to her. She then leaned into her and took lots of belly scratches. Once we selected a few items to include in her adoption bag, Honeysuckle waited patiently in line with the other patrons. Once we had our items paid for, we were off on the road again.

I wanted to take Honeysuckle to the park in New Cumberland and as we pulled up, they were hosting a car and motorcycle show. We parked a fair distance away and were able to visit the creek before walking around and looking at the cars. She was the perfect attendee and enjoyed staring at her reflection in the souped up hot rods. She was non-reactive to other dogs she would see and was easy to direct and sit for more pets. We sat in the shade for a while to have some water. Honeysuckle enjoyed people watching and smiling at everyone who walked past.

On our way back to the shelter, we made one last stop at Lydian Stone Brewing Company. The owners, Maria and Keith, are very dog friendly and I have taken other DDO there for a visit. Honeysuckle made her rounds getting love from the patrons but was drawn to one family in particular who arrived after we did. They had a young girl, maybe 2 years old, who was a few inches taller than Honeysuckle. Mom asked if they could say hi, so I crouched next to Honeysuckle with a tight grasp on her slip lead. I advised Mom to hold the baby and approach slowly. Honeysuckle immediately started whining and licking the baby's hands when they got close enough. She laid down and let the baby pet her head and hardly moved a muscle - except for her tail thumping the ground at rapid speed. The rest of our time there, Honeysuckle kept looking for the baby and whining - it had the whole bar crowd going, "awww..."

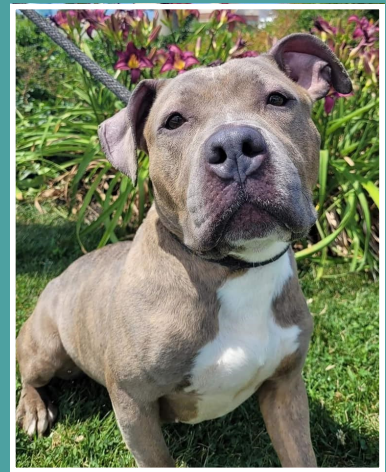
Once we got back to the shelter, Honeysuckle was pretty wiped out. I am in the process of creating some TikTok videos and have posted two so far, which I also shared on Instagram and tagged YCSPCA - feel free to share them along with the photos attached.

*Thank you, Dog Walker Ivey for taking Honeysuckle out for what is surely one of the best days of her life!*



## HONEYSUCKLE'S DOG'S DAY OUT

Our PAWsome friends at [Cheddar Paws Dog Art](#) sure are busy helping homeless pups find fur-ever families! Check out this one of a kind art piece of long-term kennel resident [Pogo](#) that will be given to her adopting family!



## SUPPLIES NEEDED

At this time, we are very low on a few supplies, especially dry cat food. We are in urgent need and seeking donations of the following items: Dry Cat Food, Dry Kitten Food, Dry Dog Food, Dog Treats

Other items we are seeking donations of include: Cat Treats, Dog/Cat Pill Pockets, Cat Litter, Large Dog Kongs, Large Dog Crates, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Bleach

We would be tremendously grateful for any donations of dry cat food to help stock our shelves for our human service programs, foster program, and picky eaters. Here are all the ways we use donated pet food:

- 1) Picky eaters! We typically feed our shelter residents Hill's Science Diet; however, if someone is not eating well, we will substitute with various other brands, types, and flavors of food until we figure out what they prefer. For example, [Tsuki](#) likes only Purina Naturals, and [Tiger](#) likes a scoop of Purina mixed with a scoop of Hill's. Pet food donations allow us to make our picky eaters happy.
- 2) Pet Food Pantry: This program provides free pet food to community members who are unable to afford it, such as fixed- or low-income individuals and those enduring financial hardship .
- 3) Pet Food Distribution Program: Our program that delivers pet food to senior centers and the York County Food Bank to help community members who are unable to afford pet food and lack mobility or do not have transportation access to the shelter, such as senior citizens.
- 4) Foster Program: Our feline and canine fosters are provided with all needed supplies, including food. Donated pet food allows our incredible fosters to focus not on supplies, but on helping a shelter pet heal and find happiness.
- 5) Cat Colony Aid: Our newer program provides cat food or cat food coupons to community cat caregivers enduring financial hardship (this program runs on a first-come-first-served basis). P

Please consider making a donation to help support animals in need. If you are in the position to donate, please visit our [Amazon Wish List](#).

Or you can drop off donations at our shelter any day of the week between 9am and 4pm.

Thank you so much for your generosity.



Learn about adoptable cat, Mia, [here](#).



# LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO BE INVOLVED?

If you see an opportunity you are interested in, please email Bekah Smith at [bsmith@ycspca.org](mailto:bsmith@ycspca.org) for more details.

## CLINIC

The clinic is looking for help during the following times. We do ask the volunteers helping in the clinic commit to a weekly shift.

### **Registration (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thurs 7am-9am):**

Help in the morning with the registration process.

### **End of the Day Help (Wednesday 2-4PM and Friday 10AM-2PM):**

Help at the end of the day with cleaning surgical equipment, laundry, cleaning cages, and other operational tasks as needed.



Learn about adoptable dog, Freight, [here](#).

## KENNEL GREETING

We are looking for Volunteers who can manage the flow of community members touring the kennel during public hours. This is a great position for someone who is not comfortable standing or walking for long periods of time.

### **Hours assistance is needed:**

Tuesday through Thursday  
from 10:30AM until 12:30PM

## SATELLITE SHIFTS

Did you know that we have two satellite offices? That's right! We have adoptable cats at both PetSmart (351 Loucks Rd) and Petco (2420 Eastern Blvd). These cats are cared for and loved by volunteers such as yourself. PetSmart is in need of someone to take the weekly Tuesday morning (9AM-12PM) shift. For this shift, you would visit PetSmart for about an hour, cuddle the cats, fill the food and water bowls, and scoop the litter.



Learn about adoptable cat, Oreo, [here](#).