

Thank You.

For all of your support, for all of your gifts, thank you.

It's been a busy year already for the staff and volunteers at the Harbor humane Society, but in the midst of the adoptions, rescues, improvements, and advancements, one thing is crystal clear. We couldn't have done any of it without your help. So we thought you'd like to know what you have accomplished lately, what your support has meant to the animals that pass through Harbor Humane, and how you've helped the staff and nearly 400 volunteers take the best possible care of them.

- In 2007, more than 2000 animals were adopted or returned to their owners. By May of this year, more than 600 had already been given a second chance.
- Last year, through donations alone the animals were fed nearly 60,000 pounds of food. This monumental task would be impossible without your ongoing support.
- The dogs waiting in kennels received inexpensive and durable Kuranda beds, getting them off the floor and reducing discomfort and potential health issues during their stay.
- The lobby was outfitted with new tri-level feline kennels, greatly increasing the visibility of the many cats waiting for adoption opportunities.
- Harbor Humane was outfitted with a fire and intrusion alarm system, as well as cameras at the doors to ensure the safety of the animals, volunteers, and staff.
- The grooming stations were recovered with new tile, ensuring the cleanliness and sanitary condition of the area. Improving and maintaining the appearance of the animals is extremely helpful to ensuring their adoptability.
- Volunteers repainted the interior and exterior of the building, adding a more professional appearance to the facility. The exterior also received new landscaping and other improvements to the general appearance of the building.
- Due to continued support and increased sales, Shelby's Place was moved to a larger space, now occupying more than 5000 square feet. All of the profits from Shelby's place go directly to Harbor Humane to support ongoing operations.

There were many more victories this year, but the greatest of all are the individual success stories involving each pet that was placed in a new home, or returned to a grateful owner. With the economy and housing market in its current condition, this year has been more difficult than ever, but because of you and the many people like you that share your concern for the many animals in need, Harbor Humane can continue its mission to ensure the safety and well-being of the animals of Ottawa County.

I cannot thank you enough for your ongoing support, we couldn't do it without you.

Heidi Yates

Development Director

PS – Please see the next page for a great success story...

Oliver was one of the many animals to be adopted from Harbor Humane this year, and as you can see, he's found a wonderful family to love, one which loves him in return. Your support is directly responsible for the stories like this one, stories with a very happy ending.

"Dear Harbor Humane Society,

We just wanted to let you know how Oliver was doing since his adoption. We adopted him about a month ago, and in that time he has become a wonderful addition to our family. We often remark it's as if he has been with us for years. He minds quite well and loves all the attention. He has really made the most of his new home.

We have a pool and we found out he really loves taking an occasional dip. And when he is not swimming he prefers to lounge about on his own inflatable. As you can see by the attached picture he is quite the "lounging lizard." We don't know what his previous life was like, but sometimes when we look in his eyes it almost appears as though he is smiling and quite possibly whispering..."I've hit the jackpot."



We hope he is as happy as we are.

Michael, Maribeth, Cody and Haley P."

There are still many things you can do to help the Harbor Humane Society, and improve the odds of success for the many animals in need of good homes. We still need –

- \$29,670 - To help offset the costs of having all cats feline leukemia tested, and all dogs heartworm tested before they are adopted
- \$1,275 – To place 15 more Kuranda Beds in the dog kennels for increased comfort
- \$800 – for movable stainless steel kennels to house the increasing number of animals Harbor Humane has been receiving
- \$500 - To refill the runs with pea gravel so that our volunteers can exercise the dogs

Again, thank you for all you've done for the animals in need at the Harbor Humane Society, and all you continue to do to help.



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