



Garrett County Humane Society 2016 NEWS

We would like to share with you what we accomplished in 2016 with your support. Since the GCHS's founding as Garrett County's 1st animal welfare organization in **1983**, we have continued to help homeless, abused and neglected animals. In addition, we have also provided spay/neuter assistance to county residents from the start.

In 2016, we handled over 300 neglect/cruelty reports, 126 cats/dogs were spayed/neutered, many pet owners received help for a pet emergency, and dozens bales of bedding were given away to keep outside animals warm through the winter. Through pet care education, promoting adoptions from the County Animal Shelter, preventing more unwanted litters from being born, rescuing neglected animals to helping pet owners to keep their pets, the GCHS is making a difference for animals in Garrett County. Thank you for helping us continue our important work.

JANUARY: The GCHS and GCAnimal Shelter officers removed 56 dogs and 6 cats from a trailer. The GCHS housed most of them on private property, provided their daily care and social interaction until HART could place 49 dogs into rescue. The GCHS adopted the remaining 7 dogs, then had 3 indoor pets altered and returned to the owners. We also contacted the Dept of Social Services & Community Action whom restored their water and electricity. This family has now reconnected with other family members.

President Lisa Baker was invited to Southern Middle School's Enrichment program. Ms Liebermans students learned why pets should be spayed/neutered, winter care for pets, and what animal neglect is. Students met Calvin, a cat adopted from the GCAnimal Shelter and Becky Diller brought in her rabbit, Cloud, to share rabbit care tips.

FEBRUARY: In celebration of World Spay Day (2/23), over 100 spay/neuter vouchers were given to County residents from two locations in Garrett County. Thank-you to the G C Animal Shelter and Casselman Veterinary Hospital for giving us a space to use for the afternoon. The last group of confiscated Beagles went out to rescue.

MARCH: Moonshadow Café hosted a fundraising night for us which is always fun. Ryan, the musician shared some stories about his cats. President Lisa Baker spoke at the Civic Clubs March meeting which annually garners many nonprofits a wonderful donation for their tireless efforts to help people and animals in Garrett County.

APRIL: The Smokey Pines Kennel trial, concerning 30 purebred, registered dogs (5 breeds) that were in distress and confiscated by the HS, was finally completed. He was charged with 108 counts of animal cruelty, but it was plead down to 4 counts. He was required to pay the HS \$5000 towards our total expense of \$23,000 and he was assigned Community Service Hours. The HS adopted all 30 dogs to local homes.

Several of our members attended HART for Animals building dedication to share in gracious donation made through us to HART for the Cattery in memory of Ann Taylor.

MAY: Donation letters were delivered to over 100 area and out of town businesses for our July fundraiser. Several thousand \$1 raffle tickets were distributed to members and friends to sell for our annual raffle, 3 winners are drawn at our July event.

JUNE: Members created a Dog-gone fun window display at the Oakland County library. It showcased dogs in various outfits to promote the Canine Costume Contest.

JULY: The 18th annual Dog-gone FUNdraiser was held at Garrett College. Attendees could bid on dozens of items, take part in the Canine Costume Contest, meet various breeds of dogs, and enjoyed the G C Sheriffs Dept Service Dog Canine Demonstration. The Live Auction featured Steelers, Orioles, Ravens items and other high ticket items. Two of the raffle ticket winners donated their winnings back to us, what a great day! **Our 19th Annual Dog gone FUNdraiser is Saturday, July 1, 2017 - see you there!**

AUGUST: Officer Clatterbuck made several visits to the County Fair to insure all animals were being cared for within the law.

SEPTEMBER: We had a wonderful day at our information table at the Mchenry Art & Wine Festival. We enjoyed meeting and sharing stories with all the animal lovers.

OCTOBER: This year as in past years we had 2 great days at 2 locations during the Autumn Glory Festival. Volunteers interacted with hundreds of people that stopped at our table in Oakland at the Mt Fresh Pavilion and in Mchenry at the Fairgrounds Activity Building. Dog treats were baked by Crellin Girl Scout Troop 55005 sold quickly. At the end of the month we hosted A Thirst for Art fundraiser at Longbranch Saloon, 26 ladies had a fun evening painting Midnight Cats!

NOVEMBER: Along with having 2 great days at our information table at the Festival of Trees, we also donated a pet themed wreath to the auction to benefit the Dove Center. Peanut butter dog treats baked by the Garrett College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society sold out quickly.

DECEMBER: Another Pet Care presentation was enjoyed by 30 students at Southern Middle School in Jessica Liebermans Enrichment class. Lisa Baker brought in Calvin and Becky Diller brought in her rabbit, Gandalf the Gray for some hands on time.

To stay connected with us, go to www.GarrettCoHumaneSociety.com or check out our [Facebook](#) page where we post the Adoptable cats and dogs for the G.Co. Animal Shelter every week. We are a local, non-profit, volunteer organization- (we aren't affiliated with the County Animal Shelter) but we do supportive work with them.

Want to support the GCHS? We have [Paypal](#) on our website, or you can choose us as your charity on [Goodshop.com](#) and [Amazon Smiles](#). We also have coin cans at over a dozen businesses in Garrett County, and since we have no office/building - please send correspondence to:

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