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Humane Society of Oldham County Newsletter



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**We are independent from
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Humane Society**



For months, the new HSOC adoption and community center has been a dream in the making—plans, conversations, permits, and plenty of “just imagine if...” moments. Now, the plans are approved, permits are in place, and we officially have permission to move forward. We’re ready to build!

So, what does building a new facility actually look like?

There’s a little more to it than bringing in a bulldozer and watching the walls go up!

Phase 1 — Making Room: This fall, we’ll relocate the existing garage and expand its footprint to make the most of our property. Everything inside will temporarily move into storage units. It may not look like much, but this is where the transformation begins!



Phase 2 — Building from the Ground Up: From late fall into early 2027, grading, utilities, drainage, and the foundation will literally lay the groundwork for our new building.



Phase 3 — Watching It Rise: In early to mid-2027, the building will begin to take shape—walls, roof, rooms, and all the “bones” we’ve been imagining.



Phase 4 — The Finishing Touches: Expanded parking, interior, equipment, and landscaping will turn a construction site into a welcoming space. Our hope is to open the doors in Fall 2027!



Behind those doors will be space to nearly double our animal capacity, better community connections, and a new purpose for our existing building focused on quarantine, medical care, surgery, and essential services. We need your continued help to fill it! Kennels, appliances, water bowls, equipment, furnishings, and so much more will be needed. Every dollar helps build the next chapter of HSOC.

You can donate directly through this newsletter and be part of it! ❤️

Can You Spot Spot?



Spot loves to explore. If you find 5 black Spots outside of this box- email us and tell us where to earn a shot out and possible prize!
email to : laurar@oldhamhumane.com



Upcoming Fall Events

PAWS in THE PARK

Saturday, October 3rd 11am-2pm

Lions Club 12414 Hwy 42, Prospect KY

Grab the whole family, four paws included, and join us for Paws in the Park! This dog-friendly fall celebration is packed with tail-wagging fun, including dog contests, agility and lure courses, trainers, adoptable animals, local vendors, food and beer tents, bouncy houses, face painting, a bubble station, and a HUGE auction! It's the perfect way to enjoy the crisp fall air while supporting HSOC and the animals we love.



Calling All Sponsors!

Want to spotlight your business while helping animals in need? Sponsor the event or donate to our auction! It's a great way to promote your business and support local rescue efforts. 🐾
For more details, please contact Bobbi Dewey at bjsdewey@gmail.com.

Mark Your Calendars

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok & visit www.humanesocietyoldhamcounty.com for more information!

September Events

Adoption Event- Sept. 12th & 27th
Live Online Auction- Sept. 24th
Harvest on the Rails- Sept. 26th

October Events

Paws in the Park- Oct. 3rd
Adoption Event- Oct. 10th
Halloween MAINia- Oct 24th

November Events

Adoption Event- Nov 7th
Virtual Yard Sale- All Month
Cafe de Cat- Nov 21st

Did You Know? Knowing the Breed Matters

Getting to Know the Pet Beneath the Fur

Why does your dog want to chase squirrels? Why does your cat insist on climbing everything? Sometimes, the answer is written right into their genes!

A pet's breed can be identified by knowing its parents, observing body features, or through DNA testing. But breed tells us much more than what a pet looks like. Dogs and cats are instinctual animals, and for hundreds of generations, selective breeding has strengthened specific instincts, behaviors, and physical traits.

Bengal Cat

High energy & athletic climbers that are instinct driven due to wild genes

Maine Coon Cat

Predisposed to a genetic heart condition called HCM, Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy

Basset Hound

Appears stubborn but is extremely scent driven by a powerful nose



German Shephard

Hip Dysplasia is a genetic condition very common in both males and females



**Even a tiny Chihuahua can trace its genetic roots back to wolves.
Think of all the changes breeding has caused inside and out!**

Knowing your pet's breed or mix can offer valuable clues about potential medical concerns, exercise needs, behavioral tendencies, and limitations. A herding dog may feel compelled to chase and gather, while flat faced pet may have more breathing and dental issues that can be costly. Whether you're choosing your next pet or learning more about the companion you already love, understanding breed can help you better understand their needs—and appreciate some of the wonderfully quirky things they do!

VIP VOLUNTEER

Morgan Bitel- Telling Stories, Saving Lives

A Little Bit of Everything

There are some people who volunteer their time, and then there are people who pour their heart and soul into every life they touch. Morgan Bitel is one of those people. Creative, compassionate, dedicated, and endlessly willing to help, Morgan has become an important part of the heart and spirit of HSOC. Whether she is behind a camera or computer, transporting an animal to an event, or opening her home to a foster, Morgan finds a way to make a difference.



*Morgan Bitel HSOC Volunteer
& Just a few of her many fosters*



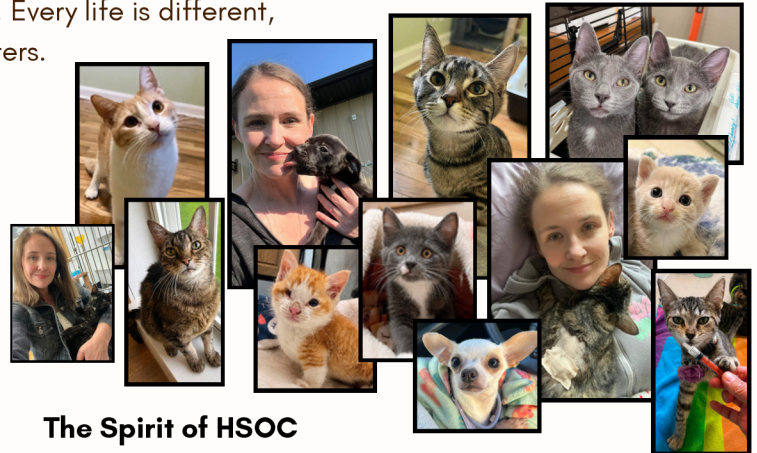
*"Morgan is compassionate,
attentive, devoted, relentless, and
loving"- Angie Shuck 🐕*

Fostering the Fragile

Perhaps the most time-consuming and challenging thing Morgan does for HSOC is foster. She is drawn to the animals who need her most—the oldest, the sickest, the most fragile, and those whose outcomes may be uncertain. Morgan opens her home and pours love, patience, attention, and care into animals who need an extra chance. Fostering can bring some of the greatest victories and some of the most crushing heartache. The medical needs and daily demands can be enormous, and every foster story is different. But Morgan keeps opening her door even when balancing a full-time job, friends and family. She doesn't volunteer because she has endless hours to spare. Morgan volunteers because she believes these animals are worth making room for. She gives them time to heal, space to become themselves, and the opportunity to write a new chapter in their lives.

The Gift of Storytelling

At the heart of everything she does, Morgan believes there is a story to be told. She helps lead HSOC's social media presence, using her creativity and storytelling skills to celebrate the animals who come through our doors. Morgan understands that behind every kennel card is an individual—a personality, a history, a favorite thing, a funny habit, or a heart waiting to connect with someone. Week after week, Morgan creates posts and flyers, shares updates, answers questions, and tells the stories of our animals, all on her own time. She reminds us that no animal is "just another" dog or cat. Every life is different, and every story matters.



The Spirit of HSOC

People often ask, "How does HSOC do it?"

How does a nonprofit powered by volunteers and donations continue to care for so many animals and keep saying yes? The answer is simply people like Morgan. She reminds us that every story is worth telling—even the difficult ones. When one chapter closes, she is ready to pick up the next. Morgan doesn't just tell stories. She helps change how they end.

Creature Feature:

Name: McQueen

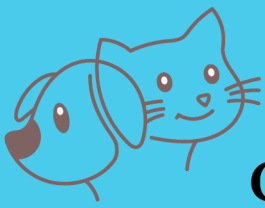
Breed:Husky Mix

Age: 6 years old

HSOC: 120 days +

McQueen is 63 pounds of tall, lanky Husky/German Shepherd charm, but this handsome boy is a big softie at heart. Intelligent, well-mannered, housetrained, and an excellent walking buddy, McQueen loves treats, affection, car rides, and new adventures. This September, he's headed to board and train his already-impressive skills and work on some barrier reactivity. Our goal? To help McQueen become the very best version of himself and hopefully drive straight from training into his forever home!





Humane Society of Oldham County Paws-itive Programs

Community

Hungry Paws- Food Bank

HSOC is committed to ensuring that food and pet care supplies are available to our community in their time of need. Simply contact the center for needs and eligibility information.

Hungry Paws- Meals on Wheels

As part of our food bank program, Meals on Wheels helps to deliver pet food and care supplies for our homebound senior community members.

Pets for the Elderly

This free program pairs seniors over 60 with medically dependent pets. While program pets remain in HSOC's care, all veterinary care and medications are provided, allowing them to live out their lives with the comfort and love of a real home.

TNR- Trap Neuter/Spay Return

HSOC actively assists in trapping feral cat colonies, bringing them to the center to be altered and then returned to their home location. TNR encourages adult cats to maintain their territory keeping new cats out, reducing over population and decreasing disease.

Working Cat Program

Many outdoor only cats make excellent working barn cats. For \$25 we can connect a property owner with a vetted and altered feral working cat.

Contact Information

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www.humanesocietyoldhamcounty.com



Medical Services

Spay & Neuter Clinics

Dog Male or Female \$160

Cat Male or Female \$100

Surgery Price Includes:

Rabies Vaccination

Nail Trim, Ear Cleaning, Combing

Vaccine Clinics

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