



# Shelter Scenes

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News for the friends and supporters of **spca cincinnati**

## CEO Introduction Letter

**It is an honor to be selected as the current President and CEO of **spca cincinnati**.** I am thrilled about all the future opportunities and possibilities we will share together.

I have spent my professional career focused on animal welfare as the former Executive Vice President of the SPCA of Central Florida and the General Manager of the Orlando Humane Society. During those years, we were able to initiate many new programs, like the Central Florida Animal Coalition, pet-assisted therapy, educational partnerships, summer camps, VA Hospital programs, and more — all thanks to donors like you. Donor support also allowed us to increase our community impact with the construction of a \$1.6M cat-housing facility and a \$1.7M medical clinic, added equine/bovine and exotic species humane investigations, and merged several humane societies. One of my favorite accomplishments in Orlando was a feline habi-trail which allowed cats in the Free Roam Kennels to travel to a secure outdoor area via 18-inch-diameter clear tubes.

Most recently, I led the Development Department for the Orlando Museum of Art. At home, my wife and two teens keep me busy with academics, sports, and our two beagles.

Although I recently moved from Orlando, I am an Ohio native who grew up shoveling snow. I received my BA from Kent State University, then, later, my MBA in Management.



I would also like to take a moment to publicly thank Mr. Dates for his leadership and support. He dedicated his life to caring for pets and will always be a champion for dogs and cats everywhere.

**spca cincinnati** has been saving lives in our community for nearly 145 years, and I am proud to have been charged with the task of leading our team of staff and volunteers into the next exciting chapter of our history.

Thank you for your support,

Jake White  
President and CEO



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spca cincinnati is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. The organization is a humane society that continually strives to strengthen the human-animal bond and improve the welfare of animals by fostering the humane care and treatment of all animals. Through humane education and animal protection, we improve the quality of life in our community.

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# From Tragedy to Triumph

**When tragedy struck our nation, you responded!** Evacuated animals from Hurricanes Irma and Maria arrived at **spca cincinnati** from local shelters and rescue groups to make room for the displaced animals in the area. Thirty-five animals (19 dogs and 16 cats) from Florida and 22 dogs from Puerto Rico were entrusted to our care.



We provided them with needed medical treatment in preparation for adoption. You helped make that happen! Because of your contributions, we were successfully able to care for the evacuated animals. Your response for adoption was tremendous — we conducted lottery drawings for animals with more than one interested adoptive family. Thank you for responding to the call to place our furry friends in forever homes!

# Testimonials of Thanks and Appreciation



**Jax was adopted in late July, and we want to let everyone know he is being spoiled and loving his new home.** He is such a joy, and we are very blessed to have him as a new member of our family. Please know we feel lucky to have found him and are completely in love! We thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,

John Haggerty

**P.S. Jax says thank you also!**

**I was not a big animal lover until my husband with Alzheimer's got a teacup-size Yorkie named Bitsy.** She is his guardian angel. I was not crazy about an animal in the house, but now we fight over whom she is sleeping next to! Our dog has completely changed both of our lives. I choose to donate because I love what you are doing locally, especially with the animals from the hurricanes. Keep up the wonderful work!

In gratitude,

Shelley Goshorn



**We adopted a female cat named Stella in September from the Sharonville location. We absolutely love her!** She was frightened to get in the pet carrier for the car ride home, but as soon as we arrived, she quietly leapt out and began exploring her new home. We came back for another 9-year-old cat named Summer. Both Stella and Summer are truly the best and have changed our family so much. Please know that the animals once in your care are now well taken care of. We thank you for everything you do!

Thank you!

Michelle Wilkins and Family

# Volunteer Victory



We work to enrich the lives of the neediest animals in our community every single day, but that would not be possible without the steadfast dedication, commitment, and passion that our volunteer family brings to **spca cincinnati**. Volunteers are integral to our day-to-day operations, as well as the overall success of the programs and services that we offer.

We can't fully express how grateful we are for our volunteers. These wonderful individuals tirelessly donate their time with office work, shelter service, and the support necessary to carry out a seamless execution of our fundraising events. In just three months' time, our volunteers contributed more than 6,730 hours worth an estimated value of over \$154,700. *Thank you for all you do!*

## YOU Make a Difference!

Because of you, the lives of our animals have been changed forever. You choose to give and YOU make a difference! At any given time, we can shelter 500 dogs and 500 cats between our two facilities. You give from the heart, and the warmth of giving is shared with animals in our care.

**\$15=**  
 Animal enrichment – toys and treats

**\$25=**  
50 cans of wet cat food for kittens too young to chew 

**\$50=**  
 Two bags of nourishing dog food (60 pounds!)

**\$100=**  
Vaccinations and medical care 

**\$250=**  
 Investigations to prevent animal cruelty

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