

# Shelter SCENES

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## *Meet* **Chance!**

The SPCA Cincinnati  
took a chance on me!

*Read more about Chance's story inside*



## Chance's Story

Chance came to the **SPCA Cincinnati** with matted fur, a few lumps and a small limp, but took it all in stride with his sunny disposition. He was immediately groomed and X-rays were taken by the **SPCA** Veterinarian Staff who found a few big surprises. Chance's happy exterior did not match the internal pain he accepted as normal. Along with painful bladder stones and a tumor on his hip, blood work confirmed Chance had bone cancer, which often carries a terrible prognosis. His bladder stones were removed to alleviate some pain, but his limp got much worse. The tumor had fractured his hip, making his health prognosis much grimmer. A biopsy showed that the cancer was very slow-spreading and amputation was the best decision for improving Chance's quality of life. Happily, a loving Foster Family who had experience with special needs animals became Chance's Forever Family and he is doing exceptionally well today!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO, JAKE WHITE

## Focused on the Mission

**SPCA Cincinnati** Mission: To be a driving force in promoting animal welfare, strengthening the human-animal bond, providing humane education and eliminating pet overpopulation.

When the COVID-19 crisis began a little over a year ago, we were not allowed to have the general public inside the **SPCA Cincinnati** shelter, though we were still operating at full capacity. Faced with this obstacle, we evaluated how we could still perform our Mission and remain true to high-quality customer service. Within days, our Team Members created a new paperless system, from the initial surrender to post-adoption. We also created an effective scheduling system for high-potential adoption visits. We honed our Managed Intake process to effectively problem-solve so pets could remain with their family. We began online behavioral training for dogs and educated the public about the challenges of "kitten season."

As restrictions ease, we look forward to new community programs, continuing to find solutions and being a voice for the voiceless. We are able to successfully execute our mission thanks to YOU and your steadfast commitment to our animals!

## Meet Izzy!

An 8-week-old kitten named Izzy arrived at the **SPCA Cincinnati** with a littermate. Both were near death and starved, weighing only one pound each! Sadly, Izzy's littermate lost the battle and did not make it through the night.

But Izzy proved to be quite the little fighter! She was anemic, had worms and an upper respiratory infection. Her road to recovery was going to be challenging but this little fur ball was determined to win her battle. The **SPCA Cincinnati** Vet Team aggressively treated Izzy with medication and extra nursing. They noticed she was getting stronger when she would jump out of the cage and into their arms when they fed her. It wasn't long before Izzy was paired with a loving **SPCA** Foster Family to help her gain weight and prepare her for adoption. However, Izzy's Foster Family could not part with her, so they officially welcomed her into their home as a member of their family. Izzy is thriving and happy!



Izzy is ready for adoption



Izzy's arrival at the **SPCA Cincinnati**

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

# We're Better *Together*



More than **4,400 animals** entered our facilities in 2020



During 2020, more than **650 animals** were in foster care



**83 cents of every dollar**

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More than **850 at-risk kittens** received specialized care by SPCA staff, volunteers, and fosters during the 2020 Kitten Season



Over **50,000 animals rescued** in 5 years



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# Homeless Dogs of St. Lucia Find Forever Homes Through the **SPCA Cincinnati**!



In desperate need of help, dogs from St. Lucia have made several trips to the United States over the last several months. This has become a critical rescue that the **SPCA Cincinnati** is proud to be a part of. This rescue mission is made possible by an incredible community partner who has privately funded this lifesaving effort.

Every animal deserves a fighting chance. When asked to assist with the dogs arriving from St. Lucia, it was an easy “yes” for our organization. “Our priority is making sure that we save as many animals’ lives as possible, here at home and abroad,” says Mike Retzlaff, the **SPCA Cincinnati’s** VP of Operations. “Our shelter has positioned itself to where we are able to not only serve our community at the highest level, but also be a support system to those communities with limited resources.”

The **SPCA Cincinnati’s** medical staff is led by Dr. Jennifer Smith. Dr. Smith and her team were instrumental in bringing these dogs to good health and preparing them for adoption both physically and emotionally.

Bill is one of the very special puppies who was rescued from the streets of St. Lucia. Thin and anemic, he also had mange, ear infections, intestinal parasites and a tick-borne disease. Bill is now thriving and adopted. The **SPCA Cincinnati** gives thanks to its invaluable partner in the crusade to save animals’ lives!

## *Bruce’s* Bravery...

Bruce’s owner loved Bruce very much, but could no longer take care of his ever-growing health needs. He thought it would be best for Bruce to be surrendered to us so his life could be saved. Bruce came to the **SPCA Cincinnati** with severe dental disease. Not only did his gums bleed to the touch, he had multiple decaying teeth with one canine tooth that was so rotten, it turned sideways. Bruce’s dental procedures were completed at the **SPCA**, with a total of 18 teeth pulled. Bruce’s bravery and strength allowed him to recover successfully from surgery. Not long after his recovery, his loving personality warmed the hearts of a family and was taken into a new forever home!

To find how you can help more animals like Bruce, please visit [spcacinincinnati.org](http://spcacinincinnati.org). Thank you for your generous support.



*Bruce Post-Surgery*

*Bruce’s Arrival to **SPCA***