



Happy 30th!!
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Friends For Life Animal Haven started in 1993 as a 501c(3) nonprofit organization run entirely by volunteers, and we are dedicated to no more homeless pets. ALL of our animals are in foster homes and preparing to become a member of your family!

Thirty years and counting!

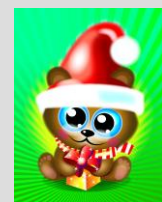
2023 marks the 30th year Friends For Life Animal Haven has operated as a nonprofit! Over the years there have been some memorable moments of the volunteers and its founder, Mary Lou Kunkler. Below are some special memories from volunteers, some who have volunteered most of those thirty years:

Diane: One summer I had surgery and was on crutches and in a cast most of the summer. A single orphaned kitten who was about 1 week old needed someone to bottle feed him. I was the only one available who knew how to bottle feed so he was brought over to me. I could not carry him around and use crutches so I got out an apron with a pocket. I was able to carry him around until he was big enough to run around. Sometimes it takes a village to raise one kitten, the runt of a litter named Trent that even momma cat and vets gave up on. I took on that challenge and once he was warmed up and bottle fed every 2 hours he grew! Even as I got sicker with bronchitis I weighed him to make sure he was growing. Another volunteer took over his care when Trent was 3 weeks old, then to another volunteer to socialize with other kitties. He turned out fine and at 8 weeks of age weighed what a normal mom raised kitten would be!

Joan: I never expected to get a call from an animal hospital to see if I could take in two kittens that needed space. That's not unusual but they told me two burley construction workers were crying as they brought them into the animal hospital. They said they were working and somehow killed the mom cat during construction. The kittens were fine and got adopted but even construction workers had a soft heart to get them help!

The most exciting days were when I went with Mary Lou on farm visits to help place retiring Slate Run Historical Farm horses! I thought we only did dogs and cats and even guinea pigs and a snake, but.....horses?!?!?!? That was a very special time for me.

Phyllis: I remember my first foster cat, Archie, an all white short hair who had weathered such cold temperatures his pads were frost bitten. He took over my whole house until one day I couldn't find him. I looked everywhere! I was frantic and made the dreaded call to Mary Lou to say I feared Archie got out. Mary Lou said to just relax, that he would probably show up on a table staring at me as if to say "what are you so upset about? I've been here the whole time!" Well, I did one more walk in and outside my house, and as I came in I looked up at a plant ledge and sure enough, there was Archie watching me! He was my first "foster failure" (fosters who wind up adopting their charges). (Continued on next page)



Our Christmas Wish List

This past year has been an explosion of kittens we have taken in, provided spay or neuter and medical care, plus fed and provided litter so they can do the doo. We can really use the following items, look for our wishlist on Chewy.com:

-  Kitten food (wet and dry)
-  Clay litter
-  KMR milk replacer
-  Paper towels
-  70% rubbing alcohol or bleach (for disinfection)
-  Monetary donations

I want to help the goal of no more homeless pets by:

\$150___ (One animal sponsorship)

Emergency Fund donation_____

\$ 60___ (One cat spay/neuter)

\$ 25___ (Vaccinations for one animal)

Other: \$_____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Email address: _____



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From the Editor

Thirty years as a non-profit companion animal rescue/adoption/sanctuary organization means so much to those of us who volunteer their time, talents, and yes money to make this wonderful world work! Many volunteers have spent a majority of time getting adoptable animals ready for their permanent home(s). Letting go of a bottle baby received at one day old and now 3 months old is no small feat for anyone, yet let go they do because there always seems to be another one right behind that needs special TLC. Nothing compares to the work we do than seeing the newly adoptive families we get to serve; their smiling faces tells us everything we need to know – THIS animal will be loved for their lifetime. To the families who adopted over 4,500 animals over our thirty years, we give our heartfelt thanks!



Thirty years and counting (continued)

Karen/Kyla: We’ve been fostering for four years and there have been too many kitties to single out just one. All kitties were adopted and one still waiting. Some of our most memorable are...

- Goblin and Grimm who became our own spoiled boys
- Mini who was thrown from a car and was so dirty we couldn’t see her true color
- Captain and Shrimp who were nothing but skin and bones, but grew into ornery cats
- Tally who rode in my knee cart basket while I recovered from foot surgery
- Willie, who came running when you said “bottle”
- Wally who got his name because he needed rescued from a wall
- Church who was found at a church and became my husband’s favorite
- Current foster, Eugene, who is blind and amazes us with his ability to maneuver through the house and chase toys down the hall



Giving back is as easy as going shopping! Download the Kroger app and Chewy app, then choose us as your charity to support as you go about your shopping! We thank Kroger and Chewy for making it so easy to help us!

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Events for 2023

Nov 7-10: Festival of Friends Auction 2023 on Facebook
 Dec 1-2: Pictures with Santa, CW

Planned Events for 2024

April: Spay-ghetti Dinner, 45 E Waterloo, CW, 4-8pm
 June 7-8: Yard Sale!
 Sept: Labor Day, CW Yard Sale!

Adoptable Kitties

Check out available kitties up for adoption on our website, www.fflah.org, or at the Taylor Park PetSmart in Reynoldsburg. Fill out an online adoption application and we are happy to set up a “meet and greet”!

IN MEMORIAM

Friends For Life Animal Haven lost several foster animals this year who never found their fur-ever homes, but lived their lives under the “Friends For Life” umbrella until they went to the Rainbow Bridge from old age or terminal medical conditions:

<p>Darryl, cat, 13 years old Jazz, cat, 18 years old Little Dove, cat, 3 years old Tracy, cat, 2 years old, cancer</p>	<p>Trap/Neuter/Return actually helps save lives! Please get them spayed/neutered, there are many places to get that done in central Ohio! Low cost vouchers are available from catwelfareassoc.org to aid in this effort.</p>	<p>“I (We) believe in animal rights, and high among them is the right to the gentle stroke of a human hand” – Robert Brault</p>
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