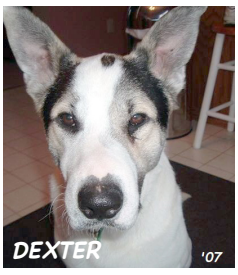
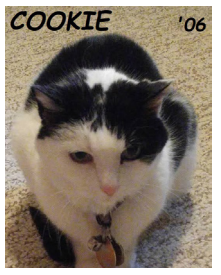




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Celebrating our 20th Anniversary

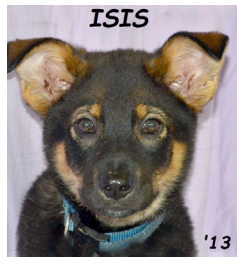
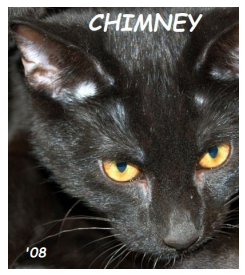


Twenty Years and Counting...

On a cold January day in 2005 seven like-minded people who shared a vision to make a difference for local strays began a mission called **Save Ohio Strays**. Now with over 5,000 lives saved and 20 years passed, we stand here proudly doing the same work! Our commitment to our mission has never wavered. From saving adoptable pets at Ohio shelters, to sponsoring other groups when possible, to help save lives when we can't, and initiating multiple low-cost spay and neuter programs in our community, we remain focused on results to save the lives of animals!



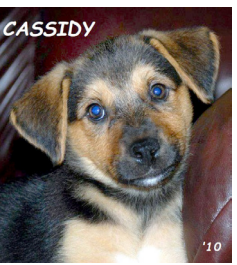
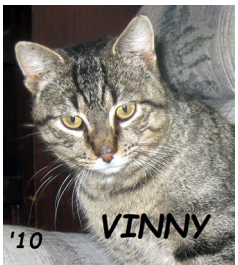
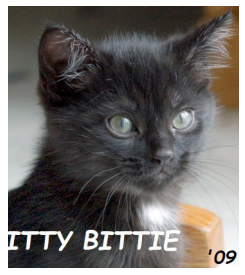
First of all, a HUGE shout out and thank you to all our volunteers, past and present! You have been the life force driving the success of this mission. Many of our core volunteers have been with us almost this entire time, and we remain all volunteer. It has been an honor to be a part of such a magical, dedicated group of life savers. We could not still be doing this without your continued support. We pride ourselves on sharing our financials. If you would like to support our 20th anniversary celebration, a modest donation is always appreciated. We can guarantee your donation is never wasted on overhead given our bare bones approach to rescue. And of course, the simple act of sharing our posts, adopting our pets, and volunteering also keeps us successful!



We know our impact goes far beyond the **5,267 lives saved**. With a full heart, we thank you all and look forward to saving more lives!



With Love and Gratitude,
Sandy Caldwell, President/Founder



Highlights of our Busy Year!

SAGWA'S SAGA – From Trash to Treasured!

Seeing the post of this sad, cold senior kitty begging to be let back in broke me. Being in rescue for over 25 years, you see it all. But to put a senior, declawed indoor kitty outside because the 2 new KITTENS you just adopted don't get along with her? Hell no. Sagwa had a few health issues, and case of pancreatitis when we rescued her. She would have died outside abandoned by the only family she ever knew. Instead, she has gained her health back and was ADOPTED by her second foster mom! She is living the life of a princess now!
Sandy C, First Foster Mom



Asta and Mia Finally get homes!

Asta & Mia came to me from a hoarding situation 6/1/23. DNA tests confirmed they were full sisters. They brought me joy watching them play, cuddle and sleep as one. I hoped they could be adopted together, but it was advised that they'd do better separate. Over a year later, Asta went to a home where she helped her new sister Sky come out of her shell, learn to find her bark, and discover that men are OK too! And after 1 ½ yrs, Mia's adopter found her at her favorite place in the world-the dog park! Mia's new sister Daisy needed a companion. I was so sad to see them go, but they went to homes where they are living the happy ending!
Rebecca, Foster Mom

Sheila – from death's door to living her BEST life!

Kelly, our Feline Intake coordinator, has saved countless lives for us over the years. She handles the tough cases, and coordinates all the difficult medical cases. When Sheila came to her as a tiny, hot mess, she jumped into action. Kelly did everything and then some to will her to live. Finally, we needed her to fight to survive. Miraculously, Sheila started eating and gaining weight! Sheila fought the fight to live, and just got adopted by the most amazing, loving couple. The work we do is hard, and we could not do it without our wonderful volunteers! **Special thanks to her foster mom Kelly!**



SADIE – The shelter picture showed a sad, back end sloping older dog. Chances were slim in this currently overwhelmed rescue world that she would get help. Our VP and co-founder, Diane, saw her pic and worried no one else would step up. Fast forward just four months, and Sadie is adopted, healthy and loved! No more sloping backside, no more sad faces. She now plays with toys, walks better, and gets love daily from her daddy, a previous adopter of ours. Seen here with her new sister, her future looks bright! **Special thanks to her foster Mom Diane!**

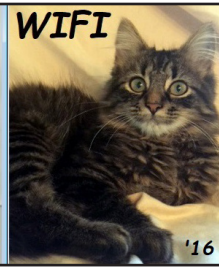
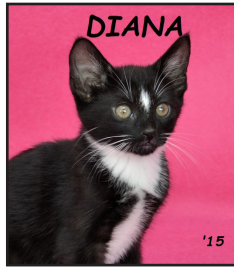
**HELP
WANTED!
FOSTERS**



“Fostering with SOS gives me a wonderful opportunity to turn scared, homeless kittens into purring little house panthers, ready to provide years of love and laughter to their new family. And there's nothing better than receiving pictures and thanks from their adoptive families! It proves that what we do matters!”
Therese, Foster Mom

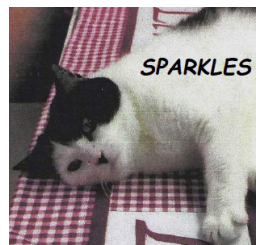
IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS!

LIVES SAVED	5,267
SHELTER LIVES SPONSORED	674
MEDICAL SPONSORSHIPS	37+
SPAY/NEUTER INITIATIVES	15+



We remember so many souls and thought you would enjoy just a few of the highlights of these past 20 years.

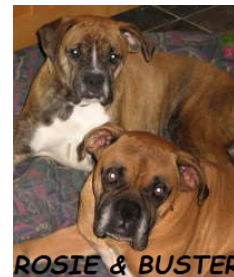
We met for the first time in January of 2005. **Crazy Bailey** was our very first official SOS foster and a certified maniac. She was like a cartoon dog! One example is when we once watched in horror as she hurled herself in a flying optimistic leap at a window. She proceeded to slide down then bounce off to the yard to play. She hit the lotto as her people committed to her craziness, and loved her until the end.



Sparkles came to us with 8 beautiful babies back in 2009. She became a favorite of a church sewing group by greeting the members and “helping” with projects for 9 years. She came from a near death situation to being loved and cared for by her adoptive family the rest of her life.



Rosie & Buster was a love story for the ages. They met and fell in love when we rescued them along with 8 other dogs at a local shelter. Rosie, unbeknownst to us, was pregnant. In all our years of rescue, we had never seen 2 dogs actually fall in love. They did everything together, including raising her litter. The most amazing adopter made our wish come true by adopting both of those fatheads. They lived out their lives in love together!



From Tara, SOS Alumni---- I fell in love with her picture, but was not sure **Fiona** was a fit. Foster to adopt was the best solution for us to find our new friend. Fiona was very shy, and would hiss at us at first. She loved our dog though, and befriended her quickly. Fiona was so persistent that our dog was eventually won over. We knew we had found our match. Today Fiona loves playing fetch with hair ties, boxing her best friend and laying on your lap when ready for a nap.





Memorial and Honor Donations

In honor of Bill & Sue Oberle

Mary & Bill Musick

In honor of Brenda Novak

Carol & Sheila Gibson

In honor of "Ruby" - 15 years old

Audrey Crawford

In honor of "Bella" - 13 years old

Denny & Betty Hawk

In honor of Brenda's birthday

Judy Rufener & Judy Young

In memory of our beloved "Jenny"

Carol & Norman Clary

In memory of "Moochie"

Dora Szafran

In memory of Theresa Miller

Connie Zwick

In memory of "Molly"

Paula Ransbottom

In memory of my best friend "Penny"

Lynda Nossaman

In memory of the best cat ever "Chloe"

Jay Riley

In memory of "Bumper"

Greg & Kathy Johnson

In memory of my buddy "Max"

Joshua Letzler

In memory of Marianne Gibson Hall

Jeffrey Hall

In memory of "Jack" the best cat ever, gone too soon, & with love to "Beau"

Diane & Bill Holko

Two of the thousands of souls thankful for your support!



Save Ohio Strays Treasurer's Report - Year 2024



Following is a summary of our financial activity:

Income:

Adoption Fees	\$ 7,586.00
Individual/Business Donations	37,637.00
Legacy Donation	1,000.00
Earned Revenues	7,808.00
Total Income:	\$ 54,031.00

Expenses:

Community Outreach	10,183.00
Veterinarian Fees	25,839.00
Animal Care/Supplies	20,418.00
Business Expenses	6,008.00
Shelter Sponsorship	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,771.00
Total Expenses:	\$ 74,219.00

Net Income / Loss:

\$ (20,188.00)

Submitted by Brenda Novak, Treasurer January 4, 2025



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Yes, I can help you save lives! Enclosed is my tax-deductible* donation for the 20 Year Anniversary!

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