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one pet at a time.*

**2009**

## **Annual Report**



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## Letter from the President

Dear Friends of Toledo Animal Shelter,

I can hardly believe that a year has passed since our last annual report. Like many people, I find myself in a whirlwind of activities in which days fly by and time quickly passes. But on occasions such as this, I have found that it is good to reflect on all that has recently transpired.

Over the past year, Toledo Animal Shelter has been in the fortunate position to continue our mission of caring for many four-legged friends in need. Whether it is to help the lost cat that needs to find her way home, or the unfortunate dog who just wants to find a forever home, our shelter has been able to provide the love, compassion and care to make a happy ending possible. We receive many cards, letters, emails and photographs telling us about those happy endings. We can think of no greater reward than to

hear that a former resident of our shelter has found a new loving home, and in the process has enriched the lives of its new family. Indeed, almost every day we seem to find a way to turn bad circumstances into good ones. We are extremely proud and humbled to be able to do this.

Please allow me to take a moment to recognize our very dedicated staff and volunteers. It is truly inspiring to see such wonderful folks give a piece of themselves everyday to our animals. If you find yourself at our shelter, I am sure you will be impressed with our staff as well. Please take a moment and stop by, tell a friend about us, or visit our website to see what we are up to. I can assure you that you will be glad you did.

At Toledo Animal Shelter, we dream of the day when our mission is no longer needed. A day when all animals can receive the love and care they deserve. But

we know that we have a long way to go. Until that day comes, we remain steadfast in our desire to be there for the dogs and cats, the puppies and kittens.

In closing I'd like to thank you, our patrons. Toledo Animal Shelter's ability to provide loving assistance to the animals is only possible because of the generous support we are so fortunate to receive. Your donations are deeply appreciated by our staff, by our Board and most importantly, by our residents. Please help us to continue our mission by considering a donation when you can. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the animals we touch.

Warm regards,

President

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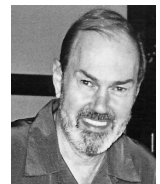
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## Message from the Executive Director

I am pleased that we achieved solid results for the animals in 2009 while the demands for medical attention were even higher than the previous year. Disciplined use of donated funds including holding the line on our expenses continued in 2009.

As we approach the uncertain economic climate for 2010, we remain optimistic and focused on containing costs without compromising animal care.

While we know and realize the challenges are big, we also know the reward of giving an animal a second chance by finding them a new "forever-after" home is even bigger.

Helen F. Bensch





## Treasurer's Report

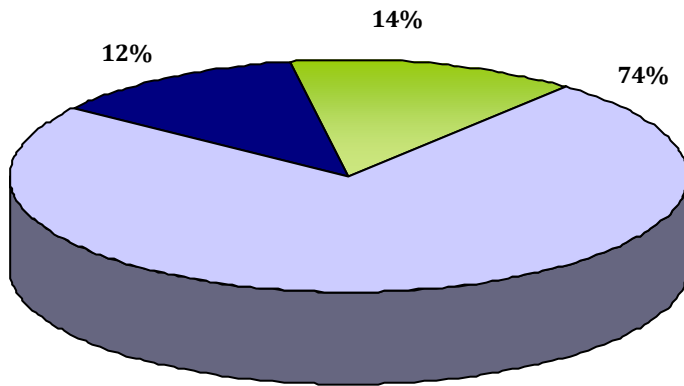
The depressed economic conditions in the United States during 2009 were reflected in the operating income of the Shelter. Contributions, our largest source of income, and shelter revenue were down 26% from the prior year. Primarily as a result of prudent control by management and a

reduction of professional and investment fees, expenses were reduced by 9%. Our commitment to fulfilling our mission, however, did not waiver. 81% of each dollar spent went to operating expenses for the quality care of our animals during their stay with us. On the bright side, the improvement

in financial markets helped the value of our investments increase 17% over the prior year. Overall, the financial condition of the Toledo Animal Shelter Association remains strong.

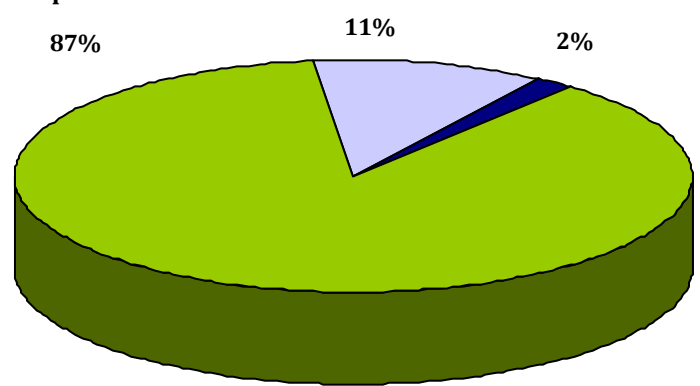
Regards,  
Allan Timmerman

Income



Donations Fund Raising Shelter Revenue

Expense



Program Management Fund Raising

Based on regular income and expense

## Toledo Animal Shelter Association Auxiliary Report

Dear Friends,

The Toledo Animal Shelter Auxiliary had another very successful year. The first issue of our new newsletter, *The Puss & Pup Gazette*, was mailed during the summer. Our first event was our annual brunch, election and installation of officers held in May at the Toledo Country Club. The highlight of this event was a visit from Donna and Dutch. Helen shared the story about Donna's life saving surgery, and answered many questions from the group.

Our annual Doggie Bag Express Campaign took place during the summer. We received contributions from seventy members or friends of the shelter.

Our annual picnic was held in August at Belmont Country Club. We had a successful silent auction. We had another very successful silent auction at the Shelter Holiday party held in December. Auxiliary items were sold at both events.

Our largest and most successful fundraiser was our Fashion Show, "It's Showtime" which took place at Inverness in October. We featured fashions from six local stores, and sold items from nine vendors before and after the show. We also held a raffle and sold our Auxiliary items.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ligibel - President



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Nancy Ligibel - President

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## Highlights of 2009

### Free Veterinary Exam for Adoptees

With the cooperation of veterinarians in the Toledo area, pets adopted from the Toledo Animal Shelter are given a free medical examination. It is our goal to help families immediately establish a relationship with a veterinarian upon adopting an animal from TASA.

#### Participating Veterinary Hospitals/Clinics:

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### A Year in Review: 2009 Veterinary Care

The Toledo Animal Shelter Association has a long standing tradition of great care for the animals entrusted to us. This includes the veterinary care that these pets receive. We have worked past the many challenges presented to us and I believe have continued to be a leader in the community. Through the year we have had the opportunity to work with many volunteers and staff and we always appreciate the efforts they put forth.

Continuing education in shelter medicine has been important for the development of better infectious disease control. This helps Staff in their efforts to educate future adopters.

This remains critical to help community members understand how to incorporate adopted pets into their families. The Continuing Ed h leads us to improve our behavior health program and allows us to adopt out happier healthier pets. We have enjoyed working with community veterinarians, pharmaceutical companies and suppliers, and other shelter organizations to provide care from the first moment they walk through our doors until they leave to their forever homes.

The surgery program continues to thrive and as a result, during 2009, 83 dog spays, 89 dog neuters, 49 cat spays, and 48 cat neuters, totaling

269 surgeries were performed. Not only does this support our efforts to control pet over population, but it also benefits public health and safety in the Toledo area as well.

We continue to set goals for the improvement of all aspects of shelter medicine and will keep us as a role model for the community. Each year seeing these patient go into loving homes, and knowing they all start off on the right paw, and in good health, makes our efforts worthwhile. I am honored to be apart of the Toledo Animal Shelter Association as we move ahead into 2010.

**Brent I Coutts D.V.M.**

### Heart Surgery

On Wednesday, April 1st. we received a mother cat, three kittens and two puppies. All victims of home foreclosure.

One of the puppies, Donna, a 7 week old Shepherd Mix, had a level 6 heart murmur, diagnosed as PDA (patent ductus arteriosus), a congenital heart defect.

Left untreated, more than 70 percent of puppies with PDA die of congestive heart failure by one year of age.

Dr. Brent Coutts offered to correct the PDA. He felt with his surgical training

and experience that he was comfortable attempting this procedure. He spoke with the technician and staff who would be helping, and together we believed this was the only chance for her.

Dr. Coutts did heart surgery at the Shelter on Saturday, April 11th at 7:30 am.

**AMAZING!**



**Jacklyn Phillips-Vet Tech & Dr. Coutts**



## Volunteers Helping the Homeless Animals



### THANK YOU!

In 2009, volunteers donated **1,711 hours** at the Shelter. Our animals are held regularly, cuddled and treated with love and respect. We have dedicated volunteers who spend time each week giving special care to the Shelter guests. Volunteers are always needed to help with the tasks of the Shelter as well as to give our animals the human contact that maintains the animal's trust and acceptance for when they are matched with their new families.

## Corporate & Foundation Support



Special thanks to Hills Science Diet for food donations totaling \$ **12,805.39** in 2009.

Hill's, support of our Shelter's efforts through the Science Diet® Shelter Nutrition Partnership is an important part of their mission. Like the shelter community, they believe in the strength of the relationship between people and their pets. Shelters nurture that relationship through their dedication to finding good homes for the animals in their care. Hill's nurture this through the highest-quality nutrition.



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## 2009 Shelter Statistics

|                       |         |                           |     |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----|
| Phone Calls           | 9,551   | Animals In                | 382 |
| Visitors              | 7,561   | Adoptions/return to owner | 389 |
| Pet views on website  | 107,994 | Animals micro chipped     | 124 |
| 2009 Dog License sold | 350     | Spay/Neuter surgeries     | 269 |





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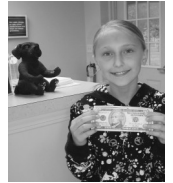
LOOK WHAT THE KIDS ARE UP TO NOW!

*Some of the Shelter's youngest supporters found great ways of helping.*

**Noah Jockett** just recently celebrated his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, and in lieu of gifts, he requested his friends donate money to the Shelter instead. Noah presented us with cash totaling \$ 290. He also went door-to-door in his neighborhood and collected newspapers for the Shelter.



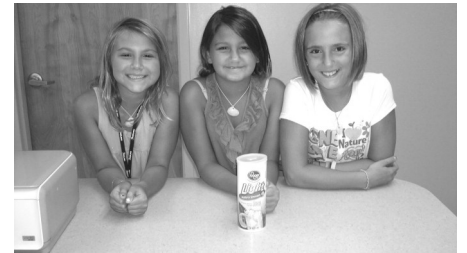
**Brittany Harder**, granddaughter of Kay Morgan, made "Friendship Bracelets" and sold them, donating \$ 77 to the Shelter. She is also making dog treat jars to sell for gifts.



**Brownie Troop # 10265** from Elmhurst School visited the Shelter. The troop donated over \$ 250 worth of supplies.



The Seely family from Perrysburg, **Riley (9), Ronnie (10), and Abby (8)**, all just recently celebrated their birthdays. They asked their guests to purchase something from the TASA Wish List in lieu of gifts.



**Madeleine Roman** (left) and friends set up a lemonade stand and donated their earnings.



Dear Toledo Animal Shelter,  
I appreciate you letting me and my Girl Scout troop help the Toledo Animal Shelter. We were glad to help the dogs and cats at the shelter. The beds and ropes for the dogs were a joy to make. The toys we made for the cats were really fun to make too. I hope the dogs and cats had as much fun playing with the toys as we did making them. And the hours we worked helped us earn our Bronze Award (service award.) Thank you again.  
Sincerely,  
Audrey Miller



11 year-old **Alice Magrum** of Ottawa Lake, Mich. and her dog Sandy, (adopted from TASA) have won several medals in local 4-H shows and fairs.

## Shelter Goals for 2010

### Personality Assessments for Dogs

The "Pick Me" program includes an evaluation of the animal and potential adopter, and results in a color-coded system bringing suitable matches together.

The aim of the scheme is to reduce the number of dogs returned to the Shelter because they aren't a good fit with their owners. The goal of every adoption is to find a permanent loving home for our dogs.

It helps our staff match the expectations and lifestyles of the adopters with the behaviors and canine-laities of the dogs. The assessment of the dogs predicts how an individual dog is likely to behave in its new home.

The survey of the potential animal owner identifies what they are looking for in a pet, and what sort of animal will best suit their lifestyle. Adopters are guided towards dogs from the color-coded group that would best suit their

household, and can use the more detailed sub-categories to help decide.

### Dog Playground

We are also turning our focus to socializing our dogs during this program with other dogs, people, and teaching some even how to play.

Many of these dogs were in homes where these simple activities were not seen frequently or skipped altogether. Our goal is to make these dogs more adoptable and readily placed in forever homes. By including the "pick me" dog playground in the program, we are allowing those dogs to become good canine citizens.

