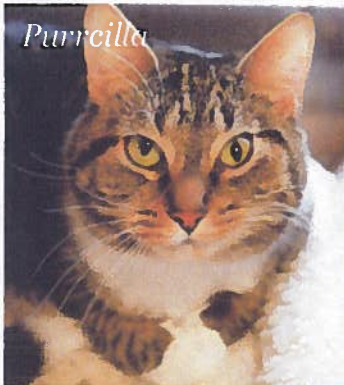




Stray Thoughts

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Purrilla

No Controversy with these Declawed Cats

There is a debate on whether declawing in cats is inhumane (best to consult your veterinarian with questions). SICSA would like to propose a solution if your family will only have a declawed cat. Adopt! We have 6 front declawed cats up for adoption. There is Ty, Molly Clark, Griffin, Anastasia, Violet and Purrilla. These wonderful cats came to SICSA declawed and are waiting for you. Visit them in Kitty City.

Waiting for Zoe

"We watched the website for over 5 months waiting for a labradoodle," remarks Heather Merz. She found Zoe on SICSA's website and fell in love with her. The Merz Family brought the whole gang, even Grandpa, to meet with Zoe at SICSA. "They are really the perfect adopters," commented, Alicia, adoption manager, "they researched the breed they wanted, they waited until they felt their boys could be respectful and they chose adoption. We know Zoe will be a wonderful part of their family." See more of the Merz Family on SICSA's YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/user/SICSApets



The Merz Family



Tanner

Tanner's Tale on Youtube

A Doberman Pincher, named Tanner, has stolen everyone's heart. He is a wonderful, calm and gentle dog despite his history. He was found abandoned; he has a few scars and is severely underweight. Follow along with Tanner on his journey to a new adoptive home on SICSA'S YouTube channel:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/SICSApets>

SICSA Celebrating 36 years! SICSA is a non-profit 501 (c) 3. pet adoption center that has found loving adoptive homes for over 50,000 dogs and cats and spayed or neutered over 60,000 dogs and cats in the community. We rely solely on the generosity of people like you. Thank you! Visit our website www.sicsa.org for more information about our pets and our programs. Visit our facility; we're open 7 days a week: Mon-Sat from 12-7pm and Sundays 12-4pm.



*Nora with pup at
Chip, Dip & Cheer
dog wash*

Nora's Notes

When the SICSA van was stolen back in 2009, now retired Executive Director Terry Carlisle and the Board of Director's sent out a call to the community to help us purchase a replacement. With the help of Friends of SICSA, who pledged to donate \$1 in match funds for every \$2 from the community, the Van Challenge began at the end of 2010 with an ending date of June of 2011. You may recall, however, that at the end of first quarter 2011, we were only a third of the way to our goal. One last plea was made to the community and (insert drum roll here), I am pleased to announce that together, we did it!

With a last minute generous donation from Martha Frazee-Iams and her husband Bob Wind via the Frazee Family Fund, SICSA has exceeded our original goal and purchased a 2011 Ford Transit Connect! What amazing support we received from our SICSA family and friends. As a new executive direct, I cannot put into words what

your support means to the mission for which we have been charged. And the van is fabulous! We are waiting for the inside to be retrofitted with permanent cages which will be sloped and have drains for easy cleaning. In addition, we plan to send her to have our logos placed on the outside so she can be easily spotted in the community. But until then, rest assured we have already put her to use transporting our animals safely to off-site adoption events or bringing new animals to the Adoption Center to find their forever homes. Thank you so much to all of you who met the challenge. Together, we are truly making a difference in the lives of stray animals across the Miami Valley region.

What's New?

- New Staff: Alicia is our adoption manager and oversees all adoptions, off-site adoption events and the front desk staff. Patrick is one of our volunteer coordinators, working with Sandi and Carolyn as a part of the volunteer team. Patrick handles most of the administrative duties of the position. Kira joined our development team and coordinates our Camp SICSA's, birthday parties and off-site fundraising events.



*Alicia, Patrick & Kira
wearing our new
polo shirts*

- Check out our new SICSA polo shirts. All staff will be wearing the polo shirts or green or blue SICSA t-shirts when working with the public.
- Dayton Business Journal is highlighting SICSA's pets at www.bizjournals.com/Dayton
- Look for SICSA's 30 Lamar billboards around the Miami Valley in our continuing efforts to connect the community with our great adoption opportunities
- Look for SICSA at Young's Dairy Pumpkin Festival on Oct 1 & 2 with spay/neuter specials and Young's Dairy gift certificates for scheduling your pet's sterilization. FOS will have a booth there too!
- Check out SICSA's YouTube Channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/SICSApets>. Use "SICSApets" as a keyword to search in YouTube site.



Winner of
Poster Contest
Caroline Evans

Save the Date

September 30: Red Dog Auction @ Presidential Banquet Center

SICSA is hosting 17th annual Red Dog Auction. Silent Auction begins at **5:00 pm** with dinner & live auction at **6:30 pm**. Individuals \$70 or Table of 8 \$500. Reservations can be made by phone to Zandra: 937-294-6505 ext. 16 or online www.sicsa.org.

October 8: Barktoberfest

Centerville Library hosting a fun-filled, family friendly outdoor fundraising event for the library and SICSA from **10m-3pm**.

October 22: Red Dog Racers Auction

All types of Racing items! NASCAR Cup, Nationwide, Truck - NHRA - IRL - to name just a few! Quaker Steak & Lube (across from WSU) from **10:00 am-3:00 pm**.

December 2 & 3: Christmas Bazaar

Pet-themed gifts, homemade items, goodies and more at SICSA from 9am-4pm.

December 4: A Night to Remember Tree Lighting and Open House

Bring your furry friend for SICSA's annual tree-lighting and open house at **6:30 pm** in SICSA's lobby. There will be refreshments and goodies for both humans and pets. Purchase lights for tree lighting in memory or honor of a loved or pet. Info online at www.sicsa.org.

For Kids & Teachers

Camp SICSA is for scouts and youth groups. The humane education program is 90 minutes with an educational tour, time with pets and group activity (3 to choose from). Scouts will be eligible for the Pet Care Badge. Camp SICSA is \$6 a student. To schedule, email kpetrykowski@sicsa.org or call Kira at 294-6505 ext. 24.

Classroom Paw Pack To Go

SICSA will come to your classroom with puppies or kittens and deliver a paw-pack of humane education materials for your classroom to keep. We can also schedule a Skype Q&A/talk with your class. Here is what your pack includes: SICSA tote, *It's Raining Cats and Cats* by Jeanne Prevost with readers theatre scripts, *Before You Were Mine* by Maribeth Boelts with lesson plan, SICSA bookmarks, adopt a class certificate and library reserve list of humane education books. Paw Pack is \$100. To schedule, email kpetrykowski@sicsa.org or call Kira at 294-6505 ext. 24.

Birthday Parties at SICSA

Treat your animal-loving child to a Birthday Party at SICSA. We will take care of just about everything from pet-themed cupcakes from Ashley's Bakery, invitations, decorations, educational tour, interactive visits with pets to the clean-up and more. Parties are \$250 for 15 guests. Schedule party at least 30 days in advance; to schedule contact (Volunteer) Laura at 937-648-9063 or by email birthdayparty@sicsa.org.



Thanks to everyone who has donated their treasure, time & talent. We want to especially thank:

Bellbrook Fence Co. Inc.
Jean Barge Rice Trust
Kuntz Foundation
Bob Wind & Margaret Frazee-Iams

Vehicle Donation

Your car donation directly benefits SICSA's mission and programs and is tax-deductible as permissible by law. Our program is open to trucks, motorcycles, snowmobiles, recreational vehicles and jet skis too. The vehicle must be in good working order. To donate your vehicle or for more information email info@sicsa.org or call 294-6505.

Get Social with SICSA

Sign up online and connect with people and organizations who care about pets and keep up-to-date with the work SICSA is doing to help homeless animals.

www.facebook.com/sicsa
www.twitter.com/sicsa
www.YouTube.com/sicsapets

Get a Break from the HEAT

Spay/Neuter Specials for the community.
Call Zandra 294-6505 ext. 16.

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*Remy has been waiting
8 mos. for a forever home.*

Non-profit Organization
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Dayton, Ohio
PERMIT NO. 945

Save Our Strays

The Save Our Strays program allows you to support animals monthly, automatically. On the same day each month, a tax-deductible amount that you choose will be charged to your credit card. At the end of the year, we will send you a receipt for your taxes.

Make this a recurring, monthly donation

Here's what every gift can do:

- \$1,000 will rescue 50 dogs from the trauma of a puppy mill.
- \$500 will care for long term residents like Remy, as long as it takes to get their forever adoptive home.
- \$200 will provide emergency or extra medical care to save the life of a homeless pet like Tanner (Guardian Angel Fund).
- \$100 will get a homeless pet into a new loving home.
- \$50 will neuter 5 male cats or one dog to prevent unwanted litters.
- \$25 will bottle-feed a litter of orphaned kittens for a week.
- Other amount \$ _____



Tanner

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I enclose: check/M.O. Visa MC

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Cid: _____

Signature: _____

Donations are tax-deductible under section 501 (C) (3) of the IRS code. Use the envelope provided.