**Heaven Can Wait Times**

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**Heaven Can Wait Has a Home of Our Own!**

Hooray! Hooray! Hooray! Heaven Can Wait has a home of our own now! We are so pleased to announce that Heaven Can Wait has opened our own Adoption and Awareness Center and we all feel extremely blessed to have such a wonderful new center to call home. We opened our doors to the public February 8, 2007 and were full to capacity with so many familiar and new faces! We are located at 2765 Front St. in Cuyahoga Falls and are open for you to come visit with us and some of the happy rescues that also call the center home. Our adoption center houses cats we have saved and are available for adoption and dogs are shown when open and by appointment. We also have animal welfare information available to the public, items available for a donation, a meet and greet room available for potential adopters and perspective pets, main office for Heaven Can Wait, a supply room, drop off for donated items and a location to hold animal meetings. Come see for yourself! Spring hours are: Tuesdays and Thursdays 4-7pm, Saturdays 12-4, Sundays 1-4, and by appointment.

**Bluebelle, the Beagle Needs a Home**

**That Will Supply Her with Endless Hugs and Kisses**

Meet little Bluebelle, a beautiful Beagle mix who needs a home that will give her the special attention that she needs. Bluebelle was rescued in February from the county facility after being there for a period of time. Other than needing bathed SIX times, she appeared to be in good health. Soon after rescue, Bluebelle displayed a depressed demeanor as well as vomiting bile and passing blood clots from her behind. Bluebelle was in and out of the hospital for the next two weeks and it was finally found out after numerous x-rays, a scope and medicine after medicine she had pieces of bones lodged in her colon which caused her to be blocked in her GI tract and she was in pain. Because of this, Bluebelle will need to eat a special diet for the rest of her life, but don't tell her that! Bluebelle is the happy and wonderful sweet little girl she once was before she was a stray and struggled to survive. Is your home the ones she is looking for?
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An Angel with Many Years Still on Earth

Hi! My name is Angel and my several mommies at Heaven Can Wait tell me that my name is Angel because I am one. I am a resident of the Adoption Center while I am waiting for my forever home and you know what? I am so happy here. I was on the way to the kill room at the county facility when two nice ladies from Heaven Can Wait intercepted and saved my life. I was wounded by other cats and my former mommy let them hurt me, so I had wounds and boo boos all over me. I am in tip top shape now and I want a soft, warm, and happy home so bad! Is it with you? If you give me a chance I will love you forever.
In summertime, the living isn't always easy for our animal friends. Dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems that humans do, such as overheating, dehydration and even sunburn. By taking some simple precautions, you can celebrate the season and keep your pets happy and healthy.

A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up is a must; add to that a test for heartworm, if your dog isn't on year-round preventive medication. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe, effective flea and tick control program.

- Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle—hyperthermia can be fatal. Even with the windows open, a parked automobile can quickly become a furnace in no time. Parking in the shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day.

- Always carry a gallon thermos filled with cold, fresh water when traveling with your pet.

- The right time for playtime is in the cool of the early morning or evening, but never after a meal or when the weather is humid.

- Street smarts: When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog standing on hot asphalt. His or her body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

- A day at the beach is a no-no, unless you can guarantee a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water for your companion. Salty dogs should be rinsed off after a dip in the ocean.

- Provide fresh water and plenty of shade for animals kept outdoors; a properly constructed doghouse serves best. Bring your dog or cat inside during the heat of the day to rest in a cool part of the house.

- Be especially sensitive to older and overweight animals in hot weather. Brachycephalic or snub-nosed dogs such as bulldogs, pugs, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos and shih tzus, as well as those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

- When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. And please be alert for coolant or other automotive fluid leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste, and ingesting just a small amount can be fatal. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect that your animal has been poisoned.

- Good grooming can stave off summer skin problems, especially for dogs with heavy coats. Shaving the hair to a one-inch length—never down to the skin, please, which robs Rover of protection from the sun—helps prevent overheating. Cats should be brushed often.

- Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals. Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.

- Having a backyard barbecue? Always keep matches, lighter fluid, citronella candles and insect coils out of pets' reach.

- Please make sure that there are no open, unscreened windows or doors in your home through which animals can fall or jump.

- Stay alert for signs of overheating in pets, which include excessive panting and drooling and mild weakness, along with an elevated body temperature.

Some of the Businesses Who Have Helped Heaven Can Wait!

♦ Akron Vet Referral
♦ Precious Lives Animal Hospital & Sanctuary
♦ Sigler Animal Hospital
♦ Richfield Animal Hospital
♦ Oreck Retail Store in Akron
♦ Quantum Manufacturing
♦ Young's Printing
♦ Circle City Carpet
♦ Easy Does It Grooming
♦ Diamond Dogs Grooming
♦ DIY Pet Wash
♦ Hummel Funeral Home
♦ PetSmart
♦ PawsAwhile
♦ Arlington Storage
Want to help Heaven Can Wait in our mission to help the homeless pets at The Summit County Animal Control Facility? Get involved today! Volunteer opportunities exist as well as our need for monetary donations and donated items. Items can be dropped off at any of our events or contact us for pick up. We are always in need of the following or anything else you can think of:

- Gift cards to stores such as PetSmart, Pet Supplies Plus, PetCo, Wal-Mart, Sam’s Club, Giant Eagle, Acme and more!
- Towels, sheets, dog beds, cat beds, etc
- Leashes, collars, harnesses, etc
- Cleaning supplies
- Cages, crates, carriers, cat condos, playpens, fencing
- Canned and dry dog and cat food

**Stay tuned to the summer issue for more events!!**