

# Rascal News

A Source of Information for Animal Lovers

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## Rascal Charities and Rascal Unit Join Animal Planet's Confessions: Animal Hoarding



On January 28<sup>th</sup> at 10pm EST, Animal Planet will be showing episode 3 of the reality series Confessions: Animal Hoarding titled 'Shane and Sharon'. This episode follows two people who love animals so much they are blinded to the harm they are causing due to lack of individual attention and general care.

The Rascal Unit was called in to provide veterinary care on location at Sharon's house in Jackson Co, Ohio. The staff examined over 60 cats prior to release to a humane organization in Knox County. Rascal Charities helped by providing funding for this project so that all of the cats could be sterilized, vaccinated, dewormed, and treated prior to going to the rescue facility.

## Spay Day 2011

Rascal Charities and the Rascal Unit will be celebrating Spay Day with a special event targeting large breed dogs. We want to use this opportunity to educate people about the importance of early sterilization as well as the problems seen by shelters throughout the state in trying to adopt out large breed dogs.

This event, which will take place on February 22, 2011, will be partly funded by Rascal Charities. To raise funds for this event we will be selling shirts that will list our paid sponsors on the back. If you are interested in information on sponsoring this event, email us at [donations@rascalunit.com](mailto:donations@rascalunit.com).

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## ❄️ Cold Weather Tips ❄️

The ASPCA has released guidelines to help keep our four legged friends safe this winter. The following is a summary from their list:

1. Cats should be kept indoors in extreme weather.
2. Always walk your dog on a leash. The snow can make it difficult for a lost dog to find their way back home.
3. Wipe your dog's feet when they come inside to remove excess moisture and salt.
4. Antifreeze can be deadly to pets. Watch for fluid leaking from vehicles.
5. Do not leave your dog alone in the car as the vehicle can become as cold as a refrigerator and dogs can freeze to death.
6. Puppies are more sensitive to cold weather than adult dogs. Only take your puppy outside when necessary.
7. Make sure to provide a warm area protected from the cold.

The entire list can be found at <http://www.aspca.org/pet-care/pet-care-tips/cold-weather-tips.aspx>

## 112 Dogs Sterilized in Pike County Ohio



The Pets Ohio Pet Plate fund grants money each year to animal welfare organizations to help control pet overpopulation by sterilizing animals in rescue or owned by individuals experiencing financial difficulties.

In 2010 Rascal Charities and the Pike County Dog Shelter received grants that helped sterilize 112 dogs in Pike County. The majority of these animals belonged to individuals that would not have been able to sterilize their pets without financial help. In sterilizing these dogs we may have prevented over 500 unwanted puppies this year alone.

You can help support this fund by choosing the Pet Plate when you renew your vehicle license. More information is available at [www.petsohio.com](http://www.petsohio.com).