

A Brief History  
of  
THE TOLEDO HUMANE SOCIETY

PREFACE

The Toledo Humane Society occupies a most unique position among the organizations which contribute to the health of community life in Northwestern Ohio. The Society has a quasi-legal status under a body of laws adopted by the Ohio State Legislature over the years. This legislation defines responsibilities and authority of such organizations and specifically delegates to them certain functions in connections with:

- 1.-Prevention and correction of situations leading to cruelty to all animals, whether pet, work or wild animals;
- 2.-Prevention and correction of neglect, cruelty and failure to provide for the physical welfare of both children and adults;
- 3.-Animal control laws and their administration.

The purpose of this body of state legislation was to establish some form of authority holding in check man's propensity for cruelty toward both man and beast.

The Toledo Humane Society, as far as we know, remains the one Humane Society which requests nothing and receives no support from the United Appeal. Nor does it receive any financial support from local, state or federal tax funds. A part of its income is derived from contracts with Toledo and Lucas County for services rendered involving animal control.

Voluntary memberships, endowments and bequests from individuals who subscribe to humanitarian tenets provide the major financial support for the Society's activities.

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TOLEDO HUMANE SOCIETY--1884 to Present

The Toledo Humane Society traces its history to a meeting of a small group of civic leaders in the home of the Hon. Richard Mott on Monroe Street on December 3, 1883. Its constitution and by-laws were adopted January 29, 1884, and the Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of Ohio on February 14, 1884.

James M. Brown, who was the individual most responsible for the legal pattern of humane societies throughout the United States, served as president until his death in 1909. He was succeeded by Walter F. Brown, his son, who was the inspiration of the Society for 52 years until his death in early 1961.

The first headquarters building was on Orange and St. Clair Streets. By 1914, due largely to Walter F. Brown's insistence on expansion of services, this was inadequate and a new building was built at 418 Erie Street, across from the Lucas County Courthouse, the present site of the Children's Division. The present Animal Division Shelter, Wabash and South 11th Streets, was opened in 1918.

Adopting as its responsibility the prevention of cruelty and neglect of all children under 16, older persons who become dependent and all dumb animals, the Humane Society, before the creation of government relief agencies, devoted its resources to care for victims--human and animal--of catastrophe--natural and man-made. Food, clothing and fuel were supplied to unfortunate victims of such crises.

The role of The Toledo Humane Society has expanded down through the years, but always the expansion has been planned to better serve the Society's objective--that "None of God's Creatures Need Suffer".

Presently The Toledo Humane Society is headed by Otto H. Spengler, the Society's third president. Other officers and directors are:

Louis Michael, 1st vice president; Arthur G. Seltzer, 2nd vice president; Sidney G. Douglas, executive secretary; James E. Lupe, treasurer; Joseph S. Heyman, attorney; J. Lowell Cauffiel, William C. Draper, John E. Hankison, John Kountz, William C. Lumm, Howard A. Mikesell, directors; William W. Knight honorary board member.

TOLEDO HUMANE SOCIETY--Animal Division

Many thousands of families have adopted pets from The Toledo Humane Society's Animal Division, thousands of others have had lost pets quickly returned, and several generations of residents of Toledo and Lucas County have benefited from the Society's continually expanding educational program on the care and training of pets and the prevention of cruelty to all dumb animals.

The Toledo Humane Society's Animal Division is charged with responsibility for the prevention and the correction of situations leading to cruelty to all animals, whether pets, work or wild animals. It administers, under terms of contracts with the City of Toledo and Lucas County, all animal control and service in both the city and the county.

In addition to supervising the Society's staff, the Executive Secretary of the Society was appointed Dog Warden of Lucas County on January 15, 1962, and, in this capacity, he supervises the activities of the county's dog warden staff.

The Animal Shelter houses the Society's two-way radio station used to maintain contact with both Humane Society and county vehicles. The Society has a modern animal ambulance which carries the latest equipment needed for aiding injured animals.

The Society's Animal Shelter is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and maintains emergency service 24 hours a day, Sundays and holidays included, in order to work closely with City and county law enforcement officers on animal control and to prevent cruelty to animals.

The volume of work increases each year, particularly since enactment by the City of Toledo of its dog leash law. Animals kept for work, pleasure and entertainment and the places they are kept, such as riding stables and race tracks, are regularly inspected by Society Agents. On the next page are statistics pertaining to the division.

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## ANIMAL DIVISION

### CASE LOAD

The Case Load totals include all calls involving animals, pickups, investigations, injuries, adoptions, etc. The large increase from 1959 to 1960 reflects the enforcement of Toledo's dog leash law. The increase in 1962 over 1961 reflects the addition of responsibility for animal control in Lucas County.



### TOLEDO HUMANE SOCIETY 1962 ANIMAL DIVISION STATISTICAL REPORT

CASE LOAD	16,351	Neglected and licensed dogs	416
DOGS		Other animals	777
Taken to Pound by Wardens	1,527	MISCELLANEOUS	
Taken to Pound by Agents	2,795	Licenses sold at Pound	1,578
Taken to Pound by Owners	2,015	Owners of dogs located by phone call	806
Taken to Pound by Police	7	Animals disappeared or dead on arrival of Agents	538
Pups brought in by Wardens	234	Cases not sustained (cruelty)	301
Pups brought in by Agents	883	Animals involved in cases not sustained	301
Pups brought in by Owners	1,753	Admonitions for cruelty to animals	282
Pups brought in by Police	1	Animals involved in admonitions	286
DISPOSITION		Animals ordered out of service	None
Redeemed by Owners	664	INSPECTIONS	
Pups adopted	566	Dogs	1,028
Dogs adopted	474	Horses	9,850
Adopted by Hospitals	60	Cattle	6,335
CATS		Calves	4,494
Taken to Pound by Agents	1,656	Hogs	10,933
Taken to Pound by Owners	2,703	Sheep	1,589
Adopted	215	Miscellaneous	1,956
Other animals adopted (rabbits, chicks, parakeets, squirrels)	53	Animals received for Quarantine	157
Other animals put to sleep	948		
INJURY AND ANIMAL AMBULANCE			
Injured dogs picked up	354		
Other injured animals	354		
Sick dogs picked up	347		