



Dear Friends,

We've had another great year of saving dogs & cats and performing high volume spay/neuter.

We live by the quote, "To whom much is given, much is expected". It is because of you, our generous donors and our selfless volunteers, that we are able to save homeless dogs and cats and at the same time, share our good fortunes with rescues/shelters throughout Ohio.

Enjoy this annual update of our work in 2019. Thank you for your part in our continued efforts to save Ohio's homeless dogs and cats.



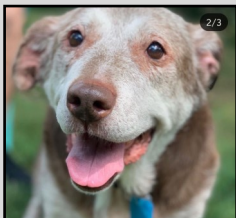
Our foster families, making a difference one dog at a time. From the left: Ridhi Singh, Eric Palowski & Treeva, Laura Blum, Alex Fronk, Emily Shaw, Nicole Arrato, Row 2, Sudeep Deb, Greg Pitts, Kellie DiFrischia and our foster dogs.

Our First "Real" Annual Donor Drive

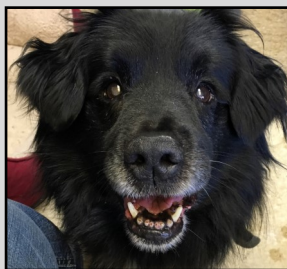
We have been incredibly lucky that donations and fundraisers have sustained our expenses over the years. However, we are running low on donations and fundraisers take our time away from the hands on work we do with the homeless dogs/cats in our care. The cost to rescue a dog almost always exceeds our adoption fee. We often take cases turned away by other rescues due to their medical needs or age. We pride ourselves on being the group that will take these dogs and care for their medical challenges. We are a 501c3 not for profit organization that succeeds because of your contributions. We receive no local, state, or federal tax assistance. It's been a difficult year for donations vs expenses. We need you, our homeless dogs and cats need you.

We promise to never send a calendar, address labels, or any other gadget that is paid for by the money you donate to us. We will never share your name/address and best of all, you donation goes to work right here in Columbus helping dogs from all over Ohio. Thank you for taking the time to read about our grassroots efforts to save Ohio's neediest dogs/cats.

Just A Few of the Homeless Dogs in Our Care in 2019



Libby was surrendered to a rural shelter at 12 years old. This poor girl had a severe skin infection that requires life long treatment. We were lucky that a wonderful family fell in love with and adopted her.

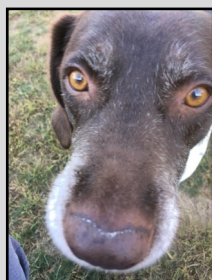


Louie...ahhh Louie. We called him our 83 year old, burpin', fartin', no manners old man. He was really only 10 years old. It took a while to get this old boy to an adoptable status. We have to thank the team that took care of Louie: Pet Palace provided boarding services; Donna Maibaum/Ed Thomas provided pee bands; and Ridhi & Sudeep gave him badly needed guidance on how to live in a home. Our beloved old curmudgeon finally found a forever home!



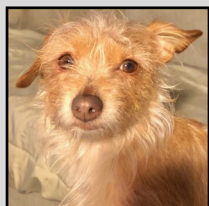
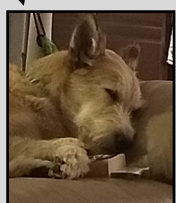
↖ Gryff, above, 8 years living in an outdoor igloo.

↘ Gryff, in his foster home.



Zelda didn't lack for love for the last year she spent in the Van Wert County Shelter.

In fact, this 7 year, 70 pound, very shy pooch was so adored by the staff, they kept looking for a rescue to take her...and we did. Zelda has a home visit this week!



Bella was given away on Craig's List a year ago. Her new guardian loved her, but couldn't afford to have her seizures treated. Bella is now on daily seizure medicine and doing great. Bella is still waiting for her forever home.

Our Statistics Since Inception

- 2,367 dogs & cats rescued & rehomed
 - 1% rate of return of adopted dogs/cats
 - 5% euthanized/died due to medical/behavioral
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| <u>Average Age</u> | - 22% - Pups less than 4 months |
| | - 25% - Dogs 4 months - 2 yrs |
| <u>of Dogs Saved</u> | - 33% - Dogs 2-7 years |
| | - 20% - Dog s over 7 years |
- \$83,000 in discounts/grants to rescues, shelters, low income public
 - 9,200 served at our Vaccine Clinic since 2012
 - 16,000 spay/neuter surgeries performed

The Companies & People That Help Us



Matt, Marshall & Justin of Asphalt Ohio. These generous dog lovers keep our driveway from turning into an ice skating rink !



Liz, Owner of Top Dog Day Care donates daycare to foster dog Moon.



Virginia & Triana of Pet Palace loving Louie, our old shelter boy that needed a lot of boarding & TLC.



Thanks to super-kid Natalia, who asked for donations for our foster dogs/cats for her birthday, instead of gifts for herself.



The Primrose kindergartners held a pet drive for us and boy can young people have big results. Way to go !



Nick's 9th birthday was a lucky day for our dogs. Thank you Nick !



Covetrus collected donations on our behalf. Thank you Aimee, Betsy, Leslie & the entire staff.



We can't thank JT Lawn Care enough. They take care of our lawn in the summer and snow in the winter.



"Be The One" students of Dawn Heideman at Walnut Ridge HS built elevated dogs bds. Thanks to Susanne Buckley of Scioto Energy for sponsorship !



Thank you to Ken & Todd Leonard of PITA Construction, for fixing our doors and ceilings and for adopting too !



Kellie with Brad, Greg & Rylan Davies. The Davies family has a long history of helping with our unique requests !



Bowling Babes at Battelle ! Joan McGreevey (center) & her dog/cat loving co-workers raised \$3,548 for our grassroots efforts to save lives !



Your purchase of an Ohio Pet Plate license will go toward the spay/neuter of dogs/cats all over Ohio. This is an easy way to help pets with the added benefit of encouraging others to do the same.



Sharing The Love Locally

We are thrilled to have such a good neighbor in Byers Airport Subaru...you know..."by the airport".

They chose us for their 2018 Share the Love Event and wow, did we ever benefit. \$15,000 was raised from the people who selected us as their Share the Love partner. Each time a new Subaru is sold/leased in December, buyers have the opportunity to donate to a national or local charity.

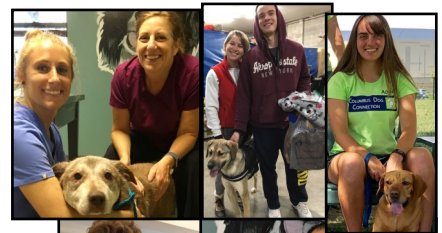
Thanks to Lindsey & George and the entire dog loving staff for designating us again in 2019. Please see our Facebook page for some fun Share the Love videos...and if you feel like highlighting your dog/cat and sing the Share The Love song, please tag us !



Columbus Cocker Rescue did something unheard of...they shared a financial bequest to help our spay/neuter efforts ! Barb & Jess, pictured with one of their foster dogs, donated \$2,600 toward repairs to our surgery equipment and for new equipment ! They felt fortunate to have received this gift from a long time donor who made sure she continued her legacy of helping homeless dogs. All we can say is WOW... and thank you for your kindness !

OUR VILLAGE

* Joyce & Bill * Our Foster Families & Vaccine Clinic Volunteers *
 Dr Kristy Clay * Dr Molly McLeod * Dr Sue Zinni * Dr Devon Horne
 Dr Andrea Jesnsen * Gahanna Animal Hospital * Hague Water
 Northwest Vet Hospital * Medvet * Pet Palace * Kathy & Randy Fergus
 Bob Orenchuk * City Paws * Wendy Schutt * Hausfrau Haven
 Cott Systems * Danny Morris * Amy Morton * Barb Legens
 Anjali Vashisht * Rainbow Cleaners * Beth Shoenberger * Jan Hinch
 Julie Sloat * LaBoit * Dr Cory Brown * Rutherford Funeral Home
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 The Kaplan Foundation * Julie & Ryan Brink * Citizens for Humane Action
 The Hildreth Foundation * Susan Powell * Sandy Horvath
 All the donors who give through their employee donation program



Volunteer Spotlight

You may have noticed our increase in Facebook & Instagram posts. This is due to our phenomenal volunteer Ridhi Singh. Ridhi has given us a much needed boost to highlight our adoptables. As a Foster Mom, she also gives her foster kids a huge send off as you see with Dan, pictured left.

Oh So Happily Ever After, by Peanut's Mom

Peanut is the sweetest, kindest, happiest dog we've ever met! He has been such a wonderful addition to our family. It feels like he's always been part of our family or like we were meant to find him, and he and Cooper absolutely LOVE each other. They are always together, frequently cuddling. They play 10+ times a day. We have never seen Cooper so happy & calm with another dog. They act like they've always been best friends. When they are cuddling, Cooper will frequently lick Peanut's face and head and Peanut loves it (he'll push his head towards Cooper if Cooper stops, asking for more). At night, he likes sleeping in his crate with the door open or in Matt's closet. A few weeks ago Matt went into his closet and Peanut had burrowed under some of his shoes and was sleeping. It was adorable so we bought a bed for when he sleeps in there. Peanut, 6 years old—Southern Ohio stray—former foster dog—now best friend.



YOU Get a Dog Bed, YOU Get a Dog Bed, Everyone Gets a Dog Bed!



Kellie, Megan, Mirna & Emily



Petsmart Charities, with facilitation from HSUS, donated 5,000 dog beds to us! We were fortunate to have the space, volunteers & employees to handle the logistics of such a tremendous gift. We shared the beds with the groups pictured here as well as coordinated over 100 pickups from rescues/shelters from around Ohio. Thank you Petsmart for giving our homeless dogs/cats a wonderful gift. Special thanks also to The Bruce & Carolyn Claggett Trust.



Kellie & Corey from HSUS



Gigi's Shelter For Dogs
Allison & Taylor



Humane Society of Madison County
John, Meg, Kellie & Pam



Lisa Zimmerman
from Hospets



John & Eddie, The
Columbus Therapy
Dog Unit



Sherrill Hunt, Mason Co West Virginia & Denise Barte, Athens, Fairfield & Vinton Counties.

Below, Mike Pennington of Storm Dog Tactical. Mike trains police and military dogs.



Our Sweet Ripley

We had to say goodbye to long time foster kitty Ripley. Ripley was found as a stray, hiding from dogs, under a car. She was a scrungy, dirty little girl but as loving as could be. Ripley was very sick throughout her time with us. Like so many homeless cats, she was FIV+ and required on-going medical treatment. Ripley spent the rest of her life with us here at our office. Please help us by sharing our homeless cats to your social media. Thank you.

Habitat for Dogmanity

We continue to help rescues & shelters throughout the state (& beyond) with donated supplies. We are able to share badly needed resources because of the donations from individuals, pet stores, Citizens for Humane Action, volunteer dog bed building events, our staff and volunteer time to organize donations.



Our Vet Tech, Megan Edwards, having a little fun while getting a picture of former foster kitty Carmen.

A 501c3 org.
Donations are
tax deductible.

Please be part of our life saving team.

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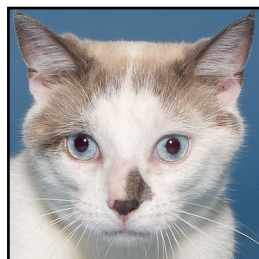
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Kindly send to Columbus Dog Connection
2761 Johnstown Rd
Columbus OH 43219

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Romeo, with his striking blue eyes, would love a home to show off his frisky attitude.

WISH LIST

- clumping litter
- cordless drill
- paper towels
- gift cards
- detergent, unscented
- bleach
- dry cat food
- distilled water
- grooming apron
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- Brother Ink, TN 760
- HP Ink, 410X & 410A
- grass sickle