

Dear Friends,

Columbus Dog Connection has been touched by the goodness, grace and generosity of many people and companies. In turn, we share our good fortune. We talk to rescue and shelter people across Ohio and in other states and they marvel at our generosity when we share donations with them. If only we had a penny for every time we heard "this is like Christmas", after a rural rescue or shelter has visited our offices to pick up donations to help their homeless dogs/cats.

We are able to help dogs/cats, in our group & those we never meet, because of your generosity. With our small staff, we rely on our volunteers and donors to have a statewide presence saving dogs, offering spay/neuter services, passing legislation, accepting/sharing donations and coordinating adoption events like Mingle With Our Mutts. We can't say it enough, thank you for being part of our life saving team.



The Dream of Ending Overpopulation

The Ohio Spay/Neuter Project is inspired by our love for all dogs/cats and the phenomenal rescue & shelter people in the trenches, who give so much of themselves to save as many as they are able.

We operate a mobile spay/neuter service, targeting areas with a high animal population. Overpopulation results from unplanned litters in low income communities.

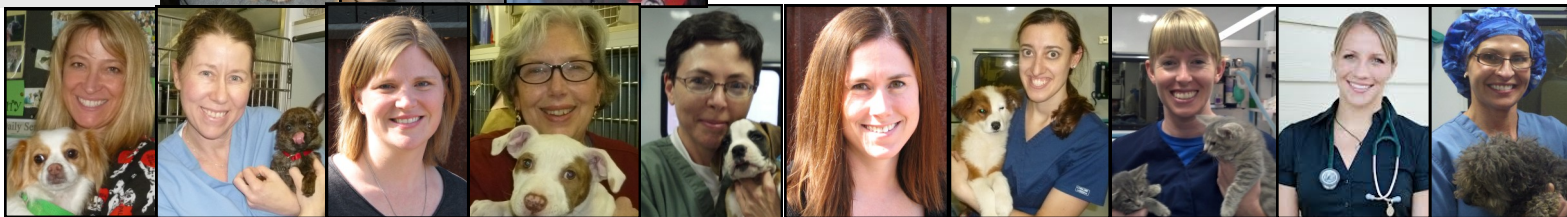
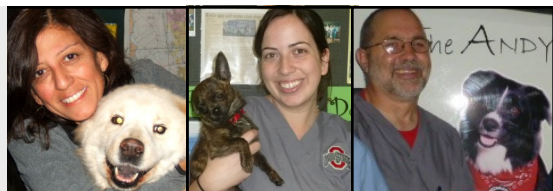
We travel to rural communities as well as offer services at our office here in Columbus. Support for this project goes directly to perform more spay/neuter surgeries for rural and low income residents.

For information, contact Mirna: 614-471-9000 MBLovesDogs@Hotmail.com

By The Numbers

- 90% of our spay/neuter surgeries were performed for rescue groups/shelters
- 10% of our spay/neuter surgeries were performed for the public
- 53% of our surgery days served were in rural counties
- 42% of surgeries were for cats,
- 58% of surgeries were for dogs
- 100% of the surgeries were done because we want to see the end of the tragic result of too many homeless dogs and cats

Our Staff:
Mirna Bowman
Sarah Johnson
Ron Blake
Our Truck:
The Andy



Our Doctors: Beth Logan, Kristy Clay, Julie Miles, Becky Miller, Tiffany Lane, Kelly Kirby, Emily Caruana, April Bauer, Colleen Liebers, Andrea Jensen, Missing: Bethany Horn



Mar-Leary, Penny Tipps, Director Daniels, Sue Pohler, Senators Hite & tha

The Ohio Puppy Mill Bill Passes



Sue Pohler, Penny Tipps, Kellie DiFrischia

As the lead advocacy group, Columbus Dog Connection began work on the puppy mill bill 7 long years ago. Who would have thought we would need 3 general sessions to come to a consensus on language to protect man's best friend? Senate Bill 130 was signed into law by Governor Kasich on Dec 11, 2012. Our lead sponsor throughout was Senator Jim Hughes of Columbus. Senator Hughes is a dog lover and never lost hope we could get a law in place. During the final stretch, Senator Cliff Hite of Findlay proved to be a critical friend to the advocates. Representatives Teresa Fedor, Anne Gonzales, Chairman Dave Hall and Speaker Batchelder were pivotal voices in the House.

Over the years, many people assisted with ideas and support. We have many supporters to thank but the puppy mill bill would not have passed if not for the tireless efforts of Penny Tipps and Sue Pohler, pictured above with Kellie of Columbus Dog Connection. This trio of advocates attended untold numbers of meeting with legislators, state departments, those for the bill and those on the other side of the legislation. It was 7 years of talking, rewriting, welcoming yet another new party to the table that finally helped the bill to pass. Penny, of Public Policy Strategies was our volunteer lobbyist. Sue, of Pohler & Associates, Attorneys at Law, was our volunteer attorney. These three ladies became the face of the bill. See our site for pictures and speeches from the official and ceremonial signings of the puppy mill bill.

Our Vaccine Clinic

We offer a monthly low cost vaccine clinic the 1st Saturday of every month, 10a-1pm. It is run mostly by volunteers with most of the participating vets volunteering as well.

We offer vaccines, heartworm tests & prevention, fiv/leukemia test, flea/tick prevention, microchipping and dewormers.

Our volunteers are kind and courteous individuals making all our patients feel welcomed and valued. Our clients are always thanking us for this much needed service.

The clinic allows us to raise funds to assist with the support of The Ohio Spay/Neuter Project and we are able to educate the public about responsible pet ownership. We are always in need of vets and welcome their participation.



Vaccine Clinic

2012

By The Numbers

- 12 clinics
- 734 dogs/cats seen
- 8% cats
- 92% dogs
- 5 volunteer vets
- the hardest working volunteers

Trish Potenza,
Kristen Everman,
Janet, Jillian & Kerrie
Stevenson, Kim
Trackler, Mike Hasson
Candice Bollinger,
Amy Morton,
Penny Bachman Jaffe,
Colleen & Tommy
Robbins, Bonnie
Cable, Helen Cullison

**Sometimes It's
More Than a
Vaccine Clinic**



She came to the clinic with two dogs, one large and one small. The large one was older. As they were walking out, Mirna noticed the older dog making a clicking sound when he walked.

Mirna asked if she could see his paw and noticed how long his nails were. She also looked at the nails of the smaller dog. Their nails were very long & some of the nails were curling into the pad.

Mirna brought the dogs in the back and volunteer Amy Morton spent 45 minutes trimming the nails. While Amy was trimming, we educated the pet owner on the importance of keeping their nails short.

The following week the woman called thanking us for educating her and said the dogs were running and playing... even the older dog. She said they had not been that playful in a long time and it was because they were now comfortable.



Volunteers

Having a physical location brings a lot more needs to our everyday functions. We could not do it without these invaluable volunteers:

Pictured: Candice Bollinger & Helen Cullison, Lisa & Bob Zimmerman, Judy Fedderke, Cindy & Ron Blake, Fran Blachman, Penny Bachman, Paula Dolan, Kristen Everman



Foster Families having fun at our annual celebration to say thank you for your life saving work.

We Couldn't Save Dogs & Cats If Not for Our Foster Families

Fran Blachman, Laura Blum, Beth Logan, Amanda Arnold, Earl Sharrow, Lisa & Bob Zimmerman, Judy Fedderke, Robin Walters & Rj Cowdery, Ron & Cindy Blake, Mary Ann Gilliam, Jen Rambin & Debbie Trager, Kristi Kraumlauf & Shane Duffey, Mike Hasson & Kim Trackler, Kellie DiFrischia, Lisa, Mark, Nicki & DJ Weate, Mirna Bowman, Danny Cheap & Rumi, Sato, Deb & Walt Beever, Linda McClintock, Ronda Brown, Keri & Stan Conwell, Laura Polster



1 NIGHT of DOGS & MUSIC

SATURDAY - AUGUST 24

6pm - 10pm Rain or Shine

New Location

at COLUMBUS COMMONS

Downtown Columbus

Tickets \$10
Kids 12 & Under Free

MUSIC

Donna Magavero
Musashi
The Get Outs

ACTIVITIES

Meet Our Homeless Dogs
Visit with Rescues
Cool T-Shirts & Dog Bandanas
Visit With Dog/Cat Vendors
Food Trucks & Beer & Wine

WHAT TO BRING

Your Spayed/Neutered Dog on Leash
A Blanket or Chairs
Your Best Friends, 2 & 4 Legged

Benefiting

All Dogs & Puppies must be spayed or neutered



attend Woofstock...why...because along with all the rescues, we'd love to get out of business.

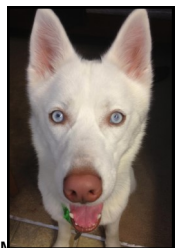
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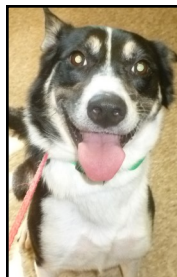


1 Night of Dogs & Music
@ Columbus Commons, 6-10pm
Saturday August 24, 2013

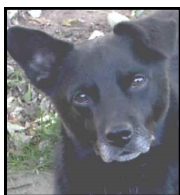
*Bands, Rescues, Vendors,
Beer, Wine, Food Trucks, Love*



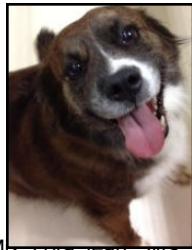
Mix, Dylan
1yr, great w/ dogs, playful, sweet, will need a home that is interactive, leash walking will be best, does great w/ dogs



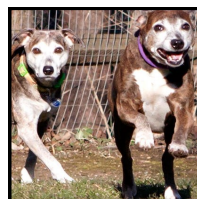
Mix, Tiffany
3yrs, 37lbs, friendly, sweet, great w/ dogs, low key, loves to be touched



Mix, Jeremy
male, 12yrs, 20lbs, playful, happy boy, wants to please his person, good w/ dogs & cats, wants to be on your lap



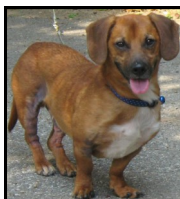
Mix, Lora Jean, 3yrs, nice pooch, low key, friendly, super duper sweet



Mixes, Ranger & Pader, siblings, male & female, 9 yrs, this is a great pair of pooches, dumped in another state by the only person they trusted



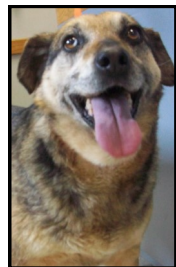
Mix, Boomer
11yrs, 35lbs, male, exceptional, loves to be w/his person, knows sit, stay, stays w/ his person on walks, relaxed



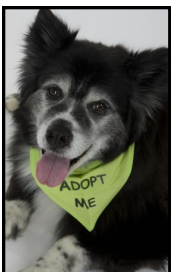
Dachshund-Mix, Bloomberg, 5 yrs, male, 29 lbs, smart & independent, will make you laugh! great w/dogs, loves to snuggle, loves walks, is the Mayor of any dog park he enters...hence the name... best in a fenced yard home



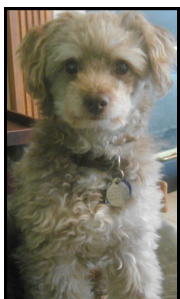
Chia mix, Emma
3yrs, 15lbs, female, a playful girl, adult home, fenced yard, good at obedience & working greeting new people, likes to check you out to make sure you are a friend and then she is the true definition of a lap dog, a great jogging partner, would be a great fly ball or agility dog with smokin' times!



Cattle Dog Mix, Pricilla female, 8 yrs, 50lbs, shy gal beautiful markings a gentle dog, does well on leash, be a good running partner



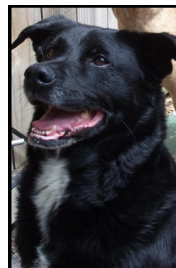
Akita, Nick, a great companion, male, 69 lbs, 11yrs, friendly & smart, besides adoring all people, will shower you with kisses, he looks like a stuffed animal that came to life, don't let his age fool you, he is as spry as a puppy Mirna 471-9000



Poodle, Pierre
[Video 1](#) 12yrs, 11lbs, warms up quickly, always wants to be near you, good w/ dog, cats, loves walking, WONDERFUL on leash, easy to take care of, loves to cuddle, great with dogs, cats, a little bundle of love



Chia Mix, Rita
5 yrs, has an attachment to men as that's what her last guardian was, loves to cuddle



Lab/Border Collie Mix, Brady, young 10 yrs, 52lbs, excellent manners, doesn't need crated, needs a dog housemate to keep him company



Min Pin, Arthur
male, friendly, 6yrs, good w/ dogs, a cuddler, patient with kids, even toddlers, full of love & curiosity



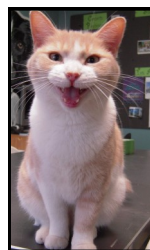
Pat the Cat, named after Pat from Saturday Night Live, THE most affectionate cat, 5 yrs, small
Pat the Cat loves your attention, quiet boy who is a nice balance of needing you but not too needy



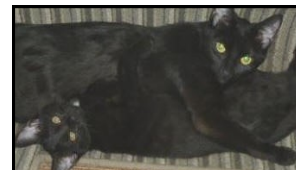
Eric
male, 2yrs, outgoing, likes dogs, loves attention, will follow you everywhere, good w/ cats, brings out confidence in shy cats



Louise
3yrs, very quiet, will steal your heart with her gentle sweetness, everyone says how beautiful she is



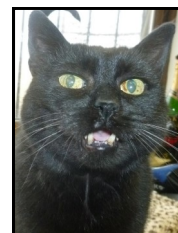
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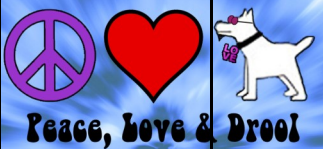
Tito & Mother Kathryn, this Mother/Son relationship is as tight as they come, they play together, sleep together, they don't have to be adopted together, but if you are looking for 2 cats, they would be an easy fit, Tito, 1yr, Kathryn, 2yrs, is very nice & calm, Tito and Kathryn play like crazy



Do you
This old boy is a talker!



Amy
5yrs, quiet girl, this loving cat will let you brush her, often snuggled up in her bed, does fine w/ dogs, cats, has fangs that show & make her very unique



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Mirna, Janet Stevenson, Kristen Everman

2013 Golf Outing



Kellie, Candice, Mike Hasson, Matt Handley, Sandy & David McMannis

We had great success with our first golf outing thanks to our main sponsor, Handley Mechanical and matching donor Candice Bollinger. Matt Handley not only was our big sponsor, but he was incredibly generous at the outing. Candice matched the funds raised to make our efforts total \$6,000. The Willow Run personnel did everything they could to make the day run smoothly. The golfers enjoyed breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Our team of volunteers worked hard and had as much fun as the golfers. Special thanks to David & Sandy McMannis who gave expert direction in golf outing logistics. Candice organized the outing with assistance from Mike Hasson. Mike provided lots of raffle items and invited many of his friends to play. Beer babes, Beth Logan, Kelly Hollis, Kristina Scott, Julie Waldo and Janet Stevenson provided beverages in a timely & friendly manner. Candice, Mirna, Kristen Everman, Kelly and Sandy provided food. Thank you to everyone who played, donated and volunteered. You made this golf outing a big success for our homeless dogs & cats.



Kelly Hollis

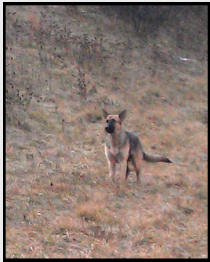


Beth Logan & David McMannis



Kristina Scott

Our Friends Make Us Great



When people tell us they don't know how we do what we do, we often think of all the friends we lean on to help us help our homeless dogs and cats. Here's what happened one day in March.

On our way back to the office after a food pick up, we spotted a German Shepherd in panicked flight mode near a 670 ramp by our office. We tried, but were not able to get her to come to us. But she also didn't run away. This beautiful pooch has likely been the dog many of us have seen on the loose for months. The difference this time was that she seemed hungry enough to be interested in the food/treats we were offering to

lure her.



Near a 670 ramp

Our first "friend" showed up in the form of Trish Potenza, one of our multi purpose volunteers. Trish assisted in trying to lure our evasive pooch and stood vigil keeping traffic alerted to slow down while we hurried to our office to get the humane trap. We were lucky this pooch was hungry and the trap worked like a charm. Our girl was safely in the trap just moments after we set it. Our next "friend" was Josh Bernhart, who lives in Memphis, but is working in Columbus. Josh helped us get the trap, with our big girl, into the van.

The next friend to play a part was Penny Bachman, who transported our new girl to Gahanna Vet Hospital. Long time friend Amy Morton, manager at Gahanna Vet, was able to work us in for bath, given by friend Marilyn at Gahanna. Another long friend, Dr Rausch, was able to give her a rabies and exam. More friends helped us by way of the loving staffers at Pet Palace where she was able to board for a few days. This dog went from starving, limping, filthy and homeless to clean, vaccinated, medicated and resting easily on a full belly in a matter of hours. Tenza was named in honor of our 1st friend, Trish Po"Tenza".

Our final friends in this tag team event are new guardian's Lisa and Eric Denison. Lisa is one of our cookie volunteers during the holidays. Lisa tells us this about Tenza: She was so scared of everyone at first; but now she wants to meet nearly everyone we see. We started beginner obedience. She was nervous and whiny, but did pretty well. She was already nearly perfect on sit; consistent on down; and is doing well with "look" (at me). It is a great socialization opportunity. Eric's going to be doing most of the class work with her, since she's such a momma's girl.

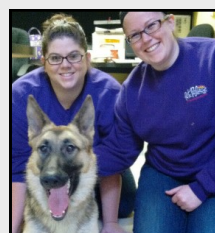


our office



Day

Day 4 at Pet Palace



Day 2

Months after being adopted



at

OUR TEAM !

Joyce & Bill for being the Alpha Dogs & Leading the Pack

Hague Water of Columbus * Petco

Everyone who prints & posts & forwards our dogs/cats available page
 Pet People * Petsmart * The Hildreth Foundation * Norton Rd Vet Hospital

Haus Frau Haven * NBC 4 * Chris, Jeremy & Joc Tanis & Gene McKee
 Speer Mechanical * Northwest Animal Hospital * Ed & Donna Thomas
 BDC Parking & Detailing * Audrey Hall * JT Services Lawn Care & Snow Removal
 Cacy Rossio-Puccio * Ohio Pet Fund * Construction Systems Inc & Matt Gahanna Vet Hospital,

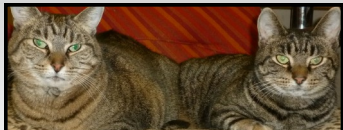
The Ohio Pet Plate * R & R Heating/Cooling * Bruce & Carolyn Claggett * Schiffman & Grow
 Cliffside View Café * River Wolfe Jewelry * The Rescues & Shelters that Utilize our Spay/Neuter Program

Employee Donation Programs

Central Ohio United Way, United Way of Delaware & Fairfield Counties,
 United Way of New York City, United Way of SE Michigan, Abbott Labs, Cardinal Health,
 Harvard University, JP Morgan Chase, Deloitte Tax, Nationwide,
 The Limited, McGraw-Hill, Emerson Electric, Network for Good, Merck-Shering, AT & T



Farrah & Fowler, looking for a home.



Louise, Our Diminutive Office Kitty

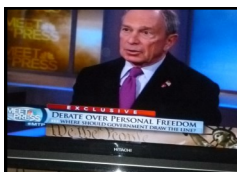
This pretty kitty has been residing at our office for over 2 years. She is a shy girl and unfortunately the stress from being in a small space with all our other office cats is causing her to lick her coat constantly and she is resorting to hiding in small spaces to hide from the other cats who pick on her.

Louise is a 3 year old, long hair beauty, often mistaken for a Maine Coon cat, but her mom is a gray tabby (don't know

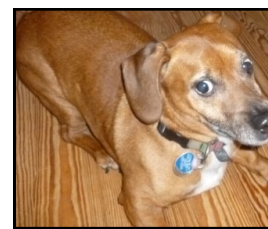
about dad). Her coat makes her look large, but she is petite.

She would do well in an environment that is not as busy as our office (with all the cats, dogs, patients, activity).

If you or someone you know could provide her with a quiet home, we know she would blossom and be happy.



Bloomberg, The Dog
 —“Ruff” beginning in neglectful home
 —Life got better with surgeries & attention to diet
 —Chased a cat, learned not to do that again
 —Named because he is the Mayor of any dog park he visits
 —NOTE: Doesn't care how much pop you drink
 —Very affectionate with his human
 —Great with dogs
 —Wants To Be Loved
 —Needs A Home



Planning Your Legacy to Help Homeless Dogs & Cats of Ohio

Build a lasting legacy with a planned gift to Columbus Dog Connection. Your gift will support homeless dogs/cats and spay/neuter programs. Talk with your advisors about how a gift to our grassroots efforts can help you achieve your personal and philanthropic goals. For more info about establishing a trust, setting up a charitable gift annuity or creating a gift through your estate contact Kellie, kdifrischia@gmail.com 614-471-9000.

Your Donation, Our Narrowly Focused Efforts on Saving Dogs/Cats

Thank you for believing in our mission & entrusting your donation to us.

\$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ \$500 ___ Other ___ Monthly \$ ___

Name _____

Address _____

City State Zip _____

We are a 501c3, non profit org
 All donations are tax deductible

Kindly send to

Columbus Dog Connection
 2761 Johnstown Rd
 Columbus OH 43219

Or Donate On line from our front page via sage PayPal



Shirley, quiet, sweet adult cat looking for low key home. Loves to be touched.

Wish List

- gas cards
- paper towels
- sandwich sized zip baggies
- brown paper lunch bags
- laundry detergent & bleach
- Gift cards from:
 Wal-Mart, Kroger, Target, Petco, Staples, Pet People
- Distilled Water (Wal-Mart)
- Print, Post, Forward our Dog & Cats Available Page