



Dear Friends,

We are grateful to be reaching you after year two of Covid vigilance. We are looking on the bright side of the situation and know we are lucky to have so many of you helping our life saving work stay on track. Your donations *are the key* to our success. Please know how much we appreciate every penny entrusted to our stewardship. From the anonymous extra change in a jar or rounding up at the register, Facebook, Giving Tuesday, In-Kind, land mail check, employee donations, and foundation grants, we would cease to exist if not for your generosity.

Thank you for being part of our grassroots rescue work, spay/neuter team, and humane advocacy.

## Our Spay/Neuter Services



We have been offering spay/neuter services for dogs and cats since 2011.

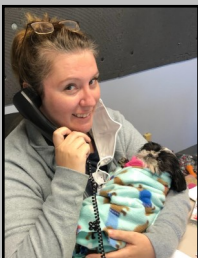
Our veterinary team includes two Veterinarians (Dr. Audra Hanthorn & Dr. Samantha Leach), Registered Veterinary Technician (Megan Edwards), Veterinary Assistant (Madeline Fandrey) and Office Manager (Katrina Johnson). It is a small but mighty team. When we are not traveling in our mobile unit to other counties to perform surgeries, we offer those services at our location in Franklin county.



In 2021, even with Covid-19 limitations, we were able to perform approximately 1,900 spays and neuters. Approximately 425 (22% of total) were performed in other counties where we traveled to and the remaining 1,475 (78% of total) at our location in Franklin county. This is a 35% increase from 2020 when our efforts were hampered by Covid.

Since we began offering these services back in 2011, we have performed approximately 19,300 surgeries! And this great feat is based on doing surgeries only 2 days per week!

We have a great team and even Bernie Sanders dropped by to visit.



## LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Drop off time: 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM  
Same day pickup

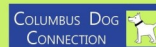
- Starting at \$90 for dogs
- Starting at \$50 for cats
- Other services also available
- Current Rabies vaccine required, or will be administered by CDC
- For more information and pricing, visit [www.ColumbusDogConnection.com](http://www.ColumbusDogConnection.com)



To schedule appointment: ☎ 614-471-9000

### Why Spay & Neuter?

- Reduces spraying and marking.
- Reduces roaming.
- Reduces aggression.
- Lowers the risk of certain types of cancer.
- Helps reduce overpopulation problem.
- Increases the lifespan of your beloved pet by 3-5 years.



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## NO SEX IN OUR CITY



## How A TV Show Helps Cats/Dogs In Need

We totally ripped off the title of the famous tv show and made it our own. The logo has our very own Columbus skyline and of course we would like to encourage everyone to spay/neuter their pets, hence the "NO" before the title.

Columbus has over 1 million homeless cats. We agree with national experts and know we can never adopt our way out of the overpopulation problem. We must have aggressive spay/neuter to stop the suffering of homeless, feral, free roaming cats.

This program supports our spay/neuter efforts for those in even more need than our low cost services offer for both dogs and cats. We also consider the overall health of the dog/cat in need to cover any needed medical expenses.

Thanks to Ohio Pet Plates, The Kaplan Foundation and Steve Kaplan who got this project off the ground. Please consider a donation or if you are a company, a sponsorship to our "No Sex In Our City" program. Visit our site for more info on No Sex In Our City. [ColumbusDogConnection.com/No-Sex-In-Our-City.html](http://ColumbusDogConnection.com/No-Sex-In-Our-City.html)



## Our Travel Spay/Neuter Efforts in Ohio

We travel to other counties in Ohio to spay and neuter cats and dogs. These clinics are coordinated by rescue and shelter folks in their community and host our "Andy" mobile unit.

It takes much planning and it is a long day for the hosts and our staff. But the end results are well worth it. Every dog and cat we spay & neuter prevents hundreds of unwanted litters thus

saving hundreds of lives. We could not do this without the volunteers in the counties that we serve.

This year, we traveled to Franklin, Muskingum, Pickaway, Pike, Shelby, and Franklin counties to work with Kind Hands for Paws, Muskingum K-9 Adoption Center, Paws of Muskingum County, Pike Pet Pals, Shelby County Animal Shelter, DASH, and Freedom Tails of Ohio. This year, we performed approximately 425 surgeries at our travel clinics.

Due to Covid restrictions, our traveling abilities were limited but we hope to travel more in 2022. If you are concerned about pet overpopulation in your county and would like more information about hosting one of our travel clinics, please email Mirna at [mblovesdogs@hotmail.com](mailto:mblovesdogs@hotmail.com).




CDC Staff Megan Edwards & Madeline Fandrey on each end with Linda Bass, April Burnside, Paula Ross, of Freedom Tails All Breed Dog & Cat Rescue.



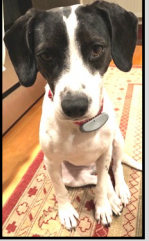
**New Columbus Dog Connection Board Members**

We are thrilled to have added several new people to our board. Welcome Julie Brink, Annette Houck, Carol Folkerth, Dr Devon Horne, Donna Hara, Wendy Schutt. And thanks to long time board member, Dr Kristy Clay.

**Rags to Riches**



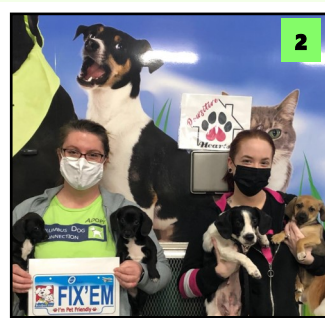
We love telling our rags to riches stories. Candy, pictured left at shelter intake, was pulled from a hoarding situation in a rural county. Living in filth, this dog was so appropriately named because of how sweet she was. Sue & Ethan spotted this girl at Mingle With Our Mutts, and the rest is history. Renamed Carlie, her Mom tearfully told us she lost her battle with an aggressive cancer. Although she was still very young when she passed, Sue said Carlie gave everyone the gift of love and everyone who met her agreed, *she was the best dog ever.*



## Spay/Neuter Assistance for our Rescue Partners

We received a grant from Ohio Pet Plate Fund and donations from the Kaplan Foundation to subsidize spays and neuters for rescues, shelters, trappers, colony guardians, and qualifying folks. We share our good fortune with our fellow rescuers in an effort to ease their financial burden so they can continue to help more cats and dogs. In 2021, this donation and grant allowed us to reduce the spay/neuter fees by approximately \$7,000. In addition, we have assisted folks with our Good Samaritan Fund and Vannoy Fund to the tune of \$1,700. A heartfelt thank you to the Kaplan Foundation, Ohio Pet Plate Fund, Vannoy Family, and all donors that contributed to the Good Sam Fund.

1-Monica Staley, Erica Roberts, Pawsitive Hearts & Katrina of CDC. 2-Katrina & Erica Roberts, Pawsitive Hearts. 3-Becki Kelso, Kind Hands 4 Paws & Kellie. 4-Courtney Fraley, Buckeye Rescue & Katrina. 5-CDC'ers Kellie, Madeline & Katrina. 6-Robert Burton, Colony Cats & Katrina. 7-Special thanks to Jay & Paula Mathew, unsung heroes and independent trappers with decades-long, life saving work. 8-Gaymon Wright, Colony Cats.



# Our Vaccine Clinic



Eighteen months after discontinuing our monthly vaccine clinic due to Covid-19, we geared up and began offering the monthly clinic again in October of this year. So far, we have been welcomed back by our community and volunteers. The clinics have been well attended, and of course this brings us happiness. Not only are the community pets benefitting from routine vet care, but the proceeds generated also benefit the rescued dogs and cats in our foster program and the many patients we see at our low cost spay/neuter clinics.

Our vaccine clinic is held the first Saturday of every month from 10 AM to 1 PM. We offer services to dogs and cats which include vaccines, routine testing, flea & heartworm prevention; microchips and de-wormers. For more details, please visit our website. We could not do it without the support and hard work of our volunteers and staff. Here's to an even more successful 2022!



**Natalia**

## Really Cool Kids

Natalia Restuccio & Evie Moore celebrated their 9th & 5th birthdays by having friends bring dog/cat supplies instead of presents. What contentious kids!



**Evie**

## Hugs & Kisses to Penny Bachman-Jaffe

Penny is one of our Go-To volunteers. She drives for weekly donation pick ups, tidies up our warehouse, prepares for vaccine clinics, assists with office paperwork, transports dogs/cats in need, organized our garage sale, and thinks of creative ways to make our daily lives better while working in our warehouse. We are lucky to have someone who cares so much. If you like, give her a shout out on Facebook. You will know you found her when you see this cute little speckled dog. **We love you Penny!**



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## JT SERVICES Lawn Care

Residential - Commercial - Lawn Maintenance & Installation

Since moving to our building in 2011, JT Lawn Services has provided lawn mowing & snow/ice removal. Owners JT & Diane Thompson also pitched in with boots on the ground when we received our tremendous dog bed donation. Call JT for your lawn/snow needs. 614-284-0407 [www.JTServicesLawnCare.com](http://www.JTServicesLawnCare.com)

## PetPeople®

Thanks to owners Trish & Mike Elkind, for their support. This locally owned company takes care of us in so many ways. Thanks also to Terri Montigny & all the store staff for their weekly donations. Pictured is Kellie with Stephen Dotts of Pet People.



## LOW COST VACCINE CLINIC

1st Saturday each month  
Walk-In: 10am - 1pm

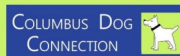
- Credit card and cash only
- \$5 Admin fee for each pet served
- Se Habla Espanol

- Masks required. No exceptions.
- All pets must be spayed/ neutered to receive services.
- No aggressive dogs as they do not do well at busy clinics.
- All dogs leashed, cats in a secure cat carrier.



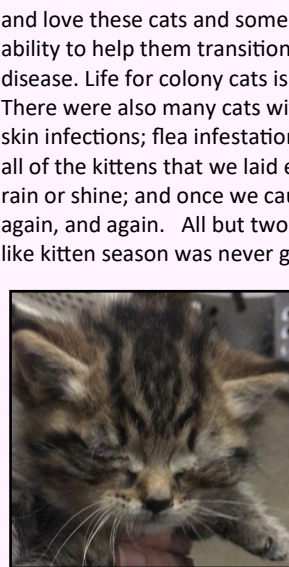
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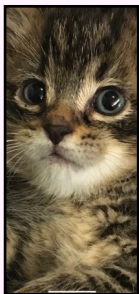


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# Trailer Park Project



↑ Before  
↓ After



When we were asked in March of 2021 to assist a colony caretaker, Nancy, we never anticipated this would turn into such an overwhelming project. Nancy had been taking care of these colonies, which consisted of feral and abandoned cats, for the last 15 years, but she needed assistance. She was feeding 4 colonies, with an average of 10 -15 cats per colony.

Our first objective was to continue feeding the cats and do TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release). We recruited volunteers to assist with the feeding; appealed for food donations, humane and drop traps to trap feral and shy cats; and solicited for funds to cover the veterinary expenses. Our supporters quickly stepped up to the plate and donated everything we requested. Then we got busy.

Although our intention was to TNR, our attention was quickly diverted to assist the elderly cats in extreme need of medical attention; adult cats with other ailments and injuries; and getting a hold of kittens popping up everywhere. The litters became a priority because we wanted to prevent the kittens from becoming feral. During this time, we still trapped adult cats and either did TNR or took the non-ferals into our adoption program. Luckily for us, one of our volunteers is an excellent trapper!

We unfortunately had to help a few cats cross the rainbow bridge due to illnesses and injuries (renal failure; FIP; Feline Leukemia; severe trauma; extreme dental disease; severed tail; hit by car). Each decision was not made lightly. We had come to know

and love these cats and some had been there for years. Many tears were shed, but we were honored to have the ability to help them transition from their failing bodies. And we also wanted to prevent further transmission of disease. Life for colony cats is difficult, and living in pain even more so.

There were also many cats with ailments and injuries that we were able to help. These included upper respiratory and skin infections; flea infestations; parasites; severe cases of ear mites and self-inflicted deep wounds to the ears from scratching. We were able to trap or catch all of the kittens that we laid eyes on. We climbed under trailers; laid on the ground; hid behind cars for hours; scoured hiding places at all hours of the day; rain or shine; and once we caught them, the real work began. Of course nothing is simple, and many of the kittens were sick. They were vetted, and vetted again, and again. All but two of the trapped kittens were taken into our adoption program. Our staff and foster homes were pushed to the brink, and it felt like kitten season was never going to end. We owe a debt of gratitude to the staff and foster homes. The two returned to the colony were vetted and spayed/neutered. Unfortunately, they were already feral and could not be rehomed. This is a harsh reality and why we felt the urgency to rescue the kittens immediately.

In the fall we began other projects to make their lives more comfortable. We set up feeding stations for the cats that didn't show up at feeding time or those that wanted to snack later (plastic bins that would allow the dry food and water to be protected from the elements and debris). We also set up wonderful insulated wood and plastic cat houses to find shelter from the cold. All of these were made possible with the support from volunteers that either constructed the bin/shelter or donors which enabled us to purchase them.

Our journey this year has been challenging and rewarding. We were confronted with situations that were heartbreaking and demoralizing, but those just fueled our determination to work even harder and smarter. But we've also had many successes and fun. We were creative in naming the colonies (Domino's Diner, Tabby Takeout, The Pussy Pub, and Lion's Litterbox). We trapped and vetted 70 cats, of which 31 entered our adoption program, 10 were humanely euthanized, and 29 were TNR. In addition, we feed and assist 50-60 daily. This does not include the many owned cats in the area whose owners we assist.

We have many happy endings, one which we would like to share. Lenny was one of the first cats we rescued from the colonies. He was limping and it turned out to be a very strained tendon. Then he started losing his fur but it grew back, and then he received extensive dental work. And throughout all this, he was a champ. Lenny's foster mom took a cute picture of him sitting at the table during board game night, just watching. We posted this on fb and his new mom saw it and fell in love with him. He is now a regular at her table during game night.

And we have met a host of special and memorable characters. "Pink" (the most elusive feral that took us months to trap); "Guillermo" (kitten entangled in insulation under a trailer); "Demetrious" (the cat with multiple personalities); The "Impregnator"; George" (the James Bond 007); "Winter" (an abandoned cat with severe physical trauma, RIP); and so many more. This tremendous effort came with tremendous support. We could not do it without everyone's help. We would like to thank the volunteers that feed them daily, rain or shine; the vets and staff that take care of

them at our office; the foster families that have them in their home until adoption; Dr. Schwab who was able to help us in a pinch or after hours; the volunteers that constructed or purchased the shelters and feeding stations; Julie Brink for spearheading the food drive; and of course the donors that supported us with much needed supplies and funds.



## Cat Food Donation Drive

- Amazon wishlist (follow link in the Facebook post)
- Please purchase via the link only (CDC is asking for donations NOT be dropped off or sent to their office)
- CDC is feeding 50-60 cats in our community
- Food drive is ongoing
- CDC is working to spay and neuter the colony cats and will be looking for homes for cats that are friendly with people
- Please send an email to [juliebrink6@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrink6@gmail.com) that includes your mailing address so we can send you a donation receipt after you've made your purchase via Amazon

Thank you so much for your support!!  
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## OUR VILLAGE

Joyce & Bill \* Our Foster Families & Vaccine Clinic Volunteers \* Our Dedicated Staff  
 Dr Kristy Clay \* The Colony Guardians \* Gahanna Animal Hospital \* Penny Bachman-Jaffee  
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### Share The Love 2021

Thank you to Byers Airport Subaru for selecting us once again as their local partner for the "Share The Love" event. For every routine Subaru vehicle service visit during the Subaru Share the Love Event, Byers Airport Subaru will donate \$5 to our Hometown Charities. If you purchase or lease a new Subaru, Subaru will donate \$250 (be sure to select us). Byers Airport Subaru will also donate an additional \$50 to Columbus Dog Connection for each sold or leased vehicle until through January 3, 2022.

Pictured are foster Mom Dawn McDaniel with foster pooch Floofy (inset picture). Pictured right are Kellie with foster dog George, and George, "The Big Dog" at Byers Airport Subaru, his daughter Addison, and Lindsey Tinsley, our wonderful contact Byers Airport Subaru. We love this car dealership!



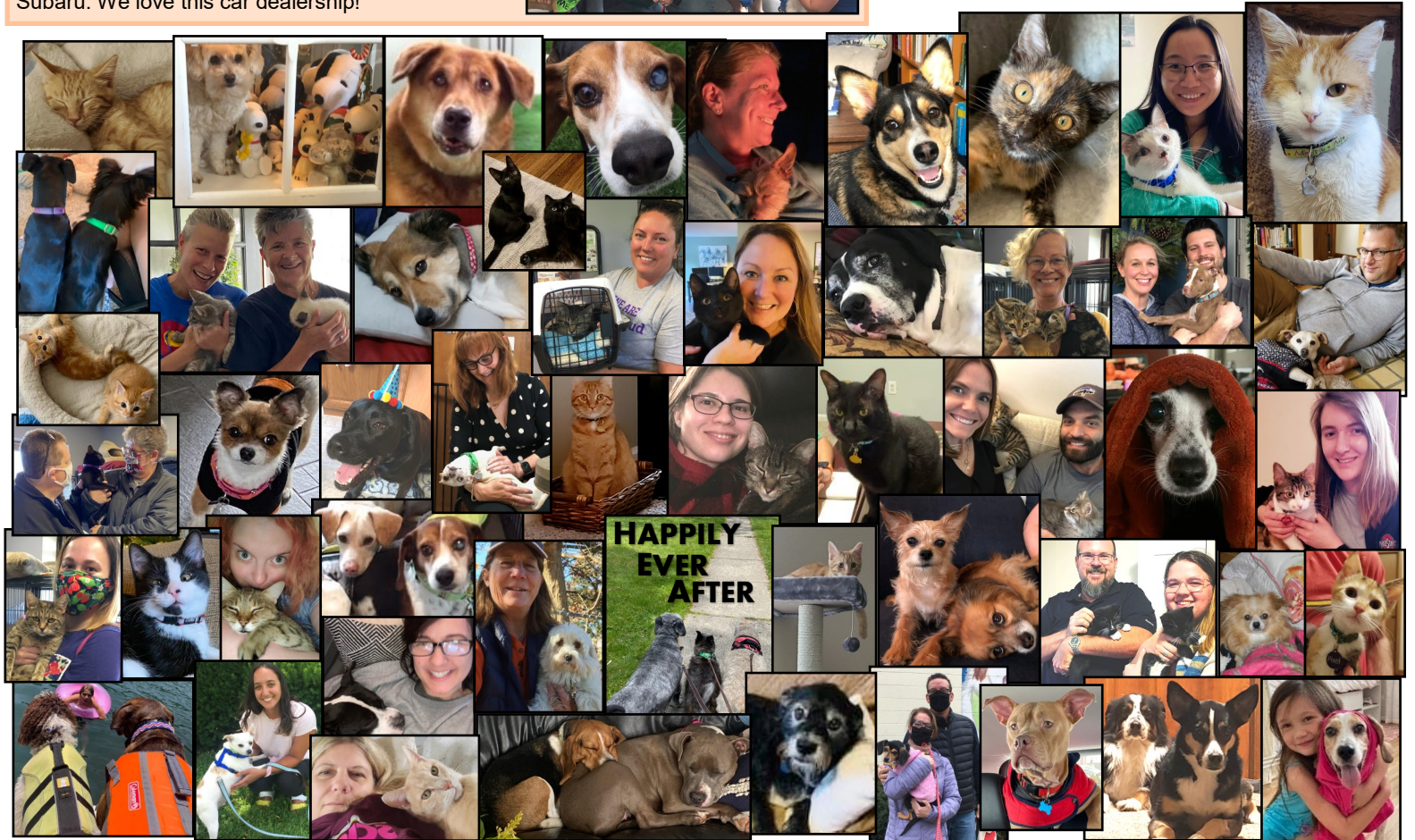
### Our Statistics for 2021

#### Cats

- 51 - Adopted
- 35 - Awaiting Adoption or Permanent Resident
- 11 - Euthanized
- 30 - TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release)

#### Dogs

- 26 - Adopted
- 8 - Awaiting Adoption or Permanent Resident
- 0 - Euthanized



The time has come to say goodbye. A note from Kellie.

It started when I was still fairly new to Columbus. I was renting and had permission to get a small dog. That was 1995 and I knew I wanted a shelter dog. I visited the Franklin County Dog Shelter & Columbus Humane but could never find a small dog. To get my dog fix, I would pet the puppies at the Lane Ave pet store. I visited often. One particular little dog stole my heart. He was a runt and getting trampled by his litter mates. It wasn't long before that runt became my first dog as an adult. I figured it was ok because I visited the **two** shelters several times and thought the only other option was a breeder. That runt is pictured above left, my beloved Rockie. He really was the funniest dog ever. Just a few years later I started hearing the word puppy mill for the first time. The news covered the Madison County puppy mill raid. I was devastated to think that by buying Rockie from a pet store, I contributed to the misery of dogs in a puppy mill. That has stayed with me to this day. At the same time, I met Mirna Bowman and Karen Skilken and in 1998 we started Columbus Dog Connection. It's been almost 24 years since that time. I'm so grateful I was in the right place at the right time and so many of you were there to support our work. There were few all breed rescues at the time and my experience buying Rockie was the best teacher for all I would do in rescue work. The first thing I wanted to be sure of is that everyone knew Ohio had a lot of rescues! We were the first rescue in Ohio to have a web site (shout out to Pam Dickey for that). Our web site listed every rescue we could find and before Franklin County had a web site, we listed their dogs for adoption (shout out to Lisa Wahoff for this assist). I'm so proud of all that we have accomplished over the years. It has been possible because of people helping us with their knowledge and generosity. Special acknowledgements to Sue Pohler & Penny Tipps, pictured top right. CDC was the lead humane agency with Ohio's first puppy mill bill. Sue & Penny held my hand every step of the way. And thanks to Senator Jim Hughes, our champion for 7 years until it passed. Through our elevated dog bed project, we donated over 1,300 beds to rural organizations. Our Your Tube video has hundreds of thousands hits and has inspired others to build dog beds using our design, even in other countries. Thanks to Patty Benkowski & Lisa McCarthy for being my collaborators on the bed project. We took our "Mingle With Our Mutts" adoption event idea to Franklin County so we could help other groups from the adoption interest we were generating on our web site and Channel 4. (thanks Mindy Drayer & Marshall McPeek). Mingle was successful because of Franklin County Dog Shelter, Fuzzy Pawz, Columbus Cocker Rescue, & SPOT who always attended



**MINGLE WITH OUR MUTTS**  
Adoption Event  
Visit with Pure & Mixed Breed Shelter & Rescue Dogs / Puppies  
Save a Life

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Mingle and the numerous other rescues that participated over the years. Habitat for Dogmanity, a series of events where we donated, built or created a solution for a rural rescue/shelter. We improved many lives, both animal and human. Thanks to Lisa "Hospets" Zimmerman, if I had a penny for every time she helped me...

**Heart felt** thank you to all the volunteers that participated in my "hey, I have an idea, you got a minute...". And **none** of this would have been possible without Joyce & Bill, I am forever in their debt. Heart felt thank you to my co-workers, our volunteers & every single donor. **You** are all the reason for our success. I know Columbus Dog Connection will continue to thrive, save lives, and help all homeless dogs and cats. ❤️ Kellie



**Before & After**



Fiona was one of 5 kittens born to a feral cat outside our office that we call Long Haired Sister. One kitten died & the rest were fed/cared for around the clock at 5 weeks. Fiona was urinating blood and had crusty eyes for 3 weeks. She hit the lottery by being adopted with one of her litter mates in Gahanna.

Kit was found by CDC staffer Megan, on her way to work. This boney-skinny kitten was just walking on the street and came right up to Megan. She had a severe upper respiratory infection which we treated immediately. She lives happily with her new family in Columbus.

Annie was so shy in her foster home that she hid behind a fake dog and **closed** her eyes. Surrendered by a home that wasn't caring for her, she was shaved down because of mats/smell. Annie hit the jackpot and lives with former adopters & canine siblings in Clintonville.



Our colorful, 1993, Ford Econoline Van

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Thieves cut our fence to get to our van and steel our catalytic converter. The repair, normally about \$400, is now about \$1,000 because they also cut the oxygen sensor. Please let us know if you have connections to a repair shop.

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Buy an Ohio Pet Plate; select us as your Amazon beneficiary; buy our fun t-shirts or mugs from Bonfire; and direct monetary donations are just a few ways you can support our life-saving work. Visit our site for more ways to help us help the homeless dogs and cats of

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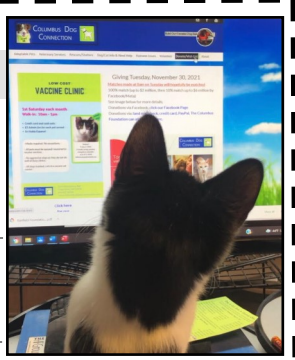
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