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25 years!

Can you believe that we have been helping dogs and cats in Central Ohio for 25 years? In that time, we have met so many great people along the way. Some of you volunteer, some of you foster, some of you donate, and some of you patronize our clinics. We were so happy to see a lot of your faces at our 25th Anniversary event this year, and we missed those who weren't able to make it. Upper Arlington Veterinary Hospital graciously hosted our party in their office space and Catering By Scott provided the most exquisite dining experience for us all to enjoy. Many people donated items for our silent auction; volunteered on our event committee and during the event; invited friends and family; and came out in support. We could not possibly list all of you, but we appreciate each and every one of you. Here's to the next 25 years!

Sincerely-
The Columbus Dog Connection Team

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Spay/Neuter Surgeries

Spay/Neuter surgeries since inception (approximately 50% dogs and 50% cats)	21,150
Approximate surgeries per clinic	25
Subsidies/discounts given to rescues & low income public	\$150,000



We received a grant through Ohio Pet Fund to help subsidize surgeries this year.



This September we traveled to Freedom Tails Rescue. We performed 28 surgeries, and 14 other foster dogs received an exam, vaccines, and heartworm testing.



Vaccine Clinics

- Offered 1 day every month since 2012
- We've held 123 vaccine clinics; only closed for 21 months due to COVID or weather restrictions
- Run mostly by volunteers
- Approximately 80% of pets served are dogs
- Approximately 20% of pets served are cats
- 11,500 patients served since 2012

Trailer Park Program

	2021	2022	2023 YTD	Total
Rescued From TP	70	40	36	145
Adopted through CDC	16	26	18	59
TNR	29	5	7	41
Crossed Rainbow Bridge	10	3	6	19
In Foster Care at Year End	15	21	26	26
Estimated Meals Served	25,500	15,000	7,000	47,500
Medical Costs Incurred	\$14,500	\$21,000	\$9,000	\$44,500

All food and supplies for the trailer park have been donated. There have been **17 dogs** rescued from the trailer park not included above.



We are thankful to have been part of The Columbus Foundation's Better Together initiative. All donations from this program helped to support our low-cost vaccine clinic.

Vaccines and other cost of goods for our clinics have increased drastically through inflation this year. With the help of sponsors like **IDEXX** and **The Awesome Company**, we were able to minimize price increases to continue to provide affordable services to our community.



PROJECT CODE ORANGE- In addition to our TNR work at the trailer park, we assisted a veteran with limitations. We sterilized, vaccinated, and rehomed 18 cats from his property.



Volunteers and In-Kind donations from our supporters have made all of these programs possible. If you are interested in more info on how you can help please email us at columbusdogconnectionvolunteer@gmail.com

Adoption Program

Animals taken in since inception	2,934
Adoptions since inception	2,613
Pets under the age of 2	57%
Pets over the age of 2	43%
Rate of return average	under 2%
% euthanized due to medical/behavioral	5%
Average cost for dog/cat in foster program*	\$396

Adoptions this year!



Through November we have found homes for **38** dogs and **49** cats! We currently have 5 dogs and 37 cats available for adoption. We are always in need of more foster homes. If interested please reply to this newsletter and ask about fostering!

Dog & Cat Adoptions of the Year!

Peanut

Quirky little Peanut was overlooked by adopters for 2 1/2 years! She was pretty shy when potential adopters came, and was not the cuddliest of our cats, until some potential adopters came to meet her. She turned into the sweetest, most affectionate cat during their meet and greet and was adopted with her friend Gary! Congrats to this great family!



Brice



Our sweet Brice was adopted this year! We had to live trap this starving guy on Brice Road and he was so sick he had to be hospitalized for a week! He took a while to gain some confidence, but after a year in boarding and foster care, he found his perfect home!



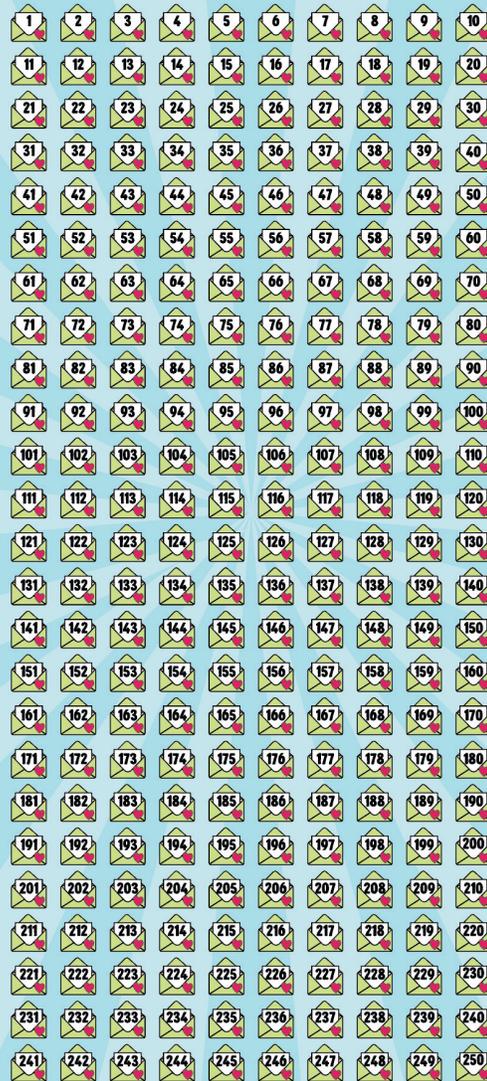
A Huge thanks to our friends at **Pet Palace** and **Top Dog Boarding & Training** for helping us board our fosters in a pinch. This is the second year in a row that we have had a number of dogs & cats abandoned at our location and needed shelter right away. Without these partnerships we would have had to turn some of these dogs away.



Participate in our annual Fundraiser to cover foster medical expenses



NOT ABLE TO ADOPT? **ADOPT AN ENVELOPE**
Columbus Dog Connection Fundraiser



Every envelope adopted helps cover medical expenses for our fosters



By making a donation of \$1-\$250 you can symbolically adopt an envelope. Your donation goes towards covering the veterinary costs our fosters incur.

We have currently raised 17% of our goal! Please consider donating to our foster fund here:



This newsletter is dedicated in memory of Michael who passed suddenly from congestive heart failure. Michael found his loving home after living in one of the colonies at the trailer park. We miss you every day sweet boy.



Welcome Dr. Kmietsch!



Dr. Kmietsch graduated from The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She worked with the Union County Humane Society throughout high school, her undergraduate education at Otterbein University, and Veterinary School. She has a passion for rescue and also works in private practice.



Thanks for hosting us!



Much gratitude to Hollywood Feed, Zaftig Brewery, Nocterra Brewing Co., Byers Airport Subaru, Chase Corporate, and the Columbus Crew for hosting us for adoption events and fundraisers this year. We greatly appreciate your support and we met a lot of great people; got some great dogs adopted; and had a great time!



There is no possible way for us to thank every one of you in this newsletter, but we hope you know just how much your support means to us!

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