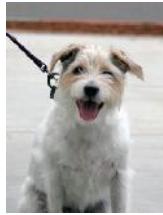




"We have so many awesome groups in Ohio working toward the same goals and it is my hope that we use this community to share information, stories and unify our efforts."



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## Columbus Dog Connection Protects Pets for Nearly a Decade, and Counting

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They're on a mission, and they're saving lives.

Since it was first formed in 1998, the Columbus Dog Connection has become a continuously growing network of dog lovers committed to the welfare of pups of all ages. The CDC volunteers have dedicated themselves to a mission that involves saving dogs from abandonment and abuse and getting the word out on fellow rescues and shelters in Ohio. This Columbus-based shelter is a limited-space organization, as its operators and volunteers do not believe in euthanizing the animals. And, to help protect what many animal lovers have worked so hard for, each dog is spayed or neutered before leaving the loving care of the CDC.

Activism is at the heart of the CDC, and its members are always doing good work for the animals. Since 2002, the CDC members have held an annual event, Habitat For Dogmanity, in which shelters, dog runs, etc. are made to keep the dogs safe and comfortable. For Habitat for Dogmanity 4 in 2006, those "doggedly dedicated dogmanity do'ers" made over 260 elevated dog beds in order to keep dogs in shelters off of wet pavement.

Also affiliated with the CDC is Mingle With Our Mutts. This exciting biweekly event is a great place to meet hundreds of dogs and cats that are looking for permanent homes. There are multiple locations in Ohio, and experienced shelter staff are present to help match potential owners with the perfect new addition to the family.

The CDC continues to be the voice for the animals in legislation that will benefit them and control the pet population. They have supported the monitoring of high breeding puppy facilities and have held peaceful protests against pet stores, encouraging them to spay and neuter the animals before being sold.

Not forgetting their many other animal friends, the CDC supports sanctuaries and wildlife rescues committed to helping rabbits, turtles, snakes, and other precious wildlife. In fact, their website contains numerous links to a variety of shelters in Ohio, and ways to help spread the word on the live-saving mission at hand.

Connecting humans with animals, the Columbus Dog Connection is bringing love to many souls, creating new friendships, and giving deserving pets a chance at a happy life.

**To learn more about the Columbus Dog Connection, check out the website below:**

[ColumbusDogConnection.com](http://ColumbusDogConnection.com)

### What you can do:

**Make a monetary donation to help with medical expenses, etc.**

[Columbusdogconnection.com/volunteer.htm](http://Columbusdogconnection.com/volunteer.htm)

**Help control the pet population by spaying/neutering:**

[Columbusdogconnection.com/PedSpayNeuter.htm](http://Columbusdogconnection.com/PedSpayNeuter.htm)

**Help put a stop to irresponsible puppy breeders:**

[Columbusdogconnection.com/PupMillsInOH.htm](http://Columbusdogconnection.com/PupMillsInOH.htm)

**Contact legislators and keep up with the newest Bills:**

[Columbusdogconnection.com/legislation.htm](http://Columbusdogconnection.com/legislation.htm)