



Dear Friends,

It's difficult to imagine Columbus Dog Connection is 20 years old. We started out "just helping a few dogs" at overcrowded rural shelters and two decades later we have saved thousands of pets, spayed/neutered thousands of shelter/rescue and owned dogs/cats and have many stories to tell about our work helping to improve the lives of Ohio's pets.

Our rescue work has been a labor of love. Regardless of the victory or difficult circumstance, the common thread with everyone that has a hand in our history, is our unwavering love for our pets.

Our goal remains the same, to go out of business. With your continued help, our last day of rescue will be the best news ever because saving homeless dogs and cats will no longer be needed. Enjoy this issue of memories.

If you have adopted, volunteered, donated, or advocated on our behalf, we thank you for being part of our stories, our history and our life saving team.



1998 - 2018



20 Years of Advocacy



Rescue & Rehoming



Mingle With Our Mutts



Low Cost Spay/Neuter



Low Cost Vaccine Clinic



Elevated Dog Beds



Habitat for Dogmanity



Puppy Mill Legislation



If You Are Cat Person, We Need Your Help

We have CATS too! Just like all shelters, the requests for cats to enter our program exceeds homes available. Cats tend to stay long periods at our facility. During that time, we become very familiar with our cats' cute personalities, quirks, and needs. Many of our cats are older or have special medical needs.

We become intimately familiar with their needs and accommodate them to the best of our ability and finances. Not all our cats are special needs, but please help spread the word about these special cats. We have little cliques, nemeses, bff's, and dysfunctional little families within the office. Never a dull moment.

Some of our residents are on customized diets due to age/medical condition. Some of our cats have had full mouth dental extractions and need canned food only. Their food budget is costly. And we can't forget the ferals that we feed outside as well as the ones that have decided to live inside with us. No kidding, we have one feral that comes to our front door when she wants in. We make sure she has a clear path and she comes in for several days of respite! Please help us spread the word about our special cats as well as our general population cats.

In essence, we have a small cat shelter that requires much staff time, funds for special diets, general and specialized veterinary care, medications, and supplies.



Katherine has cystitis, caused by stress. She needs \$2 of medication per day which would likely decrease when in a home & less stressed.



Chloe has food allergies and is on a strict diet. Her food runs about \$50 for 5 weeks. The sweetest girl.



Ripley is FIV+ and may have bouts with asthma, BUT she is the BEST kitty ever!



Timmy is deaf and sometimes cranky when other cats sneak up on him as he doesn't know they are there.

Read Their Full Biographies & Please Share



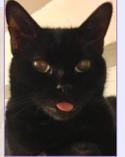
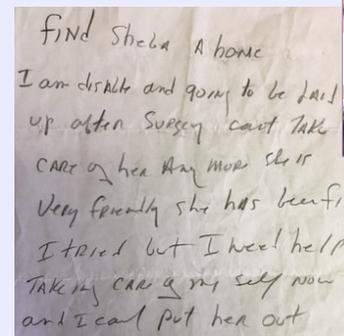
The Not So Odd Couple

Julia, (front) & Fencie were dumped as kittens. Julia was tiny & so shy. She connected with Fencie, who has never warmed to people. (see his front leg under her). He grooms her and they play. We would love to keep them together.



Uncle Barry & Henry, Together or Separate

A gang of two was formed when this duo met. Henry was young when he met already older Barry. We like to say Barry is a little selective in who he befriends. He will do best as a single kitty or adopted with Henry.



Sheba always looks like she is sticking her tongue out.

Sheba was left with this note. We had to remove all but 6 teeth.



Resident Princess

Princess Scrapy was formerly free roaming and rescued by a kindly senior citizen who could no longer keep up with her grooming. Scrapy is one of our resident seniors with on going needs. Scrapy often has matted hair which requires a lot of grooming. She's 15 years old.



Resident Senior Kitty Duo

Fowler & Herbie are a clique of 2! Fowler is 14 & Herbie is 18. They are both low key and love nothing more than to snuggle. Herbie sometimes has enough but you would be amused to watch Fowler work his way for a snuggle.

Thank you Joyce & Bill

When involved in a not-for-profit, you are surrounded by the best people.

Think of your best day volunteering, add saving dog/cat lives to the mix and you have purposeful nirvana. Joyce and Bill donated our spay/neuter truck, affectionately known as "The Andy".

Named after their beloved pooch, our truck has allowed us to spay/neuter thousands of dogs/cats throughout Ohio. It is an understatement to say the support we have received from Joyce and Bill has played a role in every success we have.

Heartfelt thanks to this pair of dog lovers. Their generosity is only outweighed by their kindness.



Memories



Ellwood represents all the homeless dogs that needed us.





Mix, rigid, 32lbs, sweet, loves attention, was initially shy & afraid, but is really coming out of her shell, best in a home w/ a confident dog, loves to romp with her foster brother go on walks, really well-behaved on the leash, does not like to be left home alone, but as long as her foster brother is with her, she is fine, when she greets you at the door, the very definition of a wiggle-butt



Beagle, Daisy, female, 5 yrs, 25lbs, Daisy is the essence of beagle cuteness! found as a stray, she is very calm, laid back, but alert and interested in her surroundings, loves walk, good on leash, easy going



Chia Mix, Tia, 1yr, 15lbs, great with dogs, playful, always wants to be with you, does ok in car, likes walks, knows sit, working on high five, does well in crate, best in home with another dog



Chihuahua, Eris 5 monthths, female, well adjusted, 3.5 lbs, will be small (6lbs), playful, affectionate, smart, fenced yard & another small dog in home, older kids, plays chase, lap dog, loves to



Pit Mix, Patrick, 56lbs, 2 yrs. Patrick is a treat hound, will do anything for a treat, obedience trained and has some agility, but would really prefer to be your snuggle buddy, lives with a smaller foster sibling and she loves him, he would be a great dog to pair with a shy dog as he is very confident, loves bones, walks, playing with his sister



Chihuahua Mix, Mrs. Flores 9 yrs, 10 lbs, a one special dog, has overcome physical difficulties when hit by a car, taken to shelter, has had two surgeries and is now walking and playing, she even runs sometimes, loves belly rubs & giving kisses, she loves everyone- dogs, cats, people, she would do best in a home without small kids or rambunctious dogs, due to her orthopedic surgeries, loves going on walks, playing with toys



Mix, Cheese, male, 54lbs, 2yrs, does well in his crate, loves to investigate & be active, good on leash, happy boy, great w/ dogs



Ricki, 1yr, sweet, young single Mom living on the street, doing the best she could, looking for a real home to call her own



Jack Russell, Jasmine, 5 yrs, 14lbs, an alpha personality so needs leadership, makes a "rumbling" noise, usually when petted in just the right spot, she does well in play groups of multiple dogs but again, her alpha personality makes it important she be the only dog in the home because she can become intolerant of other dogs in her home, walks best on a gentle leader leash, knows "sit" and is working on "down", not the hyperactive Jack Russell you would expect, best in adult home



Mix, Taco male, nice pooch, good w/ dogs, 4 yrs, 38 lbs, sweet, laid back, loves to lay in the sun, good on a leash, enjoys going for walks, Taco loves people & loves kids



Pit Mix, Moon, male, 1yr, 55 lbs, a silly, fun loving dog who enjoys giving & receiving attention ! He's a young, active, big dog with a heart of gold, Moon really enjoys his walks. jogging with his foster family, good w/ dogs, (unknown cats), loves all people, enrolled in kindergarten classes, foster family will pay for you to continue classes



Julie 8months, adorable, dumped by someone w/out a heart, left to fend for herself, was flea infested, very playful, loves to be groomed by her cat friend Fencie



Barry, male, 5 yrs, independt but likes a gentle touch, would be great alone or does well with Henry, listed below



Henry, male, a cool customer, 10 months, Mr Confident, loves his big brother Barry



Fencie male, sweet little boy, plays like a rough housing brother with fellow kitty Henry, loves to play on our jungle gym and explore like a typical kitty, sweet w/ all dogs and cats



Chloe, female, 4yrs, a pretty quiet girl that is a nice mix of independent but likes to have her time/attention with you, preferably a no cat house due to food allergies



Ripley 5yrs, the nicest, calmest kitty ever, found fending for herself on streets, such a low key kitty, loves her belly rubbed, loves being near her person, FIV +, asthmatic but not on medication



Sheba, female, small cat, 3yrs, super nice, low key, good w/ cats, dogs, easy going girl



Shar Pei Mix Mike, male, 6 months, nice boy, likes to play, likes to cuddle, he's a leaner..meaning he leans on your legs for comfort and affection



Timmy, 8yrs, very chill, had a difficult journey- dumped out in the country, living under a shed all winter, attacked by other cats, very sweet w/ humans, best in a one or no cat home



Katherine, 7yrs, gentle, quiet, sweet, has cystitis which causes her to strain while urinating, made worse by stress, she has roam of office, but we have many cats, our vets believe when she is in a home her cystitis will go away, we noticed after we placed several cats & there were less cats in the office Katherine until more cats came in, excellent litter box habits



Manson, male, 3-4yrs, this guy has a story, he was hanging around our office and we fed him for months, we were never able to trap him and finally resorted to a drop trap, the grainy picture on our site is from security camera at night, he broke our hearts on this cold night when we could see him peeking in our office, once we trapped him, we gave him a

Please share this page to help them find a home.



Perry Co 2018 Dog Pound



Adams Co 2014 Dog Pound



Morgan Co 2008 Dog Pound



Muskingum Co 2016 Dog Pound



Vinton Co Rescue 2009



Meigs Co 2007 Dog Pound

Habitat for Dogmanity

We are fortunate to have the space & volunteers to pick up, unload & organize donations. Citizens for Humane Action donates to our rescue/shelter pantry with deliveries by Ed Thomas and Donna Maibaum. Volunteer Susan Powell is our organizer extraordinaire that keeps our warehouse full of donations in order. Penny Bachman-Jaffe picks up donations by Pet People as well as miscellaneous donations. Thanks too to Ron Blake and Fran Blachman for supply pick ups.



Mason Co WV 2018 Dog Pound



Perry Co 2007 Humane Society



Mike's Dog Cabin 2001 & 2003



Pike Co 2015 Dog Pound



Marion Co 2018 Homeless to Home



Coaches Bar & Grill 2018 Thank you Benny, Ed & Leslie.



Pet Palace Airport We love these ladies !



Homage 2018 National Dog Day T-Shirt Fundraiser



Aunt Patty Fox, our awesome vet tech, Megan Edwards & her Mom Becky & Dad Todd Edwards. Our cookie makers that help us thank our donors.



Byers Airport Subaru Share the Love Event Thank you George Kaufman & Lindsey Tinsley for selecting us for their Share The Love . Buy a Subaru here & we receive \$250 !



Altar'd State Josette Goodwin & Vet Asst Emily Brodbeck



Pet People Donations & Annual T-Shirt Fundraiser



Our Mom donates through her employer.



Volunteer Dawn McDaniel with Gahanna Troop 1977



Then & now. Chloe & Nikki adopted Clara in 2006 !



Matching PJ's on people & dogs !

OUR VILLAGE

Our Foster Families Who Save Lives * Our vaccine Clinic Volunteers

Dr Kristy Clay * Dr Molly McLeod * Dr Jessica Shelby * Dr Tiffany Lane * Dr Sue Zinni
 Dr Devon Horne-Clintonville Animal Hospital * Dr Andrea Jesnsen-VCA * Gahanna Animal Hospital
 Hague Water * Northwest Vet Hospital * Medvet * Bexley Animal Hospital
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Help Us **Not** Have a Fundraiser....Yes, You Read That Right

We are great at saving dogs and cats, offering low cost spay/neuter and vaccines, building elevated dog beds and helping other rescues and shelters by sharing our grants and donations. By spending our time hands on instead of coordinating fundraising events, we are able to do so much more to help the dogs and cats get out of shelters, or live a more comfortable life while they are there or prevent unnecessary litters .

With so many fundraisers held by other non profits, we also don't want to compete or spend resources on a fundraiser that will be poorly attended. With limited time, and fundraisers being so labor intensive, the profit rarely merits the time involved in generating the funds. Our community already supports dog washes, celebrity events, dog runs, dog/cat gift baskets, and OSU and memorabilia raffles. Would you want another one of these items or attend another fundraising event ?

But we do need your help. We will never send you a calendar, a key chain, or self addressed labels as we know you would prefer that money be spent on the health issues of a needy dog or cat. **We have been fortunate in not needing a fundraiser for a few years, but now, we are in need.** Most grant opportunities don't cover general operating expenses. We have rent and all the monthly expenses of having a building. Insurance, salaries, health care, repairs and increased veterinary costs have exceeded our yearly donations and deleted our saving. **As you may know, we are shrewd stewards of every penny entrusted to our care.** We thank our donors who come through year after year and ask you to consider our work for your charitable donation.

Your generosity is the key to our success. Your support helps us save the lives of dogs and cats.



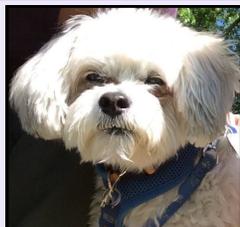
Although Meatloaf lived a cold and lonely existence, chained his first 6 years of life, he showed typical dog resilience and loved his new life not being tethered to a chain.



At a nearby trailer park, Mirna and Megan were chasing loose puppies and noticed this big boy tied to a box. Fortunately, Mirna speaks Spanish and was able to talk with the people who owned him. Mirna shared her concern of the dog being chained 24/7 and offered to rehome him. The family refused but agreed to allow the dog to come in at night. With the help of Columbus Humane and other caring folks, it became apparent that his time on the chain had not changed. Due to new tethering laws and Mirna's constant and gentle communication, he was finally surrendered to us in late 2017.



Meatloaf now lives with a loving family and has a huge fenced yard. He sleeps wherever he wants & loves his daily walks. His family tells us they could not have found a more well behaved, loving, goofy boy.



Melvin was from a hoarding situation. He has medical issues it took us 3 hours to groom him because of his severe matting. Melvin has been adopted.

Before
&
After



It took our staff 2 hours to catch Nettie, even in her severely weakened state. She weighed just over 2 pounds and aside from eating and using her litter box, she barely moved for a month. Nettie has the best personality and is fully recovered. Nettie is still looking for a home.

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Donations are
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Please be part of our life saving team.

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Columbus OH 43219

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Timmy is a deaf kitty our team brought back from a rural county after hearing he was being beat up by the local feral cats. Timmy loves living in doors and is a laid back guy.

Our Statistics Since Inception

- 2,312 dogs & cats rescued & rehomed
- 4% rate of return of adopted dogs/cats

Average Age of Dogs & Cats Saved

- 21% - less than 4 months (mostly kitten litters)
- 34% - 4 months - 2 yrs
- 27% - 2-7 years
- 18% - over 7 years
- We gave \$80,000 in discounts/grants to rescues, shelters, & low income pet owners
- 8,000 served at our Vaccine Clinic since 2012
- 15,000 spay/neuter surgeries performed