

TATTLE TAILS

Spring 2020



Meet Treasure and Her Kittens

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DID YOU KNOW...

Portage APL helps almost 1,000 animals each year?

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Spay and Neuter Clinic for Cats

Low-cost spay and neuter services are a very important part of helping stop pet overpopulation and unwanted animals entering shelters or being euthanized. At Portage APL, we work hard to do our part. Although we don't have our own clinic, we do host a mobile clinic that comes to our location to offer these services. We use N.O.M.A.D. who offers a variety of services. Every animal adopted from the APL is spayed or neutered. Please call us to schedule an appointment. We offer one or two clinics each month. We also sell Friends of Animals certificates (for cats and dogs) that can be used at many local veterinarians.

We also have humane traps that people can borrow to trap stray or feral cats to bring in to be spayed or neutered.

Dates subject to change – please call.

PRICING

» **Female Cats**
Fee: \$65
Includes: Pain-relief injection

» **Male Cats**
Fee: \$35

Additional services available such as vaccines and worming.



MISSION

Portage Animal Protective League is a private, non-profit organization, dedicated to the advancement of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership. In support of the mission: we shelter and find safe homes for injured, abused, surrendered and abandoned animals, uphold and enforce all animal cruelty laws, reduce pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs and educate the community on the social responsibility associated with pet ownership.

VISION

We envision an educated and caring community that recognizes and respects the rights of animals to receive humane and compassionate treatment and actively supports efforts to ensure their welfare.



June



Pip

JUNE'S FUR-EVER HOME

June is doing really well. She adjusted faster than I expected when I brought her home with me. She loves exploring every nook and cranny and gets along well with my other two cats. She's especially fond of my cat Pip! A couple times I've seen them playing together. They especially like playing tag. It makes me happy to see that playfulness in both of them since Pip has the tendency to act like a little old man. You'd think he's five going on twenty.

She's eating well and napping plenty (napping seems to be the favorite pastime for all my feline kids). One of her favorite things to do is stare at her reflection in either my TV screen or bedroom mirror. I always tell her, 'You go girlfriend! You're a pretty girl and should admire yourself.' She's a shy girl, which is totally fine with me. I think I gravitate so much towards her because I can be so shy myself, so we're kindred spirits! I just let her be herself and when she feels up for affection, she loves me giving her belly rubs and rubbing under her chin. She fits right in here at my little household. I love her dearly and am grateful you let me be her new mom. It's obvious to me she (and all the cats and dogs at the APL) are so well loved and taken great care of. Thank you for all you do. And thank you for my Parkie and June! June especially says hi to Chalan!

Love,
Teresa, Pip, Parkie, and June





One Person's Trash

In September, an awful person put a mother cat and 8 babies in a cat carrier, screwed it shut, put it in a trash bag, tied it shut, and threw them out like garbage. Thankfully, someone called the Sheriff's Department because they heard meowing and movement coming from the trash can. The sheriffs responded to help the cats, and then called us. These poor babies were in terrible shape. One kitten was already dead. The other 7 were about half of the weight they should be for their age, they were covered in fleas, had worms, and were emaciated and dirty.

Our staff worked quickly to rid them of the fleas that were feeding on them. They cleaned them up,

gave them food and medicine, and a chance to live. It would be some time before they'd be out of the woods. Luckily, we had a wonderful foster home that was willing to take them in while they recovered from neglect and cruelty.

Momma cat, who we named Treasure, and all the kittens recovered fully and grew to be happy and healthy. The babies were aptly named Sapphire, Ruby, Diamond, Opal, Onyx, Topaz, and Emerald.

In the meantime, the person who was responsible was charged with animal cruelty and eventually pled guilty to two felony and two misdemeanor counts



of animal cruelty. He is also not allowed to own any animals for five years and must pay an additional \$300 fine and court costs. He also has to undergo a mental health evaluation. Additionally, he has been ordered to pay back about \$1,200 to the Portage Animal Protective League to pay for the medical care and rehabilitation of the cats.

Since the incident, all the kittens have been adopted. Sadly, Treasure still waits for a loving home. She was a loving mother and is a friendly girl. We can't imagine what she has been through in her 7 years, so we are hopeful her time will come soon.

We have also received some lovely updates about the kittens who have been adopted.

The work we do to protect those with no voice is vital to the animals and people in our community. Your support helps us fulfill our mission and care for so many who would otherwise have no place to go.

CAGE SPONSORS



We have 40 available! Help care for a homeless animal while he/she waits for a Fur-ever home.

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WE STILL NEED A HOME

Ace has been with the APL the longest of all the dogs. He is young, around 4, large and energetic. He seems to be overlooked because he is very excitable in his kennel. Outside of his kennel he is a fun, sweet dog who just wants love and playtime. He just needs someone to give him a chance. His previous owners were ill and elderly so they asked that we take him. Now, he waits for the right match. He has been waiting months with no luck. Please consider this handsome guy. You won't be disappointed.

Confetti originally came to the APL after being thrown out of a car into a parking lot. She was very nervous and untrusting of people at first but after much love and care she has come to love our staff and volunteers. She has an auto-immune disorder generically called "Pillow-Foot" which causes her foot pad to be inflamed. She was treated with medicine for three months and it seems to be under control. She may need to be treated again and possibly for her lifetime. She will need a home without younger children and will need a patient and understanding caregiver. Confetti has been through so much and she is only around 5 years old. Can you give this pretty girl the love and care she needs?

A SPECIAL THANKS ...

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Brad Hills

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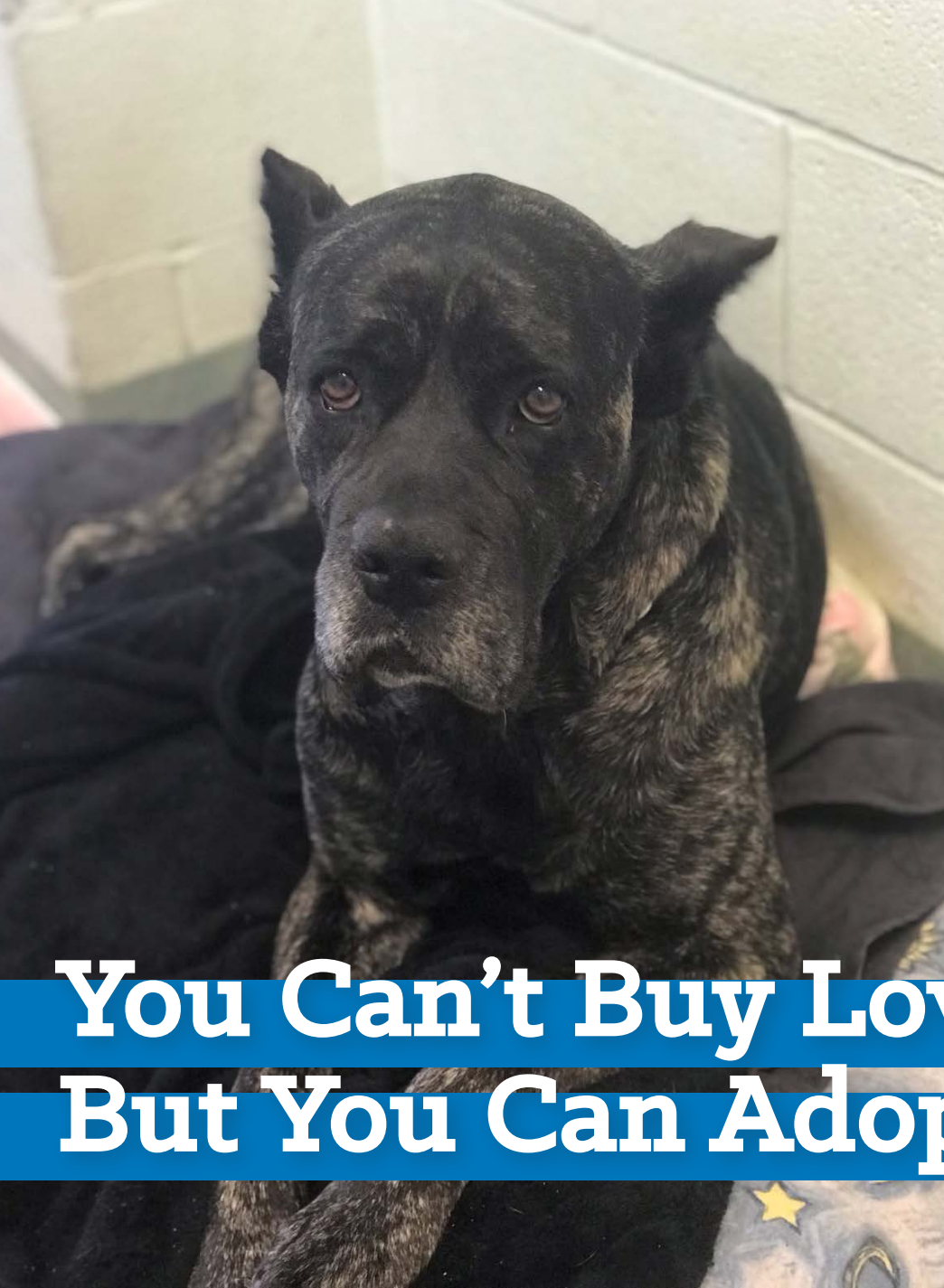
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Girl Scouts Troop #91311



You Can't Buy Love, But You Can Adopt It

Adopting a senior, special needs animal can be the best choice you'll ever make. Look at Priscilla! You can see in her "before" photos, how lonely she was for a family. She was a senior Cane Corso with back leg and spinal issues. She is an absolute angel of a dog who had a terrible life before she came to our shelter. We wanted to make sure her future was a happy one. Her quality of life was still good and she deserved to live. So, after many visits to veterinarians and specialists, we decided we could find her a home and give her a happy life. We knew not everyone would want a dog with her issues, but we had to try. She was with us for some time before the right people came, but when they did, we knew it

and so did they. Priscilla, so full of love and kindness, won their hearts like she had ours.

Fast forward to now, Priscilla is loved and just got new "wheels." It became harder for her to walk (which we knew would eventually happen) and so her loving parents didn't hesitate to help her get around. Priscilla is a big 90lb girl.

They adore her and she them. She loves her doggie brother and they nap together often. Love is the best gift you can give. Young, old, middle aged, one-legged, medicated or perfect ... they each deserve love and can give you more than you know. Thank you two for loving her so! Adopt don't shop.



» A LIFETIME OF LOVE

“ To the staff of the Portage APL:

I adopted "Sapphire" this past Saturday and wanted to let the staff know he is doing well and wanted to let you know he is adjusting nicely.

I renamed him Jazz! Cause he classes the house up! While all cats have their own loving personality, he seems to be a side-kick and is purring, giving headbutts, and letting me pet his belly and tail. He realized around dinner time Saturday that he was truly home and let out a loud happy meow and ran around with an uncontrolled/joyous energy for one hour and then took a nap on me for the first time for about two hours.

He is very inquisitive and loves to play with toys and investigate. He comes out of his shell more and more with each passing hour!

He has already been such a blessing in a few short days and I look forward to a lifetime of love and blessings with Jazz!

Blessings,
Lou Zigmund

Honors & Memorials

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Portage APL presents...

Pictures with the Easter Bunny



Easter Egg Hunt starting promptly at 10:30 am

(For children 8 years and younger. Please bring your own basket or bag.)
Three lucky children will find an egg with a "Golden Ticket" inside and will win an Easter Basket prize!



11:30-3:00 pm
Pictures with the Easter Bunny

A minimum \$10.00 donation

This includes: a photo of your pet/child with the Easter Bunny in a memory folder and an electronic proof of the photo sent to your E-mail.

Bake Sale Basket Raffle

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Paws to Celebrate Spring Fling

It's Raining Cats & Dogs!



Proceeds benefit Portage Animal Protective League

Saturday, April 4, 2020

American Legion Hall
1945 Mogadore Rd.
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5:30pm-9pm

\$80 per person
8 Seats per table

(\$40 goes directly to helping the animals and is tax deductible)

Deadline for reservations, March 27, 2020

Collect your Change for Paw\$\$

Cats vs. Dogs. Empty your piggy bank, purse or wallet and bring your spare change (or dollars)! We'll be collecting them in CAT & DOG bins. Will the cat or dog lovers bring more change for APL animals?

For Reservations call 330.296.4022

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- *Silent Auction
- *Live Auction
- *Buffet Dinner
- *Open Bar
- *Raffles
- *Music

SHEPHERD'S WATCH

PLANNED GIVING



Should you choose to include Portage APL in your estate plan, you become part of our Shepherd's Watch Planned Giving Society.

Shepherd's Watch provides protection for our shelter and our mission over the long term.

Portage APL is committed to responsible financial management and planning. Our Shepherd's Watch Society helps us weather financial challenges so we can

continue to serve the hundreds of animals who come through our doors each year.

Our ability to feed the hungry, care for the sick and wounded, and comfort the abused is a direct result of both ongoing contributions and planned gifts.

There are so many ways you can create a lasting legacy that benefits the animals right in your own backyard.

- **Wills**
- **Life insurance policies**
- **Retirement accounts**
- **Gifts of property**
- **Gifts of stock**

Of course, you'll want to discuss your options and what's best for you with a personal legal or tax advisor, but we appreciate your keeping us in mind when doing your long-term financial planning.

THANK YOU, ON BEHALF OF THE ANIMALS, FOR YOUR SUPPORT ... TODAY AND TOMORROW.

CAT PORTALS

Cats often have a hard time adjusting to life in a shelter, even for a short time. This is mostly due to being caged, in an unfamiliar place with new people and new things. We try our best to make their lives full and pleasant while they are with us. Since they can't get out for daily walks like the dogs, we try to make their cage a "home." We give them scratchers, toys, and enrichment activities. Volunteers who pet and socialize them are invaluable to their health and well-being. We have a "play room" where the cats can get out to stretch their paws once in a while, but it doesn't equal what they would have in a home.

One way we can also make them more comfortable is by simply giving them more space. It is expensive to buy new cages and our building can only hold so many animals.

Last year we were grateful to receive a donation to purchase Cat Portals. They make two cages into one

larger cage without purchasing new ones. You cut a round hole (with appropriate tools and template) into the steel walls between two cages. Then the Cat Portal is inserted creating a type of doorway (up and down in our case). Now, a cat in a usual-sized cage, has twice the space and can move between two cages with ease. Not only do they have twice the space, but now their litter boxes and food can be in separate spaces. Cats love to climb and so the ability to go up and down, jump to or from a shelf, and stretch is so important. We are grateful to the donor who paid for the portals as well as Mike Szabo who donated his time and tools. These are not easy to install and require specialized tools and expertise. Over months and many hours, he installed 14 Cat Portals at Portage APL.

We are committed to making sure we do the most we can for our animals during their stay here. Thank you to all who made this possible for our feline friends!

