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The "Eyes" Have It. Sugar Ray's The Winner!

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Sugar Ray is nearly healed now, but it is hard to believe he will ever forget being abandoned by his owner or the weeks of slow starvation that brought him to the very brink of death. When found, he weighed a pitiful 26 pounds. Today, he's tipping the scale closer to 50 pounds. He was named "Sugar Ray" because he was a boxer with the fight of his life before him.

It has been a long journey back, but Sugar Ray is now a beautiful boy and getting ready to begin his new life with a lucky someone, soon to be chosen. Potential adopters, some from as far away as Texas and California, are being screened by APL staff prior to a drawing later this summer.

Sugar Ray's story began in March when he was found wandering near the Berlin Reservoir. Fortunately, a caring person called the Portage County Dog Warden's office to report the animal.

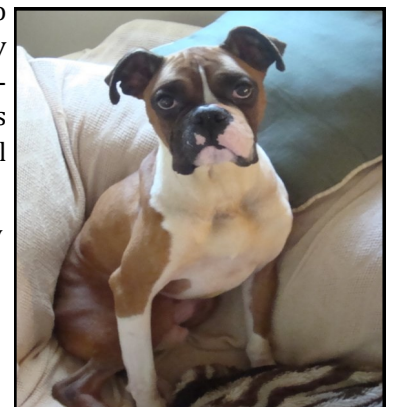
A deputy was sent to investigate, found Sugar Ray and brought him in. Then Portage APL took possession of Sugar Ray and got him the much needed medical help he needed. His veins had nearly collapsed and his organs were beginning to shut down, so critical care was a must.

Over the next three months, Sugar Ray slowly recovered and began to put on weight. His foster care home had other boxers to keep him company. He learned to enjoy playing with a soccer ball and running in the yard. He also enjoyed being a couch potato.

Somehow, Sugar Ray's story got picked up by the media and went "viral" on the Internet and "well wishes" and contributions flowed in from around the world to help with his growing medical bills.

Sugar Ray's story is testimony that while there are those who would abandon, neglect or even commit cruelty to animals, there also are many kind hearted souls who will love them.

Sugar Ray won the fight and his right to love!



Sugar Ray Adoption Notice

Finalists have been chosen for the Sugar Ray adoption drawing. All of the finalists have been notified and are being reviewed. The drawing will be held at noon on Thursday, July 21st.



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Meet Steve Chapman, Portage APL's Humane Officer

Portage APL's new Humane Officer, Steve Chapman, sports both a Massachusetts family history of law enforcement and a distinctive Cape Cod accent. But accent aside, he is very clear about his role and responsibility here in Ohio having most recently worked as Deputy Dog Warden for Cuyahoga County before coming south to Portage.

Steve always has loved animals and had a German Shepherd and a Beagle in his formative years. After a stint as a police officer then as an Animal Control Officer, Steve migrated over to Natural Resources then finally back to law enforcement as a Sergeant. "I like police work but really prefer helping animals," he said.

"Unfortunately, many people simply do not understand the responsibility they assume by owning a pet," said Steve in his first interview. "They don't place the same moral or ethical value on taking care of a pet that they should. The challenge, therefore, becomes one of educating them to realize that their pet's welfare is very important," he added.

Steve is more than a little concerned with Ohio's animal welfare laws and the fact Ohio doesn't have a non-criminal citation system that helps educate people while protecting them from



Humane Officer Steven Chapman

earning a court record. "The citation system used by other states is used to educate more than punish," he stated. Ohio's governmental structure of having counties, cities, villages, townships, etc. also adds to the inherent complexity of dealing with the enforcement side of things."

Steve notes that Ohio is a "Tier 3" state when it comes to progressive animal welfare laws, while Pennsylvania is ranked as a higher "Tier 2." Michigan, which holds the highest "Tier 1" status remains the leader in the region.

Steve is excited about working with Portage APL as the Humane Officer for Portage County. He is looking forward to streamlining procedures, bringing a high level of professionalism to the job and working with other organizations and county officials to develop an emergency management plan similar to the one he built in Massachusetts.

Steve is hoping schools and civic groups will ask him to talk about animal welfare and Portage APL. "Anyone who wants me to speak with their school or group can call the Shelter or send me an email at humaneofficer@portageapl.org" Steve noted. "I'm really a nice guy and promise not to bite!"

Call Steve at 330-296-4022, ext 102

M.A.S.H. Clinic Schedule



Portage APL's low-cost Spay/Neuter clinic for cats will be held on the following dates:

August 5

September 2 & 30

November 4

December 9

Reservations are required

and fees must be paid in advance.

The clinic application form is available at www.portageapl.org or you may call 330.296.4022.

Have You Considered “Stepping Up” For The Cause? (Three ways to make a difference)

At Portage APL, we are preparing for the future. The decisions that are made in the next couple of years will impact the lives of tens of thousands of dogs and cats, and, through humane enforcement, hundreds of horses, cattle and other animals that may be neglected, starved or subjected to cruel or inhumane conditions.

The decisions, hopefully, will chart a future that provides medical treatment to animals in need, low cost spay/neuter clinics, second chance adoptions to loving animals wanting homes, and the critical continuation of the Humane Officer role to investigate and enforce laws against cruelty. But the degree to which these future goals are realized depends on a number of very special people. We hope you will be one of them.

In order to do its good work and, hopefully grow, Portage APL must raise more funds. While the \$1, \$5 and \$10 donations are always very important to help the animals, they are not, even all totaled together, enough to sustain the Shelter at a proper level. That is why the Portage APL board has established three important steps people can take now to make meaningful improvements for the Shelter's future. Here is how you can help.

Step 1 – Become a “Sustainer”

By authorizing Portage APL to charge your credit or debit card between \$15 and \$75 per month (based on 12 monthly payments), you will be surprised how easy it is to make your donations add up to between \$180 to \$900 dollars in a single year. (That's roughly equal to either a fancy coffee or two per month or a couple of nice haircuts, depending on your donation amount.) If you've ever thought about wanting to do more to help out, this is a relatively painless way to help and, of course, you can always contact the Shelter to modify your commitment, should your financial circumstances change. Portage APL needs to encourage between 1,000 and 5,000 animal lovers to help “sustain” the Shelter in this way. Call the shelter and talk to Sandra at 330-296-4022 during office hours if you would like to help sustain the Shelter.

Step 2 – Joining Leadership Circle

In 2010, the Portage APL board established a “Leadership Circle” donor society. This April, over 40 individuals (plus spouses) were inducted into the first

annual Leadership Circle donor group, each having fulfilled a pledge to donate \$1,000 or more for one year (\$100 or more for 10 months). All inductees were awarded lapel pins with a paw inside a heart, signifying their Leadership Circle status. Throughout the year, these donors receive recognitions and invitations to special events.

Once a person has donated \$5,000 or more, they receive “Lifetime Status” in Leadership Circle. Portage APL hopes to eventually have 500 Leadership Circle donors.

Board president Karen Carmany will be happy to discuss Leadership Circle with anyone interested.

Step 3 - Shepherd's Watch

Portage APL is made aware of the great generosity of someone who has chosen to provide for the Shelter's dogs and cats in their estate plan. Through their chosen method of bequest (Cash, Will Bequest, Life Insurance or Charitable Remainder Trust), they have become guardians over the future of Portage APL. They have become members of the Shepherd's Watch.

Please call Karren Carmany at 330-296-4022. for more information.



**All donor information at
Portage APL is
confidential and no lists
are sold or exchanged.**

“Paws to Celebrate - Derby Day Party” Another Big Winner!



Bob and Margie Connor enjoy looking over the auction tables

Over 100 friends of Portage APL gathered at Roses Run on May 7th for the 4th Annual Derby Day party and to raise support for Shelter dogs and cats awaiting adoption. \$16,500 was raised through the event.

While waiting for the televised “Run for the Roses” partiers enjoyed mint juleps and placed bids on a variety of silent auction items. Raffle tickets also were quickly snapped up by those with hopes of having the winning horse. Appropriate to the event, “Animal Kingdom” won the race!

After enjoying a buffet dinner,



an oral auction brought high bids and

bargains for everything from Ohio State collectibles to a one week condo use on Kiawah Island, South Carolina.

Returning Master of Ceremonies, Brent Pfeiffer kept the things rolling and served as auctioneer for the evening.

Event co-chairs, Mary Cochran and Sandra Jesionek depended heavily on committee members,

Lynda Tushar, Carolynne Sendry, Eileen Hogan, Karen Carmany and John Perry. Joan Sturtevant and Joyce Keller also volunteered to make the event a success.



Donations & Time Make Big Difference

“I think dogs are the most amazing creatures; they give unconditional love. For me they are the role model for being alive.” Gilda Radner

Daisey Troop 91115 from Kent enjoyed their time learning all about Portage APL. Back Row: Amy, Eleasha, Zoe, Natalie. Front Row: Maggie, Abbey, Lola. Thanks girls!



Jerry Jaap, 2nd from right, is owner of Green & Yellow Equip. in Kent. Hearing our need for a snow plow to save plowing cost, he donated the answer to the “What are we going to do?” Thanks a parking lot full, Jerry!

In recent board action, current board president Karen Carmany and vice president Sandra Krutz were elected to additional three year terms on the Portage APL Board. Both will continue to serve in their respective offices.

Foster Care Program Needs Willing Caregivers

Portage APL is wanting to establish a Foster Care Program for puppies, dogs, kittens and cats that have arrived at the Shelter, but are not yet ready for adoption. Some of these animals may need a bit more attention and love as they grow or recover from an injury. Others may simply be too young for adoption and need time and a bit of help learning how to be cuddly cute.

Portage APL will work with each Foster Care home to match Shelter needs to the Foster Care home's capabilities and interests. Additionally, the Shelter will provide guidance and special need supplies as may be required.

The benefit of Foster Care is not only one of love and compassion. Foster Care will

allow Portage APL to increase the number of animals it can help each year and, hopefully, the number of adoptions to forever homes. Currently (and sadly) the Shelter must decline more than half of all requests for help due to a lack of space.

If you want to be on the Foster Care contact list call the Shelter at 330-296-4022, ext. 103.

Hogs & Dogs Rally Raises Decibels & Dollars

The 5th Annual “Hogs & Dogs” poker run took place June 18th, starting at the APL Shelter and ending at the New Milford Tavern in Rootstown. Nearly \$2000 was raised to benefit the dogs (and cats) at Portage APL.

Dozens of motorcycle riders from across northeast Ohio rumbled through the highways and byways of the county where they made predetermined stops to pick up their poker

paired and the winning hand determined. Board member Brian Coffman, who is an avid biker,



Ready to hit the highway

“Except for the noise, this is pretty much a low-key event. They come, they ride, they have fun and the APL benefits!” noted Coffman. “There really a caring group of guys and gals who have a soft spot for Shelter animals.”

The event was made even better when the winner of the 50/50 drawing donated the winnings

back to help the dogs and cats at the shelter. Now that’s a real winning hand!



Riders capture the day with photos

A Note From Our President

Greetings!

The summer season is in full swing. The kids are out of school, families are packing up to go on vacation while some folks are taking “stay-cations” — picnics, baseball, soccer, and swimming.

At Portage APL, we think that summertime is the perfect time to help make a difference through participating as a volunteer. We have multiple opportunities from one-day projects/events to long-term commitments of dog walking or fostering animals. In addition, we have openings for participation on our board of directors, which is composed of committed community leaders from across Portage County. Portage APL has been supporting the cause of animal welfare and service to animals for over 55 years. Please consider partnering with us to improve the lives of animals.

Earlier this spring, Portage APL celebrated an important

milestone: it’s first Leadership Circle induction. Over forty generous Leadership Circle participants were recognized for donations of \$1000 or more during 2010. Special events and board interactions will be designed specifically for the Leadership Circle group in the interest of the long-term viability and future of the shelter. Please consider involvement in Leadership Circle 2011 by pledging to donate \$1000 or more for the year. Help promote the mission and goals of Portage APL.

As I write, the shelter is experiencing an outbreak of Ringworm in our cat population (exposure from a feral cat brought to the shelter) requiring hours of treatment/care. A quarantine on intake and adoption of cats has been implemented until our current population is healthy. Hopefully, by the time you are

reading this publication, our feline residents will be clear of this fungus (it’s not a worm at all!) and ready for adoption.

Lastly, if you want to keep current on the “goings on” at the shelter, we have entered the world of social media (I’m a bit behind with this but I’m learning quickly). Please check our website at (www.portageapl.org) or join us on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Karen



“If cats could talk,
they wouldn’t.”
- Nan Porter

Quickie Quiz

Answers are at bottom page 9

Q. How many cats and kittens couldn’t be admitted to the Shelter in 2010 due to a lack of space?

- A. Less than 500**
- B. Over 1,000**
- C. Over 2,000**
- D. Over 3,000**

“Paws For Golf” Looking For A Few Good Golfers (And a Lot of Duffers!)



The 4th Annual “Paws for Golf” Charity outing to benefit Portage APL on Saturday, August 13, 2011 is shaping up to be a great day at Aurora Goff Club. But there are still slots openings for either foursomes or individual golfers.

“Aurora Golf Course is one of the most beautiful and well maintained courses in northeast Ohio. Yes, it is challenging, but the scramble format smoothes off those sharp edges and the use of mulligans (at \$5 each) will keep team scores well within the ‘acceptable’ range,” stated club pro Jimmy Beers. “Paws for Golf” is one of my favorite outings, because my wife and I are animal lovers.” he added.



Pro, Jim Beers & APL’s Carmany

Portage Community Bank and WNIR are once again co-sponsors for the outing that benefits more than 1, 000 animals each year. Other sponsors

are being lined up for everything from a \$100,000 hole-in-one



Outing is in full swing

shootout to a mouth-watering dinner to please everyone’s appetite.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. with the shotgun start scheduled for 1:00 p.m. Dinner and prize awards follow play.

“Hopefully, this year, the weather will be warm and dry,” said board president Karen Carmany. (Last year’s event ended in a cloudburst that sent golfers inside for drinks and dinner.) “We had a hard winter and deserve a hot dry summer!” she added.

Anyone interested in either playing golf (\$100 per golfer including dinner), just eating dinner (\$30 dinner only), wanting to contribute either a door prize

or sponsor a tee or hole (or both), has as many alternatives as a golfer has clubs. To register for the outing or for dinner only, please call Portage APL at 330-296-4022, or fill out the card included in this newsletter. Players also can call Aurora Golf Club at (330) 562-5300 and mention Portage APL.

To be a sponsor or to donate a prize for the outing email Mark Yankovich (myankovich@hall-green.com).

Anyone interested in serving on next year’s outing committee is encouraged to email either board president Karen Carmany at kcarmany55@neo.rr.com or John Perry at jeperry@kent.edu.



Got Ribs? You bet!

“The average dog is a nicer person than the average person.”
- Andy Rooney

Upcoming Events
July
Sat. 2 - Kent Heritage Day (Downtown Kent)
Sat. 16 - APL Yard Sale (At the Shelter)
Thu/Sun -28-31 - Streetsboro Family Days (at City Park)
August
August 13 - Paws for Golf (Aurora Golf Club)

Coyote Caution For Portage Residents



The coyote population is growing rapidly in Portage County. Normally Spring and early Summer is the prime mating season and feeding young pups makes coyotes more bold in looking for food.

While coyotes primarily eat rabbits, mice and carrion, they also will eat fruit, garbage and family pets if not too big.

Protect your cats and small dogs by removing outside sources of food (including bird seed), clean your grill, monitor your pets and if you see coyotes make loud noises and /or use the garden hose to spray them.

Never try to approach a coyote or its pups as they may be attacked if provoked or feel trapped. Use common sense.

How To Make A Dog Adoption Work For Everyone

Have you ever thought about what makes a good dog adoption? Adoption Counselor Ron Schwartz offers this advice:

Don't rush into adopting a cute dog just because he or she is cute, but rather take your time and think that maybe that older, well-trained dog might be a better fit. The key phrase is "Take your time!"

The adoption process *should* be a complex situation. Dog, as well as cat, adoptions are a lifetime commitment and the home, the family and the surroundings are much more

important than what the animal looks like.



In dogs, temperament plays a huge part of the adoption process. A Border Collie and a Basset Hound have very different temperaments and energy levels.

Other concerns include: Who's

in the family? Will the dog be alone much of the time. Are there young children to consider? Will the owner be willing to teach children how to handle a dog correctly? Can separation anxiety be a problem for the dog?

The safety of the family and the dog must be the utmost important issue in adoption. At the APL, we strive to adopt dogs that we feel will do best in a particular household. Patience is very important when having a dog learn his or her new

routine. If you have ever had to Learn a foreign language, you know it doesn't come to you overnight. It takes time. Think of your dog in the same light.

Parlez-vous francais? Bon. Alors



Dr. Robert & Carolyn Tenor Know How To Take Charge

Dr. Robert Tener and wife Carolyn are two people who know how to take control of their lives. In 1991 they arrived in the area with Carolyn taking a high school teaching position (English and drama) in Akron and Bob assuming a full professorship in the English Department at Kent State. Soon thereafter, they saw an ad in the paper for 18.9 acres of land just outside Ravenna, purchased it outright and commenced building their "dream home".

It took time – nights, weekends and vacations – but their six-room home, patterned on the Japanese-influenced architecture of the rustic homes of Washington and Oregon, took shape. Bob also put in geothermal heating and even built out buildings for horses on the property. Oh, and Bob also found time to write wonderful poetry about growing up in Appalachia where taking charge of one's own life gives the phrase "pulling yourself up by

the bootstraps" relevance and meaning.

Bob and Carolyn love to travel, and on their many trips to the northwest have collected a



Cochise, Robert, Olathe and Carolyn Tenor

wide array of cultural artifacts.

Along the way, Bob and Carolyn also collected a few pets. Currently they have three cats and two rather robust dogs named Olathe (Cherokee for "Beautiful One) and Cochise (after the famous Chief of the Apaches).

Both Carolyn and Bob revere the land and nature and care deeply about its preservation for future generations. They love their animals and let the dogs run free in their spacious, but elec-

tronically fenced property.

One day, Carolyn thought "What if we went on a trip somewhere and something happened to us. What would become of our pets?" So she and Bob talked about it, then they developed a plan and talked with their lawyer. Soon thereafter, they called Portage APL.

In a meeting at the Tener's, Bob and Carolyn proposed that in exchange for leaving their home to Portage APL after their

demise, Portage APL would take care of their pets and find good homes for them. (Bob and Carolyn know placing such a burden on distant relatives is not the good solution.)

During the meeting they presented a draft agreement for Portage APL to review and consider and a few weeks later the agreement was approved. Bob and Carolyn are now members of the APL's "Shepherd's Watch" (for those who place Portage APL in their wills or estate plans).



Thank you, Robert and Carolyn for thinking of your pets' future and for thinking of Portage APL!

For information about Shepherd's Watch, contact board president Karen Carmany at 330-296-4022

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The Brick
The Ice House
Grade Class
VanHeusen Store #135
Willyard Elementary School
Woodforest National Bank
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Yamaha, Warren

Quickie Quiz Answer: D (Over 3,000 cats and kittens couldn't be admitted in 2010)

Ringworm Outbreak At Shelter A “Cat-Tastrophe”

It all started off innocently enough. In mid-May, someone brought two nearly adult cats into the shelter. They were long haired beauties that would easily become adoptable. The cats were then sent away a few days to a vet-tech school to receive routine examinations (the school provides free services for using Shelter animals to help train veterinary assistants).

Afterward, the cats were then returned to Portage APL and placed in isolation for the required 10 days, just in case they had something the Shelter didn't want. They appeared healthy, but they weren't, and Shelter staff didn't know they had contracted an infectious form of Ringworm.

By the time Shelter staff were informed of the infestation, nearly a week had passed. Not only had the fungal spores spread into the ventilation system, APL staff members who, unknowingly, had handled the infected cats in the process of cleaning their cages, had themselves become infected and had touched other cats, thereby spreading the disease. Containment was too late and by mid-June the Shelter had lost a number of cats.

As soon as the disease became evident, the APL Shelter went into quarantine and stopped accepting cats or kittens. (Dogs are much less susceptible to the disease and are housed in a separate area. But even they are under a watchful eye.)

After ordering supplies and researching the nation's leading experts on Ringworm, an aggressive treatment for the 40 or

so remaining cats began.

Ringworm in cats and kittens is treated by “dipping” the animals in a smelly, lime-sulfur solution twice a week until the animals receive two consecutive “all clear” culture tests. The treatment is not appreciated either by the cats or the staff and volunteers who must bathe the animals and then put them, dripping wet, back into their bleach disinfected cages without so much as a bed (disposable towels are substituted). Also, all bedding, toys, boxes, cat trees, and anything else that might harbor Ringworm spores has had to be destroyed. The shelter now appears as if thieves broke in and stole Christmas from each and every cat.

Until the Ringworm outbreak is at an end and the building is decontaminated (including a \$2,000 cleaning of the ventilation system), no cats can be adopted out and no cats or kittens can be accepted at the Shelter. Low-cost spay/neuter clinics will be temporarily scheduled off premises.

Fortunately, outbreaks of this magnitude are rare. In a few weeks this all should be history. But when the Shelter opens its doors for cat and kitten adoptions, there will be cats and kittens who will desperately need loving homes and open hearts to help heal the emotional trauma they have had to endure. If anyone is willing to give a cat or kitten their 3rd chance at life, call Sandy at the Shelter to be notified with the “all clear” is finally sounded.

To all who want to help the Shelter recover the thousands of dollars that recovery is costing, a handy pledge card is included with this publication. On-line donations also can be made.



Staff and volunteers “dip” a cat



Cat being bathed (note sulfur on paw)



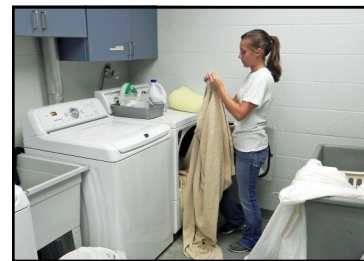
Wiping solution from near eyes



Protective gear and masks are a must



Disinfecting cat cages with bleach



Bedding is washed every day



Cat Play Room Before



Cat Play Room Today

ONE LAST TASTE OF SUGAR



TO ALL OF YOU
WHO CARED,
"THANK YOU!"



- Sugar Ray



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Be a responsible owner! Spay or neuter your pet, and if you have a dog, get it licensed. It's the law.

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We are not a government agency. We rely on donors like you to keep our doors open.

Thank you.

Our Wish List

SPECIAL NEEDS -

Leaf blower, floor buffer, garden hoses & nozzles, lawn rakes, 4 or 5 drawer vertical files and any dog food for giving to those in need. Super request - A good running SUV!

HELP KEEP US CLEAN & HEALTHY -

Pedigree, Iams or Purina One dog/puppy food, Pedigree, Iams or Purina cat/kitten food, Milk Bone biscuits, Scamp non-clumping, non-scoop litter, Yesterday's News Litter, hand soap, Clorox bleach, Mr. Clean, Spic & Span, laundry detergent, paper towels, heavy duty trash bags (33 gallon or larger), latex gloves S,M&L, and rags

HELP OUR OFFICE RUN SMOOTHLY -

Postage stamps, laminating sheets, note-books, blue pocket folders, tape, binder clips, pens, (blue & black ink), copy paper (white & colored) and batteries.

TOYS & TREATS FOR FURRY FRIENDS -

Dog/Cat toys, Quality Dog/Cat treats and chews (USA made), Cat/Dog beds, towels, blankets, rubber-backed rugs, all sized dog crates.

Items can be brought to the shelter during regular shelter hours. Call 330.296.4022 with any questions.

Donate Your Car, Boat or RV



You can help homeless dogs and cats through a generous donation of your used car, boat or RV.

You will get a tax deductible contribution. Your item will receive Free Pick-up and Free Processing.

For more information, call TOLL FREE at 877.537.5277 or www.charitableautoresources.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Dog Walkers and Cat "Cuddlers" are needed at the shelter. Call 330.296.4022 , extension 0 to volunteer.