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These animals are all available for adoption...

You've Got to Have FAITH!

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2012 Shelter Statistics YTD

- Cruelty Calls - 875
- Adoptions - 382
- Rescues - 562
- Public Spay/Neuters - 223
- Awaiting Forever Homes - 100 + Dogs & Cats



The familiar voice on the other end of the phone sounded grim. The caller, a worker at the Portage County Dog Warden's office, was notifying us that in the early morning

hours, they had picked up a stray dog with two broken legs. Presumably, the dog had been hit by a car. Humane Officers Steve Chapman and Kathy Cordaro went to the Dog Warden kennels to assess and transport the dog to a vet clinic for examination. The dog, a 9 month old female Boxer-Dane mix named Faith could not stand. X-rays confirmed that both her front legs were broken. Her legs were fitted with special Thomas splints and Faith went home to be fostered by a clinic tech.

The tech kept Faith confined in a crate except for potty time. She taught Faith to put her front paws on her shoulders and she would walk Faith out to potty and back in this way. Faith even went up and down stairs in this way. Faith would stand and walk – very wobbly – with the splints. Her spirit and determination were amazing. She chewed the bandages off several times a week. Her foster mom would call the vet and the two of them would re-splint Faith's legs. Several x-rays, taken a couple weeks apart, were necessary to monitor the progress of the healing. Unfortunately, Faith's legs were not healing nearly as well as they had hoped. Her x-rays and records were sent to the clinic at Ohio State University Veterinary Medical School, where they were reviewed. The determination was made that Faith's legs would not heal without surgical intervention.

Faith was transported to OSU and scheduled for surgery. The afternoon of the scheduled surgery, the APL received a call to let us know the surgery was

unnecessary. Amazingly, in a period of 17 days from the last set of x-rays, Faith's legs were almost fully healed! The



OSU vet called Faith "the miracle dog." Faith needed two more weeks of cage rest, then two weeks of very limited activity and she should be "good to go." Faith was transported back – without the splints and bandages – and placed in foster for two weeks before returning to the APL.

Faith's healing continued and her effervescent personality began to blossom. She seemed to like everyone – kids, cats, you name it.

On August 5, Faith's journey took her into her new home and family, complete with kids and cats! It seemed to be a match made in heaven right from the start. Facebook posts show the kids laying on Faith, Faith lying on the kids, Faith sleeping on the couch, Faith playing with her four-legged cousin Annie. The family says they just love her and she fit in as though she had always been a part of the family. Faith has found her fur-ever home and another family has added a great and loving companion.



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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.

“I Could Never Do What You Do. How Do You Do This Job?”



Steve Chapman,
Humane Officer

I am asked this question daily, it seems. The job of a Humane Officer is not an easy one, but the rewards gained by giving one of our furry friends the chance to go to a good, loving home far outweigh the challenges I face every day.

A couple instances come to mind. A while back I had a call regarding concern over a German Shepherd. When I arrived at the residence, I noticed that the dog was placed in a pen, given a dog house, and food and water. It was later discovered that the owners were not giving the dog any attention. This was not the worst of conditions I've seen - far from it. The owners were following the law, providing food, water, and shelter. It was a case, however, that I see frequently when the novelty of having a puppy wears off. After the dog had grown, no longer cute and fun as a puppy is perceived to be, the owners decided to lock him in a pen and he became a fixture in that yard, like a lawn ornament. I say this because this is how the owner described the situation to me. It is sad to think of our pets being thought of in this way, but unfortunately, it happens more than we may think.

After speaking to the owner, he realized that the dog deserved better and they turned him over to me. In a short period of time, he was adopted into a loving, caring home and is now getting the attention he deserves.

Another example (though there are many), is my encounter with Benson.

When I saw Benson for the first time, I knew right away that this dog was in need of medical attention. An Animal Control Officer I know brought Benson to the APL hoping that I could help. Poor Benson was about 5 months old, severely emaciated, and suspected of having a serious and very contagious

illness called Parvo Virus. Benson was immediately transported to Stow-Kent Animal Hospital where he was given the vet care he needed.

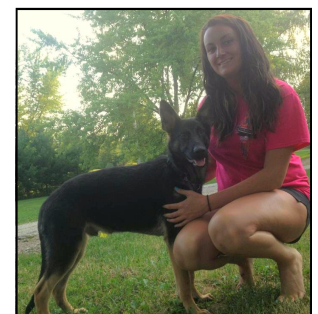


I then remembered a young lady I had met named Gina. She mentioned that she would love to have a German Shepherd someday. Once Benson was healthy and on the road to recovery, I introduced Gina to Benson... and it was love at first sight. Little did I know, Gina had just suffered a terrible loss. Her young cousin was killed in a tragic car accident a couple of months ago, and her family was heartbroken. She was unsure if they were ready to handle a new addition at that time, especially her father. But she took a chance and, much to her surprise, her family, and father, said yes! They were excited to give him a home.

Gina tells us that the happiness that Benson has brought, is a welcome distraction from the pain of losing a member of their close-knit family and has helped them move on through this terrible ordeal. Benson loves playing with other dogs, and has quickly become everyone's new best friend. She also tells us he's spoiled rotten! We are so grateful to Gina for adopting Benson and giving him the loving home he deserves! Welcome home, Benson.

So why do I do this job? The good that comes out of situations like these makes the answer to that daily question easy for me.

Steve



Hogs & Dogs Poker Run



as well as a raffle for a variety of great baskets.

A big thanks to Brian Coffman (APL board member) and Peggy Chaffins (APL volunteer) who did a wonderful job putting together this fantastic fundraiser. Over the years, and mostly on their own, they have collected donations, planned the route, made flyers and worked hard making sure everyone had a good time! This year, Big Dog Saloon stepped up as

On June 16th, the 5th annual **Hogs & Dogs** Poker Run brought in over \$2,000 for Portage APL! About 80 people came out on a perfect summer day to help homeless animals. There were four stops along a nice, leisurely ride, a 50/50 raffle

the ending location and boy was it nice! Patsy Haney (owner) has a huge heart and loves animals. She donated the location, homemade food, a DJ and a couple of amazing baskets to raffle. The Big Dog Saloon had a beautiful outdoor patio, with lots of room for relaxing after a long ride. Thanks Patsy!

A great time was had by all and most importantly, Portage APL and many homeless animals benefited from this event. Without the generosity of everyone who attended, donated or volunteered, Hogs & Dogs would not be possible. We hope to see you all next year!



Peggy Chaffins and Brian Coffman
Co-chairs of the event

Hot Rods

Thanks to Joe, Pam and C.J. Mazzola, almost \$3000 was raised for the APL on July 21st. For the second year, this wonderful family decided to plan a car show to benefit Portage APL. Over 150 cars came out in support and filled the parking lot at Mongoose Motorsports / Ravenna Auto Sales in Ravenna.

What a sight... it was like a sea of cars. From muscle cars to classic cars, it was amazing to look at. Gorgeous cars with paintjobs in all the colors of the rainbow, big, fast motors and some cars even had parachutes. The weather was perfect and folks enjoyed



music, food and of course, the cars.

People brought food and supplies like blankets and newspapers for the APL and filled more than a truckload. There were great baskets raffled as well as a 50/50 raffle. Volunteers helped register cars and park them... and more than 40 trophies were given out!

Thank you to Joe, Pam and C.J. Mazzolla, Schumann's Roadside & Towing, Mongoose Motorsports, Ravenna Auto Sales, Hometown Bank and everyone who attended, donated or volunteered. What a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon! See you next year!



Did You Know ...

Goodsearch.com is a search engine, powered by Yahoo and will give the APL 1 cent each time you search?

You can also **shop** online and we'll get up to 3% from your purchase! Just designate the Portage APL as your charity and start searching!

Donations & Time Matter



On Saturday July 28th **Haylett's General Store/ BP** in Mantua Corners hosted a fundraiser to benefit the APL. Shawn Haylett, his wife Lisa, and their daughters Jules and Kaitlyn spent countless hours organizing this event and the turnout and food were fantastic! Officer Steven Chapman assisted the Haylett's, and along with Officer Brooke Poloskey, both represented the APL. The Haylett's raised \$1,500 through raffle items they donated as well as from items donated from local businesses. Many in attendance brought their own furry friends to visit! We were entertained by their stories and humbled by their generosity.



Special thanks go to the Haylett's; Rick Haylett of the Guitar Shack in Streetsboro, especially for the donation of the guitar for the raffle and hot dog cart; Mickey Dewitt of Mantua for use of the tables and help; Wendy Connair of Garden Girls, Inc., of Hiram for much needed help during the event; and Nate Cavanaugh for assuming the role of unofficial "mascot". Also, a big thank you to Deputy Eric Noel and Officer "Cooper" of the Portage County Sheriff's Department for taking the time out of their busy schedule to provide us with a K-9 Demonstration, and Hiram Police Chief Ed Samec for working with Deputy Noel to organize the details. The Haylett's plan on making this an annual event, so plan on attending if you didn't make it this year!

Paws to Celebrate is a Winner for Shelter Animals!

A "Run for the Roses" captivated over 100 APL supporters as they enjoyed mint juleps, a delicious buffet dinner and bid on an amazing variety of silent and live auction items. The event was held at the Ravenna Elks Club on May 5th. Derby hats were in evidence right along with, Jade and Sam, two sweet shelter dogs and several rambunctious kittens hoping to endear themselves to their audience. There was the special visit by Annie, a dog which had sustained severe burns and been treated for months through the generosity of shelter supporters. Annie's family brought her to the event where she captured the hearts of all those in attendance. Her recovery was nothing short of amazing!



Board President, Karen Carmany with Nancy Mitchell (board member)

Over \$15,000 was raised throughout the event. Partiers munched on snacks, mingled and explored the many items offered for auction. Brent Pfeiffer was once again, a fantastic emcee for the evening. Attendees grabbed up race and 50/50 tickets hoping to become a winner. Folks bid on silent and live auction items from fine wines, cat and dog baskets and a Mercedes pedal car to autographed books, framed Kentucky Derby poster and a Kiawah Island condo for a week, just to name a few.

PAWS to Celebrate committee members included co-chairs Karen Carmany (Board chair) and Mary Cochran, Chalan Lowry, Executive Director of the Portage APL, great committee members Lynda Tushar, Carolynne Sendry, John Perry, Sandra Jesionek, Eileen Hogan, Carla Forkin, Brad

Raum, Bruce McBrian and Nick Racin. Joyce Keller and Joan Sturtevant were again donated their talents with registration and checkout.

Heartfelt THANKS to all who attended, donated, volunteered and to our generous sponsors: Gold Paw - Thurl & Karen Carmany, Dr. Cheryl Casper, Nancy Mitchell, Mary Varalli – Perry & John Parry, Memorial Animal Hospital. Silver Paw - Tom & Mary Cochran, Carol Lockhart. Bronze Paw - Kathy Cordaro, Nancy Deobald, Gerald & Barb Graham, Kwang- Sae Lee, Nancy Shultz. Copper Paw - Bev Bickley, Patti Buchanan, Cynthia Carlin, Mararet Chandler, Karen Doseck, Marylynn Savage and Copper Kettle Antiques. You all helped many homeless animals get a new start!



Remember Annie, the cover story in April Tattle Tails? Here she is with her wonderful parents, all healed!



Chris Wagner fell in love with this kitten during the event. And adopted her on the spot!

Still Waiting...



Gee Gee and Monk need a second fur-ever home. These two amazing dogs were adopted from the APL many years ago. Sadly, they were returned in June. They are a bonded pair and we would like nothing more than to find them a home together. They do everything together. They eat, sleep, drink, play and walk together.

We are sure that they're bond has gotten them through the stress of being homeless after having a loving family for many years. Gee Gee is a Sheltie mix, medium sized (40lbs.) and is about 6 years old. Monk is a med-large sized (60 lbs) Australian Shepherd mix and is also about 6.

Adopting two, middle aged dogs into one home is a difficult task, but they are outstanding examples of resilience and unconditional love. Please consider giving two dogs, one loving home!



Vera has been at Portage APL almost 2 years waiting for a home. She is a friendly, sweet 4 year old cat. She enjoys petting and playing. She came to us as a stray and seems to have adjusted to shelter life. She would probably do best as the only cat in the house as she

wants all of your attention and companionship. Two years is far too long to live in a cage. Thank goodness for volunteers who love and pet her while she waits.

Sterling Needs a Home

To help the many animals like Sterling, donations to the Portage APL can be made by mail, at the shelter, on the web http://portageapl.org/Donate_Online or by phone at 330.296.4022



In September of 2010, Sterling was removed from a horrible situation and taken into APL custody. She was found running loose on the road and once the owner was located, it became clear she had a long neglected past.

She was underweight, her hooves were too long and she hadn't received any "normal" horse care in a very long time.

Lucky for her, Annette from Happy Trails Farm stepped up to care for her. For months she stayed there and received much needed food and attention. She then went into foster care with Andy Derjnavich where she stayed for a few months. For the last year she has been with Gai Pliska and her wonderful family. Many people have helped this 17 year old Morgan cross heal and prepare for a new life!

But Sterling needs a fur-ever home. Due to the neglect she has suffered, she has special requirements for a home. She has arthritis and will not be able to be ridden. She is a little spunky at times and lets you know if she doesn't like something. She will need an experienced horse owner who understands the limitations that come from physical and social neglect as well as her age. We think she is around 17 years old.

She would love to be a "pasture pal" and live a long leisurely life. She sure deserves it after what she's been through.

A Note From Our Executive Director

Dear APL Friends,

Well, Fall is almost here and I can't believe how fast time is flying. I guess that's what happens when you're having fun, right? Its been about 7 months since I started my journey with Portage APL and I know, just like I did then, that it was the right choice. I am reminded every day why I am here and how important our role is to the animals and people around us. Each day brings a new challenge.

So many good things are happening and will continue to, with your support. We have spayed and neutered over 220 community cats through MASH as well as PetFix already this year! Humane Officer, Steve Chapman is busy investigating cruelty and abandonment and has already received over 800 calls in 2012. I'm busy looking for grant funding sources in hopes to increase revenue while also streamlining operations and decreasing expenses where I can. I am attending chamber meetings and luncheons whenever possible because I want to meet our donors and make new friends. I could talk all day about all the good work we are doing, so if you would like me to speak or would like information, please don't hesitate to ask.



Sara, my new addition is growing fast and has gotten the nickname "Tank" because of her size. She is only 10 months and is almost as big as my biggest, adult cat. You can certainly tell she lived out of a dumpster for her first months as she climbs into my plate of food almost daily. She even eats fruit, veggies and pretty much anything else that resembles food. She also enjoys sleeping on my head, back, chest and sometimes the cats' heads too. I wouldn't trade her for anything.

"I could never work there; it would be too hard." The staff and I hear these comments all the time from friends, family and strangers. Like most of you would imagine, the inhumane treatment of animals and disregard for their well being only makes us want to work harder. What a fantastic staff we have! To see the sad faces of the rescued; to love and nurture them back to health (and cry when they don't make it), and enjoy the rush of seeing them adopted, is all in a day's work for these wonderful people. Times are tough and the staff work hard, but their hearts are huge... and in this business that's one of the most important things!

Please email or call me. I would love to hear from you. I can be reached at 330.296.4022 ext 104 or lowry@portageapl.org.

Sincerely,

Chalan



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Did You Know...

With every adoption, you receive a free wellness exam from one of these local veterinarians?

Aurora Vet Clinic

Mantua Vet Clinic

Memorial Animal Hospital

Stonewall Animal Hospital

Best Friends Animal Hospital

Richardson Animal Hospital

Stow Kent Animal Hospital

Animal Medical Center

Garrettsville Animal Hospital

Ravenna Road Animal Hospital

Love & Care Animals Hospital

Hartville Vet Clinic

Portage Animal Clinic

Thanks for your support!

Help Can Come in Many Forms...

If you would like to make a difference to animals at Portage APL, there are plenty of options. You can help by supporting our efforts with monetary donations and purchases.

There's something for everyone:

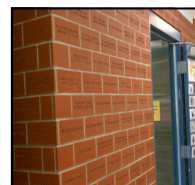
- Give a **cash donation**: Send a check, credit card, drop off cash or donate online http://portageapl.org/Donate_Online
- Purchase an engraved **brick** to be displayed in the APL hallway. See attached envelope to order.
- **Sponsor a cage**. Your name will be displayed on the cage of a homeless cat or dog in our shelter. The money donated helps house and care for them during their stay
- **Adopt a homeless pet**: Please open your heart and home to an animal in need. There is an animal waiting that will change your life forever. One who needs you and will repay you with kindness.
- Add the APL as a beneficiary in your **Will**. We plan to save lives for many years to come but we cannot do that without long term support.
- Buy **APL apparel!** We recently ordered some APL T-shirts, golf shirts and hats. They are reasonably priced and an easy way to show your support by wearing our gear. Fall is near, so long sleeve T's and sweatshirts are on the order schedule.
- Make a gift in **honor or memory** of a person or pet. (See pg. 8-9 for current list)
- Join **Leadership Circle**. This is for donors who can give \$1000 or more per year. You are invited to attend a special recognition event, acknowledged in Paws to Celebrate and Paws for Golf programs, receive a tour of Portage APL with board members and staff, a special pin to designate your support and take a lead role in helping spread the mission and vision to the community. See attached envelope to join.

"I can't donate money; but I want to help". This is a common feeling among supporters. People can be very creative in finding ways to help our organization, many you will see in this issue. It all matters!

Here are some ideas:

- Recently, a couple was married and instead of gifts, they asked people to send Portage APL a donation in honor of their marriage. You could do the same for birthdays and holidays.
- **Acme Fresh Markets**: Collect **Acme receipts** from September 22 - February 9, 2013 this year. Bring them to us so we can receive a 5% rebate on Corporate Brands! The money from their Wishing Wells also benefit Portage APL and other local animals welfare organizations.
- When you shop online this holiday season, use **Goodsearch.com** /Goodshop/GoodDining. They will give a % of every purchase to us and there are literally hundreds of the biggest stores to chose from like Gap, Target, PetSmart, Macy's and more. Just designate Portage Animal Protective League as your charity.. And start searching & shopping
- **Volunteer** your time walking dogs or petting cats or helping to plan a fundraising event.
- Follow us on **Facebook** and share our stories. Helping us reach more people directly helps the animals.
- Some **employers** will allow you to hold a donation drive, hang up flyers or even sponsor events.
- Do you own a business? Ask about a **donation canister**. Spare change can really add up. We'd be happy to place a canister at your location. We'll pick it up monthly.

All you have to do is care!



I Found a FUR-EVER Home!



Odie came to Portage APL as an under socialized, underweight pup of about 11 months. He would jump all over staff or anyone else who dared to enter his kennel. Once in a while you could get him to sit for food or treats with out it flying all over the walls and floor. Odie was sent to Trumbull County Prison for an 8 week cell dog program set up by Rose's Rescue. While there, Denny and Bev from Garrettsville came to the shelter to drop off some donations and heard about Odie. They went out to the prison to meet him and once he finished the training program, they adopted him.

Denny was in and out of the hospital with health issues and told us that Odie was a life saver for him. Knowing Odie was at home waiting for him gave Denny the strength and the will to get better and go home. Denny told us on a recent visit that Odie is pretty calm at home except when he's running through the yard burning off some of his energy. He wouldn't give Odie up for anything. It's true...there is a human out there for every dog; sometimes we just have to wait a little longer for them to connect.

Paws for Golf

Northeast Ohio “duffers” found conditions to be pristine at Aurora Golf Club where the “5th Annual Paws for Golf” charity outing was held on Saturday, August 4th to benefit Portage Animal Protective League. While competition from that “other event” at Firestone Country Club may have affected this year’s “Paws” attendance, golfers enjoyed lunch, eighteen holes of great golf, a wonderful BBQ dinner and a variety of prizes that made everyone happy.

For the fifth straight year, Portage Community Bank co-sponsored the event. They were joined by WNIR, 100.1 FM (“*The Talk of Akron*”). Other major sponsors included Superior Beverage, Giant Eagle, Memorial Animal Hospital, Advanced Display Systems, Bill & Eddy White, Tari Wilson, the Leacoma family, Karen and Thurl Carmany and Mary and John Perry. Numerous “Hole” and “Tee” sponsors and a variety of “Skill” and “Door” prize contributors made the event a memorable experience for those attending.



Heather & Rick Coe, Connie & Brian Bennett

Flight A Team winners were **Mike Koval, Casey Ailiff, Trey Thompson** and **Joe Hentz**. Flight B winners included **Blan Fuller, John Perry, Doug Sendry** and **Dennis Barnette**. Charlie Johnston, Rusty Reardon, Dale Wooldridge and Mike Swanson captured Flight C honors. Closest to the Pin awards were presented to **Dan Graves** (Hole # 3 and Hole # 13) and **John Perry** (Hole # 17). Long Drive Women honors went to **Karen Wise** (Hole #8) and **Karen Carmany** (Hole # 16). Long Drive Men honors went to **Trey Thompson** (Hole # 16) and **Don McKee** (Hole # 8). Dan Graves won the putting contest and walked away with a brand new Ping putter!



Mary Blenn, Karen Wise, Carol August & Kathy Wilson

Mary Blenn, winner of the 50/50 drawing, graciously donated her share of the proceeds back to Portage APL. Thank you, Mary!

Portage APL Executive Director, **Chalan Lowry**, thanked outing committee members **Mark Yankovich, Doug Sendry, Karen Carmany, John Perry, Sandra Jesionek** and **Nick Racin**. Special thanks went to Aurora Golf Club pro and committee member **Jim Beers** and his staff for running a smooth outing. Special thanks also went to event volunteers **Dawn Brown, Mary Cochran, Tina Austin, Kim Beers, Jill Conard, Bruce McBrian, Sandra Jesionek, Laurie Nalepa, Mary Varalli-Perry, Carolynne Sendry** and **Lynda Tushar**.

I Found a FUR-EVER Home!



Vivian, who was one of the APL’s longest resident cats was featured in the April Tattle Tails a few months ago, finally found a home. A wonderful gentleman saw her story and knowing how long she had been waiting, he wanted to give her a loving home. Bob keeps in touch and lets us know how well she is doing. As you can see by the photo, she is very happy and doing well with her new family Bob and Jennifer and their 3 cats.

Bob and Jennifer sent an email... “Vivian came to us in April right around Easter. After two years at the APL, she was ready for a forever home and we were ready for a new addition to our household of two people and three cats. Vivian is nervous and shy of the other cats, so she’s been living in her own quarters and slowly becoming acquainted with the others, at her own pace. She has made great progress and loves her new space! Her three favorite activities are looking out the windows at our bird feeders, being combed, and most of all, playing with her toys! She loves her track ball, furry critters, and feather-pole toys, and will play until she is exhausted and has to take a nap. She is spending more and more time with Fiona, the mellowest of our other three, and just about ready to make friends with Agnes and Jerome. We love her for her sweet, gentle personality and big green eyes!”

When **Fletcher** came to PAPL, he was very thin, had extreme hair loss from flea allergies, and severe ear infections in both ears. We estimated his age at 8-10 years old. His prognosis was not good, given his age and prolonged recovery time. Fletcher went to Brown Mackie College Vet Tech School for several weeks where he was cared for by Dr. Konnie Wendt. Fletcher often stayed in Dr. Wendt’s office and went to class with her. He loved to play ball in the hall and greet visitors. Dr. Wendt stuck with Fletcher’s treatment and after several months, he was finally ready for adoption. A couple came in and asked to see Fletcher. They were looking for an older, more settled dog. They had 3 female dogs at home. Fletcher went home with them and all four dogs got along as though they had been raised together. We received pictures of Fletcher and his girls in the yard. It has now been 15 months since Fletcher was adopted in May 2011. We recently received this photo of a happy and healthy Fletcher, with a note written by Fletcher, or his secretary. Fletcher is one lucky dog!



A Special Thank You!

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Did you Know...

Portage APL has cats available for adoption everyday at the Aurora Petsmart?

They provide us space (6 cages) so that we may find loving homes for even more cats!

Thank you Petsmart!

Become A Cage Sponsor!

1 Year (\$500)

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Hoarding Strikes Again...

In May, APL's Humane Officer, Steve Chapman, began investigating a potential hoarding situation in Wyndham. A well intended woman was trying to care for approximately 40 + cats and kittens in her home. It was hard to get an accurate count due to the sheer number of cats as well as possible hiding places. Steve began assessing the situation. Were the cats in good health? Were any in need of immediate medical attention? How many were malnourished? Was there adequate food, water and litter?

The need became clear very quickly, when he came upon a litter of kittens that were near death. They were only 10 days old and were barely breathing. He couldn't tell which cat was their mother or if she was caring for them. There were also about 8 other cats that needed rescued immediately. All had severe upper respiratory infections and others were extremely thin and weak. So, Steve removed 12 cats and kittens and brought them to the APL where they could get the attention they so desperately needed.



Jolie before and after...



He made three or four trips back to this residence over the next couple of weeks, where he continued to remove cats in order of need. In the end Portage APL took in 38 cats. After being assessed by a veterinarian, the level of neglect became evident. The veterinarian couldn't accurately determine their age due to dental issues that probably came from inbreeding. Some that looked to be only be 6 months old, had teeth that were stained and discolored, rather than bright white. Some (including Angel on the cover) had other health issues like anemia, nerve damage and more. Some were in such bad health that they did not make it. But many did!

Portage APL makes it our mission to help animals like these. The sudden cost of 38 cats that all need medical care, food, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and housed is why your support is imperative to our survival. One large case like this can strain our budget and resources. A few cats are still in our shelter waiting to be adopted. Look at **Jolie**, a beautiful kitten who almost didn't make it. After months of TLC in foster care with Kelly, she is anxiously awaiting a new home!

Did You Know ...

We collect paper, cardboard, magazines, etc. and recycle them for money. Don't throw away your paper or cans. Bring them to us. Every dollar counts. Just ask an animal in need!

Volunteer Spotlight



Meet Ed Stolish. What can you say about Ed, except that he has a huge heart and is dedicated to making the lives of every shelter dog better. Ed began volunteering in the fall of 2001. He even helped us move from our old shelter to our current one many years ago. So for 11 years, he has made a difference to homeless animals.

He estimates that he has probably walked over 4,000 miles with APL dogs and "has never had a bad day walking them!" Ed tries to make it to the shelter twice a week. He walks every dog in the kennel and always asks if anyone needs special care or has restrictions. Ed is precious to Portage APL and the staff appreciate his time, concern and love for the dogs. Volunteers like Ed make shelter life a little less stressful for the sad, afraid and confused dogs that are rescued and call Portage APL home. He is a regular face, voice and friend to be trusted. The dogs know him and are obviously excited to see him when he comes. Rain, snow, heat or cold make no difference. He keeps his commitment to walk his four legged friends and brighten their day! Thank you Ed for every dog's life you've changed!

M.A.S.H. Clinic Schedule



Portage APL's low-cost Spay/Neuter clinic for cats will be held on the following dates in 2012:

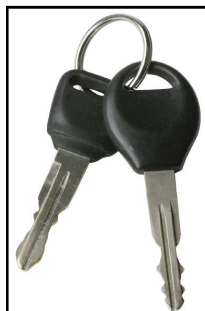
Aug 31	Oct 5
Nov 2	Dec 7

Reservations are required and fees must be paid in advance. Please note the following reflects fee increases for 2012

Female spay - \$50
 Ear Tipping - \$10
 Ear Mite Treatment - \$15

All other fees remain the same
 The clinic application form is available at www.portageapl.org or call 330.296.4022.

Donate Your Car, Boat or RV



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

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 go to www.charitableautoresources.com.

Our Wish List

Through the generosity of the community the Portage APL is able to keep our animals flourishing. During their stay the following items are frequently needed to care for the cats and dogs:

To Keep Healthy and Clean

- Purina ONE or Pedigree dog/puppy food; Purina ONE Sensitive or Purina ONE Indoor cat/kitten food; Milk Bone Biscuits (Minis), Canned Friskies Pate Turkey & Giblet or Mixed Grill
- Tidy Cat non-clumping, non-scoop litter, Yesterday's News litter
- Mr. Clean or Spic & Span cleaners, Clorox Bleach, Paper Towels, Heavy Duty trash bags (33 gal), Tall Kitchen trash bags
- Paper serving boats, small plastic serving cups (20 oz) without lids
- Newspaper

To Keep Comfy and Cozy

- Dog/cat toys (US manufactured, please), dog beds, towels and blankets
- Rubber-backed rugs (bathroom type)
- Small, medium, large, and extra- large dog crates
- Pipe cleaners, large pompoms (2 inch)

To Keep the Office Running

- Forever postage stamps
- Folders (2 pocket blue)

Volunteers Needed



Dog Walkers, Cat "Cuddlers", clerical and fundraising volunteers are needed at the shelter.

Call 330.296.4022 , Extension 0 to volunteer.



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

Portage Animal Protective League is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) animal welfare organization. We are not a government agency. We rely on donors like you to keep our doors open. Thank you!

Upcoming Events to Benefit Portage APL



Paws to Taste

Mark your calendar for this wonderful wine event to benefit Portage APL and the homeless animals in our care.

December 1, 2012

The Fairways at Twin Lakes

Taste an amazing wine selection, enjoy delicious hors d' oeuvres, bid on auction items and most importantly, help raise money and awareness for animals at Portage APL. More details TBA...



Forever Friends Fall Adoption Event

October 7, 2012

**Stow– Kent Animal Hospital
4559 Kent Road, Kent Ohio 44240**

12-6pm



October is **Adopt a Dog Month!** So, please join us for fun, furry friends, and fur-ever homes! In partnership with Stow Kent Animal Hospital, we hope you'll come meet homeless APL animals, enjoy snacks, and even an "Ask Dr. J" booth. There will also be give a ways and free exams with each adoption.

DON'T MISS IT!

Portage APL Garage Sale

Join us September 22nd 10a-3p

Gently new & used items can be donated to the APL beginning Sept. 11th. No old TV's, large appliances, clothes, large furniture or computers please. Items should be in good shape and working order. We will have a variety of pet items like dog and cats beds, toys as well as your typical garage sale type items. There will also be basket and 50/50 raffles.

Hope to see you there!