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“A Gentle Dog with a Heart of Gold!”

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On a cold January night, the APL was called out to Palmyra Township to help save lives when a barn fire broke out. It was an awful scene and many animals did not make it... but Annie (and 3 others) did! The APL helped house and medically care for four dogs that were devastated by the fire. All four dogs were treated by a veterinarian. Two dogs were released back to the APL and were later retrieved by their owners (at no cost to them). Two dogs, including Annie, were in bad shape and needed to stay under medical supervision.



Poor Annie got the worst of it. She had terrible wounds and burns to her face and body, smoke inhalation and more. Annie was obviously in pain. Understandably, her owners were not able to provide her with the care she and her sister needed so they assigned custody of them to the APL. Annie spent numerous days under veterinary care and eventually went to a foster home with one of the doctors... but she could only keep her for a short time as she was having a baby. So another staffer at the vet, Amanda, took her in.

League and at Stow-Kent Animal Hospital. I remember coworkers telling me I must go down stairs and see the saddest thing I had ever seen. And, in front of me were two burned up dogs. Some employees were unable to look at them or stomach the wounds they were enduring. “

“As she heals it is an amazing transformation. She is a beautiful dog, despite some scars she may carry around for the rest of her life. She came to us sun yellow and is now almost snow white. The APL helps many animals every day who are all special in one way or another and they provide the best care that they can. I have a lot of respect for what they do and they need to be recognized for their efforts in saving every critter they can. I know that we are blessed that they took on Annie’s case because we are thankful for the time we have had to spend with this amazing dog. She has taught us lessons in love, patience and kindness. In particular we would like to thank Kathy for all your help and true love and passion for the animals it shows in all the hard work that you do. Annie and other dog’s like her have a lot of their story still unwritten and they get that chance to finish it thanks to the PAPT... If I had to describe her in one sentence it would read **“A gentle dog with a heart of gold.”**”

2012 Shelter Statistics YTD

- Cruelty Investigations - 62
- Adoptions - 158
- Rescues - 130
- Spay/Neuters - 165
- Awaiting Forever Homes - 100 + Dogs & Cats



Here is what Annie’s new foster mom, Amanda had to say about her:

“As I sat down to write about Annie I found it hard to put into words all that she has been through and what an amazing dog she has become despite everything she has endured in her life. Even though she is almost five years old, her life had just begun when she ended up in the care of Portage County Animal Protective

Annie is still healing and has separation anxiety that Amanda is working hard to correct. We hope she’ll be available for adoption in the coming months but until then we are so grateful that she has such a caring foster family to love her!



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Hoarding: When Good Intentions Turn To Cruelty

Most of us have seen the show “Animal Hoarders”: Inside what seems to be an idyllic house in an average neighborhood exists a person living in what we believe to be deplorable living conditions...piles of trash and other belongings, as well as a large amount of animals, usually, neglected and abused. To the owner, there seems to be nothing wrong. They believe what they are doing is proper.

Compulsive animal hoarding is believed to be a symptom of a mental disorder. A person believes that they are providing proper care for their animals when in reality, they receive barely, if any care at all. With animal hoarders, however, it does not stop at just one. Or five. Or twenty. Oftentimes, it snowballs until the number of animals is too great a responsibility to bear alone.

Case in point: On a warm sunny day in early fall, my office received a call from the Sheriff’s Office to assist them with an eviction. Upon arrival, we were greeted by a sea of felines milling about. There were so many cats, the floor looked like the waves of an ocean. In the end, 44 cats of various sizes, colors, and conditions were removed. The cats had used every available piece of the flooring as their litter box and most were in awful shape.

We finally located the owner at a friend’s house and with tears in his eyes his first words were, “How are my little babies?” It was clear he really cared and loved his animals. He thought he was doing the right thing by “rescuing” these animals and giving them food and shelter. As we were leaving, he came up to us and surrendered a little kitten that he found as he was walking to that friend’s house. His good intentions turned into neglect. This man, and others like him, need help to recognize their behaviors, and I gave him some resources to connections in the community so he could get some much needed help.

On a positive note, almost all of the cats were nursed back to health and adopted out. The sad reality of this story is that the man will probably do this again without the intervention he needs. What shows like “Animal Hoarders” sometimes fail to convey is the effect on the community. How many more houses like his are out there? Is one of them next to you? And most importantly, how do we as a community, handle the increased number of animals?

As Humane Officers, our job is to investigate animal cruelty and neglect. Hoarding is a situation we come across often, and have been the first to discover it and bring it to light. We may have to visit a home more than once to devise an aftercare plan to assist the owner with the help they need. These situations stretch our resources and some of you may not realize the important effect your donations have on the APL. They do more than just help us take care of our precious animals in-house. They also provide the means for my department to continue its work investigating cruelty to animals and helping further the mission of the APL. For that, I, and those animals who suffer as a result of animal cruelty, sincerely thank you!

If you would like to report a hoarding situation, or would like to speak to me about any other issue, please contact me anytime at

(330) 296-4022 ext. 102

Steve



Steve Chapman, Humane Officer

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:

Apr 6	Aug 3
May 4	Aug 31
June 1	Oct 5
July 6	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.

Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust Makes Spay/Neuter Possible For Pets in Need

Thanks to a generous grant from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, Portage APL recently held four spay/neuter clinics for targeted areas of the county to help control cat overpopulation. The \$5,000 grant enabled more than 80 cats of low income county residents and active military service personnel to get their cats "fixed" at little or no cost.

The three targeted areas of the

county included the Windham-Garrettsville area, Suffield, Mantua, Ravenna, Streetsboro and Brimfield. PetFix, a mobile operating unit out of Cleveland, conducted the spay/neuters for the APL.

"In that two cats and their offspring have the potential to produce over 300,000 kittens in a seven year period, the impact of having these animals spayed or neutered

is significant," stated Chalan Lowry, Executive Director at Portage APL. "The response from those who were helped through this effort was very positive.

We hope to be able to offer similar clinics in the future as funding becomes available. Our regular, periodic "low-cost" clinics will continue," Lowry added.



PetFix visits Portage APL Shelter

Paws To Celebrate: Derby Day Party, May 5th ... Olé!

Will that be a mint julep or a margarita? Party planners are counting on a little bit of both at the 4th annual "Paws to Celebrate: Derby Day Party" to be held Saturday on Cinco de Mayo (May 5th) at the Elks on North Freedom St. in Ravenna.

The pre-race festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with drinks, appetizers and, of course, the traditional silent auction. A live, large-projection-screen broadcast of the famous Kentucky Derby takes place around 6:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to join in the singing of

"My Old Kentucky Home."

Immediately following the race, a wonderful buffet dinner will be served and then a live auction will bring the evening into the home stretch around 8:30 p.m. If it sounds like fun, that's because it always is!

Yes! You will have the opportunity to pick the winning horse! Yes! There will be entertainment! Yes! There will be a 50/50 raffle. And, Yes! Large, decorated and flowered hats are encouraged for the ladies.

Attire for the evening is country club casual and the event is for adults.

Ticket prices are \$65 per person but you need to act soon!

For reservations or questions, call the shelter at 330-296-4022 during office hours, or call Mary Cochran 330-325-0670.

Call your friends and plan to attend. All proceeds will go to help the shelter animals in 2012. Some of them will be at the party.



Donations & Time Matter



Thank you to the staff from Progressive Insurance Personal Lines Group for collecting donations for our homeless animals! They held a year end event and asked their staff to bring a donation for the APL in order to receive a raffle ticket to win an iPod. What a generous group of people. It took many trips to unload all of these wonderful donations! Donations like these go a long way to help countless animals in our shelter. It saves us from having to buy these items ourselves. Every bit counts! A big THANKS from the staff and animals for thinking of the APL!

It took a wide angle camera lens to show all the "gifts" that Hannah, of Aurora, brought to the APL on Saturday, February 4, 2012. When her birthday was approaching she decided to tell family and friends, that she wanted gifts, oh yes, and a lot of gifts, BUT not for herself. They were for the cats and dogs living at the APL. By the amount of gifts, Hannah, a Laurel School student, must have a large number of generous family members and friends. There were treats, bags and bags of dog and cat food and much needed supplies for the APL. Hannah and her family had a tour of the shelter so she could meet the furry friends she was helping. She, like so many young people know that helping with donations is a way of making the cats and dogs more comfortable while being at the APL. Happy belated birthday Hannah, we know you must have enjoyed doing the right thing. Oh, and we bet you got a "few" gifts for yourself. THANK YOU, THANK YOU from the APL!



“Paws To Honor” Event Expands Leadership Circle, Honors Businesses, Volunteers & Philanthropy

“Leadership Circle” grew the evening of March 8th when 23 new annual members and three life members were inducted into the Portage APL honorary society at the Rusty Nail Restaurant in Twin Lakes. Receiving their gold “Life Membership” pins for donating \$5,000 or more to the APL were Wendell Parr, Mary Varalli-Perry and John Perry. They join Eileen Hogan who was inducted last year.

Those contributing **\$1,000 or more** during 2011 include: Phyllis & James Baker, Bev & Ted Bickley, Pat Bingham, Dr. Violet Boggess, Tina Buckenmeyer, Karen & Thurl Carmany, Lou & KC Carrigg, Mary & Tom Cochran, Bob & Marjorie Connor, Kathy Cordaro, Jennifer Deckard, Barbara & Gerald Graham, Janet Hallaran, Jason Hildenbrand, Barbara Hodous, Gretta Hoover, Sandra Jesionek, Elsie Joy, Maureen &



Board President Karen Carmany (center) presents award to Diana Grutzmacher (left), as Carmella Albers (right) watches

David Kemmerle, Sandra Krutz, Kathryn & James Lamb, Jeffery Lamkin, Nick Leacoma, Diane Lee, Bruce McBrian, Fred Martin, Louise A. Mellott, Nancy Mitchell, Rosie Moore, Laurie Nalepa, Jean & Dr. William Reeves, Tracy Resseger, Marlena Roman, Carolynne & Doug Sendry, Murali Shanker, J. Michael Stacey, David & Erica Taylor, Theresa Trivelli, Lynda & Michael Tushar, Cheryl Casper & Eugene Wenninger, and Jeane Wolcott.

Business and Corporate Awards were presented to Superior Beverage and WNIR 100 FM for their generous support for Portage APL events and community awareness.

Philanthropy Awards honored the late Charles D. “Skip” Jenks and William Robenstine.

The **Jon DeRhodes Award**, given in recognition of those who significantly advance animal welfare in Portage County, this year went to

three individuals. Gay Pliska, Andrew Drnjevič and Diana Grutzmacher received their awards from Karen Carmany who praised all three for their valued contributions to animal welfare.

“Volunteer of the Year” Awards went to three individuals who gave of their time, energy and expertise to make the APL a better place and more financially stable. Carolynne Sendry, Mark Yankovich and Joseph Mazzola each received well deserved recognition for helping with major fund raising events.

APL board president Karen Carmany was presented a special “Volunteer of the Year” recognition for also being “acting executive director” for the past three years.

Finally, Portage County Commissioner, Maureen Frederick expressed her hope to reinstate humane officer funding in the future.



Jon DeRhodes Award winners Andrew Drnjevič and Diana Grutzmacher



Volunteer Award winners Mark Yankovich, Carolynne Sendry & Joseph Mazzola



Commissioner Maureen Frederick expressed concern over lost funding for the humane officer position

Did You Know...

The average cost for an incoming animal is:

Dogs = \$100

Cats = \$80

These amounts include vaccines, spay or neuter, flea or heartworm preventative and testing.

This does not include food, medication or board. The APL takes in between 750– 1000 animals annually.

That's \$75,000—\$100,000 just to provide the basics!

Since the Fall issue of TattleTails went to press, three new members of the northeast Ohio community have joined the board of Portage APL. Christina Austin from the Garrettsville area joined at the end of 2011.



Christina Austin

New Members Join the APL Board

Nancy Mitchell and Brad Raum joined in early 2012. Nancy is a recently retired associate dean at Kent State University and. Brad is employed at Robinson Memorial Hospital as VP for Business Development. All are welcomed additions to the board.



Nancy Mitchell

In related news, board officers were chosen for 2012. Karen Carmany continues as president, Mary Cochran is Vice President, Christina Austin serves as Secretary & Nick Leacoma remains Treasurer.



Brad Raum

Portage Commissioners Cut Humane Officer Funding

In late December, the Portage County Commissioners sent a letter to Portage APL explaining its decision to reduce its support for the Humane Officer position to the state minimum of \$25 per month.

Citing financial constraints on county resources, the letter suggested Portage APL explore alternative sources of funding for this important function.

No change in the Commissioners' decision is anticipated in 2012.

"This reduction places a challenge

before our organization regarding our ability to provide services to the Portage County Community," stated Carmany. "Like many others in today's economy, we will have to make some tough choices to work within our budget. Commissioners cut their humane officer allocation by 10% in 2011. Losing the remaining \$26,000 will be extremely difficult to make up from our donor base."

Under Ohio law passed in 1953, counties electing to have humane officers were required to pay a minimum of \$25 per month to the

officer. That law and the funding requirement has not changed since its 1953 inception. In 1953 dollars, \$25 per month would today translate to \$337 per month.

Without a Humane Officer, there will be no one to investigate cases of abandonment abuse or cruelty to animals in Portage County. This not only includes dogs and cats, but horses and even exotic animals. This means animals that have been injured along highways will be at the mercy of those who pass by, or local and county law enforcement. This means

hoarding cases will continue to worsen without being addressed. This means there will be no one to educate and set corrective plans for those who need guidance on how to become responsible animal owners.

"Portage APL will make every effort to maintain this important position," Carmany stressed. "Portage County needs a humane officer and we believe its part of our mission. Without a humane officer, some 800+ calls per year would go unanswered."

A Note From Our Executive Director

Greetings,

Well, it has been a few months since I began as Executive Director at the Portage APL and I have to say, it feels like home. Such a wonderful group of staff, volunteers and board members have welcomed me with open arms. I am so impressed by all the work and time the staff and board have put in to making sure the APL can continue its mission over the last few years. Board President, Karen Carmany, has been such an amazing mentor to me and has made this transition a pleasure. Thank you Karen! I am overjoyed to be working for this fantastic organization.

It only took a couple of months before I fell in love. My friends joked and wondered how long it would take me to adopt another pet... and well, I didn't last long. Sara, an orange kitten that was found living in and around a dumpster won my heart. So scared and thin, this poor little girl never had a chance (and apparently, neither did I). Sara was also my grandmother's name. I fell fast and hard for this fluffy ball of love. She is now happy in my home and being socialized by her new siblings!

Despite the tough economy, we are saving lives and fulfilling our mission to rescue, rehabilitate and find loving homes for animals that have been victims of cruelty, abandonment, neglect and injury in Portage County. Our work is never done. We are proud and grateful that we are able provide this service. The need is constant and we will continue to save lives each and every day. Our work is not possible without the support of donors, staff, adopters, volunteers and many others... thank you!

The future looks bright from my vantage point. We have amazing volunteers and are looking for more. Three new people have joined our Board of Directors and we are pleased that they are involved. We hope to increase adoptions through collaborative efforts with other organizations, public relations as well as internal staff training and behavior assessments. Relationships are the key.

We hope to make new friends in the coming year and nurture the friendships we've been fortunate to have already. Fundraising will be the largest challenge, but I have faith in the people of Portage County and their commitment to saving the lives of animals in need. Together we can save more lives, make more friends for the APL, and make positive change in the community.

Sincerely,

Chalan



Donations to the Portage APL can be made by mail, on the web at http://portageapl.org/Donate_Online, at the shelter or by phone at 330.296.4022

Quickie Quiz

In an effort to prevent more homeless animals and help those in need, the Portage APL gives dog and cat food to those who qualify: How much did the APL give to the community in the last 3 months?

- A. 1500 pounds
- B. 3200 pounds
- C. 600 pounds
- D. 5000 pounds
- E. 2700 pounds

(Answer at bottom of page 9)

Meet Chalan Lowry, Portage APL's New Executive Director

When you first meet Chalan Lowry, Portage APL's new executive director, you can't help but notice that a high level of energy and a sense of determination are present. And, after a very short conversation with her, other descriptors ... "confident" ... "focused" ... "compassionate" ... also emerge.

In her first interview, after only a couple of days on the job, Chalan was willing to answer a few "getting-to-know-you" questions:

TattleTails: You started your college work and career tract in sociology and social work, but you ended up on a career path in animal welfare. Why?

Chalan: I've always loved animals. I wanted to be a veterinarian from the age of five. I went to college with the intention to do so. Because I also enjoy working with people, veterinary medicine became social work. Then, over time, and after thinking about what I really wanted in life, my passion for animals won out and I got a job in animal welfare. Over the years I have had everything from dogs and fish to birds and horses. I have been a foster mother to some 40+ kittens and cats over the years, some of which I've adopted (I call them "foster failures"). If there is an animal, I am drawn to it. It's a habit I can't break. Except for a brief stint with the Red Cross, my career has been, and is now focused on, animal welfare helping animals is where I belong.

TattleTails: How do you balance the emotional side of loving animals with the daily reality that there is a lot of suffering and cruelty to animals out there?



Chalan with one of many adoptable cats at Portage APL. Photo courtesy of Mike Sever, Record Publishing

Chalan: Loving animals is a starting point. Making a commitment to improving or changing their lives for the better requires effort. Seeing cruelty and neglect regularly can take a toll on someone, but watching the animals flourish in our care then finding homes with loving families makes it all worth it somehow. If I see an animal that is suffering, I want to relieve that suffering. If I see someone mistreat an animal, I want to stop it and then try to educate the person. Knowing that every day I can make a difference is great motivation. There always will be hunger, abandonment, suffering and cruelty, but that doesn't mean I have to accept it and let it ride. I want to be part of the solution, not the problem. Those who have no voice need us. That's why APL's are important in communities.

TattleTails: Based on your previous experience with a much larger animal welfare organization, what do you see as the two or three largest challenges Portage APL has before it?

Chalan: Well, obviously, fund raising will be important. And, building community relationships with municipal, civic and organizational leaders is critical to success. Also, increasing the number of animals adopted into loving homes is always our objective. I think that getting everyone to focus on a unified vision for what animal welfare in Portage County should be also is important. I could go on...

TattleTails: In a year from now, if asked whether or not you've had a successful year, what claims would you hope to make?

Chalan: That's a tough question given that I'm so new to the job. However, having said that, I would say that making significant improvement in the number of adoptions and rescues would be on the short list along with getting more people to donate, volunteer and provide foster care to animals in need.

TattleTails: Anything interesting about you we haven't talked about here?

Chalan: You mean like the fact that I have allergies to both dogs and cats? It's true. I am. But that's not going to stop me, although I might need to leave the building for a brief time when major cleanings take place. Allergy pills are my friends!

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!

Did You Know ...

Chalan is willing to speak with your club or organization. Please call 330-296-4022 ext. 104 or email her at Lowry@portageapl.org

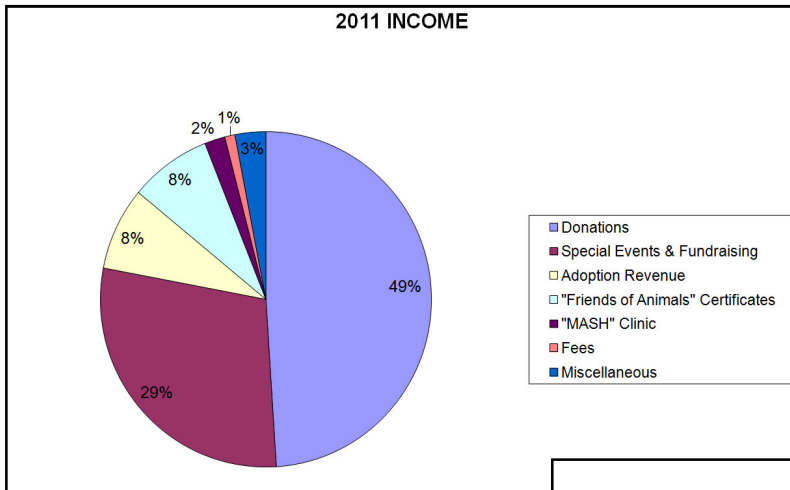
Did You Know ...

We collect aluminum cans as well as 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!



Shelter Manager, Bev Bickley (left), Chalan (center) and Humane Officer, Steve Chapman (right) review an incident report of a rescue.

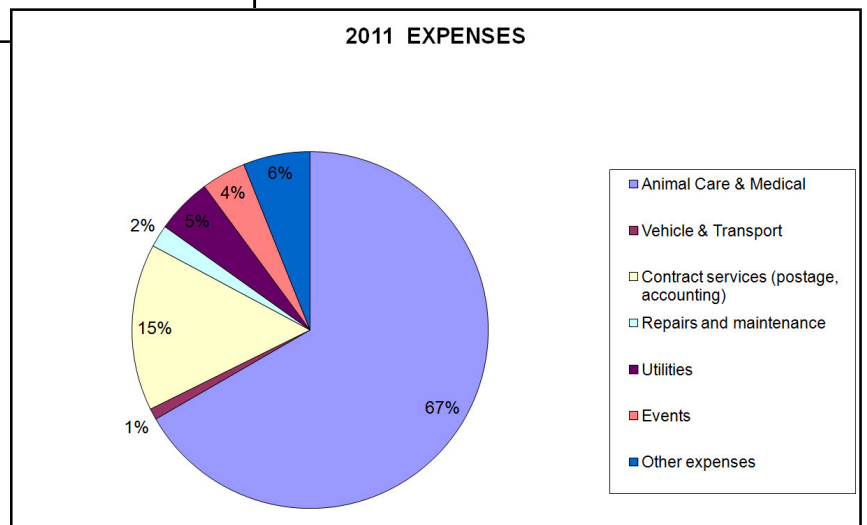
Portage APL Income Sources & How 2011 Funds Were Spent



Humane Officer, Steve Chapman and Shelter Manager, Bev Bickley arrive at a hoarding case.



Matt, an APL volunteer with Violet, a shy cat he adopted! She had been in the shelter for over a year.



Success Stories...



Thank goodness Humane Officer, Steve Chapman is always looking out for animals in need. It was certainly Clark's lucky day when Steve found him along the side of the road. **Clark** was in terrible shape and needed help. He wasn't using his back leg and was very thin. Steve scooped him up and brought him to the APL. And don't you know, after everything he had been through, Clark was purring and friendly.

Clark made a trip to the vet where they determined he would sadly lose his leg. Who knows if he was hit by a car, caught in a trap or otherwise. Clark was now safe and on the road to recovery.

He spent some weeks recovering in a foster home and was soon placed up for adoption at the Petsmart in Aurora. It didn't take long for him to win someone's heart like he did our staff and volunteers.

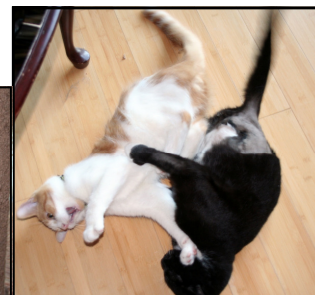
He is now in a wonderful home with one canine and two feline siblings who he obviously enjoys!

His new family said it only took a week for him to adjust. He likes to play and is very affectionate. He gets along great with everyone he meets.

Three legs are just as good as four especially if somebody loves you!

Here are the pictures to prove it!

Good luck Clark!



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Family, Friends, Pet Tributes & Honors

Pet Memorials

In Memory Of

Abbey
David & Laura Lach

Ariel
Maureen Thomas-Ryan

Bailey
Dr & Mrs Palmstrom

Benji & Baylee
Anna Witkowski

Big Sister & Toonces
Elizabeth Brooks

Birdie
Tom & Nancy Whitehead

Bob the Cat
Henry DeRocher

Bonnie Bunny
Jacqueline Woodring

Buddy & Shadow
Ruth Ankeny

Bunker
Tim Ludick

Casey
Ginny Jarosky

Charlie
Christine Douhitt

Charlie
Stephanie Byrne

Cisco
David Harris

Cloudy
Elizabeth Sundloff

Cochise
Dr. & Mrs. Tener

Dorito, Prancer & Squeaker
Doug Bryant

Duke
Sue Madlem

Gracie
Dave & Kay Hansford

Heidi
Sue Madlem

Indy
James & Nancy Dalton

LeBron
Judy Fillippone

Lilly
Constantine & Sylvia Vishnevsky

Lucy
Rick Stump & Karen Fox

Maggie
Sue Madlem

Maggie
Virginia Poirer

Nicholas
Brian & Kathy Alger

Nicholas
Richard & Marilyn Nabring

Nicholas
Sandra Krutz

Nola
Eileen Hogan

Opie
Frank Soria

Oreo
Kathy Cordero

Ozzie
Ron & Mary Komito

Pet Memorials Continued)

Patches
Pauline Allen

Pepper
Rich & Betty Foor

Pet
Diane Lassan

P-Nut
Elizabeth Sinclair-Colando

Portia
Pat Williams

Rex
Dave & Lori Stefanek

Riley
Jennifer Larson

Rocky
Nancy Dalton

Roscoe
Linda Redfern

Rose
Janet Eckert

Rosie
Nancy Mitchell

Sadie

Lynda Novak

Sammy
Gary & Sue Lane

Sammy
Romulda Lane

Sierra
Audry Kail

Skeeter
Walt Sisley

Slider
David & Darlene Fedor

Smudge Fause
Jan Lentz-Hatch

Snuffy & Smokey
Ken Muster

Tina & Buster Brown
Cheryl Casper

Tobey & Duke
Virginia Dellatorre

Tucker
Jeannette Tringhese

Winky
Pat Bingham

People Honors

In Honor Of

Diane Aber
Richard Aber

Bev Bickley
Marian Bickley

Shari's Birthday
Judith Cetina

Joseph Crawford
Thurl & Karen Carmany

Marchia Doyle
Charles & Marian Calhoun

Reinders Family
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jones

John & Micki Fine-Pavlick
Jeff Fauser

Tom Froehlich
Branton & Andre Shearer

Sherry Gedeon
Karen Buyansky

Justin Gludici
Terry Sebastiano

Mary Hazlett
Jim & Donna Lewis

Eileen Hogan
Maureen Halsey

Jack & Sherry Kahl
Dominic & Eileen Anenucci

Audrey Kail
Donna Fligel

Joyce Keller
Mary Schultz

Sandra Krutz
Tom & Lorelie Gould

Bruce McBrian
The Deckard Family

Dave & Jane Palmstrom
William Palmstrom

Claire Peck
Russ Peck

Betty Rossi
Paul Rossi

Kwany Sae Lee
Maureen Halsey

Megan Seivers
Terry Sebastiano

Pet Honors

In Honor Of

Gary
Terry Sebastiano

Maggie
Leslie Christensen

Maggie
Anthony & Lorraine Perry

Mitten & Lucky
Ray & Charlene McDaniel

Mozart
Bill & Adele Fussner

Skye & Yappy
Lisa Woods

Streaker
Jerrie Miskel

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Teye Frika
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1 Year (\$500)

6 Months (\$250)

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1 Month (\$50)

Quackie Quiz Answer: B, In the last 3 months the APL gave over 3200 lbs of pet food to the community!

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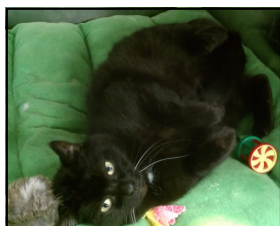
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 Pat Bingham

David & Maureen Kemmerle
 Sandra Krutz
 James & Kathryn Lamb
 Jeffery Lamkin



This is **JADE**. This lovely girl had been with us for a year and a half and is far too wonderful not to have a loving home.

She was abandoned in Brimfield in September of 2010 and has been in our care since. She is very sweet, about 5-6 years old and enjoys having her belly rubbed. We're glad we rescued Jade but also wish she could have a house and family, not a cage to call home.



Meet **VIVIAN** She is another "long timer" at the APL. She has been with us for 2 years. She is friendly, likes attention and really needs a home. She's a big girl and is approximately 5 years old . Given the fact that she has been in a cage most of her last 2 years, her personality is quite surprising. Still very sweet and in need of someone to love her.



Meet **HALEY**. This cutie is just waiting for you to come and take her home with you. Haley was surrendered to us because her owners no longer had the means to care for her. Sadly, with the tough economic times, this is more and more common. She is a little shy right now, but wouldn't you be? We hope she can find a happy home very soon. In the meantime, the staff and volunteers will give her all the love they can!

More Success Stories...!

Follow us on Facebook!

When you follow us, you can help the animals... by sharing our stories, adoptable animals and things we need!

Check out **Blackie**...

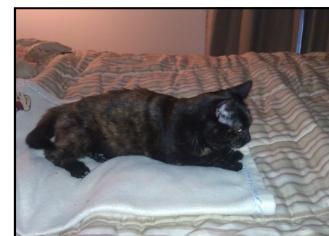
She was adopted because someone saw her on Facebook!



Some things were meant to be! Blackie, A 15 yr. old cat found her "match" when she met this father / daughter team. Blackie was adopted many, many years ago and was returned by her owner in September. At her ripe old age, we thought no one would be interested... and she sat at the APL for months. Then, in February, we posted her on Facebook and... voila!

Darold happened to see it. He also had an elderly (13 year old) cat that was declawed, like Blackie. He and his daughter were looking for someone just like Blackie! It was her lucky day. The sweet old lady could live her golden years the way she should... in a home, not a shelter. As you can see in the picture to the left, she has a big bed to sleep and relax on!

Thank you Darold! We know she is loved and happy!

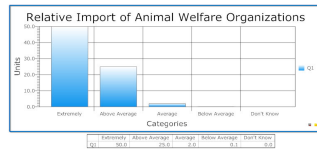


Survey Reveals Importance & Support For Animal Welfare In Area

This past fall, Portage APL conducted a survey of our key demographic (women, 25-54 years of age, some college, who own a dog or cat). Those contacted were non-donors to Portage APL. The purpose of the survey was to research perceptions about animal welfare organizations in general and northeast Ohio animal welfare organizations in particular. The following are some of the result highlights from that survey:

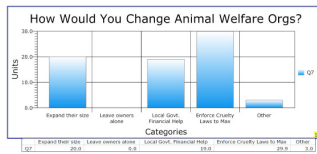
Question: Of all agencies and organizations within a county, I think animal welfare organizations are ...

Result: Animal welfare is perceived as extremely to above average in importance to a county.



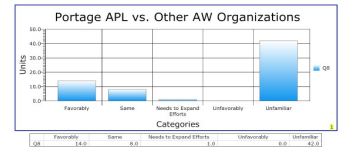
Question: If you could magically change one of the following about animal welfare organizations, would it be to:

Result: The top three suggestions were to 1) enforce cruelty laws to the maximum, 2) expand facilities for more animals and 3) have local governments aid financially.



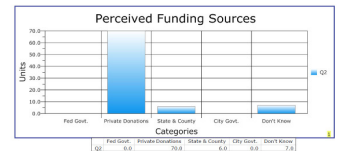
Question: Compared to other animal welfare organizations that you are familiar with, the Portage APL ...

Result: While most respondents were unfamiliar with Portage APL, those who did compared it either favorably or similar to others they know.



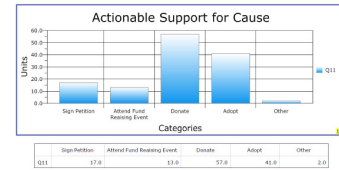
Question: Where do you think animal welfare organizations such as Portage APL receive most of their funding from?

Result: While some people still think State and County governments fund animal welfare organizations, most know they are funded by private donations.



Question: If you have ever supported the cause of animal welfare, was it to ...

Result: While making donations rated highest, many consider adoption and other actions as important forms of support for the cause of animal welfare.



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.



Portage Animal Protective League
8122 Infirmary Road
Ravenna, OH 44266

Phone: 330.296.4022
Fax: 330.296.8648
Email: Frontdesk@portageapl.org

Web at www.portageapl.org

Facebook at [Portage Animal Protective League](https://www.facebook.com/PortageAnimalProtectiveLeague)

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 CELEBRATE: DERBY DAY PARTY" Saturday, May 5th

Kentucky Derby on Big Screen TV -
Dinner - Drinks - Silent & Live
Auctions

5-9 p.m. at Ravenna Elks, 776
North Freedom Street, Ravenna OH

\$65 per person

Tickets: call Portage APL

330-296-4022 or

Mary Cochran 330-325-0670



5th ANNUAL "HOGS & DOGS POKER RUN" Saturday, June 16th

Tour scenic Portage County - Play
Poker - Help The APL

Pre-Registration by June 16th is \$15
for driver & \$10 for passenger

Day of Run Registration is \$20 for
driver & \$10 for passenger

Call Portage APL at 330-296-4022
to Register



5th ANNUAL "PAWS FOR GOLF" CHARITY OUTING Saturday,

August 4th

Aurora Golf Club, Aurora OH - Jim
Beers, Pro

Lunch - 18 hole scramble - BBQ Din-
ner - Drinks - Games & Prizes

\$100 per person Dinner Only \$30

To register or for further information
call the APL at 330-296-4022 or call
Aurora Golf Club at 330 - 562-5300
(Mention Portage APL Outing)



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