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Tattle Tails

Caring for animals in Need of Help Since 1955

These animals are all available for adoption...

“One Person’s Trash...”

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2013 Shelter Statistics YTD

- Cruelty Calls - 923
- Adoptions - 551
- Emergency Calls - 129
- Public Spay/Neuters - 165
- Awaiting Forever Homes -

100+ Dogs & Cats



Labor Day may be a holiday for some people. But for Portage APL, the work never stops. Humane Officer Kathy Cordaro got a call from a Good Samaritan who said there was a kitten thrown out in the trash. She heard a kitten crying in the dumpster near her apartment building, and that’s where she found a kitten sealed up in a trash bag with empty beer cans.

Portage APL took her in and assessed her health. She was covered in fleas, malnourished, cold, hungry and had a head tilt. This poor girl only weighed one pound, two ounces. She was about eight weeks old, so she should have weighed two pounds. The staff named her Annie.

At first it was unclear if her tilt was due to an injury, ear infections or ingesting the beer inside the bag. In any case, she was a fighter and the APL wanted her to make it. She went into foster care after a visit to the vet and a warm bath, medicine and food. Once she settled in and gained some strength, she began to mend. She gained weight almost immediately with regular, nutritious meals. Her head tilt began to improve a little. And of course her normal “kitten” behaviors started to show.

Within about three weeks, she weighed almost two pounds and was unrecognizable from the kitten she was on Labor Day. You would have never guessed her terrible beginning or that someone could or would ever throw away this innocent kitten. She hadn’t gotten into that closed bag all by herself.

Now, Annie has received her first and second vaccines, she is free of the fleas that were eating her alive, and she is a normal weight for her age, about two pounds. Her head tilt is less noticeable but still remains. She is a happy, healthy, adorable kitten that we hope will find a fur-ever home soon.

Cats (and dogs) like Annie get a second chance at life because of a caring community, without them, Portage APL would not be able to continue it’s mission. We are quite sure, if they could, Annie and many others would say, “Thank you.”



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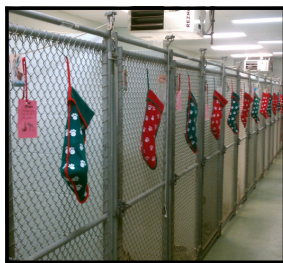
Portage Animal Protective League is a private, non-profit organization, dedicated to the advancement of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership. In support of the mission: we shelter and find safe homes for injured, abused, surrendered and abandoned animals, uphold and enforce all animal cruelty 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.

Give the "Gift" of a Home this Holiday!

Each year, shelters across the nation promote adoptions around the holidays (and various other times of year). The idea that animals are sitting in shelters, homeless, while other loved pets sit by a fire or lay on the couch with their family is always hard to think about. And that so many others are homeless in the cold or starving waiting to be rescued.



We are no different at Portage APL. Knowing that the animals we have rescued are safe and comfortable in our care, is a wonderful feeling. Knowing many of them came from terrible situations and have never known a comfortable life, we get excited for the day they start over with a loving family.

But, when one gets adopted, another one takes its place. So of course, we want every animal to find a happy home, so that we may care for the

next abused, injured or unwanted animal that enters our shelter.

We want so badly to promote their adoption and make them more appealing. We know that the new leash or the discounted price may not necessarily increase adoptions, but we have to try something. Because it is beyond our comprehension that people are not lining up outside of Portage APL to adopt each of the sweet lives we are caring for.

They are so deserving and resilient and make us smile everyday. Whether they've been surrendered because their families fell on hard times or removed from an abusive situation, they still love people.

For some food, water, a comfy bed and a walk or a toy, they give in return unconditional love, companionship, laughter and happiness. Humans are certainly the winners in this scenario. Please consider adoption this holiday. It's the best give you can give to a homeless animal.

2014 APL CALENDAR

We can't wait for you to see the brand new Portage APL calendar. It features some of your very own pets and APL animals.

Those who ordered ahead of time and submitted photos are guaranteed their calendars. And because we know you'll love them, we ordered more to sell to the public. Don't miss out. Look for them to arrive in November. Calendars are \$17 each.



Still Waiting...to Be Adopted



Macy has been with Portage APL for a very long time. She came to us a year-and-a-half ago and desperately needs a home. She will need someone patient who will let her slowly adjust to life outside of her cage. We are quite sure she'd love it but it takes time when you've been in one for so long. She is friendly, playful and can be a little shy. She really deserves a wonderful home. She is about three years old and gorgeous. She is overlooked often. Please show her that even the underdog (cat) will win someday.

We think eight is the new five. **Sydney** is a shepherd-boxer mix girl. She originally came to Portage APL as a puppy and was adopted. Then this July, more than seven years later, she was returned. Her owner could no longer afford to take care of her. She was sad but quickly trained the staff to walk her several times a day. She is content but would love to find a new family. Her charming personality will make it easy for someone to love her. **Sydney** had a mass removed from her leg a few weeks back and it had some cancer cells, but they think they got it all. She is overweight but hey, it's hard to get the weight off once you reach those middle years. And no one is perfect. Since she loves to go for walks, she is looking for a companion who likes to do the same. Not a power walk, just a nice slow paced stroll several times a day. She would prefer kids over the age of eight. She would prefer to be the only pet in the house. She tends to be a bit of a diva and would like to have all the attention for herself.



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 Animal Hospital

Hartville Vet Clinic

Portage Animal Clinic

Rootstown Veterinary Hospital

Thanks for your support!

Donations and Time Matter



A student-run Kent State University group called 4 the Love of Paws has worked very hard to collect items, volunteer, and spread Portage APL news at the university! Last semester, they stopped by to drop off the items and money they collected! Not only did they think of the animals but also the hard working staff. They even baked the staff a cake.

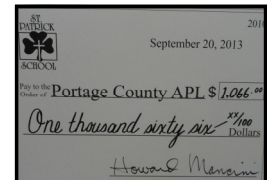
The group was formed for students who are animal lovers and who may miss the pets they've left at home during the school year. In any case these students were very excited and happy to help. This kind of enthusiasm is fantastic to see and experience. A big thanks to 4 the Love of Paws!!



When St. Patrick's School in Kent called to say they were holding a fundraiser for the APL, we were so pleased. They had read an article about two dogs that needed expensive surgeries and a kitten who was rescued. They wanted to help. The huge surprise,



was the \$1066 that over 280 students raised! They were allowed to skip their uniform and "dress down" for a donation of 50 cents or more. No one expected such an outpouring of support. The kids were so excited, and they held a check presentation in their gym. Hundreds of kids clapped and hollered with enthusiasm while Principal Howard Mancini talked about what they had accomplished. When kids care this much it gives Portage APL hope for animals in future generations! Thank you St. Patrick's School!



Did You Know ...

You can order engraved bricks that will be added to our hallway wall? One line is \$50 and two lines for \$75. Remember an animal or friend or just add a happy message. All proceeds benefit Portage APL. See enclosed form.

I Found a FUR-EVER Home!

Grant, a seven year-old Chihuahua/ Basset Hound mix waited at Portage APL for quite some time. Not everyone wants an older dog, even though they can be great companions.

The APL staff makes regular stops at the Dog Warden's facility to see if there are any dogs that need placed. In April, they made their usual visit and Grant was there. He needed some TLC so he was scooped up and brought to the APL.

Grant was a staff favorite. He was small,

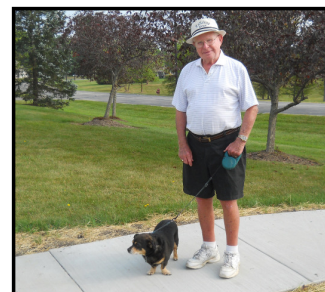
sweet and loving. He was at the shelter for a few weeks and found a home. Sadly, he was returned a couple days later. It just wasn't the right match.

It turns out, that was okay because even though he waited two more months, he finally met his match.

Here is an update we received: "To Ron and Kathy and all the staff at APL, Here is a picture of Grant also known as Buster out on a walk with his owner, at 92 yrs young, Jack. It is a great match

and both owner and dog are very happy. There is a person for every dog!"

Sincerely,
Jane



Paws to Celebrate, Spring Fling: "It's Raining Cats and Dogs!"

On April 20th more than 165 people shared in a fantastic evening for homeless animals. Each year, this event is the APL's largest fundraiser - a fun filled night with a silent/live auction, dinner, raffles, APL animals and more.

Attendance was higher than it had been in years. So many caring people turned out and the APL beat its goal by far! Almost \$24,000 was raised! Hundreds of amazing items were auctioned-- from charter fishing trips and Indians tickets to hand painted dog sculptures and Margarita baskets.

APL animals were there in hopes of finding new homes. Bandit was there and sparked a lot of interest from attendees.



The most impressive part was the overwhelming generosity of everyone involved. For example, the volunteers who plan the event and give their time so that everything goes smoothly, donors who give auction items, buy raffle tickets and attend the event as well as sponsors who donate and friends who share our message, are all reasons Paws to Celebrate was such a success!

We couldn't be more proud and grateful for the support from so many. What a wonderful event. We look forward to another successful event next year on **April 26, 2014.**

Thank you to T.K. O'Grady for being an outstanding emcee! Thank you to our sponsors WNIR, Cheryl Casper, Nancy Mitchell, Tom & Mary Cochran, Carol Lockhart, Karen Fox & Rick Stump,

Christine Hawkins, Bruce McBrian, John & Mary Perry, Memorial Animal Hospital, John Crawford, Sandra Jesionek, Murphy Consulting, Mary Lynn Savage, Marilyn Wilt, and Portage Community Bank!

See you next year!

T.K. O'Grady



Becky & Shadrach (formerly Sherlock)

Did You Know ...

We collect paper, cardboard, magazines, etc. and recycle them for money. Don't throw away your paper or cans. We also turn in empty ink cartridges for money towards office supplies. So please bring us yours! Every dollar counts. Just ask an animal in need!

Portage APL Car Show 2013

FUN, CARS and FOOD can make any day a great one. But when it raises funds for Portage APL and helps homeless animals, it's an even better day! What a wonderful turn out yet again for the Portage APL Car Show. Over 100 hot rods, classic cars and even some race cars showed up to strut their stuff! Joe and Pam Mazzolla have been putting on this event for years and this year the event raised a record amount of \$4,000.

Between Schumann's Roadside & Towing and Mongoose Motorsports, the parking lot was filled with cars and the Schumann's trailer filled with pet food and supplies. Volunteers showed off APL animals, sold merchandise and helped park cars. So many people and businesses donated, volunteered, attended and helped this event be a success. What a wonderful day!



A Note From Our Executive Director

Dear APL friends,

I have been thinking a lot about community lately. Portage APL and our supporters make up a large community of animal lovers who care about those in need. It's amazing to me when I really look at the many people that make our work possible. Donors, volunteers, staff, businesses and other organizations are all part of a community of thousands, who hold our mission close to their hearts.

I think about St. Patrick's School, where over 280 students collected donations for two injured dogs who needed surgery and a kitten. I also think about youngsters who give birthday presents to the animals or sell lemonade on a hot day, or employees at a business "dress down" to collect donations, or a wonderful group puts on a car show and it makes me smile. I realize that every day people are thinking about the APL and how they can help us rescue animals from terrible situations. They are sharing our stories on Facebook or see us on the news and tell their friends. Maybe someone new adopts an animal or becomes a donor as a result.

So many make a difference in the lives of these precious animals. Each person you or I touch can matter. Some people include us in their will or give us a gift of stock or donate their old car to the CARS program. Some folks donate a gift basket to our auction or volunteer to walk our sweet dogs. The list is long, and I feel thankful to each of you for the tremendous good you allow us to do with your support.

We are always full it seems, but that means our work continues. Baby kittens with no mother are arriving and need bottle fed. A dog is injured on the road and has no owner. A person loses his/her house and has to give up a beloved pet. Our Humane Officer brings in cats from a hoarding / cruelty case... A day in the life, I guess. You matter to us! A community of wonderful people make all this possible.

Thank you,
Chalan



Join **Shepherd's Watch** by remembering Portage APL in your overall estate and financial plan.

Each year, we strive to raise funds to operate our shelter and provide important services to the community. But in the long term wills, bequests, gifts from estates, trusts, land, and life insurance will ensure a bright future for our organization.

Thank you in advance for remembering Portage APL in your will.

Paws for Golf 2013



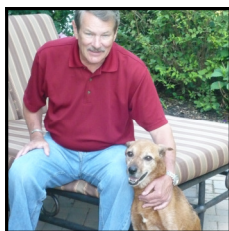
August 3rd was a spectacular day at Sugar Bush Golf Club for the annual Paws for Golf event. This outing benefited Portage APL and our work helping the cast aside and abused animals. The course was immaculate

and the weather couldn't have been better. Seventy-five degrees, partly cloudy and a slight breeze made for a perfect setting.

Golfers enjoyed the weather, food and beverages, a well maintained course and games. People from all over the area, even Cleveland, made their way out to support Portage APL!



Frank, Chris, Bruno, Mike



This year's event honored the memory of Doug Sendry, a long time, dedicated board member of the APL who passed away last December. He loved golf and animals very much. His wife Carolynne was in attendance as well as some of his family. Doug and Carolynne took in many dogs over the years, and he would have been

proud to know his legacy was living on through this outing.

The Paws for Golf Committee worked hard to plan and execute the event. Thank you to Tina Austin, Karen Carmany, Jill Conard, Mary Koval, Nick Leacoma, John Perry and Mark Yankovich who served on the 2013 committee.

Sponsors, donors, golfers and volunteers make it all possible. Thank you to Portage Community Bank, Fairmount Minerals, WNIR, Advanced Display Systems of Kent, Mike Crawford, the Leacoma Family, Majestic Trailer, the Koval Family, Thurl & Karen Carmany, John & Mary Perry, Middlefield Bank, Superior Beverage, Bill & Eddy White, Memorial Animal Hospital, Dr. Theresa Heibel, DVM, Mark & Sally Yankovich, David & Kay Hansford, Portage Vision Care, Dr. Gregory A. Marchand, O.D., Tari Wilson, Escott & Co. CPA's and all the Hole and Tee Sponsors for their generous sponsorships.

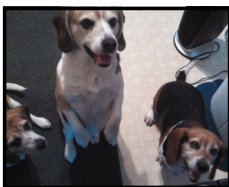


Don, Nick, Jim, Phil

Almost a thousand animals each year benefit from events like these and the generosity of the community. Portage APL solely relies on donations to save animals that are homeless or victims of cruelty, abuse, abandonment, and injury in Portage County. Thank you to each and every supporter.

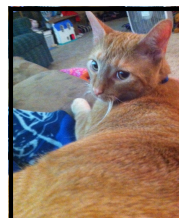
See you next year!

More...I Found a FUR-EVER Home!



"We are happy to report that Baby and Bailey accepted Beatrice within minutes of her arrival today. It took her a couple of hours to sniff every inch of our house and yard, but once she got comfortable and ate dinner she's enjoyed solid 'sack' time. Thank you for everything you've invested in her. It shows!"

"We adopted Garfield from your shelter and I just wanted to let you know he is the perfect addition to our home! The best cat we could have gotten. He is amazing with our 4 year-old and still purrs like crazy over everything :). He is doing very well he is happy and very loved thank you for our new family member!" Sincerely the Hamilton family!



"Cinder is doing great . He quickly fit in and he instantly made friends with Annie, our cat Chevy and the rabbit Nash. He spends his days watching the two fish tanks and the bird feeders outside the windows, playing with the other animals and loves playing with toys. He is already pretty good at puzzle toys. At night he sleeps in bed with us, if for some reason he gets down then he sleeps in the other animals beds. He is continuing to get more hair. His face is almost completely covered! I think that he would be a great cat to do therapy work. He is calm, easy going and loves people! He fits in like he's always been here and we are happy to have him!"

Did You Know...

Collect Acme receipts and help Portage APL. From September 21, 2013 until February 8, 2014 we get cash back from select items you purchase.

Turn your receipts in periodically but not after **February 8, 2014**

Brands that count are: Acme Fresh Market, Food Club, Top Care, Full Circle, Valu Time, Paws, World Classics, Academix, Domestix, and Electrix.

Thanks for your support!

Wine Tasting

Paws to Taste

Reserve your seats now for this wonderful wine event to benefit Portage APL

December 7, 2013, 6pm

The Fairways at Twin Lakes



- Taste an amazing wine selection and a few special beers
 - Enjoy delicious hors d' oeuvres
 - Bid on auction items
 - Buy APL Merchandise
 - Meet APL animals
 - 50/50 raffle and door prizes
- Raise money and awareness for animals at Portage APL.



Last year we sold out, so don't miss it! Call today to make your reservations.

\$45 per person (\$25 is tax deductible)

Includes 3 tasting tickets. Additional tasting tickets available for purchase. Valet service available.

Cassidy



It was Cassidy's lucky day when Kent Police found her emaciated and running loose. They called us, and the APL humane officer went to pick her up. She was obviously not well and starving. At 10 months old, she only weighed 23 pounds and all her bones protruded from her skin. Even her skull was visible. She was scared but still wiggled herself up to everyone and licked their faces.

The staff checked her over. Other than being extremely thin, she was in need of fluids due to dehydration and lack of adequate nourishment. APL staff took great care of her. They tried different types of food to see what she would eat. It took a few days but they got her eating and feeling better. She made trips to the vet for check-ups and in a few weeks she was looking like a different dog.



Her amazing personality never faltered. Cassidy was friendly and sweet from the first minute she arrived. At almost 32 pounds she is nearing her perfect weight. She was spayed and brought up-to-date on vaccines and given flea and heartworm preventative. Sometimes we have extraordinary rescues that require special surgeries and veterinary care. But usually, animals like Cassidy have not even been given the basic care they need. It's astonishing what "basic" nutrition and care can do for an animal.



Cassidy is available for adoption, and we know she will never look this way again.

Family, Friends, Pet Tributes & Honors

People Memorials In Memory of

Alexander Ashachik
Diane Ashachik

Robert Bossar
John & Regina Lindeman

Donald Brown
Robert & Sara Baungartner

Robert Bryan
Norma White

Nancy Cannon
Field Youth Soccer
John & Shirley Rog
Jesse & Stacey Cramer II
Rich & Jayne Hamilton &
Family
Norman Wagner
Joseph & Ines Feil
Sharon Rice
Denise Baird
Angelo & Yvonne Battaglia
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Pamela Conte
AJ Owen Jr.

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Joyce Keller

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Dawn Carson

Chuck Chalker
WM & Margaret Ferren
Kitty Bell

David Chewning
Mr. & Mrs. Parks

Jan Cisar
Pamela Gardner

Lenley Davis
Joyce McArdle

Dear Friend
Val Birone

Benedict Dusek
Norm Crock

Walt Englehart
Jon & Mary Carney

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Bruce & Gladys Moore
Pines II Condo Assn. &
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Robert & Janet Stadulis
Eileen Hogan
Kristine Jones
Karen Wise

Rode Marie Fields
Antonia Igrac
Delores Stratton
Ron & Mary Kohler
Michael & Anne Gavorski
John Minski

Mary Finkelstein
Richard Early

Rich Foor
Barbara Blickensderfer
Rich & Joyce Robinson
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Jacqueline Gibson

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Robert & Theresa Doty
Susan Brewer
Terry Kerg
Gene Williams

Paul Hughes
Carolyn Hughes

Bob Jarrett
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Robert & Loretta Jones
Charlene Luke
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Nancy Mitchell
Sandy Krutz
Tom & Mary Cochran
Sandra Belcastro
Christine Hawkins
Brian Coffman
All Friends

Shirley Leiter
Wayne Homes
William & Ginny Post

Vivian Leickly
Patsy Bennett

David Long
Carole King

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Bob Mains

Rose McBride
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Sue Barnhouse
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Brent & Amy Hutchinson
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Angela Pantalone
Nick & Phyllis Battaglia
Jacqueline Woodring
Gerald & Sue Lewis
Joe & Pam Mazzolla

Don Pritchett
Mary Brislen

June Redmond
Giant Eagle 5878 Employees
Janet Shinning
Paul & Barbara Miller
Howard & Houston Morgan
James & Tyler Beal
Cheryl Smith
Morgan Berbee

Donald Righi
Patricia Righi

Jacqui Rufener
Stark Metal Sales
Carl & Cathi Rufener
Lisa & Greg Frashier
Bob Rufener
Brian & Angie Clew
Bert Smith
Sarah Grim
Karilyn Kane
Sean Hunt
Carole Dennington
Susan Allman
Ernie & Flo Rufener

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Dave Einlath
Tom & Erica Jones
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Kathy Hale
Alan & Mary Kocsis
Joe Testa

Florence Sarcyk
Janice Mark

Margaret Schneeweis
Leugh Ann Stamm

Ed Schellhammer
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Doug Sendry
Bruce & Sue Landis
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Elizabeth Calhoon
James & Mary Bailey

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Walt Sisley
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Eileen Antenucci
Virginia Miller
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Shirley Colpo

Tom Wurm
Alan & Debra Schorr

Pet Memorials In Memory of

Abbey
Dave & Laura Lach

Abbey
Lorraine Cretsinger

Angel
Vince & Sandra Pelose

Autumn
Gloria Falstad

Banjo
Yvonne Moore

Baron
George & Joyce Jyurovat

Bentley
Janice Bayley

Big Guy
Michael Cullen

Boo Boo
Carolyn Johns

Brandy
Ron & Betty Miller

Brat
Mary Oehlberg-Svec

Brewie
Lyndse Rae Faba

Breigh
Judy Valburg

Buddy
Susan Grajek

Bunker
Tim Ludick

Chandler
Mary Schellhammer

Charlie
Christine Douhitt

Cissy
Maty Kotopish

Cleo
Charles Brust

Cody
Karen Wise

Cuddles
Edith Rock

Cutey
Gina Campana

Dani
Robert Mains

Dessie
Ray & Joan Iarussi

Dharma
Julie Staph

Djembe
Emily Brunner

Dolly
Vince & Sandra Pelose

Dominic Jesionek
Mary Lynn Savage

Dulcie
Edna Black

Eddie
John & Ann Gragan

Favorite Pet
Ruth Ankeny

Fletcher the Fantastic
Mary Bass

Gabby
Carol Hughes

GiGi
Lylane Mateiu-Kerns

Gizmo
Mary Howitt

Gordon
Joe & Theresa Zurzolo

Heidi
Lawrence & Florence
Snyderburn

Jamie
Ginny Bower

Jasper
Rebecca Curtis

Josey
Ginny Bower

Keno
Pamela Gardner

Lady
Barbara Barnes

Libby
Susan Johnson

Lily Mae
Helen Nikol

Lobo
Warren Blazy

Lola
Don & Sue Burkholder

Lucky
Charlene McDaniel

Lucy
Greg & Jennifer Marchand

Mack & Mindy
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**Become A Cage
 Sponsor! We still
 have 30 available!**

**Help care for a
 homeless animal
 while it waits for a
 Fur-ever Home.**

1 Year (\$500)

6 Months (\$250)

3 Months (\$125)

1 Month (\$50)

Leadership Circle

In 2010, Portage Animal Protective League established **Leadership Circle**. Membership is granted to donors who provide financial support to Portage APL by contributing \$1,000 or more annually.

Contributions from **Leadership Circle** members help nearly a thousand animals who come to the shelter each year because they have been injured, abused, surrendered, or abandoned. These animals receive food, shelter, and medical care for as long as needed until each adoptable animal finds a "forever home." **Leadership Circle** funds also support humane investigations. Reports of abandonment, cruelty, and neglect reach into the thousands. Contributions are also used to educate the public about the responsibilities of pet ownership and to offer low-cost spay and neuter clinics that help reduce pet overpopulation.

Why Leadership Circle is Important



As a private, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, we rely on the generosity of the community to make our important work possible.

It costs more than \$1,500 per day to operate our facility and care for almost a thousand animals we rescue each year.



Each animal adopted is current on vaccines, checked for disease, spayed or neutered, and free of fleas and worms. Portage APL is proud to do so much for so many.



Humane law enforcement is a daily necessity. Thousands of calls have been answered and so many animals saved. It is our mission to uphold humane laws and help the victims start over.



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'Twas the Night Before...

A Holiday Wish from a Shelter Animal

All of us here, had a rough start in life.

Some sick, some neglected or just cast aside.

Thank goodness someone cared, enough to put up a fight.

Now we're safe at the APL shelter and we'll be alright.

And while we wait patiently for our second chance,

We try to forget our heartbreaking circumstance.

Somewhere there's a family who will care for us too.

But this holiday season, we're counting on you!

We snooze in our kennels, as we dream of a home.

Filled with sofas and toys and windows and bones.

Please, put food in our bellies and bandage our wounds.

So we're ready to come home with you very soon.

With so many to choose from, you'll meet your match.

But if you can't take us home, we could sure use a hand!

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, Poultry Platter 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, 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)
- Copy paper