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Tattle Tails

Caring for animals in Need Since 1955

These animals are all available for adoption...

Fulfilling Our Mission

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2015 Shelter Statistics

- Cruelty Calls - 360
- Adoptions - 243
- Kittens in foster care - 27
- Public Spay/Neuters - 178
- Awaiting Forever Homes

112+

One June night, this beautiful dog (Jade) was hit by a car and rushed to an emergency veterinarian by Akron Animal Control. She remained there for two days while they monitored her health. Jade had a massive head wound that required staples. She had many other abrasions, head trauma and was tachycardic (rapid heart rate) for some time so they kept her there for monitoring.



Though she was found in Summit County, she had Portage County tags on, but they were expired. Her owners were never found. Once she was stable, Portage APL took over her care. Jade's head wounds were deep and require monitoring for swelling. She may need drains to put in to prevent infection. She is very sweet and gentle and is about 5-7 years old. She is still recovering and not yet available for adoption but we are hopeful that she will make a full recovery and find a wonderful home.



Little Laddy came to the APL after a good Samaritan found him with his sibling and no mother at around 5 weeks old. They were both thin and seemed malnourished and sickly. His sibling was especially sick and died within two days of arriving. Laddy seemed to be getting stronger and wanted attention and food. But after a couple days of what seemed like improvement, he took a turn.



He became lethargic, pale, weak, dehydrated and lost his appetite. The staff gave him fluids, syringe fed him, and gave him a heating pad. He seemed to be getting worse as the day went on, so he was sent to the veterinarian for one last chance. They found he was hypoglycemic and did all they could to save him. He went home to be fostered with a staff person who could provide constant care. This was "that moment" where he would either make it or not. The waiting began.

Now, weeks later, Laddy is growing stronger and healthier. So far so good!!! Once he is available for adoption we are confident he will find a fantastic home and live a happy life! To all the foster parents, donors, staff, veterinarians, and volunteers ... you make these stories possible! Thank you! Lives are saved because of your generosity. Laddy and Jade will never know what you did for them, but we do!

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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.

Spay and Neuter Services

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



Portage APL's Wish List

Through the generosity of the community, 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
- 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 (2 oz) without lids

- Newspaper

To Keep Comfy and Cozy

- Dog/cat toys, dog beds, towels and blankets
- Rubber-backed rugs (bathroom type)
- Pipe cleaners, large pompoms (2 inch)

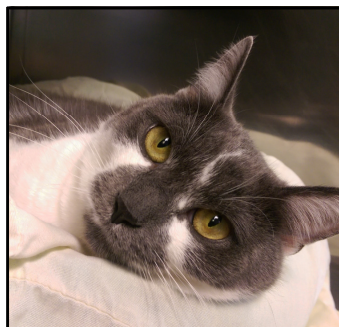
To Keep the Office Running

- Forever postage stamps
- Folders (2 pocket blue)
- Copy paper

Still Waiting...to Be Adopted



Look at **Landon's** handsome face. He may be senior but he sure is young at heart. Landon is an amazing 8 year old. He was brought to the A.P.L. from another shelter and has adjusted beautifully. Since he was a stray, his age is an estimate. The way he acts, he could be 5, maybe 6, or younger. His playfulness makes us wonder his real age. **Landon** is a dog for anyone looking for that perfect family member. He's good with kids, adults, and will adjust quickly to a new family. Landon is neutered, up to date on shots, and is heart worm negative. This is an amazing dog waiting to be adopted.



Snowflake has been in the APL's care for a very long time. She is pretty, sweet., affectionate and playful. She came to us as a stray in early December 2014 and was in need of a home. She is about 3 years old and has been waiting over 6 months to be adopted. Because of that, her adoption fee is only \$25. Like all cats at the APL, she is spayed, up to date on vaccines and given flea and worm preventative. She also has her rabies vaccine. Give this pretty girl a loving home. You won't be disappointed.

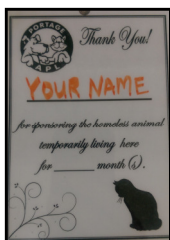
Did You Know...

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
- Streetsboro Vet Clinic
- Twin Lakes Veterinary

Thanks for your support!

Cage Sponsorships



Sponsoring an animal's cage is yet another way your donation can be used. Being a cage or run sponsor is a great way to visibly support the animals at Portage APL until they find their next loving home. A special cat cage or dog run "sponsor identity tag" is placed on a cage or a run with your name, your family name, your pet's name or the name of a business or organization. Your sponsorship will help defray costs to provide food, care and comfort for up to one year. See photo example to the left. Form enclosed.

Current Cage Sponsors

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Become A Cage Sponsor!

We still have 23 available!

Help care for a homeless animal while he/she waits for a Fur-ever home.

- 1 Year (\$500)
- 6 Months (\$250)
- 3 Months (\$125)
- 1 Month (\$50)

Paws to Celebrate, "Diamonds are FUR-EVER." A 60th Celebration!

Paws to Celebrate, "Diamonds are FUR-EVER!" was a great success! So many folks helped us celebrate **60 years of life saving work** in Portage County. We have already reserved April 23, 2016, for next year's event. Mark your calendars!

The event raised over \$30,000! Oh, and in the *Change for Paws* coin collection, cats won with \$1175 vs. dogs at \$1026! Next year, we'll see who wins. Start collecting your change now! Thanks to every donor, volunteer, sponsor, committee member and board member who made this event possible. And T.K. O'Grady for being our gracious Emcee once again!

Thank you to our event sponsors: **Platinum Paw** - Eileen Hogan; Jim & Jean Baker; Streetsboro Eagles 4300; Mary Beutel. **Gold Paw**- Tom & Mary Cochran; Mike & Jean Coss; First Security Title; Cheryl A. Casper/Eugene Wenninger; Nancy Mitchell. **Silver Paw** - Portage Vision Care - Dr. Gregory A. Marchand, O.D.; Bob & Jennifer Larson; Brimfield Insurance Group. **Bronze Paw** - Janice & Lew Page; Peggy Chaffins; Vicki A. Kline; Western Reserve Hospital c/o Kathy Romito; Marian Bickley; Patrick & Stephanie Madonio; Hometown Bank; Diamond Title Company of Northeast Ohio, Inc.; Dr. Gary Milkovich; Memorial Animal Hospital Bed & Biscuit @ Memorial Animal Hospital

Thank you to our hard working, dedicated event committee: Mary Cochran, Judy Flippone, Eileen Hogan, Lynn Hubach, Stephanie Beal Madonio, Cappi Meyer, Nancy Mitchell, Catherine Peterson, Michelle Slagle and Lisa Wright!



I Found a FUR-EVER Home!

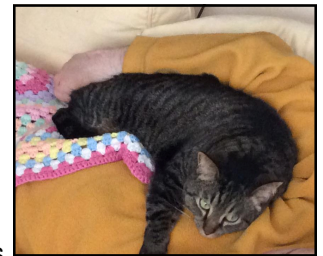
"Dear Portage APL,

My family and I are so very thrilled that we were able to adopt Clover into our family, she's loved so very much. She has brought love and life back into our home. On November 29, 2014 we had to put our beloved Shy down, she was 12 years old. Our home and our hearts were empty and we cried a lot. Since Clover has been here our home and hearts are so full of happiness and love. She loves to give kisses, play ball, go for walks and cuddle. We couldn't ask for a better dog. Thank you all so much for the work that you do and for the love you give all the animals.

Thomas, Lora & Family"



"This is Tink, more often known as Tinkerdoodle and Doodle. Tink came to us from the APL just over a year ago. She is silly, sweet, cuddly and amusing. Doodle has a special meow when she plays. The first time I heard it, it sounded like she was in distress. Nope! She was busy playing with one of her toys. As much as she likes her toys, she loves her windows. Any window that she can sit in makes her a happy kitty.



We have no idea why Tink was at the APL for a year, as she is affectionate and adorable. (In this picture she is laying on my husband.) Maybe she was waiting for us? Whatever the reason, we are thrilled that she has found her forever home with us."

Did You Know ?

Portage APL has a variety of clothing and merchandise for sale. From sweatshirts, tank tops and t-shirts to hats, coffee mugs and umbrellas. Proceeds support the APL's important work in Portage County.

Shepherd's Watch Planned Giving Society

Should you choose to include Portage APL in your estate plan, you become part of our *Shepherd's Watch Planned Giving Society*. *Shepherd's Watch* provides protection for our shelter and our mission over the long term.

Portage APL is committed to responsible financial management and planning. Our *Shepherd's Watch Society* helps us weather financial challenges so we can continue to serve the hundreds of animals who come through our doors each year. Our ability to feed the hungry, care for the sick and wounded, and comfort the abused is a direct result of both ongoing contributions and planned gifts.

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

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

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

Thank you, on behalf of the animals, for your support...today and tomorrow.

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.

See pg. 7 for current members

Did You Know...

That when you give spare change in the Acme Fresh Market's Coin for Pets Program Portage APL benefits from some of the proceeds?

Thank you to Acme Fresh Markets for your support! \$1800 was donated to the APL from their 2014 program!!

A Special Thank You!

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 Joyce Thompson
 Erin Wenrich
 Nancey Whitehead

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Bogey

Barbara Watson

Bonnie

Richard Dell

Callie, Molly and Muffin

Romualda Lane

Foster

Karen Wise

Goldie

Constance Hammond

Hank

Kathy Cordaro

Hector

George & Jane Rose

Heidi

Glenn & Ruth Saltzman

Kenya

Sandra Krutz

Lotte

Gary Zeller & James Zwisler

Lula Roni & Jackie

Alberta Carlin

Mandy

Bobbie Tilton

Mandy & Mack

David & Maureen Kemmerle

Max

Sandra Krutz

Maybel

Bobbie Tilton

Petunia

Alberta Carlin

Pismo

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Rocky

Loretta Stone

Saro

Allen & Barb DeWitt

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Jeff, Mary, Louise & Alfred Beckstrom

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Kathy Cordaro

Snoopy

Claudia Shane

Shilo

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Sophie

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Stashia

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Sandra Krutz

Tanner

Sandra Krutz

Thelma Lou

Chuck & Janice Brust

Zak

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Zowie

Richard Busch

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In Honor of

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Bill & Nancy Drugan

Biscuit

Annie Miller

Blue

Nancy Troutman

Buddy & Powder

Joyce Roble

CiCi, Zoe & Dakota

Audrey Humphrey

Daisy Maye

Lisa Pyles

Grizz & Moon

Virginia Yost

Henry

Camille Park

Iris

Kathy Cordaro

Pippin and all the animals at the Portage APL

Marjory Loss

Shatzy

Kathy Cordaro

People Honors

In Honor of

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Kathy Cordaro

Bev Bickley

Kathy Cordaro

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Thank you!

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James & Kathryn Lamb
Bruce McBrian
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William Robenstine
Karen Fox & Rick Stump
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Julius and Joann Heil
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Murali Shanker
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Nick Leacoma
Eileen Petridis
Tracy Resseger
Pat & Sherri Riley
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New 2014 Leadership

Circle Members

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Barbara Berry
Mary Ann Bigler
Richard & Mildred Breckenridge
Mike Coss
Laura Davis
Nancy Geiger
Mary Howitt
Joyce & George Jyurovat
Charlie Karakis
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Mark Your Calendars

PAWS to SHOP Rummage Sale

August 28-29, 2015

11am –4pm

Rummage sale at:

**7844 State Route 14,
behind Hunters 3 Chimney
Service**



\$\$\$ Donate \$\$\$ Shop \$\$\$ Spread the word!

We are accepting items like jewelry, hand bags, knick-knacks, kitchen items, books, small appliances, tools, home accessories and more.

Drop off at Rt. 14 Storage in Ravenna
7830 State Route 14.

M-F from 9-5 or Saturday 9-1pm or for questions or more information, please call Portage APL at 330-296-4022.

Thank you to Rt. 14 Storage, Embroidery & More for opening up your space to help Portage APL!!!

Paws to Taste

December 5, 2015

The Overlook in Kent.

Wine and Beer Tasting

Heavy Hors d' Oeuvres

Silent Auction

Live Music

Raffles

All proceeds benefit Portage APL.

More details to come. We hope to see you there.



Car Show to benefit Portage APL on Sept. 5, 2015 at Mongoose Motorsports Ravenna, 1340 E. Main St. 10 am registration, 12pm– 4pm show hours. 4pm awards. \$10 donation to enter.

Sponsored by Mongoose Motorsports and Schumann's Roadside & Towing.