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# **2016 Shelter Statistics**

- Cruelty Calls 491
- Emergency Calls 68
- Animal Intake 605
- Kittens in foster care 21
- Dogs in foster care 6
- Public Spay/Neuters 137
- Awaiting Forever Homes

90+



Caring for animals in Need Since 1955

These animals are all available for adoption...

# Good Things Come to Those Who Wait!

One of the many things we are proud of at Portage APL is our commitment to the animals we help. We will keep adoptable animals for as long as it takes to find them loving homes and Mabel was no exception to that rule. She waited two and a half years for Marissa and John to come into her life. Mabel, who came to us after her elderly owner was placed in a full-care facility, was a senior herself. She was about 9 years-old when she arrived. After the "usual" check-up, evaluation and waiting period she was placed up for adoption.

She had an interesting temperament. Mabel was friendly, but only when she felt like it. And if you gave her attention when she didn't feel like it, you found out quickly that she was not in the mood. She also seemed to dislike other animals and since we think she was an only pet, this made sense. Going from a loving home to a shelter can be very upsetting to any animal.

Mabel did well for about 9 months and then she seemed to become less and less friendly and more and more stressed. She also became a bit overweight due to lack of activity. The cats at the APL do have toys, scratchers, and wonderful volunteers who love and pet them each day. Some cats just don't fair as well with stress and need extra help.

The staff decided to move Mabel into the Executive Director's office. This would give her play time, exercise and hopefully help her become happy again. Over the next year and a half Mabel really came out of her shell. She was more friendly and more active. And although she was still feisty, she would wait on the Director's desk each morning for her massage. She played and watched the birds intensely.

Because Mabel was a senior and probably not a good fit for people with other pets or children, she was passed by over and over. We knew that some day, someone would be the "one or two" for her.

One day in July, a couple came to the APL to adopt a cat. And to our surprise, they wanted to meet the cat who needed a home the most. After viewing all the cats, they met Mabel. They LOVED her and she loved them. It was clear that Marissa and John were the reason Mabel waited so long... they were meant for her. Happy tears were shed all around the shelter.

We recently received an update and photos. Mabel is living a wonderful life with two wonderful people who say she even sleeps on the bed. Thank you for giving her a home and thank you to all who donate and make it possible to help animals like Mabel.







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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.

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.

# 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.

Cage Sponsors are listed on Page 7.

**Become A Cage** Sponsor!

We still have 30 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)

# Portage APL's Wish List

#### DOG

- Purina ONE® Smart Blends/Small Bites (Chicken or Beef Only) or Pedigree dog/Small Dog (Chicken or Lamb Only)
- Wellness ® Canned Dog Food (Chicken or Turkey w/Sweet Potato paté or around
- Earthborn ® Grain Free Turkey (dog food
- Milk Bones® Biscuits (Minis)
- Canned Pedigree® Chunks in gravy
- Canned Purina ONE® cuts in gravy

#### CAT

- Purina ONE® Sensitive/Indoor Cat/ Kitten Food/Hairball
- Canned Sheba® Turkey/Chicken Pâté and/or Cuts
- Canned Fancy Feast ® Gravy Lovers Chicken Feast in Grilled Chicken Flavor
- Canned Fancy Feast ® Tender Turkey

Feast Kitten Only

- Tidy Cat® non-clumping( yellow bag)
- Yesterday's News® litter

#### **GENERAL**

- Mr. Clean® with Gain or Spic & Span® cleaners. Clorox® Bleach. Paper Towels, Heavy Duty trash bags (33 gal.), Tall kitchen trash bags
- Newspaper for cages/runs
- Dog/cat toys (US manufactured. please), dog/cat beds, towels (all sizes), pillow cases, and blankets
- Rubber backed rugs (bathroom type) approximately 19" x 33"
- NON rubber backed rugs 16" x 24" OR 20" x 30"
- Pipe cleaners, large pompoms (2 inch)
- Forever postage stamps, Folders (2) pocket blue), Copy paper

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# Still Waiting...to Be Adopted



Spaged, DSH, 11 grs old

Two times the love and two times the happiness. That's what you get when you open your heart and home to two dogs. Bart and Mitsy have been waiting for sometime to be adopted. Their owners surrendered them together and we want to keep them together. Bart is a boxer mix and is 10 years old. Mitsy is a Boston Terrier mix and she is 5 years old. Both are wonderful dogs and will make fantastic companions. They will be able to keep each other company when no one is home, they are affectionate and kind and most of all they are in need of love.

Please consider adopting Bart and Mitsy. You will be happy you did.

Of all the wonderful cats waiting to be adopted, Cher has been at the APL the longest. She is just a doll. At 11 years old, she's a senior lady but she sure is a catch. Not only is she loving and affectionate but she even likes to hang out on your shoulder from time to time.

At 7 lbs. she is a small cat and looks much younger than she is. She has occasional upset tummy that is treated with over-the-counter medicine. She has already had her teeth cleaned and a couple of them pulled. She is spayed, microchipped, up to date on vaccines including rabies, and was given flea and worm preventative. She would like a quiet home and would be a purr-fect companion for just about anyone.

#### Did You Know...

With <u>every adoption</u>, you receive a <u>free wellness</u> <u>exam</u> 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!

# Winter is Coming - Keep Your Pet's Safe and Warm

Know the limits: Just like people, pets' cold tolerance can vary from pet to pet based on their coat, body fat stores, activity level, and health. Be aware of your pet's tolerance for cold weather, and adjust accordingly. You will probably need to shorten your dog's walks to protect you both from weather-associated health risks. Arthritic and elderly pets may have more difficulty walking on snow and may be more prone to slipping and falling. Long-haired or thick-coated dogs tend to be more cold-tolerant, but are still at risk in cold weather. Short-haired pets feel the cold faster because they have less protection, and short-legged pets may become cold faster because their bellies and bodies are more likely to come into contact with snow-covered ground.

**Stay inside.** Cats and dogs should be kept inside during cold weather. It's a common belief that dogs and cats are more resistant than people to cold because of their fur, but it's untrue. Like us, cats and dogs are susceptible to frostbite and hypothermia and should be inside. Long-haired dog breeds, such as huskies and other dogs bred for colder climates, can be more tolerant of cold weather; but <u>no</u> pet should be left outside for long periods of time in below-freezing weather.



**Make some noise:** A warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it's deadly. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage feline hitchhikers to abandon their roost under the hood.

**Provide shelter:** We don't recommend keeping any pet outside for long periods of time, but if you are unable to keep your dog inside during cold weather, provide him/her with a warm, solid shelter against wind. Make sure that they have unlimited access to fresh, non-frozen water (by changing the water frequently or using a pet-safe, heated water bowl). The floor of the shelter should be off of the ground (to minimize heat loss into the ground) and the bedding should be thick, dry and changed regularly to provide a warm, dry environment.

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# Thank You SkyLane Bowling!!!

Once in a while something amazing happens that you don't expect. Portage APL relies on donations to keep our doors open, save lives and be a voice for animals who have none. And when Aaron King decided he wanted Portage APL to benefit from the 50/50 raffle he was holding at SkyLane Bowling, we were ecstatic!

In the end, Portage APL received over \$46,000 from the generosity of Aaron King and the thousands of people who bought 50/50 tickets. This money can run our shelter for a month. From heartworm treatment and spay and neuter to medicine, food and litter, this will make an enormous difference in the bottom line for Portage APL. Each year we must raise over \$560,000 to continue our mission in Portage



Volunteers Erika & Laurie, Exec. Dir. Chalan & Volunteer Andrean

County. APL volunteers and Executive Director were there that wonderful Sunday evening. Thousands of nice people stopped by our booth to say hello and express how happy they were about the raffle. We were and are overwhelmed by the generosity of so many individuals. Thank you ALL for what you did for homeless, abused, and injured animals! They can't thank you, but they probably would.

# I Found a FUR-EVER Home!

Chance, now Elliot, has made himself right at home. From the moment he jumped into the car, it was like he always was there. He is the best dog ever. He knows all his basic commands, loves the kids, gets along great with his doggie niece and nephew, and learns super fast.

He is the best fit and we are thrilled he is a part of our family!



Hello.

Samantha has fit in perfectly, when we brought her home there were no problems at all. Since day one she's just slipped in and it was like she had always been here and a part of our home and our life. She's such a sweet little kitty. She loves playing with her toys, playing in the crinkle tube and cube, and can't resist a jingle ball- batting it from one end of the



house to the other end. She loves looking out the windows at the wildlife, and is learning the names of the animals she sees.

She's such a cuddle bug and never turns down some petting and cuddles and loves to say good night and good morning with some quiet time with cuddles. She's also a good little helper, who helps make the beds, loves to keep me company when I do house work, and enjoys sitting on a chair watching everything while I cook-she's a regular little chef! She loves to keep me company while I practice the piano and she's loves pushing around colored pencils when I color. Samantha is such a wonderful cat and I am so grateful everyday that she's a part of our life. Thank you for taking such great care of her while she was waiting for her forever home and thank you for connecting us with her. Thank you!

# Donate Your Car, Boat or RV and Help the APL



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 Pickup and Free Processing. For more information, call TOLL FREE at 877.537.5277 or go to http://www.donatingiseasy.org/

Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened
- Anatole France

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# New this Year!! Paws with Santa Claws



December 3, 2016 11am - 3pm

- ♥ Digital Pet Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claws (Photos are uploaded and available online for purchase)
  - **♥** Holiday Wonderland Backdrop
    - **♥** Cider and hot chocolate
    - **♥** Well behaved pets only
  - **♥** Buy Personalized Ornaments
    - **♥** Buy Memorial Snowflakes
      - **♥** Buy APL merchandise

# Paws to Taste December 10, 2016, New Location and Menu!

Paws to Taste will be held on December 10, 2016 at the Aurora Inn! A new location and menu promise to make this year the best yet. What a lovely setting to raise funds for Portage APL. Enjoy the new menu and delicious wine and Great Lakes beer as well as many silent auction items, a wine pull, a 50/50 raffle, a lottery tree raffle and more. The Aurora Inn is also a pet friendly hotel so we will certainly bring some of our sweet animals to the event. They are also donating a night at the hotel for the silent auction. We are looking for donated auction items, bottles of wine valued more than \$20 and sponsors. You can register online at www.portageapl.org or you can call us at 330-296-4022.



- Silent Auction
- ▼ 50/50 Raffle
- Live Entertainment
  - Hors d'oeuvres

#### Food:

Artisan Cheese Board with crackers and fresh fruit garnish, Traditional Bruschetta, Florentine Stuffed Mushrooms, Toasted Ravioli, Bite Size Crab Cake, Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnut, Vegetable Spring Rolls, Bite Size Beef Wellington, Mini Potato Pierogies, Phyllo Wrapped Asparagus

#### Wines:

4 House wines - Riesling, Chardonnay, Cabernet, Merlot

4 Additional wines- Rudi Weist Mosel Riesling

White Haven Sauvignon Blanc, Cloudline Pinot Noir, William Hill Cabernet





"Animals are such agreeable friends. They ask no questions; they pass no judgment."
-George Eliot

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# A Special Thank You!

All Dogs go to Kevin -Kevin Duggan, CPDT-KA Ted & Bev Bickley Big Dee's Tack & Vet Brown Mackie College Dr. Mark Carlson Dannie Clark Cleveland Junior Doll Club Kathy Cordaro

Stephanie Ehmann Franklin Square Deli Giant Eagle Happy Trails Farm **Animal Sanctuary** Gretta Hoover I-76 Antique Mall Jessica Johnson Neva Justham Angie LeMay Madonio Family Animal Welfare Trust Dr. Jamie Marietti Memorial Animal Hospital

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# Family, Friends, Pet Tributes & Honors

# **People Memorials** In Memory of

Jim Andres Angelina Fiorini

# **Denise Bevington**

Dean & Pamela Stebbins

# **Jeffrey Bowdle**

Aaron & Shannon Bowdle & Colin & Alice Misty Bowdle Tom & Nancy Bowdle Laird Technologies Sue Magilavy Karen Scarlett Michelle Scarlett

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# Family, Friends, Pet Tributes & Honors

# Pet Memorials

In Memory of <u>Bailey</u> Ann Metzner

# **Denny**

David & Lorie Kattler

#### **Ellie**

Rebecca Brewer

# <u>Ellie</u>

Penny Tubaugh

# **Fletcher**

Patricia Miller

# Goldie, Mousie, Casey & Poochie-Poo

Annie Miller

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# Gracie

Ted & Virgie Carrol

#### **Harley**

Annelle Holmberg

#### Jazzy Pahala

Joanne Senyek

# Jynx & Axel

Paula Giulitto Larry Sutter

#### **Katie**

Floyd & Donna Moody

#### Milo & Guido

Sandra Krutz

# **Peaches**

Susan Grajek

# **Rocky**

Audrey Kail

#### **Rocky and Vinny**

Jeff & Camille Fauser

# **Shadow**

Jeff & Claudia Bacik

# Slider, Baby Kitty &

<u>Smokester</u>

Lisa & Ryan Geho

# **Snooks**

Marjorie Drotar

# **People Honors**

In Honor of

# **Mary Cochran**

Thomas & Annette Bader

# **Claire Collins**

**Gwen Collins** 

# **Jack Dempsey**

Tug Scramble Johnston

#### **Nancy Mitchell**

Floyd & Donna Moody

# <u>Livie, Emma & Ella</u> Sayre (Happy Birthday!)

Lori Davis Evelyn Glova Ryan & Matty Hejl

#### **Kadence Wiggins**

Gwen Collins

# **Youth Donors**

#### Thank you!

Peyton Chenoweth
Shyanna Dillbeck
Kate Ennemoser
Maraya Hamlin
Chad Levert
Cash Liedel
Brynn Moser
Lauren Moser
Megan Moser
Austin Neal
Zoe Pastva
Hailey Shepherd

# Kent, Male, Fox Terrier, 2 Years Old



# **Cage Sponsors**

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Edward & Victoria Vincent





# 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.

# Leadership Circle

# Thank you! Sustaining Life Members

James & Jean Baker Wendy Bellinger Ted & Bev Bickley Thurl & Karen Carmany Lou and KC Carrigg Cheryl Casper Eileen Hogan Joe & Vicki Ferrara Janet Hallaran Kim Hardesty Barbara Hodous Sandra Jesionek David & Maureen Kemmerle James & Kathryn Lamb Bruce McBrian Nancy Mitchell Wendell Parr

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# Sustaining Leadership Circle

# <u>Members</u>

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Kathy Willis

# 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.