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# SPRING 2016



Caring for animals in Need Since 1955

These animals are all available for adoption...

## It Takes a Village...

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You've probably heard the term "kitten season" and if you haven't, it refers to the time of year when there is an increase in the number of kittens being born. This generally occurs in spring and summer. So, every year Portage APL prepares for the onslaught of kittens that need our care. Last year we took in about 550 cats and kittens.

Portage APL provides a service to the local community that no one else does. We take in stray (not owned) cats and kittens that are sick or injured. We also accept cats from owners who can no longer care for them when space allows. We employ a humane officer who investigates and when necessary removes animals from cruelty or abandonment situations. Sometimes that can mean a large number of cats in need all at once. Since we are the primary resource for cats in Portage County, we can become overwhelmed quickly.

So what is the solution? Well, "**It takes a village**" to change the cat overpopulation problem in Portage County. It means that we need help. It means that while we are taking in hundreds of cats and kittens, there are many more that we may not have room for. It means that everyone can help and do their part for animals who have no one to care about them.



Inevitably, unaltered stray or feral cats will have kittens. And since they are outdoors, they are susceptible to illness, as well as animal attacks, cars, starvation, hypothermia and much more. Additionally, many mothers die leaving behind sickly kittens who cannot fend for themselves. Sadly, the cats did nothing to end up in this predicament, except being born. They are living, breathing beings who can feel pain and hunger.



Imagine if every family spayed and neutered one stray or feral cat in their neighborhood. That could have a real impact on thousands of cats. Or maybe help create and support TNR (trap, neuter, return) program in your community. There are many resources available to help guide people who want to help. Portage APL is a nonprofit organization with a finite number of cages and a limited budget. We stretch our dollars to make each one count. Each person in the community can make a difference.



Although we do not have our own clinic, Portage APL offers low cost spay and neuter options for cats. From mobile clinics to certificates, there are a variety of options available. Prices range from \$45- \$60. We even have grant funding to help folks who are low-income spay or neuter a cat for about \$10 when qualified. Every cat adopted from the APL is also spayed or neutered.

We can all make an impact. Kitten season will be here soon but the need is ongoing.

## Portage Animal Protective League

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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.

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

Don't miss our biggest fundraiser of the year!

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

American Legion Hall, 1945 Mogadore Rd. Kent

**5:30pm-9pm**

**\$75 per person**

(\$40 is tax deductible)

**\*Silent Auction**

**\*Live Auction**

**\*Buffet Dinner**

**\* Raffles**

**\*Music**



**Reservations due by April 15, 2016.**

**Call 330-296-4022 or go online [www.portageapl.org](http://www.portageapl.org)**

## 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 ground
- ♥ Earthborn ® Grain Free Turkey (dog food
- ♥ Milk Bones® Biscuits (Minis)
- ♥ Canned Pedigree® Chunks in gravy
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### 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 Gravy
- ♥ 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

## Still Waiting...to Be Adopted



**Sadie** is a sweetie! **Sadie** came to the APL in January. Her owner had taken her to the vet after she had been hit by a car, and sadly could not afford to pay the bill. We were asked to take her in and gladly accepted. Then she was tested and found to be positive for heartworm. Once her wounds are healed and she is treated for heartworm, she will be placed up for adoption. Treatment can take over a month and requires cage rest. The medicine can be physically difficult even for a healthy dog. **Sadie** is very loving, friendly and seems to be good with kids, cats and other dogs. She is about 5 years old and a Beagle mix. We hope she will find a loving family where she can begin again. She deserves it!



**Homer and Bart** are quite the pair. These sweet guys were abandoned when their owners moved and did not take them. When we went to rescue them, they were left behind like the other "unwanted" items in the house. At 9 and 12 years old this was traumatizing, especially since they had been with the family their entire lives. It didn't take long for them to come around and are now staff favorites. **Bart** (the black one) is quite large at about 20lbs and **Homer** is about 14lbs. We'd love for them to remain together and hope they can find a loving family soon. They are also both declawed, neutered, given flea and worm preventative and up to date on vaccines. Both **Homer and Bart** are friendly, sweet and affectionate. They will be wonderful additions to any family.



**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 15 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 Taste Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Raises \$12,000



What a great event! Thank you to each and every person or business who donated, volunteered, sponsored or attended. Portage APL raised about \$12,000 thanks to all of you. Thank you also to Hallam & Delaney for donated their time to provide wonderful music.

### Thank you to our sponsors:

#### Champagne

Ferrara Electric Corp  
Brimfield Insurance Group  
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie

4300

#### Cabernet

Eileen Hogan  
Nancy Dalton  
Nancy Mitchell

#### Pinot

Tom & Mary Cochran  
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#### Zinfandel

Leah Babb, Realtor, Keller  
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### Thank you to our hard -working committee!

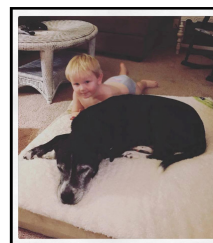
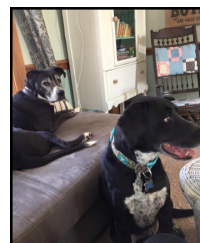
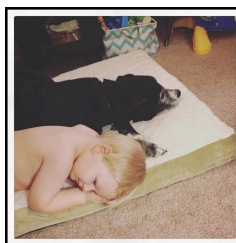
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## I Found a FUR-EVER Home!

Hello Portage APL,  
I am writing to thank you for introducing us to our newest family member. On December 8th I rushed over, after work, to adopt Sushi (formerly known as Heathe) as a holiday gift for my daughter! He has been a wonderful addition to our family! His personality and demeanor are exactly as Tammy described and we couldn't be more thrilled. He is even starting to play with our dog a little! Thank you!



Dear APL,  
Harley is right at home! Thanks again for our sweet boy! He had a warm bath, got a new bed and toys and got to snuggle up with our son Otto all night, insert smile emoticon. It feels like he has been here all along. He fits right in. Our hearts are full!



## 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 Pick-up 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*

## Other Ways to Help



Show your support and help Portage APL by purchasing **APL apparel and merchandise**. From cool t-shirts and sweatshirts to hats, mugs and umbrellas, we have plenty to choose from. All the proceeds benefit the APL and you get quality items as well.

**Matching Gifts** - Ask your employer if they match donations. Many companies will match the amount exactly. So you can double the impact of donating. Did you know McMaster Carr, Davey Tree and others are already doing this?

**Donation boxes** - We have plastic donation boxes around the community but we'd love to place many more. Spare change adds up! Do you own or know of a local business that would put a box on their counter? We'll collect the money; we just need a place.



**Amazon Smile** - Select Portage Animal Protective League as your charitable organization and shop! We will receive a percent of each purchase.

**Shepherd's Watch** - Remember Portage APL in your estate planning. See back cover for more information.

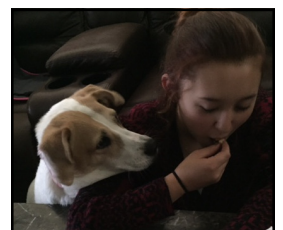
## A Flower in Bloom

Remember Flower? What a journey she has been on over the last year. This wonderful dog was transferred to the APL from the Dog Warden's office last April. She had a fantastic temperament and seemed healthy overall except for being a bit on the thin side. Once she was fully examined, the staff noticed a slight wobble or limp in her hind quarters. She went off to the veterinarian and it was discovered that she needed a major surgery called a FHO. They thought she had previously been hit by a car due to the nerve damage to the side of her body as well.

We began immediately to raise funds for this surgery and she was scheduled within the next week. The surgery went well but it did not take. It had to be done over again. That didn't take either. Unfortunately after thinking long and hard about her options, the decision was made to amputate her leg. More surgeries were not guaranteed to fix the problem and it could continue that way for months and months. There was some concern about her size and we hoped she would fair well with three legs. After the amputation, she went to a foster home so that she could get the rest and care she needed.

Sadly, she struggled with three legs. She wanted to scoot around and wasn't trying to walk like we had hoped. Luckily her foster parent is also a veterinary technician. They began walking her held up by a towel. They tried helping her strengthen the remaining rear leg and they even tried using a cart. Flower didn't like any of those things. Despite all she had been through, she continued to wag her tail, give kisses and seemed to love life! She has even had laser treatments. We wondered if she would ever be able to walk on her own again.

Flower has a sweet name but she is a fighter. As of February, she is standing on her own and getting stronger. The best part... her foster family decided to adopt her! We never gave up on her and she never gave up on herself. As you can see from the photos, she is very happy and deeply loved. Thank you to all who donated to help her and thank you to her foster family for giving her exactly what she needed... LOVE.



*"Animals are such agreeable friends. They ask no questions; they pass no judgment."*

*-George Eliot*

## A Special Thank You!

All Dogs go to Kevin – Kevin Duggan, CPDT-KA  
Melvin Benshoff  
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Your friends at Doner (10<sup>th</sup>  
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**Cindy Warwin**  
Eileen Hogan

**Charles & Charlene Woods**  
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### Pet Memorials In Memory of

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**Annie**  
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**Ariel**  
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**Bailey**  
James Maurer

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Jack Kerrigan & William Milau

**Bugsy & Natalie**  
Sally Roberts

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**Flash Turner**  
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Nancy Schultz

**Manny**  
Charles & Rochelle Kellerman

**Maxx**  
Nancy Lykins

**Misty, Freddy & Tommy**  
Romualda Lane

**Mokey**  
Kristen Pool

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Audrey Sendrey

**Nugget**  
Pamela Gardner

**Oldie & Peanut**  
Annie Miller

**Oreo (For those we could not  
save)**  
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**Zowie**  
Richard Busch

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Joseph Siko

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Virginia Yost

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"fur"ever homes)**  
Kathy Cordaro

**Marley**  
Dan Marek

**Winston**  
Diane Kovacs

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**In Honor of  
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**Wendy Bellinger**  
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**Patricia Bingham**  
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## 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  
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Barbara Hodous  
Sandra Jesionek  
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James & Kathryn Lamb  
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Wendell Parr

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Murali Shanker  
Karen Fox & Rick Stump  
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Kathy Cordaro  
Helen D'Ianni  
Nancy Geiger  
Nick Leacoma  
Alan & Louise Mellott

#### Sustaining Leadership Circle

##### Members

Sara Akins  
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Christine Coiner & Dr. Deborah  
Grant

Mike & Jean Coss  
Laura Davis & Tom Clapper  
Harold DuBois  
David Taylor & Erica Eckert  
Michael & Tracy Farrell  
Mary Howitt  
Sandy Krutz  
Bob & Jennifer Larson  
Alan & Judith Mail  
Nick Leacoma  
Eileen Petridis  
Richard Schaak  
Pam Valentine  
Maureen Wegenek  
Anne Wirth  
Edward & Victoria Vincent

#### New 2015 Leadership Circle Members

Mary Beutel  
Keith and Betty Bowers

Suzanne Broadbent  
Charles & Janice Brust  
Kevin & Jacquelyn Clark  
Karen Doseck  
Gail Emmitt  
Dean and Patricia Keller  
David & Ann Kunsch  
Patrick & Stephanie Madonio  
Jere McGaffey  
Mary Anne Palm  
Marlena Roman  
Jack Schafer  
Dirk & Erika Thullen  
Josephine Wardle  
Laurie & Terry Wayt  
Scott & Margaret Weiner  
Laurel Wilcox  
Beth A Wunderlich  
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.