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Caring for animals in Need Since 1955

These animals are all available for adoption...

Where are They Now??

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It is hard to select stories to share with the community as we have so many to choose from. Each day brings a new story or an update to remind us why we are here. Here are just two of the lives that were changed forever. And thanks to generous support we continue to save lives, mend broken bodies and broken hearts.

Many of you remember the story of **Lexi**. She was almost starved to death by her owner in the midst of a freezing winter. She was rescued in the nick of time and probably had less than 24 hours left in her lifeless body. She has gained 50 pounds, and is now in an amazing home living "the good life." Not only that, but her previous owner pled guilty to animal cruelty charges filed by the APL! Look at her stunning transformation.



Portage APL is mostly known for dogs and cats, but they're not the only animals we help. Our humane officer Rachael rescued two pot-bellied pigs this year on separate occasions. One pig was badly mauled by two dogs in his home and his wounds were left untreated. His ears were gone and he was left deformed and deaf. His will to survive was strong and so we named him Atlas. After weeks and weeks of wound care, veterinary and medical treatments, he was ready for a home. Atlas was a fun, kind and loving pig and luckily found a wonderful family that seemed to be meant for him. He will now live out his life with a wonderful couple, their dog, pig and lots of land, companionship and love.

2016 Shelter Statistics

- Cruelty Calls - 327
- Emergency Calls - 41
- Animal Intake - 388
- Kittens in foster care - 43
- Public Spay/Neuters - 129
- Awaiting Forever Homes

80+



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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

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
- ♥ 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 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 still waiting! Sadie has been waiting more than six months. We featured her in the last newsletter but she has not been adopted. She was treated for heartworm as well as injuries from being hit by a car. She is fully recovered and a staff favorite. She would do well in most families and seems to have potential with cats and dogs. **Sadie** is more than ready to find a fur-ever home. She is very loving, friendly and seems to be good with kids. She is about 5 years old and probably a Beagle mix. Six months is a long time to wait for a home.



BooBoo came to the APL in December of 2015. He was surrendered by his owner who was moving and could not keep him. He is about 3 and 1/2 years old and is a sweet boy. He can be shy at first and will need a family to be patient and give him time to adjust. **BooBoo** is worth the wait. He was very scared and hid a lot when he first arrived. Thankfully, a volunteer noticed and spent nearly every day building trust with him. This love and patience brought out the cat we knew was there hiding under the fear. He is friendly, kind and very affectionate. He has potential with other cats and would do best in a fairly quiet home. He is just waiting for the right family to prove to him he won't be left behind again!

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.

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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)

Join us for Paws for Golf on August 13, 2016!!

Don't miss the **9th Annual "Paws for Golf"** charity golf outing to benefit Portage Animal Protective League. Located at Raccoon Hill Golf Club at 485 Judson Rd Kent, OH 44240. Call to register: Portage APL: 330-296-4022 ext.100 or Register online @ www.portageapl.org Payment required with your reservation
Sponsorships available!



1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start. \$100.00 per golfer Includes:

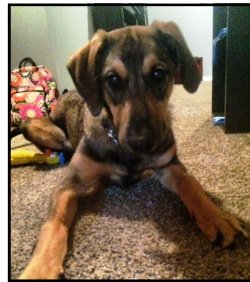
- 18 holes w/cart Lunch and BBQ dinner
- Contests Cash Prizes Door Prizes

Thank you to our event sponsor: Portage Community Bank



I Found a FUR-EVER Home!

Mauser is doing amazing. He is the sweetest, smartest dog, and I have had no problems with him at all. He makes friends with my family and friends' dogs so quickly, as you can see from the pictures. Thank you for allowing us to give him a home.
 Thank you,
 Ashley and Joyce



This is a long overdue update on Kylo, who we adopted on Good Friday. We are so blessed that we gave him a chance! There were about 4-5 days in the beginning that we had a rough time with the 2 cats (Emmett, formerly Garrett.) Now Emmett is convincing Kylo to do naughty things like jump on the top of the bookshelf and knock down the cat food.



Anyone that would have given him a chance (he bites remember?) would have seen he is just very silly and playful. He definitely has a few funny quirks like OBSESSIVELY drinking from the faucet and playing with hair ties & then leaving them in the water dish. When he's tired his eyes are very slightly crossed, which is always comical. He is a funny and exciting guy, but also loving. He will lay on your chest or beside you like a baby to sleep!



I'm sure I've forgot some things (by the way, he is gorgeous) but it's been so long. I knew you were all wondering about him. Thanks again,
 The Adelman Family

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

Portage APL Car Show September 3, 2016

Don't miss out on hot rods and cool cars. From old classics to new and innovative, if you like cars and animals, join us! Each year Joe & Pam Mazzola put on a car show to benefit Portage APL. We have fun, check out cool cars, eat good food and raise money for homeless and abused animals at Portage APL. It's only a \$10 donation to enter your car in the show. There is also a "chance" auction, 50/50 raffle and more.



There's a food and supply collection so bring a bag of dog food or cat litter to "fill a truck." We will have a few APL animals there to meet people and merchandise to sell. The show registration starts at 10am. The show opens at 12pm and awards will be given at 4pm.



This year the show will be held at 176 Antique Mall. There will be plenty of room and it's right off the highway at 176 and Rt 44 in Rootstown!

We hope to see you there.

Paws to Celebrate - Thank You!

Paws to Celebrate, Spring Fling "It's Raining Cats and Dogs!" was a great success! The food, raffles, and over 100 auction items were a big hit and folks seemed to have a wonderful night. TK O'Grady from 97.5 WONE once again volunteered his time to be the gracious Emcee and he "rocked" as always. Over 135 people were in attendance and about \$24,000 was raised.

Lexi (see cover story) was the special guest and wow did she look amazing! The day she was rescued, her future looked bleak and now she is thriving in her new life. She went from 52 pounds to 97 pounds in just two months. Her transformation was possible because of donors, sponsors and volunteers! In the *Change for PAWS* collection, cats won with \$1181.63 vs. dogs at \$248.83! That's a lot of spare change and dollars. Next year, we'll see who wins. Paws to Celebrate is scheduled for April 29, 2017 at the Kent American Legion. Portage APL would like to thank the auction donors, sponsors, committees, attendees, volunteers and anyone who helped make the event a success.

Thank you to the event committee!

- Mary Cochran
- Judy Filippone
- Eileen Hogan
- Lynn Hubach
- Sheri Kinter
- Stephanie Beal Madonio
- Cappi Meyer
- Nancy Mitchell
- Michelle Slagle
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- Lisa Wright

Eileen Hogan
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Silver Paw

- Thurl & Karen Carmany
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Bronze Paw

- Leah Babb
- Brimfield Insurance Group
- Bill & Tracy Cotopolis
- Escott & Company, CPA's
- Karen's Hair Designs
- Patrick & Stephanie Madonio
- Diane Neal & Don Deitemyer
- Chris & Jenn Wells



Our sponsors deserve many thanks as well.

Platinum Paw

- Mike & Jean Coss
- Streetsboro Eagles 4300

Gold Paw

- Tom & Mary Cochran



"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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Dale & Sandra Karm

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Sadie Mae, a good cat

Katie

Nancy Mitchell

Mack & Mandy

David & Maureen Kemmerle

Owen , the Pug, a great dog!

Pricilla Perrotti

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Dr. Jay Richardson

William & Nancy Drugan

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Pet Honors

In Honor of

(All those who found "fur"ever homes)

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Darby Raub

Dan & Linda Raub

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The Fox Family

Lucky

Hollis Brown

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Jordon Whited

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
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Sustaining Leadership Circle

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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.