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Did you know that...

Portage APL helps almost 1000 animals each year?

We help supply pet food to those in need?

We offer low cost spay and neuter options for cats and dogs?

All animals adopted are altered, vaccinated, given flea and worm preventative and most are microchipped?



Caring for Animals in Need Since 1955

These animals are all available for adoption...

Three Horses are Alive Because of You!



On a very cold day in December, three horses were given a second chance. You see, they were clinging to life outside in the cold without shelter. They were each between 200 and 400 pounds underweight and visibly shivering. Once removed from their nightmare, they were taken to an APL foster home where they immediately began receiving much needed care.

One, named Rainbow, was just a baby. She was about seven months-old and had just weaned from her mother. Her mother, who we named Mae West, is a BLM (Bureau of Land Management) Mustang. She was rounded up as a wild horse to be sold in 2009. She has had more than one home and many babies, yet no one really ever took the time to love her and teach her to be social. The third, a Paint we have named Willow, was the thinnest of all three. She was between 300-400 pounds underweight and also had severe rain rot on a large portion of her upper body. Later we came to realize that she was also deaf.

They seemed immediately thankful for a warm barn, feed, water and hay and a soft place to lie if they chose. We began gathering donations as quickly as we could so they could have blankets, halters, buckets and many other supplies to care for them. Horses take quite a long time to rehabilitate as it takes months to gain back hundreds of pounds.



All three horses have their own set of health issues and concerns. Rainbow may have permanent joint and bone damage from lack of appropriate nutrients. Willow needs medicine and baths to help heal her skin and also suffered a set back when she became impacted and colicky. Luckily the veterinarian came quickly and she recovered. Mae West is in a foster home where she can receive proper socialization and give her time to deal with her fear of people.



They have all gained weight and are improving. We are hopeful in the coming months that all three of these beautiful animals can be placed up for adoption and find permanent, fur-ever homes where they will never feel hunger or cold again. As you can see from the photos they are making great progress.

Many people and businesses donated items or money to help us and we can't thank you enough. We will continue to need help with their care and are grateful we can rely on our community to make a difference each and every day.

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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.

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 10.

Become A Cage Sponsor!

We have 39 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 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



Ariel is such a good girl. She has been waiting quite some time for a home. She came to us from an owner who didn't treat her kindly. Despite that, she is a very loving and playful dog. She is energetic and loves attention. She is about two years old and medium sized. She is spayed, up to date on vaccines, microchipped and is heartworm negative. She would love to be the only pet in the house. Are you looking for a best friend and someone to go for walks with? Come in and meet Ariel and maybe you'll go home with a new family member.



Marlee has been waiting for a home for over a year! Her owner fell on hard times and had to give her up. She is a nice cat and has a beautiful white coat. She loves attention and has potential to get along with other cats. She is talkative sometimes and enjoys being pet and playing. She is about three and a half years old and is up to date on vaccines, spayed, microchipped, and has been given flea and worm preventative. She would really love a home after all this time. Won't you give her a chance in a happy, loving home?

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
- Stow Falls Pet Clinic
- Twin Lakes Veterinary

Thanks for your support!

I Found a FUR-EVER Home!

The most rewarding part of doing this work, is seeing the animals in happy, loving homes. Whether they come to us from neglectful or abusive situations or just find themselves without a home, adoption is our mission. Here's another wonderful update we received about Cheetah. She was a lovely dog who took some time to find a home. When she did find the right match, it was clear why she had waited so long. We're sure you'll agree.

"Here are a couple pictures of Cheetah. We renamed her Luna, after Luna Lovegood from the Harry Potter series. She has settled in nicely and loves her doggie brother, Gus the Boxer. They love running around in the back yard, and playing keep away with their toys. We might need to buy another bed, as they both sleep with us every night. Hopefully one of them will soon decide to sleep with one of the kids!



Thanks for the great work you do!

The Raub Family"

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.

I Found a FUR-EVER Home!



Hopefully you remember Bart & Mitzy (they were in our Fall Tattle Tails). They were a bonded pair and waited a very long time to be adopted. Thankfully their wait ended on Christmas Eve when Pam came in and gave them the best possible gift... a home. We recently received an update from Pam.

"Bart & Mitzy are doing GREAT! All 8 of my fur-babies get along for the most part. Every once in awhile there's a little "to do" but nothing serious at all. Bart & Mitzy are so sweet & smart. We are working on the jumping on me & it's coming along pretty darn good. It only took them both two "feedings" to know where they had to go & to sit before the bowl was put down. They eat behind baby gates so they can see everything-it's not like they are isolated behind a closed door. All 8 of them have a specific place where they eat. B & M sleep together in the same crate & do not make a sound just like the other 6 until I say "Good Morning Doggies-Isn't It Great To Wake Up"? Life is good at Pammy's crazy house where 8 dogs allow her to reside!!

Thank you all for everything you do!"

This warmed our hearts and served as yet another reminder that there's a perfect match for each animal.

Please think of adopting a pair or senior animals. They'll love you for it.



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

Paws with Santa Claws, Great Success!

We couldn't be more pleased at the turnout for our first annual Paws with Santa Claws event. We had a full parking lot and a line of folks waiting with their pets to have their photos taken. There were yummy holiday cookies and hot cocoa, personalized ornaments and merchandise for sale and happy people and animals sitting with Santa.

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who helped so much, people who donated items and everyone who came out to make the event a success.

We will certainly plan to hold the event next holiday season and we'll let you know when!



Mr. and Mrs. Claws with Gus



Staff: Lisa, Jessica, Peggy, Tammy, Dannie, Lindsey with Mr. and Mrs. Claws



Volunteers: Erika, Stephanie, Peggy, Lindsey & Mr. and Mrs. Claws

Paws to Taste

Paws to Taste was as wonderful as ever! The new menu was delicious and the setting was quaint and intimate. This annual wine tasting and silent auction has been a staple of Portage APL's event schedule and for good reason... The wine and APL animals leave you with a warm heart. To all who attended, donated and gave your time, thank you! You helped make the event a success! Thank you to our wonderful committee and sponsors for your ongoing support!



2016 Sponsors

Champagne

Streetsboro Eagles Aerie 4300

Cabernet

Thurl & Karen Carmany

Nancy Mitchell

Trexler Rubber

Pinot

Tom & Mary Cochran

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Marchand, O.D.

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2016 Committee

Mary Cochran, Lynn Hubach, Judy Filippone, Nancy Mitchell,Carolynne Sendry, Michelle Slagle, Tonya Trexler, Lisa Wright

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

Paws to Celebrate, Spring Fling “It’s Raining Cats and Dogs!” April 29, 2017



Don't miss our annual Spring Fling fundraiser! **Paws to Celebrate, It's Raining Cats and Dogs** is our largest fundraiser of the year and a terrific event. Mark your calendar for April 29, 2017. We'll be holding the event at the Kent American Legion and plan to have another amazing array of auction items and great food. And don't forget to collect our spare change and dollars for Change for Paws. Each year, we collect spare change in Dog and Cat bins and then see who raised the most "change." Last year CATS won and the previous two years DOGS were the big winners. It's anyone's game and in the end, everyone wins, especially the animals.

We have sponsorships available and need donated auction items. From jewelry, sports items and vacation homes to gift baskets and art, we need it all! Register online at portageapl.org or call us and reserve your seats over the phone. Reservations at \$75 per person.

Spay and Neuter Services for Cats

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 a mobile clinic that comes to our location to offer these services. We use **N.O.M.A.D.** who offers a variety of services. Every animal adopted from the APL is spayed or neutered. Please call us to schedule an appointment. We offer one or two clinics each moth. We also sell Friends of Animals certificates (for cats and dogs) that can be used at many local veterinarians. We also have humane traps that people can borrow to trap stray or feral cats to bring in to be spayed or neutered.

Pricing: Female cats = \$65.00 (includes pain relief injection) Male cats= \$35.00

Additional services:

Rabies vaccine: \$10.00

FVRCP Vaccine: \$10.00

Ear tip (feral cats): \$10.00

Nail trim: \$5.00

Revolution: \$20.00 (flea, worm, ear mite, heartworm preventative)

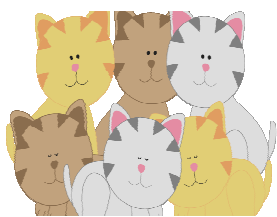
Here are the **dates** of our upcoming mobile clinics:

MAR 3	June 23	Oct 6
MAR 31	July 13	Oct 18
APR 28	Aug 4	Nov 3
MAY 5	Sep 1	Dec 1
MAY 31	Sep 29	Dec 22
JUN 2		



equals 420,000 cats

Kitten Season



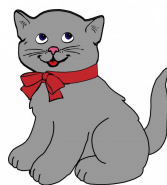
KITTEN SHOWER

Give the gift of life by helping us care for abandoned, sick, injured and homeless kittens this spring.

All of APRIL



- ♥ Bottles
- ♥ Heating disks
- ♥ Baby slings
- ♥ Toys
- ♥ Paper Towels
- ♥ Dawn Dish Soap
- ♥ Q-Tips
- ♥ Small Cat Beds
- ♥ Food: Science Diet Kitten (small pieces), Purina One Kitten, Purina Kitten Chow, Fancy Feast Canned Food - Turkey Only
- ♥ 4x4 Gauze Pads
- ♥ Litter- Fresh News or Yesterday's News
- ♥ Soft Baby



*Each spring **Portage APL** rescues countless kittens. These homeless babies need supplies so they can grow big and strong. Help us help them by bringing them a much - needed gift.*

A Special Thank You!

Dannie & Josh Clark
Gail Emmitt
Marilyn Nash-Hemrick
Lori Nething
Sarah Novotny
JoAnn Phile
The Pyles Family
Ravenna Moose
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APL

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Big Dee's Tack & Vet
Supply
Franklin Square Deli
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Memorial Animal
Hospital
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All Dogs go to Kevin –
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KA
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Hospital- Paws to Santa
Claus Event
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Walmart of Streetsboro

SCHOOLS DONATING TIME AND FUNDS:

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Class
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Family, Friends, Pet Tributes & Honors

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Teacher's
Association

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Susan Fisk

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Beth Blankshine

Donald Hutchings

Donna Runevitch

Rachel Jernigan

Laura Davis & Tom
Clapper

Judith Mail

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Butter

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Ariel

Maureen Thomas-Ryan

Bob Cat

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CC, Niner, Nikki &

Luckyboy

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People Honors

In honor of

Family, Friends, Pet Tributes & Honors

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Catherine Schellhammer

Charlie & Pete

Christine Douthitt

Dani

Bob Mains

Demi

Keri & Marcus Julius

Eli

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Randall Law

Kosmo

Janice Brust

Maddie & Sara

Catherine Schellhammer

Maggie "The Best Dog Ever"

Reanna Snively

Marbles

Lynn Remly

Odin

Paula Nehlen

Oreo

Academic Services at NEOMED

Pixie

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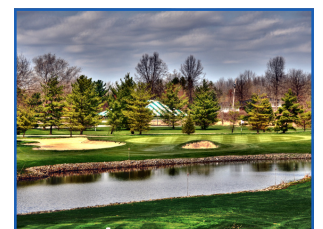
Mark Your Calendar!



Paws to Celebrate - Spring Fling, It's Raining Cats and Dogs!" April 29, 2017 Kent American Legion. Don't miss a huge silent auction, a live auction, raffles, dinner and fun. Also, bring your spare change.

Paws for Golf - August 12, 2017 Raccoon Hill Golf Club

Enjoy a foursome scramble to benefit Portage APL including 18 holes, cart, lunch and dinner as well as numerous prizes and contests!



I Found a FUR-EVER Home!



Little Norman came to us as a small kitten after being found by a Good Samaritan. He was just two pounds and all alone. His lucky day came in December when a wonderful family came in looking for a pet to love. They chose Norman and he loves them as much as they love him.

Here's the update we received: "Hi, We adopted Norman a month ago and he's been doing great! He has grown a lot. We kept the name Norman, and we love him very much. We can't ask for a better cat. He loves to be held and pet. He is such an affectionate kitty.

Thank you for all the incredible work you are doing for the animals."



Partnerships Save Lives! Meet Otis.



OTIS before

Portage APL is a Emergency Pet Placement Partner to the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). This means that when there is an emergency and we can help, we do. This is the case with Otis. He came to us in August of 2016 after the HSUS removed 70 + dogs from a cruelty case in Galia County, Ohio. Since there is no local humane society in that county, they stepped in to help. There were dogs living in terrible conditions throughout the property and in trailers and outbuildings. They reached out to partners in Ohio to help find placement for these dogs.

All the dogs were placed except Otis. He was the last dog and was difficult to place. He was extremely under socialized and fearful of people. He lived in a trailer with two other dogs and no people, possibly his

whole life. They think he was about 6 years old. His fur was mostly missing and his skin was in need of medical treatment. His ears were infected, his nails were long and he was underweight. He was rather vocal and intimidating to look at, but really, he was just afraid. He needed a fairly quiet environment where he could take time to learn to trust and heal.

We said "yes" to Otis. We knew it could be a long process but couldn't think of leaving him there. He was transported by a wonderful HSUS volunteer to the APL. Otis had never been in a crate or a car, so he barked the entire way and turned the crate over repeatedly. He was so scared.

Since his arrival, his coat has grown back in and is shiny; he has gained weight and most of all he has started to trust. He has bonded with numerous staff who have worked very hard to spend time with him and give him the patience he needs. He is still fearful of strangers but has learned that petting feels good, and wags his tail with excitement when his favorite people are near. He has dog friends which have helped him to feel safe. Otis still has a ways to go but we are happy to have been able to give him a second chance. He deserves it. We hope the next update about Otis will feature his adoption into a loving home.



OTIS' smile



OTIS with his favorite people: Bev (APL Shelter Manager) and Jessica and Jess (APL staff)



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!

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