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We are all available for adoption...

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To help APL animals this Holiday Season and all year... donations can be made by mail (see envelope), at our shelter, on the web http://portageapl.org/Donat <u>e Online</u> or by phone at 330.296.4022

2012 Shelter Statistics YTD

- Cruelty Calls 1150
- Adoptions 550
- Rescues 743
- Public Spay/Neuters 268
- Awaiting Forever Homes -

100 + Dogs & Cats



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On a cold, rainy fall day, Portage APL humane officer responded to a report of cruelty. The caller reported that a dog was injured and hadn't received medical treatment in months. The caller thought the dog was hit by a car about 6 months ago but still seemed very injured.

When Steve arrived he was greeted by this one year old shepherd mix tied to the back porch. He limped out from under the deck with his right, front, leg dangling. A large wound was visible and his ankle was a bit crooked and swollen. He was very scared but very sweet.

Steve did determine that the owners had taken him to the vet some months ago but could not afford to treat him any further because of their financial situation. Sherlock was taken immediately to a veterinarian where it was confirmed that his leg was broken and had also sustained nerve damage over time, probably due to lack of treatment. In any case, he had an infected wound and would need to have his leg amputated. It was of no use to him and it could not be fixed. Thankfully, he had his surgery a few days later and was on the road to recovery quickly.

He became a staff favorite very fast because he was so happy and playful despite what he had been through. It only took a few days before someone fell deeply in love with him. During the Fur-ever Friends Fall Adoption Event, a wonderful couple and their dog Luke stopped by specifically to meet Sherlock. The connection was obvious. The two dogs acted like brothers playing, and the humans were in love with him too. Their adoption was delayed slightly because Sherlock needed to recover a bit longer from his surgery. But in less than a week, Mike and Becky came back to adopt him and make him a permanent part of their family.

They renamed Sherlock, Shadrach. "Life tossed him into a fiery furnace. He may have lost a leg, but his spirit has not been singed! He is a wonderful dog, well behaved and loyal, a great addition to our home and we have absolutely fallen in love with him!" said Becky, his new mom.

Here he is with Luke, his new canine companion. It's like they've always been together.

Shadrach is home for the holidays!



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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.

"Winter is Almost Here... Are Your Animals Ready?



Steve Chapman, Humane Officer

Fall has arrived, and with winter on the way, we start to pull out the winter jackets, gloves, and hats and our thoughts begin to focus on the cold days ahead. Our pets do the same. Their coats thicken, they cuddle more, and boy do they eat!

They do these things to protect themselves from the elements and insulate themselves from the cold weather ahead.

I have gone to many a call for a dog left outside, tied to pole in a snowstorm. Many an safer for your pet, the food supply in the owner tells me, "My dog loves the cold". Dogs do their best to prepare for it, but they are not built to withstand freezing temperatures 24 hours a day in all weather. Hypothermia affects all living animals. If you are cold, you can be sure your dog is feeling it, too. Puppies are especially susceptible and need special care to keep warm during the winter months. Our animals cannot speak cold water can lower their body temperature to us in a language we understand. When they hurt, we don't always know it. When they need a blanket to keep warm, they can't tell us. We need to look for clues in their nonverbal communication to decipher their language, but we also need to use common sense.

Here are some things to keep in mind:

1) Make sure Fido's water doesn't freeze! If you do keep your animal outside for a period of time, check his or her water

frequently and make sure it is not frozen and drinkable.

2) Animals need shelter, no matter the breed. Not only should this be obvious, but it is the law. Use blankets or straw. Avoid electric heaters and electric blankets. They can catch fire and burn down a doghouse/cat shelter very quickly.

3) If it's too cold for you, chances are pretty good it's too cold for your pet. They may have a "coat", but all animals are susceptible to the elements. Keep your pets indoors or make sure they have a suitable winterized shelter.

4) Keep cats indoors. Despite the fact it is animal world is in shorter supply during these next few months. Your pet is more at risk to become prey for a coyote or fox when there is less for them to eat.

5) Be aware of thin ice. Ponds and lakes often have thin ice. Dogs and cats may not see the edge of the water and fall in. The guickly and may prove fatal. Keep your pet on a leash when outside, and keep a close eye on their whereabouts.

With a little forethought, we can all keep our pets happy, healthy, and safe this winter season. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (330) 296-4022 X 102 and I will be happy to speak to you.

Enjoy the holidays!



APL Apparel - Something For Everyone!

A shipment of APL apparel arrived a few weeks ago. Winter items like fleece vests, hooded sweatshirts, long sleeve T-shirts and hats in a variety of colors were ordered. Each item sold benefits Portage APL, but also helps show your support when you proudly wear your APL gear.

Hoodies = \$30 Fleece Vest = \$30 Long Sleeve T = \$15 Hats = \$15 Stop in and purchase up

Stop in and purchase your warm and fuzzy APL gear. Online ordering is not yet available so please call the APL with questions.

LONG SLEEVE T

Join us for Paws to Taste, December 1, 2012!



On December 1, 2012 Portage APL will hold its second annual **Paws to Taste** event at The Fairways at Twin Lakes in Kent. Enjoy a fun night out and raise money for the homeless, abandoned, injured and abused animals living in our shelter this holiday season.

The event is complete with a silent auction, heavy hors d' oeuvres and fun! It's the perfect time of year to enjoy wine & beer by a warm fire. You can bid on items for yourself or for holiday gifts,

as well as taste five beers from Great Lakes Brewery and a selection of wines from around the country.

Location: The Fairways at Twin Lakes, 1590 Overlook Road, Kent, Ohio 44240

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm

Price = \$40 per person and includes food and 3 tasting tickets (additional tastes are easily purchased at the event).

You can also show your support as a Sponsor. Here are the opportunities:

• **\$ 750 - Champagne Level** Sponsor Program recognition & table sign, 6 event admissions at a reserved table plus one complimentary bottle of Champagne

• **\$ 500 - Cabernet Level** Sponsor Program recognition & table sign, 4 event admissions at a reserved table plus one complimentary bottle of Cabernet

• **\$ 250 - Pinot Level** Sponsor Program recognition & table sign, 2 event admissions plus one complimentary bottle of Pinot Noir

• **\$ 100 - Zinfandel Level** Sponsor Program recognition, one event ticket plus one complimentary bottle of Zinfandel

Please call Portage APL to reserve your spot. This holiday season, you can change the life of a homeless animal... by going out for drinks with friends! We make it easy for you. Happy Holidays!

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Goodsearch.com is a

search engine, powered

by Yahoo?

And will give the APL 1

cent each time you search? You can also **shop** online and we'll

get up to 3% from your

purchase! Just

designate the Portage

Animal Protective

League as your charity

and start searching!

Still Waiting for Homes...

This gorgeous lady is **Ivory**! Sadly, she has been living at the APL for almost 1 year now. She was originally brought in two years ago, adopted a few weeks later, then returned a year later. She is about 3 and very sweet. Her blues eyes are crystal clear. She enjoys a good petting and does okay with other cats. Although she is white with blues eyes, she is not deaf. She's a little plump, but wouldn't you be after a year in a cage. Hasn't she waited long enough?





Meet **Moon Walker**...a 2 year old Lab/Mix who was adopted at age one. He was returned to the Shelter a year later because the woman was not well enough to care for him. Sadly, he was tested and found to be heartworm positive. Moon started his treatment which lasts for 6 weeks. Though he is not officially ready for adoption, he can be fostered by a potential adopter until he finishes his treatment. He is a wonderful boy; great with kids, cats, other dogs and of course adults. He is a shelter favorite and we know you'll love him too!

Our Wish List

To Keep Healthy and Clean

- Purina ONE or Pedigree dog/puppy food; Purina ONE Sensitive or Purina ONE Indoor cat/kitten food; Purina Cat Chow, Milk Bone Biscuits (Minis), Canned Friskies Pate Turkey & Giblet or Mixed Grill
- 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 (20 oz) without lids

 Newspaper and all paper products like magazines, cardboard, etc/ (we recycle for \$\$)

To Keep Comfy and Cozy

- Dog/cat toys (US manufactured, please), dog beds, towels and blankets
- Rubber-backed rugs (bathroom type)
- Small, medium, large, and extra- large dog crates
- Pipe cleaners, large pompoms (2 inch)

To Keep the Office Running

- Forever postage stamps
- Folders (2 pocket blue)

Fur-Ever Friends Fall Adoption Event, A Huge Success!



Diana, snuggles with Duke while he waits for a home!

On Sunday, October 7th Portage APL and Stow Kent Animal Hospital partnered in an adoption event in hopes to find loving homes for APL animals and raise awareness. Despite the cool temperatures and rain, 6 animals found homes in just a few hours. A total of 9 adoptions resulted from the event.

There were many, wonderful raffle baskets, prizes, yummy snacks and games too. The staff and volunteers were all smiles and enjoyed the event almost as much as the animals that were adopted.

Partnerships are the reason we can save so many homeless animals. We rely on businesses and individuals to help us through donations, volunteering, making new friends, attending or holding a fundraiser, and more! Thank you to all who helped!



Snoopy with his new parents!

"This past April, I visited the APL to see about getting adopted by a cat (since it's common knowledge that we humans are the ones who get 'rescued'). It was important to me to get a cat that otherwise might not have gotten adopted, be it for not getting along with children, being older, or whatever. As long as the cat could tolerate my dog (Bella), I was pretty sure that I could handle most anything. I was introduced to **Jade** who had been at the shelter for close to two years.

Due to this, I was prepared to do a slow transition into the full access of my home, but within hours, **Jade** was determined to see her new world and settle in. I'm happy to report that she is doing very well! Where once she used to run anytime I came into the room, she now plops herself right in front of my path and wants to be pet. I used to find it comical the way she would assert herself as the Alpha dog and block Bella from even coming into a room if **Jade** was there first. Now, she seeks out our company and will share the bed/couch/cuddle spot of the hour (even though,

truth be told, she would prefer to not have THE DOG around!). She also loves to hang out in the windows, taking in the breeze and watching over the birds and squirrels, and she will never turn down a serving of catnip on her scratch board. She also does this adorable stretch/ reach out cutie-pie move with her front right paw anytime she does want to come get attention, but it's also as if she knows when I am trying to get video because I have yet to capture it.

I am so honored to be part of her family now; therefore, I would love to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped **Jade** (and all of the other critters) at the shelter until my path could cross and join Jade's." - **Amy**





Acme Cash Back Program: Keep your ACME receipts and send them to Portage APL. We will earn 5% rebate on Corporate Brands: Acme Fresh Market, Top Care, Paws, World Classics, Domestix, Electrix, Full Circle, Valu Time, Academix, Food Club between September 22, 2012 and February 9, 2013

Acme Coins for Pets: Your spare change helps animals. Last year the money collected from the Coins for Pets program brought in over \$1400 for Portage APL. So, when you're at ACME Fresh Market, make sure you throw your spare change (or dollars) into the Wishing Well. Make a wish come true for a homeless animal!

A Note From Our Executive Director

Seasons Greetings!

I want to express heartfelt thanks to each of you who have helped Portage APL fulfill its mission! The year is coming to an end, so I ask that you think of the animals this holiday season. We are on track to beat 2011's numbers. So far, we have taken in more animals and placed more cats than last year and its only November! Portage APL is doing all it can to take in, rehabilitate and find homes for hundreds of animals that need our help, but there are always more waiting. More who are deserted, frightened, or injured... more who are overworked, underfed and

cruelly treated... more who's families can no longer care for them, and more who need your help! Our work is never done, even on a holiday or a weekend.

Our staff, volunteers, supporters, donors and friends make daily miracles possible. We are honored to love and care for animals when no one else will and YOU are the reason its possible. I am amazed at all we have and will accomplished as a community. Please know that however you are able to support the APL this holiday, it WILL matter to an animal, no matter what it is.

For the animals, CHALAN



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A Holiday Message from APL Animals

'TWAS the Night Before ...

All of us here, had a rough start in life. Some sick, some neglected or just cast aside. Thank goodness someone cared, enough to put up a fight. Now we're safe at the APL shelter and we'll be alright.

And while we wait patiently for our second chance, We try to forget our heartbreaking circumstance. Somewhere there's a family who will care for us too. But this holiday season, we're counting on you!

We snooze in our kennels, as we dream of a home. Filled with sofas and toys and windows and bones. Please, put food in our bellies and bandage our wounds.

So we're ready to come home with you very soon. With so many to choose from, you'll meet your match. But if you can't take us home, <u>we could sure use a</u> <u>hand!</u>

-Anonymous

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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.

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Volunteers Needed



Dog Walkers, Cat "Cuddlers", clerical and fundraising volunteers are needed at the shelter.

Call 330.296.4022 , Extension 0 to volunteer.