



Dear CDC Friends,

Welcome to our annual newsletter. We've had a great year of saving many dogs and cats !

Although our goal is to no longer have the need to exist, we are fortunate to be surrounded by the best people and companies who volunteer and donate to our grassroots mission of saving the homeless dogs of Ohio. Thank You for being part of our success in saving them.



The 40th Anniversary of Woodstock !

August 15th
12-6pm at

Camp Mary Orton
7925 N High St
in Worthington
1 mile North of 270

- Music
- Hiking
- Beer & Food
- Fun Vendors
- Kids stuff
- Microchipping
- Rescues & Shelters with adoptable dogs

So if you missed it the first time in 1969, join us at our 3rd Annual WooFstock and listen to psychedelic sounds while the bands play a tribute to the original groovy event.

We will have great music from *Swagg* and *Jocelyn Scofield* will be joining us again playing her own music as well as featuring a tribute to Janis Joplin. And WooFstock would not be complete without a tribute to Santana performed by *The Smooth Sounds of Santana*.

Food vendors, beer, unique shopping, hiking, kids stuff and the pool will be open while listening to the music. Bring a blanket and your furry friend while you hangout to great music! Tickets online or at the door, \$15, kids 12 and under are free.

Join us for a relaxing day with your family while helping raise money for homeless dogs and cats of Columbus Dog Connection. If your pet knows a special or "stupid" trick email us as we will be featuring them between the bands. Spayed/neutered, leashed & socialized dogs welcome.

Columbus Dog Connection Wins State Volunteer Award

On Make a Difference Day, over 100 volunteers built elevated dog beds for rural Ohio dog shelters. A total of 333 beds were made and given to rural shelters in Ohio, Kentucky, Indian and West Virginia. Thanks to everyone who cut pvc, built beds, donated supplies and baked treats. We've donated over 600 beds over the years. And, in 2008, Serve Ohio choose our project as one of their top projects for the state. Thanks to our sponsors: Capital City Awning, Home Depot, Commercial Office Specialists, BarkPark, R&L Carriers, Lowe's, Interior Supply and Available Plastics. And we couldn't have done it without our project coordinators: Patty Benkowski and Lisa McCarthy !



From The Serve Ohio Committee: On behalf of Honorary Co-chairs Frances Strickland and Jim Tressel, congratulations on being selected for a 2008 Make A Difference Day Ohio Outstanding Project award. Your project was one of ten selected from over 1,000 reported across the state of Ohio. You and your volunteers have a right to be proud !



"The dogs have really enjoyed the beds. I've attached a picture of Daisy. Before getting the beds, the dogs slept on concrete floor or a plastic crate. I don't have much of a facility but am trying my best to make the dogs life a little better while at the pound. The new beds are a great addition. If not for Columbus Dog Connection donating the beds, I wouldn't been able to afford them since the dog pound is usually the last place that any money is spent." Mike Schroth, Putnam Co Ohio Dog Warden





Happy Birthday to Who?

Need a gift idea for someone that has everything? Send our homeless dogs & cats a donation & we'll send the birthday honoree a Birthday card from you.

2nd Annual Macey Mae Golf Outing

4 Person Scramble at Golf Willow Run.com
Saturday, August 30, 1pm Tee Time

\$50—includes 18 holes, cart & dinner
Raffle, Longest Drive, Putt, Closest to the Pin
Contact Stacy@g-corautomotive.com 452-3046

Single ? We'll hook you up with a group of dog lovers !



In Loving Memory of Macey & Baron



Puppy Mill Bill Update

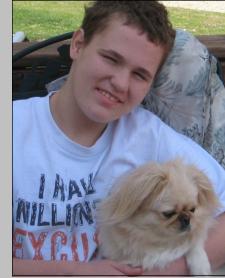
Senators Jim Hughes, Gary Cates, Representatives Hagan & Weddington continue to work on Ohio's Kennel Legislation. Please join our ARDENT support and be a voice for the dogs that continue to linger in deplorable kennels in Ohio. Updates, your legislators contact info found at: www.ColumbusDogConnection.com

Franklin County Children Services

For children who cannot return to their birth families, adoption means a new beginning. There are more than 100 children waiting to be adopted by a family.

Although he is 14 years old, Johnathon really wants to be adopted and believes there is just the right family out there for him. Loving, artistic and dog-crazy are three terms that describe Johnathon. He's a great help around the house, runs errands with his foster mother, pampers the family dog, and enjoys visiting with other adults and kids. Other interests include art, football, music, video games & watching movies.

An avid sports fan, the Michigan Wolverines and Dallas Cowboys are his favorite football teams. Johnathon has not identified a favorite subject in eighth grade, he thinks he might become a Navy Seal. At home or school, consistent structure and support help him do his best work. Johnathon needs an energetic, committed, and patient family who can lovingly guide him through life's challenges. www.Co.Franklin.Oh.US/Children_Services



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Directions to sign up on the front page of our website.

You'll need your Kroger Reward card to sign up. Our Group # is 83928. This is free to you!



Haunted House Help

Join the ghouls at the Broadview Bloodbath for a Chilling Beggar's Night. We are looking for actors for our home haunt. We have the costumes and make-up, you just bring the rigor mortis.

Email Robin for details
WaltersRobin@hotmail.com

Proceeds Benefit CDC's Dogs & Cats

Tail-Gate for the Dogs

Tailgate with us for the Ohio State vs Michigan Football game. Join us for the **BIG** game on November 21st at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center Practice Field !

We'll kick-off the event with a tailgate at 10am. Watch Kirk and ESPN on the Jumbotrons leading up to the game and then stay to watch the game on the big screens.

Every seat will be a 50 yard line seat.





I DAY of DOGS & MUSIC

MUSIC

Bands Playing Tunes from
The Original Woodstock
featuring

The Smooth Sounds of Santana

Jocelyn Scofield – Tribute to Janis Joplin

ACTIVITIES

Enjoy Food, Beer & Ice Cream
Miles of Wooded Trails for Hiking
Meet Our Homeless Dogs
Great Raffle Prizes & Fun Vendors
Cool T-Shirts & Dog Bandanas
For The Kids, Giant Slide, Face Painting,
Sandy Candy, Temporary Tattoos & More
Micro-chipping by RASCAL

WHAT TO BRING

Your Spayed/Neutered Dog on Leash
A Blanket or Chairs
Great Pictures for the Specialty Vendors
Your Best Friends, 2 & 4 Legged

SATURDAY - AUGUST 15

12 - 6pm Rain or Shine
doors open at 11:30am

at **CAMP MARY ORTON**

7925 N High St 43235

Just 1 Mile North of 270 on High St in Worthington

Tickets \$15 - Kids 12 & Under Free
Benefiting The Homeless Dogs & Cats of
COLUMBUS DOG CONNECTION

Sponsored By These Dog Lovers !



Visualopathy

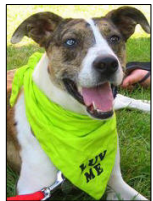
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Adler House Photography





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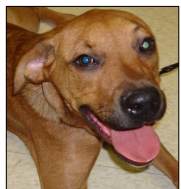
Celebrate the 40th anniversary of the original Woodstock with 70's tribute bands, food, beer, music, hiking, kids stuff.
12-6pm @ Camp Mary Orton in Worthington



Whippet Mix, Lindy, 2yrs, AWESOME jogging partner Diane 579-0623



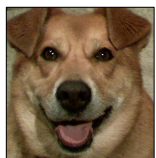
Mix, Max 2 yrs, friendly, playful Mirna 237-9210



Cur Mix, Lars, 10months, 55lbs, friendly, knows sit, stay, wait Mirna 237-9210



Beagle/terrier mix, Kermit, 2 yrs, 36lbs, happy & friendly boy Mirna 237-9210



Mix, Shane, 4yrs, loves to play fetch & "talk", great on walks, loves the water Karen 206-4001



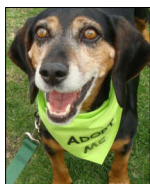
Mix, female, 39lbs, quiet, shy, great with dogs, loves attention, wants to be with her person Kellie 888-2208



Mix, Sierra, 6 yrs, 50lbs, laid back, loyal Mirna 237-9210



Lab Mix, Tommy, 8yrs, laid back pooch, great w/ cats Mirna 237-9210



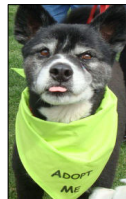
Beagle Mix, Hillary, 30 lbs, 5yrs, full of love, laid Mirna 237-9210



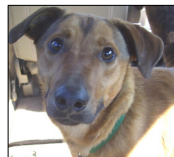
Mix, Maksim, 2yrs, 35lbs, loves fetch for hours at a time Ron 497-0189



Mix, Buford, 4 mnths, 25 lbs, a very sweet guy, the kind of pooch that you want your kids to grow up with Mirna 237-9210



Akita mix, Nicki, 69 lbs, 8yrs, great disposition, will shower you w/kisses, loves his person, GREAT with people, great dog to take to work Linda 507-9384



Shep Mix, Becker, 43 lbs, friendly, playful Mirna 237-9210



Mix, Anderson, 48lbs, playful, great w/ dogs Cacey 565-0173



Mix, Brownie, 2yrs, loves belly rubs, toys & swimming Karen 206-4001



Terrier Mix, 1.5yrs, 52lbs, loves to be touching his person Kellie 888-2208



Mix, Wrigley, 45 lbs, a great companion Mirna 237-9210



Mix, Boomer, 8yrs, 35lbs, great w/ kids, knows sit, stay, stays w/ his person on walks Ron 497-0189



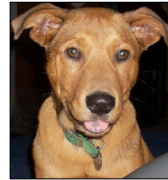
Mix, Daniell, male, 35 lbs, 13 yrs, great on leash, sweet Mirna 237-9210



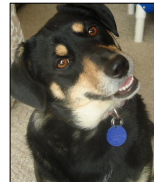
Shepherd mix, Tyler, 4yrs, 60lbs, great w/ kids Mirna 237-9210



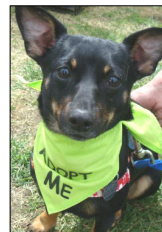
Poodle, Pierre, shy boy but very loving, loves to walk Mirna 237-9210



Mix, Henry, friendly, great little guy Mirna 237-9210



Terrier/Doxie Mix, Dandy, 2yrs, 25lbs, playful, sweet, smart Mirna 237-9210



Chihuahua mix, Rusty 2 yrs, very friendly Linda 507-9384



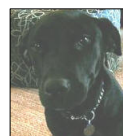
Terrier/Chihuahua mix, Pixie, 5 yrs, 8 lbs Mirna 237-9210



Pekingese, Rocky, 4yrs, 17lbs, great w/ dogs, likes to be w/ his person Mike 402-8104



Beagle Mix, Percy, 23lbs, 1-2yr, loves to play ball & run around the back yard Mirna 237-9210



Lab Mix, Peggy Sue 10 months, lovely personality, awesome w/ kids Mirna 237-9210



Mix, Ragamuffin, female, friendly pooch, loves people Paula 561-8488



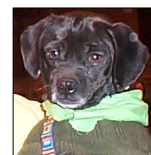
Shep mix, Henry, 3 mths, outgoing Diane 579-0623



Dachshund/ Terrier/ Beagle Mix, Sedgwick, 5yrs, ultra sweet, best in home w/another dog Mirna 237-9210



Mix, Jeremy, 8yrs, 20lbs, very playful, happy, good w/ dogs Ron 497-0189



Pug Mix, Robert, 20lbs, 7yrs, fenced yard best Mirna 237-9210



Manx Cat, Cinnamon, female, 1 yr, very sweet and gentle cat, LOVES people Mirna 237-9210

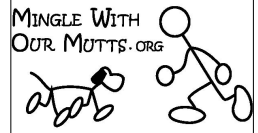


Cat, Gloria, 1 yr, laidback, very sweet Mirna 237-9210



Cat, Lupita, 8 months old, a gymnast talents Mirna 237-9210

Adoption Events



1st & 3rd Sundays Monthly 12-2 @Franklin Co Dog Shelter 1731 Alum Creek Dr Columbus 70 East, Left on Alum Creek Dr



Kitten, Mittens 6 mths, Mirna 237-9210



Orange tabby, Moby, under 1 yr, great goofy cat Mirna 237-9210



Artie, female, very affectionate cat, long Siamese limbs Mirna 237-9210



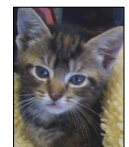
Bengal Mix, Scooby, 2 yrs, great w/ cats and loves kids Karen 206-4001



Kittens, Sallie and Star, 8 months, Mirna 237-9210



Manx (Tail-less) kittens, Lady Madonna, Golden Slumbers 5months Mirna 237-9210



Harlem, female, 6months, tortie, remarkable survival story Mirna 237-9210



Bengal Cat, Meghan, 1yr, sweet Karen 206-4001

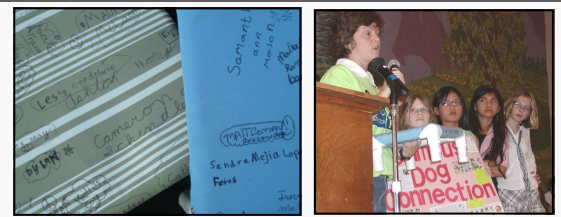




Girl Scout Troop 1612 collected tennis balls as part of their Junior Bronze Project.



Bucks for Dogs!
Thanks to Jennie & Dave Hooie, Susanne Buckley & Julie Sloat for hosting tailgating parties to benefit our dogs.



Worthington's Liberty Elementary made a colossal donation to help our dogs & cats with their Penny Harvest Project. They also made elevated dog beds to give to rural areas.



Birthday Girl Carly Shockett asked friends & family to donate money & supplies to help our homeless dogs instead of receiving gifts. Karen & foster pooch Shane also pictured.

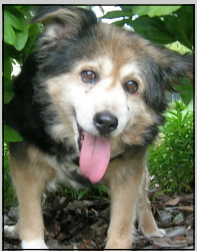


The 1st Annual Macey Mae Golf Outing. Mike Hasson, Linda McClintock, Kellie DiFrischia, Jennifer Shaner & Stacey Swaney.



Birthday Girl Jordan Skilken asked friends & family to donate money & supplies to help our homeless dogs instead of receiving gifts. Kellie & foster pooch Malcolm also pictured.

Thanks to our friends at NBC 4. Mindy, Marshall, Bob, Nicole, Hooty & the Gang. Pictured are foster Moms Linda McClintock, Cacy Rossi & Paula Dolan.



The Spirit of an "Almost Dead Dog"

She smelled horrible with long matted fur full of feces, long toe nails, a skin condition, the few teeth she had were painfully rotten and she had the worst ear infection I had ever seen. All of this, and I have not even mentioned that she was deaf, almost blind and mammary tumors so large they were dragging on the ground. (Mammary tumors are common in dogs not spayed).

Even in her awful condition, Christie Kang, Capital Area Humane Officer, could tell there was something special about her. The Humane Society called us for assistance. Sissy was near death but they could not bear the thought of her never knowing love or living her final days in pain. Columbus Dog Connection provided the much needed surgery for the mammary tumors. She was then placed in my home to live out her life.

After the surgery, one by one, Columbus Dog Connection provided relief for one ailment after another until Sissy was able to smile again. You may not believe me, but she smiled every day. We never expected her to live long. Maybe a few weeks or a few months. People would commonly ask me how Sissy was doing. They would always be curious to see if she had passed away yet.

I always said, cautiously, that Sissy was doing very well but any day may be her last. During her time with me, she lived through 2 Christmas'. She affectionately became known as "Almost dead dog Sissy". You may think this sounds like a shocking name to call an elderly dog so close to the end. It was truly a term of endearment. Everyone would be surprised and excited when I would give updates that "Almost Dead Dog" was doing great! She defied the odds because we were willing and able to put the time and love into her care.

Almost Dead Dog Sissy always walked like a drunken sailor because her equilibrium was off due to the severe ear infections. Her tongue would hang out of the side of her mouth because she didn't have any teeth. I think this made her even more beautiful! You can see her smiling in the picture.

Written by Foster Mom Cacy Rossi

** How do we thank a foster home like this? Columbus Dog Connection is so fortunate to have a foster Mom like Cacy. Not only does Cacy foster homeless dogs, but she has a hand in many other projects. Cacy always brings a smile and her contagious enthusiasm to help the homeless dogs. We know Sissy beat the odds because of the love she received from Cacy.

Like Dogs? Like Dog People? Want to give back to homeless dogs? Join our team of foster families. Contact Linda at LMcClintock@Juno.com

Foster Family Tribute

These awesome people are the backbone of CDC and the reason we are able to save so many dogs and cats.



Mike Hasson & Kim Tracker
Janelle & CJ Blankenship
Deanna Phillips & Matt Alexander



Lisa, Mark, Nicki & DJ Weate
Aurora, John & Ariel Bloom
Mirna, Skip, Lauren, Karl & Gaby Bowman
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Linda McClintock
Laura Polster & Family
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Stephanie Rawlins
Stacy Skeels
Debbie & Dale Darnell
Kendea Oliver
Erin Knable
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- \$25 donated upon your first purchase !
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Woofstock 2008 A Howling Success



2000 people grooved to rockin' music while enjoying a day dedicated to dogs. Special appearances from Brutus Buckeye, the Infamous Painted Dalmatians along with the help of our generous sponsors, volunteers, vendors and patrons. Woofstock raised \$40,000. Not only did the dogs have fun but so did people of all ages. While listening to great music, they ate, shopped, swam, met adoptable dogs and best of all, just hung out. The support from everyone was fantastic. All the money raised went directly to the care of the dogs – and cats.

Thank you to all who attended and to all our volunteers, sponsors, vendors and the bands. The bands: Swagg, Controversy, Terry Davidson & The Gears, Jocelyn Scofield and Mike "Elvis" Albert. Sponsors: Man's Best Friend - Costco, CDP Ltd, Time Warner Cable Speer Mechanical, Cheryl & Co. Robertson Truck Sales, Commercial Office Specialist, Top Howlers: Huntington National Bank, PetPeople, White Castle, HomePro Systems, LeaderPromos, FUZE, Best Tees Ever, Photo Images By Randy Rosen, Pepsi, Top Trumps, HSB Architects, Precious Puppies: Vaughn Group Ltd. Able Roofing, Hoochie Poochie Studios, Gahanna Animal Hospital, Werner Services Inc. Thomas Electric, Larry Eisenman – Dentistry for Children, Animal Hospital of of Polaris, The Krill Co, Northwest Animal Hospital, City Barbecue, Anderson Flooring Co, Ferguson Bath & Kitchen Gallery, Olentangy Pediatrics, Kim Decker, Home City Ice, Pet Chef, Carbetta, Williamson, Pierce, Piquero & Associates of Ameriprise Financial Sevices, Paw Print Pet Photography, Sherwin-Williams, Five Seasons Landscape Management.

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- Thank you for believing in our mission and entrusting your donation to us.
- We rely 100% on community support to help the homeless dogs in our care.
- We are diligent about spending every penny on helping our homeless dogs.
- With all the human & animal needs that exist, your generosity is deeply appreciated. Thank You for helping us help Ohio's dogs.



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5990 Flora Villa Dr
Worthington OH 43085

Or Donate On line from our front page via

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What's the most valuable thing anyone can do for our homeless dogs?

Print/post/forward our monthly dogs available page.



We can email or fax you our 1 page dogs available page each month. The more this page is posted, the more dogs that get adopted, the more dog lives we can save. Contact Kellie KDifrischia@gmail.com