



Dear Friends,

As 2015 approaches, we are about to become a 17 year old not-for-profit. We started by saving a few dogs from a puppy mill. Those efforts turned into saving other shelter dogs then expanded to running a low cost mobile spay/neuter service and offering a monthly vaccine clinic.

We will never mail you a calendar or self addressed labels, but you can rest 100% self assured we will use every penny you entrust to us on a grassroots level here in Ohio.

There is still much work to be done. We won't rest until we get to a point where all counties are able to maintain their spay/neuter needs.

### The Ohio Spay/Neuter Clinic By The Numbers

- 73% clinics in rural counties
- 82% rescue/shelter surgeries
- 18% public surgeries
- 30% cat, 70% dog surgeries
- 11% pediatric surgeries



Pauline & Ron

### The Ohio Spay/Neuter Project

As we complete our 3rd full year of spay/neuter services, we are happy to report that we have completed over 6600 surgeries. This is based on doing surgeries only 2 days per week.

Thank you to our county coordinators for their hard work and patience. Our coordinators are usually volunteers and are hardworking animal advocates who organize our travel clinics, from scheduling pets, going door to door promoting spay/neuter, (especially in rural communities where spay/neuter surgery can still be challenging), fundraising to cover the costs, administrative work with the clinic to hosting our "Andy". They are truly selfless and we could not do it without them.

This year we also collaborated with Black & Orange Cat Foundation doing surgeries for mostly feral cats at Buckeye Lake. You may have seen the news reports of the feral cat epidemic. We visited the Lake 5 times this year doing 175 surgeries.

We would like to welcome Top of Ohio Dog Shelter in Logan Co. They are working endlessly to spay and neuter. All of the pets they adopt are spayed/neutered, which is the way it should be. They have started offering our spay/neuter services to the community and have received a tremendous response.

A special thank you to Pauline Giannaras of Athens Co and Cami Frey & Kelly Ward of Shelby Co. We have been working with both groups for two years. They are truly dedicated to helping their communities. We visit several times a year and their coordination and warm hospitality makes our job easier.

All of these surgeries cost money. Due to the generous support of Ohio Pet Plate Fund, Candice Bollinger, The Ziggy Allesspach Fund, and collaboration with friends like Black & Orange Cat FDN, we were able to help offset the cost of surgeries by sharing the approximate \$10,000 with our shelters/rescues. The funds generated from our monthly vaccine clinic also help offset some of our costs.



Cami, Kelly, Ron, Sarah, April



### Our Chained Dogs

That's right, we are chaining our dogs...but only our steel dogs !

Our chained dogs help us deliver our homeless dog message all the time in many places around town. Driving people to our web site helps all rescues, shelters and dog related businesses we list.

Let us know if we can chain a dog in your high traffic area.



Pet Palace Airport



Pet People Gahanna, Upper Arlington



Moochie & Co Tuttle, Easton, Polaris



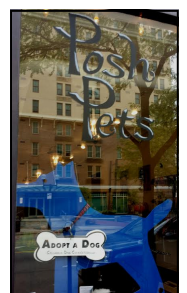
Three Dog Bakery Short North



Barbie Tuckerman Eyewear Grandview



Hausfrau Haven German Village



Posh Pets Short North

# THE HEART & SOUL OF COLUMBUS DOG CONNECTION

Joyce & Bill for having the biggest hearts.

Our foster homes.

Hague Water of Columbus \* Gahanna Animal Hospital \* Pet Palace

Everyone who prints & posts & forwards our dogs/cats available page

Pet People \* Petsmart \* The Hildreth Foundation \* NBC 4 \* Nancy Moore \* Petco  
 Hausfrau Haven \* Northwest Animal Hospital \* Penny Bachman-Jaffe \* Horses & Hounds  
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 Ziggy Allespach Family \* Rainbow Cleaners \* HSUS & Karen Minton  
 Ohio Valley Regional Royal Court & Knox Derringer \* Biker Ministry \* Byers

\* Our adopters, donors, volunteers & cheerleaders \*



## What's So Special About Us ?

Columbus Dog Connection is **the only** organization in Central Ohio that rescues dogs/cats; provides low cost spay/neuter services at our location but mostly traveling to other counties in our state of the art mobile unit; utilizes space for a pet food/supply pantry; and offers a monthly low cost vaccine clinic.

We are one of the few organizations in Ohio that operates a multifaceted approach to end the overpopulation problem. For 17 years, we have fostered /found homes for dogs/cats. Since 2011, we have operated a low cost spay/neuter clinic to address overpopulation due to financial restraints. We share grant money awarded to us with those rescues/shelters hosting us for spay/neuter days.

We also use our warehouse space to store donations. We share our supplies to lighten the load for the other rescues and shelters who are working so hard. We are only able to do this much because of the volunteers and people who donate to make our work possible. When you donate to Columbus Dog Connection, you are helping rescues/shelters and homeless dogs/cats all over Ohio.

Thank you for being part of the solution and life saving work we do.



We travel to Top of OH Shelter to do spay/neuter surgeries & they travel to our building to fill up on supplies. We've donated truck/vans full of food, treats, grooming equipment, crates, beds, etc... We also share our grant funds so they can do more spay/neuter.



Donated to us now used by a rural shelter when they have overflow & must use outdoor space.



## Employee Donation Programs

We receive donations from many workplace campaigns.

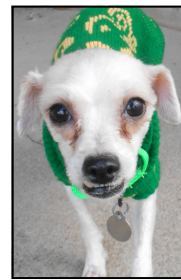
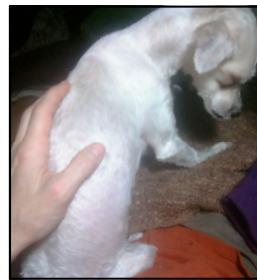
If you would like to choose us for your United Way donation, please write in our name and Federal ID# as we are a donor designated organization only, not a member agency. You can write us in for any giving campaign, please use our Federal ID# to select us as well.

We are joining Community Shares this year so please look for us in the next giving cycle.

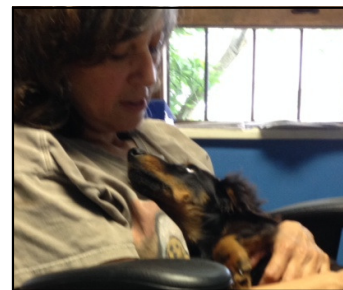
Thank you to all the employees who donate to us.

Central Ohio United Way, United Way of Delaware & Fairfield Counties, Abbott Labs, Allstate, Battelle, Cardinal Health, Citigroup, JC Penny, JP Morgan Chase, Deloitte Tax, Nationwide, The Limited, Macy's, McGraw-Hill, Medtronic, Network for Good, and AT & T.

## Before / After



A lady called us to help a dog she kept seeing that looked like it was suffering. Mazie had burs and sticks matted so badly in her fur that she yelped when touched. We trapped her in a convenience store and she was so frightened. Mazie had to be sedated to have her coat shaved down. Thanks to our friends at Gahanna Animal Hospital for helping us with her. She now lives happily ever after with 2 dogs and her humans in Westerville.



Walter was surrendered to us when we were looking for an injured boxer near our office. His eyes were matted shut and he was deathly sick with parvo. Sadly, his brother was too far gone with parvo and we were not able to save his life. This was the 3rd litter of pups for this family. Even after offering free spay/neuter for Walter's mother/father, the family refused our offer.

## Rescued, Loved, Lost

We have so many of these stories. Here are two that are special.

### Nick, aka, Neiko, Nickolas, Mr Ridiculous

An elderly lady saved Nick from the streets in 2001. This big boy was very strong and hard for this petite woman to handle. She called us after speaking to many groups and implored us to help her. It was hard to say no to someone like her.

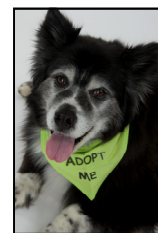
This was the beginning of a 13 year "visit" for our boy Nick. This pooch was big, black, horrible with cats, had some alpha tendencies and ate chickens when given the chance. But boy was he sweet to people and loved kids!



We never gave up on finding Nick the perfect home. He lived with a few of our foster families, but came to call Foster Mom Linda McClintock his one and only.

Nick hit the jack pot with Linda as she is an avid walker who gave Nick the exercise he needed. He went to adoption events for years but we rarely had interest. Linda and her newly blended family, which included cats, made the generous decision to adopt Nick when he started having medical challenges. Nick got to live his final year of life on a lake and still going on many walks, although at a slower pace.

Thanks to Linda and Ronda for giving Nick a home and juggling the special challenges he created. Thanks also to Mary Anne Gilliam who also fostered Nick for many years. Nick was a beloved pooch in the Columbus Dog Connection family.



### Benny, 2014

"We had to put our sweet boy Benny to sleep yesterday after learning that he had metastatic cancer. We knew when we adopted him as an older dog that our time with him might be short, and even though we are heartbroken over his death, we just feel so thankful to have had two wonderful years with him. He was such a good boy and brought so much happiness to our lives.

We already miss his thumping tail every time we walked into the room and his big open-mouthed grin. He was so big, gentle, and steady...his hugs had a calming, soothing effect on us after even the most stressful days. It was fun to see him really blossom. You could tell he just felt better and was loving life. He loved walks, rawhide chews, peanut butter kongs, soaking in our baby pool, and just hanging out with us. Until the end of his life he was a happy and healthy dog. Thank you for rescuing this special boy and allowing him to be part of our family! We are forever grateful."

Emily & Paul Porensky

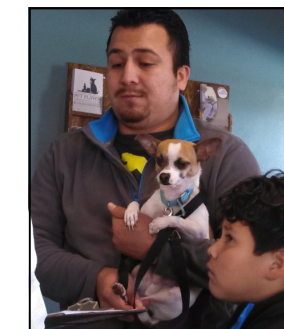
-Benny was one of the surviving dogs we rescued from Mike's Dog Cabin.

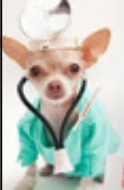
## Puttin Four Pooches 2014

Thanks to all the golfers who attended our second annual golf outing at Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City. Thanks to Total Wellness Concepts for their lead sponsorship. Kudos to Hague Water, a sponsor with everything we do and our insurance company, Non Profit Specialty Insurance for sponsoring the \$10,000 hole in one opportunity. Thanks to Cat Oehl, Kelly Hollis, Candice Bollinger, Dave McMannis, Kristin Everman, Janet Stevenson and Kim Simpson for event planning. Hats off to our volunteers who helped the day of the event, Mirna Bowman, Sandy McMannis, Penny Bachman-Jaffe, Beth Logan, Sarah Lumbrezer-Johnson and Linda Fite.

We hope to see all the golfers again in 2015. Check our site for date and location details.

Want to see more pictures of our crazy golfers? Check out "About Us" then scroll to "Past Events" on our site.





**Vaccine Clinic, Low Cost**  
1st Saturday Each Month  
Walk In - 10am - 1pm  
Cash Only  
*Se Habla Espanol*

Our monthly vaccine clinic, going strong in its third year, has allowed us to not only raise funds to offset some of our spay/neuter clinics, but equally important, it has allowed us to assist pet owners with education on how to improve the life of that pet. Each clinic easily produces 6-7 spay/neuter surgeries and follow up calls from people wanting vet referrals and other information. We see an average of 85 patients at each clinic, and approximately half of them are returning customers. Many customers tell us we are their only option because of financial restraints. This is only possible because of our hardworking and caring volunteers. They are here consistently every month and make every patient and owner feel good about their visit. It is well oiled machine because of them.

Kristen Everman, Janet, Kerrie & Jillian Stevenson, Barbara Burkholder, Colleen & Tommy Robbins, Beth Shoenberger, Patti Mueller, Mike & Linda Fite, Candice Bollinger, Kristi Krumlauf, OSU Vet Students: Sarah Johnson, Bri Smith, Stephanie Waters, Tanner Walls, Rebecca Stiert, & the many others that help us in a pinch.

Thanks to Rob Ricer and Judy Fedderke for pre clinic set up.



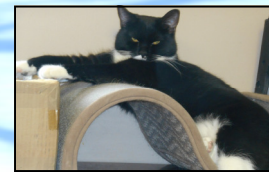
### Vaccine Clinics By the Numbers

- 10% cats, 90% dogs served
- 3000+ pets served since 2012
- 35% more pets seen in 2014





# WooFstock Update



Our 13 office cats require flea prevention, dewormer, annual vaccines, dentals & vet care for occasional health issues.

We decided to take a year off from doing WooFstock because there are so many dog/cat fundraisers in Columbus. While everyone loves WooFstock and we love hosting it, the time to coordinate such a major event is tremendous. This year we wanted to focus on our homeless dogs/cats, our spay/neuter efforts, our efforts to assist other rescues & shelters and grant writing.

However, not having a major fundraiser leaves us asking you, our adopters, donors and supporters, to help us compensate for this loss in funds. Your donation will allow us to help dogs from rural shelters become part of our adoption program. We often take dogs with medical issues that are scheduled to be euthanized. We can help more special needs dogs if we have the donations to do so.

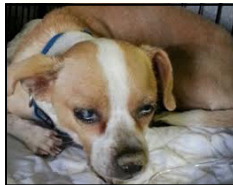
Would you consider a donation to help us defray the loss we are taking, which allowed us to narrowly focus on our grassroots efforts to help the pets in our care?

All donations are tax deductible. Your generosity helps homeless dogs/cats right here in Ohio. Columbus Dog Connection is a careful steward of every penny donated to us.

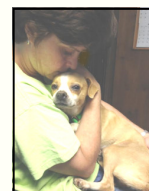


Little Debbie was dropped off at our office after being hit by a car. She now has her adoptive family wrapped around her little paw.

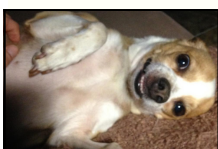
## Your Donation Helps Dog Like Piper



Piper, aka Suuper Pipes, was 1 of 6 dogs removed from a drug house and turned into a pound in rural Ohio. Piper soon showed signs of being ill and quickly deteriorating. The difficult decision was made to end her suffering as they had no funds for vet care. That same day, "The Andy", our spay/neuter truck, was there to do a low cost spay/neuter day. The pound staff anxiously asked if we would take a sick mix. Piper was a comatose lump of fur with matted, gooey eyes. Her head hung so low when we lifted her as if her body and soul were



broken. She broke our hearts. Piper spent a week in isolation with pneumonia and severe dry eye. Once in a foster home, she slept and slept and slept. Each day she had a little more mojo and her eyes a little more clear. She was on the road to recovery when we noticed she had an odd swagger at times. The foster family noticed something odd about her paws. The pads had layers of padding. Our vet suspected distemper, but distemper is very rare. Her symptoms were telling, pneumonia and layering of the pads is called hard pad, a tell tale sign of distemper. Piper was a sick little dog. She tested over twice the count for distemper. Rare, highly contagious and no known cure for distemper, left us asking many questions about a disease we have never dealt with in our 17 years of rescue work. It didn't take much time for us to decide if we would treat her. Piper is as sweet a dog as you've ever met. Her little body melts into you, becoming part of you, when you hold her. You can feel her soaking up your warmth and love. She has a smile about her. We could not give up on that defeated little dog that came to us so broken. She had survived too much not to make it all the way. We were fighting for Piper. Piper's eyes continued to clear and seemed to be producing their own



tears. Her swagger became less evident and her energy improved. This once lethargic dog was now starting to trot instead of walk and that trot became a well coordinated run! Piper was strong and alert. As soon as Piper was cleared to be adopted she was spotted by Jo Thirkield. Newly retired, Jo recently lost her beloved dog. She was looking for a dog she could take everywhere. It was love at first sight. Piper sleeps under the covers with Jo and runs errands in Columbus, even getting her own chair dining out. Kellie, Piper's foster Mom, stopped by months later to visit

Piper. As all rescue people know, our greatest hope is for our former foster kids to be a loved member of the new family. Kellie got to see Piper as smitten with Jo as she once was with her. From drug house, to shelter dog, to critically sick, scheduled to be euthanized dog, to rescue home to the warm bed of a forever home. It just doesn't get any better than that. Thank you for helping Piper.



### Your Donation, Our Narrowly Focused Efforts on Saving Dogs/Cats

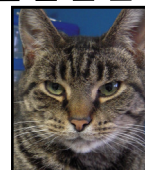
Thank you for entrusting your donation to us.

\$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_ Monthly \$

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Needs a Home Fowler, low key, adult, easy, does well with dogs, cats, likes people, from Mike's Dog Cabin

We are a 501c3, non profit org  
All donations are tax deductible

Kindly send to Columbus Dog Connection  
2761 Johnstown Rd  
Columbus OH 43219

Or Donate On line from our front page via sage PayPal

### Wish List

- gas cards -paper towels
- sandwich sized zip baggies
- homes & foster homes
- laundry detergent & bleach
- Gift cards from: Wal-Mart, Kroger, Target, Petco, Staples, Pet People
- Distilled Water (Wal-Mart)
- Print, Post, Forward our Dog & Cats Available Page

Shop and we

receive a donation from Amazon. Only thing you do different is log on to AmazonSmile.com instead of Amazon.



Mix, Calhoun  
Calhoun is a great dog, 4yrs, 50 lbs, very calm, well-behaved in the house, loves to play, when he plays he bounces and pounces around like Tigger from Winnie the Pooh, great with dogs, loves to chase balls (although he doesn't bring them back), walks well on a leash



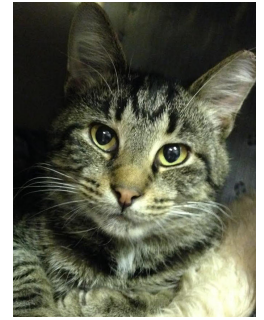
Lab Mix, Dax  
male, 8months, nice boy, typical energetic lab



Chia mix, Emma  
[Video](#), 4yrs, 15lbs, female, a playful girl, adult home best, good at basic obedience & working on her greeting new people, she likes to check you out to make sure you are a friend and then she is the true definition of a lap dog, would be a great jogging partner, can ride along w/ a bike, great fly ball or agility dog with smokin' times !



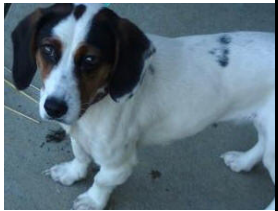
Rat Terrier/Chia Mix, Jillie, female, 10months, 12lbs, skinny little deer like dog, good w/ dogs, loves people, wants to be with her person, very playful w/dogs



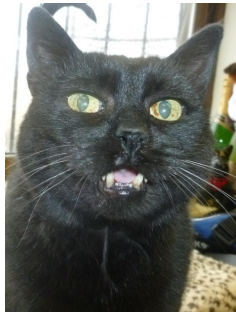
Sheldon  
9 months, such a sweet little guy, quiet, loves your gentle touch, picks a cozy spot near a person & hangs out



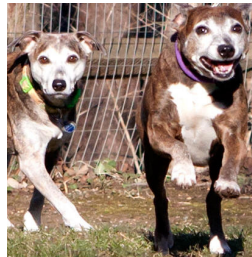
Big Dog in Little Dog Body ! Chia Mix, Jimmie, male, 12 lbs, 2yrs, great in a home with a playful pooch, loves people, super playful boy, great on leash, loves a good game of "who can juke best" came from drug house w/ 7 dogs, easy pooch, a great little dog but does have some chia attitude, very obedient,



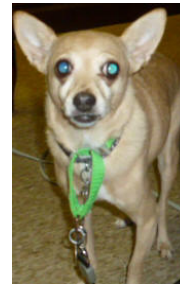
Jack Russel/Beagle Mix, Daisy, female, 10months, 16lbs, gentle, affectionate, eager to show her love, plays well w/ people, kids & dogs, good w/ basic obedience but would benefit from puppy training



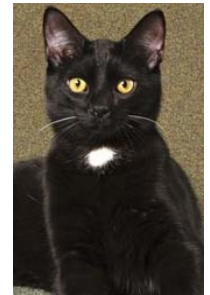
Amy, 8yrs, quiet girl, this loving cat will let you brush her, often snuggled up in her bed, does fine w/ dogs, cats, has fangs that show & make her very unique



Mixes, Ranger & Pader, siblings, male & female, 11 yrs, this is a great pair of pooches, Pader is very outgoing, Ranger is shy & does whatever Pader says, very sweet dogs, very attached to each other, Pader plays more than Ranger, both mind very well



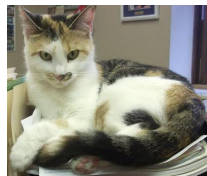
Chia Mix, Rita, 8 yrs, 13lbs, previous owner passed away, she has an attachment to men as that's what her last guardian was, *definitely* a man's dog, Rita loves to cuddle under a blanket w/ you, knows sit on command, the most superb dog on leash



Tito Jackson, male, 3yrs, super curious & playful, zips through our office, has devilish always on the take mojo, if he were an actor, Jackie Chan



Aussie Mix, Crumpet female, 4ys, loves kids, 35lbs, super sweet, loves to be w/ her person, rides superbly in car, does well on leash, super curious, fine w/ cats,



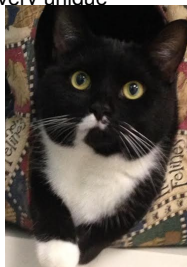
Katniss, female, 1yr, playful, oh so playful, wants to hang w/ her peeps, loves to be a speedy kitty around our office, great w/ cats, dogs, people



Fowler, male, short hair, 5yrs, low key cat, easy going with the other office cats, this boy is just a nice cat, named after Amy Farrah "Fowler" from the Big Bang Theory



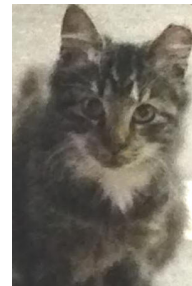
Herbie, Do you need a greeter for your home? This old boy is a talker ! All he wants is a nice scratch behind the ears and a kind word, this poor cat lived in the hood for 12 yrs, he has a portion of his left face missing but you can barely tell



Rue, aka Rooster the cat, such a nice, easygoing cat, does great w/ everyone, a bit of a fatty, quiet as a mouse, loves to be in our cat house



Louise, 3yrs, quiet, will steal your heart with her gentle sweetness, everyone says how beautiful she is



Leonard  
9 months, super speedy, playful kitty, has a field day with playful dogs, loves to chase ba

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