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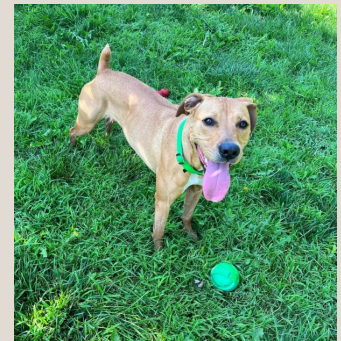


Dear Friends,

This year has been a year of change. New board members, leadership, staff, fosters, and volunteers. Inflation and veterinarian shortages have made an impact on us all, but especially the rescue community. The number of homeless dogs and cats has risen, while the number of people looking to adopt has fallen. The need is greater than ever before for affordable spay/neuter and preventative care. Both the public and the rescues are waiting months to get appointments with regular veterinarians. The TNR (trap, neuter, release) agencies for the stray cat communities across the state have been over run by the number of feral and friendly community cats, and the supply of surgery appointments cannot keep up with the demand.

We have risen to meet this new world of change in several ways. We have streamlined our donations and communications processes by utilizing a software called Network For Good. We have added more Board Members who are active and created a Fundraising Committee to help raise funds. We have expanded our partnerships with other rescues and shelters and have relied on the help of our friends at PetPalace and Top Dog Boarding and Training to host foster dogs without foster families. We have reached out to you, our supporters and community partners, to help raise funds for our foster pets' medical care; for cat food donations for our Trailer Park Project; and for many other necessary tools to help our organization. We have hired some amazing new staff members and found some great new volunteers. We have increased our presence on social media and in outreach programs in the community.

You have followed us on social media and shared our posts. You have followed the stories that made us cheer and the stories that made us cry. You have donated to our cause and utilized our services. We are nothing without you!



Featured Foster Dog:

**Sasha**

In foster care since May 2022



Featured Foster Cat:

**Amber**

In foster care since Feb 24, 2022

Check out their profiles on our website!



Sasha- Stray      Acorn- Abandoned      Jake- Stray      Brice- Stray      Gabriel- Stray      Eddie- Abandoned      Ethel- Stray



Mr Kellner- Stray      Amber- Stray      Leo, Louie & Lois- Stray      Steely Dan- Stray      Nina- Stray      June & 6 Kittens- Abandoned      Cheddar Biscuit- Abandoned      Smeagol-Stray

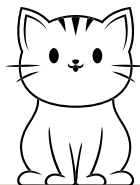
## Overwhelming Homelessness

2022 has been a challenging year for rescues and shelters. With people still recovering from the pandemic, the housing crisis, and inflation hitting pocket books harder than previous years, people are surrendering their animals, getting rid of unwanted litters, and even abandoning their pets left and right. We have had 3 dogs tied up and abandoned at our office this year and 8 cats left on our doorstep. We had 6 more dogs and 8 cats brought to us as strays by good samaritans, and we have taken on 3 more litters of kittens found by our volunteers. While we are happy to help, we are not an intake facility and we are unable to hold strays at our office. Without the availability of open foster homes to take in these abandoned pets we have relied upon our partnerships with Top Dog Boarding and Training, and Pet Palace to house the dogs and have created overcrowding conditions at our office with the cats until suitable foster homes can be found.

We are limited in our intakes only by the number of foster homes, or boarding kennels, open to us. If you have ever thought of fostering please visit our website and click the fostering link under volunteering or scan the following QR code.

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**Special thanks  
 to our board  
 members:**

Carol Folkerth, Donna Hara,  
 Wendy Schutt, Annette Houck,  
 Dr. Kristy Clay, and  
 Dr. Devon Horne



## 2022 Statistics:

### Cats

- 48 - Adopted
- 30 - Available
- 13 - Permanent Foster
- 5 - Euthanized
- 9 - Trap-Neuter-Release

### Dogs

- 19 - Adopted
- 5 - Available
- 1 - Permanent Foster
- 3 - Euthanized



Proud recipient of Ohio Pet Plate Fund.

**We wish to thank the many, many supporters of our programs:**

- Subaru \* ASPCA \*
- Chady & David Hall Found. \*
- The Columbus Found. \*
- Hague Water \* Mattlin Found\* \*
- Elkind Family Fund \*
- The Awesome Company \*
- Vannoy Family Fund \*
- Employee Giving \* **Each and every one of you!!!**

## Volunteers are our backbone!!



# Spay/Neuter Clinics

We finished the year with completing 973 surgeries of which 482 were surgeries for owned dogs and cats, 491 were surgeries performed for other rescue dogs and cats as we partner with other rescues in Central Ohio. In addition to completing most of these surgeries at our office on Johnstown Rd, we were also able to partner with Animal Protection Network (APN) to provide surgeries to 66 cats in the Linden neighborhood at no cost to the residents who signed up. APN was able to secure funding from a grant through Maddie's Fund and we were more than happy to provide the services needed to get these cats the preventative care and surgeries that they desperately needed. We shared grants and donations received by CDC with our community for spay and neuter services to the tune of \$16,760 in 2022.



# Vaccine Clinics

Since 2012, we have been offering the community a low cost vaccine clinic on the first Saturday of each month, to help caring owners/guardians with the costs of veterinary care for their beloved pets. This year we were not able to hold clinics two months due to weather and veterinary scheduling. However, we were still able to serve 768 patients this year providing 2,143 vaccinations; 249 Heartworm and FELV/FIV tests; and A LOT of flea and heartworm prevention! Due to the continued rise in program costs, this year we began a new sponsorship program that assists with the costs of the vaccine clinic. We were able to raise \$16,600. Thank you to the following sponsors: Idexx Laboratories; Carol & Jeff Folkerth; The Awesome Company; The Stern Family; The Fobes Family; and Upper Arlington Vet. Hospital.



# Trailer Park Project

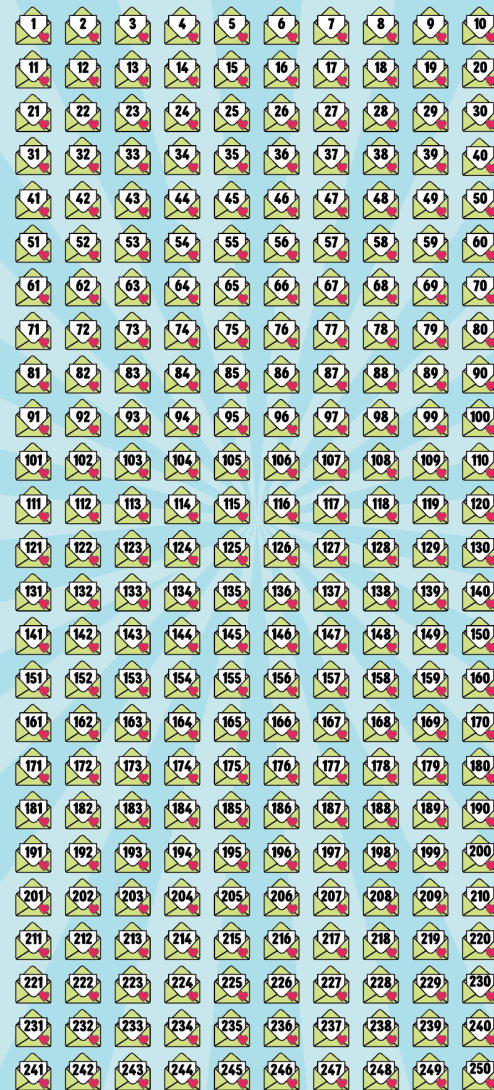
This year we continued to care for the community cats. This is a project that began in March 2021. We have a really dedicated group of volunteers that share the feeding duties. We have made quite a dent in the population at the colonies through our spay/neuter efforts as evidenced by the following stats: Cats taken into adoption program: (2021) - 70 (2022) - 39; TNR (2021) - 29 (2022) - 5; Euthanized (2021) - 10 (2022) - 5; Average number of meals served: (2021) - 25,500. (2022) - 15,000.



## Participate in our annual Fundraiser to cover foster medical expenses



**NOT ABLE TO ADOPT?  
ADOPT AN ENVELOPE**  
Columbus Dog Connection Fundraiser



Every envelope adopted helps cover medical expenses for our fosters 🐾 COLUMBUS DOG CONNECTION

**By making a donation of \$1-\$250 you can symbolically adopt an envelope. Your donation goes towards covering the veterinary costs our fosters incur. To donate, please scan the QR code or visit our website.**



We went to so many great events this year and got to meet so many great people.



# 2022 Adoptions!

Jessie \* Alice \* Miley \*

Dixie \* Brutus \* Alex \* Diana

\* Tiana \* Faline \* Olive \*

Jane \* Julien \* Anthony \*

Eminem \* Houdini \* Floofy \*

Hazelnut \* Jake \* Sydney \*

Chauncey \* Michael the

Cat \* Eric \* Frederick D. \*

Kaya \* Moose \* Dubois \*

Bouncer Bounce \* Martin \*

Gray Grantham \* Maya \*

Cheddar Biscuit \* Michelle

\* Rizzo \* Acorn \* Sasha

Fierce \* Gabriel \* Roxanne \*

Winky \* Rosa \* Malcolm \*

Raven \* Nina \* Smeagol \*

Scarlett \* Gomez \* Faye \*

Ivy \* Rhett \* Betty \* Adeline

\* Harry Styles \* Seniorita \*

\* Lois \* Louie \* Marshall \*

Hayley \* Freddie Mercury \*

Leo \* Azula \* Joseph \*

Eddie \* Kip \* Tyson \* Paul

McCartney \* Farrah \*

Felicity \* Post Malone \*

& Ethel

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