



JUNE 2024 | 2761 JOHNSTOWN RD COLUMBUS, OH 43219 | 614-471-9000

## MID YEAR CHECK-IN

### *Dogs and Cats and Hoarders, OH MY!*

2024 started with a bang, and never stopped! We started this year by taking in a momma dog with her 2-day-old litter of 9 puppies from the Licking County Dog Shelter. We followed that up with 3 more stray dogs and 8 cats, all just in January!

In March we were contacted by a caseworker who asked for assistance in removing a large number of dogs and cats from a home. We found 28 dogs and cats living in a single-wide trailer with no water, no electricity without the use of a generator, no litterboxes, no food or water for any of the animals, and feces everywhere. Over the course of 3 days, we were able to remove 27 animals (9 dogs and 18 cats). 5 were able to be taken directly to another rescue. Unfortunately, 7 of the cats we took in were in such poor condition that they needed to be euthanized. Two weeks later the caseworker called us very upset. She had found the evicted woman with another cat in her hotel room and nowhere else to take him. We of course said yes.

As difficult and upsetting as that situation was, we also stepped in to help more cats in April from two sisters who allowed several female cats to continue having litters and were looking for a place to dump them. After explaining that they could not drop off a box of kittens at a park, they admitted that they had left boxes of kittens in varying places over the years. So far we spayed 3 of the 5 females, and took in all 15 kittens the women told us about. Again, due to human negligence lives were lost as two of the kittens did not survive.

We are very thankful for all the fosters that stepped up to take care of these intakes, sometimes waking to syringe feed kittens every 2 hours. We appreciate all the donations and supplies sent to us for all our fosters and office duties. We are indebted to all our wonderful volunteers who help us keep this thing called Columbus Dog Connection running!



### 2024 Rescue Statistics Through May



#### DOGS:

- Started 2024 with 8 dogs in foster care/boarding
- taken in 33 dogs since January
  - 8 were strays
  - 11 were from owner surrenders/hoarding
  - 13 were from shelters
  - 1 was from a vet referral
- 25 have been adopted

#### CATS:

- Started 2024 with 48 cats in foster care or at our office
- taken in 71 cats since January
  - 8 were strays
  - 43 were from hoarders or office drop - offs
  - 20 were from the trailer park colonies that we feed
  - A total of 10 had to be euthanized due to severe medical concerns
- 26 have been adopted



# Surgery Program Update

We have completed 473 surgeries through May including one travel clinic to Hillard where we sterilized 30 foster pets for Freedom Tails Rescue. We have been able to subsidize 38 surgeries for rescues & trappers thanks to the Ohio Pet Plate Grant.



## LOW COST Spay/Neuter CLINIC

DROP OFF TIME: 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM  
SAME DAY PICK UP

To schedule an appointment please call 614-471-8000 or click below

- Starting at \$80 for dogs
- Starting at \$55 for cats
- Proof of current rabies vaccine is required, otherwise pet will receive it on the day of surgery.
- Other services available and additional charges may apply
- Cats must be in secure, labeled cat carrier. No live cages!
- No large breed or aggressive dogs



Consent Form and Prepayment required prior to appointment



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# Vaccine Clinic Update

We made some changes to our vaccine clinic process this year to digitize our records. Clients now have the option to preschedule for the walk-in clinic which in turn decreases check-in times for everyone. We are averaging over 91 pets per clinic and have administered over 1000 vaccines.

LOW COST VACCINE CLINIC

1st Saturday each month WALK-IN: 10AM-1PM

Credit Card and Cash only \$5 Admin Fee for each pet served

- All pets must be spayed/neutered to receive services.
- No aggressive dogs as they do not do well at busy clinics.
- All dogs leashed, cats in a secure cat carrier.
- No retractable leashes.
- This clinic does not include a full examination. Please schedule a yearly examination with your regular, full service veterinarian.

*We love our Volunteers*

Adoption Events, Vaccine Clinic Sponsorship, in-kind Donations

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# Trailer Park Update

The trailer park always presents challenges for us, in some fashion or another. The colonies have been under control in terms of no litters and we are still feeding the established cats. However, due to the passing of new rules by management that require pets be spayed/neutered and vaccinated, residents do not want to comply, and have chosen instead to dump their cats at the colonies. We have had quite a number of new cats appear at the colonies as well as DOGS! We reached out to the shelter but were told they were full. We have taken in several but we often have to board them due to a lack of open foster homes. This appears to be our new "norm".



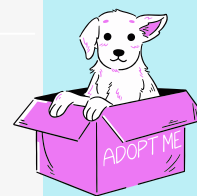
# ADOPTIONS



- Pattycake
- Frosty
- Stevie Nicks
- Asher
- Dorothy
- Joey B.
- Nugget
- Pitter Pat
- Maverick
- Dixie
- Duke
- Austin
- Lawrence Olivier
- Autumn
- Butternut Squash
- Liam
- Ivy
- Sage
- Shakira
- Sloane
- Chrysanthemum



- Felix
- Fabiola
- Fallon
- Sunny
- Francisco
- Caitlin Clark
- Manny Maplewood
- Mack Maplewood
- October
- Snoopy- Peanuts Litter
- Kevin
- Lucy- Peanuts Litter
- Charlie- Peanuts Litter
- Peppa-Peanuts Litter
- Sally- Peanuts Litter
- Schroeder- Peanuts Litter
- Violet- Peanuts Litter
- Franklin- Peanuts Litter
- Kobe
- Peggy Jean- Peanuts Litter
- Fetty Wap
- Chelsea
- Marlene
- Mick Jagger
- Dwayne
- Norway
- Portugal
- Italy
- France
- Brooks



# How You Can Help

Donate



Foster

**CAN I CRASH AT YOUR PLACE?**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Love animals, but don't have the time, financial means, or ability to have a pet full time? Want to make a difference in the lives of homeless dogs and cats? **Please consider fostering!**

We are in desperate need of both dog and cat fosters. Foster homes provide a safe and nurturing environment to our animals while they wait for their forever family. Fosters also give us the ability to bring more homeless pets into our program. **We provide the food and supplies, you provide the love!**

For more information, please visit [columbusdogconnection.com/fostering](http://columbusdogconnection.com/fostering)

In kind donations from our wish lists, Kroger community rewards, website donations and Facebook Fundraisers are great ways to support CDC!

**Vaccine Clinic Sponsors Needed!**

We are in need of sponsors and vets to help our vaccine clinic keep running! It is an expensive endeavor for our very small organization, but we know how important it is to provide this much needed resource to the community. We need your help!

**Vaccine Clinic Sponsorship Options:**

- For Veterinarians: Consider donating your time of only 3 hours once or twice a year to work our vaccine clinic. **Free!**
- Sponsor a vet: This will cover the cost of us to hire a vet for one vaccine clinic. **\$250**
- Sponsor a vaccine clinic: This covers all the costs associated with running a vaccine clinic. **\$3,000**

Please email [mimabowman.cdc@gmail.com](mailto:mimabowman.cdc@gmail.com) for more information.



Volunteer

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

**Admin and Office Help**

**ANSWERING THE PHONE**  
Our phone rings all the time during the week. The calls range from someone that found an animal, trying to surrender their pet, wanting to make a donation, seeking information about our programs, & scheduling appointments. We need someone that enjoys speaking with people, is comfortable providing suggestions and guidance, and also schedule appointments for surgery & other services (preferably someone with veterinary medical knowledge).

**WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER DESIGNER**  
Our website is in dire need of TLC, updating, & maintaining. After the website is revamped, we believe it will require only a few hours per week to maintain & make changes.

**HOUSEKEEPING/CAT CARE VOLUNTEER**  
We house 20+ cats at our office & we could use help with daily feedings, filling water & food bowls, & cleaning litterboxes; doing some laundry, sweeping.

**EXPERIENCED GRANT WRITER**  
There are grants to be had and we need them. We offer wonderful programs to our community & would like to offer them even more assistance by securing grants.

**Program**

**ADOPTION/FOSTER COORDINATOR**  
This entails someone that has experience with dog/cat adoptions & fostering. This volunteer would assist the foster families with coordinating all aspects of the adoption process which includes adoption events, home visits, & vet visits.

**FOSTER FAMILIES FOR DOGS & CATS**  
The more families we have, the more we can help dogs and cats in shelters. We provide supplies, food, and veterinary care. You provide a loving foster home. It's a win/win situation.

**COLONY GUARDIANS**  
Feeding colony cats - We feed approximately 40 cats every day at the colonies. It is a very rewarding experience and you get to help many, many cats that will be grateful. We have a good group of volunteers that help each other. We provide the food, bowls, etc. You provide your time, a soothing voice, and care.

If interested please email Mima at [ColumbusDogConnectionVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:ColumbusDogConnectionVolunteers@gmail.com)

The Columbus Crew will make a donation to CDC for every volunteer present!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EVERY HOME GAME**

Participate in our annual Fundraiser to cover foster medical expenses

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

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Every envelope adopted helps cover medical expenses for our fosters

By making a donation of \$1-\$250 you can symbolically adopt an envelope. Your donation goes towards covering the veterinary costs our fosters incur.

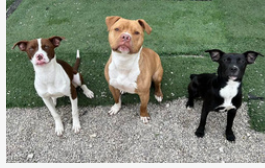
We have currently raised only 6% of our goal! Please consider donating to our foster fund here:



**New Board Members**

We'd like to welcome two new board members this year, Linda Diroll and Theresa Reed. You are a great addition to our team. Thanks to returning board members Carol Folkerth, Donna Hara, Wendy Schutt, Dr Kristy Clay, and Dr Devon Horne for always supporting our mission!

Once again our friends at Pet Palace and Top Dog have made it possible for us to take in so many dogs when fosters are not available. We are so grateful to both facilities and cannot say enough good things about them.



Camden, Royce, and Denali in the play yard at Top Dog.

BENEFITTING HOMELESS DOGS & CATS

## RUMMAGE SALE & ADOPTION EVENT

Garage Sale

Saturday, June 8 | 10 AM - 3PM  
2761 Johnstown Rd

Featuring All Around Sweets & Treats Food Truck

Stop by to shop, get a snack, and meet our adoptable dogs and cats!

Cash & Venmo only

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www.columbusdogconnection.com

This year we have attended adoption events at Blockfort Gallery, OSU Earth day Festival, and Nestle Quality Assurance center. We hope to see you at our Rummage Sale. Come meet your new best friend! Check out our website for more upcoming events.



**SAVE THE DATE**

OCTOBER 10

Annual Fundraiser  
more info to come

**There is no possible way for us to thank every one of you in this newsletter, but we hope you know just how much your support means to us!**

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## Celebrating Judy!

Judy has been a volunteer, supporter, adopter, and foster mom for a very long time! She adopted her first dog, Ginger, from CDC back in the early 2000's, and ever since then, Judy has been a devoted friend to CDC. Even her current pooch, Macy, is a CDC adoptee and foster fail for her.

Over the years, Judy stepped up to foster the most difficult of dogs, a couple were hospice fosters. We appreciate her selfless acts.

Judy is an excellent foster and adoptive mom. For many years she had birthday parties for her beloved Ginger and invited her CDC friends.

Judy is an avid gardener and she comes to CDC to make our front yard look pretty. This year we surprised her with a heartfelt sign made by our other volunteers, Tyler and Rachel. We can't express how much it meant to Judy.

Judy, thank you for all of your efforts over the years. Please know that we love you and appreciate your time and generosity!

