



DREAM

Dedicated **Rescue** Efforts for
Animals in Many Counties

NEWS

SUMMER/FALL 2012



**RESCUE
REHABILITATE &
REHOME**

Events and Opportunities

DREAM is frequently in the community promoting the need for animal rescue and raising funds for rescue efforts. Every event - we schedule or participate in - offers you numerous opportunities to support DREAM or help as a volunteer. To learn more about special DREAM events, community meetings, or our low cost spay/neuter/vaccine clinics, visit the **EVENT** page at www.Dream4pets.org.

COMING IN 2013

We will have our **Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction** this February. Join us for a fun night of pasta and prizes!

The Furry Fun Fair was a resounding success! We're already looking forward to our annual pet fest in 2013!

Funds raised from our events go directly to the vetting of dogs, necessary surgeries, medications, food, teeth cleaning, and transporting rescued pets to new homes. Some funds are also set aside to assist local families with a portion of the costs to spay or neuter a family cat or dog.

Would YOU like to volunteer? Just send us your volunteer application from the HOW2Help page of our website. Other ways you might like to help include: transporting, fostering, sponsoring, donating financially OR from our WISH list.

ADOPTIONS YTD = 25

RECENTLY ADOPTED

Charlie, Fannie, Rocket, Goldie Angel (recommended FB posting from TheBackyardDog Project)

Buddy (recommended posting from Greene County Animal Shelter)



Fannie



Pepper

OUR TRANSPORT VOLUNTEERS

helped to deliver Pepper and Chico to their forever homes.



Chico

TRANSPORTING

the easiest and quickest way to save a life!



How to rehome a pet

Learn more about this at our next community meeting **Nov 8 at the Troy Hayner center, 7pm.**

DREAM is often contacted about rehoming a family pet. As we have a limited number of foster homes, we suggest the following strategies:

Create a flyer about your canine or feline and share with friends, family and the community

Contact rescue groups and "humane" organizations in other counties with the profile of the pet.

Post your pet on www.petfinder.com

Post a picture and contact information on your FB page

Always screen who and where your family pet is going

VACCINATE! dogs are much more likely to be adopted when they are healthy and vaccinated

Did you know?
DREAM is now an official 501c3 organization! As always, donations are tax deductible... and we now have a list of companies that will MATCH your donation! Visit the HOW2HELP page at www.Dream4pets.org.

Get even more information at the **REHOMING** page of www.Dream4pets.org.

Help Needed! Transporting dogs OUT of county kill shelters and into a new home or no kill rescue group is the easiest way to save a life. Transporting a dog (1 or 2 or 3) to a new location (city to city) usually requires about a 2 hour drive time. Routes go to Columbus, Richmond, Findlay, or South—locations for connecting and transfers vary. No experience is necessary. Plan to bring a buddy to help and crates when transporting more than 1 dog. Details available online or email us your questions about helping at petsRRpassion@gmail.com.

RESOURCES TO HELP YOU

DREAM is constantly searching and reviewing resources for spay, neuters, vaccines, rescue groups, and literature about pets, pet behavior, healthy pets, and more! Here are some recommendations:

Best Friends Animal Sanctuary
www.bestfriends.org/index.htm

Whole Dog Journal
www.whole-dog-journal.com/

Learn about breeds (before you adopt) www.dogsindepth.com/dog_breed_size_chart.html

Short video on healthy cats and dogs <http://pets.webmd.com/>

Adopting a rescue dog
www.dream4pets.org/Adopting_Rescue_Dog.pdf

Companion Animal Overpopulation
www.idausa.org/facts/overpopulation.html

Behavioral information www.columbusdogconnection.com/Behavior.htm

Flea markets (swap meets) backyard breeders—Oh my!
<http://video.humanesociety.org/>

Ohio pet legislation (bills, cases, laws) www.animallawcoalition.com/bills?filter0=Ohio

More info at www.Dream4pets.org/resources.html



Fostering can save a life!

Our foster parents can attest to that!

Why foster? Ohio laws require county shelters to hold animals for **only 3 days** before euthanizing. Owner surrenders, unclaimed pets, and breeding have brought an epidemic of overcrowded shelters in Ohio and this shortens the life of any animal in this environment. Age, health, temperament, socialization, and breed are critical factors for the “length of stay” when a pet enters the shelter.



Fostered through DREAM, “Lucy” met her forever family at one of our Adopt-a-thons.

What’s required?
How long do I foster?
What resources do I receive if I am able to foster? The answers, foster applications and more are found on our **FOSTERING** page at Dream4pets.org.

Shelter life, for any length of time, can cause high levels of stress, depression, and health issues with dogs—especially those vulnerable from lack of vaccines. Rescues, organizations, and volunteers are critical in helping pets move out of shelters: **DREAM can help only when FOSTER families are available.**

Please visit www.Dream4pets.org/fostering.html and fill out a foster application today!



“Goldie” was adopted on October 30 to a family who’d long been looking for the right dog. DREAM volunteers worked closely with them for more than 6 months to find them—and their family dog, “Chance”—the perfect match. “Goldie” was it!



“Animal Cruelty” defined and companion breeding

At a DREAM meeting in July, Miami County Humane Agent, Sharon Karns, discussed Ohio law related to the treatment of animals. Karns defined *animal cruelty* as a legal term, specified by the Ohio Revised Code.

Ohio has very few laws regarding “the standards of care for our companion animals.” In fact, the legal required care for pets is the same as that specified for horses, pigs, goats, and cattle—all agricultural animals.

If a situation where the “conditions of care” or breeding causes you concern, contact Sharon Karns at the Miami County Animal Shelter at (937) 332-6919. You can also email her at

Miamicountyhumanesociety@hotmail.com.

Another resource and advocate is Jeff Holland, an Ohio attorney who specializes in animal welfare cases and trains humane agents <http://www.holland-muirden.com/>.

Many rescues are working to improve Ohio laws regulating breeders—including puppy mills. Learn more about companion breeding legislation at www.animallawcoalition.com/companion-animal-breeding

Volunteers working together with a passion to



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