



2015
Our year in review
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P.O. Box 322 Tipp City, OH 45371

DREAM adopts from county shelters when we have fosters to help with the rehabilitation portion. There are many overcrowded county shelters in OHIO, and at times this includes our local county shelter. In addition, a few of our rescued pets are the result of an individual's re-homing request. DREAM currently has no facility, **FOSTER homes are crucial** for temporary housing and helping the pet become acclimated to a home environment. If you are interested in fostering, please let us know, or visit the FOSTERING page of our website www.Dream4pets.org

ADOPTIONS this year:

Benny, Doc, Sheba, Suzie, Jazzmine, Buddy, Ladybug, Nicky, Hank and Brandi

- THANK YOU..... It takes a community of supporters and volunteers to help prepare these special companions for their forever home and forever family. It would not happen with YOUR donations and support.

Want to join the DREAM team ?

- **Can't foster, but want to help...**
Community rewards from your **KrogerPlus card** can be directed to DREAM (83707), visit Kroger Community rewards online or call Kroger headquarters office in **Cincinnati** for details. 83707 is tied to DREAM in the **Cincinnati region only**. The money DREAM receives from community rewards helps tremendously with the vet care required for our rescued dogs. EVERYTIME you shop at Kroger, we earn \$\$\$.
- **Transport a dog** (or dogs) from one city to another; if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity to help move rescued dogs OUT of a shelter, email us at petsRRpassion@gmail.com. Transports run East, West, North and South. You can drive as little or as much as you like, long distance or short distance....the choice is always yours.
- **How to....ADVOCATE for better animal-companion legislation....** Visit and LIKE these FACEBOOK pages: **OVCA** (Ohio Voters for Companion Animals facebook page), **Beth Sheehan**, and **ACT of OHIO** (Animal Cruelty Taskforce of OHIO). **There is MUCH to be done in Miami County**; we just need to "make some noise" consistently and duplicate some of the improvements enacted in neighboring counties and states. There are still too many dogs tethered 24/7, too many cases of neglect and abuse with little or no consequences to the owner. To learn about pending OHIO legislation for our companion animals, and HOW to provide support; visit <https://legiscan.com/OH/legislation> We can be the VOICE for our companion animals in need.
- **Want to help TRAIN a rescued dog...** let us know. Every dog handler for DREAM's Meet/Greet is required to attend some basic training to learn the "commands" we use for training, and, to help understand the communication signals a dog may display in a new situation or with other canines. Temperaments and dispositions vary with each of our adoptable dogs - knowing how to manage them is important. ***If one does not take "leadership and control" of a dog, then the dog will quickly step up and assert what they think is right and safe for them. The longer your pet is in the "lead and control" the longer it can take to stop the bad behavior. Discipline, structure, consistency, training, and love makes a great dog !!***
- **No time to volunteer, butwant to SUPPORT DREAM's rescue efforts?** There are SOOOO many ways to help. Visit the HOW2HELP page on our website. Did you know that your financial donations are TAX DEDUCTIBLE since we are certified by the IRS as a 501c3 organization (non-profit). Our mailing address is **DREAM, P.O. Box 1455, Piqua, OH 45356**

COMMUNITY Outreach

- Low Cost SPAY & NEUTER clinics : BEST WAY TO STOP Overpopulation of pets !! Unfortunately, due to the low turnout from the community, DREAM can no longer bring the Low Cost Spay/Neuter resource to town. We do promote other **local venues that offer Low Cost Spay and Neuters**, more details on the RESOURCE page of our website www.Dream4pets.org
- We continue to provide **financial assistance with a SPAY or NEUTER** at a local veterinarian (all year long). Visit the "RESOURCE" page to learn more about how we can help with the spay/neuter of your canine or feline
- We now provide some **financial assistance for micro-chipping** your pet. Email us with your request.
- We also support OTHER RESCUE GROUP efforts as well... with crates, beds, straw, shavings, leashes, collars (items donated to DREAM, but in dire need by other local rescue groups). So - please - keep those donations coming! Items can be dropped off in Tipp City (Zion Lutheran Church) or Troy (Genesis Graphics). DREAM's priority is to rescue dogs from a county shelter, since they can often become frightened, confused, stressed, frustrated, angry and sometimes despondent....causing bad behavior and little interest from the public . We have (in the past) helped an individual re-home their pet for a variety of reasons given the necessary paperwork is provided: **Re-homing form, vet records, and pictures**. For ALL the details, visit the RE-Homing page of our website www.Dream4pets.org

DREAM exists because of your support and assistance.

Without volunteers and donations and fosters, transporters, sponsors, adopters, trainers and marketing we cannot continue to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home. Facebook AND Email are the 2 resources we use MOST OFTEN to help YOU stay informed about: rescued pooches, adoptions, legal challenges & progress for our furry companions statewide, and our community events. Your time and your donations MATTER; it is the pet passionate COMMUNITY that provides the resources needed to continue our rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing efforts all critical to saving lives and educating others about "responsible" pet care.

"No one can do everything, but everyone can do something"

Fundraisers & Grants

Fundraising events - all year long - continue to be the primary means for supporting the expenses from our rescue efforts (Events are always posted online). Other funds received are generated from KROGER Community REWARDS (which requires your renewal every year), Petco Foundation grant, and anonymous donations from individuals and families in our community. **Several new fundraising suggestions have been shared with us, so we expect some new adventures in 2016, and HOPING for MORE community SUPPORT !**

- Grant writing requires details in reporting, time, collecting and tracking information, reporting.... If you are experienced or interested in providing assistance in this arena (computer required) , please let us know.

Expenses incurred to rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home include (but are not limited to) basic vetting, monthly preventatives, tests and surgeries, prescription medication, dental work, food, grooming, and other related costs. It typically takes at least 6 - 9 months to re-home our rescued pets; consequently, the costs for caretaking always supersedes our adoption fee - this is typical of ALL rescue groups. Fundraising events, grants, and donations are critical for DREAM to continue saving lives; however, equally important are volunteers.

Help Wanted ! VOLUNTEER help is always needed for:

- **Training** dogs and participating in our monthly "Meet & Greets"
- **Fundraising** - planning & managing event and committee
- **Fosters** - In a nutshell... it's helping the rescue become acclimated to a "home and family" environment. It's the opportunity to **prepare** him/her for the "rest of his/her life journey in a forever home"
- **Grant writing** - Got a computer? Can you work from home? Like to track/monitor details and writing?
- **Marketing support** - Distributing flyers, postcards, business cards, etc... or other media venues.
- **Transporting** dogs - Every weekend a request is made for help to MOVE dogs OUT of shelters and closer to a new home, family and/or rescue.

If you are interested in helping in ANY area, please let us know, email petsRRpassion@gmail.com