

D.R.E.A.M. update

November 2012



Recent ADOPTIONS !

Charlie, Fannie, and Goldie

Rocket (DogGone Pet Adoptions)

Angel (recommended FB posting from TheBackyardDog Project)

Buddy (recommended posting from Greene County Animal Shelter)

Adoptions ytd = 26

Events and Opportunities

Events are scheduled frequently in the community to promote the need for "rescue" work and raise funds to help support rescue efforts. Every event offers opportunities to help DREAM as a volunteer in numerous ways. **Promoting, volunteering or attending** a DREAM event is a huge help. The EVENT page at www.Dream4pets.org shows where we will be in the community. Funds raised from our EVENTS go directly to the vetting of dogs, necessary surgeries, medications, food, teeth cleaning, and help to transport these rescued pets to new homes. Some funds are set aside to assist the community with spaying and neutering of family pets as well. For more information visit our website. Would YOU like to volunteer ? Just send us your volunteer application from the HOW2Help page of our website. Other ways to help include: transporting, fostering, sponsoring, donating financially, or check out Dream's WISH list.

How to RE-HOME a pet

Learn more about re-homing at our next community DREAM meeting, Nov 8th, Troy Hayner center, 7pm. We receive many requests to help **re-home a family pet (dogs and cats)**. Foster parents are a great resource; however, due to so few foster homes we suggest the following: **CREATE** a poster about your canine or feline and share this with friends, family and the community, **CONTACT** rescue groups (see listings on www.petfinder.com, and "humane" organizations in other counties with the "profile" of the pet. **POST** a picture and contact information on your FB page but be sure to screen who your family pet is going to before you re-home. The RE-Homing page of www.Dream4pets.org will give you additional information. Remember **please VACCINATE**, pets are much more likely to be adopted when he/she is healthy, vaccinated, and socialized .

ANIMAL CRUELTY defined and companion breeding

If a situation about "conditions of care" for a pet or multiple pets being bred causes you concern, direct your requests for help to the animal shelter and Miami County's Humane agent (Sharon Karns). Miamicountyhumanesociety@hotmail.com During our last community DREAM meeting, Sharon stated the ORC (Ohio Revised Code) defines animal cruelty. OHIO has so **few laws regarding "the standards of care for our companion animals"**; unfortunately, the only required care is the same given to horses, pigs, goats, cattle... all agricultural animals. Jeff Holland (another valuable resource) is an animal advocate and attorney that specializes in animal welfare cases and trains humane agents. His website link is : <http://www.holland-muirnden.com/> . Learn more about companion breeding legislation at <http://www.animallawcoalition.com/companion-animal-breeding>

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FOSTERING can save a life !

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 www.Dream4pets.org

WHY foster? County shelters are only required to hold **once owned family pets and strays** for a very short time (3 days) before euthanizing IF owner surrender or unclaimed. Due to overcrowding of pets in the majority of OHIO shelters, many companion pets live a very short time in our county shelters. Living in a county shelter for any length time can cause high levels of stress, depression, and health issues with many dogs in combination with lack of vaccines, so RESCUES organizations and volunteers (nationwide) are critical in helping pets move out of shelters and into a new foster home or boarding or new family. DREAM can help only when FOSTER families are available.

TRANSPORTING is the Easiest & Quickest way to save a life !

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 - 3 hour drive time**, Transporters can drive to Columbus, Richmond, Findlay, OR South, locations for connecting and transfers vary. No experience is necessary, but bring a buddy to help, and crates are good to have as well when you transport more than 1 dog. **Details available online** or email us your questions about helping. petsRRpassion@gmail.com

RESOURCES to HELP YOU More info at www.Dream4pets.org/resources.html

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

- Best Friends animal sanctuary: <http://www.bestfriends.org/index.htm>
- WHOLE DOG Journal: <http://www.whole-dog-journal.com/>
- Learn more about BREEDS (before you adopt):
http://www.dogsindepth.com/dog_breed_size_chart.html
- Short video on healthy cats and dogs: <http://pets.webmd.com/>
- Behavioral information : <http://www.columbusdogconnection.com/Behavior.htm>
- Adopting a rescue dog: http://www.dream4pets.org/Adopting_Rescue_Dog.pdf
- Companion Animal Overpopulation: <http://www.idausa.org/facts/overpopulation.html>
- Flea markets (swap meets) backyard breeders - Oh my ! <http://video.humanesociety.org/>
- Ohio pet legislation (bills, cases, laws): <http://www.animallawcoalition.com/bills?filter0=Ohio>

DID you know ????

DREAM is now an official 501c3 (non-profit) organization, just like their parent DogGone Pet Adoptions. This means any donation you make is tax deductible AND we **NOW have a list of companies that will MATCH your donation**. Some will match your donation 3:1, others dollar for dollar. To see if YOUR COMPANY is on the list, visit HOW2HELP page at www.Dream4pets.org