

DREAM newsletter NOV 2020

This year has certainly been unique full of surprises, changes, challenges, anxiety, introspection, increasing prayer, and some celebrations for both human and canine/feline companions. Dream pet rescue (like many non-profits) has struggled to maintain operations so we can continue our mission of: Rescue, Rehabilitation and Re-homing. Our newsletter (*this time arriving before year's end*) shares with you, once again, the progress and setbacks we faced in 2020. It is very clear that in order to continue providing assistance for our furry friends - canine and feline - in the Miami County areait takes a community of supporters! We hope you will continue to open your hearts, homes, and resources to the various needs of the many pets in our county, AND **THANK YOU** for the support, donations, foster care and adoptions you have provided us with this year. Remember, **Facebook and emails** are the 2 venues we use most often for providing awareness, education, and special requests with the pets we rescue, rehabilitate and re-home needing your support .



- **Adoptions:** *Astro, Barkley, Bella, Crystal, Cody, Dory, Ginger, Lily, Rosebud, Rhett*

These 10 adoptions were made possible in large part due to our awesome team of: fosters, veterinarians, trainers, and donations from our pet passionate supporters - like you! FOSTERS provide "life enrichment, training, and the TLC" needed to prepare our furry 4-legged friends for their forever home & family. For more information about Fostering, visit the **FOSTER** page at Dream4pets.org

Requests for RE-HOMING personally owned pets sadly has increased this year; so, we try to post these pets who need a new home and family on Facebook and Email... and are always seeking foster homes to help them in their rehabilitation (foster) journey prior to their adoption. Let us know if you are able to help.



Vet care is a huge expense we incur for managing the health/welfare of our fostered dogs as it is an important and necessary priority. For EACH pet this expense ranges between \$400. - \$1200. to spay/neuter, vaccinate, microchip, provide food, health supplements, flea/tick/heartworm preventionPLUS any surgery expenses needed by specialist, during their rehabilitation (prep for adoption. Your donations to DREAM -every year - covers these costs as our adoption fees range \$150 - \$250. (typical for many rescue groups). This makes fundraising (in a variety of ways) a crucial endeavor for our continued existence; every dollar amount helps !

- **TNR ... 918 Spay/Neuter FELINES**



CAT - Cat Advocates of Troy is a related DREAM organization whose primary focus is **TNR (Trap Neuter and Return) program** for the many **STRAY and feral FELINES** in our Miami County. This all volunteer group has in the past 2 years **SPAYED and NEUTERED 918 felines**. Although our county shelter offers a **LOW COST** spay/neuter program monthly (for personally owned felines) at the shelter, it fills up quickly! We knew a separate **SPAY/NEUTER** program was and is much needed for the **MANY stray/feral cats and kittens** in our community... thus **CAT** was

born. Community donations and grants have funded the costs of the TNR program, volunteers have trapped, transported and returned (to the community) many felines from their spay/neuter surgery which reduces the overpopulation. Often these stray/feral felines need **MORE** than surgery... often they have flea issues, or skin issues, internal parasites, or deep wounds with infections ...these concerns have been treated as well when necessary. The primary manager /volunteer of CAT's TNR program is stepping back from her role temporarily; which means **TipKittyTNR** will now address the overpopulation of stray/feral felines using the TNR program; their **contact info is on Facebook**, and they are always in need of volunteers! To volunteer, or if you need assistance for the spay / neuter of stray/feral felines in your community please contact: Joanna at 669-8477 x3148 or text Charline at 937-654-3030. Remember.... these are **volunteers** for TNR program typically work fulltime jobs so your request can typically require 5 - 7 days to find team volunteers to assist and coordinate the schedule for TNR .

- **Kroger Rewards and your donations provided funding for 62 CANINE Spay/Neuter and..... assistance with "special medical needs"**



From Jan to mid Nov, financial assistance was provided for canines needing a **spay or neuter**; some residing in our county shelter, some adopted from county shelters, and some that had some **very serious medical needs requiring emergency surgery** or long term physical rehabilitation. By mid NOV, **almost \$6300. was paid to veterinarians** for the spay , neuter and special medical needs. In a typical year, our community assistance program

amounts to approximately \$3000. Your participation in the Kroger Rewards program brings DREAM approximately \$330. each quarter. Other financial support for spay/neuter assistance came from individual donations (some via Paypal), Amazon Smiles rewards, Skyline Chili fundraiser, and a large donation from a trust fund executor this year... we cannot exist without these donations. Due to COVID restrictions for community gatherings and outreach this program of financial assistance will be extremely limited moving forward; so our fundraising focus will turn to online fundraising and grants, along with the Kroger Community rewards program.

• Partnerships

DREAM pet rescue is able to continue our work of rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing due to the **many different partnerships** developed over the years that provide on-going support in many different ways. SOME of our partners include **local vet offices, trainers, fosters, FB friends, Email contacts, media venues, businesses** that provide DREAM with fundraising and marketing opportunities, staff at our Miami County **Animal Shelter***, volunteers, and many other community supporters who donate funds or pet related items which we pass on to those in need when the

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opportunity arises. Rescuing a pet requires a community of supporters and volunteers dedicated to helping our canines and felines find a home, find a family and find the care they need to improve and enrich their lives - on a foster or forever basis.

*DID YOU KNOW

In late 2019, our County Commissioners hired a new Director and Humane Agent to oversee our **Miami County Animal shelter**. Since then, there have been **MANY** new and wonderful improvements to the shelter...including an outdoor meet/greet/play area. It is a place we can now proudly say has a **staff that is PRO-LIFE for the animals**. They are reaching out to rescue groups, they are requesting volunteers, they have an Amazon wish list, they interact with the **COMMUNITY** about the pets residing at the shelter, they screen applicants, etc.. If you have not been there lately, please stop by for a visit or volunteer some time for the dogs or cats; social enrichment is so very important for the animals that spend many hours/days/weeks waiting for their next forever hero.

• Community Events & Fundraising

Community events and community fundraising for DREAM pet rescue -like many non-profits - has been very limited this year due to COVID related restrictions on community gatherings. We understand the need for these healthcare precautions/restrictions; and consequently, must consider **alternative venues for fundraising to support expenses incurred for our rescue and rehabilitation efforts**. We cannot continue our operations without routine fundraising and certainly rely and appreciate your donations that help provide the **necessary care for the health and welfare of each rescued/fostered pet**.

Annual fundraising:

- Miami County Home Show (Feb at Hobart Arena, Troy) *We have a booth presence there*
- Skyline Chili (twice a year they offer us a DAY to help raise funds)
- **Giving Tuesday - Dec 1st, Online fundraising** ... watch our Facebook page !
- Community grants

On-going fundraising events:

- Kroger Community rewards, Paypal, SMILE AMAZON.com, and individual donations
- Online fundraiser via facebook & emails for rescued pets coming to DREAM fosters

*Saving just one dog won't change the world...
But surely the world will change for that one dog.*



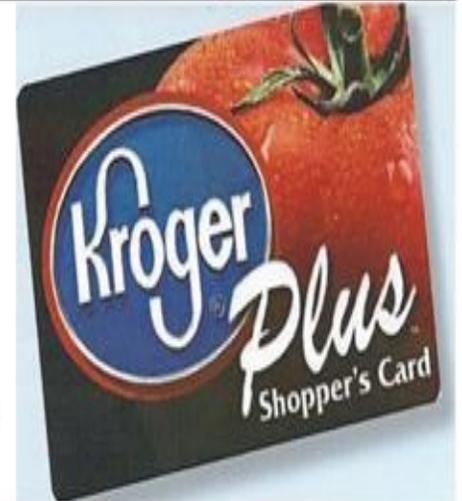
How can YOU help support DREAM ?

- Share our Facebook postings (facebook.com/Dream4pets)
- Join our Email list (send your Email to PetsRRpassion@gmail.com)
- Participate in Kroger Community rewards (our code is QW432)
- Donate to our online fundraisers....Giving Tuesday, Dec 1st
- Become a board member with DREAM - now seeking 2yr membership
- Provide new design and updates to our website
- Volunteer to help at a community event promoting DREAM
- Foster a dog or Adopt a dog
- Join us or volunteer at our community fundraising events
- Donate through AMAZON Smiles OR PayPal annually or monthly...every dollar helps !
- Mail a donation to: DREAM, P.O. Box 322, Tipp City, OH 45371
- Volunteer time at MCAS (Miami County Animal Shelter)



Follow these steps to ENROLL
your Kroger Plus card:

1. Go to KrogerCommunityRewards.com
2. Sign into your KROGER PLUS card account using the number on the back of your Kroger Plus card.
3. Type in QW432 or Dedicated Rescue Efforts for Animals in Many counties (DREAM)



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