

# DREAM newsletter 2021

2021 has certainly been a unique and challenging year (not too different from 2020). DREAM's success is a direct result of your support & caring. Your support and giving in so many ways, for our rescue, rehabilitation, and re-homing efforts has been amazing, inspiring, heart warming, necessary and is always appreciated. **THANK YOU** so very much !!



## Adopted in 2021:

- Buffy, Buddy, Barry, and Rosie



## Waiting to be Adopted:

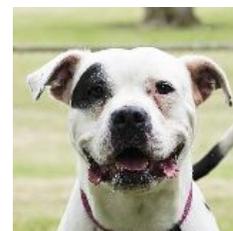
- LUCY
- BJ (aka BlackJack )

Their profile is listed on Petfinder, Adoptapet & ADOPTME page at Dream4pets.org



## Waiting to be fostered:

- PETEY - working through heartworm treatment plan  
medical needs currently paid by DREAM  
now residing at the Miami County Animal Shelter  
2 year young terrier mix



## How YOU helped support DREAM

- Shared Facebook postings about our "adoptable" pets
- Volunteered your time and charisma (at a community event) to educate others about DREAM
- Designated DREAM as your "charity of choice" for Kroger Community rewards
- Donated to our "special needs" fundraising request via Email or facebook
- Volunteered as a "dog transporter" to and from vet offices (for spay and neutering)
- Fostered or Adopted a dog
- Donated through AMAZON Smiles or PayPal
- Volunteered as a "dog walker"
- Donated a variety of pet supplies to DREAM
- Participated in Giving Tuesday
- Sponsored a fundraising event for DREAM
- Shared a "significant and remarkable" portion of your financial success with DREAM
- Shared a "significant and remarkable" portion of your fundraiser with DREAM



## How your donations are spent

- SPAY and NEUTERS, 48 this year (18 from MCAS)
- Basic vet care (vaccines), and microchips
- Flea , tick and heartworm prevention medication
- Medication necessary to kill the heartworm infestation
- Emergency (life saving ) surgeries
- Surgeries to fix a physical condition "neglected" for months or years
- Prescription food for dogs to help re-build their nutritional needs
- Gas cards to help with transporting dogs to / from vet offices
- Specialized services (Xrays and/or Specialist) needed to "evaluate" health conditions of dogs
- Medication and prescriptions for medical issues dogs encounter
- Quality food and supplements to help maintain and manage a rescued dog's health



Vet care continues to be a huge expense (no surprise) for managing the health/welfare of our fostered dogs. Our vet care expenses range between \$400. - \$1200. to spay/neuter, vaccinate, microchip, provide food, health supplements, monthly flea/tick/heartworm prevention ....PLUS 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 !

## Partnerships

This year DREAM pet rescue collaborated with a few local veterinarians, MC Animal Shelter, and the MC Humane Society in order to focus on spaying and neutering dogs prior to their adoption from the county shelter. This team initiative started in Aug with the goal of one dog a week, and required the assistance of community volunteers as well to help transport dogs to and from the veterinarian's office. We have spayed, neutered, and vaccinated # DOGS residing at our county shelter this year. Prior to each surgery, blood test is completed to ensure the dogs are heartworm negative; unfortunately, we have found 2 dogs currently heartworm positive . The protocol for killing the heartworm disease is lengthy and costly; with help from community supporters like you DREAM is able to cover the cost for the appropriate medication (which can run \$800 - \$1000. depending on the severity of the heartworm disease.) Corvette Troy provided a significantly large donation this year to help cover the costs of heartworm treatment for 3 dogs: BJ, DYNAMO and PETEY (waiting at the shelter); we are so thankful. When the dog is healthy (typically 4 - 6 months later) then he/she can be spayed or neutered. We were awarded a grant from Miami County Foundation to provide some funds to veterinarians for their cost to spay/neuter dogs from our county shelter. Dogs being treated for heartworm disease must be in a foster home; PETEY is currently at our county shelter, in need of a foster home BEFORE we can help him with his necessary heartworm treatment. And, Friendtown Veterinary Clinic provided us with a hefty donation from the results of their October fundraising event.

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



## \*DID YOU KNOW .....

In the SUMMER 2021 ,our County Commissioners hired a new Director (Rob Craft) to oversee our **Miami County Animal shelter**. Although the current animal shelter is still way past due for major renovations (or a new facility) , Rob has worked hard on his endeavors to bring new staff, new volunteers, training, and improvements to the health and care of the pets housed there long and short term.

For the past 2 years our MCAS has been deemed "No Kill" status and is a place we can now proudly say is **PRO-LIFE for the animals**. **MCAS staff** is reaching out to rescue groups, requesting volunteers, promoting their wish list and PETS on FACEBOOK, interacting with the COMMUNITY for fundraising, and screening applicants carefully to ensure it is a win/win for the family and the pet.

If you have not been to our Miami County Animal Shelter 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. And, they NOW have a presence on FACEBOOK to help promote PETS, EVENTS, and WISH LIST.

## **Community Events you supported**

- Miami County Home Show - we return in FEB 2022
- Fulton Farms Sweetcorn festival (and fundraiser for NELLY's eyelid surgery)
- Tipp City Mum festival
- Giving Tuesday (online fundraiser ) goal surpassed; \$1215. donated by supporters
- YMCA - showcasing our adoptable dogs in 2022

It is very clear that in order to continue providing assistance for our furry friends - canine and feline - in the Miami County area ....it takes a community of supporters and VOLUNTEERS! We hope you will continue to open your hearts, homes, and resources to the various needs of the many pets in our county. **THANK YOU** for your support, your time, your donations, your gas, foster care and adoptions. Friendly reminder.... **Facebook and emails** are still the 2 venues we use most often for providing awareness, education, community outreach, and special requests with the pets we rescue, rehabilitate and re-home.

### **UPDATE on TNR (Trap - Neuter - Release) program**

9Lives and TippKittyTNR are two local TNR groups in our Miami County area trying to help manage our **stray/feral felines** in Miami County; both groups are run by volunteers and donations. Requests to help with stray/feral felines are routed to these TNR groups. There is still a **GREAT NEED for volunteers** to help with TNR efforts in our community. *CatAdvocatesofTroy continues to provide information, education and resources to help when possible. Visit the FB page of TippKittyTNR or CatAdvocatesofTroy or kpacker2020 if you would like to provide a donation or volunteer for the TNR efforts.*



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