



Another great year is ahead of us. Another year with a great bunch of volunteers. Can you believe that we have our adoption events 99% planned out for the year already? Can you believe that we have many of our fundraising events in the works for the year? We are hitting the new year in full force. Join us in the excitement and planning.



Give Us Your Stuff

Now accepting donations! Give us your unwanted stuff! Help the dogs & cats of NW Ohio and SE Michigan

Donations needed!

Contact Jane at jholman072@aol.com or 419-866-1790 (for drop off & pick up info)

Want to volunteer to help with the set up and/or the actual sale? Reply to Nikki at ed@plannedpethood.org.

Please save your plastic bags and dry cleaning hangers for us too.

Dirty Dog? Clean It Up!

Join us this summer to get your dog washed at one of the Anderson's General Stores. We will also have our usual Adoption events at the same time.

Saturday, June 4 @ Maumee

Saturday, June 18 @ Toledo

Saturday, July 16 @ Maumee (Come see the Air Dog Show while there)

Saturday, August 13 @ Toledo

Saturday, September 3 @ Maumee

Free Will donations for every dog we wash.

Toe nail trims: \$5 Anal gland expressions: \$12

Sorry no cats! It's too dangerous if they get loose. No rain dates if raining at the time of dog wash.

Rescue Reunion A Huge Success

We held our 3rd Annual Dog Rescue Reunion on Sunday, January 23. You may have noticed that we postponed it from its normal time in the fall. We figured you would appreciate a day, in the middle of the cold Ohio winter, for your dog to work out their wiggles. Boy, were we right!!

96 dogs showed up during the four hour event! Everyone, human and canine had a great time. It was amazing to watch all of those dogs, who had never met before, playing together so nicely.

A total of \$708 was raised.

15 specially made shirts for the occasion were sold. Want your own? See photo below of the shirt. The shirt is in heather grey and are \$10 each. You can order yours via Paypal by clicking [here](#).

We couldn't have had such a great event without Bark Avenue Dog Day Care, Inc., who donated the use of their building.

Food was homemade and donated by our wonderful volunteers: Heather and Holly Sievert, Judy Szewczak, Nikki Morey, Colleen Kane, Heather Zion and Darrell Proffitt, Cindy Reinsel, Shirley Moran, Wendy Batto, Barb Costillo, Kathy Lorah and Deb Neville.

The baked goods were homemade by volunteers: Heather and Holly Sievert, Nikki Morey, Cindy Reinsel, Shirley Moran, Wendy Batto and Barb Costillo.



Handmade bracelets were provided by Carol Leach, including her personalized Mother's Bracelet that she revealed for the first time.

Volunteer Jami Breitigam manned the craft table and supporter Gail Sype greeted everyone at the door.

The wonderful raffle prizes were donated by Kathy Johnson and Cheryl Kubista of Bark Busters In-Home Dog Training.

Thank you to Farmers Insurance Group agent Hughes Insurance Agency for attending and providing the attendees a free copy of their Electronic Animal Recovery Systems (E.A.R.S.). E.A.R.S. is a software that quickly helps pet owners create an electronic ID of their four-legged friends which stores 4 separate photos of your pet with vital identification information in the event your pet is missing.

The winner of the raffles drawings were Lauren Powers, Michelle Reed and Gail Sype.

The manual labor was taken care of by the BGSU students.

A special thank you to my friend Cheryl Kubista for co-organizing the event with Mona Guinaugh.

We received so much feedback about how tired the dogs were that evening that we are working on planning an open play date soon.

I Found A Stray Dog! Now What?

We get calls all day long about stray dogs in the area. Planned Pethood can help you with your found dog, but our resources are limited. We are doing what is best for as many dogs as we can and sometimes the one you found isn't in as dire need as another one. While we understand you are focused on the life of this particular dog (and thank you for that), we are focused on the lives of many.

If you found a stray dog, please contact us at pets@plannedpethood.org and hopefully we can help you (note those that have adopted dogs from us previously do not get moved up to the top of the list to be helped). Prior to taking the dog into our program, you should call the Toledo Area Humane Society (TAHS) and the Toledo-Lucas County Dog Warden (TLCDW) to report the dog as "found". If anyone calls looking for a dog matching the description, they will give the caller your phone number. Planned Pethood cannot take a dog into its adoption program without doing what is legally expected to find the owners first. Toledo Area Humane Society can be reached at 419-891-0705. The Lucas County Dog Warden can be reached at 419-213-2800.

Both agencies will assist you in trying to find the owner. If you choose to, you may take the dog to the Dog Warden and turn it over to them. If the owner does not come in for him/her the Dog Warden office will assess the dog. If it passes the assessment and there is space available, the dog will be offered to the public and a variety of partnering rescue groups for adoption or transfer. The Toledo Area Humane Society will not take in strays.

The Toledo Blade will also run a free Found ad for four days. Blade classified can be reached at 419-724-2424. Make the ad rather vague so the caller has to prove they are the actual owner and not a bad person trying to get the dog for bad reasons. They are out there!!!

Post flyers EVERYWHERE around the general location the dog was found. Take a picture of the dog. More dogs find their homes again this way than any other method.

If you do not find the dog's owner there are a couple options we can explore. The fastest way we can help is if you foster the stray dog. Would you be willing to keep the dog in your home while we find it's new home? Planned Pethood will pay for all its vaccines and to get the dog spay/neutered. We place the dog's photo and a description on our website www.plannedpethood.org and on www.petfinder.org. We will screen potential homes to ascertain if they are a good fit for your dog.

Or, for a \$25 donation, you can list your fully vetted stray dog on the [classified page](#) of our website and on Petfinder. You can show a picture and information on the dog and reach approximately 48,000 people each month. We ask that your dog be completely vetted (spayed/neutered) prior to listing the dog on our website. Send us a write up and contact information on the dog, a .jpg photograph and donate your \$25 [here](#).

Thank you transporters

Thank you to those that have recently transported animals from boarding to adoption events. These people make it possible for animals to be seen by the public. Being at adoption events greatly increases the likelihood an animal is adopted. Thank you to Heather Zion, Sandy Adamski, Heather Tessler, Lynnette Schnabel and Sarah Sidebottom-Walker.

Extraordinary Animals

Zane, Zoinks and Zorba are 4 month old sibling kittens. They were found outside at about three weeks old at the end of September. The foster thinks their mother may have been killed because she did not return for the kittens. Zane is a gray tiger male, Zoinks is a black male and Zorba is a brown tiger female. They are all very friendly. These kittens have been around a dog, and got along with her. Zorba is very affectionate, likes to sit on your lap and is a little more laid back. Zoinks is a little more active and playful, and might do well having another kitty or doggie playmate. Zane is in-between his two siblings in temperament. He likes to play, but is not as active as Zoinks, and he will do cuddles. Unfortunately, they have tested positive to FIV. They will need to live in special homes, where the information on our website, found [here](#), will need to be considered before adopting these kittens.



Noelle may have been an outside dog, although she is housebroken and well behaved when in the house. She seems most happy when she is outside, but doesn't have an issue with coming in the house either.

She is afraid of anything that beeps or buzzes, such as the microwave or the dryer. She is also afraid of the camera. She will come running when she hears them. She also seems to be afraid of the dog food dishes. Based on what her teeth look like, we're guessing she never had to use one and her food was just thrown on the ground. When she first came to her foster home, all she wanted to do is hide or bury her food and treats. Now for the bad news - Noelle tested positive for Heartworm disease. She will now have to endure the long and painful treatment of this deadly disease before she will be available for adoption into her forever home. Her first treatment was on February 7, 2011. Planned Pethood's policy is to treat all medical ailments, regardless of cost, unless the treating vet feels there is nothing more that can be done. We do not refuse treatment to our animals based on cost of treatment or age of the animal. When we take in a dog or cat, we take that commitment seriously.



Please help us pay our vet bills for these extraordinary animals.



Actual Craig's List Posting

" Date: 2011-02-06, 10:46AM The apartment we are living in found out that we have dogs and are charging us with several fees unless we get rid of the dogs. We love our dogs so much but we can't afford the fees. I have a child I have to take care of and we just have to follow our priorities. So unfortunately the dogs have to go. One is a 4 year old boxer/doberman mix male. The other is a 2 year old rott mix female. Both are fixed and up to date on shots. They each come with their own cage and dog bed. I can give leashes, collars and food dishes as well. Im not asking for any "rehoming fee" or anything like that just your word that you can give these animals the good home they deserve. If you are interested please e-mail me back.
colleen "

People often ask us why we verify landlord information and have such a rigorous application process. This is why!



Editor's Note

Do you have any news or items you would like to share in this eNewsletter? Send your idea to ed@plannedpethood.org.

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