



Planned Pethood, Inc E-Newsletter

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Code Of Conduct Committee

Discussions had begun in 2008 regarding interaction among ourselves and with the general public, identifying ourselves as PPI affiliates, and performance of duties.

PPI has so many wonderful volunteers that give so much of themselves; uncountable numbers of hours, their homes, their money and certainly their love of animals. The hope is that a Code of Conduct will help the general public understand how committed each and every one of us is to serving the animals by projecting a more professional image.

To facilitate a more unified and professional image, PPI has had t-shirts with our logo and website donated to us. All volunteers will get a new shirt to wear anytime they are out on PPI business.

Every volunteer will be asked to sign the Code of Conduct. You may find a copy of the Code on our website under About Us.



Sheegwa was ADOPTED!

You may recall the sad story about Sheegwa. She was a cat rescued by Planned Pethood during the bitter cold weather. As a result of severe frostbite, both ears fell off. Unfortunately, she also tested positive for Feline Leukemia (Felv) and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) which is the feline version of HIV/AIDS. The homes she could be adopted to were greatly limited due to this. An angel however, stepped up for Sheegwa. This angel has made her home into a haven for Felv+ cats. Sheegwa is living with other Felv+ cats, getting all the love, cuddles and warm beds to lay on for the rest of her life. The adoptive angel reports that she is doing great and the special medications are helping Sheegwa.

Thank you for your donations to help Sheegwa while she was in our care. It was greatly appreciated. This is the happy ending your donation went to. Good Job!



The Rewards of TNR

by Merin Schrinel

After seeing a cat wandering around our parking lot at the office day after day, I decided to start leaving food out to earn his trust. As I left food each day, I began to notice that



there were, in fact, three cats! And then, imagine my surprise when I looked into the woods one of those days and saw five tiny faces peeking out at me – there were kittens too!! This is when I knew I needed help! I contacted another PPI volunteer, Nancy, who brought me live traps and helped me to trap the first three kittens. What a great feeling that was!! I was later able to trap, alter and release all three feral adults and trap and keep the remaining two kittens. The road to socialization with those little babies was long, but they have now made it into the adoption program where they are finding their forever homes.

It is such a rewarding feeling to know that you have helped to stop the reproduction cycle and that the tiny, defenseless kittens are in warm homes rather than freezing in the ice and snow. I encourage everyone reading - don't turn a blind eye to the strays and ferals you may encounter – step in and make a difference! Trapping may not seem glamorous (and it's not) but it is SO worth it!

What Is TNR?

Planned Pethood volunteers participate in trap, neuter, and return programs in local trailer parks and other areas with large colonies of feral cats. Feral cats cannot be made into house cats. Their "home" is outside. After being sterilized, they are returned to the area they were trapped in. They live out their life protecting that territory, preventing other non-sterile cats from moving in. T-N-R reduces diseases within community for animals and humans sharing the space. Trapping and euthanizing doesn't solve the problem. New cats move in and others breed to capacity. Feral cats that have been fixed have their ears notched so you can tell at a glance they have already been spayed or neutered. If you're interested in helping with this program, call or email us today!



Help Planned Pethood When you stay at Garden Gate Get-A-Way B&B

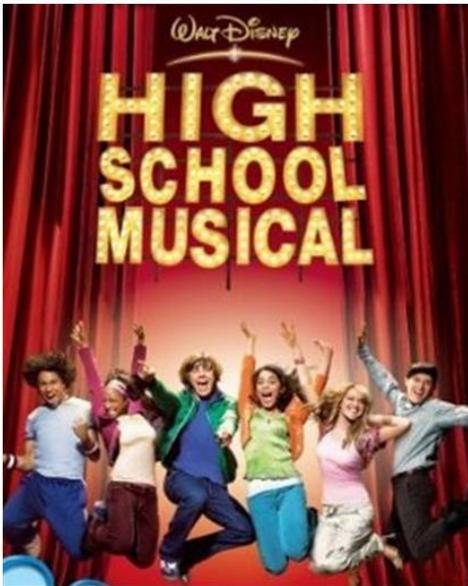


When you stay at Garden Gate Get-A-Way B&B in Holmes County Amish Country this year, they will donate \$10 per night/per room based on rack rates and \$5 per night/per room based on discount rates to Planned Pethood Inc. Just present this coupon and Garden Gate Get-A-Way B&B will do the rest.
(330) 674-7608 www.garden-gate.com

Named 1 of the Top 10 Bed & Breakfasts in the USA for 2007-2008 by Bedandbreakfast.com!
Named 1 of the Top 10 Bed & Breakfasts in the Midwest for 2008-2009 by Bedandbreakfast.com!

Can you add a few extra items in your grocery cart and donate them to PPI?

- Clay Kitty Litter (desperately needed)
- Bleach
- Gas cards
- Copy paper
- Colored Paper
- White card stock
- 1st class postage stamps
- Printer ink
- File folders
- Blue and red pens



See you at the movies!

Join us for a viewing of the smash hit,
High School Musical!

Get ready for an *interactive*
movie event for kids of all ages!

Sunday, April 26th
Maumee Indoor Theater
1:30pm - 4 pm
[movie starts at 2pm]
Tickets: \$5.00

Proceeds from tickets, food and beverages will benefit the animals helped by Planned Pethood through our adoption program and our spay/neuter programs.

Enjoy snacks and beverages from "Zeke's Bake Shop"

We must sell 100 tickets by April 10th or the event will be cancelled. Purchase tickets online at our website via PayPal or on the day of the event at the ticket booth.

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Past newsletters are now on our website under About Us.

Single serving volunteers *Desperately* needed

Not everyone can foster. Not everyone has the spare time to devote to a large project. Not everyone is able to commit to assisting long-term to a fundraiser. Maybe you would be able to help PPI for one of our volunteering opportunities. With humor, we're calling them "single serving" volunteers. A list with specific times, dates and duties has been circulating with spaces for you to write your name. Email or call to get on the list: morehart@bex.net or 419-243-9787

Gimme Shelter ! ? !

As we gear up for the summer we are in need of sun shade tents. Often we have up to 5 adoption events a week. The animals are showcased better when we are able to be outside the entrance of a store rather than in a corner inside. The animals are under less stress (and so are the volunteers) when we have space to spread out, outside. Sun shade tents make this possible, otherwise the weather prohibits our staying outside.

Can you donate an "Easy Up Tent" for our adoption events?

Need A Speaker For Your Work, School or Club?

For 30 years Planned Pethood has promoted responsible pet ownership and reduction of unwanted litters of dogs and cats. Educating our community about what we do and why it matters is critical to our mission. Our educational outreach efforts are customized to fit a variety of audiences. When appropriate, our presenters bring "alumni" from the rescue with us when we speak to your group.

Q: What groups does Planned Pethood work with?

A: Any group that wants to learn more about our organization! Some groups we have visited include: Pre-Schools; Grade Schools; Junior High Schools; Parenting Groups; Scout Troops; Youth Groups; Senior Centers

Q: Is there a cost to have Planned Pethood speak to my group?

A: NO! We do not charge a thing! While we always appreciate donations of care items, food or even money, it is not required.

Q: Why bring the pets?

A: There are several reasons to bring them along. Meeting these pets in person brings home the reality that



person brings home the reality that animals that would make wonderful additions to a family are being put down every day. It helps people see why we promote spay/neutering of all companion animals. Our animals' stories illustrate the importance of what we do, and meeting the pets in person makes it that much more real. People respond positively to visiting pets. For example: we have experienced remarkable results with special needs children and their

special needs children and their interactions with the pets. Having the animals present allows us to demonstrate proper handling and behavior towards pets, allows children or fearful adults the opportunity to practice positive interactions with the animals.

Q: What type of animals will you bring?

A: Pets are only included when invited. We have brought dogs and cats to various engagements. Which pets we bring will vary according to the needs of the group we are visiting. We currently have two dogs that are certified as American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizens and as Therapy Dog International therapy dogs. Several other dogs are in training for those certifications. We only bring dogs that are either certified, or in training for certification as Canine Good Citizens and/or Therapy Dogs.

Q: What types of things do you talk about?

A: Our presentations are tailored to be appropriate for the audience. We are open to input from the group regarding what they would like us to focus on.

If you are interested in having our outreach team speak to your class or organization, please contact Mary at: marytorio@gmail.com.



Mary Torio with Starr and her new "wheels"

ToledoUnleashed.org

If you are interested in Toledo having a dog park consider this petition for supporting a dog park in the Toledo area. The initiative is already under way, but as usual, there are naysayers within the city of Toledo government. ToledoUnleashed is considering options so this park can be maintained as a non-profit, not city-ran. Spread the word about this park and urge people to sign so ToledoUnleashed can show those anti-dog park people that yes indeed, people do want a dog park.

<http://www.thepetitionsite.com/1/toledo-unleashed---support-for-toledo-dog-parks>

PPI Therapy Dog Gets Her Own Therapy

by Mary Torio

We at Planned Pethood are committed to community outreach and education. Our outreach team of people and pets (all adopted through Planned Pethood!) travel to give presentations. One the team's founding members is Starr, a petite, gentle German Shepherd Dog.

Starr was about 8 years old when she was surrendered. She'd been abused, and was truly terrified of people. She overcame her fears and obtained both her Canine Good Citizen and Therapy Dog certifications. Three years later she is one of Planned Pethood's best Ambassadors! She's no longer afraid and loves to meet new people of all ages. Of all the dogs on our team, Starr is the one who most draws the abuse victims and special needs children out of their shells. I've seen autistic children who do NOT speak, clearly and spontaneously speak to Starr. There aren't words to describe how powerful that is.

Starr herself has special needs. Due to her age (11+) she's losing her sight and hearing. She also suffers from a disease which causes paralysis. To keep her mobile her owner got this happy, otherwise healthy dog a wheelchair. With her wheels she'll be able to continue sharing her calm, loving energy with everyone she meets.

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Come eat at Peppercorns to help us, the dogs & cats of NW Ohio!

Peppercorns Restaurant

105 W. 5th Street (corner of 5th and Louisiana Ave) Perrysburg, OH 43551

10% of your food bill will be donated to Planned Pethood.

Valid March 9 through April 30, 2009. Excludes alcohol and specials. Must present this coupon.

Planned Pethood's Mission: To reduce the overpopulation and suffering of dogs and cats through education and low-cost spay/neuter programs and to rescue, vet and place adoptable dogs and cats into good permanent homes.



2008 Statistics

With the money we raised last year, Planned Pethood did some pretty remarkable things. Planned Pethood, in 2008, helped nearly 7,000 families in our local area. That's a lot of lives we have touched for a group of volunteers and no building. 1381 animals adopted into loving homes. 1590 dogs and cats spay/neutered as financed by Planned Pethood and returned to their homes. 3934 dogs and cats spay/neutered through our low cost program in concert with local vet offices.

Great Turn Out for Pet First Aid Class

By Sally Wehner

On March 5th, Planned Pethood offered a First Aid class taught by Dr. Kittsen McCumber, DVM and owner of Animal Emergency and Critical Care. I asked a few people if they were going to attend and was told that they weren't since they had taken the class previously and didn't think they needed it again.

Being a medical professional, I know how important it is to keep current with medical skills. So I signed up anyway (besides I thought I'd take a few pictures of the classes so we'd have something to put in the newsletter). Anyone that thought that the class would just be another repeat of the "same old, same old" - boy were they mistaken.



I had taken the classes twice previously, both times given by Red Cross volunteers. Dr McCumber gave a unique perspective having been involved in the nuts and bolts when it comes to animal emergency care. Think of it like this: would you want to learn how to fly a plane from someone who had only read about it in books or would you want to learn how to fly from a veteran pilot?

Dr. McCumber covered CPR, poisonings,

fractures, moving an injured animal and shock. The Red Cross First Aid book, a new edition from the previous book came with the class for a modest price of \$20. And now there are separate dog and cat editions.

The only bad thing was that the class only lasted an hour and a half. I'm sure it could have easily lasted twice as long. I highly suggest that every pet owner makes plans to attend our next class.

Another Pet First Aid Class is being planned for Autumn. Look out for updates on our website and in an upcoming ENewsletter for a date.

Thank you to Dr. Kittsen McCumber for providing this enlightening and interesting opportunity.

That "Free" Dog

by Molly LaMountain

From Craig's List: "I have a 7 week old Boxer- Lab mix puppy who is really sick. I bought him for my son's birthday present and now he is sick, he has lost so much weight that you can see all his bones, he is very weak, and has very runny stool. I need to find him some help somewhere, if any one knows a rescue I could take him to or someone that would want to help him, I really don't want to let him go but I don't want him to die and I am sure that he will if he does not get some help and I don't have the money to pay to a vet. He is a great little pup, very cuddly and sweet, very beautiful little guy; I just want him to live! Please let me know something!"

Sometimes people joke about our adoption process: "It's easier to adopt a child!" Other times people aren't so nice about it, and tell us that our request for a home visit is unreasonable, or become angry when their application is declined because their current or previous pets weren't kept up to date on veterinarian care.

While the posting above is a worse case scenario, this is exactly the sort of situation we are trying to avoid. Bringing home a new dog or puppy is only the first step in a lifetime of care they will require. The puppy this woman bought needs at least 4 vet visits before it's a year old to be brought up to date on vaccinations and neutered. From then on, it also requires annual visits, as well as heartworm preventative, and his owner must also be prepared for the costs of other injuries or illnesses. This poor little guy could have something as deadly and costly to treat as parvovirus, or he could have something as seemingly minor and relatively inexpensive as a variety of worms. The outcome is the same. He is a very sick dog with the bad luck of ending up with an owner whose only recourse is to post on the internet to try to find someone to help him.

There are of course no guarantees when it comes to our adoptions. Still it's a reasonable assumption that if you kept your previous dogs vetted, you will provide care for the one we adopt to you. If your current dog seems well cared for and lives in a safe environment, we can feel comfortable your next dog will be treated just as well. If you're a first time dog owner, and you've done your homework, understand the commitment, and made preparations for your new family member, we'll feel much better about helping you find that perfect dog than if you want a

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What Are You Doing For Spring Break?



Monkey Jump is the best indoor inflatable facility in Northwest Ohio - come out and have some fun!

Wanna win a pizza party for your class?

\$7 for one hour
\$10 for two hours
\$6 per visit for children under 42"

Attention Rossford & Perysburg Elementary students: your class can **win a pizza party** for the class with the highest attendance at Monkey Jump. Fill in this coupon to be included in the contest. Must have at least 5 participants per class to win. Must jump from March 30 – April 11, 2009.

Your school's name: _____

Your teacher's name: _____

For every admission a donation will be made to Planned Pethood.

Monkey Jump is located in Holiday Park at 27511 Holiday Lane in Perrysburg, Ohio. It is easier to access us from Helen Drive (one street west of Holiday Park). We are across from Cracker Barrel.

HAPPY 30TH BIRTHDAY PLANNED PETHOOD!

Join us in the Celebration!

Saturday, June 13th
10 am – 4pm

FREE ADMISSION

UAW Park
5411 Jackman Rd
(just south of Alexis Rd.)

Activities for the kids and your pets
includes: Blue Grass Band – DJ – Pet Races – Assistance Dog Demo
Agility Course – Border Patrol Dog Demo – Obedience Demo
Games – Raffles – Prizes & Give-Aways – Free Grooming
Photos – Food – Sparkles the Clown – Face Painting – Pet Yoga Demo
Free Microchipping – Crafts - Treats – Pet Communicator- MUCH MORE

spontaneous birthday present for a young child, with no idea what will happen with that dog the first time he gets sick.

Planned Pethood's dog program's adoption process has evolved a great deal over the years, as we work towards the most responsible placements we can manage. If what we require perhaps seems unreasonable, remember we have saved many of these dogs from bad situations. We have brought them into our own homes, fixed them up physically and emotionally, and now must find a way to turn them over to new homes. We want every assurance possible that the next home they get

will give them the love and care they deserve.

On a related note, the posting above also highlights the dangers when owners give their pets away for free. There is rarely a "good home" at the other end of a free ad. For more information, go to <http://www.petrescue.com/library/free-pet.htm> "The Tragedy of 'Free to a Good Home.'" While we can't always take on all of the dogs and cats being given away by others, you can all do your part to educate people on the risks to their pets when this is the route they choose.

Spay/Neuter in Mexico

[Recently, Carol Dunn (PPI President) visited Mexico and met a fellow rescuer doing good works there. Below is a note from her about what they are up to in Mexico]

Let me tell you some things about our organization, Perros en Puerto, so that you can pass on the information to your folks and maybe generate some interest. Particularly we are looking to get some veterinarians who would like to come to Puerto, work a little, and have a great vacation! We can't provide transportation costs, but we can provide hospitality, room and board, and lots of fun company, human, canine and feline!

Perros en Puerto was started in August 2008 by a group of concerned Mexicans and foreigners. We started with four Mexicans, one German, one Norwegian, and one American (me). Since then some Canadians, another Mexican, and one Dutch woman have joined in, as well as my students, who have become junior PEP members. We did our first sterilization campaign in December 2008 with two veterinarians; a husband and wife team from Mexico City. We had to charge \$250 pesos for that one so we weren't too successful, only sterilizing 35 dogs and cats. We realized that because of the poverty here, we have to have free campaigns or the people simply won't (can't) participate, so we teamed up with the State Health Secretary for a week-long campaign in February 2009 and were able to sterilize 155 dogs and cats.

One special participant was a little 6-year old boy named Chucho, who came walking with his huge Rottweiler mix dog, bringing her to be spayed because he said his father told him that if she had puppies he would kill them all and he didn't want that to happen. He did this on his own because, as he said, he loved his dog so much that he didn't want anything bad to happen to her or for her to be sad. He watched the surgery and said that he wished he could be a veterinarian to help all the animals. After the surgery, one of our volunteers drove him home with his dog. He lives in a tiny shack made of wood, very primitive, with no toilet facilities, an outdoor cooking area, and surrounded only by bare dirt. Our volunteer spread a blanket under a tree and told him how to keep the dog's wound clean. She gave him antibiotic pills for the dog, but when she went back to check the next day found that the child's mother had thrown the pills away, saying they were poison. Despite all this, the dog has recovered nicely and Chucho is happy. This is just one of the many people we have been able to help so far.

We have been pestering local authorities to give us some land on which to build a dog/cat shelter, but so far, although they have promised publicly to do so, we have not received anything yet. This is one of our principle problems because when we rescue dogs and cats from the street, we have no place to put them. Currently, our treasurer is taking care of 14 puppies in her home, apart from her regular 5 dogs. I am caring for my 5 dogs and 2 cats, plus 2 street dogs and 12 street cats. All of our volunteers are in similar conditions. Many times we simply have to pick up a sick animal, cure it, sterilize it, and then put it back on the street, but since this is all we can do right now, that's what we do. Many of my students have rescued puppies and/or adult dogs, caring for them in their homes, with the help of PEP. Despite the fact that they too live in a wooden shack with an outdoor privy and are very, very poor.

You can learn more at www.perrosenpuerto.com



Yours in caninity and felinity (ha, ha!),

Sally Winston

Want to go out and play?



Come out and play with us!

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 Fabulous Live and Silent Auction Items!

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For more information e-mail us at pets@plannedpethood.net or call for tickets now 419-389-4655.

Call 419-389-4655 now or buy online at www.plannedpethood.net

Breed Specific Legislation

Breed specific legislation, known as BSL, has been the topic of debate for several years. As reported by WTOL, members of the Ohio Coalition of Dog Advocates met in Sylvania on April 2, 2009 to discuss strategies to change current Ohio laws. Current law says pit bulls and “bully” breeds are inherently vicious. Disagreeing with Ohio Coalition is Toledo-Lucas Co Animal Control Officer, Tom Skelton, saying all pit bulls are vicious. The full story can be viewed at:

<http://www.wtol.com/Global/story.asp?s=10123575>

State Representative Barbara Sears has introduced a bill that would strike from Ohio law any denotation regarding BSL. Ohio HB 79, which would remove the longstanding BSL from state law, has moved to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. You may follow the proceedings and view committee member contact information at: <http://stopbsl.com/2009/03/23/ohio-hb-79-has-moved-to-committee/>. Planned Pethood asks that you consider voicing your opinion to the committee members before they meet on April 29, 2009.

WANTED: your stuff!

NOW accepting donations of good used merchandise!! All donations go directly to helping NW Ohio dogs and cats in Planned Pethood. Intake going on NOW. Contact Jane Holman at 419-866-1790 or JHolman072@aol.com.

4th Annual Rummage Sale

May 7 - 9, 2009

Thursday: 8:30am – 7pm

Friday & Saturday: 9am – 5pm

Volunteers Needed

Please help when you can. Contact Paula Baker at 419.260.2618 or dustybug69@embarqmail.com to get on the schedule.

Saturday, May 2nd from 10am – 6pm: need 5-6 people to set up and sort

Sunday, May 3rd from 10am – 6pm: need 5-6 people to set up and sort

Mon 4th, Tues 5th, Wed 6th from 10am – 6pm: need 5-6 people to sort and price

Thursday, May 7th from 8:30am – 7pm: need 3 sets of 2 for check out (total of 6) and 2 floor walker

Friday, May 8th and Saturday 9th from 9am – 5pm: need 3 sets of 2 for check out (total of 6) and 2 floor walker

Monday, May 11th: clean up and pack up

Web Cam Needed

We are looking for a web camera to use in an upcoming event. Can we borrow yours? Or maybe you could donate one to us? This will help in our fundraising efforts.

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Visit often. Updates are added frequently. Check out special events, featured animals and read the latest news about Planned Pethood on our website.

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