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5th Annual PetPromise Rescue Run a Huge Success

Event raises awareness and funds for homeless pets



RESCUE RUN 2005

The PetPromise Rescue Run held on Memorial Day weekend, May 28th, was the most successful to date raising \$18,831.00! This event helps fund all of our rescue and animal assistance programs plus our educational initiatives. 95% of every dollar goes to providing food, shelter, and medical care to

homeless, abused, neglected and needy companion animals. Money raised also gets us closer to our goal of purchasing land for a sanctuary. \$7,000 has been slated for the Sanctuary Fund, bringing the total balance of the fund to over \$26,000!



New ideas implemented this year include: individuals collecting pledges to sponsor their participation, team and absentee participation, invitations to other rescue and animal welfare groups, expanded entertainment, and a reunion photo.

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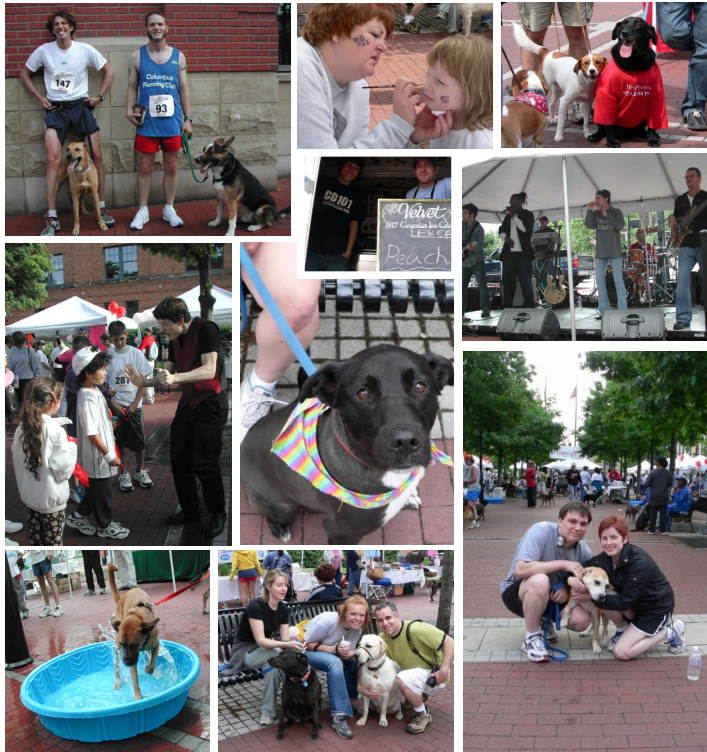


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Snapshots from the PetPromise Rescue Run



MEET OUR NEW DIRECTORS

BOARD DIRECTORS

JUDY NORBITS moved to Columbus from Peoria, IL. She sought out ways to meet people and her love of animals led her to PetPromise. The PetPromise Rescue Run prompted her involvement and led her to become a regular volunteer, foster and subsequent adopter. Judy brings her dedication and expertise to focus on volunteer development.

ANGELA CHRISTIANSON is a seasoned animal welfare volunteer. In searching for a group that was a good fit her, she found the mission and values of PetPromise to be in-line with her own and became a regular volunteer and foster. Angela lends her expertise with cats to head up the City Kitty and Cat SOS programs.

ADVISORY BOARD DIRECTORS

C.WILLIAM KLAUSMAN brings expertise in the area of corporate law.

BEAU CARTER is Vice President of Commercial Banking for The Huntington National Bank

PetPromise Reunion at Rescue Run

Past adopters, volunteers, and friends of PetPromise gathered together at the end of the event for a reunion photo. It was a time to share stories, updates on beloved pets, and reflect on rescued pets whose lives were made whole again through PetPromise. It was a great reminder to all that countless hours of dedication and perseverance can change the lives of so many. One pet at a time, we get closer to our goal of one day having a world where there are no more homeless pets.



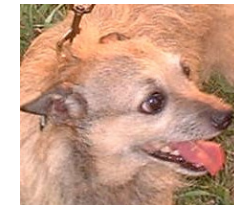
The Best is Yet to Come Adopting an Older Dog

Adopting a dog is a big decision and there are many things to consider when choosing the right pet for you. When adopting a dog, consider giving an older dog a home. Many older dogs have once been part of a family and long to have a place again. Often, this is their last chance, as age and misconceptions are barriers to adoption. Many dogs that would have made wonderful pets are euthanized each day simply because they were deemed "too old".

What is "senior"? The definition of a "senior" dog varies by breed. While a dog with an average lifespan of 8 years (such as a Great Dane) might be a "senior" at the age of 5, a Chihuahua might live into its mid to late teens. A 5 year-old small breed dog hasn't even reached middle age!

With age, comes wisdom (and the love of lounging) There are many advantages to adopting a mature pet. Adult dogs are usually

calmer and less destructive than puppies. Many are already trained and housebroken. A mature dog is often better suited to



8 year-old Arthur is all love and spunk

seniors, small children, and those with busy lifestyles. Their personalities are apparent from the start. They quickly adjust to a new home, having already learned from a

previous owner what is expected of them. Older dogs usually sleep through the night, unlike puppies, who might require you to wake up several times to let them out. A mature dog also leaves you time to yourself, while puppies often demand constant attention. With regular preventative veterinary care, exercise, and a healthful diet, you and your new friend can have many years of companionship ahead. (continued)

Give a dog a chance. A common misconception is that an older dog that ends up in a shelter or a rescue group is wrought with behavioral or health problems. While there are no guarantees when adopting any dog, most have lost their homes due to no fault of their own. Older dogs lose their homes for many reasons, mostly due to the problems of the person surrendering the dog – not the dog. It is not uncommon for expensive, well-bred dogs to outlive their usefulness or novelty for people who bought them on impulse. Other ways that older dogs find themselves homeless include: death of a guardian, not enough time for the dog, change in a work schedule, a new baby, moving to a place where dogs are not allowed, allergies, prospective spouse doesn't like dogs, the list goes on. Some adult dogs might have issues such as shyness due to past abuse or neglect, but often this can be overcome with patience and love.

Many good times ahead. Muttley, an 5 year-old mixed breed, spent three years at a sanctuary that rescues homeless dogs, before coming to PetPromise. Muttley loved children and

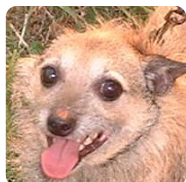
other animals, both cats and dogs, and was completely housebroken and well-behaved, but the quiet, older dog was overlooked again and again. For three long years, he waited. . .although well-cared-for at the sanctuary, poor Muttley longed for human contact, gently rubbing up against visitors' shins and sitting at their feet, waiting for his special person to take him home. When a PetPromise volunteer met him, his sweet, calm demeanor won her over; she knew she could not leave him behind to lose any more years of his precious life. He was adopted by a loving family after only a few months. To his new family, Muttley has his whole life ahead of him – not behind him.

To make sure a dog is right for you, take entire family along when meeting the pet. After the adoption, enroll the dog in an obedience class that includes the primary caretaker as the trainer, even if the dog already knows commands. This will help you and your new pet bond. Give your new dog time to acclimate and provide plenty of affection and one-on-one time.

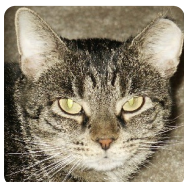
Many rescue groups, including PetPromise have senior dogs waiting for the perfect family. Valuable information can be found online at the Senior Dogs Project, www.srdogs.com. An older dog is waiting to share love and companionship, if just given the chance – it just might be their last. ♥



Featured Pets for Adoption



Arthur 8 yrs, M, terrier mix, 10 lbs. Poor little Arthur was found wandering the streets with nowhere to go. He ended up at the animal shelter and due to his age, was deemed unadoptable even though he was the most friendly, loving dog around. When a vet student met him, she just couldn't let him be euthanized as he had so much love to give. Arthur is housebroken and crate-trained. Will you give our Arthur a second chance?



Katie Blue 4 yrs, F, Tabby, Short Hair Katie Blue is a darling girl with just a stub for a tail. She was living a tough life outdoors when she was hit by a car. No one cared enough to stop and help her so she lay by the roadside bleeding. Fortunately, we were able to get Katie to the vet where her life was saved. Katie warms up quickly if shown kindness but she is scared of cars and other cats. Are you the person Katie Blue dreams of?

MEETINGS

Meetings held at:
Iacono's Restaurant
5925 Sawmill Rd.
(just south of Rt. 161)
Columbus, Ohio

Board Meetings

Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

11 am - 1 pm (2nd Saturdays)
Join us to discuss the operations, programs, and future goals and missions of PetPromise.

Volunteer

Orientation/Training
Sept. 10, Dec. 10

1 pm - 3 pm (quarterly)
If you are interested in volunteering, plan to attend!

EVENTS

Mingle With Our Mutts

Sept. 4 & 18, Oct. 2 & 16, Nov. 6 & 20, Dec. 4 & 18
Noon - 2 pm
(1st & 3rd Sundays)

Franklin County Animal Shelter, 1731 Alum Creek Dr.
Meet PetPromise Dog SOS dogs available for adoption!

Sawmill PetCo Adoption Days

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17
12 - 2 pm (3rd Saturdays)

Lennox PetCo Adoption Days

Oct. 22, Nov. 26
4 - 6 pm (4th Saturdays)
Meet PetPromise pets who need adoptive homes.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo

Sept. 24
10 am - 4 pm
Columbus Zoo

Up-to-date information can be found on the web at www.petpromise.org under "News & Events".

Featured Program

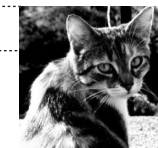


OPERATION FILL-A-BOWL

Through Operation Fill-A-Bowl, PetPromise can assist pet owners by providing cat and dog food to those in need. This allows pet owners who have a sudden financial emergency, such as illness or job loss, to keep their pets instead of turning them over to shelters or rescues. Operation Fill-A-Bowl can also provide food to feral cat caretakers in conjunction with the City Kitty program.

This service is free of charge and is possible through the generosity of private donations. Limited supplies available. Please call 614.PET.2149 to request food.

HOMELESS CATS NEED YOUR HELP!



Have you been thinking about getting involved or wondering what you can do to help homeless cats? PetPromise has many volunteer opportunities through our Cat SOS and our City Kitty Programs.



Through Cat SOS, PetPromise provides foster care, medical care, and rehabilitation to once homeless, neglected, or abused cats as well as adoption services so that these pets may find loving permanent homes. **We are seeking qualified foster homes now. Fill out an online foster application to get started.**



Through our City Kitty Program, PetPromise provides, vaccinations and spay/neuter surgery for feral cats, to help control the feral cat population in Central Ohio. **We often provide food and assistance to humanely trap and transport the feral cats as well as providing expert advice and assistance to novice caregivers. Volunteers needed for these duties. PetPromise provides all training.**

Start today by downloading a volunteer release form from our web site at www.petpromise.org and click on "Volunteer". Or attend our volunteer orientation meeting on Sept. 10th. Contact Angela Christianson at pets@petpromise.org for more information.

Help us Build a PetPromise Sanctuary!

Current Sanctuary Fund Balance:

\$26,243.81
(GOAL: \$100,000)



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A Moment For Paws Words, wit, and wisdom from our readers

She's Always a Lady

by Erin Balassone

St. Patrick's Day is typically met with Guinness & good times. In 2003, I faced it with fear. I had been dreading March 17th for two months, since I learned I needed more surgery for thyroid cancer over spring break. At the time, I was a senior at OSU, finishing winter quarter. While my peers might be waking up hung over in Florida, I would be grouchy & groggy in a bed at the James.

Although there have always been more positive responses to my unusual situation from people, animals – especially dogs – are still very comforting. Like Brigitte Bardot, I have always loved animals. I loathe those who abandon & abuse them. Maybe it's easy for me to love them because they are so accepting of me, flaws and all. There are none of the expectations I place upon myself, or the pressures of living up to someone else's expectations.

I grew up with Alice, the family dog, now 12, an excitable, likeable, utterly lovable wire-haired fox terrier. Living in a different house meant I didn't see her often, and I missed her companionship. Even now, when I visit my parents, Alice still sits by my chair, waiting for some treat to fall her way.

The natural choice for a get-well gift was a dog of my own. My mom got me a puppy, Lady, in early 2003. She has big, expressive, brown eyes and a long lean frame. During my recovery, Lady was a great source of comfort for me. I could complain to Lady about how terrible I felt, and she would listen, lick my hand, and somehow that made me feel better.



Lady loves me the way I long to be loved; she accepts me, and the fact that my experiences have left me imperfect. Scars of all kinds make no difference to her. To Lady, I am good enough the way I am.

If you would like to contribute to "A Moment for Paws" please contact us at pets@petpromise.org or leave a voicemail at 614.PET.2149.

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Happy Endings Long awaited adoptions finally come true!



Elody

Eight months ago, chained to an old dog house, and fed a 1/2 cup of food per day, 5 year-old Elody was unable to produce milk for her litter of six puppies. Dumped at the pound, her puppies were immediately put in foster care, but no home was available for poor Elody. Minutes away from being gassed, a *PetPromise* Dog SOS volunteer rescued this sweet girl from a doomed fate. After spending the night in the emergency room for issues related to heartworm, Elody began the process of recovery and her search for a loving home.

Following the loss of their last dog to old age last year, the Waples family started their search for their next family member. Looking for a mature dog, they found Elody and fell in love. Attention is plentiful for person and dog in this family, with Elody's

roll-over trick earning a tummy rub every time! The *PetPromise* crew is inspired by Elody's success story and thanks the Waples family for choosing our precious Elody.



Blitz

Sweet Blitz is a BIG lovebug of a boy. He and his brother were rescued from death when they were

found as babies lying in the snow. When their rescuer could not keep them, they were given away and were moved from home to home, never knowing where they belonged or if they were loved. Today, Blitz is well adjusted and loving. He adores being cuddled and does great with other kitties and even dogs and kids! When the Haas family decided they were ready to add another family member, Blitz was the one! His new family is thrilled with him within moments of arriving at his new home, he and was making happy toes and purring. It appears he will be one spoiled cat!

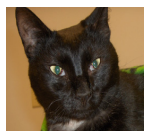
At the Rainbow Bridge



SCRAPPY DOO After being diagnosed with a terminal brain disease, Scrappy's chances of finding a home seemed slim. The Jackson family fell in love with her despite her special needs and gave her a loving home of her own for the last months of her life.



WILD BILL "Billy" had a tough life on the streets as the leader of a colony of feral cats. He was rescued after suffering a horrible injury – likely a dog attack. He was slowly tamed and lived his last years safely indoors with fellow foster kitties.



JAKE Poor Jake didn't get much of a chance to enjoy life. He was rescued as a young stray kitty and diagnosed with feline leukemia. He lived his final year with a kitty friend in a loving foster home.

What is *PetPromise*?

PetPromise is a 501 (c)(3), non-profit, animal welfare organization. Our mission is to create a world where there are no more homeless pets through education, rescue, sterilization, and adoption.



Our Promise

We stand behind the statement "Pets for Life. Life for Pets." A pet adopted through *PetPromise* remains an important part of our extended family. If for any reason a family cannot keep the adopted pet, we will take it back, no questions asked. An adopted cat or dog should never be given away under any circumstances. If there is a problem, let us be the first to help find a solution.