



Friendship APL
of Lorain County
2015 Annual Report

Scrapbook



*Remember, remember
all we fight for.
Remember, remember
all we fight for.*

I am blessed with the best group of employees that I have ever had the honor to work alongside. They work tirelessly caring for the injured. They comfort the poor and the sick who have nowhere else to turn when they are forced to relinquish a pet. They fight for the rights of animals who are abused and neglected. They counsel families when they add a new member to their home. And they make sure our lights stay turned on even when money is tight.

They have an unwavering belief in the mission of Friendship APL—to protect and educate. They are advocates for a more humane Lorain County and Ohio. But most of all, they are fighters in a seemingly endless crusade. When they see an empty cage, they do not see less work. They see an opportunity...

An opportunity to save a life.

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A Message from Our Board President

It all started with a cat. A few years ago I was watching one of those humane animal shows on cable and it disgusted me and made me so sad to see how some animals were treated. At that point I thought about getting a cat which was more conducive to my lifestyle than a dog. I grew up having a dog at my grandparents when I was a little girl and we had always had one dog at some time or another in the house. I knew that a shelter was the place to go to save an animal and provide it a better life. My mom had recently adopted from Friendship APL so I thought I would check them first. I never really heard of FAPL before that. Today I am the mom to a wonderful orange male cat from FAPL, who by the way walks on a leash every night outside with my husband or I. I think this is a first for a shelter cat from FAPL. Needless to say we have also adopted a second orange and white cat from FAPL, a feral cat that crawled up in my husband's car engine in the cold winter months and it caught a ride to our house one night, although we had no idea she was in there and that she had burned the fur off her leg. Within the last month I

also adopted Quarry, the story you're about to read in this annual report. As fate would have it she came into my life as a temporary house guest, but in the end I knew she couldn't leave our home. These cats are my children and I cannot imagine life without them.

Most people that adopt an animal from a shelter forget about the shelter after they take their fur baby home. I became more involved with FAPL after the adoption of my first cat. I realized that I had the time, money and compassion to help other animals and this shelter was the place to do that. Today I not only volunteer at the shelter but I find myself on the Board of an extraordinary place that has enriched my life and the life of three cats who are now very spoiled. Part of our mission at the shelter is to promote and nurture the human/animal bond. I would say we have done a great job at that. We will have over 2,500 adoptions this year and we couldn't do it without our Executive Director Greg Willey, his staff, our volunteers, donors and other Board members.

The animals at FAPL give unconditional

love even after finding themselves in a shelter through no fault of their own. The staff and volunteers spend countless hours helping these fur babies find loving new homes. With your help we can continue to increase our TNR program, rescue animals from bad situations such as hoarding and puppy mills and save cats or dogs or horses that need medical attention. You can make a difference in an animal's life by volunteering; we have many volunteer jobs available, from maintenance to paperwork

to sitting with an animal. You can also be a part of a great foster program. One of the best things in life is a free wag, a purr, a smile and the happiness knowing an animal got its forever home.

Deb McFadden, Board President



Quarry
Adopted
January 16, 2016

Reason Why



A mom and her two daughters rush through the doors of the Animal Emergency Clinic and Specialty Center. The oldest daughter is carrying a bundle of old clothes. The staff person looks at the family and asks them what they have in the bundle. The girl slowly pulls back the clothing to reveal a small tiger kitten. Her leg has been completely severed. The mother tells the staff person they found the kitten near the end of their driveway on Quarry Road. The staff person shakes her head and says, "you are looking at over a thousand dollars to even try saving the kitten." The mother looks down at her daughters and says, "We can't."

By Ron Pope and Grace Weber

The youngest daughter pulls on her mom's sleeve and says, "Pay her Mommy."

I happened to be in the hospital waiting for results on an entirely different animal. I looked at the staff person and said, "Friendship will take care of it..."

The veterinarians at the Emergency Clinic worked to stabilize the kitten the girls named Quarry. She was then taken to Dr. Fox where her leg was amputated.

It did not take long for the incredible kitten to bounce back from her surgery. She came home with me to recover. After days of cleaning wounds and plenty of antibiotics, we soon found that Quarry could run up and down stairs with all the speed of any four-legged cat.

This cat was loved by the girls who found her, the staff at the Emergency Clinic and Fox Veterinary Hospital, our staff and volunteers, me and my wife, and finally got her new forever home with our Board President.

*I'd had enough, I'd given up, I was broken.
Left to rust, hollowed out, life seemed hopeless...*

*Here you are, you see my scars,
but still you're dryin' these eyes
cause you are my, you are my,
you are my reason why.*



*Quarry
Fox Veterinary Clinic
7/9/15*



*A happy puppy
abandoned at East
Holmes Veterinary
Clinic
Rembrandt
Adopted
September 19, 2015*

*Break of day til the sun goes down, you work the time between them.
A far off land to your own hometown, you've been all around to see them.*

*When it's standing in front of you, and you take it and you pull it in,
you see where you're going to.*

*Lead your way, sing your song. Moving every day, goin' further on.
Lead your way, keep on strong. Moving every day, goin' further on.*

Further On

One thing about Ohio, it is beautiful to drive through. You can drive along vast open fields on Route 301 in October after the wheat and corn have been harvested. You can gaze in awe at the rolling hills - tall grass blowing in a summer breeze. You can stop at the small towns that look like you could have pulled them right from the pages of a Saturday Evening Post.

Along these roads are shelters— some small and some enormous. They all need our help. Every year, we try to go out a little further than the previous year. The reasons for that are numerous. Kennels like Lorain, Cuyahoga and Holmes County, who we have been helping for years, have adoption and transfer rates that rival many humane societies in Ohio. Our objective is always to go where the need is strongest. Many of the more rural kennels have large populations of dogs but small populations of people to adopt them.

We have developed strong relationships with rescues throughout Ohio, so no longer does it mean that we have to jump into our van and race to destinations three or four hours away.

By Bronze Radio Return



*Artie
(Richland Co. Dog Kennels)
Rescued—September 24, 2015.
Adopted—September 29, 2015*

Instead many of the small rescues in these southern counties reach out to us. Toni King and Vicki Groves comb through social media and build relationships with veterinarians. Whenever they need help with a couple of dogs, they simply message me and a handful of rescues to ask if we have any space available. They spend most of their time rescuing senior breeding dogs from Amish puppy mills. These dogs are often discarded or killed.

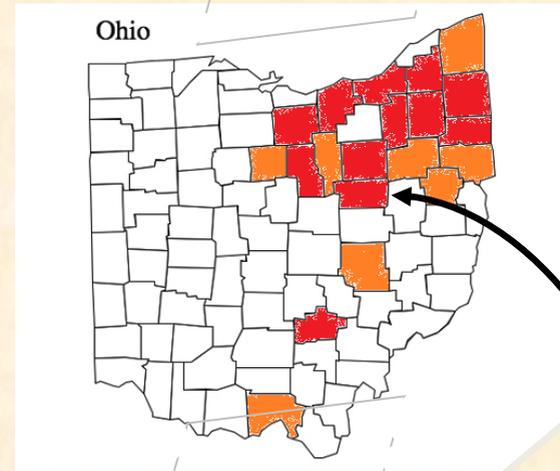
We're on Our Way

Karen Braun is the leader of Geauga Rescue Moms. This dedicated group of fosters pull moms and puppies from dog kennels in the farthest corners of the state and, every once in a while, from beyond Ohio's borders. They raise the pups in homes with experienced volunteers. When they are ready for adoption, they bring them to us. This relationship developed when Karen reached out to me and asked if I could help her. Other rescues and shelters were happy to take the puppies, but she was having trouble finding somewhere that would take the mom dogs. I told her we would be happy to help with the wayward moms. That was what we specialized in anyway when we pulled dogs from puppy mills.

Karen was so impressed with our willingness to help her moms that she began bringing us the puppies too. On any given week, our shelter will have a selection of puppies up for adoption. One would rightly ask the question, "Doesn't this displace some of our adult dogs from being adopted?"

To the contrary, we have seen our average

By The Radical Faces



The red counties are shelters we directly rescued dogs from in 2015 while orange counties are where rescue groups pulled dogs to bring to Friendship APL.

length of stay for dogs continue to drop and is now a record low 17 days. In other words, puppies have increased our adoptions across the board.

The relationships we have built with these amazing rescuers have been instrumental to our success. We are proud to work alongside not only our local volunteers, but also with volunteers from an ever-growing network of incredible rescue groups.

If you need a new coat of paint. If your bones are now heavy things like anchors hidden somewhere 'neath your skin. Or if your head's just an empty box. If your heart has become spare parts. If your days are now just something you must bear.

A row of cages at Holmes County. They have room for 19 total dogs. Their shelter is little more than a converted garage. Last year, we rescued 70 dogs from them.



Well, oh, it seems you're a lot like me. You dug yourself into places you never thought you would be. But don't you fret, and don't you mind. The only constant is change, and you never know what you'll find. Yeah, tomorrow I might wake up nice and clean, and I might believe the things I said I didn't mean. And this might turn and wind up just the way we'd dreamed, and I might become the things I swore I'd always be.

Well, we're always on our way.

We're on our way...

*I've got one last thing to do.
One more mile before I'm through.
Casting off these earthly chains,
going where there's no more pain.*



*I will make my way across the fields of cotton
and wade through muddy waters one last time.
And in my dreams I come out clean when I reach the other side,
west of where the sun sets,
where rainbows never die...*

*Saying goodbye
to Casper
Marshall, VA*

November 16, 2015

Where Rainbows Never Die

There are days in rescue work that make you question everything you do. A dog cannot tell you when they are in pain or are suffering. A cat cannot describe their symptoms when they are sick. Did you make the right decision to treat this one? Could you have done more to save that one? And then there are those stories where you believe you did everything right and took it as far as you could, and still the ending of that story leaves you heartbroken and with a head full of doubt.

Friendship received a message about a couple of dogs that had been surrendered to a veterinarian for euthanasia in Berlin, Ohio. One was a bow-legged beagle and the other was a lab pup that was too skinny. We rushed down to Holmes County to rescue them. The beagle did have bad bone confirmation, but there was nothing that suggested this 8 week-old pup could not go on to live a normal life. The lab on the other hand (now named Casper), definitely had something wrong. Our veterinarian determined it was a condition called megaesophagus (ME).

This debilitating illness prevented him from swallowing food and water. Karen Braun from Geauga Moms had a Bailey Chair built to help him use gravity to keep his food down. We worked with a national ME rescue and arrangements were made to get him to South Carolina where he would work with a

By The Steeldrivers

Casper in his Bailey Chair



trainer to not only learn to care for himself but would also be trained to be a search and rescue dog. Here is the story of a dog that was saved from euthanasia that would go on to save the lives of others! We drove Casper over eight hours to Virginia and met a rescue transport to take him the rest of the way. This would be a perfect story... if it ended there.

Unfortunately, Casper had an even more serious underlying, undiagnosed condition, and he passed away on December 29th.

These are the stories that make up work in animal welfare. It takes you on a roller coaster ride of emotions every single day. The work challenges us to throw in the towel and quit.

But the truth is... *I wouldn't trade a single minute of the time I had with him.*

Second Chances

Not every story has a sad ending, but almost every story in the rescue world has a sad beginning. On April 29th, a friend of the shelter reached out to us. They needed help with a hoarding situation involving over 100 small breed dogs that had formally been used for breeding. The conditions were deplorable, and the animals were severely matted in their own filth. They were terrified of human contact due to a total lack of any socialization.

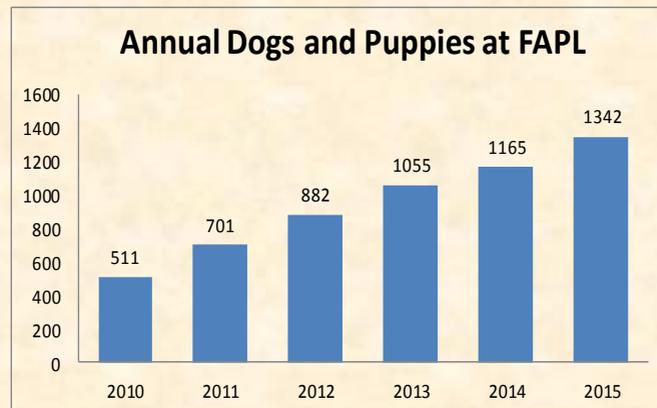
We worked all day alongside other rescues to remove the dogs from this house of horrors. We loaded up 31 dogs. By the end of the day, we had vaccinated, dewormed, microchipped and heartworm tested each and every one.

By the end of the week, we had them groomed and spayed or neutered. When you see the before and after photos of Lemon Crisp (right), you can see the difference a week in our care can make in the life of an animal. If you saw this little dog, you would have had no idea the horrendous environment from which this dog had come.

by Gregory Alan Isakov

Lemon Crisp found a home seventeen days after arriving at Friendship APL. This was after spending over a year living in a home where you could barely breathe from the smell of animal waste. He is now living in a home in Amherst with someone who loves him and can provide him with the sort of life he deserves.

This year we took in 1,342 dogs and puppies. All of them have origin stories similar to Lemon Crisp. Many are forgotten, lost, abused and neglected. Others have owners that are too sick or are financially incapable of providing the care they need. Either way, all these dogs are looking for a second chance at love. That's what we provide—a second chance.



Before

*I'm running from nothing,
no thoughts in my mind.*

*Oh my heart was all black,
but I saw something shine.*

*Thought that part was yours,
but it might just be mine.
I could share it with you,
if you gave me the time.*

*I'm all bloody knuckles,
longing for home.*



After

*Lemon Crisp
Adopted May, 16, 2015*



*Aphro
put to sleep on
September 8, 2015
(distemper)*

*It would break your heart, if you knew me well...
See, I have run so far that I've lost myself.
And there are things I have seen that I never will tell.
They drove me out of my mind and inside of myself.*

And oh, my, my,

Break Your Heart

Every single time we pull a dog from a shelter or assist a rescue group or pick up a kitten from under a porch, there is a risk that he or she will be sick. The challenge with that is not only the money it costs to care for them to try and make them better or the risk of spreading the disease throughout the shelter to other healthy animals. No. It is the little piece of your heart that they take with them when you are unable to save them. Every year you work in and around a shelter, you lose a little more.

Aphro came to our shelter from an owner who had a litter of puppies for which she could no longer care. We went to her Lorain home and loaded the 6 week-old pups into our car. They were little Lab/Pitbull mixes. It soon became clear that there was something wrong with them. One by one, they crashed out and stopped eating. Our fosters rushed them to various veterinarians. We soon found out it was distemper.

I sat for hours on the cold floor at the Emergency Clinic on Labor Day trying to comfort the sick puppy. While other people were enjoying the last days of

By The Gaslight Anthem



*Handsome put to sleep August 26, 2015
(telescoping intestines—untreatable)*

summer with their families, I sat with a puppy hooked up to an IV. When the veterinarian finally made the call that it was time to let him go on Tuesday, we were by his side.

We were able to save dogs from parvo and heartworm, while some, like Handsome, had disorders that our vets had never seen and, despite their valiant efforts, could not save. We can tell you dozens of sad stories here, but the fact is we have a 97% live release rate for dogs. That percentage has stayed consistent even though dog intakes were up 15% from 2014.

Cats are a different story altogether...

We Come Running



Helena Prosowski stares at the horrible living conditions where we discovered over a dozen cats and kittens.

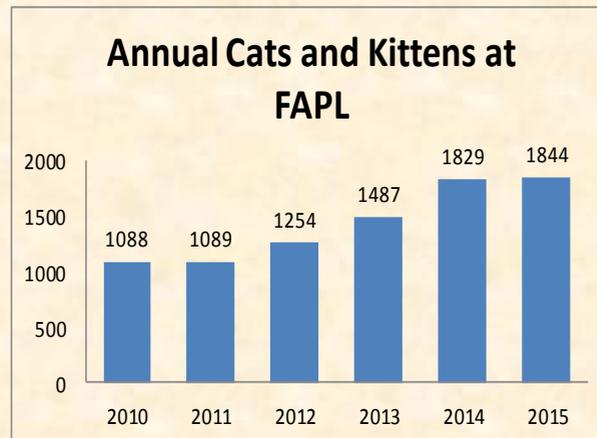
Where most of our dogs come from shelters, rescues or owners, the vast majority of cats and kittens come from under porches, abandoned houses, and off the streets of Lorain County.

Kittens in particular are our most fragile population. From spring to fall, we receive dozens of calls a week to help with abandoned kittens. These poor babies can come to us ranging in age from healthy 8 week-old babies to those litters which were born just hours before arriving.

By Youngblood Hawke

We try to give every cat the best chance we can, but it is often a losing battle. We are able to save 82% of the cats and kittens that arrive at Friendship APL.

Nothing was more difficult then when we had to catch a bunch of sickly cats and kittens from a trailer park in South Lorain in July. We took in 13 cats and kittens—all of which turned out to be carriers of panleukopenia. This spread through our nursery and made many of our other litters sick. It has a 90% mortality rate. If we had had more fosters for our kittens, we may have been able to prevent all these babies from becoming ill. That is our goal for 2016... more foster families for our cats and kittens.



*Under a pale blue sky, you never felt so cold.
Another sleepless night. How could you ever let go?
How do you recognize the dirty face of gold
behind that crooked line where you never knew you'd go?
Headed for the open door. Tell me what you're waiting for.
Look across the great divide. Soon they're gonna hear
the sound, the sound, the sound when we come running!
Never go where we belong. Echoes in the dead of dawn.*

*Soon they're gonna know
the sound,
the sound,
the sound*

When we come running!

*Becca Lauffer coaxes 11 year-old
Ling out of the shrubs.
Adopted September 27, 2015*



Where is my Mind? By the Pixies (as performed by Trampled by Turtles)



An emergency call comes in to Friendship APL staff on July 5th. There is a stray cat under a porch in desperate need of our help. We spent hours trying to coax the kitten out from under the porch, but the scared baby would simply move farther and farther away from us. It quickly became apparent that this poor animal was far too frightened for us to just grab her and get her the help she desperately needed.

We decided that the best approach would be to set up a humane trap for her. Our patience paid off. By eight o'clock that evening, we had her in a trap. Our staff picked her up and brought her back to the

shelter. She was still too scared to safely handle, so our staff gave her food and water. By the next morning, we were able to pick her up and carry her around. By that afternoon, we determined what was wrong with her. A parasite had lodged itself behind her eye. Our team was able to safely remove the parasite without damaging her eye. It was incredible!

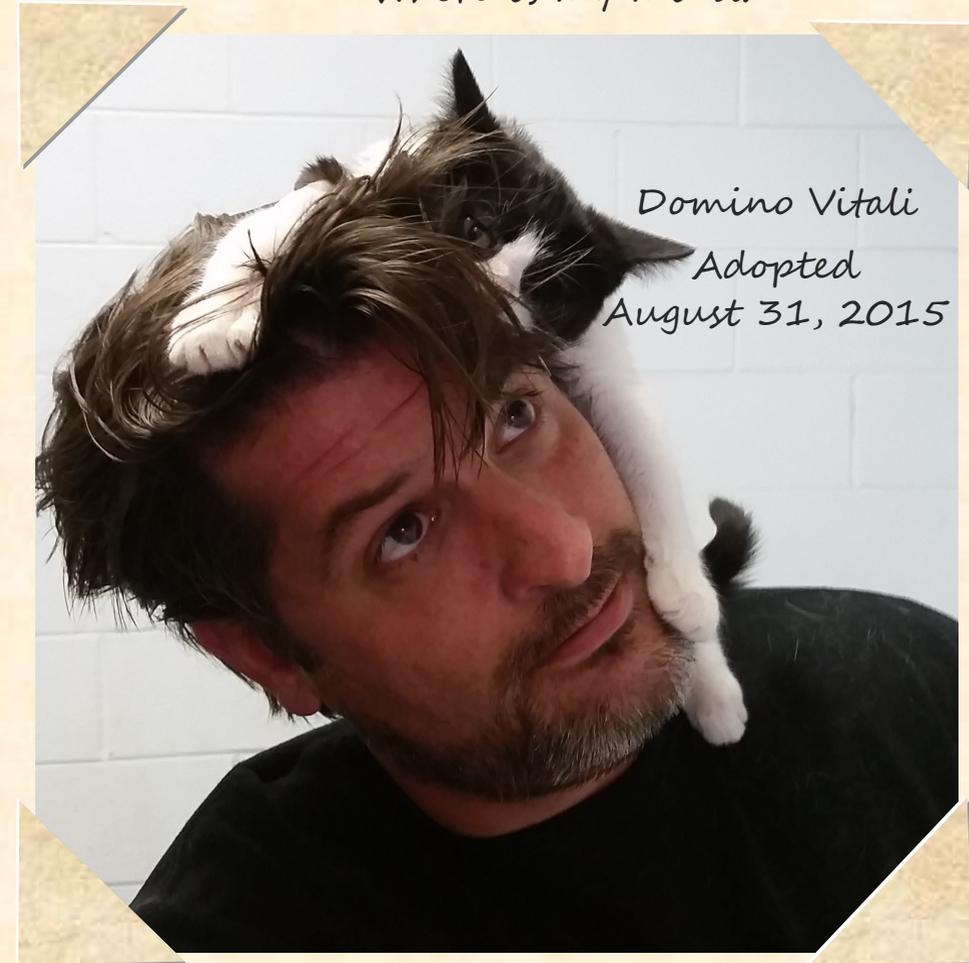
She was named Domino Vitali by the team, and quickly became a shelter favorite. She loved chewing and licking your hair while sitting on your shoulder. She finally completed her journey with us when she found a permanent home a little over a month after arriving at our shelter.



With your feet in the air and your head on the ground, try this trick and spin it, yeah. Your head will collapse. If there's nothing in it, then you'll ask yourself,

Where is my mind?

Where is my mind?



*Domino Vitali
Adopted
August 31, 2015*

*Cold in a summer breeze. Yeah, you're shivering on your bended knee.
Still, when your heart is sore and the heavens pour.
Like a willow bending with the storm, you'll make it.*



*The Ghost of
Avon Belden Road
Foster Failure
December 27, 2015*

*Running against the wind. Playing the cards you get.
Something is bound to give.
There's hope for the hopeless... There's hope for the hopeless...
There's hope...
There's hope.*

Hope for the Hopeless

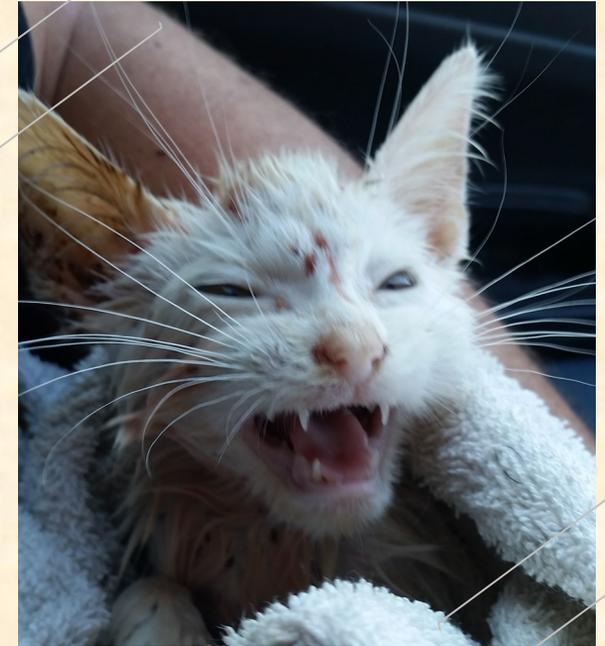
The Ghost of Avon Belden Road. That was the name we gave this cat when Jeff and Jill Cooper brought him through our doors. They had seen this little white ball of fur on State Route 83. The fact that they even saw the kitten alongside a road where most people are traveling at 55 miles per hour was the first miracle.

We had never seen a cat so pale in our lives. The ears were as white as his fur. His gums and nose had no color to them. The only color we could really see were the hundreds of fleas crawling over his body. These tiny bugs had literally drained him of almost all of his blood. Like a relay race, Jeff Cooper handed me the limp, nearly lifeless kitten, and I raced him from here to Warrensville Heights. VCA Great Lakes was the closest location where I could get him a blood transfusion.

At first the veterinarians thought I was exaggerating the severity of Ghost's condition. The bloodwork soon revealed what I had already known... his red blood cell count was at 7%.

The blood transfusion was immediately ordered.

By A Fine Frenzy



Ghost in my arms on the way to VCA

Twenty-four hours later when I picked up the kitten from the hospital—you can see the incredible change. The picture above was taken in the car on the way to the clinic. The picture on the left was taken the very next day.

The Coopers came down to the shelter and took him home to foster. It was a long road to recovery. He slept a lot at first and had trouble with coordination. By the time he fully recovered, he had already become a permanent member of their family.

Release Me

The majority of our fight to make the world a better place for cats and kittens does not take place between the walls of Friendship Animal Protective League. It is taking place out on the streets of Lorain and Elyria, in the barns of Wellington and LaGrange, and in the backyards of North Ridgeville and Avon.

We trapped, neutered and released 324 cats and kittens in Elyria and North Ridgeville. We have worked alongside committees dedicated to reducing the overall cat population. Committees, like Fix Elyria started by Melissa Snyder, have



Becca, Sue and Me —
The FAPL TNR Crew

By Oh Laura



Elyria Mayor Holly Brinda with
her foster kitten — Cabbage Patch.

helped raise funds for TNR in the city and train new volunteers. Tamera Schuetz's group, C.O.L.A.R. (Community Outreach Local Animal Responsibility), works to educate people on the importance of TNR. Elyria Mayor Holly Brinda and her staff help coordinate the incoming calls to the city about feral cats.

Gandhi wrote, "the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Elyria is making incredible progress these days.

*I am the wilderness locked in a cage. I am a growing force
you kept in place. I am a tree reaching for the sun.*

Please don't hold me down.

*I am a rolling wave without the motion, a glass of water
longing for the ocean. I am an asphalt flower breaking free,
But you keep stopping me.*



Release me...

Release me.

*Feral Cat from
North Ridgeville*

Released

October 16, 2015

First Day of My Life

It is not enough to be great at rescuing dogs if you are unable to find them new homes just as quickly.

Crowe (cover photo) was brought up from Mahoning County Dog Kennels on September 5, 2015 after having trouble finding a home. There is a general rule of thumb in sheltering that black dogs and cats take longer to adopt out.

However, Crowe came to our shelter and we took a beautiful picture of him in the



Tamiko

Adopted March 26, 2015

By Bright Eyes

Prayers from Maria Garden in Avon. That photo was shared all over social media and ended up on the Facebook page of the Evans Family. They came rushing down to our shelter with their dog. It didn't take them long to realize he was the perfect fit for their family. He was up for adoption for a total of seven days before heading off to his forever home!

Perhaps no story better symbolizes how amazing we are at finding animals a new home than the story of Tamiko.

We helped Pawsibilities in Akron with a 9 year-old white, long-haired cat. She had sat in one of their cages for two years without finding a home.

We pulled her out of their shelter and shared her heartbreaking tale. Her story reached Tracy in Madison, Wisconsin. She was so touched when she read about Tamiko, that she drove six hours overnight to take her home.

Tamiko spent over 700 days in a cage in Akron...

She spent 6 days at Friendship.

*This is the first day of my life.
I'm glad I didn't die before I met you.
But now I don't care.
I could go anywhere with you,*



Crowe (now Crew) — Adopted September 18, 2015

Save Me

Our staff travels throughout Northeast Ohio rescuing dogs from shelters where they may be at risk of euthanasia and sometimes these dogs are delivered right to our doorstep. Many of these animals come in with a whole host of medical issues. It is our foster families that open their hearts and their homes to these poor souls that are some of our biggest heroes.

It takes a special person to hold a kitten with pneumonia as he draws his last breath or give love and comfort to a senior



Mary Cordray & her foster puppy—Itchy

By Ryan Adams

dog that you know has cancer, to hope and pray that a puppy will recover from her battle with parvo.

These most dedicated of volunteers treat wounds, administer medication, bottle feed babies, and chauffeur animals back and forth to medical appointments. They care for them sometimes for days and sometimes for years. Their foster pets are often the source of tears of both joy and sorrow.

Gertrude (opposite page) was found in a small cage at the Richland County Pound recovering from surgery to remove a tumor. She was wrapped in surgical tape like a mummy. Her incision would not close or heal. The moment I saw her, I called Bob and Linda Stepan and asked them to meet me at Friendship. They have been caring for this senior Beagle who still has a tumor near her heart. They plan to keep her until it is time to let her go.

Itchy (left) was brought to us from the Lorain County Dog Kennels with one of the worst cases of demodectic mange to come to Friendship APL. Mary Cordray took the puppy home with her and began providing the care and treatment the poor

What am I doing here?
In the setting sun
With the windows down
What am I?
Like a breaking bell
Ringing like a sigh
What am I doing here?

Somebody save me
It's just too much pain
If someone can save me
From the morning, I will remain
Somebody save me...
Save me...

Gertrude with
hospice fosters
Bob & Linda
Stepan since
August 31, 2015



Not Alone

By Matt and Kim

lost soul needed to thrive. It was not long before she was passing along the now recovering puppy to a new family. That family became what we in the business call a foster failure—a family who decides that they just can't let go of their baby.

On August 8, 2015—we received a call from the Lorain County Dog Warden about a husky that was brought to them as a stray. She was unable to stand on her own without falling over after a few seconds. We picked her up and took her to Dr. Taylor at Landings Animal Hospital where we discovered she had a broken pelvis, something that would need to heal naturally. The Bakalar family would be one of her long-term foster families through her healing process. They had her in their home for over a month before she was able to find a home where she would get the care that she would need throughout her life.

One of our newer fosters, Kim Krock, points out that fostering is not only about the animals in their care. She has witnessed first hand the positive impact it can make on the people that take on this important volunteer responsibility. She wrote, "We got involved with the APL so my son and I could do something together. The compassion that has emerged from him is so endearing toward the animals I bring home. He is so compliant and nice to be around again. This opportunity has really brought joy to our family."



August 28, 2015

The day she arrived

Hchy



November 12, 2015

10 weeks later

Hchy

Thought that I was all alone
You came
To me
Pulled me out and brought me home
Thrown deep
Too steep
Caught up in an undertow

You came
To me
Pulled me out
&
Brought me home!

Through the dust and dirt
See what we're worth
Through the pain and hate
Here comes brighter days
Forgot many times
True friends hard to find
Together we're strong
And sing to this song
And sing to this song

Hey there
You know

We're not in this alone!



Kandy (fractured pelvis)
with her foster family—The Bakalars
November 5, 2015

Something We Just Know



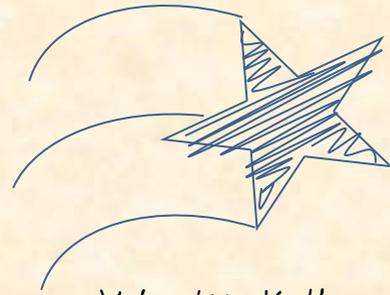
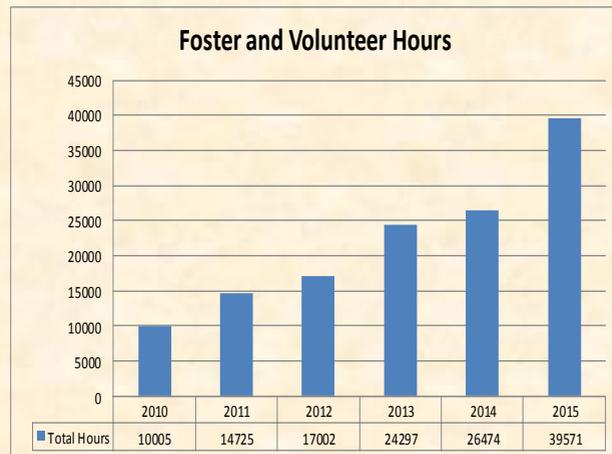
*Elaine Clark comforts Legs, who would shake uncontrollably from Cerebella Hypoplasia unless he was held.
Adopted October 11, 2015*

While our staff treats the body, our volunteers treat the spirit of our animals. On any given day from spring to fall, our shelter can have anywhere from 200 to 350 animals under our care. My staff will spend that day from dawn to dusk providing medication, treatment, and day-to-day care. We have a few dozen dedicated volunteers that help with the daily routine of feeding, cleaning and providing service

By Twin Forks

to the public. The vast majority, however spend their time providing walks, playtime, and love to the thousands of dogs and cats at Friendship. Elaine Clark (left) has spent hundreds of hours in our treatment room with our animal care staff. The staff may be drawing blood, vaccinating and administering medications. But it is Elaine who sits and comforts them afterward. The staff works their fingers to the bone keeping them alive, but it is volunteers like Elaine who give them a reason to live.

Volunteers contributed over 18,600 hours of service in 2015. That is the equivalent of having six additional staff. They do everything from photographing our animals, to cleaning and feeding, to updating our website and Facebook page.



Volunteer Kathy Norrod takes a photo of Virginia Green with Rottweiler—Mae.

Kathy takes pictures of all our dogs and posts them on the internet. She is a driving force behind our successful adoption program.

Virginia runs our Pat-a-Pet Program which takes dogs & cats to nursing homes to bring a little joy to their lives.



Mae

Adopted January 14, 2016

It's something we just know!

We feel it in our bones!

We don't need to be told!

It's something we just know!

It's something we just know...

*Dog Care & Walking Volunteers
of the Month*

The Grabowski Family, January

Jacob Bender, February

Tom & Summer Volk, March

Norman Boisclair, April

Marsha Pedraza, May

Diane Krugman, June

Nicole Smith, July

Lynette Slezak, August

Debbie Farver, September

Wesley Simmons, October

Wendy Norris, November

The McElhannon Family, December

Kathy Jolly & Nancy Berens

Cat Care & Socialization

Volunteers of the Month

Bill Molina, January

Beth Payne, February

Gwenn Grimm, March

Marilyn McMillan, April

Jonny Kutz, May

Marti Stuedle, June

Erin Isenberg, July

Carolyn Horwedel, August

Cherry Sedor, September

Kathy Holomuzki, October

Diane Barnum, November

Rachel Vanek, December

You've Got the Love

Fundraising & Events

Volunteers of the Month

**Linda Stepan
(Brouse McDowell), January**

**Employees of Parker Hannifin,
February**

Employees of Invacare, March

**The Students & Staff of
Lake Ridge Academy, April**

Deb & Jerry McFadden, May

**Donna Ashton
(Superior Electric), June**

The Staff of Bendix, July

Diane & Mike Cotrufo, August

Tri-C Vet Tech Club, September

**Cindy Minn & Precision
Metalforming Association, October**

**Dave Schlather
(Schlather Insurance), November**

**Elyria Browns Backers #335,
December**

By Florence + The Machine

Sandy Press

Adoption & Fostering

Volunteers of the Month

Melissa Mills, January

**Tricia & Catherine Frerman,
February**

Penny Lynch, March

Lin Greenwald, April

Edie Rioux, May

Charlene & Morgan Bakalar, June

Wendy Mandic, July

Ron Straub, August

Christin Brandon, September

The McElwain Family, October

Rachel Rosebeck, November

Dan & Helena Prosowski, December

*Time after time I think, "Oh, Lord, what's the use?"
Time after time I think it's just no good
'Cause sooner or later in life, the things you love you lose.
But you got the love I need to see me through!*

FRIENDSHIP ANIMAL PROTECTIVE LEAGUE

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets

For the Year Ended October 31, 2015

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenue and Support				
Contributions	\$ 319,232	\$ 46,340	\$ 500	\$ 366,072
Program revenue	206,408	0	0	206,408
Grants	121	4,179	0	4,300
Sales	31,055	0	0	31,055
Less cost of goods sold	(24,237)	0	0	(24,237)
Fundraising event income	71,293	0	0	71,293
Less direct event expenses	(24,583)	0	0	(24,583)
Investment income (loss)	5,532	0	(127)	5,405
Other income	7,104	0	0	7,104
Net assets released from restrictions				
	65,750	(65,750)	0	0
Total revenue and support	657,675	(15,231)	373	642,817

*You got the smile I want to see.
You got the heart to carry me.*




Carry Me

By Family of the Year

Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets, Continued

For the Year Ended October 31, 2015

Expenses				
Program services	631,518	0	0	631,518
Management and general	61,048	0	0	61,048
Fundraising	33,946	0	0	33,946
Total expenses	726,512	0	0	726,512
Changes in net assets	(68,837)	(15,231)	373	(83,695)
Net assets, beginning of year	1,117,382	51,439	11,683	1,180,504
NET ASSETS, end of year	\$ 1,048,545	\$ 36,208	\$ 12,056	\$ 1,096,809

We continue to be blessed by people who have remembered us in their estate plans. In addition, we launched our first official capital campaign to renovate one of our dog rooms, and our donors stepped up once again. The majority of the temporarily restricted contributions are related to this project and construction should begin in March. We have maintained our program expenses at 87%,

even though our total expenses rose by 11%. Our biggest animal care expenses continue to be spay/neuter and veterinary costs to treat sick and injured animals. This year we underwent our first audit in order to provide additional assurance to our grantors and contributors. As always, our full financial statements will be posted on Guidestar.org once they are complete.

The McLaughlin Family held a lemonade stand this year and raised \$65 to help homeless kittens and puppies. Even little gestures can add up and make big changes in the world.

*I never meant to be a burden, Oh I just worry more than I'd like to.
I never meant to be a burden. Please forgive me if I've weighed on you.
find some place where I can start anew*

James & Lori Afrates	Elizabeth & Robert Bauer <i>in Memory of Charles Layne</i>
Michael, Kathy & Matthew Albanese	Richard & Michelle Bauer
Janet & Larry Alderman <i>in Memory of Chippy</i>	Dawn Beattie <i>in Memory of Douglas Beattie</i>
Betty Jo & Roger Alexander <i>in Memory of Victor Hoffman</i>	Susan Becker
Marie Alfano-Johnson <i>in Memory of Carol Ware</i>	Beckett Air
Barbara Aflen <i>in Memory of Mildred Peet</i>	Mary Karen & William Belcher <i>in Memory of Larry Stark</i>
American Legion Post 12	Bendix Corporation
American Legion Post 211	Scott Benjamin <i>in Memory of Fluffy & Arthur and in honor of Tiger, Ghost & Quarry</i>
Albert Aponte <i>in Memory of Margaret Aponte</i>	Dianne Bennett
Mary Appellof	Nancy Berens
Kristie & James Archer	William & Jill Berger
Elizabeth Armenat	Kristen Berki <i>in Memory of Holly McMillen</i>
Roberta & John Arnold <i>in Memory of June Puka</i>	Nicole Bianco
Automobile Dealers Educational Assistance	Jeffrey & Sandra Binggeli
Martin & Patricia Austen	William & Janet Bird
Alice & Fermin Ayala <i>in Memory of Mike Cotrufo</i>	Pat & Donald Block
Joseph Baeskey <i>in Memory of Charles Layne</i>	Sheryl Bohning
Ed & Alice Bagola <i>in Memory of Helen Hylton</i>	Robert & Suzann Bonds <i>in Honor of Wendy Bonds</i>
David Baker <i>in Memory of Linda Sidaway</i>	William Bonds
Kenneth & Carol Bakos <i>in Memory of Tyler, Sassy & Ducee 2</i>	John & Loretta Born <i>in Memory of Lisa Born</i>
Elizabeth & Curt Balk	Anthony & Patricia Borrelli
Linda Barita	Thurla & James Bowersox <i>in Memory of Shirley Vieta and in honor of Charlotte Sironen & Snickers</i>
Bart & Lissette Barna <i>in Memory of Mike Cotrufo</i>	Susan Boyle
Mary & Paul Barnes	Richard & Tanya Bradley <i>in Honor of Rick Broz</i>
Carolyn Bartian <i>in Memory of Drew, AJ & Zack</i>	Mary Ann Bramhill
Todd Bartos	Janet & Lawrence Brand <i>in Memory of Yoda</i>
Mary Ann Bastik	Carol Brawner

Burden

Michael Brees *in Memory of Raymond Kujala*
 James Brisson *in Memory of Sheryl King*
 Marta Brooks *in Memory of Hedy B. Pedaci*
 Brouse McDowell
 James Brown
 Richard Broz
 Chris Brubaker
 Bill Brumfield
 Randall & Marilyn Brundage
 Mary Kay Bukowski *in Memory of Bosco*
 Hans & Lynda Burkhardt
 Tracy Burnett *in Honor of Glenn & Kathy Burnett*
 Paula & David Butkowski
 C & C Sales and Services
 Martha Cahill
 Terry Cain *in Memory of Sharon Biltz*
 John Cali *in Memory of Janet S. Cali*
 Marge Cantlin
 Robert Carino
 Terry Carlsen *in Memory of Leif Carlsen*
 John & Christen Carmigiano
 Brenda Carnahan
 Mary Carroll
 Byron & Susan Case
 Helene Casserlie
 Karen Cassidy *in Memory of Prince & Hershey*
 Joyce & Joseph Castrigano
 Richard Cayet

By Amos Lee

Natalie & Tony Ceja *in Honor of Donae Ceja & William Fairweather's Wedding*
 Linda & Steve Chapin *in Memory of Clyde Thomas Root*
 Stephen Chavez *in Memory of Mildred Chavez*
 Richard & Barb Chernus *in Memory of Tim Murphy*
 Janice Chopcinski
 Brenda Church *in Honor of Quarry*
 Janice Ciaccia
 Diane Clements
 Brenda & Gerald Comer
 Cheryl Conetsco
 Barbara Cook
 D. Chris & Jessica Cook
 Jill & Jeff Cooper
 Phyllis Cooper
 Barbara & Thomas Corcoran *in Memory of Dennis W. Lee and in Honor of Harley & Gracie*
 Charlotte Corridoni
 Diane Cotrufo
 Robert & Bonnie Cowie
 Noelle Creamer & Farfetched Apparel
 Darleen & Tom Crow
 Laurine Crowther *in Memory of Douglas Beattie*
 Mike Currence
 Cuyahoga Community College
 Caroline Daberkow
 Iva David
 Erin & Kaylee David and Audrey & Kate Dickens

The average length of stay for our dogs fell to 17 days at Friendship APL in 2015! The average length of stay for a cat fell to 37 days—down 10 days from 2014!

*When you said your last goodbye, I died a little bit inside.
I lay in tears in bed all night alone without you by my side.
But if you loved me,
Why'd you leave me?*

Laurel Decker
Holly Dellman
Jennifer DeStefanis
Kristin & Randall Dezember
Pamela & Salvador Diaz
Krista Dickens *in Memory of Nance Bell*
Melina & Paul Dillon
Selina Doak
Jeff & Julie Dodd
Margaret & Manuel Dominguez
Rafael Dominguez *in Memory of Sheryl King*
Dominion Foundation
Nadine & John Donat *in Memory of Larry Stark*
Michelle Donnelly *in Memory of Sheryl King*
Gregory & Judith Dostall *in Memory of Shirley French*
Jim Dotson
Susanne Dotson
Virginia Douglas
Ryan D'sa & Friends *in Memory of Sheryl King*
Thomas & Nancy Dudley
Laura & Howard Dulmage *in Memory of Margaret Campbell*
Monique Duphil
Daryl & Karen Edwards *in Honor of Ryan Edwards*
Elite Technology *in Memory of Sheryl King*
Bob & Joan Ellis
Angela El-Talla & The PNC IAM Team *in Memory of Ray "Skip" Kujala*

Energizer Battery Manufacturing *in Honor of the Westlake Energizer Employees*
Cynthia & Gary Engle
James & Janet Ennes
Erie Amvets Post 55
Erie Amvets Post 55 Ladies Auxiliary
Estate of Margaret Stowoff
Duncan & Laurie Estep
Cherie Fabian *in Memory of Chessie and Bluebell*
Linda Faiken
Cindy Faraji *in Memory of Irene Kuzniar*
Suzanne Farkas
William & Charlotte Fecht
Betty Fenelon
Kerry Ferrell
F. F. Leonard, Inc
Fraternal Order of Eagles *in Memory of David Kick*
Friends of Fido Inc.
Fields United Methodist Church
Sandra Findlay *in Honor of Matthew Findlay*
Terri Fiore
Charlene Firestone
Dawn & Leonard Fischer
Aimee Fisher
Mary Jane Fitch
Salvatore & Claudia Fogliano
Bill Forthofer *in Memory of Doug Forthofer*
Doug Forthofer
Mary Foster

And all I need is to find somebody

All I Want

Todd Foster
Richard Foulk *in Memory of Larry Stark*
Fox Veterinary Hospital
Adam Charles Freeman
Barbara Fricke
Glenn Friedman *in Honor of Julie Fike*
Jesse Frisch
Sandra Furbee
Julie Ann & Robert Gallagher
Ganley Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*
Thomas & Lois Ganley *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*
Marie Garcia
Joyce Garn
GCTN Enterprises, LLC
Chris & Dave Gedrock
Chris George
Thomas George *in Honor of Julie George*
Douglas Gerber
Lona Gerth
Barbara Getz
James Gibbs
Carol Gilgenbach *in Memory of Virginia Holtwick*
Elizabeth Gimben
Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio
Girl Scout Troop #50034
Girl Scout Troop #50397
Girl Scout Troop #50456
Girl Scout Troop #50646

86% of our pets came from right here in Lorain County. They came from owners, humane investigations, and transfers from Lorain County Kennels. Helping animals here at home is always our priority.

By Kodaline

Girl Scout Troop #50746
Girl Scout Troop #51144
Mark Gandt *in Memory of Carmen Dudash*
Vikki & Shawn Gandt *in Memory of Carmen Marie Dudash*
Anthony & Jennifer Goldyn
Greater Good
Virginia & Bob Green *in Memory of Pat Foreman & Jeff Greenlee*
Michael & Maria Grega
Howard & Donna Gregorich
Marion Gross
Karl & Maryellen Guenther *in Memory of Muriel Jean Fink-Stewart*
Donna & Gerald Guggenbiller
Lynn Halan
Mary Beth Hall *in Memory of Joe Moldovan*
Ariel & Paul Haller
Karen & Raymond Hamker *in Memory of Ann Bansek*
Debbie & Rob Hammer
Kimberly Handley
Parker Hannifin
Geraldine Harbaugh *in Memory of Carmen*
Kimberly Hardin & Mitch Krzemienieswki
John Hardy *in Memory of Douglas Beattie*
Pamela Harper
Lisa Harwood
Robert & Ursula Haslun
Bill Hassel *in Memory of Ray "Skip" Kujala*

The Walker

By Fitz & The Tantrums

Nancy Hempfling *in Honor of Rusty*

Richard & Kathleen Hetsko *in Memory of Doris Thoma & Lonzo Hall*

Donna Heuler *in Memory of Denise Williams*

Judith Hoffstetter

Mary & Brian Hogan

Mary Holden

Lynn & Thomas Hollstein *in Memory of Barb Kirkpatrick & Concetta Szekely*

Marilyn & Edward Holt *in Memory of Henri*

Margaret & John Holub

Sherilyn Hooper

Debbie Horning

Bradley Horvath

Carolyn Horwedel *in Honor of Casper*

Carol Hottenroth & Things Remembered, Inc. *in Memory of John E. Dunn*

Maxine Houck

Nicole & Jeff Howard *in Memory of Francis "Buddy" Hoffman*

Karen Howell *in Memory of Sharon Biltz*

Steve & Deborah Hoyson

Carolyn Hufford

Dennis & Amy Hummel

David Humphrey

Nancy & Chris Hund *in Memory of Missy & Precious*

Robert & Aneta Hutchison

Annalee Ilenda, Marci & Tanja *in Memory of Skip Ray Kujala*

Invacare Employees

Suzanne Jacklitz-Domitrovic *in Memory of Muriel*

Fink-Stewart

The Muttley Crew is a dedicated group of volunteers that meet to make sure every dog gets a chance to go for a walk when the shelter is closed.

Barbara Jacobs

Jean Jaeger

Mary Ann Janda

Frederick & Susan Jantz

Mary Jarosz *in Memory of Alecia Ulear*

J. C. Auto Body, Inc.

Lonna & Edward Jirousek

Gail Johnson

Kathy Jolly

Cynthia Jones *in Memory of Barnett Jones Jr.*

Steven Jones

Jerome Judd *in Memory of Shirley French*

Cheryl June

Loretta Kaliszewski

Jim & Barbara Kantola

Roger Kasch *in Memory of Charles Layne*

Kaydon Corp

Sally & Edward Kearney

Suzann Keiffer

Donna Kelly

Linda Kemp *in Honor of Quarry*

Amanda & Shawn Kenney

Michele Kerr *in Honor of Kesha*

Jim & Kathy Ketchum *in Memory of Tucker and in Honor of Kara & Mike Lowery*

KeyBank Foundation

Carol Keys & ProEd Communications *in Memory of Hedy B. Pedaci*

Laura Kimmel

Barbara King

Everybody Walks!

Can't keep up with my rhythm though they keep trying. Too quick for the lines they throw. I walk to the sound of my own drum!

Nancy King *in Honor of Kate Harrold*

Richard & Nancy King *in Memory of Sheryl King*

Barbara Kirk

Gretchen Kirk *in Honor of Emma Knick's 12th Birthday*

Diane & Thomas Kisel

Shirley Kitchen

Cyndy & Ed Kitting

Kyle Kleppel

Don Klier

Regina & Donald Knapik

Carol Knapp *in Memory of Willard Knapp*

Ingrid Knechtges *in Memory of Bill Knapp*

Joseph Knechtges

Matthew & Sandra Kocsis

Edmond & Eleanor Kolycheck *in Memory of Art Manichl & Cocoa*

Candice & Mark Kortyka

Fred Koury *in Honor of Woody*

Sheree Krause

Tom, Betsy, Lila, & Kate Krawiec & Friends

Barbara Krieg

Nan Krishna

Richard & Marilyn Krock

David & Andrea Kryszak *in Honor of Emma*

Adriana Krywiak

Bryan & Tori Kujala *in Memory of Skip Kujala*

Elizabeth Kujala *in Memory of Her Husband*

Chris Kushinski

Jonny Kutz

Michael Labanow

Lake Erie Harley-Davidson

Lake Ridge Academy

Danny Langford *in Memory of Joe Clark*

Gloria Larson

Joseph & Susan Lasby

Margaret Laskowski

Dee Latimer

Janet Lawson

Janice Layne

Janice Layne *in Memory of Chuck*

Richard & Rebecca Leahy

Learwood Middle School

David & Lainie Lebeda

David & Arlene Lengyel *in Memory of Joe the Cat*

Jeff & Michelle Leonard

Matt & Mary Levicki *in Honor of Jerry McFadden*

Bob & Debbie Lewis

Vincent Lighting, Chris Shick & Kimberly Dick *in Memory of Carol Ware*

Randolph & Deborah Lindsey *in Memory of Shirley French*

Charles Linick

Robert & Gina Lodge

Lorain County Boys Basketball Coach's Association *in Memory of Larry Stark*

Lorain County Job & Family Services *in Memory of Carol Ware*

Lorain County Recorder's Office & Title Exam Companies *in Memory of Sharon Blitz*

Frances Lovelace

Hospital Beds

by Cold War Kids

We spent \$50,413 at veterinarian hospitals for emergency care & treatment. That's up 33% from 2014!

Greg & Loreen Lucas

Elizabeth Lugo

Frank & Donna Lupinski

Neal & Kathy Lusardi *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*

Sandra Lutz *in Memory of Sheryl King*

Scott & Shelley MacDonald

Timothy MacLean *in Memory of Concetta "Clara" Szekely*

Nicholas Maglosky & The Ecomdash Team *in Memory of Nance Louise (Leiby) Bell*

Deborah Mann

Mina Marciniak

Amelia Marcis

Lara & David Marsh

Wayne Marshall *in Memory of Sheldon Walker Sr.*

Cynthia & Jack Martin

Judy Martin

Binell Martino *in Memory of Jesse James, Ziggy & Stardust in Honor of Sam LaPonza*

Rosemary Matcosky

Pat Mate

Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder Co., L.P.A. *in Memory of David Kick*

McCormick Middle School Builders Club

Maureen McCormick

Abby McElhannon

Belinda & Abby McElhannon *in Memory of Bear & Roxy and in Honor of Casper*

Deb & Jerry McFadden *in Memory of Jim McFadden & Mike Cotrufo and in Honor of Bear & Woody*

Paul & Lisa McFadden *in Memory of Jim McFadden*

Leslie McGinnis

Lloyd & Beverly McGinnis *in Memory of Mea Hollstein*

Cindy Lou McGough

Tom & Lisa McGuire

Jack & Dorinne McIver *in Memory of Shirley Smith*

Cheryl McKenna

Mark & Susan McKinley

Sherrill McLoda

Paul McMasters

M. E. Osborne Building *in Memory of James McFadden*

Patricia Meadows

Dadada Media Group

Edward & Julia Meeks

Mehco Custom Printing *in Honor of Casper*

Jeffrey Meissner, CFP

Andrea & Mark Melaragno

Sandy Menzies

Dave & Nancy Merrill

Carol Ann Mesko

L Jean Michaels

Brenda Mills

Cindy Minn

Cynthia Minyo & Friends *in Memory of Arthur Manichl*

Jeff & Barb Mitchell *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*

Kevin & Kelly Moe

Hope Moon *in Memory of Riley Zaworski and Katie & Bugsy*

Sarah Moore

Susi Moore *in Memory of Harold Von Kamp*

William & Irmgard Morales

Joy & misery

Dolores Morgan

Chris & Kristin Morris

Christine & Brian Morse

Katherine Moss

Moto Innovations *in Honor of Woody*

Thomas Murphy

Thomson Reuters - My Community Partner

Bill & Diane Nahorn *in Memory of Barb Kirkpatrick & in Honor of Quarry*

Denise Nail

Laura Napier *in Memory of Stephanie Napier*

Mendes & Joel Napoli & Family *in Memory of Carmen Marie Dudash*

Rob Narolewski

Barbara Nealon

Roger Neiswander

Nelson Stud Welding *in Memory of Bill Knapp*

Diane Newman

Ellyn & Thomas Nicholas

Francine & James Nimon

Mary Ann & Quentin Nolan

Marilyn Noles *in Memory of Frances Gruszka*

Joanne Noonan

Kathleen & Richard Nord

Don Norman *in Memory of Nona Norman*

Wendy & John Norris *in Memory of Bear*

Kathy & Paul Norrod *in Memory of Bear*

North Coast Building Industry Association

North Coast Decorative Artists

Brian Nowak

Pamela Nowell

Linda Oblander

Mary Margaret Ochenas

Ohio Screw Product Employees

Virginia & Donald Olienechak

Bruce & Roberta Oliver

Lorene Olle *in Honor of Casper*

Kathleen & William O'Malley *in Memory of Sylvester James Alten, Jeff Greenlee, Harold Van Kamp & Tim Murphy*

Joan & Paul Orndorff

Courtney Otner

Osborne Capital Corp *in Memory of Jim McFadden*

William Osgood *in Honor of Kyria Eliason & Virginia Hudson, DVM*

Suzanne Oshaben *in Honor of Piper*

Tina & Kenneth Oster

Sarah Osterman

Karen & David Parker

Kenneth Pate

Partners With Paws *in Honor of Woody*

Narelle Peden *in Memory of Joyce Matcham*

Marsha Pedraza *in Honor of Casper*

Cathy & Clint Pelfrey

Kristen, Greg, Leo & Kensie Perusek *in Honor of Sasha*

Sharon & Charles Pervo *in Honor of Hannah Simon*

Frances & Nelson Petrov *in Memory of Patricia E. Browning*

Mary Lou Pettet *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo & Jerry Gemery and in Honor of Ghost & Casper*

Put out the fire boys. Don't stop, don't stop. Put out the fire on us.

Souls like the Wheels

Linda Pflugsten & Friends

Mary Ann Pfronger *in Memory of Hilda Dumm & Agnes Kopco*

Edward & Carol Phillips

Roxanne Phillips

Frank & Ellie's Place

Judy & Bob Pomeroy

Thomas & Patricia Porter

Deborah & Richard Porterfield *in Honor of Val & Corey Porterfield*

Elisha & Ryan Porterfield

Valerie & Corey Porterfield *in Honor of Doug's Surgery*

Valerie & Corey Porterfield *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*

Monica & John Potiowsky

Jeff Pountney

Doris Pozega

Precision MetalForming

Catherine & David Priebe

Kevin Priest *in Memory Of Mike Cotrufo*

Positive Education Program

Kenneth Prohn

Susan Puke *in Memory of June*

Elizabeth Quarm & Hood Catz *in Honor of Ghost*

Wayne & Judy Queen

Elvira Quester

Cheryl Quinn

James & Peggy Raesler *in Memory of Barbara Kirkpatrick*

Anita Ramos *in Memory of Bear*

Michael & Truman Ranney

3,242 orphaned animals were fed and watered, had their litter boxes changed and their poop picked up, were vaccinated and microchipped. 1,915 animals were spayed and neutered...

By The Awett Brothers

Rose Rebeles

Red Iron Bar & Grill

Red Tail Golf Club

Braden & Kim Reed

Russell & Barbara Reed

Thomas & Harriett Reed *in Memory of James Branch & Carmen Dudash*

Margo & Charles Reich

Lois Reichard

Michelle Reichlin

Rescue K911

Bernadette Revta

Barry & Carol Richard

Amy & Robert Richards *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*

AnnMarie Richwalsky *in Memory of beloved Penelope*

Riddell Athletic Products

Christine & David Riddle *in Memory of Freckles*

Marianne Riley *in Memory of Jason Hall*

Betsy Ann Rinehart *in Memory of Jim McFadden*

Patricia & Thomas Rischel

River Floors

Linda Robertson *in Memory of Serena, Sasha and George & in Honor of Casper*

Rochester United Methodist Church

Amanda Romeo

Richard & Angie Rorick

Jonathan & Nikki Roth *in Memory of Virginia Reed*

Ann Rothel *in Memory of Quarry*

Charles & Nelly Ruenbensaal

One little song...

Give me strength to leave the sad and the wrong

Mary Ruzs & Universal Creative *in Memory of Mildred Emody*

Ronald Rutkowski

Cindy, Shelby & Abby Rybarczyk *in Memory of Nibbles & in Honor of Little Brownie and Little Boots*

Robert Samko

Steve & Julie Sampsell

Patricia Sanborn

Tricia & Keith Sanborn

Jose & Margaret Sandoval *in Honor of Woody*

Sandvick Architects, Inc

Barb Sangiacomo *in Memory of David L. Vaugh*

Barbara & Michael Sangiacomo *in Memory of Sheldon and in Honor of Quarry & Woody*

Tina Saunders

Gail & Ronald Schenk

Schlather Insurance Agency

Kathy & George Schlather *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*

Diane Schlegel

Janice Schlegel *in Memory of Mildred Emody*

St. Jude School

St. Peters School

Kenneth Schroeder *in Memory of Gypsy and Your Loving Friend Codi*

Bonnie & Herbert Schubert *in Memory of Edith & Steve, Irene Luczkowski, & Pam Mastihuba*

Tamera Scheutz

School Emolyees Credit Union

Cynthia Schumacher *in Memory of Stephanie Schumacher*

Jacquelyn & Kurt Schumacher *in Memory of Chuck Layne*

Jennifer Scolnick

James & Judith Scott

Jean Scrivens & TWC *in Memory of Carol Ball*

Judith & Ronald Seders

Jeffrey Selerowski

Lawrence & Sigrid Senko *in Memory of Jim McFadden*

Mark & Nancy Seryak

Hazel Sferry

Kevin Shaughnessy *in Honor of Mark & Sabrina Spiezio*

Christopher Shaw *in Memory of Donald Shaw*

Lisa Sheldon

Michael Sherrill

Sherwin Williams Foundation

Winifred Shima

Shur Tech Brands, LLC

Russell & Jane Sigsworth *in Memory of Judy Guikey*

Hannah Simon

Susan Sisco

Gary & Mary Siwierka

James & John Slaughenhaupt

Philip & Terri Slezak

Diane Sloan

Smart Business SBNI *in Memory of Bob Zych*

Francis Smith

Karen Smith

Larry & Shermene Smith

Nicole Smith *in Honor of Casper*

Virginia & Dennis Smith

Gary & Karyn Snyder

Melissa & Chris Snyder
Hyland Software
Jacquie Sopko-Crolius
Kristina Sorenson
Marilyn & Ronald Soukup
Kristin & Madelyn Sparks
Kelly & John Speice & Marilyn Johnson
Beverly Sperry
Mark & Sabrina Spiezio
Splash Zone
Joan & Pleas Spurlock
St. Peter Church
Shirley Stamp
Gary & Vicki Stamper & Family *in Memory of Sandi*
Ethel & Lawrence Standen *in Memory of Art Swart*
Nancy Stanley
Stautzenberger College
Rob & Linda Stepan *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*
Elsie & Tess Stephens
Stephen & Donna Stetak
Megan & John Strok
Donna Struhar *in Memory of Snickers*
Jean Stuart
Joyce & Greg Studen
Marian Stupiansky *in Honor of Quarry*
Joseph Suerth
Patti Sunagel
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LaVonne Szafranski
Susan M. Szekeres
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Mary Taylor
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Lorena Tellman
Julie Templeton
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The Huntington National Bank Bankruptcy Dept *in Memory of Hedy Pedaci*
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The S Club
The Tri-C Nursing Skills Lab Staff *in Memory of Laverne Tate*
Rosemarie Thessnow
Elaine Thome
Patricia & Mike Thomin *in Memory of Bailey & Mickey and in Honor of Patches*
Cynthia Thompson
Erica & Jim Todhunter *in Memory of Reese*
Carol Swartz, Kathy Peterson & Tom Ellis *in Memory of Doris Thoma*
Jeannie & Michael Tony
Carol & Frank Toth
UAW Local Union #2192 *in Memory of Carol Ware*

*How can I forget your love?
How can I never see you again?*

How

Carol & Rob Ueker
Matt Ulcar *in Memory of Alecia Ulcar*
Phillip & Laura Ungerer
Gertrude Vaden
Sheryl & James Vajda
Peter & Renee Vanderwyden *in Memory of Dorothy Maryak*
Rachel Vanek
Richard & Faye Vaughn
Martha Verda & Gertrude Montgomery *in Memory of Martha Stull*
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VFW Mens Auxiliary Post 8686
Angela Viglas *in Memory of Feathers*
Heli Vires-Collins *in Honor of Woody*
Traci Purdum Van Duyke
Veronica Waclawik
Patricia Waechter
Linda Walls
Gary & Lauren Wanosky *in Memory of Paula Wanosky*
Judy Wargo *in Memory of Mike Cotrufo*
James Wasniak
Marilyn & Mike Weber *in Memory of Roxy & Tinker*

We have cried over hundreds of dogs and cats this year,

Smiled and laughed with thousands more,

and loved each and every one...

How many we save this year depends on you.

Adopt. Can't adopt? Volunteer. Can't volunteer? Donate.

By Regina Spektor

Shirley Weinhold
Wellington Veterinary Clinic
Whirlaway Corporation *in Memory of Anne Smith*
Sandra Wiggins *in Memory of Nicholas Roberts*
Lorie Wilber
Lois Wildauer
Alice & Charles Willard
Kristina & Greg Willey *in Memory of Jim McFadden & Mike Cotrufo*
Jeanne Williams
Sharon & Charles Williamson
Carolyn Winson
Betty Wittenmyer
Mark & Ann Woike
David Woskobnik *in Memory of Scotch*
Estate of Wylodine Burke
Beth Yingling *in memory of Mike Cotrufo*
Frank Zabrecky
Michael & Donna Zatezala
Lori & Joe Zemaitis
Michael Zgayb II
Kay & Paul Zielazienski
Nancy & Frank Zombek

we will meet again somehow

*I guess I wanted, I guess I wanted
I just want you to know.*



*This young girl helped
raise and socialize a litter
of kittens on her
Grandma's back porch.
Because of her care and
compassion, these kittens
were healthy and friendly
and able to find homes...*

*All of these things made me who I am.
Maybe all of these things made me who I am.
Maybe all of these things made me who I am...
And I am.*

I am

By Awolnation



Our Pat a Pet program involves taking animals to visit seniors throughout Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties. Our volunteers and animals receive as much joy as the residents in the nursing homes.

*Young or old...
You have the ability to make your world a better place!*

Waiting for My Chance to Come

By Noah and the Whale



*Well I'm just waiting for my chance to come.
Just a silhouette against the rising sun.
Watch the water, watch the sky—
count the days as they go by*