

Thank you

With tremendous gratitude and appreciation, we recognize that DREAM could not continue our rescue efforts without these "key contributors": Volunteers, Sponsors for our events, Fosters, Transporters, Adopters, Anonymous \$\$ donors, SkyviewK9, Agenbroad Veterinary clinic, Board members, Canine Cottage, Kroger, One Call Now, Troy Animal Hospital, GiveSaveGrow, neighboring rescue groups, Paw Patrol, Tractor Supply, Petco, Genesis Graphics, UnLeashed, our pet-passionate marketers, folks who "Like and Share" our FB posts and emails, OVCA (Ohio Voters Companion Act), and a new organization formed this year (shaking things up in our RURAL counties) ACT Ohio (Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Ohio). THANK YOU so very much!

Who was ADOPTED, and

more Lives saved!

- We try to schedule monthly "MEET & GREETS" to showcase our canines in need of adoption, because the location varies (Troy, Piqua, Tipp City) we post our EVENTS on Facebook and our website. Be sure to visit both for updates about many of our events year round.
- Intake: Our pooches primarily come from many overcrowded county shelters in OHIO.
 Some of our adoptables are the result of an individual's re-homing request. Our website has a page devoted exclusively to Re-Homing and the process we offer to help. Since we have no facility FOSTER homes are key to helping with all rescue & re-homing process. If you are interested in fostering, we have a page devoted to FOSTERING questions & answers on our website.
- Can't foster, but want to help with Meet/Greets, let us know. Every dog handler for our Meet/Greet is required to attend some basic training to learn the "commands" we use for training, and to help understand the communication signals and signs a dog may display in a new situation or with other canines. Temperaments and dispositions vary with each of our adoptable dogs knowing how to manage them consistently is key.

COMMUNITY Events & Outreach

This year we provided

- Low Cost VACCINE clinics: 2 this year, none next year due to so few customers
 Tractor Supply and Petco are now holding vaccine clinics routinely
- Assistance with a SPAY or NEUTER at a local veterinarian (all year long). Visit the "RESOURCE" page to learn more about how we can help with the spay/neuter of your canine or feline
- Red Cross training: Hope to hold this 1 day workshop annually
- Training classes: Understanding your dog's communication signals, Training 101
 Offered by Janet at SkyviewK9 (Troy) More to come in the Spring

• 2 community meetings were held this year..... Steffan Baldwin (ACT Ohio: Educate, Assist ,Enforce) was the most "mesmerizing & educational" speaker that came to Troy to share a monumental amount of valuable information about "rescue". MORE "pet related topic" meetings in the coming year, watch our Facebook page.

Fundraisers & Grants

Our annual fundraising events: Spaghetti dinner/Silent Auction, and, the community PETFEST helped us (once again) to generate a majority of our much needed funds for our pooches. Additional funds were provided by **YOU** with your (very welcomed) donations, KROGER Community REWARDS (#83707), GiveSaveGrow memberships, Petco rewards, and our first \$240. grant from the Miami County Foundation (which paid for the veterinarian at our low cost vaccine clinic).

- Kroger Community Rewards needs to be renewed by each cardholder every MARCH
- GiveSaveGrow.org a new membership organization with tons of discounts at many different venues
- Donations to DREAM are always tax -deductible (Mailing address: Dream, P.O.Box 1455, Piqua, OH 45356)
- Grant writing requires details in reporting, time, collecting and tracking information, reporting.... If you are interested in providing assistance in this arena (computer required), please let us know.

Expenses for our efforts to rescue, re-home and rehabilitate include (but are not limited to) basic vetting, monthly preventatives, tests and surgeries, prescription medication, dental work, food, grooming, and other related costs. We have found it typically takes 6 -9 months to re-home and rehabilitate a rescued pet; consequently, the costs for caretaking always superseded our adoption fee - typical of ALL rescue groups. Fundraising and donations are crucial to help keep DREAM moving forward and saving lives; however, equally important are fosters.

Several new fundraising suggestions have been shared with us! We are in need of a FUNDRAISING Coordinator to help <u>manage</u> fundraising events, OR, if you would prefer to join a fundraising committee for a year, OR if you are interested in helping to <u>market</u> an event(s) please let us know. If you would prefer to <u>support</u> our fundraising efforts from home **and** have a computer to help track and manage the details and necessary correspondence for grant writing, please let us know..... an email to <u>petsRRpassion@gmail.com</u> will suffice.

DREAM exists because of your support and assistance. Without volunteers and donations and fosters, transporters, sponsors, adopters, trainers and marketing we cannot continue to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home. Facebook AND Email are the 2 resources we use MOST OFTEN to help YOU stay informed about: low cost clinics, rescued pooches, adoptions, legal challenges & progress for our furry companions statewide, and our community events. Your time and your donations MATTER; it ALL helps, because YOUR support for rescue efforts is crucial to saving lives. "No one can do everything, but everyone can do something"

Need ideas on HOW to help? Visit "How2Help" page at www.Dream4pets.org

Help Wanted!

VOLUNTEER help is always needed for:

- Training dogs and participating in our monthly "Meet & Greets"
- Fundraising planning & managing event and committee
- Fosters In a nutshell... it's helping the rescue become acclimated to a "home and family" environment.

 It's the opportunity to prepare him/her for the "rest of his/her life journey in a forever home"
- Grant writing Got a computer? Can you work from home? Like details and writing?
- Marketing support Distributing flyers, postcards, business cards, etc... or other media venues.
- Transporting dogs Every weekend a request is made for help to MOVE dogs OUT of shelters and closer to a new home, family and/or rescue. If you are interested in volunteering some time to transport, please let us know (petsRRpassion@gmail.com).