## DREAM newsletter 2022



**In 2022** .... Our focus and funds were primarily directed toward "spaying and neutering" shelter dogs <u>prior</u> to their adoption, fostering,

and assistance with a few special "medical cases". Our funding commitment for 2023 is to continue spaying and neutering, and limited fostering. - all of which has been supported by YOU through Kroger Community Rewards, AmazonSmile rewards, community donations from individuals, families, local businesses, charity organizations, MC Humane Society and a small grant from MC Foundation. Thank you for your generous and on-going support that helps our success !



YOUR donations provide the necessary vetting and resources to ensure each pet achieves a healthy status prior to their adoption. Visit the <u>How2Donate&Help</u> page at <u>Dream4pets.org</u>

Your donations provided funds for the following medical treatments: dental, ear infections, eye and skin infections, and 2 **Heartworm positive dogs** (both were treated over a 4 month time period and eventually adopted). AND... on Christmas weekend (during the winter storm), we stepped up to help provide emergency treatment (at Medvet) for a young **Parvo positive dog**, DAISY, who survived (by prayers and a miracle) and is now in foster care. Others dogs in DREAM's foster care waited a long time for their special someone and were then adopted.

## MOE, LUCY, PETEY\*, COOPER, and TOAST ...were ADOPTED in 2022











- Moe and Petey diagnosed at HW positive, DREAM funded treatment for both
- Lucy was treated for severe mastitis which almost stole her life
- Moe, Lucy, Petey and Toast were MCAS residents prior to entering our FOSTER care
- Cooper was a re-homing request from a private individual
  - \*Petey (adopted in June) was later found dumped as a stray in Darke County in November but NOW has a NEW forever home and family



LUCKY......named so because he was RESCUED from Preble County shelter 8 min prior to his scheduled euthanizing, and is currently in DREAM's foster care ... and **READY for ADOPTION** !!! His profile (bio) is posted online: Petfinder, Adoptapet, Facebook and our website **2022 has - unfortunately - been a year of <u>many</u> dogs being surrendered or dumped as stray in <u>many</u> counties resulting in <b>full or over capacity** county shelters. Rescue groups are trying to help as well but often struggle to find fosters. Over the past 10 years, DREAM has been able to help move a dog OUT of the shelter and INTO a foster home for rehabilitation and eventual adoption; it is only with YOUR support that DREAM has been able to Rescue - Rehabilitate and Rehome ...... close to 150 dogs! Due to pandemic concerns in the past few years, our fundraising <u>directly</u> with the public has been curtailed, there are fewer volunteers, and consequently less funding for fostering. In 2023, our foster care will be limited to no more than 2 dogs (given available funding for each). Our current funds are earmarked for existing fosters, and the SPAY/NEUTERING of dogs residing at the MCAS - which we believe helps them get adopted quicker (when an adopter knows they are spayed or neutered and fully vaccinated). You may find us doing more ONLINE fundraisers in 2023 to help support our foster or special needs dogs.

As you may know.....vet care is always the largest expense for managing the health/welfare of every foster dog. Vet care expenses - for each dog - range between \$400. - \$1200. to spay/neuter, vaccinate,bloodwork, fecal analysis, microchip, provide food, health supplements, and monthly preventatives, PLUS any surgery expenses needed by specialist, during their rehabilitation (prep for adoption.) Your donations to DREAM -every year - covers these costs as our adoption fees range \$150 - \$250. (typical for many rescue groups).

Did you know .... FOSTERING is NOW an opportunity available directly through the MCAS (Miami County Animal shelter). The staff at MCAS (Miami County Animal Shelter) welcome both VOLUNTEERS and FOSTERS. You may have noticed there is a lot MORE showcasing of shelter dogs in our community to help with the "socialization" of the dogs and publicity. These community interactions, fundraising by various businesses in Miami County, and our partnerships with a few local veterinarians to help SPAY and NEUTER dogs prior to adoption have certainly made a positive impact and helped dogs find a forever home. But, sadly it seems when ONE gets adopted, many more arrive at the door of our county shelter.

**And more good news**.... Two additional rescue groups in our MIAMI COUNTY: Brave Breed Rescue (West Milton area) and Our Farm Sanctuary (Tipp City area) have been helping with the need to foster and adopt these dogs. <u>Both rescue organizations have a facility</u>, need foster <u>families and volunteers</u>, and both have a Facebook page.

Saving just one dog won't change the world.... But surely the world will change for that one dog.



## <u>In 2022, your donations provided:</u>

- SPAY and NEUTER for 52 dogs
- Basic vet care (vaccines), and microchips
- Preventative (flea, tick and heartworm) medicatio
- Medication required to remove the existing heartworm infestation
- Emergency (life saving ) surgeries
- Surgeries to fix a physical condition "neglected" for months or years
- Prescription food necessary to manage allergies, or bladder issues or urinary tract
- Gas cards to help with transporting dogs to / from vet offices
- Specialized services (Xrays and/or Specialist) needed to "evaluate" health conditions
- Prescription medication for ears, eyes and other related medical issues dogs encounter
- Nutritional supplements to help maintain and manage a rescued dog's health



RESCUE IS A TEAM EFFORT!



It's NOT about ...who has more money or more followers and who did what. IT'S ABOUT SAVING LIVES!

## HOW can you support RESCUE efforts in our community ?

- Share Facebook postings about MCAS pets (listed on Adoptapet.com)
- Volunteer at a community event to educate others about shelter pets or showcase a dog
- Foster a shelter dog through DREAM or through our county shelter
- Donate to our "special needs" fundraising request via PAYPAL or facebook post
- Volunteer to socialize, play or walk a dog at the shelter
- Volunteer to socialize, play or walk a dog at local rescue group (BBR or OFS)
- Sponsor a SPAY/NEUTER for any dog
- Sponsor a fundraising event for DREAM
- Designate DREAM as your "charity of choice" for AMAZON Smiles rewards
- Designate DREAM as your "charity of choice" for Kroger Community rewards Visit: <u>https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-rewards</u> Dream's code: QW432

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