

Happy Tails

Cleveland Animal Protective League

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Newsletter for Volunteers

Program Spotlight

Foster Care

What's the solution when an animal isn't quite ready to go home but can't stay in the shelter? Send in the foster caregivers!



Photo by Jason Miller

Madoline, a Shepherd-Husky mix, was fostered by Don Renaudin and Laura Porto.

Led by Foster Care Coordinator Alyson Manningham, the Cleveland APL's foster families take into their homes those animals who need a little extra time to heal from an injury, recover from an illness or just grow big enough to have their spay/neuter surgery and go up for adoption.

Among those caregivers are Don Renaudin and Laura Porto, who have fostered 14 animals during their 18 months in the program. After adopting their own dog, "a great pet," from the

Cleveland APL, Don said, he and Laura thought that

fostering was "the right thing to do."

Two dogs, Colin and Madoline, touched Don and Laura in a special way. Months apart, both dogs became their fosters after being rescued by our Humane Investigations team. Colin had been left tied to a tree and virtually starved to death, Don recalled, while Madoline was found with two collars embedded in her neck.

Despite their circumstances and multiple medical issues, neither dog was ever aggressive or fearful and both had an amazing ability to forgive, said Don, who described Madoline as a "snuggle bunny." Both former fosters have since found permanent homes.

Don acknowledged that bringing fosters back to the shelter can be hard, but knowing that more animals are waiting for their help makes it easier. Alyson reports that more than 500 Cleveland APL animals have gone into foster care so far this year. Last year's total was 1,312.

Cleveland APL foster families are invaluable to Alyson. Since becoming coordinator in April 2008, she has added more than 120 foster parents to the program. Interested in joining? Contact Alyson at 216-771-4616, Ext. 181, or foster@clevelandapl.org.

Staff Snapshot

Name: Alyson Manningham

Title: Foster Care Coordinator/Intake Associate

Years at Cleveland APL: 3

Primary Job Duties: Find foster homes for orphaned, ill, injured, and under-socialized animals. Enlist new foster parents to help expand the foster care program.

Background: I always wanted to work in the health field. I spent a year working in a nursing home, which taught me a lot about health care, but it wasn't what I expected. I also always liked animals, so working here allowed me to combine both interests.

At Home: The last dog I fostered personally has been living with me for over a year now. I no longer foster!



Photo By Michael Nilsen

Kudos To

All the volunteers who took part in this year's Radiothon, but Mucho Kudos to the following volunteers, who went above and beyond by working both Friday and Saturday:

Kirk Bolden, Laurel Cawrse, Jennifer Clare, Rocki Cygan, Rachel Harwood, Dan Hudak, Laura K. Hudak, Ann Hunter, Cindy Krych, Tom Krych, Kara Vlach-Lasher, Janet Menko, Michael Nilsen, Nancy Parker, Ginny Russ, Diane Russo, Dave Walchanowicz, Lorie Walchanowicz, Shelby Walchanowicz, Cindy Ward and Michelle Wheadon.

Mucho, Mucho Kudos to the following volunteers, who worked Wednesday night at the Doggy Dollars/Kitty Kash Bash and at least one day of the Radiothon: **Kirk Bolden, Scott**

Borgio, Gina Christopher (pictured), Rachel Cisman, Jennifer Clare, Patti DeRosa, Della DiSalino, Vickie



Ferrara, Rachel Harwood, Jamie Jones, Sue LaSalvia, Kara Vlach-Lasher, Stacey O'Stafy, Leslie Radigan, Ginny Russ, Diane Russo, Shannon Sashko, Sue Speer and Kim Walkos.

The following companies and groups, whose representatives were phone bank volunteers: **ECRM, Cargill, The Salvation Army, Invisible Fence, First Merit, PR Newswire, Single Volunteers of Ohio, Sherwin-Williams, Otis Spunkmeyer, and Great Lakes Veterinary Specialists.**



Rescue Party Tour

Attention Cleveland APL volunteers and other animal lovers:

See the story of the people of New Orleans who were forced to evacuate without their beloved pets after Hurricane Katrina devastated the region in 2005.

The award-winning documentary *An American Opera* will play at the Cedar Lee Theatre on Thursday, June 4. The film also features the volunteers who came from all over the world to help with "The Greatest Pet Rescue Ever!"

A \$25 VIP ticket will get you a meet and greet before the screening with filmmaker Thom McPhee and a signed poster. The Cleveland APL will receive \$10 from the sale of every ticket.

To purchase tickets, go to www.rescuepartytour.com and enter the promo code "clevelandapl".

The VIP reception will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by the screening at 7 p.m. The Cedar-Lee is located at 2163 Lee Road in Cleveland Heights.

Recycling

Helps APL

Do you have any old cell phones or empty printer ink cartridges? Don't throw them away just yet.

We can use them to raise money for the shelter. By turning in these unwanted items, we are able to offset the cost of buying numerous supplies that our staff uses every day.

You may drop off cell phones and ink cartridges at the Cleveland APL, 1729 Willey Avenue, during regular shelter hours.

We and our animals thank you.

Calendar Contest

Don't miss the chance to have your furry friend featured in our 2010 Calendar. Entries are due July 17.

Details available at www.ClevelandAPL.org.

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Photos By Michael Nilsen

\$160,196.36! That's how much the Cleveland APL raised during the 4th Annual Q104 Pledge for Pets Radiothon held May 8-9 at the shelter. (See more Radiothon photos at www.ClevelandAPL.org).



Board Member Gayle Prebis & Baby

Pledge For Pets Radiothon

Q104's Rebecca Wilde and Allan Fee again generously lent their time and voices as hosts of the Radiothon, the Cleveland APL's biggest fundraiser of the year.

The morning show hosts stayed on the air for 12 hours Friday and six hours Saturday, entertaining listeners and conducting interviews with staff members, volunteers, sponsors and adopters to spread the word about the APL's mission. Rebecca and Allan did all this while continuously urging listeners to call in with pledges.

Volunteer Diane Mueller tallies donations collected by Q Cash Captains.

process the gifts and count the change that was turned in for our Doggy Dollars/Kitty Kash program. Volunteers also worked at the Doggy Dollars/Kitty Kash Bash on May 6 at the Rainforest at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Volunteers greeted guests, worked in adoptions (57 animals went home during the two-day event), staffed the phone bank, worked in the food room, took pictures, drove the shuttle to and from our off-site parking and helped

Rebecca and Allan joined Executive Director Sharon Harvey, Director of Development Judy Hunter and Board Chairperson Sue Allen for the check presentation that concluded the event. Rebecca and Allan also each received a plaque designating them as perpetual Cage Sponsors. Rebecca's plaque will be on a cat cage and Allan's on a dog cage.

We thank all the volunteers who worked before, during and after the event. Radiothon was a success because of you!

Critter Corner

We are looking for high-value dog treats to help us conduct our Meet Your Match Canine-ality assessments.

As you probably know, the MYM program uses these assessments combined with surveys completed by shelter visitors to match adopters with the dog or cat type deemed best suited to them.

Our preferred brand is Doggie Rewards, available at Marc's stores. Not only are they an effective motivator during the assessments, but 100 percent of the proceeds from



their sale goes to animal protection charities, including the Cleveland APL.

If you can donate Doggie Rewards or any other treats for the Canine-ality assessments, we'd greatly appreciate it.

And, although we don't use treats during Feline-ality assessments, we're sure our cats would enjoy some Kitty Rewards, also sold at Marc's.

Please contact Olivia Fetko, Meet Your Match Project Leader, at ofetko@clevelandapl.org with any questions about the treats or to learn about other MYM needs.

Do Good and Look Good

With Cleveland APL Volunteer T-shirts and Name Badges

Our purple T-shirts have the Cleveland APL logo on the front and the logo seen here on the back.

The shirts come in sizes S-XXXL and cost \$8 for the short-sleeve style and \$10 for the long-sleeve style. The price includes sales tax.

We're also offering new name badges for volunteers. The purple badges with white lettering are similar in style to those worn by staff members. The badges are \$10 each, including tax.

Wearing the shirts and badges is a great way to show your support for the Cleveland APL and will help clients and staff more easily identify you as a volunteer in the shelter and at offsite events.



Just clip the form below and bring it with your payment to the shelter. Please make checks payable to: Cleveland Animal Protective League. The T-shirts are available in our retail store, and the name badges will be held for you at the shelter or mailed if you prefer.

Order Form

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Adoptions Staff:

Please put completed order forms in Molly's mailbox.