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WALKS & WAGS

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Join us for a beautiful day at Walbridge Park to support the animals.

On Sept 29th from 11 am - 4 pm, the Toledo Animal Rescue invites supporters and animal lovers from all over Northwest Ohio to join us for a day of fun, food and pets at the scenic Walbridge Park. **Walks & Wags sponsored in part by Buckeye Broadband** will have giveaways, freebies, food trucks, pet-related vendors, raffles, a Support Walk and more!

“Everyone here at the Rescue is really looking forward to Walks & Wags. We’re hoping this is the beginning of an amazing yearly tradition for the Rescue. It’s a chance for us to get out and spend time with our community and an opportunity

for dog owners to come out and enjoy an event together with their furry family members.”

- Johanna, Rescue Deputy Director

Registration is only \$15 (Kids and pups are FREE) and includes the 12:30 pm Support Walk along the Maumee River. Visit toledoanimalrescue.org/wags to register online. Goodie bags are guaranteed for everyone who registers online before July 10th.

This community-wide fundraising event will help provide support for the homeless pets who will be cared for at our Rescue this year.

Friendly dogs who are good with other animals are welcome. **We do ask that ALL dogs be on a leash.**

This event is open to EVERYONE regardless of pet ownership.

Grab a leash, gather the family and call your friends! We look forward to seeing everyone on September 29th.

Special thanks to our generous

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TOLEDO ANIMAL RESCUE

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As part of the Toledo Animal Rescue family, you often hear from us about our “Happy Tails” endings – dogs and cats who received a chance to find their loving “forever homes” they deserve. I know that these stories are part of the reason that you, our supporters, our employees and dozens of volunteers give their blood, sweat and tears to help the Rescue care for so many animals in need.

With your help and generosity the Toledo Animal Rescue has been able to save the lives of countless animals in Toledo and surrounding areas for over 90 years. Sadly, the number of animals we help is very small in comparison to the number of homeless animals that are euthanized every year due to overcrowding in shelters and the lack of resources available to help them.

Your 100% tax-deductible gift will make sure that our animals receive the enrichment, medical care, food, and shelter they need, as well as an opportunity to find their “forever home” as quickly as possible in order to make room for additional animals in need of our help.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Kate Kelley,
Toledo Animal Rescue Board President



Toledo Animal Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
The Rescue doesn't receive any government funding and relies solely on donations.

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Visit toledoanimalrescue.org and select “**SHOP**” from the top navigation.
Every purchase helps the Rescue!
We add new items all the time.

All proceeds benefit the Toledo Animal Rescue. Discount code expires December 31, 2019 and may only be used once. Restrictions may apply.



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HOURS

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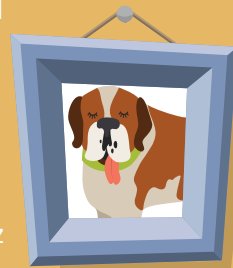
Mon, Wed, Thurs - 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Fri, Sat, Sun - 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Closed:

Tues & Holidays

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WALKS & WAGS SPONSORED IN PART BY BUCKEYE BROADBAND

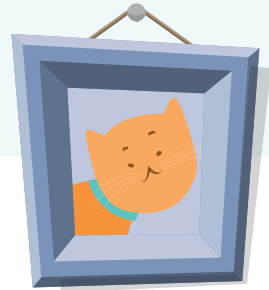
Sept 29, 2019 • 11 am - 4 pm • Walbridge Park
\$15 per adult (kids & dogs free)
Register at toledoanimalrescue.org/wags

2019 FRIENDS OF THE RESCUE ANNUAL PICNIC

August 21, 2019 • 6 pm - 9:30 pm • Belmont Country Club
\$50 per person - Online payment option or mail
RSVP at toledoanimalrescue.org/picnic

2019 CELEBRATION OF WINE & FOOD

October 9, 2019 • 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm • Manhattan's Pub 'n Cheer
\$50 per person - Pay online or at the door
Tickets at toledoanimalrescue.org/wine



It's Kitten Season at the Rescue



It's kitten season again! That means every team member here at Toledo Animal Rescue is on high alert and working tirelessly on our many small, fluffy, and incredibly cute kitten residents. While kittens are very cute, kitten season is also an incredibly stressful time of year for shelters

and rescues across the nation as they are inundated with hundreds or even thousands of kittens that need intensive, and often lifesaving, care.

What is kitten season?

Kitten season usually begins in late spring and extends into early fall and is generally triggered by longer days and warmer weather. Sometimes kitten season can start earlier or extend much later into the year. During this period cats will become pregnant and reproduce... then, unlike many other animals, they will continue to have litter after litter until the weather changes and cools again. Cats can have litters every three months and three – even four! – litters a year. That is a LOT of kittens!

What do I do if I find a litter of kittens?

In most instances it may be best to leave the kittens alone. It is often safer to leave the kittens where they are, keep an eye out for the mother cat's return to ensure she is caring for her babies, and then humanely catch the whole

family and have them spayed or neutered. It's important to keep in mind that the weaning process for kittens usually isn't completed until between 8-10 weeks of age.

Kittens have delicate immune systems, require labor-intensive care, and a lot of socializing, making them some of the most vulnerable residents at shelters and rescues. Please contact Toledo Animal Rescue before bringing any kittens to us.

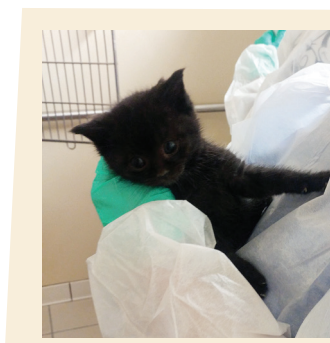
When can I adopt a kitten from Toledo Animal Rescue?

Our kittens are available for adoption after they are spayed or neutered and up to date on age-appropriate vaccines. Generally, this happens around 3-4 months, but some kittens simply take longer before they are ready to go to their new home.

Please feel free to visit us online or on Facebook where all of our currently available residents are posted for you to view.



By Johanna Rahkonen -
Rescue Deputy Director



MEET JOHANNA

About our new Deputy Director...

In early April, Johanna Rahkonen joined the Rescue team!

An avid animal lover since her youth, Johanna first began volunteering at local non-profit animal shelters when she was still in elementary school. After graduating with a Master's degree in English and spending several years working in bank operations, she decided to pursue her passion for animal welfare and returned to school to obtain her M.S. Animals and Public Policy degree from Tufts Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine.

The program, which focuses on human-animal relationships and their implications for policy and community action, provided Johanna the opportunity to focus on animal welfare and animal sheltering through her coursework. As part of her studies she spent the summer of 2018 interning at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) as part of their Field Investigations and Response (FIR) team. Johanna's work with the ASPCA FIR team has continued since her graduation last fall, and she continues aiding in their ongoing efforts of placing animals rescued from cruelty and disasters across the country.

"I'm very excited to be part of the Toledo Animal Rescue team! Having the chance to help care for and find homes for animals facing abandonment and homelessness has been so rewarding for me. I'm looking forward to contributing to the lifesaving work that Toledo Animal Rescue has been doing here in Toledo for over 90 years."

Outside of work Johanna enjoys spending time with her favorite hiking buddy - her aptly named miniature poodle, Buddy. She also enjoys curling up with her cat, Apollo, and a good book.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

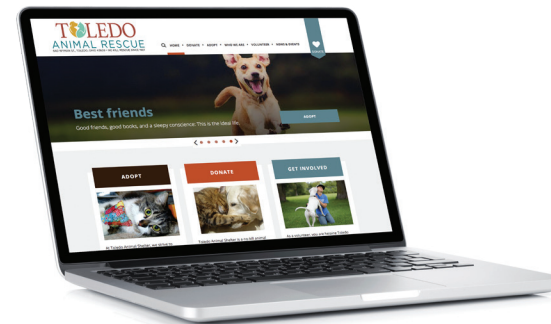
As a volunteer, you can help the Toledo Animal Rescue save hundreds of cats and dogs -- giving them the opportunity to find loving new homes. **Your contribution of time and effort is greatly appreciated and always welcome!**

In order to volunteer you must be at least 18 years of age, sign a liability release waiver, and attend an comprehensive volunteer orientation.

We look forward to meeting you. **Our volunteers do such amazing work and we really enjoy having them at the Rescue.**

Visit toledoanimalrescue.org to learn more about giving us a helping hand (paw).

WHAT CAN YOU DO AT OUR WEBSITE?



- Make a secure donation
- See the animals that are available for adoption
- Fill out an adoption application
- Sign up for our e-newsletter
- Fill out a volunteer application
- Check out our event calendar
- Post a lost or found animal
- Shop at our online Rescue Store



IN MEMORANDUM

On April 10th we lost our Shaggy Cat due to health issues. He was a beloved member of the Rescue team for several years and is greatly missed.

Visit toledoanimalrescue.org/donate to make a tax-deductible donation online.

SUMMER PUP ROAD TRIP TIPS

It's summer and we all love to go for drives with our four-legged family members. When I say "Go bye bye?" my Wheaten Terrier, Zoey, sprints to the front door.

These drives are definitely fun for both me and my pooch, but it's important to remember that **safety comes first!**

If Zoey could have her way, she would love to poke her head out of the window of the car while I'm driving. I'm pretty sure most dogs love to do this. It may be adorable, but it is also very dangerous. You wouldn't hit the road without fastening your safety belt or putting your child in a car seat, why should it be any different for your pup? Consider securing a crate in the back seat so your dog is as protected as possible. Other options include dog seat-belt harnesses and leashes that attach to the latch systems used for children's car seats. I'm absolutely positive that Zoey would rather have



her head sticking out the sunroof, but it is "**safety first**" when it comes to my big, crazy girl.

If you secure your dog in the car using a crate or some other method, you are most likely good to go. **Leaving your dog to roam around in the car is definitely a big no no.**

If your pup is as excitable as mine, you know how easy it is for them to distract you while you're driving. Regardless of how secure he or she is, it's always a good idea to keep your eyes on the road and try not to get distracted by your dog's behavior. I'll admit that I've been

guilty of reaching awkwardly behind me while the car is in motion to address one or two "Zoey issues." Take it from me, swerving all over the road while trying to clean dog vomit off your leather seats is not a great idea. Best practice would be to pull over to address any issues.

Driving my Zoey-girl to the vet takes about 20 minutes, but when she goes for a longer drive, like to visit her grandparents in Columbus, I make



sure I carefully consider her travel needs. For these longer adventures I bring along bottled water, a bowl (I have a cool collapsible dog dish that is awesome), a leash, dog waste bags, a blanket, treats, moist towelettes (in case of an accident) and back-seat protection to cover my leather interior. I also bring one of Zoey's toys which seems to help her relax.

Well, Zoey and I wish everyone a safe and happy summer. I promised her a long walk today, so I'm off to the park!

*By Charley Linden - Marketing Rescue Guy and Zoey's Daddy
Zoey is a rescue from Findlay, Ohio*

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A CELEBRATION OF WINE & FOOD

Mark your calendars! The Toledo Animal Rescue's **Celebration of Wine and Food Event** will be held this year on October 9, 2019, from 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm at Manhattan's Pub 'n Cheer in Uptown Toledo.

Celebrants will taste four wines, accompanied by generous hors d'oeuvres and desserts for only

\$50 per person with all proceeds benefiting the Toledo Animal Rescue.

The popular **Wine Ring-Toss** will return along with special raffle items.

Visit toledoanimalrescue.com/wine to order tickets online. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event.

REWARDS FOR THE RESCUE

Toledo Animal Rescue is part of the **Kroger Community Rewards**. It's easy to sign up and it is **FREE!**



Every time you shop and use your **Kroger Plus Card**, Kroger will make a donation to the Toledo Animal Rescue at **no cost to you** and **it won't effect your gas points!**

Visit krogercommunityrewards.com and register Toledo Animal Rescue (VK332) as the organization that benefits every time you use your Kroger Plus Card.

Remember to enroll every year!



KeyBank

A SPECIAL THANKS
Key Bank volunteers came out to the Rescue on May 15th and helped us beautify our grounds. We are thankful for businesses like Key Bank for their community outreach.

We hope to see this amazing group of volunteers next year!



MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER

If you would like to know what is going on at the Toledo Animal Rescue, take a few minutes and sign up for our e-newsletter.

Each month we will share adoption stories, upcoming events, and other Rescue-related news.

Visit toledoanimalrescue.org and sign up on our homepage.



A SPECIAL THANKS

On May 18th, Girls on the Run from Burroughs Elementary brought donations to the Rescue, including blankets they made themselves! Thank you so much for thinking about the Rescue and taking the time to make such cool blankets for the animals.

RESCUE WISH LIST

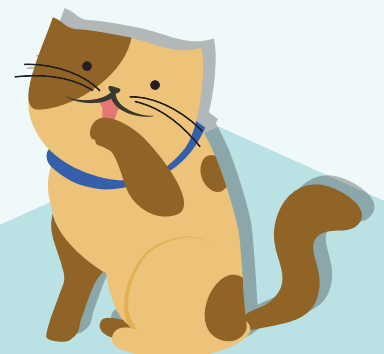
Toledo Animal Rescue is always in need of supplies. We appreciate anything you can donate to help the animals. Feel free to drop off any of these items during our regular business hours.

Pet Care Supplies

- Cat Toys (No Cat Nip)
- Dog Toys (Kongs)
- Hills Science Diet Food
- Collars
- Tidy Cats Litter (Clay)
- Small Litter Boxes
- Small Cat Food Dishes (Ceramic)
- Newspapers (No Advertisements)

Cleaning Supplies

- Dawn Dish Soap
- Bleach (Clorox)
- Laundry Soap
- Dryer Sheets
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper (Sewer Safe)
- Swiffer Dusters - Refills
- Trash Bags 33 & 13 Gallon



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For the Love of Brutus

Brutus, a Pug/Chihuahua mix, was suffering from a serious ear infection when he was surrendered to the Toledo Animal Rescue.

This past April, Brutus went in for a consult at MedVet Toledo to see what could be done for his ongoing ear infections (diagnosed as chronic end state otitis externa). The Rescue team was hopeful that surgery would help relieve any discomfort and get Brutus ready for adoption.

It turned out that surgery was Brutus' best option, but the procedure could cost upwards of \$3000. For a nonprofit like the Toledo Animal Rescue, that is quite a large amount of money.

The Rescue team was determined to raise the money to help Brutus, but before they could launch a fundraiser or ask the community for help, he received a grant from **TagsForHope.com** that completely covered his estimated surgical expenses.

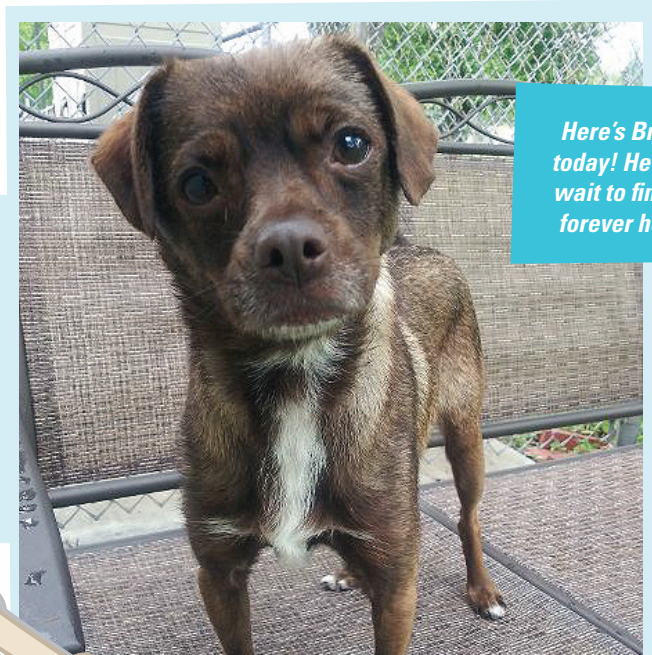
Brutus was scheduled for surgery the very next week.

The surgery, called a Total Ear Canal Ablation and Bulla Osteotomy (TECA-BO), removed Brutus' infected ear canal and middle ear. After a long recovery, we are happy to say that "feisty" Mr. Brutus is doing very well. The Rescue Team is looking forward to finding Brutus his new home and family very soon.

Unfortunately, the gift we received from **TagsForHope.com** isn't available for every animal that requires medical care at the Rescue. That's why we truly appreciate the support we receive from our friends in our community. **Won't you think about making a donation today?**



Brutus is pictured here a few days after his successful surgery. He was not a big fan of the cone or the resulting haircut.



Here's Brutus today! He can't wait to find his forever home.



LEAVING A LEGACY

Including Toledo Animal Rescue in your estate planning allows you to **make a profound and lasting impact** on our future sustainability. It also ensures that your generosity continues to help us provide shelter and care for abandoned, surrendered, and homeless animals.

When naming Toledo Animal Rescue in your will, you may leave a specific dollar amount, a set percentage of your estate, or a particular property. You can also name the Rescue as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank account, mutual fund, charitable remainder trust, or charitable lead trust. Each of these options may help you reduce your estate taxes. Consult your financial or legal advisor as you consider your options.

Please let us know if you have included Toledo Animal Rescue in your estate planning so we can thank and recognize you.

