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Rescue's Year in Review

DEPUTY DIRECTOR ARRIVES

Johanna Rahkonen joined the Toledo Animal Rescue team in April of 2019. The Rescue is benefitting from her vast animal advocacy experience and her devotion to the welfare of shelter animals. We are lucky to have her at the Rescue.

KITTENS EVERYWHERE!

Many shelters, including Toledo Animal Rescue, were overwhelmed with litters of unwanted kittens this year. The Rescue managed to care for and eventually adopt out several litters of kittens to loving homes.

YOGA & WINE EVENTS

This year we had two yoga events that both involved fitness, wine and animals! **Driven Fitness** and **Bee Free Yoga** both held separate events to raise awareness and money for the Toledo Animal Rescue. We appreciate their support.

WALKS & WAGS

We held our first annual **Walks & Wags** event at Walbridge Park on September 29th. Although we did experience a little rain, that didn't stop the community from coming out to show their support. Everyone enjoyed a day of pets, vendors, raffles and food!

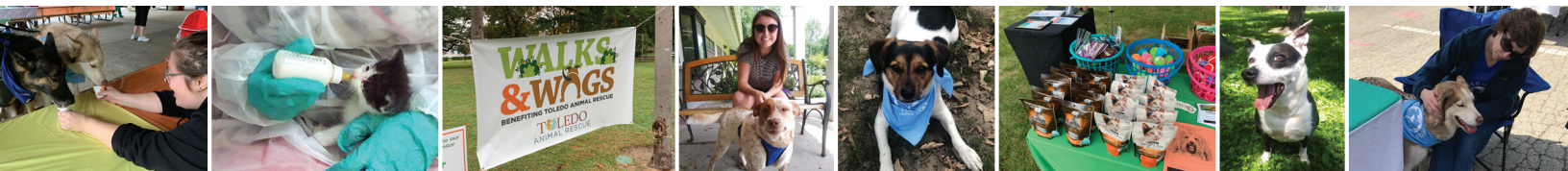
MORE EVENTS

We had our annual **Friends of the Rescue Picnic, Rescue Reunion, Hair of the Dog (& Cat) Brunch** and **Celebration of Wine & Food** to raise money and awareness. We're grateful for the support of our sponsors and to everyone who participated in these events!

STAY INFORMED

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

Visit toledoanimalrescue.org and sign up on our homepage.



The Toledo Animal Rescue would like to thank **HOT Graphics** for supporting the Rescue.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we anticipate the upcoming holiday season, we often think of all of the wonderful things that the holidays include: time with families, wonderful food, gathering with friends, warmth, comfort, peace and love. As we also know, many in our communities do not get to experience these wonderful aspects of the holiday season. While I know my own pets Willow, Maggie, and Rudolph (the red-nosed kitten) will be part of our family celebrations and will have their own gifts under our tree, many animals in this community and the surrounding area will not see that this year.

Thankfully, the Toledo Animal Rescue can provide a little holiday cheer for the animals in our care while they wait patiently for their forever homes. The demand for a safe place to surrender a pet and a reputable place to adopt a new family member is present, and if we don't answer the call of those that can't speak for themselves, who else will hear?

I would like to personally thank everyone who continues to support our no-kill Rescue. Whether it is sending us monetary donations, dropping off food or blankets, shopping at our online store, or attending one of our fundraisers – **WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOU!**

To all of you who continue to remember us on a regular basis throughout the year, **THANK YOU!** We can't make all of our "Happy Tails" a reality without each and every one of you.

May you have a wonderful and peaceful holiday season!

Kate Kelley
Board President
Toledo Animal Rescue

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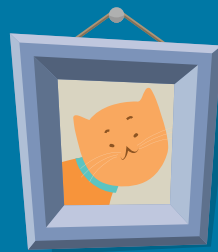
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BEE FREE YOGA BENEFIT

On June 27th many took part in outdoor yoga in the vineyard at the Majestic Oak Winery.

A portion of proceeds were donated to the Toledo Animal Rescue. It was a lot of fun and the guests enjoyed some wine and beer after their workout.



A Rescue Poem to Santa

Dear Santa, all we want for this special holiday
is a family to love and new home to stay.

A happy home we can call our own
and some catnip, a collar and even a bone!

These nice Rescue folks show kindness and love.
We think they are angels sent from above.

The Rescue team knows all of our names.
They always find time for snuggles and games!

Our kennels are comfy, warm, clean and dry.
We're longing for families and sometimes we cry.

None of us go hungry and we're always well-fed.
We dream of new homes while we lie in our beds.

Oh Santa! Oh Santa! We hope you understand.
The Rescue folks keep doing all that they can.

They promised us homes, families and fun...
and told us our waiting soon would be done.

It's almost Christmas, and so many remain...
the old and the shy, the quiet and the plain.

We are very loyal, loving, deserving and kind.
We are the best companions that you'll ever find.

The Rescue's work is so far from over.
The sick and injured need their help to recover.

They also need help with the bills that accrue.
We hope there is something more you can do!

Please give to this no-kill Rescue in need.
We know there can be no greater good deed.

You'll help to save those of us without a voice
because not having a family wasn't our choice.

Every donation we receive from you - big or small
will help us find our forever homes, one and all!



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Every purchase helps the Rescue!
We add new items all the time.

All proceeds benefit the Toledo Animal Rescue. Discount code expires March 31, 2020
and can only be used once. Restrictions may apply.



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LETTER FROM ROXY

My husband and I have been married almost two years and both came into the marriage with a dog of our own. We decided we wanted to add one more piece to complete our puzzle.

From the moment we were introduced at the Rescue, we knew Roxy would make a great addition to our family.



As part of the adoption process, she was introduced to her future brothers – a 4-year-old German Shepherd and a 5-year-old Coonhound. Three days later we were allowed to take Roxy home.

Our family lives on just under an acre of land in Temperance, Michigan and this sweet girl loves to play in the open space with her brothers.

She's the sweetest and most loving little girl! It's only been two weeks, but we can't imagine our lives without her.

Thank you, Toledo Animal Rescue!

Kristy Frankhouse & Family

THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

We would like to extend our gratitude to all of our past and present members. This will be the last year we publish a members list in our newsletter. A permanent list of our members can be found at toledoanimalrescue.org/members. We invite you to keep an eye out in the coming months for new ways to help the Rescue!

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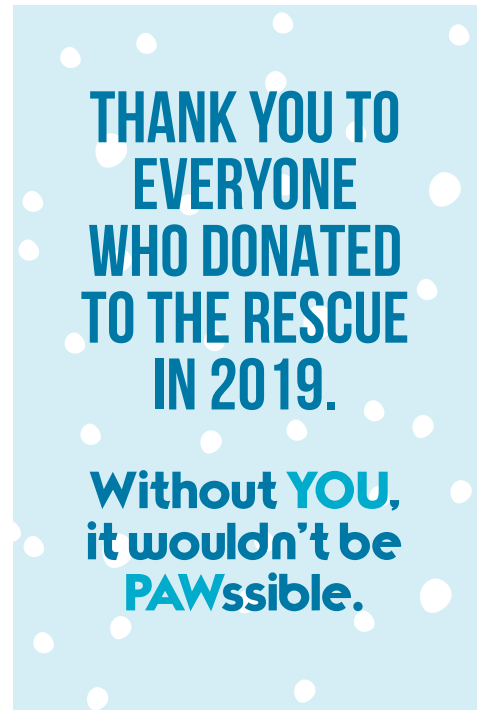
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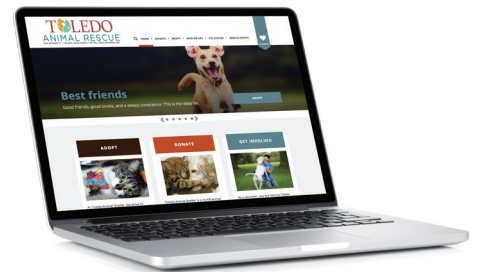
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- See the animals that are currently available for adoption
- Make a secure donation
- Fill out an adoption application
- Sign up for our e-newsletter
- Fill out a volunteer application
- Check out our event calendar
- Shop at our online Rescue Store



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

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 a 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).

FROM JOHANNA'S DESK

"There may be days when I can't help an animal in need, but the day will never come that I won't try."

~ Paul Oxton, Founder/Director Wild Hearts Wildlife Foundation

As I write this letter, it is breakfast time here at the Toledo Animal Rescue. I can hear the barking of the dogs eagerly awaiting their first meal of the day and, every now and again, I can hear the rustling of a litter box or the jingling of a bell as it is knocked aside by playful kitten paws. Each creature currently in the care of the Toledo Animal Rescue has their own story of how they came to be with us. Many of these animals have faced abuse, or had a loving family who faced the devastating reality of no longer being able to care for them, or were born on the street and never knew the warmth of a home to sleep in or a family to love them. Regardless of their past, I'm proud to say that everyone here at Toledo Animal Rescue is working hard to provide these animals with a bright new future!

I'm pleased to report that this has been an exciting and transformational year for the Rescue with many new beginnings of our own! In 2019 we celebrated our first annual Walks & Wags event at Walbridge Park, implemented new shelter software to maximize our operational potential, began developing and implementing a dog enrichment program, and fostered new transfer relationships with other

agencies whose goals closely align with our own. I'm also thrilled to say that in 2019 we surpassed both our 2018 number of animal intakes as well as our 2018 number of adoptions! We always strive to help as many cats and dogs in transition as possible, and hope to responsibly increase our lifesaving potential each and every year.

Please consider making a year-end financial gift to the Toledo Animal Rescue so that we can continue to develop our lifesaving capabilities and strive to help even more animals that need love and care in 2020. Your donations make possible our efforts of caring for and finding loving homes for cats and dogs without families to call their own. As a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization, when our donors contribute to our cause, these funds go directly towards helping our animals. This often takes the form of spay/neuter procedures, vaccinations, medication, food, water, enrichment and play, a temporary shelter to call home, and constant love and affection provided by our dedicated Rescue team and volunteers.

With your support, we hope to see all our animals one day celebrating the holiday season from a cozy home, surrounded by the warmth of family and unconditional love.

I thank you for your generosity and support and wish you the happiest holiday season.

Sincerely,
Johanna Rahkonen
Deputy Director



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.



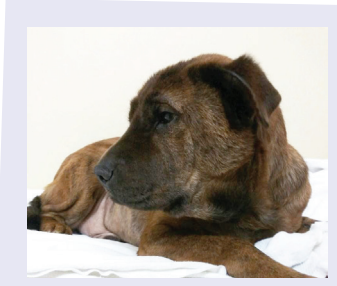
Pet Care Supplies

- Cat Toys (no catnip)
- Dog Toys (Kongs)
- Hills Science Diet Food
- Collars/Leashes/Harnesses
- Cat Litter (non-clumping)
- 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)

Jake's Journey



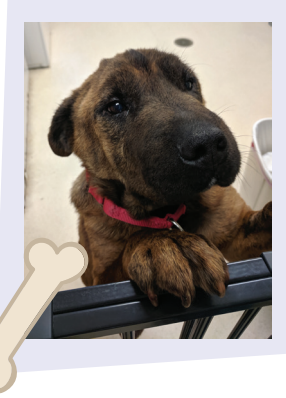
Jake, a 4-year-old Shar Pei mix, came to us on July 3, 2019, from an overcrowded shelter Southeast of Columbus, Ohio. Not much is known about his time prior to coming to the Rescue, only that he

had been chained outside his whole life with a number of other dogs.

After arriving at the Rescue, it was discovered that Jake was heartworm positive. He also developed a nasty case of pneumonia which required prompt medical attention and a rigorous and intensive treatment plan. Jake recovered quickly from pneumonia but soon faced a new challenge. It was discovered that Jake had a large mass on his left hind leg. A biopsy revealed the mass to be a low-grade mast cell tumor.

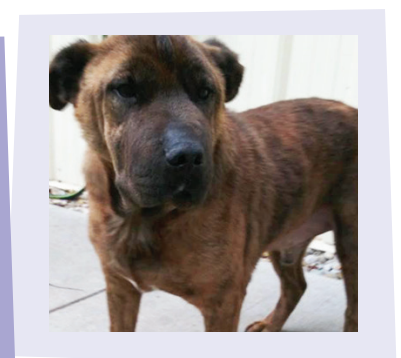
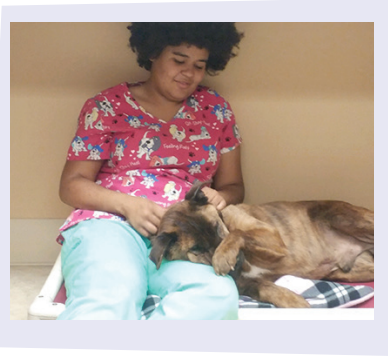
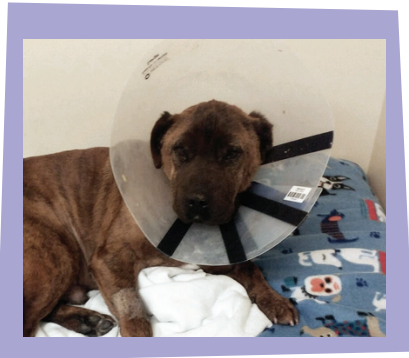
To avoid amputation, it was decided to perform surgery to remove the cancerous tumor.

In early October, Jake had his operation and we are happy to report that everything went well. Jake is now fully recovered and has recently started a regiment of oral chemotherapy.



Everyone here at Toledo Animal Rescue knows that a dog like Jake, who has so much love to give and has received so little in return during his life, is truly deserving of this kind of second chance. This is not an easy journey for Jake or his caretakers, and it will be some time before he is ready to find his forever home.

As you can imagine, the expense required to treat Jake's cancer puts a financial strain on a nonprofit as small as the Toledo Animal Rescue. **We appreciate any donations that can help offset Jake's medical expenses.**



Visit toledoanimalrescue.org/jake for Jake's full story and updates on his journey.

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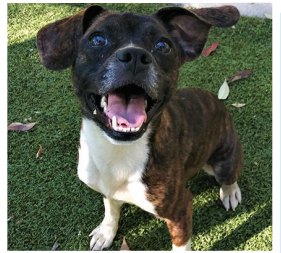
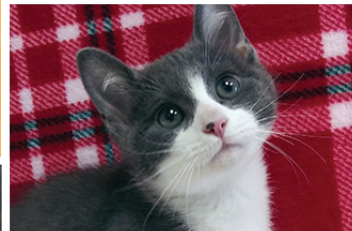
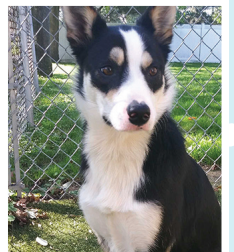
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