

TOLEDO ANIMAL RESCUE

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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VIRTUAL WALKS & WAGS

Presented By Buckeye Broadband

Registration Going On Now! Go To: toledoanimalrescue.org/wags

Even though things are a little topsy-turvy right now with the ongoing COVID-19 crisis, the **Toledo Animal Rescue** is still moving forward with **Walks & Wags** presented by our friends at **Buckeye Broadband** -- only this year it will be a **virtual event**.

How Our Virtual Event Works:

Registration is open now and it is only \$15. Every registration will include a **Walks & Wags sWag Goodie Bag** (drawstring backpack) filled with pet and human items provided by participating vendors/sponsors including **Pet Supplies Plus** and **PetPeople**.

On September 19th you can drive by **Glass City Dog Park**, show your registration coupon, and pick up your Goodie Bag(s) from your vehicle. If you're a member of the Glass City we encourage you to bring your dog and go for a walk!

Also, for something fun, every registration will give you the option to upload a photo at our website. It can be a picture of your animal(s) or your family or both! We will post your picture to our **Walks & Wags Gallery** so we can show everyone how cool you are for supporting us!

Register today and help us support **Toledo Animal Rescue's** mission to educate, shelter, and place abandoned and homeless dogs and cats.

For complete details: toledoanimalrescue.org/wags



Buckeye Broadband, Karnik, and Glass City Dog Park are true friends of the Rescue and major sponsors of this year's virtual event.

The Toledo Animal Rescue would like to thank **HOT Graphics** for being a generous local sponsor.





Letter From The President

Friends,

The **Toledo Animal Rescue** board members and I want to express how very grateful we are to each and every one of you who so generously chose to support the Toledo Animal Rescue. **Your contributions are crucial in allowing us to take in, care for, and adopt out the animals at the Rescue.**

We have kept our doors open, despite the COVID-19 crisis, by instituting proper protocols including social-distancing, the wearing of masks and continual sanitation of touchable surfaces. We've continued to open our doors to animals who need our help and we work diligently to find homes for them. **The safety of our staff, animal, volunteers, and guests continues to be the top priority as we navigate our way through this unprecedented time.**

There are a number of initiatives on the horizon that will continue to expand our impact on the animals in our care. We are laying the groundwork to transform our kennels to improve the living conditions of our canine residents. We are excited to increase the number of large and small dogs we can shelter in this improved environment. The cats in our care will also experience improvements in their living conditions. When all is finished, and the COVID-19 issues are behind us, we will be excited to host an Open House for our supporters and dear friends to see the exciting changes.

Last year's **Walks & Wags** was a big success and a lot of fun. This year, due to COVID-19, things will be a little different. You can learn more about our **Virtual Walks & Wags** on the front page of this newsletter.

In closing, I express my most sincere gratitude. As a nonprofit organization that receives no local, state or federal funding, the **Toledo Animal Rescue** depends solely on your continued generosity to remain solvent and able to serve this community. **Year after year (for over 90 years) you made the homeless animals of the Rescue your priority and in doing so change lives - both four-legged and two-legged.**

Without YOU, it wouldn't be PAWssible.

Sincerely,

Pam Koontz, Board President

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Enriching Lives

By Director Steve Kiessling



Enrichment: “A process for improving the environment and behavioral care of confined animals within the context of their behavioral needs” (the Society of

Animal Welfare Administrators). **What does this mean in practical terms?** A simple definition with profound consequences for shelter animals when not implemented consistently or correctly. The purpose of quality enrichment is to reduce animal stress, increase healthy behaviors, reduce the risk of illness (or help speed up recovery from illness) and, reduce the length of stay in our facility prior to adoption. In short, **proper enrichment creates healthy, happy and well adjusted cats and dogs** so that they can go to good homes in the shortest time and safest way possible.

With enrichment being so important, how do we prioritize this at **Toledo Animal Rescue**? It is no secret that a full shelter is both a positive and a negative concept. We are full because members of the human and animal community need our help. But being full not only stresses the animals out but it puts a greater importance on our Rescue team to ensure each animal gets what they need. Clean beds, fresh food and water, empty litter trays, yards free of dog waste...the daily

chores list goes on and on and takes a great deal of time and attention. **The big motivator for our team to get this work done is they can then think of new and creative ways to enrich our dogs and cats.**

Enrichment is fun for people and animals alike. Ever watch a kitten bat around a toy mouse? Give a dog a Kong filled with peanut butter? How about use a laser pointer in a room full of cats? **All great entertainment for us and wonderful enrichment activities for them.** The best part about creating activities and spaces for healthier and happier animals is the sky's the limit and we don't need to break the bank doing it.

At the **Toledo Animal Rescue**, we strive everyday to improve the lives of the cats and dogs in our care.

With proper nutrition, housing and enrichment activities, we are able to do this and more. And with each passing month, we are coming up with new and creative ways to accomplish

our mission and keep our focus on the animals. **Want to learn more how you can help?** Give us a call and just maybe you'll end up in a room full of kittens laughing and playing in the name of **Enrichment!**



Kitten Season 2020

Even a global pandemic could not stop Kitten Season from coming. It's the time of year when shelters and rescues across the country are filled to capacity with litters of unwanted felines. When the weather is warmer, cats are out roaming and reproducing at a faster pace than during milder seasons. Many shelters are seeing the impact of this problem, which leads to extremely overcrowded conditions.

The Toledo Animal Rescue is taking on **Kitten Season head-on.** We're dealing with multiple litters that put a strain on our resources. Our amazing team does a great job even though sometimes it feels like we just can't get ahead. **If you are thinking about adoption, please contact the Rescue and any donations made during this time will also will help make a big difference.**

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

Meet Our New Director



Hello friends of the Rescue. My name is **Steve Kiessling** and I'm the new director of this amazing organization. By the time you get this newsletter, my tenure

at **Toledo Animal Rescue** will be less than 4 months long. But in that short time, I have learned many valuable things that I hope will highlight our work and our mission for you.

- **The Toledo Animal Rescue** is one of the oldest non-profits in Toledo and the first “no-kill” shelter in the region. At 93 years young, we have helped countless dogs and cats find new, loving homes.
- **Creativity, with a fair bit of best practice research, are key.** As we have aged, we have continued to change our ways to ensure each animal receives the best care and enrichment while they are with us. We will forever seek out emerging technologies and practices to connect our animals with those seeking to adopt faster and more efficiently. The quicker we can get an animal adopted, the more successful that new relationship will be.
- **Our phones are constantly ringing.** This is both a blessing and a curse. A blessing because it gives us the opportunity to help so many people find answers to their questions or help them surrender their dog or cat (never an easy

choice). A curse because we can't help everyone that calls. Whether it is an injured animal found or an abandoned house with dozens of feral cats, we can offer guidance but usually not a permanent solution.

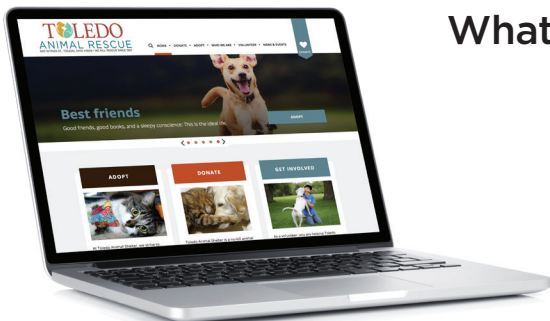
- **Animal people are amazing.** This I already knew but it is worth it to say **again** and **again**. Our donors, board members, volunteers, and our Rescue team care deeply for the animals and do their part to further the Rescue's mission.
- **We have the ability to do so much more.** We adopted out more cats and dogs in May than any other month since July 2016. And you know what? It was fun! Seeing happy families leaving with a new pet to love and helping our cats and dogs find great homes is the whole point of why the **Toledo Animal Rescue** exists. With your help, whether through a donation, a like and a share on our Facebook page, or a positive endorsement to a friend or neighbor looking to adopt, **we can make beautiful things happen.**

This is obvious a short list. As time goes on, I will gladly share more observations and insights. When we all settle into a rhythm in a post COVID-19 world, **I look forward to meeting and talking with as many of you possible.**

Thank you for supporting the Toledo Animal Rescue.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Kiessling', written over a white background.



What can you do at toledoanimalrescue.org?

- Register for Walks & Wags
- 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
- Shop at our online Rescue Store
- Check out our event calendar
- Post a lost or found animal

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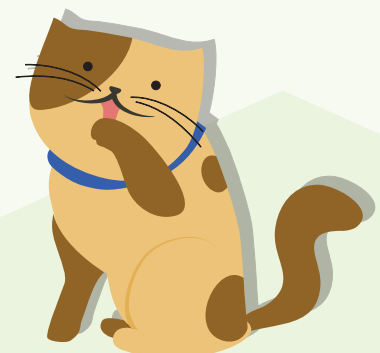
Toledo Animal Rescue is always in need of supplies. We appreciate anything you can donate to help the animals. Feel free to drop off any of these items during our regular business hours.

Pet Care Supplies

- Cat Toys (no catnip)
- Dog Toys
- 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 Update 🐾

We highlighted “**Jakes Journey**” in the winter issue of our newsletter. We thought everyone would like a quick update on how Jake is doing.

Quick Backstory

Jake came to us in July of 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 his arrival, the Rescue team discovered a large mass on Jake's hind leg. A biopsy revealed a mass to be a low-grade mast cell tumor which required surgery to remove.

Update

After recovering from surgery, his oncologist decided the best course of action would be to start Jake on 12 months of chemotherapy. It started out well, but in January we witnessed some severe,

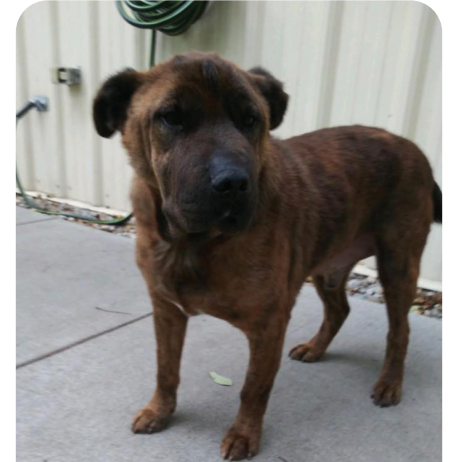
possibly life-threatening, complications revolving around his treatments. His quality of life was declining, and it had become obvious to the Rescue team that he was not a happy pup. After consulting with his oncologist, and the Rescue's veterinarian, it was decided to end his chemotherapy. It was time to focus on giving him the best possible life with the time he has left.

After being removed from the chemo, **Jake started to perk up and was back to being his sweet, loving self.** When he had fully recovered from the side effects of the treatment, he was placed in a foster home. He now has a family who is home with him 24/7, four brothers and sisters who he loves dearly, and a big yard to play in. He enjoys cuddling up with his siblings, barking at the mailman, long naps



in patches of sun, and taking up the entire king-sized mattress. **He is enjoying life, and happy to be surrounded by love!**

It is estimated that Jake will have at least another 5 years of a fun-filled life. **The team at the Rescue is extremely happy we were able to get to know Jake and contribute to his bright future.**



Please visit toledoanimalrescue.org/donate to make a donation. Your support will help us continue to make lives better for animals like Jake.

🐾 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.

