



Canine Connection



Volunteer Susan Uhl (right) with her FCDS foster dog, Ozzie, enjoys volunteering because she "likes getting to know lots of different dogs and their unique personalities".



Volunteers Bart Overly and Beth Blostein have 2 dogs of their own at home and pose here with their 10th foster dog, Shadow.



Nylon leash \$2, Old muddy shoes (already had 'em), Smile on the face of a homeless dog..... PRICELESS

Last year, about 250 individuals logged thousands of volunteer hours at the Franklin County Dog Shelter. These dedicated volunteers donate their time to walk dogs, assist with baths and grooming, sort newspapers for cages, and act as escorts for the dogs at community adoption events. In addition, specially trained volunteers assist with customer service and adoption counseling while others open their homes as foster homes.

"All of our volunteers do a tremendous service for the shelter dogs" states Lou Steinke, volunteer coordinator. "Many come by during the day to walk dogs, and after being cooped up in their cages, it gives them a welcome opportunity to run and play and just be a dog".

In 2006, volunteers logged in 13,657 hours and over 15,000 in 2007. Per Lou Steinke, "I can measure the number of hours logged in, but the positive impact these volunteers have on the dogs is immeasurable".

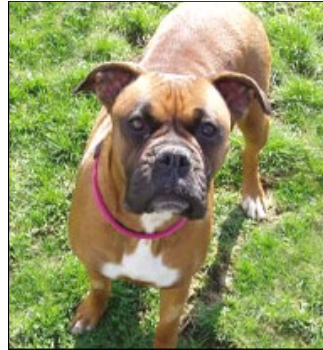
Local businesses now also play a great role. JPMorgan Chase has a group of employees that volunteer one day a month while other organizations such as Anthem, Delloitte, UPS and numerous Girl and Boy Scout troops coordinate special volunteer event days. These employee groups often supervise doggie playgroups in the exercise yard, allowing the staff to clean an entire adoption ward.

"The goal is to get each dog outside for some fresh air each and every day" states Steinke. With over 300 dogs in the facility, it's not always possible. We welcome any individual or group who would like to come and help us reach that goal."

For group and individual volunteer information and schedule of orientation classes, see www.franklincountydogs.com or email masteinke@franklin.co.oh.us.

Which of these dogs has a life threatening illness?

Pictured top left: Andi and Nadia have successfully recovered from parvovirus; and Redley from heartworm. Bottom: Amelia, and Stetson both treated for parvovirus.



All of them. But, through the dedication of the Franklin County Dog Shelter staff and your generous donations to Friends of the Shelter, each of these dogs was given the chance to make it... and that is just what they did!

Andi and Amelia are the product of an unwanted litter that after contracting the deadly parvovirus, were dumped at the shelter (with their litter mates Ace, Allison and Adrianna). At only 4 months old, this was a rough start for them, but they are now healthy and on their way to new lives.

Nadia and Stetson, too were both abandoned and suffering from parvovirus.

Redley came to FCDS, an obvious product of neglect and full of heartworms. Although a little shy at first (and despite the fact that he is 80 pounds) Redley is a lap-dog at heart. Thanks to the generous funding support of Friends of the Shelter, Redley was able to undergo further diagnostic testing and treatment for his heartworm disease and has now fully recovered and enjoying a happy, healthy new life.

Your generous donations to Friends of the Shelter fund the innovative programs and services that enable the staff of the Franklin County Dog Shelter to save lives every day. On average, 50 dogs a day come to the facility and many have special needs or treatable illnesses that need care, a little time and TLC. We are honored to continue these most valuable services through your support of Friends of the Shelter.



Interested in adopting a homeless pet at the Franklin County Dog Shelter?

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- ☐ \$25 buys grooming for one dog
- ☐ \$35 Sponsor a Labrador
- ☐ \$50 buys one extra kennel for foster care
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Friends of the Shelter is an all-volunteer organization established to coordinate the fund-raising activities that directly benefit the dogs of the Franklin County Dog Shelter. Money raised by Friends of the Shelter is allocated to fund programs and services for these shelter dogs such as diagnostic, medical/dental, grooming and training. As a 501c3 non-profit group, all donations are tax deductible.

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