



# Canine Connection



Jean and Trish are two of our nay dedi- cated foster moms who bring their dogs to monthly Mingle with Our Mutts events at the shelter in efforts to find them good, permanent homes.

Volunteer and foster mom Rebecca Zacher trains and plays with one of Franklin County Dog Shelter's older dogs, Ivan, a 5-year-old male.



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## Fact: The Franklin County Dog Shelter is Overcrowded

Did you know that in the spring and summer months, the shelter takes in as many as 50 dogs per day as strays and owner turn-ins?

As a county facility, the Franklin County Dog Shelter is unique in that there is no time limit on the adoption process. Dogs are allowed to stay on the adoption floor as long as it takes for them to be matched to just the right home. The shelter staff is committed to this kinder, more humane approach, despite the burdens that it places on our limited space and budget. However, their genuine love of dogs combined with a startling lack of space has caused our shelter staff to be very creative in managing a constant stream of incoming dogs.

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## Creative Solution #1

*Creature Comforts to the Rescue!!!*

A crippling side effect of overcrowding is the transmission of coughs and colds between the dogs. This results in a constant need for additional space in the infirmary. Creature Comforts Veterinary Care provides off-site kennel space and infirmary care to dozens of FCDS dogs each month. Once healthy (and adoption floor space is available) the dog(s) are returned to the shelter to begin their search for a new home.



**Dr. Libby Kinsel of Creature Comforts with her FCDS foster dog Montie. Libby takes dogs in at a fraction of the cost and gives them off lead runs in her yard and daily greenies. She is a genuine lover of animals.**

## Creative Solution #2

*FCDS Foster care program: Foster Moms and Dads who love the dogs enough to let them go.*

The foster care program, coordinated by Erin Frost, is made up of a network of FCDS staff, employees, volunteers, and other caring members of the community who open their hearts and homes to countless puppies and dogs each month. There are an average of 50-100 shelter dogs in foster care each month. The FCDS foster care program

offers dogs the opportunity to live full time in the homes with a person or family offering love, guidance, support, and sometimes a little training to needy shelter pooches. These dogs remain with their foster families for days, weeks, and even months until they are ultimately adopted into loving, permanent homes.



**Former FCDS foster pooch Chloe (Olivia) returns to visit program**

## Creative Solution #3

*Community Support of FOTS helps the dogs!*

Here's what you can do:

1. Adopt your next pooch from the Franklin County Dog Shelter. Tell your friends and neighbors too!
2. Make a donation to Friends of the Shelter.

Overcrowding is a constant issue at our shelter as the staff works diligently towards their commitment to save lives. Your donations help support off-site kennel costs, medical care, and our foster care program.



Interested in adopting one of the homeless pets at the Franklin County Dog Shelter?

*You can see all of our adoptable dogs at [www.franklincountydogs.com](http://www.franklincountydogs.com). Contact the shelter at 614.462.4361, or via e-mail at [AdoptADog@franklincountyohio.gov](mailto:AdoptADog@franklincountyohio.gov).*



**Franklin County Dog Shelter**  
Where Best Friends Meet

# Friends of the Shelter News

**Friends of the Shelter** is an all volunteer organization established to coordinate fundraising activities that directly benefit the dogs of Franklin County Dog Shelter. Money raised by Friends of the Shelter is allocated to funds (such as diagnostic, medical/dental, grooming, and training) that directly support Franklin County Dog Shelter dogs. A 501c3 non-profit group, donations are tax deductible.

**Making the Difference.** Every weekend, volunteers act as escorts to FCDS dogs at community events around town (pictured, volunteer Linda Zchetti and "Sampson" cuddle at the Boosters Classic Cruisers event.) Taking the dogs out of the shelter for the day is not only a fun and great way to showcase our dogs, but also an important means to demonstrate that adopting an FCDS pooch is a worthy alternative to pet stores and breeders.



Visit our website for details about other upcoming events including: Bark and Bail, National Shelter Awareness week, ways to help the dogs and more!

## Join us for a Franklin County Dog Shelter Reunion Tailgate at Bark Park September 17

BarkPark is a nonprofit, all-volunteer group led by Marcia Perry Rhoades, that raises money for homeless animals. The members-only dog park is open Saturdays in May-October. Every Saturday, BarkPark benefits different humane rescue organizations. One hundred percent of the funds collected through admissions, concessions, and other activities benefit the rescue of the day. Our event is **September 17 from 10 till 4. Big Thanks to BarkPark for its support!**



**THE FIX** is Friends of the Shelter/Franklin County Dog Shelter's low-cost spay/neuter program. It was created to encourage responsible pet ownership regardless of the owner's ability to pay for the surgery. Get more information about the Fix by calling 614.462.5581.

# How You Can Help

***You can make a difference in the lives of homeless dogs!*** Help Friends of the Shelter by making a donation to help fund medical procedures, enrichment activities, and emergency care. All donations are tax deductible.

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$15 buys a Kong and treat for three dogs
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 buys grooming for one dog
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 Sponsors a Labrador
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 buys one extra kennel for foster care
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 affords diagnostic and medical care for one dog
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make a donation on-line at [www.friendsoftheshelter.info](http://www.friendsoftheshelter.info) or cut out this form and mail a check payable to Friends of the Shelter to:

Friends of the Shelter  
5852 Heritage Lakes Drive  
Hilliard, OH 43026

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State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**We want to let you know how we are helping the dogs!** Learn about programs, events, and the dogs we are saving. Register for e-mail from Friends of the Shelter.\*

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

\*Friends of the Shelter respects your privacy. We will not share or sell your e-mail address, phone number, or mailing address.

***Thank you for investing in happy, healthy dogs!***

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