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The Circle Tail Times

Mark Your Calendar!



AKC® Canine Good Citizen Test Saturday, April 21 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Circle Tail. Cost is \$7. Call 513-877-3325 or e-mail training@circletail.org to sign up.

Circle Tail's Mission

Our mission is to provide high quality Assistance Dogs to people with mobility, hearing, neurological, or psychiatric disabilities, and to promote the human-canine bond in the community by providing dog adoptions, obedience training, behavior management, and boarding services.



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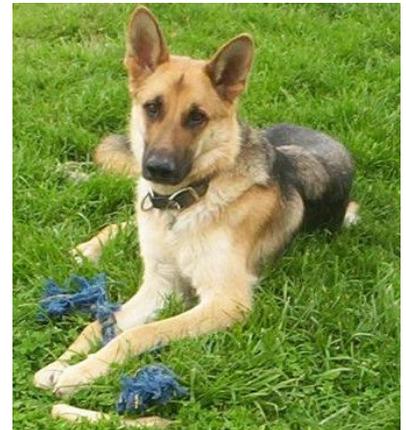
A Message from the Executive Director...

2007 has started off with a whirlwind of excitement at Circle Tail. The Board of Directors has voted to build a new accessible training/education center, and we have begun the process of becoming accredited by Assistance Dogs International. Both of these tasks will enable Circle Tail to provide better quality services to our customers (dogs and people), increase our services and education opportunities to the public, as well as have a better environment for our volunteers. These endeavors will require an incredible amount of time, energy and of course, money.

At 10 years of age though, Circle Tail is ready to grow. In fact, as those of you who frequent Circle Tail know, we have already outgrown and are just a little bit tired of our rustic accommodations. The dogs and people who support and utilize Circle Tail services deserve a setting that is conducive to learning and training (like heat, AC and a flushable toilet!!).

Throughout the year we will be updating you on our progress and asking for your suggestions. We hope that you will complete surveys that are sent, and please feel free to email us your input. Your feedback will be taken into consideration.

*Have a Safe and Happy Spring!
Marlys*



Conversations with Creek

Advice for you and your pet...

Dear Creek,

Help! My dog, Daisy, is 9 years old and has started barking at EVERYTHING - when I first get home, when it's feeding time, when anyone comes over, or for no apparent reason - it's like she just barks to hear herself bark. Anything I can do?

Jenny, Cincinnati, OH

Dear Jenny,

Daisy is “barking” for attention. Seriously, I would first have Daisy's hearing checked by your veterinarian. Just like people speak louder as they lose their hearing with age, sometimes dogs may bark more when they start developing a hearing loss. They can't hear themselves or others quite as well as they used to so they may startle more easily. Also, does she stop when you tell her “quiet”? If not, I would teach her what “quiet” means and then enforce that command when she is barking. We dogs use barking as a communication tool. Try to figure out what Daisy is telling you.

Good luck and happy training!

- Creek

"The greatest pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him, and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself, too." – Samuel Butler

**"Tails From the Inside":
Yes, It Is a Good Thing!**

By The Handlers at London Correctional Institute

*When the pain of an aching heart is enduring
He becomes therapeutic to one's emotional nurturing.
His loyal sympathetic eyes possess no lies;
What he gives you is honest and true till the day he
dies.
He'll twist his head and give you his perked up listening
ear.
Helping desolate inner tears mystifyingly disappear.
The more I give of myself to this wonderful pet,
The more of my sorrows he helps me forget.
Because life is better with our entertaining furry friends,
I hope our fellowship never ends.*

*A curious man was standing by
Who saw me training and asked why?
"I'm to train this dog to become an obedient pet
so he'll become adopted and fulfill needs unmet."
"Uhm, that's a good thing!" was his reply.
Then came a feeling I couldn't deny.*

*From the heart came an overwhelming thought;
Just what has this lady of Circle Tail brought?
When happy wagging tails can wipe away lonesome
tears;
When loneliness can be comforted by perked up
listening ears;
When affectionate kisses can take away sadness from
depressed years.*

*Yes! It is a good thing,
That this lady of Circle Tail does bring.*



Marlys Staley, our head trainer, is a professional member of the International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP).

**Shed Pounds By
Walking Homeless Hounds!**

Don't fear bathing suit season! Visit the Circle Tail dogs and get fresh air and exercise – for you and a dog in need!

**"Come to
Circle Tail
and take me
for a walk –
it'll be good
for both of
us!"**



Emergency Preparedness Tip:

Be sure your emergency plans fit your unique circumstances!

- **Identify evacuation locations:** find places outside your area where you and your pets can go if you must evacuate.
- **Be sure your pet has proper identification:** microchip your pet and make sure s/he has an ID tag.
- **Be neighborly:** Exchange keys and disaster plans with a neighbor who can ensure your animals' safety if you are away from home when disaster strikes.
- **Assemble a disaster kit,** and keep the kit(s) near an exit so they're easy to grab in an emergency. Keep one in your car if possible.
- **Take photos of you with your pets:** This can prove ownership if you are separated. Keep copies in your wallet and disaster kit, and give one to a friend or loved one who lives outside your area.
- **If you receive regular services** like home health care, transportation, or dialysis, make a plan with each service provider.

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Circle Tail Services

Circle Tail provides a variety of services for the community, including basic, intermediate, remedial, and remote collar group training, private lessons, board & train programs, assistance dog training & certification, AKC® Canine Good Citizen testing, training supplies and toys, and boarding. See our website or contact us for details.

Happy Beginnings Antigua & Salers

"I am enjoying my two Circle Tail dogs, Antigua and Salers, and they enjoy each other."

Salers (Black & White Border Collie mix) and Antigua (fluffy chow mix in the back), talk with their new friends at the dog park.



Spotlight Dog for Adoption



Hi, I'm Rand, an 18-month old, 49-pound Black Lab mix from a county shelter. I adore people and just can't get enough pets! Plus, I'm really smart and love to learn – got some neat tricks to teach me? I love to play outside and run around, then come in with you to snuggle. I'll do well with kids over age 5 or so, and like to play with other dogs too. I assure you I'm a joy to have around and will bring some sunshine to your life!

Prepare Yourself – Tips for Emergency & Disaster Relief

Be sure to post an "animals inside" sticker to alert people that pets are inside your home in an emergency. These can be ordered at no charge from the ASPCA and other animal organizations.



Foster Family Focus

Jerri Goehler



There are so many rewarding things about fostering. People frequently ask me how I can give up the dog. Don't I become too attached? My answer is this: if I am fostering a service dog in training, I am like a proud mom. I can't wait for that dog to "grow up" and begin assisting someone in need. When I am fostering a rescue, I love to watch them become healthier, more confident and therefore more adoptable. I am happy when they get their forever home. It is especially rewarding when you get a note and pictures from the adopting family and learn that this dog who was once "disposable" to someone else is the focus of a new family's love and attention.

The answer to the question, "do I get attached"? Absolutely! Is it hard to give them up? Sure, some more than others. Would I stop fostering because of those feelings? No way! Here is a quote from a 17-year-old friend of my son's: "Mrs. G. I love coming to your house because there are always new dogs and adorable puppies."

There is always another needy dog when you give one up and the good feeling from helping those dogs is immeasurable! I hope everyone who is in a position to foster, even for a very short time, will take that opportunity to give one dog a chance at a better life.

Adopted dog,
Tish, is ready for
a walk!



TEAM TALK!

Mary & Service Dog, Haven

Mary from Dayton was partnered with Golden Retriever Haven, in January 2007. Haven was donated by one of our volunteers who breeds Golden Retrievers. Haven was the pick of the litter and started his career at a mere 8 weeks of age. He received most of his training at Ross and London Correctional Facilities and in several foster homes.

Mary writes, "I had a service dog who was my right hand for 10 years, and I was able to find her a loving home to retire. I needed another service dog and found Circle Tail through United Way of Dayton. While waiting to be partnered with a dog, I became a foster of dogs in training. It was hard to see the foster dogs go, but it was a very rewarding experience.

In December 2006, I began fostering a Golden Retriever who was going to be partnered in the spring. His name is the same as my last name only without the "s" on the end! Despite him being higher energy, Haven and I took to each other pretty quickly, and he was very eager to be helpful. He retrieved things I'd drop, get the things I asked him to, and did all I asked of him and more! Haven was working out so well for me I asked if we could be partnered. Marlys agreed, and we were partnered in January 2007.

I'm really happy with Haven! He retrieves, pushes my button for my lifeline in an emergency, opens and closes doors, drawers, and much more. Haven and I are a match that was meant to be.

Haven loves to do his job so much that he brings me things without my asking him to. One day I was in the living room doing some paperwork; when I looked up, there was Haven with the phone in his mouth wagging his tail and looking at me as if to say "look mom what I've brought you"! I thanked him and took the phone. Next thing I know, he's back with the base that the phone was in! How he managed to get it unplugged without tearing it up is beyond me!

When there's a lull in the day he loves to just hang out with me leaning his head on my lap to be petted. Havens' favorite things to do when not working are run, play fetch, and sleep on his back and snore!

We are still learning about each other and we both have our bad days as well as good ones, but Haven is just the best I could ever have asked for in every way, and I am very thankful to Circle Tail for allowing us to be partnered.



Mary & Haven smile for the camera!

Andrea & Service Dog, Aztec

Andrea from Cleveland was partnered in December 2006 with Aztec. German Shepherd Dog Aztec came as an 8 week old puppy to Circle Tail. He received most of his training at Ross Correctional Institute as well as in a variety of foster homes. We received an update from Aztec (we didn't even realize he could type!!). He writes:

"I think we live in Alaska because it is very cold and we have tons of snow, but my partner says it's really called Northeast Ohio. Actually, I have a blast playing in the snow, especially with my Frisbee!

Andrea tells me what a great job I am doing helping with walking, getting her up from a seated position, picking up things she drops, opening and closing doors, cupboards and such.

Twice she almost fell really badly and I saved her. Once was in a restaurant on a wet floor. It happened so fast, but somehow I just knew what to do. She gave me such a big hug afterwards and told me I was her hero (I also got a treat)!

Everywhere we go people stop us to ask questions. They always say how handsome I am, and are so surprised at how talented and helpful I can be. Andrea and I went to a place called the IX Center to see a huge Home and Garden show. She wanted to look at the Kitchen Exhibit. Every time she opened the cabinet drawers and cupboards, I immediately closed them...Isn't that what I am supposed to do? The salesman looked shocked, and Andrea and her friend were laughing so hard that we all just walked away. I didn't get it, but I got a treat anyway!



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for a new and fun way to support the programs of Circle Tail!**

Assistance Dog Team Partner Update

Lena & Service Dog, Wyatt Earp:

Who doesn't think a nice hot pizza sounds good on a cold, snowy winter day? Well, service dogs agree! Lena reports that Standard Poodle, Wyatt Earp, actually opened the oven door, removed the pizza from the pan, and ate it on the kitchen floor without missing a drop!

Colonel R.E. Jackson & Service Dog, Tank:

Lets hear it for Tank! It was 1:00 a.m. and Black Lab, Tank, came and jumped on his partner, Colonel Jackson, in the bed. Something he knows he's not allowed to do, and not exactly the kind of wake-up call the Colonel prefers...but let's hear it for "Intelligent Disobedience"!

Turns out, a fire had started in the kitchen. The battery had been dead in the smoke alarm for weeks, so there was nothing to awaken Colonel Jackson. He'd left a pan of eggs boiling on the stove and fell asleep. Fortunately, thanks to Tank, the only damage was exploded eggs everywhere...and we're guessing Tank may have offered his help to clean up!

Donate to Circle Tail while buying groceries – Without costing you a thing!

Kroger Co. has a great program where you can donate to Circle Tail when you buy your groceries, and it doesn't cost you ANYTHING! It's as easy as 1-2-3:

1. Get a Kroger Gift Card from Circle Tail - the card has \$1 already on it.
2. Next time you're at Kroger, load your card at the register before the cashier rings you up.
3. Buy your groceries and/or gas and pay with your Kroger Gift Card. When the balance gets to \$0, simply reload!

That's all there is to it! Kroger donates a % of the sale directly to Circle Tail! Contact us today for more info or to receive your card.

Assistance Dog Club of Circle Tail

*Membership to the **Assistance Dog Club (ADC)** of Circle Tail is open to Assistance Dog Teams in the tri-state area, whether trained through Circle Tail or not. Visit the ADC website for information on joining the club and to learn about upcoming events and outings at www.circletail.org.*

Self Defense Class for Assistance Dog Teams

On Tuesday, February 27, 16 people and 14 dogs were in attendance for the ADC's first event of 2007. Assistance dog recipients and foster families learned techniques for self defense based upon their individual needs and skills. Participants had hands-on practice with "Mean Bob" the dummy...we think some attendees used the opportunity to relieve their stresses of the day!!

Thanks to Deputy Don McGlothlin and Deputy Ben Dunaway from the Warren County Sheriff's office for taking the time to teach our teams this valuable information. Also thank you to the Harlan Township Fire and Rescue for allowing us to borrow their building for the evening.

Upcoming ADC Events

Sunday, April 15 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Circle Tail. Guest presenter Cindy Huff will discuss **Pet Massage and Healing Touch**.

Sunday, May 20, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the **Cincinnati Art Museum**. Assistance Dog Teams and dogs in training will take a tour through the museum.

Service dog in training, Cedar, learns a new skill – ice sculpting!



*Circle Tail, Inc. is a member of
International Association of
Assistance Dog Partners (IAADP)*

43 Dogs and 2 Cats Were Adopted Between December 1 & March 15!

Volunteer Spotlight

Fundraisers to the Rescue!

Jackie Orsi has been a dedicated Circle Tail volunteer, and definitely one of our most creative! She writes, "I adore dogs, so helping a limited admission shelter is the natural thing for me to do. The other natural thing was for me to contribute what I do best. As a writer and consultant to nonprofits in grant writing and fundraising, I have pitched in to help with these crucial aspects of keeping Circle Tail going. My involvement goes back at least to 2002 when I offered to write an appeal for funds during the holidays, which I have continued to do. Yes, those wacky letters are my work. I've also helped with research and writing of grant proposals. Now I am joining the Board of Directors to spearhead a campaign to fund Circle Tail's planned building and renovations.

My pet project, pardon the pun, has to do with Circle Tail's Inmate/Canine Educational Training Program. I have seen firsthand how working with dogs humanizes prisoners. (No, I wasn't *in* prison, I *visited* one.) Over 90% of people who are incarcerated are eventually released back into society, so Circle Tail's prison program does a service for us all. Several years ago, I decided that the prisoners deserved a token of appreciation, so I filled zip lock bags with wrapped candies and doggy treats, one bag for each prisoner. This has become a very special part of the holidays for me. This past year I put together 90 quart-sized bags of goodies, and as always, tucked in a note to each prisoner thanking him or her on behalf of Circle Tail.

Over the years I have helped at information booths, fundraising efforts, and adoption events, like our monthly trip to PetSmart. I also once volunteered to foster a dog, but that was a red herring to be able to get a dog I had fallen in love with into my house in spite of my husband, who had declared, "Two dogs are enough." As you can see from the photo (top right), three dogs are better.



*The Orsi Pups:
Yoki, Chamois,
and Seven.*

Marlene K. Wilson writes, "One reason volunteering at Circle Tail is so rewarding is due to the fact that you can help dogs, disabled people and prison inmates all at the same time, and the areas where you can volunteer are so varied.

Since we are about to embark upon a grant writing and fund raising effort to pay for the new training center, we need to get the word out to the community about Circle Tail.

As a member of the Grant Writing Committee, I have been working frantically to get grants for operating funds and to obtain another minivan since one of them died on us. CT always needs two vans so that if Marlys is traveling to one of the prison programs or at a conference, there is still a van at the kennel to transport dogs to the vet, an adoption program, or a community event. I know that when Jackie Orsi starts the Capital Campaign she will need all the help she can get from other volunteers so I encourage you to step up and you will get great rewards in satisfaction from helping - whether your main interest is the dogs, disabled individuals or prison inmates.



Circle Tail volunteers educate groups about Assistance Dogs. From left, Tracy & her foster dog, Barb & Hearing Dog, Vickie, Marlys, Toni & Hearing Dog, Dashiell

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Seen & Heard Around Circle Tail...

- This year we're proudly celebrating the **10th Anniversary of Circle Tail!** As we look back at our humble beginnings, we're amazed at how far we've come! We've got a lot of work cut out for us as we aim for full accreditation by Assistance Dogs International, but we know we'll succeed thanks to our supporters. We're excited to think how many dogs and people our programs can continue to help. Thank you to all of you who've made it possible to carry on our mission!
- Circle Tail volunteers and dogs strutted their stuff at the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** in downtown Cincinnati.
- In March, Circle Tail volunteers gave a presentation to **Brownie Troop 8868** in Milford, about the role of assistance dogs, and safety issues which surround the animals and public.
- Volunteer Deb Willis, her son Aaron, and their certified Therapy Dog Mack, met with the Sunday school classes at **Cornerstone Church of God** in Lebanon on Sunday, March 4th. The kids, ages 3 – 12, are learning about mission work, volunteering, and how they can make a difference right here in their own community. They even collected donations for the Circle Tail dogs!
- On Feb. 3 About 35 **Xavier University** students braved the cold weather to help clean up Circle Tail and spend some quality time with the dogs.
- Volunteer Barb Burton was very active this year, spreading the word about the services an Assistance Dog provides. She gave presentations to 6 classes at **Sycamore High School** and presented to about 80 people at the **Montgomery Women's Club**. She and fellow volunteer and service dog recipient Mikki Linscomb gave a presentation to the Brain Aneurysm Support Group.
- Circle Tail continues to teach **Pet First Aid** classes. Class has been extended to 5 hours. Check our website for the date and location of

Circle Tail wishes to thank Google, Inc. for awarding us a generous Google AdWords Grant!!



Grants Received to Continue our Mission!

2007 is off to a good start thanks to our generous donors. The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati awarded Circle Tail a grant in support of an Assistance Dog Team.

The Scaife Family Foundation also provided a grant in support of the training and partnering of 2 Assistance Dog Teams.

The J. Robert Nonemaker Foundation for Small Animals, Inc. provided a grant to upgrade our puppy building, making it more comfortable and pleasant for puppies and volunteers alike.



To our supporters,
we extend a huge

Thank You!

Marlys & Mokey, with the Leach Family.

Rob Leach and his team at GE Aviation Team recommended Circle Tail to receive the charity donation they were awarded.



To All Our Generous Donors – Our Deepest Thanks!

Circle Tail is extremely grateful to all who have supported our programs through their generous contributions. Whether it is through an individual donation, gift in kind, or memorial gift, all contributions are important to Circle Tail so we can continue our work with assistance dogs, facility dogs, therapy dogs, and the animals at the shelter. Below are contributions from November 1, 2006 through March 15, 2007. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.



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Wish List

We are in need of **trash bags** and **paper towels**. The dogs would also LOVE some treats (small hard biscuits as well as soft training treats). With all the cleaning that is done, we could also use Clorox wipes and bleach! Other items include Sensitive Stomach Dog Food, canned dog food and **Dry and Canned Cat Food** for our resident cats. See our website for our complete list.

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 by
 Miriam Watson

Our goal is to provide trained assistance dogs at no cost to qualified recipients. Your support is vital to ensure this service continues!

We appreciate any size gift you can give, no matter how large or small. For a minimum annual contribution of \$15.00, you can become an official member of Circle Tail and receive our Newsletter along with a membership card.

Enclosed is my gift of: (checks should be made payable to Circle Tail, Inc.)

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_____ \$8000 - Assistance Dog Team Sponsorship. Provides financial support for the entire course of an assistance dog's training through partnering with a person with a disability, and follow-up of the team.

Please send me more information on:

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- _____ Fostering a Puppy or dog
- _____ Volunteer Opportunities
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