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Mark Your Calendars!

6 Week Basic Obedience Classes

Saturday April 12 at 10:00 a.m. and May 3 at 11:15 a.m. at Circle Tail.

April Adoption Day

Friday, April 25 : 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Kings Auto Mall Petsmart store on Fields Ertel.

Dog Day at the Park

Saturday, April 26: Join us at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

North Shore Animal League National Pet Adoption Weekend

Saturday, May 3 - Sunday, May 4 at Circle Tail. Check our website for times.

Solidarity Conference 2003

Saturday, May 8 - 10 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus. The Solidarity Conference is Ohio's largest conference by and for people with disabilities.

A Message From the President

Spring has sprung and with it comes new growth after a sleepy winter. As the landscape is blossoming, so is Circle Tail. We are having our first "group" assistance dog team training session this April. Four teams will be initially trained at Circle Tail with follow-up then at their homes. In addition, Circle Tail held its first AKC Canine Good Citizen test and first intermediate obedience class. We plan to continue both of these and offer a puppy socialization class. Also, we will be offering a free lecture "Things to consider before adding a dog to your family". A volunteer has graciously offered to revise and improve our website so that it is easier to navigate, easier to update and allow forms to be submitted directly to Circle Tail.

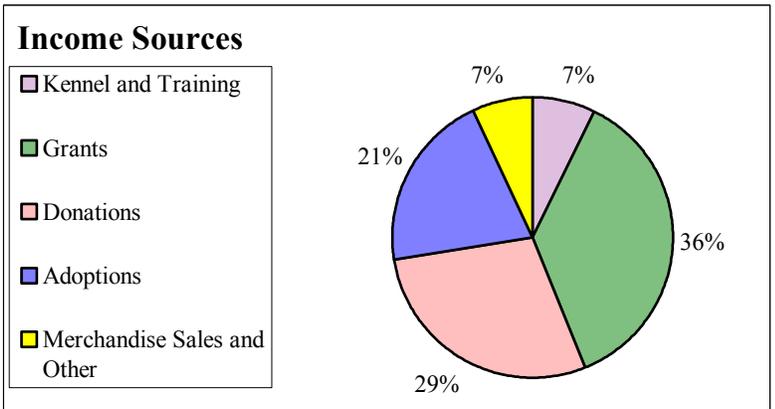
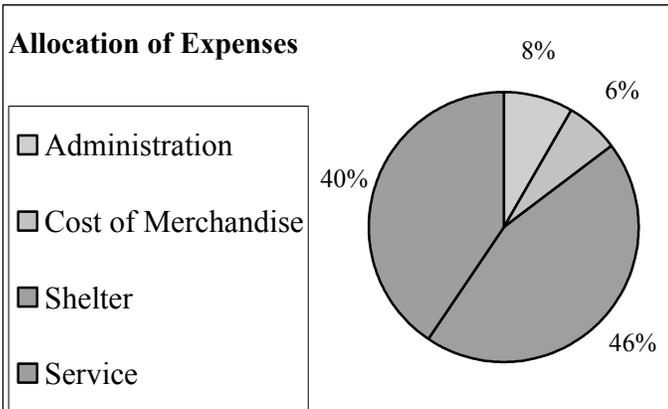
We are excited about all our "new growth". Only through the efforts of our great volunteers and community supporters has all of this been possible.

Drop us an email if you have a suggestion on how we can better meet our community's needs. Have a great springtime and don't forget to take time to exercise your companion animal and stop and "smell the roses".

- Marlys

Your money has gone to the dogs!

As you can see by the charts below, administrative costs make up only 8% of Circle Tail expenses. Most of your donations go directly toward the care of the dogs. The majority of our funding comes from corporate grants and individual donors like you. We truly appreciate your support, and the dogs do too!



Circle Tail Spring 2003 Events & News



The Circle Tail staff and volunteers were busy so far this year! We continued to increase awareness of Circle Tail and the importance of assistance dogs.

- ♣ Circle Tail held its first **Canine Good Citizen Test** on Saturday, January 25. Congratulations to the following who passed:
 - Jan Brinkmann and service dog, Charmaine
 - Jen Kiblinger and Daisy
 - Circle Tail demo dog, Abby
 - Circle Tail assistance dogs in training Lincoln, Tux, and Caleb
- ♣ Circle Tail was featured in the January 16th edition of the **Pulse Journal**. Writer Sarah Buehrle did a good job explaining what our dogs do, with many pictures to demonstrate. The article generated interest and awareness of the programs of Circle Tail.
- ♣ So far this year, **12** applications for assistance dogs have been sent out. Since Circle Tail does not have a waiting list, this is a welcome increase and an indicator that the community is becoming more aware of the benefits of assistance dogs to people with disabilities.
- ♣ The effort to educate people about service dogs continued this winter. Circle Tail gave presentations to: Blanchester Neighborhood Watch, Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Plain, Girl Scouts, Purcell-Marion High School Special Education Class, and St. John the Baptist School in Colerain Township.
- ♣ The Circle Tail Assistance Dogs in training have been regular visitors at the **Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Cincinnati Day Activity Program**. Volunteers bring dogs twice a month for socialization and confidence building. The people groom the dogs, walk them, assist with agility activities and enjoy their company. About 6 - 8 assistance dogs in training attend each month. The program has been a success, as it benefits both the dogs and the people.
- ♣ **Pizza Hut** in Fairfield held a fundraiser for Circle Tail on March 7. A portion of every sale went to help the programs of Circle Tail. Customers got to enjoy some good food and donate to a great cause at the same time!
- ♣ Say it with dogs! If you love dogs, then you will love our newest partnership! **UltiMutt** offers inspirational posters and greeting cards that combine stunning dog photos with famous quotes. *Enter the gallery through our website home page*, and Circle Tail receives a commission on your order. You can also order directly from Circle Tail, so give us a call or send us an e-mail to place your order!

Welcome Maureen

Maureen May joined the Circle Tail staff January 1, 2003 as a part-time administrative assistant. She is assisting with more timely disbursement of information to potential applicants and other organizations, organizing and refining the volunteer program, revising the team training manual, and pretty much anything else that comes along! She has already become an invaluable asset to Circle Tail. Maureen has been a long-time volunteer and is foster mom to service dogs-in-training Derby, Lincoln, and Tango.

New Services Offered by Circle Tail!

Circle Tail now provides a variety of additional services for the community. See our website for more details or call (513) 877-3325.

- Dog Training
- Canine Good Citizen Tests - Check our website for the next test date and time!
- Training supplies and toys
- Boarding
- Assistance dog training and certification



Training Tip

When training, always remember that slow is fast! Meaning, it can take 6 - 8 weeks to change an unwanted behavior such as jumping. Whether teaching a new command or modifying an already present behavior, start training your dog in a quiet environment, then you can gradually add distractions. Never increase distractions and distance from your dog at the same time. And remember to use positive training methods, rewarding your dog when s/he obeys. Keep these tips in mind and your training sessions will go much smoother!



Circle Tail Merchandise for Sale!

Circle Tail has a variety of clothing sporting the Circle Tail logo and tag line "Partners with Paws for People with Special Needs". Visit our website for photos and prices, or call (513) 877-3325. Your purchases help support the programs of Circle Tail.

Spring Safety Tip:

Certain types of mushrooms can be toxic to dogs, so watch for them in your backyard. Visit the ASPCA's Animal Control Poison Center website at www.aspc.org for more info.



Happy Beginnings

As you can see, Caymen lives a rough life!

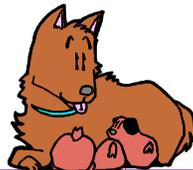


"Hi! My name is **Caymen**, and I found my forever home last September.

I am a 1 ½ year old Golden Retriever/Newfoundland mix. I was in the service dog program at Circle Tail, but I dropped out because I lacked confidence. My person has helped me overcome my shyness by introducing me to anyone who would stop and chat! I found out that most people give great belly rubs! My person and I go to the dog park every weekend; rain, snow or shine. I love running around with the other dogs and then coming home and taking a nice long nap! During the week, we play and learn obedience in the backyard, walk the neighborhood and I hang out with the kids at the bus stop. I am now in obedience class trying to train my dad! He thinks it has been a great experience for me joining his home, and I feel the same."

Petsmart Charities & Circle Tail Continue to Help Curb Pet Overpopulation!

With the help of a generous grant from Petsmart Charities, Circle Tail is proud to have helped break the overpopulation chain by taking in 9 pregnant mothers so far, letting them have their puppies, then spaying/neutering everyone so they are 100% guaranteed never to reproduce. Check out the proud new mothers on our website! With just these 9 moms and their litters, we have prevented over 500 births in just one year!



Spotlight Dog



Hi, I'm Miko, a 1 ½ year old husky/lab mix who is sweet and friendly. I like dogs, cats, and kids and am a happy-go-lucky girl. I am playful and energetic and would make a good playmate for another dog. I am house trained and know basic obedience.

I was in the service dog program for a while but soon it was obvious that I'd rather romp and play and be loved than to work all day. So if you are looking for a good-natured pup who will always greet you with a smile, I might be the one for you!

Animal Adoptions!

Following are the winter/spring adoptions:

Jeepers the Cat	Demi
Custard	Bailey
Norman	Vario
Neo	Canon
Sonic	Spectrum
Orion	Vivatar
Vadar	Minolta
Addy	Ansel
Forman	Dakota
Martha	Cain
Dublin	Abel
Galty	Tucker
Romeo	Aries
Rozzie	Leo
Trinity	Pisces
Meenie	Austin
Miney	Athos
Reebok	Porthos
Asics	Allie
Noelle	Dell
Bella	Teva
Piqua	Rockport
Moraine	Kobe
Kettering	Lenny
Troy	
Goshen	
Amelia	
Anderson	
Reading	



Attention All Adopters...

If you have adopted a Circle Tail animal and would like to send us a picture and story about your newest family member, we are featuring these on our website. Get your cameras and pens moving and send your pictures and stories to circletail@fuse.net.

Team Talk!



Group Team Training Session in April!

In the past, Circle Tail has partnered dogs one at a time, but due to our growth over the past couple years we are now getting ready for our first "group" training session with 4 individuals and dogs to be partnered. We will continue to do follow-ups in the home and work with everyone on an individual basis, but the initial training will be done together.

Partnership Update

Toni and service dog, Dashiel: Toni and Dash took a trip to Washington, D.C. over Christmas. Dash flew very well. He got body searched at the Reagan National Airport and security personnel asked if they could use him to teach others how to conduct a search with an assistance dog. Of course, Dash was totally jazzed to be body searched; he loved the attention, and they loved him! He went to the pentagon and met many secret people - they loved him too. He also went to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Maryland - they were very impressed with him. He got to tinkle on the Capital's Christmas Tree (every dog's dream!). Dashiel also got to run through the mall area between Lincoln's Monument and the Capital. Sounds like he had a great time!



Toni adds, "He has never let me down...He and I spent New Years at a dinner in Harrison...He did very well...Kind of a low-keyed party after being at the Capital..."



Health Corner

Well, there's good news and bad news with the arrival of Spring. The good news: Warmer weather, more time outdoors, and no more winter blahs! The bad news: It's mosquito and flea season! Mosquitoes are carriers of heartworm, and fleas are carriers of tapeworm, so be sure to protect your pets from the pests! Heartworm and flea prevention are essential to keeping your pets healthy, so if your dog hasn't been on it year-round, now's the time to start!

Volunteer Spotlight

Our volunteer spotlight shines on Pat Ervin. She originally brought her dog Lottie to training class and saw how much help we needed. She comes every Monday and Wednesday evening to clean and disinfect the kennels, wash toys and bowls, and do some laundry. In the cold weather she took home dirty dishes, toys and laundry because we didn't have hot water. She also took home dirty crates and washed them in her bath tub. Pat takes care of the puppies when she is here and hauls out trash on Wednesday evening. She empties and cleans out all the "poop" buckets - which truly shows her dedication! She also gives the dogs some nice, tender people time and gives the puppies some extra people attention. Her dedication is so strong that she has even come out when she doesn't feel well. She has been an incredible help and has made Circle Tail a much cleaner place for the dogs.

Fostering is Fun!

Because of our liaisons with four Ohio Correctional Facilities, we have been in need of foster families to provide short-term care, socialization, and training of the dogs on "furlough". Foster families care for our assistance pups/dogs in training for 1 - 2 weeks at a time or longer. This helps us to evaluate their progress in training, socialization, and house manners. Some families care for the same dog on numerous occasions and others foster several different dogs. We would like to welcome our new foster families and thank the "new" and "old" for all of the time, energy, patience, and love they have put into our pups/dogs:

Tracy Desch - Vickie, Sabaka, Henna, Oz, Jet

Chris & Phyllis Frebis - Arctic, Tux

Suzanne & Emily Geisler - Hudson

Guy Guckenberger - Clay

Tina Haney - Mariko

Leanne Hurst - Caleb, Oz

Jen Kiblinger - Bagel

Maureen May & Jason Jones - Derby, Lincoln, Tango

Marlys Staley - Lincoln, Kajsa, Zugs, Ace, Mocara

Larry Tillack - Euchre

Theresa, Rick, & Sarah Underwood -Rysy, Zugs

Becky Yates - Clay



And thanks to Natty Apke, Jackie Ball, Stephanie & Reed Brenneman, Jan & Ralph Brinkmann, Molly Corfman, Denise & Heath Dalton, Emily Garifalos, Tina Haney, Jen Kiblinger, Christa Lockett, Donna Lockett, Mike Ludovici, and Larry Tillack for fostering a variety of shelter dogs. They have helped train and socialize our shelter dogs to make them more adoptable.

If you would like to foster an assistance dog in training, please contact Circle Tail at (513) 877-3325 or complete the foster family application found on our website.

Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers are always needed for many different functions at Circle Tail. Whether it is working with the dogs are on the administrative side, there's an opportunity for you! See www.circletail.org or call (513) 877-3325 to learn about volunteer opportunities!



From left to right: Bagel, Emma, Daisy

Foster Family Focus

Jennifer, Daisy, and Emma Kiblinger: Jen Kiblinger has been a Circle Tail volunteer for 4 years and a board member for 2 ½ years. Her canine kids, Daisy, a 5 year old Golden Retriever, and Emma a 3 year old Border Collie mix, have also been Circle Tail regulars, making sure the property is thoroughly explored, any spilled dog food is promptly cleaned up, and the Circle Tail dogs are properly barked at. Jen has fostered a variety of service and shelter dogs. Most recently, she has been fostering service dog-in-training Bagel, a 3 year old yellow lab who will be ready for partnering in April. Jen takes Bagel for short periods of time and gives him experience in the real world by taking him to stores, restaurants, the library, etc. This kind of socialization and training will help him get accustomed to situations he may encounter once he is partnered.

Special Thanks to Our Volunteers

Circle Tail would like to extend a special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for their time and support during this past year. We welcome and thank our newest volunteers:

Betty & Paige Berling

Ron Boehm

Ann Brenner

Catheline Clay

Kura Cusimano

Laura Cusimano

Emily Garifalos

Claudia Hrinda

Leslie Martini

Sarah Schuck

Barbara and Steven Willis

Special Thanks!



Circle Tail is extremely grateful to all who have supported our programs though 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 *December 15, 2002 through March 15, 2003*. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.



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Wish List

Circle Tail has many items on our wish list, but especially with the wave of new moms and pups, we are in urgent need of the following items:

- Paper towels
- Trash bags - 13 and 30 Gallon sizes
- Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer
- Rawhide chips and rawhide bones
- Nylabone / Gummabone type chew toys
- Hard biscuits
- Soft treats for training
- Old blankets, sheets, towels, rugs, etc. (for bedding)



See our website for a complete list of needed items. You can drop these items off at Circle Tail or if you would like us to pick them up from your home, let us know and we will be happy to send a volunteer.



Special Thanks



Memorial Gifts

In loving memory of Kenya, by
Mary Jane & James Dill

In loving memory of Murphy, by
Mary Kay Frebis

In loving memory of Kenya, by
Marilyn & Shawn Nolan

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Diane Rausch

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Ways to Help Circle Tail!

Shop online at sites like igive.com and part of your purchase is donated to Circle Tail at no extra cost to you! You can also donate directly at networkforgood.org. Plus, by applying for and using an *Action For Animals*™ or Morris® MasterCard®, you can help Circle Tail: For every dollar you spend, you help Circle Tail partner dogs with people with disabilities and help us care for our shelter animals! Simply apply for this credit card online at www.nacard.com/action.html, indicating Circle Tail, #2046 as the organization to receive the 0.5% donation.

- ♻ 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.

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_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100

_____ \$500 _____ Other: \$ _____

_____ \$1200 - Inmate/puppy team sponsorship

- provides financial support for a puppy in training during his/her first year of life.

_____ \$5200 - 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:

_____ Receiving an Assistance Dog

_____ Fostering a Puppy or dog

_____ Volunteer Opportunities

_____ Sponsoring an Inmate/Puppy Team

_____ Sponsoring an Assistance Dog and Partner Team

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