



The Circle Tail Times

Partners with Paws for People with Special Needs

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Summer 2002



Mark Your Calendars!

August Adoption Day

Friday, August 30: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Kings Auto Mall Petsmart on Fields Ertel.

CompassionFest 2002

Sunday, September 22: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Burnet Woods. See www.compassionfest.org for details.

Taste of Blue Ash - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25: Circle Tail volunteers will staff the refreshment booths to raise money for the Circle Tail programs. If you are interested in volunteering for this fundraiser, e-mail circletail@prodigy.net or call (513) 877-3325.

Canine Good Citizen Test

Saturday, September 21: Our first CGC Testing Date. Check our website for times.

GE Elfun Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, August 17 at Circle Tail, 10:00 - 4:00

4-H Volunteer Work Day

Saturday, September 14 at Circle Tail, 10:00 - 4:00

Goodbye to Donna

Donna Planner resigned from the Board of Directors, where she served as treasurer, in June due to her expanded family obligations following the birth of her daughter, Clara. We want to thank her for all her support and contributions while on the Board. Donna is a Corporate Financial Analysis Manager at the Procter & Gamble Company, and her finance background was a great asset to our Board. Donna has been a weekly volunteer dog walker since March of 2000 and will continue with her volunteering activities. Thanks Donna for all your help!

A Message From the President

Due to a generous grant from PETsMART Charities, Circle Tail has been able to take in several litters of puppies and their mothers. The pups are handled by a few volunteers, listen to music, provided with good nutrition, and play with their mothers, siblings and toys until they are 8 weeks old. At that time, the pups are spayed/neutered and ready to go to a loving home in an enriching environment. We at Circle Tail have the easy part. You adopters have the tough job. You have the responsibility to take a tiny living being and assist it in becoming a well socialized, well mannered member of society. Genetics plays a definite role in a dog's temperament, but from 8 to 16 weeks, during the socialization period, you have an opportunity to help your pup develop healthy, confident attitudes about people, places, sights and sounds.

So, the key to bringing a puppy up right is *socialize, socialize, socialize* in a positive manner. Exercise your pup. Stimulate his/her mind with interesting toys and games. Provide leadership and direction. And communicate with your dog frequently, consistently, and clearly.

At Circle Tail, we now have group obedience classes that assist you and your pup/dog in the socialization and communication process. Any pup/dog who has had a least one set of vaccines and has been in the home for 2 weeks can join a class. We use lure/reward training. It is a safe, effective training method that can be used with very young pups, and it works quite well on the older ones too! We will soon be offering the AKC Canine Good Citizen test at our facility.

So if you would like to enhance your relationship with your pup or dog, give us a call or send us an e-mail today. Let us help you help your canine companion become an upstanding canine citizen.
- Marlys

Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers are always needed for many different functions at Circle Tail. See www.circletail.org or call (513) 877-3325 for opportunities!

New Services Offered by Circle Tail!



Circle Tail now provides a additional services for the community.

- **Dog Training** - 6 week basic and intermediate obedience training classes are now being offered. Private lessons also are available.
- **Canine Good Citizen Tests** - we will test your dog for the AKC Good Citizen Certification. Our first testing date is set for Saturday, September 21 - check our website for times.
- **Training Supplies and Toys** - we provide a variety of dog training supplies at reasonable prices. In addition to Gentle Leader head collars, prong collars, and leather leashes, Circle Tail has a variety of toys to keep your pet occupied and to encourage appropriate chewing.
- **Boarding** - on a limited basis, Circle Tail provides boarding services with the emphasis on good manners and playtime with others.
- **Assistance dog training and certification** - for individuals with disabilities who have their own dog - we now help individuals with a disability train their own personal dog to assist them. Certification services for dogs already trained also are available.

Circle Tail 2002 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.

- ♻ 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!
- ♻ Special Thanks to the **Dog Scouts of America Troop #107** for donating the proceeds from sales of their "artwork" to Circle Tail. The troop's paw paintings are featured at the Elegance & Art Gallery in Covington. Come purchase a one-of-a-kind painting and help support the dogs of Circle Tail!
- ♻ On February 23rd we attended the **Mason Chili Fest** with assistance dogs in training and dogs for adoption. This was our 2nd year attending, and everyone had just as much fun as last year!
- ♻ New residents joined the Circle Tail family this summer: 2 baby pot-bellied pigs and 4 pygmy goats. The goats immediately took to their new home, but the pigs will need time to adjust to all the people and to the dogs, many of whom are VERY curious about these little guys!
- ♻ Circle Tail was invited to the 4H Canine Clover Club's **Dog Fun Match** on June 8th at the Warren County Fairgrounds. We interviewed the kids and tested their knowledge on the care and responsibilities of dog guardianship. The kids and their dogs had a good time, and so did we!
- ♻ Volunteers donated their time working the admissions booth at the **Oldies Fest** at the Butler County Fairgrounds on June 1st and at the **Jammin' in the Country Fest** at the Clermont County Fairgrounds on June 22nd. We listened to some good music while raising funds for the Circle Tail programs.
- ♻ Circle Tail gave talks and demonstrations about service dogs to several groups in the community, including Covenant Presbyterian Church, Drake Inpatient Therapists, Hannan Trace Elementary School, Girl Scouts, Waynesville Elementary School, Health Care Facilities, Inc., and the 4-H Canine Clover Club.
- ♻ Our spring and summer educational community events included the Miami Valley Hospital Rehab Reunion, GE Card Services Volunteer Fair, Centerville High School 5K fun run, and the Drake Hospital Disability Fair.
- ♻ The Iams company sponsored the partnership of **Mary Havens and her seizure alert dog, Cheyenne**. Cheyenne, a 5 year old shepherd/husky mix, was Mary's pet and started alerting her to seizures without any training. She therefore came to Circle Tail to learn the obedience and social skills so Mary could utilize her as a service dog in home and public. They are doing well and are working on passing their public access test.
- ♻ In May, Circle Tail, Inc. attended the **Humane Ohio conference**, whose mission is to form a coalition to make Ohio a "no more homeless pets", no-kill state. It's a lofty goal, but with public education, spay/neuter programs, and readily available advice on responsible dog guardianship, we are ready to move in that direction!



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.



Summer Safety Tip:
Has your dog had his heartworm preventative this month?





Work Days with Church of the Nazarene Volunteers

Volunteers from the Carthage Church of the Nazarene College / Career Class group helped build a fence to expand the living area for our barnyard residents. Betty Lou, the blind cow, her goat sisters and brothers, and Akbash Dog Locket needed a bigger space to live. Volunteers dug post holes, put up fence posts, and installed a new gate. Volunteers also cleaned dishes and toys for the dogs. Thank you to Annette Davidson and everyone who contributed your time and effort. The barn residents really appreciate it!



Petsmart Charities & Circle Tail 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 3 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 3 moms and their litters, we have prevented 224 births in just one year!



"Pioneer Partners" Program Benefits Dogs and Students Alike

The Circle Tail assistance dogs in training are participating in the "Pioneer Partners" Pet Therapy program at the Pioneer School in Chillicothe. The program, headed up by Department of Rehabilitations and Corrections employees at the Ross Correctional Institute, serves the public by providing Pet Therapy dogs to the emotionally and physically disabled students at the Pioneer School. Many of these students have emotional needs that the dogs can reach. Students at the Pioneer School have varying degrees of disabilities ranging from mild to severe. There are approximately 100 students at the school on a daily basis. So far they have met twice a month and the results are remarkable. Unresponsive kids smile, introverted kids thank the volunteers, and the reaction from staff and volunteers alike has been rewarding to witness. They recently completed their first year of the program and are eager to return in the fall. Special thanks to Dave Porter for organizing this innovative program, and to DRC employees Patty Parsons, Dawn Hale, and Janice Monroe and to volunteer Teresa Chaney, for assisting in the success of the program.

Make sure your dog has plenty of shelter and fresh, cold water during these hot summer months!

Animal Adoptions!

Following are the 2002 Adoptions:

Tulip	Quasar	Klara
Daffodil	Kirby	Steffi
Violet	Moose	Kepler
Heather	Hercules	Schroeder
Lily	Madeira	Nadja
Rose	Nikita	Schultz
Iris	Pablo	Friedrich
Statice	Baxter	Krona
Crocus	Uno	Lira
Oto	Rudy	Ruble
Bette	Buster	Kip
Koi	Hannah	Peso
Kia	Lena	Kubota
Viper	Libra	McCormick
Mars	Tanner	Toro
Venus	Salve	Case
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Marta	Dore	Eva
Dylan	Captain	Schubert
Blake	Tenille	Jasmine
Juliet	Auden	Dorado
	Winston	Tonic
	Dynasty	Tasha
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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.

Partnership Updates!



Circle Tail has partnered 7 service dog teams and 2 Therapy Dog teams since January:



Melissa & Carbon
Tina & Stone
Jean & Scruffy
Toni & Dashiell
David & Bobo
Jay & Sonny
Heath & Bracken
Hailey & Sharon
Zolty & Jonie



Be sure to check our website to read about all of the Circle Tail partnerships and for our frequent partnership updates!

Spring & Summer 2002 Partnerships

David & Service Dog, Bobo: Bobo is a 2 year old Dachshund who was received from an elderly woman who could no longer care for him. He received most of his training at Ross Correctional Institute and Circle Tail. He provides comfort and companionship to David who loves his new little buddy. Bobo alerts him to the door and keeps David healthier and more active through daily walks. To relax, Bobo loves to chew on his bones, get belly rubs, and snuggle down in David's bed for a long night's rest!

Heath & Service Dog, Bracken: Bracken is a 2 year old Collie/ Shepherd mix found running in the middle of Kellogg Avenue with a scruffy coat and every worm you can think of. However, his intelligence and enthusiasm were obvious and he entered the training program. He received all of his training at the Ross Correctional Institute, and periodically returned to a foster family for socialization. Bracken was partnered with Heath in June, 2002 and is now a "southern dog" living in Alabama. He helps Heath with retrieval, opening/ closing doors and drawers, turning lights on/ off and providing companionship. Heath is planning on returning to work later this summer with Bracken assisting him in the work place. To relax, Bracken loves to play ball, swim and get belly rubs.

Jay & Service Dog, Sonny: Sonny is a 2 year old Golden Retriever who was donated by a private individual. He received his training at the Chillicothe and Ross Correctional Institutes. He was partnered with Jay in June, 2002 and lives with an older "sister" who loves to mimic dad giving the dog commands. Fortunately, Sonny only has eyes for Dad! Sonny helps Jay with retrieval, opening and closing doors, and provides constant companionship to him. To relax, this already laid back dog loves to play ball and get belly rubs.

Therapy Dog, Hailey. Hailey is a 2 year old Golden Retriever dropped off at a kill shelter with her 5 day old Golden/ Lab puppies. After weaning her pups, she began training to be a facility dog at the Chillicothe Correctional Institute. She finally found her dream job - as our first Therapy Assistance Dog! She now resides in St. Charles, IL and travels to work with Sharon, a social worker, and visits elderly, mentally, or emotionally challenged people. One of her first missions is to help a patient overcome her fear of dogs... and with her calm sit and gentle, pleading eyes, she will easily win the patient and everyone else over!

Therapy Dog, Zolty. Zolty is a 3 year old Yellow Lab who was obtained from Lab Rescue and trained at Ross Correctional Institute. She is our second Therapy Assistance Dog, and is partnered with Jonie, a Physician's Assistant in Yellow Springs, OH. She travels to work with Jonie at the office, then goes on rounds with her to the local hospital and nursing homes, visiting elderly, mentally and emotionally challenged individuals. She can't wait until she scoots up to everyone she meets in a sit waiting for pets... or better yet, used for therapy to play ball with. She thinks the perks of this job are the best!

Partnership Updates

Jean & Scruffy. Jean took her first trip on an airplane, thanks to service dog Scruffy's support. They flew from Columbus, OH to Florida, with a stop-over in Atlanta. The Flight crew and Delta agents directed her where to go and helped her feel at ease at 30,000 feet. Jean and Scruffy visited with family and friends, went deep-sea fishing, and relaxed on the beach. Jean had such a good time that she is making plans for a return visit!

Circle Tail had additional teams complete their *Public Access Test*. The Public Access Test was designed by Assistance Dogs International and evaluates if the dog is safe in public and if the person has control of the dog. The teams also must pass a skills test specific to them. Congratulations to **Robbie & Doc**, **Melissa & Carbon**, and **Bryanna & Maggie!**

Fostering is Fun!

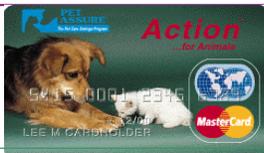
Because of our liaisons with four Ohio Correctional Facilities, we have been in need of foster families to provide short-term care, socialization, and training of the dogs on "furlough". Foster families care for our assistance pups/dogs in training for 1 - 2 weeks at a time or longer. This helps us to 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
Chris & Phyllis Frebis - Dell, Raven
Suzanne & Emily Geisler - Hudson
Dawn Hale - Arctic
Tina Haney - Mariko
Leanne Hurst - Caleb
Jason Jones & Maureen May - Derby
Jennifer Kiblinger - Bagel, Bracken
Heather Martin & Family - Clay
Marlys Staley - Lincoln, Panache, Kajsa, Caleb
Theresa, Rick, & Sarah Underwood - Onyx



And thanks to Tina Haney, Betty Greene, Gene Haney, Larry Tillack, Mike Ludovici, Stephanie Brennehan, Alberto and Ana Gomez, and Liliana Silva 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.



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Assistance Dog Team Spotlight

Tina and Service Dog, Stone: Stone is a 2 ½ year old Long Hair Weimeraner who came to Circle Tail as an 8 week old puppy. He received all of his training at the Chillicothe Correctional Institute. He was partnered with Tina in December, 2001. He provides balance when she is walking, gets her medicine when the timer goes off, and retrieves dropped items. Tina writes of a recent experience: "Stone continues to amaze me! For the last few days I've been taking temporary medication that I have to take on a different schedule from the rest of my meds. I was hesitant to set a timer, because I thought Stone would bring me my regular pill box when it went off and then I'd goof and take the next dose of my regular meds. Since I kept forgetting to take the new meds, I decided I had to use a timer. I put this timer in the kitchen right in front of the new medication. Without any instruction, when that timer goes off, although it sounds just like the other timer, instead of bringing me my pill box, Stone comes and gets me and bumps me until I follow him into the kitchen where the new timer is. He freaks me out!!!!!"



Spotlight Dog

Flora's Story...

I am a cute and friendly 1 year old yellow lab mix. I'm a high energy, fun-loving dog who has never met a stranger. I will make a great jogging or hiking partner, and would love to snuggle up with you while you give me belly rubs! I'm house trained and know basic obedience, and am fine with dogs and cats. With my exuberant personality, I'm ready to brighten up your life!

Ways to Help Circle Tail

See www.circletail.org for a complete list of links to help Circle Tail on the web. You can donate directly to Circle Tail by clicking on the link to www.networkforgood.org. The Circle Tail dogs thank you!

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, pet therapy dogs, and the animals at the shelter. Below are contributions from *December 2001 through June 2002*. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.



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United Way of King County



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



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Iams Grant Sponsors 2 Partnerships

The Iams company awarded Circle Tail with a generous grant to sponsor 2 assistance dog teams as well as to provide their high quality food for assistance dogs in training for the next year. Iams has been a continuous supporter of the Circle Tail programs for the past several years. Thank you Iams for your ongoing support.

New Grant Committee Formed!

Circle Tail has formed a grant committee to help us connect with organizations interested in funding programs like those of Circle Tail. Committee members include Jackie Orsi, Monte Hagar, and Maureen May. They have already been successful in obtaining grant money and are a real asset to Circle Tail.



- ♻️ 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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 _____ \$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.

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 _____ Fostering a Puppy or dog
 _____ Volunteer Opportunities
 _____ Sponsoring an Inmate/Puppy Team
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