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Pictures from Team Training at the Airport! Read the full story on p. 3.

A Message From the Executive Director

In this 8th year, the inner circle of Circle Tail took major steps to strengthen the organization and re-commit to our mission.

- ✎ To improve the effectiveness of our Board of Directors, we increased the size of our Board and brought in dog loving people with varying expertise and backgrounds.
- ✎ We revised our mission statement to focus and more clearly define our desired services.
- ✎ We developed a grant writing/fundraising committee to assist with ensuring that Circle Tail has adequate funds to accomplish its mission year after year.
- ✎ We re-committed to the support, education and training of our assistance dog teams and foster families by putting resources into the newly formed Assistance Dog Club of Circle Tail.
- ✎ We revised and modified our website to make accessing information about Circle Tail easier.
- ✎ We initiated an Adoption Committee to improve our adoption process from beginning through follow-up.
- ✎ We re-homed our goats and Llama to a wonderful large farm in Adams County and will be turning their large fenced area into an additional off leash play area for the dogs.
- ✎ We added additional parking areas and re-graveled the driveway to make the entry into Circle Tail more pleasant.



These steps have taken many volunteer hours to initiate and will require more time, energy, ideas and financial contributions in order for Circle Tail to continue stepping up and helping dogs and people in our community. Please consider volunteering your time or making an end of the year tax-deductible donation to Circle Tail today. It's a step in the right direction!

- Marllys

Foster Family Focus:

Pam & Tim Burton: Pam and her son Tim, 15, began fostering in April 2005. Pam had watched a TV program on puppy raising for Assistance Dogs and told Tim about it. Tim thought that would be a good service project and began researching opportunities. He found Circle Tail through an Internet search, Pam sent an e-mail to Circle Tail, and the rest is history! They've taken a number of obedience classes and have had many, often funny, experiences. Pam tells how one foster dog, Chocolate Lab, Tazo, even helped her with sewing:

"I pulled my old Singer sewing machine out, wiped the dust off and began to mend some of Christopher's clothes. I showed Tazo the machine and pedal so she would not be frightened. She checked it out and then went to lie down and watch...boy did she watch!! Tim decided to sit on the floor beside her so he could pet her while I sewed. I stopped for a moment to trim off all the stray threads and Tim began to giggle. Simultaneously, my sewing machine began to operate on it's own!! Bzzzz, Bzzzz, Bzzzzzzzzzzz!!! Startled, I jumped back and shouted "whewwww", "Whoaaaaa", "Stop"!!! By this time, Tim was rolling with laughter. He explained that Tazo had been watching my foot. When I stopped and removed my foot, Tazo walked over (unnoticed by me) and placed her paw on the pedal. The first two times she was a little startled. Then decided it was okay and put her paw on the pedal and just held it down. We all had a good laugh and said, "good touch"!!



Service Dog in Training Stubbs decides to keeps working on his signaling, as his computer skills are lacking!!



Circle Tail Events & News

- 🐾 In April, 16 GE volunteers, families and friends, came out for the Circle Tail Spring Fling work day. Volunteers cleared fencing, brush, and trees for a new parking area, painted the goat barn, built some much-appreciated bridges to the trails, cleaned, organized, and painted the vet room, and groomed and socialized dogs. Thanks to all who participated. A big thank you to **Dave Cambell** for donating the lumber, and to Dave and **Don Campbell** for providing the skilled labor to build the bridge. Also thanks to **Jim Cox** for his donation of paint, and for the whole **Cox family**, who braved goats and llama to complete the barn painting project. **GE Aircraft Engines** employees also held a work day on April 26 to clear and improve the trails the volunteers use to walk dogs.
- 🐾 Who says you can't come out ahead at the casinos! The **Argosy Casino** held a charity Poker Tournament in which the winner got \$5000 for their favorite charity. **Jen Dalton** of WB64 won and chose Circle Tail as the lucky recipient! Thank you to Jen Dalton and Argosy Casino. Of course the real winners out of this deal are the Circle Tail dogs!
- 🐾 Special thanks go to **Brittany Bader** of **Girl Scout Troop 5279** for completion of her Silver Award project. Brittany collected donations from neighbors and friends and presented them for the dogs of Circle Tail to enjoy! Brittany and Scout **Tana Bere** also volunteered during the summer at Circle Tail.
- 🐾 Students from **Amelia High School** provided community service for Circle Tail by cleaning kennels, feeding, bathing, clipping nails, brushing teeth and coats, and cleaning ears of the dogs. Students also exercised and socialize the dogs.
- 🐾 Thank you to the **Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati** for awarding a \$10,000 grant to Circle Tail to provide therapeutic assistance dogs for people with disabilities. Their generosity allows us to continue our mission to provide Assistance Dogs at no cost to the individual.

Board of Director News

- 🐾 Circle Tail's Board of Directors saw some changes this summer. We said goodbye to Treasurer **Paul Beswick**, who accepted a job out of state, and **Angie Del Greco**, who moved as well. We thank them for their service, and are pleased that they will continue to serve on our Professional Advisory Panel.
- 🐾 We would like to welcome our new board members: Treasurer **Debbie Willis**, **Guy Guckenberger**, **Alex Lattin**, **Cathy Snider**, **Ann Trumm**, and **Theresa Underwood**. With the addition of these individuals, we look forward to a successful 2006!

Circle Tail becomes ADI Member!

Circle Tail was approved in October to be an active member of Assistance Dogs International, Inc. (ADI), a coalition of nonprofit organizations that train and place Assistance Dogs. The purpose of ADI is to improve the areas of training, placement, and utilization of Assistance Dogs as well as staff and volunteer education. In keeping with the purpose of helping people with disabilities achieve greater independence and improve the quality of their lives, the member organizations of ADI follow ethical criteria to ensure that this mission is responsibly met. We are honored to be part of this respectable organization.

Assistance Dog Club of Circle Tail

The Assistance Dog Club (ADC) of Circle Tail is a newly formed group whose members primarily are comprised of assistance dog teams and people who help train, socialize, and care for Circle Tail assistance dogs. ADC of Circle Tail also welcomes certified therapy dogs and their handlers. ADC's mission is to enhance the relationship between persons with disabilities and their assistance dogs by providing an organized forum that encourages education, support, and idea sharing between teams, trainers, and the community.

Contact Circle Tail at assistancedogclub@circletail.org for more information on becoming a member.

Mark Your Calendars!

- 🐾 **Obedience Training Classes**
6-Week Basic: Saturday December 3:
 11:15 a.m.
Remedial Obedience: Saturdays from
 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
Intermediate & Remote Collar Training:
 Call for next class.



- 🐾 **Santa Paws**
 Saturday, Dec. 3 at PetsMart Eastgate, and Dec. 17 at PetsMart Fields Ertel: 11:00 – 5:00. Get your pet's picture taken with Santa! Half the proceeds go to Circle Tail.

- 🐾 **Volunteer Orientation**
 Saturday, Dec. 10 at Circle Tail.

Dog Day at the Airport!

The Assistance Dog Club of Circle Tail continued its work with Transportation Security Administration at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. TSA Trainer Bob Burns visited at the May meeting to discuss the airport screening process. Bob conducted practice screenings of all the dogs present so the partners would fully understand what would happen before a flight. The dogs all fell in love with Bob, a dog lover himself, as did the partners!

In July approximately 15 partners, trainers and foster moms and dads and a dozen assistance dogs and dogs-in-training took on Terminal 3. Five volunteer TSA representatives, including some who came in on their day off, took small groups on tours. Teams went through screenings and practiced on escalators, elevators, moving sidewalks, buses and trains. They walked through the three concourses and had access to stores and restaurants. TSA officials say they enjoyed it because it afforded their screeners the chance to practice working with assistance dogs and with people with various disabilities. The screeners were professional, friendly and helpful. It was such a success, the group plans to make this a regular adventure!



Fostering is Fun!

Because of our liaisons with four Ohio Correctional Facilities, we rely on foster families to provide short-term care, socialization, and training of the dogs on "furlough". We 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



Fostering is a wonderful and rewarding experience. If you would like to become a foster family, please contact Circle Tail at (513) 877-3325 or complete the foster family application found on our website.



Volunteer Spotlight

Our volunteer spotlight shines on **Missy Courts** & her son, **Doug**. They started coming to Circle Tail in June, 2005. Missy initially brought Doug to give him something to do in the summer that did not include the computer or video games. They enjoyed it so much, they've continued to volunteer after summer's end. Not only does their volunteer work benefit the Circle Tail dogs, but Missy and Doug get a lot out of it as well. Missy says it gives her and Doug great one-on-one time together, and the opportunity to talk without any interruptions from the phone, the computer, or anything else other than the dogs. And it is great exercise! Doug says, "I keep coming back because it is fun, and I enjoy the dogs."

Special Thanks to Our Volunteers

On Sunday, Sept. 25, Circle Tail held our Volunteer Appreciation Picnic. Volunteers got to socialize, meet other volunteers, and share all the humorous stories that inevitably come with working with dogs! We would like to extend a special thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for their time and support. You are the backbone of this organization, and Circle Tail's programs would not be so successful without you!

Volunteers are greatly needed for many different functions at Circle Tail. See www.circletail.org or call (513) 877-3325 to learn about all the various volunteer opportunities!



Health Corner - All ears!

Check your dog's ears regularly for dirt and build-up, to prevent infection or chronic inflammation. A foul smell from your dog's ear, redness, or head-shaking are indications of a possible infection and should be addressed by your vet. Cleaning can be done using a cleansing solution from your vet or pet supply store, or by using a 3:1 mixture of alcohol and distilled vinegar, by placing a few drops in each ear canal and massaging gently, then allowing your dog to shake his head vigorously. Resist the temptation to clean a dog's ear with a Q-Tip – never stick anything down the dog's ear canal. Wipe just what you can reach with a cotton ball or tissue.

Happy Beginnings

Rumba

Rumba was originally in our service dog training program, and although she now enjoys life as a pampered pet, she continues her life in service: Her job on Halloween night was to hand out candy to the trick-or-treaters! She was a huge hit with the neighborhood!

Check out more Happy Beginnings on our website at www.circletail.org!



Animal Adoptions!

We adopted **174** dogs between April 1 and November 13, 2005. Congrats to Lacey (formerly known as Laken), the 1200th dog adopted since the inception of Circle Tail! We are thrilled with all the Happy Beginnings we have started! If you've adopted a dog from us, we'd love to hear from you – send in your stories and photos!



Spotlight Dog



Hi, I'm **Winn**, and I'm looking for my dream home with a quieter family who enjoys a loving playful, yet laid back girl. I'll adore you without being overly clingy. My favorite hobbies are taking walks and chewing on bones! If you're not into being a strong alpha, don't worry – I'm pretty submissive and shy and respond well to gentle guidance. I'm ready to devote myself to the right family, so I hope you'll come meet me and give me a chance.

Safety Tip:

'Tis the season for overindulgence! But be careful if you allow your dog a little extra during the holidays. Many experts believe that feeding a large meal within 2 hours of exercise or severe stress may trigger **Bloat** (gastric torsion & stomach distension), a serious life-threatening emergency which must be treated by a qualified veterinarian IMMEDIATELY.



Symptoms of Bloat include: unsuccessful retching, pacing, panting, drooling, an enlarged stomach/torso, and/or signs of distress.

We want your feedback!

What do you want to see included in our newsletter? Let us know at 513.877.3325 or info@circletail.org !



Training Tip: Dog Fight!

Does your otherwise perfectly tempered dog suddenly turn aggressive at the sight of other dogs? To deal with this common and sometimes difficult problem, you need to provide leadership, obedience training, and sufficient socialization with other friendly dogs. Having a neutered dog helps too! Some dogs may not get along with other dogs; these dogs should not interact with other dogs if the risk of a dogfight is likely to occur. When dogs do interact, watch both dogs' body language before allowing your dog to go over to the other dog. Stiff, tense and upright body posture may mean potential trouble. Both dogs should exhibit relaxed and playful body language before they are allowed to interact. Keep your dog's leash slack as s/he approaches another dog, because a taut leash may transmit to him or her the message that there is something wrong with the other dog, or that you are feeling uneasy about the two meeting. Also, if the leash is tightened, your dog's head is pulled back, making him/her appear stiffer. His/her head and body are higher, signals that may inadvertently communicate a dominance challenge to the other dog. The other dog may react to this by becoming aggressive. Be sure to pay attention to your dog and the other dog(s) to help avoid trouble.

TEAM TALK!

Team Training



⌘ Mike, and Service Dog, Seren: Mike was partnered in July 2005 with Seren, a 2 year old Golden Retriever donated by an individual. Seren received most of her training at Ross and Marysville Correctional Institutes while rotating out to several foster families to work on her in-public skills. Seren helps Mike by picking up objects, retrieving items, opening and closing doors, and turning the lights on and off. For fun, Seren is always up for a game of fetch!

⌘ Rita, and Service Dog, Tango: Rita and Tango were partnered in April 2005. Tango is a 2 year old Black Lab who was donated by an individual.

Tango helps Rita by retrieving items that she may drop, and is a huge comfort to Rita when she needs some “pet therapy”. Tango enjoys helping her mom keep an eye on the kids at day care as well as accompanying her on her other adventures! The first day of school was a great success:



The children were wonderful about not petting her and even reminded their parents not to pet her. Rita reports, “During free time, I heard three of my girls singing a song they had made up: ‘There was a teacher who had a dog, and Tango was her name-o’. They made welcome pictures for her that I shall surely have to frame.”

In-Home Service Dogs

⌘ Utz, Tage, Ledger, and Divot were all partnered as in-home service dogs, where they perform tasks such as retrieving dropped items, providing balance and psychiatric support. An in-home Assistance Dog provides similar skills as other Assistance Dogs, just without the public access rights. These guys are living the dream of working from home!



Team Updates

⌘ Bethany & Service Dog, Chester: Chester has been learning all sorts of new things! He has been helping Bethany around the office, and has learned to do his part for the environment. Bethany showed Chester how to put scrap paper in the recycling box by the command, “recycle it.”



He learned in about 5 minutes and remembered it the next day – like a pro! At home Chester likes to barge in on Bethany when she’s getting ready in the morning, so she taught him to shut the door behind him when he comes in the bathroom. Since there is usually dry cat food in there because the cat sleeps in there at night, she’d give him kibble as a treat when he shut the door properly. One day, he came in and closed the door as taught. Then the cat came a moment later and shoved the door open again and started to eat. Always one to do the job right, Chester looked at the cat, looked at the door, and went and shut the door behind the cat! His antics always amuse Bethany, and his intelligence never ceases to amaze her!

Facility Dogs



⌘ Zeno, a 3 year old Golden Retriever, recently joined the residents at Beechwood Home in Cincinnati. From the minute she pranced through the door, she fit perfectly with the residents and didn’t give us a second glance when we left her in their fine care!



Her “golden” personality makes her a perfect fit as a facility dog. Her fellow residents have promised to help her maintain her girlish figure by not giving her too many treats! She’s sure to bring hundreds of hours of pleasure to so many people.

Special 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 *June 1, 2005 through November 1, 2005*. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.

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Raise funds to aid the dogs of Circle Tail doing what you do anyway with the Kroger Neighborhood Reward Program! Get a rewards card from Circle Tail that you can load by cash, check, or credit card. Then, just pay for your groceries with the rewards card! It doesn't cost you a penny extra, and 4% of everything you spend at Kroger will go to help the dogs of Circle Tail.

Wish List



We are mostly in need of **sensitive stomach food (dry & canned)**, sponge mops, airline-style dog crates, a sound machine, Clorox, paper towels, and trash bags. See our website for our complete list.



Memorial Gifts

In loving memory

Dempsey, by

Bonita Becker

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Cathy Snider & Jeffrey Ares

Ellie, a wonderful Golden

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- ♻️ 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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