



The Circle Tail Times

Partners with Paws for People with Special Needs

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2003 Year in Review

During our sixth year, we have continued to grow and provide a better environment on site for the dogs housed at Circle Tail. We added a storage building for food and supplies and are in the process of completing 16 indoor/outdoor runs. The main area where the dogs are housed is now all privacy fenced to help limit visual stimulation. In addition to all the on-site improvements, we also increased the number of assistance dog teams that were partnered. Here are some highlights of our year:

-  Held 2 formal team training sessions
-  11 Assistance Dogs partnered
-  Provided "Team Starter Totes" to 4 Assistance dog team recipients
-  3 Public Access Tests completed by our Assistance Dog Teams
-  4 Facility dogs were placed and began working in retirement centers
-  Continued partnership with 5 Ohio Correctional Facilities with capacity to house and care for 40 dogs. Added one facility with women.
-  Over 200 dogs adopted
-  Over 30,000 miles traveled in our van taking us to the prisons, vet, community events and adoption days
-  Circle Tail volunteers presented at 2 major educational conferences. Volunteers also staffed booths at 2 other smaller events.
-  Circle Tail volunteers and dogs appeared on public TV for the Epilepsy Council Christmas show at Anderson Township Community Access Television Station, to discuss service dogs
-  Participated in 5 local festivals
-  Presented 17 educational programs to local groups
-  Received 4 grants and 3 Assistance Dog Team sponsorships
-  Began providing AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing in addition to basic and intermediate dog training classes for the community

A Message From the President

"One woman very courteously approached me in a grocery store, saying, 'excuse me, but I must ask why you've brought your dog into the store.' I told her that Grace is a service dog.... A few minutes later, she returned. 'Excuse me, but you told me that your dog is allowed in the store because she's a service dog...Is she Army or Navy?'"

- Terry Thistlewaite, writer

Welcome to the end of year newsletter for Circle Tail. Just as at the end of a year we say goodbye to the old and hello to the new, Circle Tail retired two of our first assistance dogs. Syd, who was our first Signal dog to be partnered, and Jesse, who was our second seizure response dog partnered, both retired this fall. With their retirement, Circle Tail was faced for the first time in finding loving, lasting homes for these older dogs, one with medical issues. Happily, Syd was able to return to the home where she lived prior to being donated to Circle Tail. Jesse has been residing in a loving foster home while he waits to find a permanent home where he can enjoy the rest of his years.

While we retired two dogs who provided invaluable service to their partners for years, we also placed a record number of assistance dog teams this year and have now totaled 36 assistance dog teams partnered. Our two formal group training sessions went well and we plan to add a third session next year. The teams have been receiving much support from each other by attending follow-up training classes at Circle Tail, chatting through email and we had our first Team Outing this fall. Networking has been so helpful to everyone that we will start a new networking group this coming year to address issues important to our assistance dog teams.

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and foster families who help Circle Tail on a routine basis, the retiring of assistance dogs and increased networking needs of our teams were addressed in a caring and expedient manner. With all of your support, we are able to rise to each challenging occasion and await the next. I appreciate each and every one of you no matter how minimal you think your support is, all of it is helpful.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to talking to you in the new year!

- Marlys

Circle Tail Needs Wheels!

With all the "busyness" of travel to the prisons, vet offices, assistance dog teams homes, socialize the dogs, educational presentations, rescue dogs and on and on, we have crossed the 120,000-mile mark on our 1996 van. Although we have a volunteer who routinely provides maintenance on the van and it is running well, we anticipate the need to decrease the amount of yearly mileage on the vehicle soon. Since we just received the great news that the **DeLong Sweet Foundation** has pledged \$8,000 toward a new used van, we hope that we can count on some of you to help us raise the additional \$8,000 that we anticipate needing to purchase our next vehicle. The dogs request one with a sunroof, but we'll see what we can get! If you, your business or your club would like to help us in this effort, please mark your donation form with "Van Fund". Thanks so much!

Circle Tail Fall 2003 Events & News

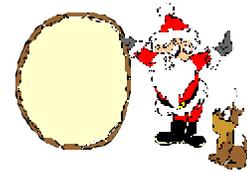


Once again, the Circle Tail staff and volunteers were busy this summer and fall! We continued to increase awareness of Circle Tail and the importance of assistance dogs.

- 🐾 If you haven't been out to Circle Tail lately, you may want to pay us a visit to see all the improvements we've made! Special thanks to **Ralph Brinkmann**, who has dedicated his Saturdays and many other days toward making Circle Tail a nicer environment for the dogs and people!
- 🐾 For the third year in a row, volunteers worked the refreshment booths at **Taste of Blue Ash** in August as a Circle Tail fundraiser. With all the good food and entertainment, it is an enjoyable job!
- 🐾 The **GE Elfun volunteers** held a work day in August, where they painted the agility equipment, cleaned, and painted our new buildings. In addition, the GE Elfun Society also gave a donation to purchase additional agility equipment.
- 🐾 As part of the **AKC Responsible Dog Ownership Day**, Circle Tail held a lecture on how to be a good dog owner, and also held a Canine Good Citizen Test. Congratulations to those who passed:
 - Ted & Java
 - April & Scruffy
 - Mikki & Nestle
 - Mandy & Lincoln
- 🐾 Circle Tail volunteers gave talks and demonstrations to many groups, including Deaconess Stroke Recovery Group, Beechwood Retirement Center, Lab Rescue, Restorative Justice personnel at the Verne Riffe Center, Centerville Public Library, Alterra Sterling House, Waynesville Grade School, Cub Scout Pack 998 at Mason Intermediate School, and Morrow Elementary School.
- 🐾 Circle Tail had an education booth at the **Anderson Township Hot Dog Parade** at Riverside Park. It was an opportunity to socialize dogs and spread the word about Assistance Dogs.
- 🐾 The **Volunteer Picnic** was held in October to thank all of our wonderful volunteers – without the help of these dedicated folks, the programs of Circle Tail could not be so successful!
- 🐾 Introducing the **newest member of the Circle Tail family!** Hitch is a black and white pygmy goat found wandering along I-71. A Circle Tail volunteer involved in 4H found him and brought him to Circle Tail, where he seems happy and content. He likes people and has become quite the begger goat – always eager for an apple or some peanuts! Hitch would love to meet you some time!
- 🐾 Special thanks to **Christopher and Amanda McCormick**, who donated items on the Circle Tail wish list in lieu of having table decorations at their wedding. The Circle Tail dogs greatly appreciate their generosity, and so do we!
- 🐾 Special thanks also go to **Eric Rohaly and Wendy Ash**, who gave a generous donation to Circle Tail in lieu of the traditional wedding favor. Congratulations to these couples and best of luck!
- 🐾 In November, volunteers helped clean the goat barn and replenish it with straw. Locket, the resident Akbash dog, Paige, and Hitch really appreciate it! Thank you to Kathleen Gropp and friends!
- 🐾 Channel 12 featured Circle Tail on their morning show, Good Morning Cincinnati at 6:00 and 7:00 a.m this fall with feature reporter Denae D'Arcy.

Escalators Anyone??

Circle Tail held its first Assistance dog team "outing" in November at Tri-County mall. Seven teams participated. The teams worked on negotiating the escalators with their assistance dog. This proved to be very stressful for some and routine for others. Since elevators are not always readily accessible without much walking, use of escalators is an option we wanted to open up to our teams. Following the training session we met at TGI Friday's for a late lunch and chat session. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon together and plans are being made to have another networking group outing in January.



Mark Your Calendars!

6 Week Obedience Classes

Basic: Saturday January 10: 10:00 a.m. at Circle Tail.

Intermediate & Advanced: Call for next class

Pictures with Santa Paws

Saturday, December 13: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Tri-County Petsmart.

Saturday, December 20: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Fields Ertel Petsmart by Kings Auto Mall.

Get your pet's picture taken with Santa, and half the proceeds go to Circle Tail!

PAWS Network Meeting

Sunday, January 11: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at Temple Shalom.

The training topic for this meeting is the handicapped access buttons to open doors. Call or e-mail for directions.

Best Friend Forgotten Premier

Thursday, February 19: Columbus, OH. Give Voice to

Animals is hosting a 22-city premiere tour of the documentary "Best Friend Forgotten" with David

Duchovny, to get the word out about the pet

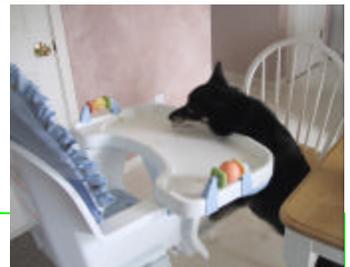
overpopulation epidemic. A portion of the money raised

through ticket sales and donations will go directly to

Circle Tail. For more information, or to purchase tickets

to the event, call (513) 877-3325 or e-mail

circletail@prodigy.net.



Health Corner

During the holiday season, a lot of people are baking up goodies! But beware, some of those can be dangerous for your pet! According to vets at the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center, when bread dough is ingested, an animal's body heat causes the dough to rise in the stomach. As alcohol is produced during the rising process, the dough expands. Pets who've eaten bread dough may experience abdominal pain, bloat, vomiting, disorientation, and depression. So be sure not to leave your pets in the kitchen unsupervised when you are baking this holiday season!

Happy Beginnings

Delta

Delta's mom writes:
Delta wanted everyone at Circle Tail to know that she has now trained the humans to allow dogs on the bed. She thinks that when she gets a little older she might want a king sized bed with lots of pillows instead of the inferior queen-sized bed she managed to conquer yesterday. We'll see. Anyway, she is still doing great and was more than happy to pose for a few photos once she realized that the flash wasn't deadly! The photos establishing that she has way too many toys, bones, and freedom are attached. My mother said when she first met Delta -- "she is such a wonderful dog -- now, DON'T RUIN HER!" Well, although I would strongly argue that I am not "ruining" Delta, I must confess that she is perhaps a little spoiled! Thank you again for your wonderful program and for allowing me to adopt such a terrific companion."



Circle Tail partners with The Ohio Reformatory for Women

In October, Circle Tail began a partnership with The Ohio Reformatory for Women in Marysville, OH. Currently, the women house, care for and train 6 shelter dogs. Once they complete their education in working with the shelter dogs, they will have some of our assistance dogs residing there for training. Plans include an increase in the number of dogs housed and trained by the women to 10 in the next month.



Spotlight Dog

Hi, I'm Amber, a 9 month old Golden Retriever mix who was rescued from a dog hoarder. I am very sweet and fine with other dogs. Because I'm a bit shy with newcomers, I will be happiest in a home without small children or where there is a lot of activity.

I warm up nicely, however, and can be quite playful and fun-loving once I feel comfortable being myself. I'm a loving girl who is house trained and learning basic obedience. I would love to find a home of my own where I can love and be loved!!



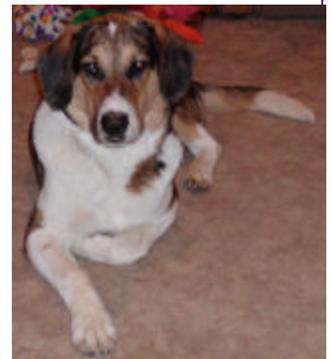
Circle Tail Merchandise Makes A Great Christmas Gift!

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

Animal Adoptions!

Following are adoptions from June 15 - November 30:

Brillo	Mica	Muffin
Ajax	Sass	Cole
Murphy	Romika	Crunch
Cascade	Ripley	Easton
Capricorn	D.J.	Speck
Brie	Hammett	Atlas
Feta	Venn	Trinidad
Mozzarella	Blake	Tobago
Muenster	Harley	Coronado
Cheddar	Drie	Sanka
Kix	Bagel	National
Tressa	Reba	Avis
Cheerios	Cagney	Hertz
Nexus	Lacey	Budget
Sebastian	Carmella	ZuZu
Artec	Panda	Chami
Redken	Jeweline	Chelsea
Rusk	Keyser	Sedona
Stetson	Kate	Penne
Topper	Telly	Canneloni
Beret	Syl	Ravioli
Oreo	Stallone	Manicotte
Oops	Delta	Orzo
Clover	Spencer	Capellini
Crimson	Kokomo	Tortellini
Zack	Poma	April
Quique	Xerox	
Killian	Maize	
Magzen	Mattock	
Nova	Mitre	
Niko	Noir	
Kubota	Parker	
Derby	Grog	
Darby	OJ	
Fozzie	Amy	
Rolf	Jo	
Beaker	Beth	
Kermit	Meg	
Bunsen	Marmee	
Gonzo	Mocha	



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@prodigy.net.



TEAM TALK!

Group Team Training Session in September!



In September, Circle Tail had our second "group" team training session. Four recipients came from Cincinnati and Louisville to begin partnership with their service dog. The teams worked together for four days on basic dog care, training principles, basic and advanced commands, service skills, and service dog etiquette. Training was held at Circle Tail but also out in public at the Fields-Ertel area. The teams all worked well together and everyone left excited but exhausted after a long 4 days. Since then the teams have all been working hard at the process of bonding and getting the "glitches" smoothed out.

- ♻️ *Ted and Signal Dog, Java:* Java is a 2 year old Chocolate Lab who came to Circle Tail at 9 months after her previous family could no longer care for her. She received most of her training at the Ross and London Correctional Institutes. Java will alert Ted to sounds that he misses like the alarm clock, doorbell and phone.
- ♻️ *Mikki and Service Dog, Nestle:* Nestle is a 4 year old Chocolate Lab who came to Circle Tail at 9 months of age after her previous family could no longer care for her. She received most of her training at the Chillicothe Correctional Institute and in a foster family. Nestle goes to work with Mikki and is helping her with balance and retrieving items. For fun, Nestle loves to play endless games of fetch!
- ♻️ *April and Service Dog, Scruffy:* Scruffy is a 4 year old Mixed Breed who was donated by another rescue organization. He received most of his training at the Chillicothe and London Correctional Institutes. He now helps April with balance and retrieving items, and he provides comfort and companionship to April when she needs to relax through "pet" therapy. Scruffy has given April the confidence and motivation to go out more often and experience life!
- ♻️ *Mandy and Service Dog, Lincoln:* Lincoln is a 3 ½ year old German Shepherd Dog who came to Circle Tail as a pup. He received most of his training at the Chillicothe Correctional Institute and in a foster family. Lincoln is trained to retrieve items for Mandy, open and close drawers and doors and help pull Mandy in her wheelchair. Lincoln enjoys checking out the hippos and monkeys when Mandy goes to her singing job at the Louisville zoo. He will be one of our more cultured service dogs attending auditions and shows together with her!
- ♻️ *Georgia and Service Dog, Dugan:* Dugan is a 5 year old lab mix rescued from a kill shelter in Indiana about 1 ½ years ago. He received his training at the Ross Correctional Facility and periodically returned to a foster family in Chillicothe to work on his "in public" skills. He began partnering with Georgia, who also lives in Chillicothe, in October. Dugan already retrieves the phone, hair brush, and almost anything else Georgia drops! He accompanies her to church, stores, and restaurants. Georgia loves the help and the company!
- ♻️ *Angie and Signal Dog, Caritas:* Cari is a 4 year old Beagle/ Dachshund mix who came to Circle Tail after being left running by her family who moved without her. She received most of her early training at the Ross Correctional Institute, and in a foster family. Her foster mom worked on Cari's obedience, signal work and socialization. Cari is now living and going to school in California with her new mom, Angie, who was our first recipient of a service dog back in 1998. Her previous signal dog, Sydney, was retired due to medical issues (read Syd's story below). While Angie greatly misses Syd, she is enjoying her new partner!

GiGi & Buddy - New Facility Dogs Partnered!

- ♻️ *Buddy*, a 3 ½ year old Boston Terrier donated by a breeder, was placed in August as a facility dog at Friends Care Center in Yellow Springs, OH. He received most of his training at Ross Correctional Institute. Buddy joined resident facility dog Chance, a black lab who was previously placed there. Buddy is a snuggler who makes the perfect lap dog. He is a real crowd pleaser and seems to be enjoying his new career!
- ♻️ *GiGi*, a 4 year old Black Lab donated by a breeder, was placed in November as a facility dog at the Wesley Glen Retirement Community in Columbus, OH. She received some of her training at Ross Correctional Institute, and much of her training and socialization while residing with her foster family, where she participated in pet therapy. GiGi appears to be a natural for facility work - she walked in ready for pets and hugs and hasn't looked back!!

Syd's Fund for Retired Assistance Dogs

Sydney (aka Syd), a German Shepherd Dog mix, was trained as a Signal Dog and placed with Angie in July, 1998. Sydney was trained to alert Angie to sounds that Angie was unable to hear. Syd went above and beyond the call of duty every day. The two had a wonderful five years together exploring corporate America, a Monastery and studying for Angie's M.Div in California. Wherever the two went, Syd took her job seriously and always alerted Angie to important sounds.



Unfortunately, Syd's health began to fail and she could no longer keep up with Angie. The very difficult decision was made to retire her. Syd returned to Circle Tail, and Angie was partnered with Caritas (aka Henna). Though grieving over the loss of Syd, Angie and Cari are bonding. Cari has big paws to fill, but she is doing a great job! Sydney is now being fostered by her original family. They welcomed her back with open arms and are giving her the love and respect that she deserves after a job well done. We are assessing Syd's health to determine what medical care is needed now and in the future.

Angie has set up a retirement fund in Syd's honor. Donations to "Syd's Fund" will help cover medical/ veterinary care for Syd and all future Circle Tail service dogs who have served their partner well but have had to retire for age/ medical reasons and return to Circle Tail. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please complete a donation form and return to us. Syd and future retired dogs thank you for your generosity.

Fostering is Fun!

Because of our liaisons with five 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 and for our shelter dogs 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:

Ralph & Jan Brinkmann - Deacon, Aramis, Sass, Laredo

Tracy Desch - Sabaka, Henna, Oz, Smudge, Ziti

Chris & Phyllis Frebis - Klondike, Haagen

Emily Garifalos - various shelter dogs and puppies

Guy Guckenberger - Nick, Tango

Leanne Hurst - Caleb, Seren, Asia

Bob & Vicky Kawecki - GiGi

Jen Kiblinger - Poma

Mike Ludovici - Poma, Sebastian

Maureen May & Jason Jones - Lincoln, Tango, Nick, Lennox, Hudson, Proton, Electron, Nixa, Guinness

Jody Sasthav - Sills, Redding

Lois Schrantz - Tango, Parker

Tracy Schwing - Jesse

Marlys Staley - Kajsa, Zugs, Mocara, Seren, Asia, Julep

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.



Tango

Foster Family Focus

Lois Schrantz: Circle Tail is pleased to welcome Lois Schrantz as our newest member of our foster family program. Lois approached Circle Tail in the summer about fostering a dog that could accompany her on weekly visits to local hospice and assisted living facilities. To date, lucky Circle Tail dogs include Tango and Parker, who have joined up with Lois' other long-time pet therapists, Mindy (a sheltie), Pumpkin (a yellow cat found on Halloween) and Goblin (a gray cat found on another Halloween day) to visit with residents. Lois started her pet therapy visits at Fairfield Center 15 years ago. Since then, she's expanded her visits to include Camelot Lakes, Kemper Meadows, Woodridge, and Tri-County Extended Care, all located in Fairfield. She provides an invaluable service to Circle Tail by helping to evaluate potential facility dogs for placement in local assisted living facilities. Lois sums up her work by saying "If the residents are smiling when they see us coming and still smiling when we leave, we did our job." Circle Tail thanks Lois for providing the dogs an opportunity to brighten so many people's day. It's definitely a win-win for everyone.

Volunteer Spotlight

Our volunteer spotlight shines on **Marti Brenza**, her daughters **Nicole**, age 12, **Stephanie**, age 10, and friend **Shelbie Collopy**, age 12. Marti and the girls heard about Circle Tail through their veterinarian, who recommended obedience classes for Stephanie's "wild dog Bailey". After two sessions, they decided they wanted to help with all the dogs there. They usually walk dogs and handle the puppies to give them people time. Sometimes they clean up the kennels, which is no easy task!! The girls like handling the puppies best! They all like helping because they love animals and this gives everyone a chance to spend time with a lot of different dogs and know that they are helping them until they find a home. It is always nice to hear when the dogs have been adopted and will have a good home, even though they will be missed!

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:

Marti Brenza, Nicole, Stephanie, & Shelbie

Linda Martin

Jody Sasthav

Lois Schrantz

Tracy Schwing

Cathy Snider

Penny Taketa



Holiday Safety Tip:



Look before you light. Lit candles produce fumes that can be harmful to birds if inhaled. And don't forget, your pet's wagging tail can easily knock over a burning candle. Liquid potpourri is also dangerous to pets, who can ingest it from decorative bowls and simmering pots.

Calling All Volunteers!

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

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 16 through November 30, 2003*. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.

Individual Donors

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New Circle Tail Website!

Pretty soon you'll notice some changes to the Circle Tail website. Ben Kremer of **Krecom Consulting, LLC** has donated his services to help improve our website. Pair Networks has also donated their hosting services for the year. We're excited about these changes, so be sure to check out www.circletail.org in the next few weeks!



Special Thanks



Memorial Gifts

In loving memory of Loretta Kropsfeld, by Joan & Ralph Crawford

In loving memory of Taylor D'Angelo, by Diane D'Angelo

In loving memory of Muffin, the canine companion of Nadine Whitsett, & Family, by Mary Kay Frebis

In loving memory of Lincoln Savage, by Linda Heller, D.V.M.

In loving memory of Shelbee Rae, by Kim & Charlie Maull

In loving memory of Shelbee Rae, by Melissa Watson

In loving memory of Shelbee Rae, by Miriam Watson

In loving memory of Mary Beall, by Pamela & George Sams

In loving memory of Fred Stindt and his beloved Rottweiler Inga, by Debi & Gary Seal

In loving memory of Maryann Soben, by Miriam Watson and June Anderson

In loving memory of Taylor D'Angelo, by Theresa & Richard Underwood

Celebration Gifts

In honor of Rulon, by Jules, Todd, & Simon Brugel

In honor of the marriage of Maureen May and Jason Jones, by Tracy Desch

In honor of the marriage of Maureen May and Jason Jones, by Jennifer Kiblinger

In honor of the marriage of Maureen May and Jason Jones, by Marlys Staley

In honor of the Hidy Family's adoption of Drifter, by Kathleen & Richard Hidy

In honor of Melissa Watson's 50th Birthday, by Kim & Charlie Maull

In honor of Sydney DelGreco, by Dolores Revere

In honor of Libby Watson's Birthday, by Melissa Watson

In honor of Melissa Watson & Kim Maull, by Miriam Watson



Gifts In Kind

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Angela & Scott Riddle
John & Ann Schmidt
Libby Schott
Cathy Snider
Marlys Staley
Penny Taketa
Joyce & William Tedrick
Larry Tillack
Donna Williams



Christmas Wish List

Circle Tail has many items on our wish list, but we are in urgent need of the following items:

- Paper towels
- Trash bags - 13, 30, and 45 Gallon sizes
- Laundry Detergent
- Bleach & Disinfectant wipes

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.



P & G Grant Received

Circle Tail would like to thank Proctor & Gamble for their generous grant, which will allow us to purchase a large veterinarian scale. The professional-grade scale will assist us in properly dosing weight-based medication, as well as to get accurate weight measurements on our dogs for adoption.

GE Elfun Society Grant Received

Special thanks also go to the GE Elfun Society, for their generous grant for purchasing additional high quality, durable agility equipment. The agility equipment provides a fun way for service dogs in training and for shelter dogs awaiting adoption to build confidence and improve obedience.

- ♻ 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.

Please Print or Type:

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