



The Circle Tail Times

Partners with Paws for People with Special Needs

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Mark Your Calendars!

April Adoption Day

Friday, April 19: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Kings AutoMall Petsmart on Fields Ertel Rd.

Winton Woods Day at the Park

Saturday, April 20: 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Parky's Farm in Winton Woods. Bring your pup to the park for a fun day of doggie activities!

Pooch Parade

Saturday, April 27: 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. in Worthington, OH at the intersection of High Street & State Route 161. Visit www.poochparade.net for details.

North Shore Animal League Pet Adoptathon

Saturday May 4, from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Petsmart store at Kings Automall and Sunday May 5 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Circle Tail.

CompassionFest 2002

Sunday, August 11: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Eden Park. See www.compassionfest.org for details.



Congratulations to Board Member Donna Planner and her husband Chad on the birth of their baby girl. Clara Mary Planner was born on Sunday February 24 at 11:43 a.m. She weighed in at 9 pounds, 13 oz and was 21½ inches long. Clara joins her canine brother Henry, a 5 year old Beagle mix.

A Message From the President

Whenever we accept dogs into our assistance dog program or shelter the utmost concern in our minds is "what is best for the dog". Do they enjoy working or would they be best just being loved by a family and playing ball all day? If they are fearful or aggressive, do we recommend that it would be best for them to depart to the rainbow bridge or live their life in fear or in a small kennel because they can't be trusted?

Recently, I had an extremely difficult personal decision to make about one of the dogs. We received an application from a woman who is hearing impaired. Several years earlier I had helped her train her own dog as a signal dog. The dog died of medical problems and she was in great need of a new signal dog. When a person has grown to trust and rely on an assistance dog, losing that dog is like losing the ability to hear or use your arms all over again. Looking at all the dogs we had at the appropriate age and level of training, I struggled with finding the dog that also had the right personality to match this person.

The only dog I thought that would match this woman was a dog who was not slated to be an assistance dog. He was my demo dog Dashiell. Dash was the first dog I ever acquired for Circle Tail (free pup on the side of the road). I took him to school with me when I became a certified Master Dog Trainer. He helped me get an "A" in school and was the only "mutt" in class. Since then he learned service and signal work and would go to demonstrations with me along with Abby, my primary demo dog. Gradually, as more dogs arrived in the house for fostering and pet therapy, Dash didn't get to go places as often. Abby was more stoic and didn't require the attention that Dash did in public. I started thinking "Poor Dash, he loves to work so much I wish I had the time to work him more. He is so happy, with his huge puppy smile, every time you ask him to open the refrigerator or door, retrieve items off the floor, go for a ride, wake me up in the morning, or let me know his water bowl was empty." I came to the difficult decision that Dash would be happiest being a working dog and that partnering him as a signal dog was the right thing to do.

Currently, Dash is working as a signal dog and doing great. I get to see him almost weekly and still get to give him belly rubs. His picture is the wallpaper on my computer. To love him the best I could, I had to let him be the happiest he could. And he is happiest working. Circle Tail is in need of great people to be short-term foster families. So, if you are considering fostering an assistance dog in training, but think it is too hard to give the dog back, it is! But the joy you receive from seeing the dog you love make life better for another human is worth it, and every tear of sadness for yourself turns to tears of joy for your dog and the individual you are helping! Have a great Spring!

Marlys

New Services & Merchandise Now Offered by Circle Tail!



Circle Tail now provides a variety of additional services for the community.

- *Dog Training* - 6 week basic and intermediate obedience training classes are now being offered. Private lessons also are available.
- *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 individual's with a disability train their own personal dog to assist them. Certification services for a dog who is already trained also is available.



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.

Circle Tail Winter Events

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

- ♻ Barnes & Noble Gift Wrapping - On December 17th, 2001, Circle Tail volunteers showed off their gift-wrapping "skills" by wrapping gifts at the Barnes & Noble on Fields Ertel. The service was free to shoppers and donations to Circle Tail were gladly accepted.
- ♻ Santa Paws - For three weekends in November and December 2001, Circle Tail participated in Pet Pictures with Santa Paws at local Petsmart stores. Thank you to all who helped and we hope to see everyone (and their pets) next year!
- ♻ On February 23rd we attended the Mason Chili Fest with assistance dogs in training and dogs for adoption. This was our second year in a row to attend, and it was just as fun as last year. The dogs got lots of socialization and one dog for adoption found a new home!
- ♻ Circle Tail gave talks and demonstrations about service dogs to several groups in the community, including:
 - The students of Butlerville Elementary School
 - Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springboro
 - Drake Rehabilitation Center
 - Teachers at Gallipolis Elementary

Circle Tail has many events planned for the upcoming year. Check our website for updates!





Work Days with Christian Academy

Nancy Schaefer and students from the Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy High School assisted Circle Tail with cleaning up around Circle Tail and socializing the dogs for 3 days in January. Their volunteer work was part of a program that the high school requires to encourage students to give back to the community. Floors were scrubbed, dishes and toys washed, gravel moved, a fence was put up and the pups on site received a lot of love. Despite some of the "gross" cleaning tasks, everyone seemed to have fun and we all had the opportunity to listen to some very "interesting" music (provided by the students, of course)! Thanks to these students for helping out:

Natasja Beelan	Mallory Michels
Cara Clausing	Ashley Perks
Greg Ealy	Sasha Perks
Dan Freeman	Laura Terkosky
Christine Jontig	Beth Wilhelm



And thank you to the Principal, Dr. Joan Miracle, for coordinating the event.

Animal Adoptions!

Following are the winter and spring adoptions:

Mozart	Daylee	Simon
Molly	Yana	Garfunkel
Lumikki	Stache	Romeo
Cylo	Korata	Rudy
Liberty	Madeira	Klara
Bergundy	Vail	Krona
Chianti	Ellie	Schroeder
Merlot	Drakkar	Lira
Melanea	Armani	Ruble
Nalle	Giorgio	Gordon
Alce	Isis	Hershey
Pyry	Azul	Liesl
Lamos	Chanel	Cede
Lecena	Friedrick	Kara
Rico	Kurt	Gara
Bert	Francie	Dior
Sierra	Trillian	Uno
Marble	Marta	Jinx
Ginger	Buddy	Sunshine
Link	Eva	Prada
Disco	Schubert	Cappe
Dore	Dylan	Czarny
Blake	Captain	Musta
Starkey	Tenille	Arden
Juliet	Jasmine	Kepler
Auden	Gretel	Whitley
Dorado	Presley	Nadja
Winston	Tonic	Lena
Tasha	Dynasty	Kip
Schultz		

ways to Help Circle Tail

Circle Tail is increasing our presence on the web. See www.circletail.org for a complete list of links. You can donate directly to Circle Tail online with credit card or electronic check by clicking on the link to www.networkforgood.org.

Circle Tail volunteers logged a total of 6200 volunteer hours for 2001. That breaks down to 500 hours per month, 130 hours per week, and 18 hours per day. Thanks to all who donate their time to help a worthy cause! Volunteers are always needed for many different functions at Circle Tail. See www.circletail.org or call (513) 877-3325 for opportunities!



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 have begun featuring these on our website and will do so in subsequent newsletters. Get your cameras and pens moving and send your pictures and stories to circletail@fuse.net.



Partnership Updates!



Circle Tail has now partnered 17 assistance dog teams. The last quarter was very busy with 5 teams being trained in a period of 5 months. We have had an increased request for emotional support assistance dogs and those teams have demonstrated the immense benefit that an assistance dog can provide to a person with a disability, whether it is physical or emotional. Be sure to check our website for our frequent partnership updates!

- ♻️ *Cheryl and Bryce* (Cincinnati, OH): Bryce is a chocolate Lab found wandering the streets. He was partnered as an emotional support dog with Cheryl in November after her first assistance dog died of old age and medical conditions. Bryce received his basic and advanced training at Circle Tail and the Ross Correctional Institute. He is a huge comfort to Cheryl when she needs to relax through "pet" therapy. To relax, Bryce loves to carry his gorilla stuffed toy around and play ball.
- ♻️ *Tina and Stone* (Cincinnati, OH): Stone is a long-haired Weimaraner. He was one of the first pups we had in the assistance dog program 3 years ago. He received almost 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. Stone has quickly bonded to Tina responding to many of her needs. They love to play ball in the back yard. To relax, he enjoys destroying tennis balls with his jaws.
- ♻️ *Melissa and Carbon* (Crown Point, OH): Carbon is a Rott/Lab mix who was donated by a woman who rescues dogs in Indiana. She received most of her training at the Chillicothe Correctional Institute. Carbon was partnered with Melissa as an emotional support dog in January, 2002 and provides comfort to her when she is stressed, gives her a focal point to concentrate on when she wants to withdraw and retrieves her medicine to make her feel better. To relax, Carbon loves to snuggle, chew her bone and pretend she is a lap dog!
- ♻️ *Jean and Scruffy* (Gallipolis, OH): Scruffy is a mixed breed dog who was rescued from a kill shelter as a pup by a local woman. She donated him to Circle Tail when he was about 9 months old. Scruffy has been in several of the Correctional Facilities and was partnered as an emotional support dog in February 2002 with Jean. He provides comfort to Jean and helps her go out into public. She is taking him on walks outside which is a huge step for her regaining some of her independence. To relax, he enjoys hanging out getting pets.
- ♻️ *Toni and Dashiell* (Cincinnati, OH): Dash is a mixed breed dog who was the first Circle Tail assistance dog in training. (Since Marlys fostered him, he took much longer to train!) He was partnered as a signal dog with Toni in March. Currently the two are bonding, and Dashiell is working on signaling Toni to the door, alarm clock, telephone, her name and other common sounds. This is Toni's second signal dog, and she is looking forward to the companionship and security that a dog provides her. Dashiell is having the time of his life working, going to parties and events, taking long walks with his new partner and squeaking his stuffed toys.

Assistance Dog Team Spotlight

Bryanna and Maggie (Crown Point, Oh): Maggie is a 4 year old Lab Mix who was partnered in September 2001 as an emotional support dog with 12-year-old Bryanna. They hit it off right from the start, and Maggie seemed to know Bry's need for her right away. Maggie is now attending school with Bryanna, which is a big step for both of them. Maggie lays on her "place" mat during class and sits on the sidelines during gym. Bry has taken Maggie many places, including volleyball practice, shopping, 4-H, and to her grandmother's house for sleep-overs. She is looking forward to camping with Maggie this summer. Bry has taught Maggie many tricks, including "find the biscuit under the cup. Read Bryanna's letter to Circle Tail on the Assistance Dog Teams page on our website!



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, Sunshine, Henna, Salue

Heather Martin & Family - Clay

Chris & Phyllis Frebis - Dell, Whitley

Jason Jones & Maureen May - Derby

Suzanne & Emily Geisler - Hudson

Ty & Susan Patten - Lincoln

Joan Goehegin - Caleb

Alberto & Ana Gomez - Libra

Marlyns Staley - Lincoln, Panache

LeAnne Hurst - Caleb

Theresa, Rick, & Sarah Underwood - Onyx, Beltz

Jennifer Kiblinger - Bagel, Bracken

And thanks to Tina Haney, Betty Greene, Gene Haney, Larry Tillack, 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.



Spotlight Dog

Belle's Story...

I am a friendly 4-year-old yellow lab mix who loves people. Since I am so people-oriented, I sometimes don't like to share the attention with other dogs, but I get along with them when properly introduced. I love taking walks but am also content to be a couch potato, as long as I'm with someone who loves me! I am house trained and learning basic obedience. I love attention and love to play. With my charming personality and sparkling brown eyes, I'm ready to brighten up someone's life.



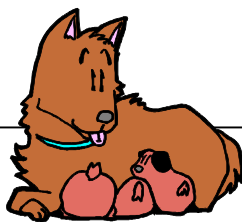
Wish List

Circle Tail is in great need of collars (from puppy up to size 20") and leashes as well as Nylabone / Gummabone type chew toys, balls of all sizes for the dogs/pups, shampoo, and puppy food. Also, if you have any old blankets, sheets, towels, throw rugs etc. we could really use them for the dogs' 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.



"He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion."
~Unknown

PETsMART Charities Grant Received!



Circle Tail received a generous grant from PETsMART Charities to fund a new program that focuses on prevention of unwanted litters of pets by creating a plan to break the cycle that causes pet overpopulation. Beginning in April, Circle Tail will take in pregnant dogs to term and provide medical and physical care, along with spaying and neutering the mother and her litter. The healthy spayed mother is returned to her home after delivery and care of her puppies is complete. The puppies are cared for, spayed / neutered, and remain at Circle Tail until placement through adoptions. Our mission with this innovative and aggressive program will minimize euthanasia as a means of controlling pet overpopulation. Thank you to PETsMART Charities for making this goal a reality!



Get your Action for Animals MasterCard!

By applying for and using an *Action For Animals™* or *Morris® MasterCard®*, you will earn additional income for Circle Tail (at no extra cost to you). This is a really great way to make a better life for needy, homeless or abused animals. For every dollar you spend, you help Circle Tail partner dogs with people with disabilities and help us care for our shelter animals! There is no monthly fee and it charges a low 14.9% APR fixed rate. Simply apply for this credit card online at www.animalsafe.org, or send in the application found on our website, indicating Circle Tail, #2046 as the organization to receive the 0.5% donation.

Circle Tail News



- Happy Birthday to Circle Tail! Circle Tail, Inc. celebrated its 5th birthday on February 6, 2002. The organization has seen a great deal of growth over the last five years. Thanks to all who have supported us!
- What better way to celebrate Circle Tail's birthday than to be awarded "official" nonprofit status! Circle Tail, Inc. received its 501(c) (3) Ruling on January 11th, 2002. This means that our advanced ruling has been made permanent and we have met the requirements to be a public charity.
- Tracy Desch and Angie Del Greco have been re-elected to the Board of Directors for 2002 - 2005. Congratulations Tracy and Angie!
- 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 will be featured at the Elegance & Art Gallery in MainStrasse at 613 Main St in Covington. Come purchase a one-of-a-kind painting and help support the dogs of Circle Tail!

BOARD MEMBER ENDOWS GRANT TO CIRCLE TAIL

Through the request of Board Member Angie DelGreco, Circle Tail has received a grant from the **Robert & Ruth Westheimer Center for Philanthropy**. A portion of this gift will be used to establish a scholarship in Angie and her service dog Sydney's honor for a hearing impaired Cincinnati resident to receive a signal dog and supplies free of charge. Thank you to Angie, whose generosity and support is appreciated more than can be expressed.



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 March 2002. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.

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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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 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
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Please send me more information on:

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 _____ Sponsoring an Assistance Dog and Partner Team

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