



“Partners with Paws for People with Special Needs”

The Circle Tail Times

Circle Tail Training & Education Center Open House!



January 17 & 18 at Circle Tail.

Visit our website for details.

Come celebrate the **grand opening** of our new building!

Circle Tail's Mission

Our mission is to provide high quality Assistance Dogs to people with mobility, hearing, neurological, or psychiatric disabilities, and to promote the human canine bond in the community by providing dog adoptions, obedience training, behavior management, and boarding services.



Full member of Assistance Dogs International

A Message from the Executive Director...

The flowers have now hidden from the cold winds and the leaves have fallen from the trees. While the daylight hours begin to fade into longer winter nights, a bright light is beginning to shine at Circle Tail. The main construction work is complete and the finishing crew is busy with paint and brooms. Final touches are being made, all systems are being checked and inspections are being arranged. The new **Circle Tail Training & Education Center** is scheduled to open for classes in the beginning of January with our formal grand opening on January 17 & 18. While the physical construction of the building will be completed shortly, our fundraising goal has a ways to go. Check out this issue of our newsletter for another opportunity to help Circle Tail through the **purchase of a commemorative or memorial tile**. Also, check our website for other ways to help including items that you could donate for the new training center. We look forward to our move into our “new home” and hope you will come visit!!

Stay warm and Happy Holidays!



- Marlys & Tollan



Full Circle, The Campaign to Reach Circle Tail's Full Potential

Show your pride and gratitude on the walls of our wonderful new training & education center.

See the enclosed flyer for information on ordering your **commemorative tiles!**

In memory of Tessie Jo Kiblinger

Sample Inscription

It's time for **Santa Paws!** Share the holidays with a picture of your dog as Christmas cards! Bring your pet to Petsmart to meet Santa and get their picture taken together. See our website for dates and locations.

Paws Up to the P&G Fund of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation for their full sponsorship of 2 Assistance Dog Teams!

Tails from the Inside

A Story from a Circle Tail inmate canine handler at Ohio Reformatory for Women

Being a part of Circle Tail's program has made a big impact in my life. I've learned in order to be a good dog trainer you have to be firm, fair, consistent, and loving to your pet. I have built confidence on top of confidence. It's an endless process. The knowledge that I have absorbed in my mind about dogs and their different breeds and personalities gives me a new and positive outlook on life. After being incarcerated for 13 years, I now have a reason to set new goals and achieve them. Observing techniques of individual trainers has helped broaden my horizons on different training techniques. It's been a huge challenge for me, but the more I learned, the better of a trainer I've become.

Every dog I've had in the past couple years has taught me something new:

- Mork, who loved to take the trash out, and how it became his favorite chore of the house.
- Seren, who taught me that assisting and helping people, is what she wanted to do and a reminder of what I want to continue to do.
- Truman, who has taught me love, courage and to never give up. The warmth that he has shared with everyone here.
- Let's not forget about Henry! While taking care of business, the toilet paper rolled across the floor. When telling Henry to take it he went straight over to the tissue and put it in his mouth. When told to bring it, he came over and put the tissue right in my hands. At that moment when he looked at me I knew right then that there's a purpose for what I do. I looked at him and said, "Yes! Good Boy!"

I guess you can say that every day is a challenge, but when you set goals and live to achieve them, in the end, you can look back on your accomplishments. There's no greater love than the love and loyalty of a canine, and the feeling of my contribution and training that I have put forth: to enrich the life of the dog and the individual.

We'll be able to put some furnishings and equipment in the new training & education center, thanks to the **Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, A KeyBank Trust**. The grant will cover folding chairs, tables, table and chair carts, a dry erase board, projector screen, and floor mats.

Marlys Staley, our head trainer, is a professional member of the International Association of Canine Professionals (IACP).



Improve your dog's skin, coat, and overall health AND help the Circle Tail dogs at the same time!

Buy Vetraceuticals® Canine Health System through Circle Tail, and a portion of the proceeds goes to support our programs.



Customer Testimonial:

"My dogs and cats have been taking Vetraceuticals for several months now. One of the best things is that Daisy is a lot less gassy."



Anyone who's been around her for a period of time knows how valuable that is!"

– Jen Kiblinger, Circle Tail Vice President
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Volunteer Spotlight

Our spotlight shines on Jill Merida

"I am a stay home mom of 4 children, one of which is disabled. My son lacked any form of independence; he had to have someone with him at all times. All of that changed when we trained our service dog, Wendy. My son was able to shower with Wendy just outside the shower door. Our family was able to watch the 4D movie at the zoo. My son was able to trick-or-treat in our neighborhood with Wendy watching and avoiding strobe lights. Had I known how much peace of mind I would have gotten from our service dog, well lets just say I could have saved myself a few ulcers.

Dog training has become very therapeutic to me. I especially love working with service dog prospects. It is a very good feeling to know the dog may go on to give the kind of peace that Wendy has brought to our family.

Circle Tail gave me the opportunity to do what I love. The staff and dogs are always friendly and happy to see me. I always leave feeling I gained more than I gave."



Circle Tail Services

Circle Tail provides a variety of services for the community, including basic, intermediate, remedial, and remote collar group training, private lessons, board & train programs, assistance dog training & certification, AKC® Canine Good Citizen testing, Pet First Aid classes, training supplies and toys, and boarding. See our website or contact us for details.

Happy Beginnings Rumba

Jill & Carl Kennon write, "Rumba continues to thrive and is the center of our lives. This summer, we went to the Memphis and Shelby County Humane Society Paw Prints Gala and Silent Auction and ended up with a portrait of Rumba. The artist, **Van M. Phillips**, really captured her spirit. He liked it so much – he has her displayed in his brochure and is using a scan of the portrait for other promotional pieces.



Rest assured – she's still working hard. She passes out candy to the kids every Halloween - still the hit of the neighborhood! She loves to get the mail every day and recycle weekly (she takes a milk jug to the recycle bin as put it on the curb... there is typically a game of milk jug soccer on the way! However – she always makes her deposit.) Thank you for everything you do and to all who were so important in Rumba's early years and responsible for making her the wonderful little gal that she is!

Spotlight Dog for Adoption



Hi, I'm **Rocker!** Have you read or seen *Marley & Me*? If you want those kinds of adventures, I'm your boy! I'm sweet and affection, playful and energetic, and I love to play fetch. I'll make a great walking/hiking/jogging partner. My soft fuzzy fur and charming personality will make you melt!



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66 Dogs Were Adopted Between August 1 & November 30!

Crating your New Dog

Tips for previously crate-trained dogs in transition
Visit our website for the complete article

#1 Adopt the crate when you adopt the dog. When an adopted dog recognizes and settles into a routine that includes his/her own space, s/he is better prepared to learn how to live in your space in the months and years to come.

#2 Bait the Crate. The idea is to make the crate the **ONLY** source of several things the dog loves: regular meals, favorite toys, treats and chewies. If the crate is the source--- the only source--- of all things wonderful (except time with you, of course!), you and the dog both win.

#3 Watchfully Ignore. This one can be tough! What to do when your dog's whining, barking or frantic in the crate? If you know the dog's needs for food, water, exercise and elimination were taken care of before crating, odds are your pooch is in testing mode. Try your best to ignore these attention-seeking behaviors. You can quietly acknowledge the dog once s/he settles down. Your dog should sit or remain calm while unlatching and then opening the door. Any charging is met by a shut crate door. The dog must be calm before the door is opened again.

Happy Beginnings Duffy

Steve Inkrot adopted Chocolate Lab Duffy, formerly Bandy, from Circle Tail. Duffy is now a Therapy Dog who visits 11 different places every 2 weeks with her canine sibling Gunny.



In the photo, Locust Corner third-grade students Madison Malicoat and Kayla Gilbert read to Duffy as part of the elementary school's reading dogs program. Read the entire article by journalist Michael Bradley in the Oct. 8 edition of the Clermont Sun.

TEAM TALK!

New Partnership

Jay, and In-Home Service Dog, Crane: After Jay's Service Dog Sonny died unexpectedly, Jay was partnered with in-home service dog Crane. Jay writes that "Crane is a 2 ½ year old Smooth Coated Collie with a noticeable increase in energy from my previous service dog, Sonny. He eagerly closes my front door and will bump the auto wheelchair door opener. He is a good companion and I enjoy his company."



In Memory of Sonny

Service Dog Sonny helped Jay with every day living: retrieval, opening and closing doors, and helping Jay stay independent. Jay writes, "We were extremely close. He was a big help. We spent only 30 minutes apart in 7 years. Everywhere we went, people told me what a pretty dog he is. I became very used to his presence."

February 1999 - August 2008



Service-Dog Cortez poses for a picture as he helps partner Amy in the fitting rooms during a recent shopping trip.

Circle Tail Team Featured on Wine Bottle!

Jane, and Hearing Dog, Sita: Dog Lovers Wine Club provides premium wine from Carivintâs Winery and celebrates the unique bond we have with dogs. Their November selection features Circle Tail team Jane and Hearing Dog Sita, who were partnered in 2007. The **2006 Sita and Jane Thanksgiving Red** will be sent to all the Dog Lovers Wine Club members in the country. Anyone can buy it, and if you designate Circle Tail as the affiliate, 10% of the profit will support Circle Tail dogs. Visit www.circletail.org to order.



Partner Update

Tina, and Service Dog, Stone: Tina and Stone were partnered in 2001. Tina writes, "This photo was taken on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. We had hiked to the top of a cliff for this amazing view. While in Nova Scotia we hiked on several trails described as "steep" and "difficult", an amazing accomplishment for me because when I got Stone, I was mostly in a wheel chair and could walk about a block.



This trip was chock full of those truly special times in life in which you take nothing for granted, you marvel at what you've been able to achieve and you are truly present and absorbed in the moment. In very many ways, it's all thanks to Stone and Circle Tail."

In memory of Luke



Luke, also affectionately known as Lukie-Duke, a 100-pound Akbash, was one of the original Circle Tail "therapy dogs". He went to various talks and demonstrations, and was most at home with children; letting swarms of little ones snuggle into his soft fur. He went quietly to meet Abby (his GSD housemate for 7 years) at the Rainbow Bridge on a sunny Saturday morning, surrounded by his loved ones. Luke's smile will be missed by many.

May 22, 1997 - September 13, 2008

Trainer's Tip: Keep up with routine pet care – it'll help your pet and save you money!

*Don't skip your pet's yearly exam. It's much more expensive
—and risky—to treat illnesses than to protect against them.*

Thank You to Jane Schroer!

Circle Tail's 1st Annual Golf Classic was a huge success thanks to Jane. We appreciate her dedication, hard work, and enthusiasm. We raised almost \$14,000 toward our new training & education center, our very first year.

Before the event was even over, she was thinking of ways to make 2009's even bigger and better!

The Sharon Woods Golf Course staff also deserve our thanks and praise – they went out of their way to ensure the service and atmosphere was ideal!



Marlys, Tracy, & Tollan take a ride in the golf cart at the 2008 Circle Tail Golf Classic.



Circle Tail, Inc. is a member of International Association of Assistance Dog Partners (IAADP)

Save the Date!

Circle Tail's 2nd Annual Golf Classic



Friday, September 18, 2009
Sharon Woods Golf Course
12:30 p.m.

Join us for golf, putting contest, raffle prizes, and dinner!

Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Help us Reach Our Goal!

Thank you to our supporters who've been using your **Kroger Neighborhood Rewards Program** cards to help the dogs of Circle Tail. Remember to use your card whenever you shop at Kroger. And if you don't yet have a Kroger Neighborhood Rewards card, contact us today to get one!

Holiday Wish List



We have an urgent need for **Chicken-based puppy and adult dog food, Bleach, Disinfectant Wipes, Paper Towels** and See our website for our complete list.



Want the joy of caring for a dog without the 15 year commitment? Contact us today about becoming a **foster family** – for a week, a month, a year...you choose!

A Big Tail Wag to our Young Volunteers!

Samantha Lawson

"A girlfriend and I had a birthday party and set up a display table for everyone to see. We asked that they make donations to Circle Tail instead of birthday presents. We collected over \$300 as well as we had food, cleaning stuff, etc. from Casey's collection efforts at her school.

Also, we have worked on Circle Tail's history book. We purchased several scrapbooks, sorted all the brochures/newspaper articles/letters, and filled two of the books completely. Mom, Jamie, Casey & I have all worked on the project. We have about 60 hours volunteered on the scrapbooks."

JoJo Arbenz

JoJo, a young volunteer who sold lemonade to raise funds for Circle Tail, wrote:

Dear Circle Tail,

I had a lemonade stand at the dog park. I sold dog biscuits too. To help the dog's. I got \$73.12 for the dogs.

*Love,
JoJo Arbenz*

PS. Dog's rock.

Hannah Broadright & Caroline Conway

Hannah & Caroline sold lemonade, snacks, and raffle tickets to benefit the dogs of Circle Tail. We and the Circle Tail dogs are grateful for the kindness and generosity of these young ladies.



Alison Mikolanis



Hi,
My name is Allison
Mikolanis.

In August, I had
an Art Fair for
all of my
neighborhood
friends.



We did crafts, and I sold my
own artwork so that I could
earn money to donate to
my favorite charities.



Please use this
money to help
dogs who need
help.



Seen & Heard Around Circle Tail...

🐾 Volunteer **Mike Kuntz** runs an animated light display at his house in Lebanon. When you get there, you can tune in to 95.9 FM to hear music and a voiceover promoting Circle Tail. The display will operate every evening from Thanksgiving through Christmas every evening.

🐾 Circle Tail got lots of publicity this fall! In September, reporter **Jessica Donnellon** came to Circle Tail for a story which aired on **Local 12** and the CW Network.



🐾 Marlys and volunteer Jane Schroer were featured on 2 radio shows: **Around Cincinnati on WVXU**, and **Sunday Morning Magazine**, on WKRQ, B105, 97.3 The Sound. For those who missed the shows, you can hear the audio recordings on our website.

🐾 The 2nd Annual Award Winning **Doggie Doo-Athlon and Festival** took place on September 6, where dogs ran and swam with their people. Circle Tail is honored to have been chosen as one of the beneficiaries of the proceeds.

🐾 In October, the **Xavier University Student Occupational Therapy Association** (XU SOTA) held a work day and cleared out Building 1, mopped floors, caught up on laundry, and walked dogs.

🐾 A work group from **Ethicon Endosurgery** came in October to help get the day use areas ready for winter. They fenced in play areas, put up tarps, and did some landscaping.

🐾 Volunteers Tracy and Jerri gave a presentation at **Lakeview United Church of Christ** Blessing of the Animals. Service dogs in training Pierre and Dara (pictured below) impressed them so much, the church group donated some of the proceeds from their play, *Your a Good Man Charlie Brown*, to Circle Tail!



Assistance Dog Club of Circle Tail

Membership to the **Assistance Dog Club (ADC)** of Circle Tail is open to Assistance Dog Teams in the tri-state area, whether trained through Circle Tail or not. Visit the ADC website for information on joining the club and to learn about upcoming events and outings at www.circletail.org.

The ADC concentrated on public outings this fall:

🐾 October's outing was at **Bass Pro Shops**, with 11 assistance dog teams and 7 foster families attending. 7 teams passed the Public Access Test (PAT). Congratulations to those who passed:

Circle Tail Teams:

Amy and service dog Cortez
Mary and service dog Haven
Juanita and hearing dog Hinkle
Brad and hearing dog Stubbs
Gayle and service dog Kedar

Owner trained teams:

Denise and service/hearing dog Bandit
Marcia and service dog Max

AKC® Canine Good Citizen Test passed:

Juanita and hearing dog Hinkle
Brad and hearing dog Stubbs

🐾 Also congrats to assistance dog team **Marlene & Coda** who passed the PAT and AKC® Canine Good Citizen Test in September.

🐾 November's outing was at the **Dayton International Airport**, where 18 people and 17 dogs learned about traveling with an assistance dog, and practiced going through security checkpoints and boarding a plane with their dogs. Thank you to **Sgt. Ted Priest**, EOD K-9 Supervisor, and his colleagues for arranging this valuable experience.



To All Our Generous Donors – Our Deepest 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, and all the dogs and puppies at our facility. Below are contributions from *August 1 through November 30, 2008*. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.



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Circle Tail's Wall of Sharing

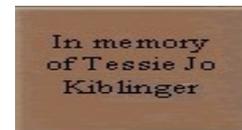
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Donate a commemorative tile for a friend or loved one, and, of course, your dog!

Tiles can be customized with your name, and or/any message you'd like.

Tiles are \$100

(It's tax deductible!)



Sample Inscription

Yes! I want a Tile!

Please complete a separate form for each tile. Attach check for \$100 per tile payable to Circle Tail & mail form to: Circle Tail, 8834 Carey Lane, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Choose a message of 1, 2 or 3 lines in length (no difference in cost) and up to 20 characters per line. (Our engraver automatically centers each line.) Each box should contain no more than one letter or punctuation mark. Leave a blank box to indicate a space between words. You may use upper and lower case letters. Please print neatly.

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Questions? Contact Jackie at (513) 877-3325 or info@circletail.org

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Send acknowledgement to _____

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Full Circle:

**The Campaign to Achieve
Circle Tail's Full Potential**

Enclosed is my donation of

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