



“Partners with Paws for People with Special Needs”

# The Circle Tail Times

## Mark Your Calendar!



**PetSavers  
Pet First Aid /  
CPR Course**  
will be held at  
Kennel  
Resorts in  
Milford on  
Sunday,  
December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
from 12 – 4  
p.m. Call 513-  
877-3325 or e-  
mail  
training@  
circletail.org to  
sign up.

## 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.

## A Message from the Executive Director...

As we approach winter and the holiday season, pet safety and personal safety come to the front of my mind. Without careful planning, the holidays can pose many dangers for our pets; from unsafe decorations, to foods and plants that are toxic, to the stress of numerous house guests. With shorter days, more time is spent walking our dogs in the cold and the dark. Safety precautions need to be taken to keep ourselves and our pets safe while staying in shape. In this issue of the Circle Tail Times, we have helpful tips to keep you and your pet safe through the winter and holiday season. You also might want to enroll in one of our Pet First Aid classes to further your knowledge of keeping your pet safe and healthy.

Happy reading, Happy Holidays.

*Stay warm and safe till next time,  
Marlys & Aztec*



## Ask Dear Aztec

*Advice for you and your pet...*

**Dear Aztec,**

My wife and I have been discussing the pro's and con's of getting our 6 month old Labrador Retriever, Frankie, microchipped. Are you microchipped? Does it hurt? Are they safe? What are the benefits of having our pet microchipped?

*Tom & Nancy, Greensburg, OH*

**Dear Tom & Nancy,**

First, microchips are a small (about the size of a grain of rice) chip with a unique ID number, that is implanted between the shoulder blades of your pet. They have been around for years and are very safe. They used to migrate some from the area, but now that problem is resolved and the only precaution is that you minimize Frankie's activity for 24 hours after the chip is implanted. The chip number is registered in a national data base with Frankie and your information, so that if Frankie ever gets lost, he can be reunited with you quickly.

So, microchipping is a safe way to ensure that Frankie finds his way home if lost, even if his collar comes off. You can contact your veterinarian or Circle Tail for more information on microchipping your pet.

And yes, I am microchipped! And yes it hurt a little...but then again, I am a German Shepherd Dog. Frankie, being a lab, won't even know he was chipped (especially if he gets a food reward afterwards!).

## Prepare Yourself – Tips for Emergency & Disaster Relief

- Visit [www.nod.org/emergency](http://www.nod.org/emergency) for a pamphlet on disaster readiness tips for owners of pets and service animals, and people with disabilities.
- Be Ready: Create an Animal Ready Kit and a Go Bag, with necessary supplies to sustain your pet or service animal for a week or more.

**"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened" - Anatole France**

**"Tails From the Inside":  
Circle Tail: In & Out**

By Cindy Sanders

"Circle Tail has been at the Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW) since October of 2003. I have been an animal handler for Circle Tail since that time, but now I am about to be paroled. Throughout my seventeen years of incarceration, I've been involved with many animal and dog programs and never once thought about remaining involved with those groups outside of an institutional setting. Thanks to Circle Tail and Calvo, all that has changed.

In ORW, Circle Tail dogs have offered me unconditional love and extreme responsibility. Each dog encouraged me to make him or her the best that they could be. I was able to watch Calvo go from a scared, unsocialized dog with no basic obedience, to the blossomed wonderful Demo Dog that she is today, earning her the name "Queen Calvo". It is such a sense of accomplishment, knowing I aided in the process. By the same token, any dog that I've helped to train that finds its perfect home or becomes partnered as a service dog triggers the same sense of pride. It all comes down to giving someone else what they need in their lives.

Along the way there are many memories: Calvo trying to sneak a Burger King Whopper sandwich off the kennel, but not getting much because she took the time to open the wrappers; Ona, the German Shepherd puppy, one day doing everything perfectly that we had worked so hard to learn; Calvo teaching Figg how to take off a person's socks; Jammer aiding me while I was in a wheelchair with broken legs; and so many more that I could probably write a book!

Through the good and bad times and challenges along the way, I remained driven to allow each dog to reach their potential.

As the time grows nearer for me to leave ORW, I am saddened and excited at the same time. For OUT of ORW, I will still be involved with Circle Tail as a volunteer and foster. I will be able to do so much more for the program and the dogs while creating so many new memories to add to the others I have stored.

Thank you Circle Tail for all the wonderful experiences and for those to come for everyone IN & OUT!

**Cold weather can breed hazards  
for your pets!**

**Antifreeze:** Antifreeze has a sweet taste that dogs and cats like – if they find antifreeze, they will likely drink it. Even a small amount of antifreeze can cause fatal kidney failure. You may consider buying propylene glycol based antifreeze, which is less toxic than the ethylene glycol based antifreezes.

**Salt and De-icer:** Besides the dangers of walking in icy conditions, salt or other deicers on roads and sidewalks may also harm your pet's feet. Thoroughly wipe your dog's legs and belly when s/he comes in from the sleet, snow, or ice. You can also buy pet-safe deicers like Safe Paw™ rather than traditional ice melters.

**Shed Those Holiday Pounds By  
Walking Homeless Hounds!**

**Do you tend to overdo it a bit during the holiday season? Visit the Circle Tail dogs and get fresh air, and exercise – for you and a dog in need!**

***"Come to  
Circle Tail  
and take me  
for a walk –  
it'll be good  
for both of  
us!"***



***Cold Weather Tip:***  
*Make sure your  
companion animal  
has a warm place to  
sleep, off the floor  
and away from drafts.*



*"Queen Calvo"  
with her toy*

## 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, training supplies and toys, and boarding. See our website or contact us for details.

### Assistance Dog Club of Circle Tail

*The Assistance Dog Club (ADC) of Circle Tail had some great educational and fun events!*

#### **Second annual airport outing a success!**

On Saturday Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, the ADC held their second annual airport outing at the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Airport. 5 assistance dog teams and 7 assistance dogs in training with community trainers participated in the event. The group took the parking shuttle to ticketing, went through security with their dogs, practiced on the moving sidewalks and escalators, rode the trams and shuttles to Concourses B and C, and even had the opportunity to board a plane...where some teams figured out that it's impossible to fit them and their dogs in the airplane bathroom!!

Thanks to the wonderful TSA employees: Curtis "Bob" Burns STSO; Michell Curriel LTSO; Alan Russell LTSO; and Bill Lewis, Customer Support & Quality Manager. We also thank the Delta employees: Tom Helmis, Lead Customer Service Agent; Kit Palmer; Jim Palmer; and Jeannie Bretshneider. These people came in on their day off to make this a truly outstanding event!

#### **Disaster Drill at Great American Ball Park**

As four explosions rocked the Great American Ball Park in downtown Cincinnati, three brave assistance dogs and one dog in training calmly accompanied their partners to safety. Despite the chaos of the SWAT Team, military, police, fire and EMS, screaming volunteer victims, and an abundance of smoke, these intrepid dogs maintained their professionalism, serving their partners in every way possible.

September 30 was an exciting opportunity to test the abilities of **Isis and partner Catherine Lamb, Cortez and partner Amy Hoh, Vickie and partner Barb Burton** and assistance dog in training **Tristen and foster mom Marlene K. Wilson**. The courageous canines put up with a very long day of chaos and boredom and a great deal of walking as their humans were triaged, evacuated and medically evaluated. Cortez even went through the chemical/radiation decontamination process with Amy's husband, Ken.

Visit the ADC website for information on joining the club and to learn about upcoming events and outings at [www.circletail.org](http://www.circletail.org).



### Foster Family Focus

*Donna McClughen*



*Foster Dog, Antiaua*

"My three daughters (ages 16, 18, and 20) and I have all learned a lot from fostering. We started fostering dogs for two reasons: 1) one of my daughters had always wanted a large dog, and 2) I have a degenerative eye disease, which means I may need a service dog myself someday. I have never had a big dog and am not a "dog person" at all. So my daughter and I decided this would be a good way to "try out" having a large dog.

The first dog I brought home was Nook, a 75 pound lab mix. Nook turned out to be a huge, sweet baby and my fear of large dogs began to wane.

The dog we have now is Antigua. One evening I was walking her around the neighborhood and I fell, dropping the leash. I was sure she'd dart off and I'd have to deal with trying to find her as well as taking care of my own injuries from the fall. However, when I looked up she was just standing there looking at me. It was so sweet.

It's been really fun to see all the dogs interact with our own dogs and cats. I've learned to appreciate how different and special each dog is. I'm still not a great dog handler and probably never will be, but I have become a great dog appreciator. I know if I ever have to have an assistance dog, we'll do just fine.

My favorite part has been getting to know the dogs and learning to appreciate each one. I love seeing them adjust to us and then grow as they learn to respond to commands, etc. And I really love it when the shelter dogs go to good homes. I've gotten to meet a few families who were thrilled to be getting dogs that we had fostered and had come to love and appreciate.

## TEAM TALK!

### New Assistance Dog Team Partnerships

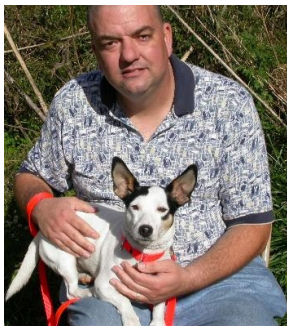
In October, 2 assistance dog teams completed their initial partner training program. The teams came to Circle Tail for 3 full days of intensive training including lecture, demonstrations, reading assignments and videos. On the second day of training, the dogs were paired up with the individuals and hands on training began for the recipients. Following the 3 day program, the teams returned to Circle Tail two additional days the following week and then weekly after that through the end of November.

The following teams participated in the Fall Training Partnership Program:

**Marjolein**, from Loveland, OH, with 2½-year-old German Shepherd Dog, **Mingo**



**Brad**, from Lynchburg, OH, with 3-year-old Jack Russell Terrier mix, **Stubbs**



### **Cold Weather Tip:**

**Wear Reflective Clothing:** Make sure you and your dog can be easily seen when walking in the dark. Reflective collars & leashes, reflective tags, and blinking lights that attach to your dog's collar can be purchased at pet supply stores and will help keep you and your dog safe.

### Facility Dog, Ginto

Ginto, a 4-year-old Golden Retriever, was adopted in October as a facility dog at the Cape May Retirement Village in Wilmington, OH. According to employee Sarah Boehle, "Ginto is working out BEAUTIFULLY! I told someone last week that if you brought 15 more dogs just like him, we'd all take one home tonight! Our residents love him, and he has brought lots of smiles to many faces. Everyone has fallen in love with him! Our staff members have been very supportive, and Ginto goes with them from room to room to visit many of the residents as they provide their daily care. We've been to the vet, and she thought Ginto was wonderful too! We have all become huge Circle Tail fans, and we tell everyone about your great organization!"

### Partner Updates

**Bethany & Service Dog, Chester:** "Chester continues to do very well. We have a container with a handle that I keep his cookies in. Whenever Chester does something good, I tell him to go get his cookies. He goes trotting off and returns with the jar in his mouth. Then, smart dog that he is, a few weeks ago he began to do something a little different. Now he doesn't wait to be told! If he does something like pick up a piece of paper and throws it into the trash can, he then shows up a few seconds later, jar in mouth, tail wagging, with big puppy eyes, saying 'Look what I did!' All this without a word from me! He truly makes me laugh and is a joy each and every day."

**Amy & Service Dog, Cortez:** "Cortez has absolutely become the love of my life. In the short time we have been together, I feel like we really click. One night I was working with Cortez on retrieving different items; he was so excited and so eager to please. I had the cable remote, DVD remote, and the phone on the living room floor. I would tell him which one I wanted, he would give it to me, and I would give him affirmation and a treat. He started to anticipate my requests, and before I could say something, he would give me what he thought I wanted. Now mind you, the cat was also lying on the floor watching this dumb dog work for food. I told Cortez to give me the phone and he started to pick up the remote. I said 'aaaa' (his correction cue), but he thought I said 'cat'. So he reached down and tried to pick up the cat...and she took off!"

## 69 Dogs Were Adopted Between August 1 & October 31, 2006!

### Volunteer Spotlight

*Chiaki & Nick Fanelli*

During the summer of 2001, Chiaki was living in Japan with her beautiful Labrador retriever, Love. She saw a documentary about service dog training in the United States and decided that she wanted to learn more, so she came to the US in 2003.

After working with another service dog organization, Chiaki started volunteering at Circle Tail in October 2005. She walked dogs, washed dishes, did laundry, and helped with feeding and kennel work. Chiaki soon started assisting with obedience classes, dog evaluations, service dog training, and demonstrations.

Because Chiaki did not have a driver's license, Nick Fanelli volunteered to become Chiaki's driver to Circle Tail. Since Nick would wait for her at Circle Tail, he decided to volunteer also. His jobs included mowing the grass, mending fences and other building maintenance.

The drives from Beavercreek, OH to Circle Tail and back were long, but Chiaki and Nick used the time well. They got to know each other, eventually falling in love. They traveled to Japan in April, where Chiaki's father and her dog, Love, gave their blessing to their marriage. While Chiaki stayed in Japan to await approval from immigration service, Nick continued to volunteer at Circle Tail during the summer. Chiaki returned to the US in October, and they were married on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chiaki now volunteers many hours a week helping with service dog training and wherever possible. Nick is helping with the new training center and has recently become a member of the board.



*Volunteers  
Chiaki & Nick*

*Always keep a collar and ID tag on your pet. Microchipping, in which a microchip with a specific identification number is implanted, is also recommended, in case your pet loses his/her collar. Circle Tail provides this service for \$25, or your veterinarian can do it too.*

### Spotlight Dog for Adoption



Hi, I'm Salers, a sweet 2 year old, 33 pound Cattle Dog mix! I like to play and be active, plus I love to snuggle! I'd love to lay my head in your lap after a nice, brisk walk. Give me a rawhide bone to chew, and I'm in heaven!

I can be a bit shy at first, but I've come so far already, and becoming more and more extroverted every day! If you've got a playful dog at home, I'd love to be their new playmate! All these great personality traits, plus I'm house trained and have good house manners to boot!

### Happy Beginnings

#### **Smokey**

Smokey, one of Wren's pups, reports, "I have been really busy these days, playing with my cousin Spencer, taking car rides with my Dad, visiting my sister in Tennessee, heading to the ballpark to watch some baseball games, and staying home cuddling with my Mom. Needless to say, I am very spoiled and wouldn't have it any other way!



#### **Buddy (f.k.a. Bugle)**

Buddy is doing great! He's a little shy but is getting used to his new home. And he looks very handsome in his 'kerchief!

## Seen & Heard Around Circle Tail...

- Circle Tail held our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic** in October. Thanks to all who attended, and to all our volunteers for your hard work!



- The Arts with a Heart Adopt-a-thon was held Sunday, October 15 at the **Baker-Hunt Art & Cultural Center** in Covington, KY, sponsored by the United Coalition for Animals (UCAN). Congrats to **Norse**, a Cattle Dog mix puppy, who not only got to be on TV, but was adopted by a couple who visited our booth!
- The second annual **Barktoberfest and Dog Jog** was held October 21 and 22, and Circle Tail volunteers and their dogs staffed an education booth to promote the services offered by Circle Tail. The event, which features a 2-mile run around the River Downs Race Track, benefits area animal rescue groups. We hope to see you there next fall!
- On Sunday, Sept. 10, Circle Tail volunteers gave a presentation on therapy dogs to kids in grades K – 8 at **Temple Shalom**. The topic was “Saving Lives”; while therapy dogs may not save lives, they undoubtedly help people recuperate, and have positive health benefits to those they visit.
- Circle Tail volunteers staffed an educational booth at the **Mason Heritage Festival** on Saturday, August 26. These events help raise awareness of the function and importance of assistance dogs, as well as get the word out about the services Circle Tail offers to our community.
- About 13 people from the **GE Elfun** volunteer group showed up to Circle Tail on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with their work boots on. They spent the day fencing in off-leash play areas for the dogs, and cleaning and sanitizing the buildings that house the dogs at night. Volunteers also gave the Circle Tail dogs some much appreciated loving, exercise, and grooming. Thanks to all the GE volunteers who dedicated their time to helping the dogs of Circle Tail!

**DeLong-Sweet Foundation** has awarded Circle Tail a generous grant for the sponsorship of an assistance dog team in Northern Ohio, and for some puppy enrichment equipment, including playground sets made to help socialize puppies and build their confidence.

The DeLong-Sweet Foundation has been a vital supporter of the Circle Tail programs for years. We and the dogs of Circle Tail extend a huge **Thank You!**



### **Cold Weather Tip:**

*Keep a blanket and flashlight in your car, to keep you and your pet safe should something happen. And just like the car can get too hot in the summer, be careful not to leave your dog outside or in the car too long in the cold either.*



*Norse found his new home at the “Arts with a Heart” Adopt-a-thon!*

### **Holiday Safety Tip:**

Avoid spending a holiday night at the vet’s with a sick pet by resisting the urge to feed your pet all the goodies you enjoy! Your pet’s GI system is sensitive and can’t handle rich, fatty, or spicy foods. A small piece of turkey added to your pet’s food will allow you to share the holiday experience with your pet, while keeping him/her healthy!

### **Share Your Pet Tales!**

Has there been a special dog in your life you just HAVE to brag about? Submit your story, and we may feature it in our next newsletter! E-mail to [info@circletail.org](mailto:info@circletail.org) or snail-mail to 8834 Carey Lane, Pleasant Plain, OH 45162. Don’t forget to include pictures!



## 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, facility dogs, therapy dogs, and the animals at the shelter. Below are contributions from August 1 through October 31, 2006. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.



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### Memorial Gifts

#### *In loving memory*

In loving memory of **Cody**,  
beloved Golden Retriever of  
Vicki Darden, by  
Tom Fogarty

In loving memory of **Helen  
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Stephanie, Reed, &  
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### *Update on Team Starter Totes*

A total of \$2220, donated in loving memory of **Abby**, was raised for Assistance Dog Team Starter Totes. These totes are given to recipients, filled with start-up supplies such as a collar with ID tag, leash, toy, assistance dog vest or harness, grooming supplies heartworm and flea/tick control, 1 month supply of food, membership in the International Association of Assistance Dog Partners, and more. These totes cost Circle Tail approximately \$350. Donations in memory of Abby will allow for **6 teams** to begin their new assistance dog partnership with less financial worries.

### Celebration Gifts

#### *In honor*

In honor of **Rulon's 5<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday**, by  
Todd, Jules, & Simon  
Brugel

In honor of **Jakes's 5 Year  
Adoption Anniversary**, by  
Jennifer E. Hauser

In honor of **Dr. James  
Huprich's Birthday**, by  
Melissa Watson



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### **Wish List**

We are mostly in need of **trash bags** and **paper towels**. The Circle Tail dogs would also LOVE some biscuits (hard treats as well as soft training treats). With all the cleaning that is done, we use a lot of Clorox wipes and bleach too! Other items include Sensitive Stomach Dog Food, **Dry and Canned Cat Food** for our resident cats, sponge mops, and airline-style dog crates. See our website for our complete list.

**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.*

**Enclosed is my gift of:** (checks should be made payable to Circle Tail, Inc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25    \_\_\_\_\_ \$50    \_\_\_\_\_ \$100    \_\_\_\_\_ \$500

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$2000 – Inmate/dog team sponsorship. Provides financial support for a dog/puppy in training during his/her first year with Circle Tail.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$8000 - 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.

*Please send me more information on:*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Receiving an Assistance Dog
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fostering a Puppy or dog
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Opportunities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring an Inmate/Puppy Team
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