

The Circle Tail Times

Partners with Paws for People with Special Needs

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Summer 2004



Mark Your Calendars!

6 Week Obedience Classes

Basic: Saturday July 31, 11:15 a.m.

Remedial Obedience Classes

- o Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- o Every Saturday at 12:30 p.m.
- o Cost is \$3 per class

Contact Circle Tail at (513) 877-3325 or circletail@prodigy.net for more information on our obedience classes.

₩ DogFest 2004

Saturday, August 21, 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Brown County Animal Shelter in Georgetown, Ohio. Circle Tail will have a booth, so join us for the 4th annual wiener dog race plus all breed contests, food, vendors, raffles, and much more!

M PAWS Network Meeting

Sunday, July 18 from 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday, September 18 from 1 – 3 p.m. Contact Circle Tail for location and directions.

A Message From the Executive Director

I was watching a stand up comedian the other night and he did a routine about cats and dogs. He started out, "I don't like cats. You can leave for a weekend and when you come home you have to find them. You call 'kitty, kitty, I'm home', and they are in an upstairs windowsill lounging and are thinking, 'so what, so am I'. On the other hand, you go to take the trash out and come back in and the dog is so excited s/he can't stop wagging his/her tail, 'where have you been, you've been gone so long, I have no perception of time and it seems like you were gone a week, oh my goodness, don't leave me for that long.....'" Aren't dogs great??

At Circle Tail, we are trying to make life better for our great dogs and better for your great pet dog. We have completed the outdoor parts of our 16 outdoor/indoor runs and are beginning work on the indoor sections, where the buildings the dogs sleep in now have air conditioning. If you are planning a business trip or vacation, consider boarding your dog at Circle Tail. Your pup may be a little more tired from hanging out at "Camp Circle Tail", but it will be from too much play time!

In addition to basic and intermediate obedience classes, Circle Tail also now has remedial obedience classes for you and your pet. Every Tuesday at 6:30 and Saturday at 12:30 people and dogs get together at Circle Tail to "work out". We do a variety of activities including basic obedience and agility. Sometimes we play games, but we always have fun. It's a good way to increase your dog's socialization and manners around other people and their dogs. Class is open to any dog who knows some basic obedience and only costs \$3 a class.

Of course, all the activities at Circle Tail, including the kennel upgrades, wouldn't be possible without the help of great volunteers. If you can spare a couple hours a month, you can make a difference in the life of a dog at Circle Tail. Whether it's cutting brush to make better walking trails, exercising and socializing the puppies or dogs, or washing some dishes and toys, your volunteer hours are important to all of us at Circle Tail. So, call or email us for more information on volunteer opportunities that work for you and be sure to let us know how we can make your volunteer experience rewarding.

By the way, we also have great cats at Circle Tail who will be glad to see you too!!

- Marlys

Board of Directors News

Tina Haney resigned from the Board of Directors in June. A member since August 2000, Tina has been instrumental in getting much needed dog food donations from area stores, and serves as our resident extrovert! She has also fostered a number of shelter dogs in our program and has worked hard to find homes for them. We truly appreciate her support and dedication to the dogs of Circle Tail. Though no longer on the Board of Directors, Tina hopes to continue her volunteer work.

Circle Tail Summer 2004 Events & News



Circle Tail volunteers continued to increase awareness of Circle Tail and the importance of assistance dogs.

- & Circle Tail volunteers gave presentations on the functions of Assistance Dogs to several groups, including the Brain Injury Support Group of Clermont County and the Mason Rotary Club.
- & Circle Tail was honored to participate with an educational booth at the **Deaf/Hard of Hearing Health Fair** on April 17. The health fair featured deaf entertainer CJ Jones and topics such as mental health issues, rights, communications technology and more.
- & Girl Scout Troop #3511 came out to Circle Tail in April to play with puppies and socialize dogs. The girls had a lot of fun and the dogs really appreciated the extra lovin!
- Volunteers from Circle Tail gave a presentation for the Ohio Department of Corrections "take your child to work day", where parents and children learned what an Assistance Dog does for his/her partner.
- & On May 6, **Barb Burton and Assistance Dog, Vickie** gave an ASL demonstration to Sycamore High School students on how a Signal Dog can help someone with a hearing impairment.
- & The **North East Welcomers** invited Marlys to give a demonstration to the group in May, and awarded Circle Tail a generous grant to help with our Assistance Dog training program.
- & Also in May, Circle Tail volunteers attended the North College Hill Pet Clinic Pet Health Fair and the Otterbein Retirement Center Health Fair to educate attendees on the importance of Assistance Dogs.
- & West Chester teens attended a **Puppy Party** to raise money for the programs of Circle Tail. The girls got to play with puppies while benefiting the Circle Tail dogs all at the same time! Be sure to read about it in this issue of the newsletter!

Cincinnati State Students Make Circle Tail Video

Team members of the Idea Factory from Cincinnati State developed an informative 9-minute video showing the programs of Circle Tail and how Assistance Dogs help their partners. They did an excellent job portraying the organization and we are extremely impressed with the professional-quality results. The video will be used at our educational booths, demonstrations, and volunteer orientations. The group also redesigned our letterhead, business cards, and one of our brochures. Circle Tail thanks the dedicated individuals who made the video:

Dave Killen - Faculty Coordinator
Lisa Romie - Technical Writing
Brad Growe - Audio/Video Productions
Judy Zirklebach - Audio/Video Productions
Cheri Davis - Graphic Design
Lisa Deters - Graphic Design
John First - Graphic Design

Circle Tail Gets New Wheels - Thanks Rallye Motors!

After logging over 30,000 miles a year, we were in need of a new van to safely and comfortably transport the dogs. We want to extend a special thanks to *Ralph & Joan Crawford* of **Rallye Motors**, who searched for the perfect van for us, made a generous contribution to the van fund, and arranged for our new 2001 Ford Windstar at an unbeatable price.

Thanks also to the **DeLong-Sweet Foundation** for their sizable grant for the van, and to everyone who contributed to the van fund: the Bahmann Foundation, Angie DelGreco, and the Mahoning-Shenango Kennel Club.





Puppy Party!

Mokie

In order to raise money to benefit Circle Tail, two West Chester teens, Colleen Miller and Ashley Ulm, hosted a puppy party on May 22. The format was very relaxing: puppies to pet, a demo on assistance dogs given by Marlys, and lots of food, drink and hanging out with friends afterwards! About 20 gals & guys from the West Chester area attended the party, but donations also came in from some who couldn't make the party. Everyone did a great job and raised over \$500 to be used toward a new shelter building to house rescued pregnant dogs and their new litter of puppies. Special thanks also go to Kathleen Miller for volunteering her home for the party, and to Kathleen and Cathy Snider who provided food, drink, and desserts for the party! All had a great time plaving with the puppies and Mokie (who made a special guest appearance) was a hit as well!

Summer Safety Tip:



Prevent your dog from hanging his or her head out of a moving car or truck window when going for a ride. Bugs, small pebbles and other debris can injure the eyes, and s/he is also at risk of jumping out of the vehicle. There is also the risk of closing automatic car windows while your dog is hanging his or her head out of the car window.

Lams Grant Received!

The I ams Company awarded Circle Tail a generous grant in support of Circle Tail's Assistance Dog program. The grant will provide full training and partnering of two Assistance Dog Teams. I ams will also continue to provide quality food for approximately 45 Assistance Dogs in training. We appreciate I ams' support throughout the years and we would not be where we are without their generous contributions.

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 Brinkmann - Chablis
Tracy Desch - Tango, Nixa, Maise
Chris & Phyllis Frebis - Seren, Yahtzee
Emily Garifalos - Nugget, Kuehe, various shelter dogs and puppies
Guy Guckenberger - Nick, Nixa
Leanne Hurst - Seren, Asia, various shelter puppies
Erin James - Speedo
Maureen May & Jason Jones - Enya, Reco
Janice Monroe - Euchre
Jody Sasthav - Link
Lois Schrantz - Zeno, Maise, Sophia, Chaya, Tango
Tracy Schwing - Kajsa, Chablis, Danke
Marlys Staley - Kajsa, Asia, Reco
Theresa Underwood - Speedo, Rookie, Caddy, Dag

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.

Training Tip

Make play time a fun time for both you and your dog by establishing some ground rules.



- Keep rough-housing to a minimum. Your dog may think there are no boundaries for playtime and may have difficulty being calm around people or other dogs. If your dog becomes unruly or hyperactive, end the game immediately.
- Don't confuse your dog by allowing him to play with objects that are usually prohibited, such as socks or shoes.

We Need Training Wheels!

Circle Tail is in need of a **lightweight wheelchair** to use during training, so the service dogs in training can practice their skills out in public. Please contact us at if you would like to donate one.

Foster Family Focus

Theresa Underwood: Theresa has been a Circle Tail volunteer and foster family for three years. She volunteers during Petsmart Adoption days, performs adoption "home check-ins" and follow-up interviews, assists in raising puppy litters when needed and educates new potential foster families.

Theresa enjoys socializing and training young Circle Tail pups who are in training for potential service work. She enjoys reinforcing what the dogs have learned in their training at the correctional facilities and helping the dogs apply training to in-home situations. Theresa and her family, husband Rick and daughter Sarah, have fostered Onyx, Dag, Rookie, Speedo, Caddy, Zugs and Rysy. Theresa and Rick's own six dogs have learned to welcome the new dogs and greatly enjoy meeting and sharing their home with each foster dog. Ask Theresa what the best part of fostering is and she'll tell you it's an easy two part answer: the first is the joy of watching and helping a dog develop in his/her training, the second is the warm hugs and snuggles given by the foster dogs!



Health Corner

Know the Signs of Heat Stroke in Your Dog

Heat stroke poses a danger to our pets during the hot summer months. Be sure you recognize the warning signs. Early stages include heavy panting, rapid breathing, excessive drooling, bright red gums and tongue, standing 4-square, posting or spreading out in an attempt to maintain balance. Advanced Stages include white or blue gums, lethargy, unwillingness to move, uncontrollable urination or defecation, labored, noisy breathing, or shock. If your dog begins to exhibit signs of heatstroke, you should immediately try to cool the dog down by applying cold compresses, spraying with cool water, and moving them to shade or air conditioning. If you begin to see signs of advanced heatstroke, take the dog to the vet immediately.

Happy Beginnings

Sills

After spending close to a year as a Circle Tail shelter dog, Sills finally got the loving home she deserves. She loves to run around her yard – when she isn't out there, she can often be found looking out the door or window. She loves to chase anything that moves, whether it's a squirrel, bird, or bunny!



Spotlight Dog

Hi, I'm **Domino**, a very sweet black lab / flat-coated retriever mix born October 20, 2003. I'm a lover boy and am very devoted and loyal. I'm fine with other dogs and cats. I would be a great walking partner and snuggle buddy. I'm house trained and know some basic obedience. I've been waiting a while for my new home, and I'll be so happy if you choose me, I'll make sure you're happy with me!



Volunteer Spotlight

Our volunteer spotlight shines on **Emily Garafalos!** Emily started coming to Circle Tail obedience classes in December of 2002 with her dog, Rocco, then 4 months old. Emily started staying after class and volunteering to walk dogs and socialize puppies. She also serves as a foster family, mostly fostering puppies or submissive pee-ers. Emily makes trips to pick up dogs from area shelters, and has recently fostered two dogs going into the service program. She enjoys spending time out at Circle Tail and says nothing makes you feel better than the dogs being excited to see you.

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. We welcome and thank our newest spring & summer volunteers:

Lila Polon Karina Cacchione Amanda & Ann Kleintop Kelly Marino





Calling All Volunteers!

Volunteers are greatly 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!

Animal Adoptions!

Following are the winter & spring adoptions, from 12/1/03 - 6/30/04:

Boo	Greta	Alvin
Merc	Macey	Thea
Piniella	Romney	Simone
Dibble	Poppy	Tundra
Oliver	Amber	Juneau
Oester	Santiago	Anchorage
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Sills	Rojah	Phoebe
Bacca	Amber	Faygo
Snow	Lex	Kona
Jasper	Bracken	Danke
Calvin	Beemer	

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 & pens moving and send your pictures & stories to circletail@prodigy.net.

Wish List

We are in urgent need of Chlorox, paper towels, 13 and 33 gallon trash bags, hay for the llama and goats, 6' leashes, puppy toys and hard rubber chew toys for the adult dogs. See our website for a complete list of needed items. You can drop these items off at Circle Tail or we will be happy to send a volunteer to pick them up.

TEAM TALK!



Team Training

The spring team training session was held the first week of April in which 2 teams were partnered and 1 team received training to be partnered in May.

- & <u>Chris, and Service Dog, Guinness</u>: Guinness is a 2 year old black lab donated by a private individual. She received her training at the Ross Correctional Facility and periodically returned to a foster family in Cincinnati to work on her "in public" skills. Guinness helps Chris by retrieving anything he needs. She goes everywhere with him, learning about computers at Cincinnati State and helping him at his job. Chris is enjoying her help, friendship and company!
- Justin, and Service Dog, Smudge: Smudge is a 2 year old Cockapoo donated by a private individual. He received his training at Ross and London Correctional Facilities and periodically returned to a foster family in Cincinnati to work on his "in public" skills. Smudge and Justin live in North Carolina, where Smudge helps when Justin needs comfort and companionship, and can retrieve items when needed. He accompanies Justin everywhere she goes. His favorite time at work with her is their "lunch bunch", where he hangs out and enjoys a relaxing snooze with his mom's coworkers. He has been the perfect gentleman everywhere they go, and the staff at her local grocery store always want her to pick him up so they can see him better since he is the cutest customer they have!! Smudge loves a game of fly-fishing where he can fetch his stuffed fish.... over and over and over!
- Gayle, and Service Dog, Asia: Gayle participated in the training session in April and was partnered in May with Asia, an 18 month old Golden Retriever donated by a private individual. Asia is young to be partnered but has all her skills and just needs practice. Gayle's previous service dog was ready for retirement, so Gayle is fostering Asia while she practices her skills in public until she is ready to be Gayle's full-fledged Service Dog. Asia already retrieves items, pushes handicap assistance buttons, and opens and closes doors in the house. Young, energetic Asia is a change of pace for Gayle, whose previous dog was older and calmer! Asia and Gayle are bonding, and Gayle reports that she is very pleased with Asia's progress.



Facility Dogs

- 2 Therapy Dogs were partnered this spring and summer.
- Facility Dog, Schaeffer: Schaeffer, or Schay as she's called, a 4 year old black lab, began her new job as a Therapy Dog at Bethany Lutheran Village in Centerville, Ohio in April. Schaeffer has her own room with her own sleeping pad, just down the hall from the residents. She resides in the Cascade skilled care unit of the Linden House at Bethany and visits residents throughout the day, receiving pets and hugs. With her docile demeanor, Schaeffer quickly won everyone over!
- Facility Dog, Sophia: Sophia, a 6 year old black lab donated by a private individual, was partnered as a Facility Dog at St. Leonard retirement community in Centerville, Ohio in June. She was an instant hit with residents and staff alike. The staff adores her and enjoys taking turns taking care of her, while the residents shower her with lots of love! Look for updates in future newsletters and on our website!

Partnership Update

Barb and Signal/Service Dog, Vickie: "Vickie is a wonderful friend and partner, helping me with retrieval and signaling. She opens cabinet doors and drawers to help me while I'm getting dressed or when I'm cooking. Vickie is great at letting me know the phone is ringing or someone is at the door. At the end of the CPR classes I teach, Vickie picks up the mats the students kneel on, keeping me from having to bend down eight more times. Vickie has become an avid traveler, accompanying me to Atlanta, Baton Rouge, Washington, D.C., New Orleans, and St. Augustine. She's a whiz at settling in on airplanes, in streetcars, busses and taxis. She's demonstrated a definite preference for nicer hotels. Vickie has also been a lifesaver, keeping me from stepping out in front of cars coming around corners."

PAWS Network Going Strong

The Peer Assistance With Success (PAWS) Network, created to offer support to recipients of Assistance Dogs and to provide additional training, has been holding bi-monthly meetings throughout 2004. The spring meeting was held May 16, where members discussed the purpose of the network: to offer education and support to members, improve Assistance Dog training, promote community awareness and advocacy. The issue of the day was the increased visibility recipients face when in public with their dogs. Marlys discussed heat stress in dogs – how to avoid it, how to recognize the signs, and what to do if your dog is suffering from heat stress. The PAWS Network group is open to any Assistance Dog Team who would like to attend. Meetings are held the third Sunday of every other month.

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, facility dogs, therapy dogs, and the animals at the shelter. Below are contributions from *December 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004*. Please let us know of any omissions or corrections.



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