



The Madonio Family Animal Welfare Trust



Spring 2019

Dog Days of Summer 2018

Our 4th Annual Dog Days of Summer was held on August 18th last year. The weather gods smiled on us, and except for a brief shower, the rest of the day was beautiful. And maybe it was a little more than a coincidence, but we had a meteorologist working behind the scenes for us. Samantha Roberts, WOIO Channel 19 weather prognosticator, along with her dog Doppler (below), was our special guest this year, and when the skies darkened, she assured the crowd that the shower would be brief and then things would clear out. And she was 100% correct. Sam has assured us they plan to be back for Dog Days #5 this August.

We had an excellent line up of music and food trucks this year. On stage were Long Time Gone, FOG, the DB Band and the Bluestones. Roll Call Burgers & Fries, Burnside BBQ, Handel's Ice Cream, Popped!, and Heidelberg Distributing/Thirsty Dog Brewing Company kept the crowd satisfied.

Thanks once again to Jeff Kurtz (see photo below – 2016 winner), the voice of the Golden Flashes, who served as our emcee, and British Open champ Ben Curtis and his dog, Claret (right), for serving as a judge for our dog contests.



Buddy Session Top Dog Recipients

The Buddy Sessions Top Dog Contest continues to be very popular each year. This year's top vote earner was Sheldon, owned by Troy & Julie Loomis. Sheldon is a unique dog because he has only 3 legs, but that doesn't stop him from leading a normal life. The contest is named for the late Buddy Sessions, who won the very first competition in 2015, and was the pride and joy of Marilyn and Brian Sessions. Other past winners include Shiloh (owned by Jeff Kurtz & Lorelea Allen) in 2016 and Skye & Duncan (owned by Sandra & Robert Reid) in 2017.

Buddy – 2015

Shiloh - 2016

Duncan & Skye - 2017

Sheldon - 2018



This Year's Benefactors

Dog Days is a huge success each year because of our sponsors, and this year was no exception. Listed are our generous benefactors, who believe in our mission to assist animals in Portage County.

The Burbick Foundation	Thirsty Dog Brewing	Hall-Green Insurance Agency
Davey Tree	AMETEK	Belli & Streit Orthodontics
Brimfield Insurance	Central Graphics	Paw Love Bakery
Allen Aircraft	David & Janet Dix	BGS Chemical
PARTA	Ben & Candace Curtis	Fairways at Twin Lakes
Bill & Eddy White	Flynn's Tire	Kent Cheesemonger
Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital	Herb Page & Paula Treckel	In Memory of Buddy Sessions
Memorial Animal Hospital	Rockne's	Record Courier
Hometown Bank	Mayor Jerry Fiala	202 Investment Group
The Hartman Family	Wright Heating	Art Armory
Tree City Coffee	Evelyn Dickerson Hair Design	Stonehill Farms
Scott & Connie Hamilton	Kent Jaycees	Walgreens

As always, we are so thankful for all our tireless volunteers and contributors leading up to and all day during the event: Tanya, Danielle & Matt Salopek, Tami Haas, Chip & Theresa Cunningham, Pat Reynolds, Beth Stoneking, Amy Rose, Carley Kruse, Carla Weber, Linda Woodall, Kim Houser, Kent Jaycees, Hoban Knights football players, EmiLee Hartman, Ken McGregor, and Ray's Hope (for donating the proceeds from their booth).

We would also like to thank the following who sponsored a dog in the Top Dog contest: Memorial Animal Hospital, Tree City Feed, Tires & More, Tree City Coffee, Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital, Popped!, Hometown Bank, and Evelyn Dickerson Hair Design.

Thanks to the support of all the donors, contributors and volunteers, Dog Days 2018 raised close to \$14,000!
Dog Days of Summer 2019 will be held on Saturday, August 17th from 11:00 to 4:00.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

From time to time, we are asked, "Where does the money go that is raised at Dog Days or from regular contributions?" There are a number of answers. First of all, because we are part of the Portage Foundation, some of the money goes into investments to grow our fund. The ultimate goal is to build a fund so large that the income from our investments will provide significant cash flow to cover all the needs in Portage County. But we also spend some of it along the way. Currently, our projects include the following:

- 1) **Paws in Motion** – We designed this program in collaboration with Meals In Motion to help feed the dogs and cats the elderly residents who receive meal deliveries. Now in its third year, we purchase \$400 to \$600 worth of dog and cat food every 6 weeks and deliver it to Family & Community Services where it is distributed to their food recipients.
- 2) **Emergency Medical Funds** – We work with two local veterinarians by creating funds with each to treat animals for emergency and life threatening medical situations when the pet's owner cannot afford the treatment. The vets determine how the money is used, then report back to us.
- 3) We make straight cash donations to three animal rescues in the area – **Portage Animal Protective League, Rose's Rescue and Happy Tails Animal Sanctuary** – to be used for housing, feeding and medical care for all animals.

 *Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!* 

Once again we are overwhelmed by the generosity of so many supporters, and we want to let everyone know!!

Thanks to everyone who made a donation in 2018:

- John & Connie Flynn	-Carlos Ledet & Marianne Martens	-Mary Alice Cowan (dec)	-Pat Reynolds
-Ralph Kletzien	-Rick & Maureen Huscroft	-Mike & Brenda Decker	-Bill Gentry
-Reed & Karen Beck	-Bruce Hill – Handel’s Ice Cream	-Mike & Jane Hornyak	-Gary Harris
-Ria Mastromatteo	-Bob Smith & Jill Hazelton	-Dan & Joyce McCombs	-David Hansford
-Liz & Denny Adam	-Fred & Jean Daigneau	-Bob & Judy Pavalko – in memory of Buster	
-John & Rita Kobus	-Marilyn Sessions - in honor of the Kent FD “dogs on ice” rescue	-Greg Wilson	
-Sid & Paula Johnson	, John & Diane Chiarucci, Matt & Jeanette Messino, and Joy Mosca – all in memory of Violet Kurtz		

Special thanks to FOG and Roll Call Burgers & Fries for their donations during Dog Days 2018, and to Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital for once again donating the proceeds from their annual Photos with Santa.

How Can You Help?

If you are interested in making a donation, either towards the general fund or to be dedicated to a particular project, checks can be made payable to the *Portage Foundation*, indicating *Madonio Family Fund* in the memo line, and sent to:

The Portage Foundation • 138 East Main St, Suite 201-C • Kent, Ohio 44240

All money donated goes into the trust or one of our charities. All expenses, like this newsletter, are covered by the Madonio family.

Thanks from our whole family!

Andrew, Daisy the Dog (Laura), Nancy, Chas, Erin, Joe, Nick, Stephanie, Patrick, Nicole & Alex



**If you would like to volunteer at Dog Days of Summer 2019, contact us at 330-673-4919 or madoniofamily@gmail.com
Check us out on the web at madonio-animal-trust.org and on [facebook.com/madoniofamily](https://www.facebook.com/madoniofamily)**