



The Madonio Family Animal Welfare Trust



Spring 2020

WHAT A YEAR IT WAS

2019 was an unbelievable year for our trust. We raised over \$30,000 as we continue toward our goal of building our endowment to \$250,000 while at the same time putting some of the money to good use today. It's a difficult balancing act, but we are trying to accomplish both goals. Here are some of the highlights of a very busy 2019.

Dog Days of Summer 2019

Mother Nature again blessed us with a beautiful summer day for our 5th annual Dog Days of Summer on August 17th. The crowd was bigger than ever this year. All booth space was sold out in advance and we had some terrific vendors as well as our veterinarians and dog rescue organizations. Grazers joined Roll Call and Handel's as our food vendors this year. The Eddy and Bill White Strut Your Mutt Parade had over 50 participants and the Best Dressed contest had some hilarious costumes. (See winner's picture) The three celebrity judges were Evelyn Dickerson Hair Design owner Carly Kruse, Capelli Salon owner Theresa Trivelli (who better than hair stylists to judge?), and Kent State Women's Basketball Assistant Coach Mike McKee. Hometown Bank Plaza was filled with music from our band line up – The DB Band, Long Time Gone, FOG and the Bluestones. And when the day was over, we added over \$16,000 to our endowment.

A new event was added this year, thanks to our friend Dave Beck, owner of the Fairways at Twin Lakes. The Dog Days Scramble, held on the Friday night before our event, gave golfers the opportunity to take their dogs golfing with them. Plans are under way to expand this event next year. Dave donated the proceeds to the Dog Days total. Thanks for this kind gesture, Dave!



- 1-Dog Days Emcee Jeff Kurtz with Shiloh and Chloe.
- 2-Best Dressed Pup Winner – Piddler McCutcheon as Elton John.
- 3- Daisy the Dog Days Dog strikes a pose.
- 4 -Congratulations to our 2019 Buddy Sessions Top Dog winner, Hazel, who was sponsored by Memorial Animal Hospital.
- 5- The Kent Jaycees helped pour Thirsty Dog beer.
- 6-Instant photo booth with Sam, Gabrielle, Sophia & Samantha.

As always, we are so thankful for all our tireless volunteers and contributors leading up to and all day during the event: Michelle & Darrin Hartman, Jeff Kurtz, Beth Stoneking, Carley Kruse, Theresa Trivelli, Mike McKee, Marilyn Sessions, Carla Weber, Linda Woodall, Kim Houser, Karen Esposito, Pat Reynolds, The Kent Jaycees, Amy Rose, Ben & Candace Curtis, Rachael Oldham, Beth Lid, Bev Madonio, Marcia Knapp, Laura Thomas, John Pavel, and Chip & Theresa Cunningham.

Thanks to EmiLee Hartman, Nicole Cunningham and Ken McGregor for the great photos – check them out on our website!

We would also like to thank the following who sponsored a dog in the Top Dog contest: Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital, Memorial Animal Hospital, Evelyn Dickerson Hair Design, Phoenix Enterprise Solutions, Tree City Coffee, Fairways at Twin Lakes, Over Easy Morning Cafe

We Couldn't Do It Without You!

Each year Dog Days is a huge success because of our generous sponsors. We can't thank you enough!

Leaders of the Pack – The Burbick Foundation - Bill & Eddy White - Brimfield Insurance

Great Dane – Allen Aircraft - AMETEK - Flynn's Tire - Darrin, Michelle & EmiLee Hartman - Hometown Bank - Memorial Animal Hospital - Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital - PARTA

Beagle – Adam Hamilton Foundation - David & Janet Dix - Goldthwaite/Safran Group at Morgan Stanley - Over Easy Morning Cafe - Paula Treckel & Herb Page - Rockne's - Tree City Coffee - Wayside Furniture

Chihuahua – Evelyn Dickerson Hair Design - Fairways at Twin Lakes - Hall-Green Agency - Mayor Jerry and Sue Fiala - Belli & Streit Orthodontics - Burnside BBQ

Thanks to the support of all the donors, contributors and volunteers, Dog Days 2019 raised over \$16,000!

Dog Days of Summer 2020 will be held on Saturday, August 15th from 11:00 to 4:00.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

TWO SPECIAL YOUNG LADIES

Sometimes things happen that give you an extra appreciation for young people. One of those things happened to us when we were contacted by Isabella and Tattiana, two area middle schoolers, who wanted to drop off something at our office. The two ambitious entrepreneurs set up a lemonade and cupcake stand and donated the proceeds to our trust because they wanted to help animals. Their profits - \$75 - were put to good use. What a thoughtful idea! Our special thanks to these special young ladies.



🐾 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 2019:

-Carlos Ledet & Marianne Martens
-Rick & Maureen Huscroft
-Reed & Karen Beck
-Bruce Hill – Handel's Ice Cream
-John & Diane Chiarucci
-George & Jane Preston Rose
-Mike & Lynn Lemon

-David Ajemian & Lissa Latina
-Mark & Sally Yankovich
-Dan & Joyce McCombs
-Geary & Cindy Visca
-Matt & Jeanette Messino
-Keith & Betty Bowers
-John & Carolyn Gunyula

-Bob & Judy Pavalko
-Marilyn Sessions
-Joe & Barb Marken
-George & Julie Dietz
-Frank & Janet Horvat
-Dave & Sherry Joy
-Ken & Anne Coyne

-Ann Gargan
-Greg Wilson
-Doug Fuller
-Gary Harris
-Pat Reynolds
-Bill Gentry
-Theresa Trivelli

Our beneficiaries again this year are the Portage Animal Protective League, Rose's Rescue, Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, The Portage County Dog Warden, Paws in Motion, the Bummer Fund and the Good Samaritan Fund

IN MEMORIUM

The following donations were given in memory of some special people and special animals:

In Memory of Fred Daigneau Last April we lost a long-time friend, Fred Daigneau, who was tragically killed in a car accident. Fred and his wife Jean had been supporters of our cause, and Fred's family asked that donations be made to our fund in his memory. By the end of September, 35 donors had contributed a total of \$2,335. We are honored to accept these donations as a tribute to our good friend.

– Frank & Paulette Horton, Robert Novack & Friends of Corvair, Charles & Jean Hoff, Albert & Patti Grimes, John & Connie Flynn, Jerry Gambaccini, Ann Metzner, Cuyahoga Valley Preservation Scenic Railroad, JoAnn Colpo, Classic Car Club of Tucson, Tom & Kathy Brown, Janice Campbell, Corvair Association of Tucson, Jim & Jackie Woodlee, Gary Koltnow, Bob Stratton & Kathleen Walsh, Nancy Furnas, Jill L. Kapusta, Terry & John Bragg, Michael & Jean Kreyche, Richard & Debra Hill, Johanna Metzger, Tim Ray, Mark & Sally Yankovich, Lorraine & Eugene Lunieski, Theresa & Martin Manning, Leslie Lucas, Tim & Barb Osyk, Richard & Melinda Keirman, David & Joan Arbogast, Carol Carney, Joe & Diane Steinert, Richard & Barbara Fortin, Joseph & Shirley Betkoski, Mary & David Tschantz

In Memory of Don Orin – Matt & Jeanette Messino, Bob & Judy Pavalko, Joanne Roch, Barbie Sullivan, Pat Reynolds, Debbie & Ramiro Albarran, Theresa Trivelli, Frank & Janet Horvat

Pet Memorials

In memory of Max Jindra Pavalko Bob & Judy Pavalko

In memory of Fritz Linda & Bruce Ferguson

In memory of Stanley Madonio Marilyn & Brian Sessions, Bob & Judy Pavalko, Theresa Trivelli

In memory of Louie Latina Carlos Ledet & Marianne Martens

PERFECT POOCH of PORTAGE CONTEST

Late in 2018 we were approached by Sally Kandel of the Portage Parks District Foundation (PPDF) about partnering with them on a new project, the Perfect Pooch of Portage contest. This was essentially a dog photo contest where people could register their dogs on-line and encourage their friends to "vote" with dollars. The dog who raised the most money would be declared the Portage Perfect Pooch. The winning dog would be pictured on the label of a special edition beer called "Man's Best Friend". Additionally, the top 10 finishers would get their photo on a billboard for 30 days. This sounded like a great project to us!

Thirsty Dog Brewing Company in Akron agreed to be our brew partner and Treno Ristorante in Kent generously hosted our kick-off event in May. In all we had over 100 dogs register to be the Perfect Pooch. The voting was intense and in the end, over \$24,000 was raised in votes, which was shared between the MFAWT and the PPDF. Sponsors for the contest were Thirsty Dog Brewing, Treno Ristorante, Brimfield Insurance, Portage Community Bank, and Nelson & Suzanne Burns. The Top Ten finishers all got their pictures on the billboard (check out the back page!), which was donated for a month by Brimfield Insurance.

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/Madonio Family • 1204 Tallmadge Road • Kent, Ohio 44240

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

**If you would like to volunteer at Dog Days of Summer 2020, 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)**

