



**Summer 2022**

*We have shortened our name to The Madonio Animal Trust, or MAT.*

*The old name was just too cumbersome, so we decided to make it simpler.*

*The logo has been updated but everything else remains the same!*

Dog Days of Summer made a triumphant return in 2021, and our largest crowd ever of people AND dogs showed up to celebrate with us on a perfect late summer day. Samantha Roberts, Channel 19 meteorologist, was there with her famous dog, Doppler. The crowd was kept happy with food and drink from North Water Brewing, Roll Call Burgers, Grazers,



Popped!, and the Erie St. Kitchen. Bean from North Water Brewing was crowned *Buddy Sessions Top Dog*. Jeff Kurtz kept the party going with his excellent emcee talents. And we couldn't do it without our generous sponsors: Bill & Eddy White, Twin Lakes Tavern, Lexus of Akron/Canton, Brimfield Insurance, AMETEK, Jack & Claudia Amrhein, Ault Chiropractic, Davey Tree, Diamond Title, Re-Elect Judge Mark Fankhauser Committee, Flynn's Tire, Bridget Gargan, Darrin, Michelle & Emilee Hartman, Hometown Bank, Memorial Animal Hospital, Over Easy Morning Café, Serra Auto Park, Tree City Coffee-Pastries-Wine Bar, Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital, The Bragg Family, Capelli – Theresa Trivelli, Goldthwaite Safran Group at Morgan Stanley, Adam S Hamilton Foundation, Rockne's, Paula Treckel & Herb Page, Wayside Furniture, Big Time Renovations, Sue Denholm,

Evelyn Dickerson Hair Design, David & Janet Dix, Mayor Jerry & Sue Fiala, Hall-Green Insurance Agency, Portage Community Bank, The Salopek Family, In Memory of Waldo Sober, and Wright Heating & Air Conditioning.

**Dog Days 2022** will be Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00-4:00 on the Hometown Plaza and N. Water St. The music schedule is The DB Band at 11:00, Long Time Gone at 1:15 and the Bluestones at 2:45. We will have Eddy & Bill White's Strut Your Mutt Parade at noon, our usual dog contests and pick-a-ticket raffle baskets throughout the day, and we will crown the Buddy Sessions Top Dog at 3:45. Don't miss it!

**Special Thanks!** We'd like to give a special shout out to Laurie Sober, who each year creates and donates many of the gift baskets that we raffle off at Dog Days. Laurie has been a generous supporter who makes donations in memory of her late father Waldo, who was a huge animal lover. Thank you Laurie!

## The Madonio Animal Trust Presents **Dog Days of Summer 2022**

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| <b>Buddy Sessions Top Dog Contest</b><br>Contact Us to Register a Dog<br><a href="mailto:madoniofamily@gmail.com">madoniofamily@gmail.com</a> | North Water Brewing Co.                                     |
| <b>Eddy and Bill White's Strut Your Mutt Dog Parade</b>   | Bell Tower Brewing Co.                                      |
| <b>Veterinarian Booths</b>  | Roll Call Burgers & Fries                                   |
| <b>Pet Product Vendors</b>  | Grazer's  |
| <b>Live Music</b>   | Erie Street Kitchen   |
| <b>CONTESTS:</b><br>Best Dressed<br>Biggest & Smallest<br>Farthest Traveled   | Southern Comfort Kitchen                                    |
|   | Pet Adoptions<br>APL and Rose's Rescue<br>County Dog Warden |

**A Celebration of Man's & Woman's Best Friend**

**Saturday, Aug. 20**

**11 AM to 4 PM**

**Hometown Bank Plaza - Downtown Kent**



The MAT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All proceeds benefit the MAT to help support the following: Animal Welfare, Dog Training, Adoption, and Dog Day's pet care program.



Our dog and cat food program, Paws In Motion, was halted temporarily due to Covid, but it is being reimagined as Doggie Bags, through Family and Community Services. In this program, Portage County pet owners who receive meals from the Ravenna Center of Hope, Kent Social Services, or Mobile meals are eligible to sign up for pet food assistance.



Even though our big fundraising event is the Dog Days of Summer, we don't just spend our money on dogs! In addition to our annual donation to Happy Trails Farm Animal Sanctuary, from time to time special needs arise. Last year, a number of malnourish horses were rescued and we made a special donation to buy hay for them. Our goal is to help all animals in need.

## *Volunteer Spotlight #1 – Daisy the Dog Days Dog*



We couldn't have the Dog Days of Summer without our official mascot – Daisy! We recently caught up with Daisy and had the opportunity to ask her some questions. Let's get up close and personal with everyone's favorite pooch.

**Born:** The Daisy Hill Puppy Farm -of course! You can see my baby picture above☺

**Favorite Color:** Black & White

**Favorite Food:** Scooby snacks

**Favorite Activity:** Promoting animal welfare and attending fundraising events.

**Proudest Moment:** Completing the Portage Park District Foundation Wild Hikes Challenge - check out my cool green bandana.

**Favorite Song:** "Who Let The Dogs Out?"

**Favorite Day of the Year:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of August – The Dog Days of Summer!



## *Volunteer Spotlight #2 – Kent Jaycees*

One thing we never have to worry about at Dog Days is staffing the beer trailer. Starting with the inaugural event, The Kent Jaycees have generously offered up their time and beer pouring talents to ensure event-goers have a refreshing quaff with which to enjoy the festivities. The Jaycees is a young professional's organization that provides the opportunity for members to develop personal and leadership skills through local community involvement. Their biggest annual event is the Kent Craft Beer Fest, so you can be sure you'll get a perfect pour each time. It's also a very animal-friendly group as most members have dogs or cats, and some members even have horses and ducks. **Thanks Jaycees!**

## 🐾 Thank You 2021-22 Donors! 🐾

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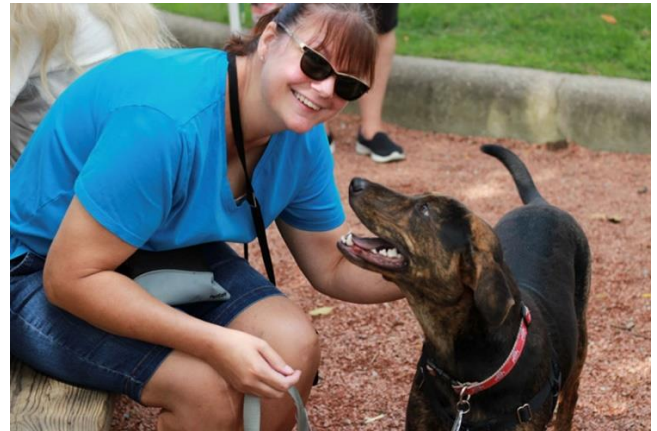
## IN MEMORIUM

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

*Rock & Kate White in memory of Kelley Harvey*  
*Laurie Sober in memory of Waldo Sober*  
*James & Patricia Peck in memory of Tom Hultman*  
*Bob & Judy Pavalko in memory of Cleo*  
*Dan & Joyce McCombs in memory of Murphy*  
*Erin & Joe Latina in memory of L'il Ajemian*

## *Tami Haas*

We are sad to share the news that Tami Haas, our longtime friend, animal lover and Dog Days volunteer, passed away in the fall. Her loss has been profoundly felt by the many lives she touched. On behalf of Tami's family we would like to thank the following people for celebrating her life by remembering her with a donation to the Trust.



Patricia & Thomas Reeder • Fisher & Stone Families • Robin & Kevin Patrick • Gaines & Diane Dinkens • Ronald & Edna Howard • Ann Bauer • Joe & Erin Latina • E.C. O'Donnell • John & Darlyn Knopf Lundt • Gene & Michelle Mordarski • Gary & Teresa McBride • Don Chappellear

## 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 Animal Trust* in the memo line, and sent to:

The Madonio Animal Trust • 1204 Tallmadge Road • Kent, Ohio 44240

*All money donated goes into the trust or to one of our charities.*

*All expenses, including this newsletter, are covered by the Madonio family.*

**If you would like to volunteer at the next Dog Days of Summer, contact us at 330-673-4919 or [madoniofamily@gmail.com](mailto:madoniofamily@gmail.com)**

**Check us out on the web at [madonio-animal-trust.org](http://madonio-animal-trust.org) and on [facebook.com/madoniofamily](https://facebook.com/madoniofamily)**



**PERFECT PET OF PORTAGE PHOTO CONTEST**

*Thank You for Supporting Trails & Tails!*

#1 Other - Sarah

Best in Show - Booker T. Cat

#1 & #2 Dog (tie) - Duncan & Skye

#1 Cat - Cudi

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PORTAGE COMMUNITY BANK

The Madonio Animal Trust was excited to once again partner with the Portage Park District Foundation for the Perfect Pet of Portage Contest! This time around, participants were able to enter their pet in one of three categories: dog, cat, and other. The Best in Show honors included naming a beer with our event partner, North Water Brewing Co., and Booker T. Cat obviously chose Booker T. Beer! The contest raised over \$11,000 and proceeds will be split between the Madonio Animal Trust and the Portage Park District Foundation. Let's hear it for Trails, Tails & Ales!

