



# The Madonio Family Animal Welfare Trust

Newsletter – Spring 2016

*What did we do in 2015? Plenty, and it's just the beginning!*

## *DOG DAYS OF SUMMER 2015*

The first big thing we did last year was to hold the first ***Dog Days of Summer***. In case you missed it, the Dog Days was an all day festival held in downtown Kent to honor our faithful 4 legged friends. The entire day was dedicated to dogs. It started with a dog parade, led by Kent State President Bev Warren and her dog Shayna and Mayor Jerry Fiala and his dog Jewel. Nearly 100 dogs participated and they were cheered wildly by a crowd estimated between 2,000 and 3,000.



Another highlight was the celebrity dog contest. The 10 celebrities whose dogs were entered were: Bev Warren and Jerry Fiala, Marilyn Sessions of Hometown Bank with Buddy, British Open Champ Ben Curtis with Claret, developer Ron Burbick with Buddy & Holly, school board member Pam Freeman and Bella, Rob & Dr. Heather Wood of Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital with Scotch, Twin Star Lanes owners Bill and Eddy White with Jessie, former KSU Assistant Athletic Director Pete Mahoney with Beau, and industrialist Scott Hamilton with Layla. In order to vote for a dog, you had to put money in his or her jar. Buddy Sessions won the TOP DOG trophy, and the contest generated over \$1,800.



Phil Ferguson of WNIR served as our celebrity emcee, announcing the six musical acts who added to the afternoon of fun, as well as the guest appearance by nationally known juggler, Charles Peacock. Mother Nature cooperated with a picture perfect day of 80 degrees and sun. A craft beer truck was on hand selling ice cold brews and food was available. Special thanks to Coach Danny O'Banion and the Kent State Women's basketball team for cooking and serving hot dogs at our booth and to Marilyn and Brian Sessions for selling their famous brat sandwiches, with all proceeds going to the Trust. Also, thanks to Bert Bellinson from Little City Grill and Bruce Hill from Handel's in Stow for offering their wares and contributing much of the profit back to us.

Additionally, we had more than 30 booths, ranging from veterinarians to animal rescues to dog services and t-shirts. Also in attendance were the Kent City and Brimfield Twp. K-9 officers and their Police Dogs, and the U.S. Army. A number of rescue groups had dogs for adoption.

We want to thank all of those who helped sponsor the Dog Days. The event generated over \$8,000. Here is a list of our sponsors:

The Burbick Foundation  
Hometown Bank  
Twin Star Lanes  
Brimfield Insurance Group  
Memorial Animal Hospital  
Allen Aircraft  
Dogs On Campus  
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Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital  
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Special thanks to our planning committee members: Mayor Jerry Fiala, Chalan Lowry from the Portage APL, Pete Mahoney, Marilyn Sessions from Hometown Bank, Bill & Eddy White from Twin Star Lanes, Rob Wood from Twin Lakes Veterinary Hospital, and Linda Woodall from Rose's Rescue. Shout outs to Michelle & Darrin Hartman, Carley Kruse, the Kent Jaycees, and Tanya, Danielle & Matt Salopek for donating their time to work the entire day!

## *Website Up and Running*

The third thing we accomplished was to get our website up and running. Special thanks to Ken McGregor of Art Armory in downtown Kent for generously donating his time and expertise to this project. Check us out at [www.madonio-animal-trust.net](http://www.madonio-animal-trust.net). We also have a new email: [madonionfamily@gmail.com](mailto:madonionfamily@gmail.com).

## *Happy Outcomes*

This actually happened. Old friends and generous donors Jack and Ann Gargan attended Dog Days last summer. Having been without a dog for some time, just being around so many friendly dogs and happy owners convinced them it was time to adopt. They started looking and found Ernie, who is now a member of the Gargan family. Neighbors Todd & Jenny Adams were also looking to expand their family after the loss of their beloved Molly. Although the dogs available for adoption at the event were quickly claimed by others, they continued their search and now are proud parents to Leo. These incidents alone made all the work the volunteers put into Dog Days event worth it!

## GENEROUS DONORS

We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of so many people, we want you all to know who is supporting our cause. Here is a list of those who have donated since our inception in September, 2013.

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We would love to be able to keep you informed of what's happening with the MFAWT! Please send us your email address so we can send these newsletters electronically in order to save postage. Remember, no expenses for operating the trust come from the trust itself. Our family pays **all** expenses from our own pockets. Every penny donated goes into the trust and/or one of our charities. So if we can minimize those expenses by emailing rather than mailing, we would appreciate it. If you care to, please give us your cell phone number, too. I promise, you will never be called for a donation, but if we would need information or possibly volunteers for future events, we would be able to reach you. **You will never be solicited for money.** Please send us your email at [madoniofamily@gmail.com](mailto:madoniofamily@gmail.com) and we will send future newsletters electronically.

If you would like to make a donation, please make check payable to the Portage Foundation, putting Madonio Family Fund in the memo line. Donations can be mailed to:

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

## PAWS IN MOTION

Another big thing happened last spring when we partnered with *Meals in Motion* (formerly Meals on Wheels) to help care for the dogs and cats of Portage County's elderly population. It came to our attention that many people receiving meals had either dogs or cats, and often were forced to share the delivered meals with the pets. We met with Ann Marie Noble, who runs the Meals in Motion program, and got a list of approximately 30 clients, with their pets and food preferences listed. We began monthly purchases of food for distribution. Since its inception in June, the number of client has more than doubled. We can now be assured that the dogs and cats of our older citizens are being well fed and cared for. We strive to make sure that no dogs or cats in Portage County go hungry. If you would like to make a donation to be used specifically for this purpose, please indicate that with your check.

