



Summer 2014

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Pars FORE Pets (continued)

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Check out these great silent auction items:



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Collie Cavalcade

Allie, happy girl with her new family.



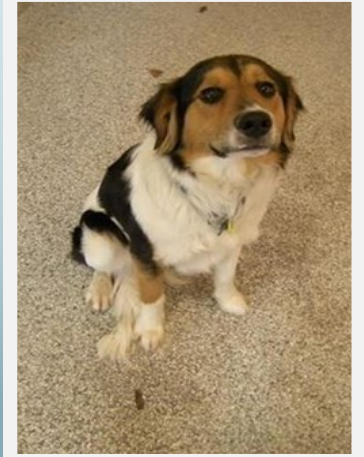
Clio and her new family.
Hey, who's that big dog?



Collie Cavalcade (cont'd)



Sherman and Dexter enjoying a boat ride.



Sweet Patches was adopted. Such a good boy.

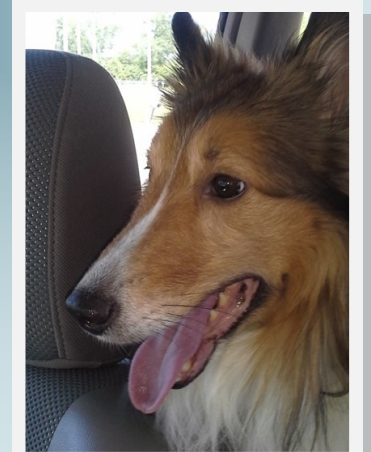


Annie is adopted and makes herself at home.

Happy boy Liam moves on to his forever home.



Ursula and Simba both found their forever homes.

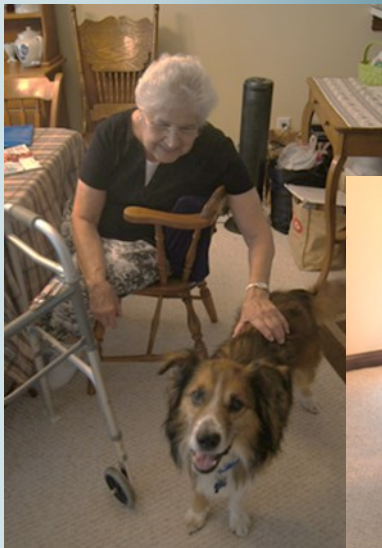


Collie Cavalcade (cont'd)

Who got adopted? That would be me, Giorgio!



Facebook favorite Giorgio and AHDRO adoptee Mayce are now siblings.

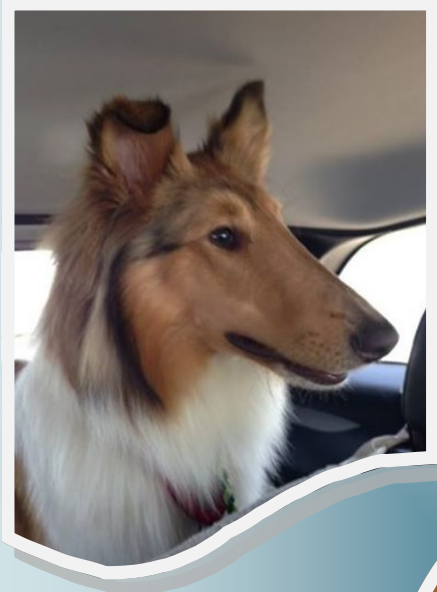


Wags and his new family.
Who's in love?



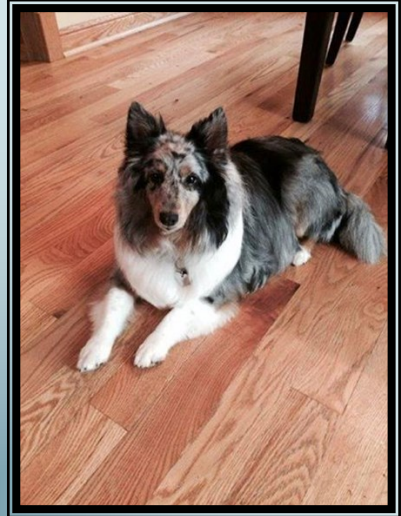
Bandit and his new Mom.
What a good boy!

Collie Cavalcade (cont'd)



Hailey was adopted and looks forward to her new home.

Sandy gets comfy at her new home.

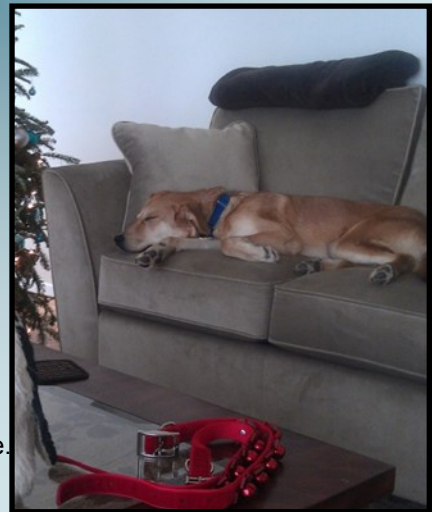


Mabel is all ready to be adored at her forever home.

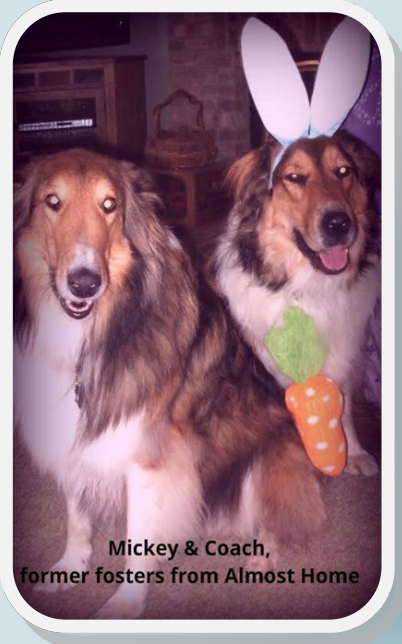
Apache and his "peeps." Life is good.



Kelly finally home. Ahhh, the sweet life.



Collie Cavalcade (cont'd)



Mickey & Coach, former fosters from Almost Home



Brandi has a new life and a new friend.

Do you have pictures of your AHDRO adopted dog to share with our readers?

Send them to Sue Love at marketing@almosthomeohio.org.

Why Do Dogs Lick People?



If we start at the beginning of their lives, dogs are practically licked into life by the Mama dog who uses her tongue to clear their tiny puppy nostrils. That sensation also serves to nurture and make puppy feel safe and secure. Is it any wonder that puppy copies and continues the behavior?

But why then does licking shift over to the human race - "Why do dogs lick people?"

The tongue is one of the main ways a dog interacts with their world, including people. Dogs lick people for reasons that we can safely interpret and no doubt for many reasons we will never understand.

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Why Do Dogs Lick People? (cont'd)

Let's look at some of the reasons we can identify:

Licked into life by their mothers, for dogs, the licking never really stops.

To Communicate

Licking is one way that dogs communicate with each other. They lick each other in the wild, in situations where two or more dogs live together, or just hanging out around the house with their human owners. Dogs also lick people as a form of communication – for instance it can be a greeting to humans returning to the house. It can be their way of saying, "Hi, welcome home," or "Check out the new hole I've chewed in the sofa."



Dogs also may lick to acknowledge their place in a social hierarchy.

Whether they are around other dogs or with people, they lick to show deference and submission and acknowledge a power structure. Licking is a way for dogs to show that they belong to us, although conversely, a communicative lick is just as likely to be dog asserting his control over his human.

To Indicate Hunger

Weaned puppies lick their mother's mouth. This is to tell mom that they want to be fed. At this stage, puppies are not unlike baby birds. In the wild, mom may have to leave the puppies and forage for food. When puppies lick her mouth, she will regurgitate whatever she's eaten and offer it to her young. When dogs lick people, particularly around the mouth, what we may think of as a kiss may actually be an appeal for food.

As A Means to Explore

Remember how dogs use their tongue to get acquainted with, experience and explore their world? This includes both the environment and the people who inhabit it. As long as dogs have been domesticated, we are still as big a mystery to them as they can be to us. When we meet a new dog and offer up our hand for a sniff, we may find our hands licked in return. Even your own dog may do this because you touched or brought home some new thing or were around other people, dogs or animals. Your dog is curious to understand this and is trying to figure out the smell.

To Get Attention

Being licked (kissed) by a dog can be pleasing or satisfying - it can also be unpleasant for some people who don't care for dog kisses. However, by patting the dog on the head, giving them a treat or otherwise rewarding the behavior, the dog can come to link the two things. If they get a sense that licking people brings them pleasure, and earns the dog positive attention, it teaches and motivates them to repeat the behavior. If their person is ignoring the dog, they may lick people to remind them to "pay attention to me."

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Why Do Dogs Lick People? (cont'd)

Grooming

We've all seen our dogs lick their feet and legs to clean them. We may even have seen them clean other dogs in the family. We had a dog who liked to lick my husband's weekend beard. Grooming comes as a natural activity for many dogs (and not at all for others) and it can often be extended to their people.



As A Healing Mechanism

Dogs lick both their own wounds as well as those of people. At one point this behavior was actually taught to dogs as a legitimate means of healing human wounds. Now, using soap/water and antiseptic take the place of a dog tongue. Still, dogs today will lick a person's wound or minor injury.

To Signal Affection and Approval

Dog kisses, given in an affectionate context, may signal things other than love. Dogs lick people during bonding exercises to show that they like the training. They can also lick to indicate satisfaction. Scratching a dog in their favorite place can result in them licking your arm or face. This licking can be soothing and dogs may actually put themselves to sleep with the action. *And of course, sometimes dogs lick people simply to show love.*

The Angel Pin Program

When we are notified of the loss of an Almost Home beloved canine friend, an angel pin and note are sent out to the owner/family. We began this in 2014. The pin is an acknowledgement of their loss and a reminder to celebrate the wonderful life they gave to an Almost Home dog in need.

If you see someone at one of our events wearing an angel pin, take a moment to thank them for the love and care they gave to their lost canine and maybe share a memory or two with them.

Visit the AHDRO website for a list of recently departed AHDRO dogs, and for tributes.

<http://www.almosthomeohio.org/#sthash.SIOflnKP.dpuf>

http://www.almosthomeohio.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=64&Itemid=9



Petpalooza '14



FUN, DOGS, DEMOS, SPEAKERS AND MORE!

Join Almost Home at Worthington Optimal Wellness for

PETPALOOZA '14

Health and Wellness Fair


Join us Thursday, July 24, 2014, from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the front parking lot of Worthington Optimal Wellness for this fun, learning event. Parking is available next door at Linworth Baptist Church. With door prizes, demonstrations, speakers, a food truck, **the Worthington Fire Department** and more, the event is free and open to all.

Bring your family and leashed pets!

For more information, visit AHDRO's [Face-book](#) page

Thursday, July 24,
5-8 p.m.
6180 Linworth Rd
Worthington, OH 43085





Petpalooza '14

Healthy Pets • Healthy People

Join in the fun
Thursday, July 24th, 5-8 pm
Healthy Solutions
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Tasty Treats!
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Leashed Pets Welcome
Worthington Optimal Wellness will donate \$50 for every
new patient in July to Almost Home Dog Rescue.

Worthington Optimal Wellness - 6180 Linworth Road
614 848-5211 www.WorthingtonOptimalWellness.com

RiverJam 2014

RIVERJAM 2014! OSU Football

The new season is almost here and Almost Home has been invited to work RiverJam (Lane Ave, Columbus, OH) again this year. We have been granted the 8pm Virginia Tech game on **9/6** and the 8pm Illinois game on **11/1**.

We need **a minimum of 45 confirmed volunteers per shift for each game in order to participate.**

This is an opportunity to have fun with your AHDRO friends while **we make a guaranteed minimum of \$3,000 for the rescue per game!** Plus we get 100% of the tips!! They will be advertising us being there and the band will give us a shout out every hour or so to encourage people to tip us.



There will be beer stations (a draft truck and multiple cans only stations) as well as people needed to check id's and sell beer tickets.

Some rules for the day are:

- Must be 21 years or older to volunteer for this event.
- Have fun and encourage people to tip – explain that 100% of it goes to the rescue and that this money will be used to save and rehabilitate dogs.

There is always a band that is fun and they put on a great show! It will be an awesome time! The game is also broadcast on huge screens, so you don't miss the action while you work your shift.

Reach out to your friends, family and neighbors to come help with RiverJam. It is a wonderful opportunity to make a lot of money for our dogs in a little time, while having fun and supporting the **Bucks!**

9/6 & 11/1 game shift times:

3p-8p
7:30p-11:30p

To volunteer or for more information, contact Pam Pittman at ppittman2@ymail.com.

Toxic Blue Algae and Your Dog

Blue-green algae are common in most Ohio lakes, fed by phosphorus from manure, fertilizers and sewage that rain washes from farm fields into nearby ponds, lakes and streams. Blue-green algae thrive in warm, shallow water and while it may be present all year, it is only when there is an extensive bloom that problems occur. Most of these blooms occur in late summer or early fall, but they can occur earlier as well, particularly when the weather is unusually warm and dry. Toxic algae can be blue, bright green, brown or red.

The forecast for Lake Erie this summer looks like there will include another outbreak of algae on the water. Grand Lake St. Mary's has unfortunately become nearly synonymous with algae blooms, causing the lake to be closed to use many times and resulting in at least three dog deaths.



The component of the algae that produces toxins is called cyanobacteria. Some species of cyanobacteria produce toxins that affect animals and humans. Pets may be exposed to cyanobacterial toxins by drinking or swimming in the contaminated water, or by licking their fur of the algae after swimming or walking along the shore's edge. The most frequent and serious health effects are caused by drinking the water containing the toxins or by ingestion during swimming.

Disease due to cyanobacterial toxins varies according to the type of toxin and the type of water or water-related exposure (drinking, skin contact, etc.). Animals can be poisoned by high levels of toxin-producing cyanobacteria.

Signs of toxicity in dogs may start with lethargy, followed by vomiting and diarrhea. Tremors and seizures can occur almost immediately. Additional signs range from excess salivation, skin irritation, and pale gums to severe respiratory, circulatory, or neurological disorders. Convulsions and death can occur as little as four hours after exposure. Treatment may include fluids to prevent dehydration, diazepam (Valium) to control seizures, atropine to counteract the poison, charcoal to absorb toxins from the stomach and adrenaline to help counteract respiratory failure.

While these treatments may help to some extent, there is no cure for cyanobacteria poisoning. Prevention is the best defense.

- Pay attention to news reports of algae blooms. When out near water, be aware for these signs
- The water looks like green paint or pea soup, or is cloudy with a green, yellow or blue-green hue.
- It smells swampy or musty.
- You see what looks like foam, scum, or mats on top of the water.

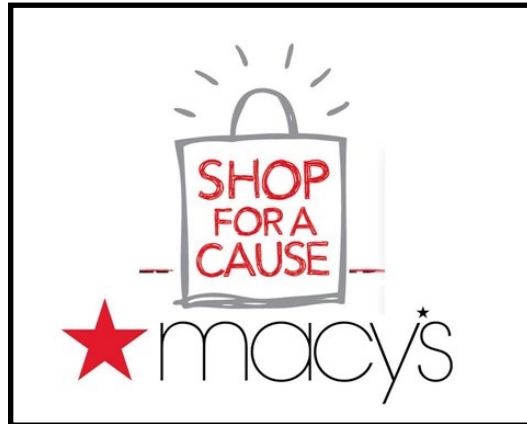
Keep your dog away from stagnant water in warm weather. If the dog goes in the water, immediately spray it with clean water before they have a chance lick their feet or coat. Do not let them drink from the water.

If contact occurs and you suspect problems, get in touch with your vet immediately. If your dog becomes ill, be sure to notify authorities so that warning signs can be posted to protect other pets and people.

For more information and pictures visit: <http://www.cdc.gov/hab/cyanobacteria/pdfs/facts.pdf> and <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/surface-water/lakes/blue-green-algae-and-harmful-algal-blooms.html>

Macy's Shop for a Cause

YES, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SHOPPING AND SUPPORT ALMOST HOME TOO!

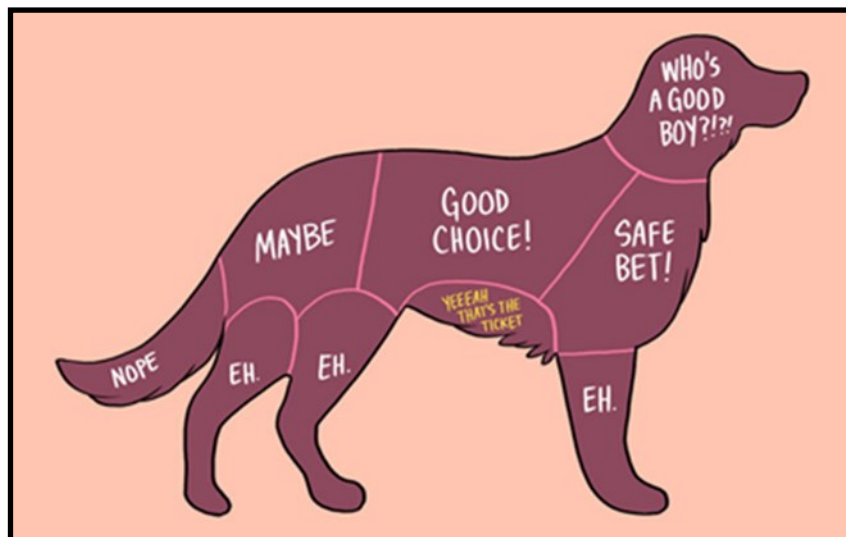


Saturday, August 23, 2014 at Macy's Tuttle Crossing Mall in Columbus.

For \$5 you will receive a shopping pass that gives you 25% or 10% off regular, sale and clearance purchases at Macy's all day. The \$5 for the pass is a donation for AHDRO!

Look for AHDRO at the main inside entrance to Macy's.

How to Pet a Dog



Reminder to Adopters



Reminder to Adopters



For the health and safety of your dog:

Do not use over-the-counter flea/tick medications and collars.

Do not use chemicals/pesticides on your lawn.

For more information, check out the following and talk to your vet.

<http://pets.webmd.com/dogs/guide/dog-ticks-and-fleas>

<http://www.pesticidewatch.org/sites/default/files/pets>

Legislative Updates

1. [HB 57](#) ("sister bill" to Nitro's Law; strengthens humane agent training) - PASSED IN HOUSE, CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE!
2. [HB 243](#) (requires mandatory psychological evaluation for a juvenile offender of animal cruelty) - CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE!
3. [HB 274](#) ("Goddard's Law"; strengthens penalties against companion animal cruelty) - PASSED IN HOUSE, [1st HEARING SCHEDULED ON TUE., 4/8 AT 9:15 AM, SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE!](#)
4. [HB 310](#) (strengthens protections for assistance dogs) - PASSED IN HOUSE; CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT AND REFORM COMMITTEE!
5. [SB 177](#) (requires companion animals to be included in protective orders) - [PASSED UNANIMOUSLY IN OHIO SENATE, MOVED TO OHIO HOUSE FOR CONSIDERATION!](#)
6. [SB 217](#) (strengthens state oversight of veterinarian clinics) - CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE!

Legislative Updates (cont'd)



For more detailed information and updates visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/ohio-voters-for-companion-animals-ovca/6314-update-companion-animal-bills-introduced-in-the-130th-ohio-general-assembly/491791907551310>

<http://www.ohiovotersforcompanionanimals.com/>

Updates and Recalls

06/02/2014	Hill's Science Diet	Dry dog food	Salmonella	Hill's Pet Nutrition, Inc.
05/27/2014	Pet Center, Inc.	Lamb Crunchy's Dog treats	Salmonella	Pet Center, Inc.
05/14/2014	Bravo	Dog and Cat Food	Listeria Monocytogenes	Bravo
02/05/2014	Hubbard Life, Joy, QC Plus	Dog Food, Cat Food	Salmonella	Pro-Pet LLC

Recalls from: <http://www.fda.gov/animal/veterinary/safetyhealth/recalls/withdrawals/default.htm>

Chinese Jerky Treats

Grieving pet treat consumers have a settlement for the Chinese jerky treat illnesses and deaths linked to two major importers; Waggin Train (Purina) and Milo's Kitchen. I would assume this has to be a bittersweet victory to the Plaintiffs.

For more information visit: <http://truthaboutpetfood.com/bittersweet-settlement>

Greenies

Greenies pet treats/chews and The Nutro Company has provided a response to Truth About Pet Food's questions. Here's that response, and the reply sent back to them.

To read the full text visit: <http://truthaboutpetfood.com/greenies-responds>

Bark Back

If you'd like to see your story or pictures of your adopted or fostered Almost Home dog in a newsletter, please send your information to me at swlove@aol.com. If you have ideas for stories, or suggestions of things you'd like to see here, please let me know as well. This newsletter is for you.



Please share our updates with your friends, coworkers and family ... perhaps they'll decide to join us!

Thank you,

Sue Love

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**In 2014:
 36 Adoptions & 38 Intakes**