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SEPTEMBER IS ...

Pet Adoption

Month! Many good dogs enter pounds and shelters daily. Many are lost, scared and confused. Given time, many are true lovers at heart.

Adopt a dog!

Consider giving a shelter dog a good home! Visit your local shelter to find your new best friend. While there, offer to take the dog(s) for a walk. And ask about any opportunities to volunteer, too.

Do your part!

Always purchase dog license tags! With a tag, by law, dogs are held for 14 days. (Without a tag, it can be just 3 days.) An ID tag can help your pet find its way home.

The Wright-Poling

Animal Shelter is located at 21253 Ringgold Southern Road, Circleville, OH 43113. The phone number is 740-474-3741.

PET EXPO – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

You – and your pet – are cordially invited to attend our **4th Annual PET EXPO**, which will be held at the Pickaway County Fairgrounds.

The start time is 10:00 a.m. with a good schedule of interesting speakers, training and agility demonstrations, a variety of vendors, and a host of other fun things to do that day!

For example, there will be a *Chinese Auction* you won't want to miss. A good variety of *Food* (sandwiches, etc.) will be available for purchase, plus you will surely want to visit the *Bake Sale*.

The day also includes a *50/50 Drawing* and *Raffle Prizes*. To participate in the *Cutest Dog Contest*, please plan to arrive no later than noon with your furry pal in tow! And bring the children for a totally fun *Face Painting* experience!

Finally, a local Veterinarian will be managing the *Rabies* (\$10) and *Micro-Chipping* (\$25) clinic from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Supplies are limited, so first come; first served!

The **PET EXPO** is packed full of fun and excitement and usually lasts until about 4:00 p.m. Come one! Come all! This is an event both you – and your pet – will truly enjoy! And speaking of pets . . .

Your dog is likely to be excited to be at the **PET EXPO** surrounded by many other dogs. For the safety of all, dogs must be kept on a leash at all times; must be kept under control. Also, please practice responsible pet ownership by cleaning up after your dog. For your convenience, *pooper scooper bags* and *paper towels* will be available at the **PET EXPO**. And finally, *Water* for the dogs will be available and served in a community-style bowl. Please bring your own bowl if you require a separate drinking container for your dog.

TUPPERWARE PARTY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

There's a party being planned at the **Kingston Mound Manor Club House** to benefit **Partners for Paws**! This special fundraiser will surely pop your lid. For example, if you dig way back in your cupboards, you just might win a prize for having the "**Oldest Tupperware Piece!**" There will be cooking and storage demonstrations, games and prizes, and refreshments will be served, too. *This is not your Mother's Tupperware Party!* Bring your family and friends! Come see their new product line and join in the fun!

To learn more, check out www.partnersforpaws.com and watch for future information on this event. Let's have a party! A Tupperware Party! See you there!

It happens everywhere . . .

In every community, in every state, there are homeless animals. In the U.S. as a whole, there are an estimated 6-8 million homeless animals entering animal shelters every year. About half of these animals are adopted, and tragically, the other half are euthanized.

These are healthy, sweet pets who would have made great companions. These are not the offspring of homeless "street" animals—these are the puppies and kittens of cherished family pets and even purebreds.

By spaying and neutering your pet, you can be an important part of the solution. Contact your veterinarian today - and be sure to let your family and friends know that they should do the same.

Partners for Paws

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HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

The ASPCA points out these common-sense cautions that will help keep your pets safe and stress-free this time of year.

1. No tricks! No treats! That bowlful of candy is for trick-or-treaters, not Princess. Chocolate in all forms can be very dangerous! Symptoms of chocolate ingestion may include vomiting, diarrhea, hyperactivity, increased thirst, urination and heart rate – and even seizures. If you suspect a problem, call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435.
2. Candles containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can be poisonous to dogs. Even small amounts of xylitol sweetener can cause a sudden drop in blood sugar, which leads to depression, lack of coordination and seizures.
3. Ingesting tin foil and cellophane candy wrappers can pose a choking hazard or cause intestinal blockage. Ingesting pumpkins and decorative corn can do likewise; can also cause gastrointestinal upset.
4. Halloween dress-up can be a big mess-up for some pets. Some like it; some don't. For pets that prefer their "birthday suits," wearing a costume can cause undue stress.
5. All but the most social dogs should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treat visiting hours. Too many strangers can be scary and stressful for pets.
6. IDs please! Always make sure your dog has proper identification. If he darts outside for any reason, a collar and tags and/or a microchip can increase the chances that he will be returned to you.

BECOME A MEMBER!

Partners for Paws is a non-profit group formed to raise funds to build and maintain a new animal shelter in Pickaway County. The old shelter had just 9 kennels. However, the new shelter - built in March 2009 - increased in size to over 40 kennels, so operational expenses increased, as well ... and that's where we come in!

Want to become a member and join us in our efforts? It's easy! Just go to our website where you will find the [Membership Application](#) form. Simply print and complete the form, include your check (*made payable to Partners for Paws*) and mail to P.O. Box 282, Circleville, OH 43113. Membership Applications are also available at meetings, which are held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire House (N. Court Street). All are most welcome to attend our meetings and events!

YOUR KROGER PLUS CARD

You can help our group simply by using your **Kroger Plus Card**! How? Just visit www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com and choose "Edit Kroger Community Rewards" to renew your **Kroger Plus Card** as a supporter of **Partners for Paws**. And, if you have never registered there before, just go online and view the easy to follow instructions. Many thanks for taking the time to do this! We truly appreciate your support!

* * Your contribution to Partners for Paws is tax deductible. * *