



Newsletter  
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ANIMAL SHELTER



Oberlin, OH

[www.OASISanimalshelter.net](http://www.OASISanimalshelter.net)

Dear Friends,

The cold, dreary days of early spring find the shelter full of wonderful dogs of all sizes, ages and colors just waiting for good homes (and less rain). The need for adoptive families is great, and once again, the staff at Oasis asks your help in spreading the word to friends and neighbors about the great selection of dogs at Oasis. Many pictures and descriptions are included in this issue, and more information is available on the shelter web sight. (Please see contact info below.) The all-volunteer staff provides excellent care for the shelter dogs, but sadly, the number of volunteers continues to decrease. We have a critical need for dog lovers willing to help clean and feed weekday mornings. Volunteers can make a tremendous difference in an animal's life by donating just a couple hours one morning each week. Interested volunteers are urged to contact the shelter or Kathy at (440) 839-2848, [kathykormish@yahoo.com](mailto:kathykormish@yahoo.com) to learn more. As always, thanks to all the friends of Oasis for all you do. Your support is greatly appreciated.



*Oasis volunteer Ann walks Jenny after a morning of cleaning at the shelter.*

### Mark Your Calendar

Lorain County Metro Parks will host the third annual Dog Dayz at Vermilion River Reservation May 22, 1-4pm. Oasis has participated in this great event the past two years and will once again take part along with many area rescue groups, vendors and other community organizations. Families are invited to bring their own furry friends and enjoy an activity-filled afternoon. Dog Dayz offers prospective owners a chance to get to know many dogs in need of forever families, including several from Oasis. For directions or more info about Dog Dayz, go to: [www.metroparks.cc](http://www.metroparks.cc)

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## GIVING:

## College Volunteers Make A Difference

Cynics who say young people "just don't care" have obviously not met the young adults who help out at Oasis. About a half dozen students have given up time from their extremely busy schedules this past school year to walk dogs one or two mornings each week at Oasis. Most attend Oberlin College, and all have enriched the lives of the shelter dogs they walk. These dedicated vols have given up extra hours of sleep (and often breakfast) to hit the road by the shelter with eager charges. They have hurried to class sporting muddy paw prints and an "eau de canine" scent. During a time when the number of community shelter volunteers has dwindled, student involvement has been vital and much appreciated. The Oasis staff hopes all the college vols have a great summer and can't wait to welcome old and new faces to the shelter in the fall.



*OC students Taylor and Aaron give mini Jasmine and beagle mix Candi some lap time. Both vols have taken dogs on hundreds of walks the last two years. Special congrats goes to Aaron, who will graduate in late May.*



*Who doesn't love a back rub? Taylor seems to have found just the right spot on big vizzla Ace's handsome red coat. (Ace and all the dogs pictured are waiting for good homes.)*

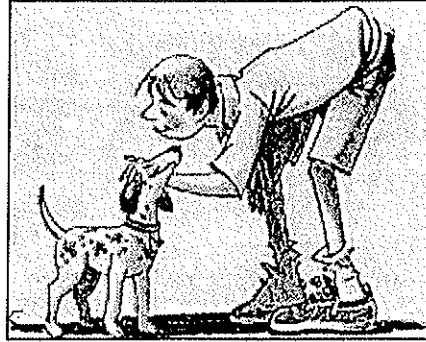


*Ame returns from a controlled walk with Cooper (at left) and Bandit. Ame, a third year OC student, has been volunteering at Oasis since freshman year and will be sorely missed when she heads to Philadelphia for fall semester.*

## Oasis Receives Grant

Typically, when dogs come to Oasis, they visit the vet for a checkup, heartworm and fecal tests, and immunizations including DHLPP, bordetella and rabies.

Now, thanks to a grant made possible by PetFinder and Intervet/Schering-Plough Animal Health, the dogs will also receive Canine Influenza vaccine. The first round was administered to all dogs at the shelter last month. Oasis is grateful to the sponsors of this grant for providing us with yet another way to keep our friends who wait for homes healthy.



## Puppies Need Homes

The darling boxer-shepherd puppies pictured below wait for good homes along with many other friendly, people-loving dogs. Please contact Oasis for more information. (Top two - females, bottom two - males)



## Happy Endings



*Tiny (left) and Ali (right) model their St. Patrick's Day scarves. (PS - Tiny is the ball player.)*

What is a family to do when Mom falls in love with a sweet little lap dog, while her son finds a forever friend who is a virtual ball player? Lyn knew her family just had to adopt both Ali and Tiny, and she has never regretted her decision. Her reports to Oasis have been glowing. "They are as happy as little clams! Such a joy to us," she writes. "It feels like they have been with us for years."



**Note: The date for this fall's Doggie Doo is being changed. The new date will be announced soon. Please check local papers and the Oasis web sight for updates.**