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ANIMAL SHELTER

Oberlin, OH

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Dear Friends,

We dog lovers have a number of reasons for celebration at Oasis this summer. All of the puppies featured in the last newsletter found



*Angel, Pearl and Chaos enjoy the second exercise area.*



*Mom, Sis and Toby beagle return from a morning walk.*



*Vinny beats the heat in the Oasis pool.*

good homes (though we have some new pups). Also, the Oasis dogs are enjoying a second outside exercise area. This addition provides everyone with some extra running and sniffing room and more time outside. Of course, they still look forward to walks, and we are looking for more walkers. Because of tough economic times, Oasis has an unusually large number of wonderful, friendly dogs in need of care, exercise and loving homes. If you can help out in any way, please contact the shelter using the contact info below.

### Mark Your Calendar

September 18 from 11am to 4pm Oberlin will once again be the site of Doggie Doo, a favorite event for Oasis volunteers and supporters. Rescue groups, pet-related products and dogs of every size and shape will fill Tappan Square for this fun-filled day, featuring special events for pooches. Please stop by our booth to say hello and meet some Oasis dogs needing homes. Our volunteer staff enjoys seeing former Oasis residents with their families. Find more info at [www.oberlin.org/doggiedoo/schedule.html](http://www.oberlin.org/doggiedoo/schedule.html)

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## Common Kitchen Mixture "De-Skunks"

Coping with a canine that has been sprayed by a skunk can be a frustrating experience for pets and owners alike. Though de-skunking products are available at some pet stores, the following home remedy provided by the Humane Society of the United States on their web sight (April 7, 2010) offers a quick fix.

Keeping the dog outside, first check the eyes for redness or irritation and flush with clean water, if necessary.

Mix together:

-1 quart of 3-percent hydrogen peroxide (available at your local pharmacy)

-1/4 cup baking soda

-1 teaspoon liquid dish soap

(Vinegar diluted with water will also work if you don't have the above items.)

Wearing rubber gloves, wash the pet thoroughly with the mixture as soon after the spraying as possible. DO NOT get solution in the eyes and do not save the mixture, as it could explode if stored in a bottle. Rinse the dog thoroughly. Then, wash with dog shampoo and rinse again. Dry and put the damp dog in a warm room.

## Happy Endings: Lovable Lab Goes Home



*With the lake at her back, Abbey patrols the yard of her forever home.*

During her time at Oasis, Abbey was one of those super-sized, affectionate gals that the volunteers just loved to pet and hug. Her size and the hesitancy of many people to adopt black dogs no doubt contributed to an extended stay at the shelter, but her judgmental nature was also a factor. She was waiting for a family *she* wanted.

Finally, the right couple fell in love with Abbey, and she found them very much to her liking. Dick and Arlene had raised other dogs from pups but decided to invite this special adult lab mix to share their lives. Today, Abbey lives in their home beside Lake Erie. Though she doesn't choose to go in the water, she enjoys exploring its shores just beyond her backyard. She also likes car rides. Arlene quips "Velcro" would be the perfect name for Abbey, who sticks with Dick wherever he goes.

Dick describes Abbey as "very intelligent" and "extremely protective of the house." At first, she met all visitors with suspicion and low growls, but a couple months of patience and security changed that. Though Abbey's wariness of some individuals remains, she greets most people happily and continues to be a loving and cherished member of the family.

## Participation in Dog Training Program Continues

A third class of Oasis dogs is currently in residence at the North Coast Correctional Treatment Facility in Grafton, where inmates are teaching them basic obedience. The program, coordinated by Erin Hoak, assistant to the deputy warden for programs, has enabled many of the participants to impress perspective owners with good manners and find homes. Current and former "students" pictured below are still looking for forever families. To learn more about them, please visit the Oasis web site or contact the shelter. (Contact info-p.1)



**Parker, boxer mix**



**Newman, husky/lab mix**



**Roxie, beagle/terrier mix**



**Ali, schnauzer/terrier mix**



**Pearl, coonhound/beagle**



**Chaos, boxer/lab mix**



**Sabrina, collie/husky mix**



**Holly, boxer**



**Patience, lab mix**