



Oasis

ANIMAL SHELTER

Oberlin, OH

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Newsletter

Holidays, 2011



Dear Friends,

"Full house" continues to be the status of the shelter this holiday season. The cancellation of Doggie Doo because of inclement weather was a big disappointment, as the annual event usually attracts a large number of potential adoptive families. In late October, Oasis was among the featured groups at a special day for local rescue organizations at Don Mould's Plantation, but high winds and cold kept most people away. A big thank you to Don Mould's and

WOBL for sponsoring the event. On a positive note, upon returning to campus in September, seven Oberlin College students joined our year-round volunteer dog walkers, enriching the lives of Oasis dogs who wait for homes. Willow, the young black and white cat dumped near the shelter, is now being fostered but needs a permanent home. (Oasis does not take in cats.) This sweet, green-eyed beauty has been spayed and vaccinated. Happy Holidays, and thanks for all you do.

Cost-free Ways to Help Homeless Dogs

- Browse for Oasis Animal Shelter via www.goodsearch.com. Registration is free and simple.
- Click the purple button at The Animal Rescue site and earn .6 bowl of food for a hungry animal each day. www.theanimalrescue.com
- Donate time. Oasis needs volunteers to help out weekday mornings and early afternoons. Please contact the shelter for more information.



Skyler is all leashed up and ready to go for a walk. This spunky husky/collie mix vocalizes with human-like sounds and has impeccable hygiene.

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From One Dog Lover to Another: Holiday Treats, Anyone?



Looking for an alternative to those store-bought dog treats with the long lists of multi-syllabic ingredients? Homemade treats remove the guesswork about content and can be very easy to prepare. They also make thoughtful gifts for friends and relatives with four-legged family members. This super simple recipe for **Veggie Treats** (pictured above) was developed in response to a bumper crop of parsley in the garden and two beloved canines with breath issues. (Yes, this baker sampled with the dogs – yummy!)

1 1/2 cups minced parsley
1/3 cups carrots, pureed or chopped very fine
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 1/3 cups flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1/2-3/4 cups water

Preheat oven to 350. Lightly oil baking sheet. Stir together first 3 ingredients listed. Combine flour and baking powder; Add to veg mixture. Add water slowly to create moist but not wet dough. Knead dough. Form and flatten about 24 cookie-size spoonfuls of dough on baking sheet, or roll out dough and use cookie cutter. Bake 20-30 min. until slightly hard. Store in airtight tin.

Happy Endings: A Perfect Match



Fluffy relaxes in the yard of her happy home.

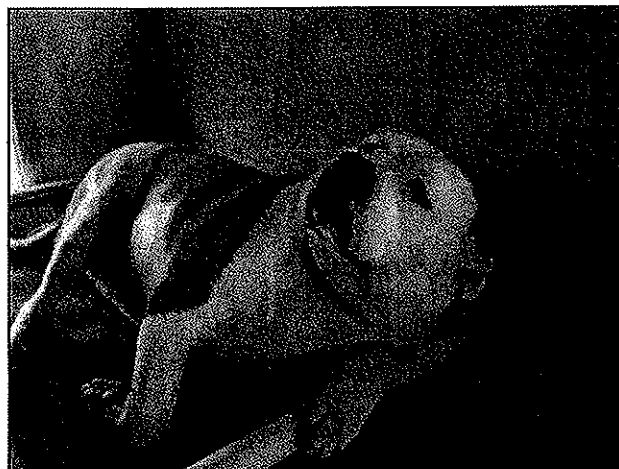
Fluffy was not a young dog when she came to Oasis. Though a favorite among shelter volunteers, her somewhat fragile demeanor and bald spots did not exactly enhance her adoption prospects. That's when Dan, a single guy looking for a calm, older dog as a companion, entered the picture. He found Fluffy on Petfinder, and when he met her at the shelter, a bond formed immediately. "I knew she needed me and I needed her," recalls Dan. "From the first day she came home, she

followed me everywhere. She listens to every word I say, like a human. She is so smart!" Fluffy's hair has grown back. She accompanies Dan on long walks and car rides and even plays fetch with rawhide bones. "Fluffy has changed my life," says Dan. "I believe I have changed her life too. She is so happy now."



Dan gives his devoted friend a pat.

A footnote: Several wonderful older dogs in need of loving homes currently reside at Oasis. To meet them, please call Oasis or visit the PetFinder page at the shelter's website. Jenny and Annabelle are two senior residents awaiting homes.



Nell was returned to the shelter because of neglect. She loves belly rubs, walks and people, especially children. A new home would give this big girl's spirits a boost.

Sibs Become Teachers



Charlie (right) and his sisters have befriended and nurtured Robbie and his brothers.

Six young dogs can be found racing around the shelter yard, playing during these crisp, late fall mornings. A casual observer would not know that three of them, male siblings, did not know *how* to play when they arrived at the shelter a few months

ago. The other three, shepherd/boxer mix siblings, have been **teaching** them how. Remie, Robbie and Ryan, Belgian Shepherd Tervurens, were mistreated during the early days of their young lives. As a result, they came to Oasis with varying degrees of fearful behavior. Charlie, Charlotte and Ruby came to Oasis as puppies. Their interaction with the young Tervurens is ongoing and inspiring. Thanks to the efforts of human and canine "teachers," the brothers' futures are looking brighter each day.

How Much Do You Know About Dogs?

Based on facts from www.randomhistory.com

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| <p>1. Which rock star rescued his wife's Pomeranian from a coyote?</p> <p>2. By what dog action did Dr. Roger Mugford (2003) claim he could interpret a dog's mood?</p> <p>3. What common expression originated from bodies of animals drowned by rainstorms floating down streets?</p> <p>4. Which breeds of dogs were sometimes suited with armor for defense purposes during the Middle Ages?</p> <p>5. According to Plato, a dog has the soul of a _____.</p> | <p>6. The dog on the Cracker Jack box is named what?</p> <p>7. How old did the longest living dog on record live to be?</p> <p>8. What therapeutic value does petting a dog have?</p> <p>9. What is the only barkless breed of dogs?</p> <p>10. What is the fastest breed of dogs?</p> |
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1. Ozzie Osborne (wrestled the coyote)
 2. tail wagging - invented "wagometer"
 3. "it's raining cats and dogs." - 17th century England
 4. mastiffs and great danes
 5. philosopher
 6. Bingo
 7. 29 yrs. 5 mo - Australian cattledog
 8. lowers blood pressure
 9. Basenji!
 10. greyhound (up to 45mph)

Shelter Shots



If Rocko could talk, he would say, "You throw; I'll fetch" over and over. (Jack Russell mix)



Woody demonstrates his balancing act. This youngster has a wonderful disposition. (Who doesn't love a beagle!?)



Taylor works with young pharaoh hound Clyde on commands. The big guy loves to run and is learning to control his energy.



Kitty prepares Hershey for a walk. Returned to Oasis when her owner moved, this well-behaved, friendly gal was and will be a great companion.

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