THUNDER PAWS

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Animal Cruelty Task Force of Ohio

THUNDER PAWS IS AN EFFORT BY THUNDER ROADS OHIO TO RECOGNIZE RESCUES, SHELTERS, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON ASSISTING SOME OF OUR MOST LOYAL COMPANIONS THAT ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AN ORGANIZATION OR EVEN PROMOTE YOUR OWN, PLEASE EMAIL US AT THUNDERROADSOHIO@GMAIL.COM THIS IS A COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFERED BY TRO AND IS OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE.

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Created by Steffen Baldwin, a former paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne and Lead Humane Agent in Union County, ACT Ohio provides humane agent services to rural counties in Ohio that do not have the funding to support full-time humane agents. Put simply, ACT Ohio gives animals a voice where they otherwise would not have one. Steffen spends his days running all over the state answering reports of animal cruelty and abuse, saving animals of all sorts. Just since January, ACT Ohio has rescued approximately 210 animals! A big part of rescuing animals is finding loving homes for the pets after their care and rehabilitation is complete. ACT Ohio has adoptable pets now including Andor, seen below and described here by Steffen:

Andor was part of one of the worst cases of starvation and cruelty this year in Ohio. When the story first broke I did not expect Andor to pull through. Here is the full story and the trial is set for the beginning of December as a matter of fact where I will be testifying as an expert witness on Andor's behavior and recovery: http://fox8.com/2014/08/30/spca-seizes-two-emaciated-dogs-in-animal-cruelty-case/

Andor was becoming reactive and needed to be on anti-anxiety medication while housed at the Medina County SPCA. When Andor's adoptability came into question with a few nipping incidents I was called up to assess and evaluate him. Every assessment on a reactive dog starts with a careful and long jog/run far from the shelter to wear out their body and calm their mind, as well as establish a connection with me as an individual. It can take over an hour of running, jogging and walking before I see that look in their eyes break and I can get a true read on their temperament. I saw a very sweet boy in Andor and I felt comfortable bringing him home for rehab. Andor is now crate trained and house trained. He is a gentle eater and takes treats softly from your hand when he used to want to ravish anything in sight (you'll see the pics of him in that article and understand why). Andor lives and plays with several other dogs and has been an absolute joy to work with.



Andor's adoption fee (and all dogs) is $150 and he is neutered, micro chipped, and is up to date on all shots.



Misty was beaten over the head with a shovel by the former Dog Warden (now fired) of Jefferson County, labeled "very aggressive" and placed on the euthanasia list until we were contacted as a "last chance" for Misty to go through rehab. After being cared for by the Rascal Animal Hospital, Misty entered our 3RP program mentioned above and graduated on 11/10/2014 where she now lives with a longer term foster home until her forever home can be found (she is also up for adoption).



It's not just dogs that we rescue, since January ACT Ohio has rescued a large number of cats from two hoarding situations in Marion and Adams County in collaboration with the Rascal Unit/Rascal Animal Hospital. 74 cats from Marion and 40 cats from Adams Counties have been saved. Here I am going over the medical care of young kittens with the owner of Rascal, Dr. Michelle Gonzalez (Dr. G).



In ACT Ohio's Reactive Rover Rehab Program (3RP), stable and previously rehabbed dogs work together with dogs going through the rehabilitation process. Here I am working with them all on basic commands, taking treats gently and basic manners around other dogs.

Information about the services and rescues at ACT Ohio can be found at www.actoh.org.