

OPWP Benefit Dinner Photos



Medical Fund Program

In the second quarter we financially assisted with the medical costs of ten pets. The average cost per pet was \$102 (from a low of \$49 to the high of \$150).



Food Distribution

During the second quarter we distributed 13,523 pounds of pet food! Such a larger number is because in addition to the regular monthly distributions we had distributions in Painesville, Fairport Harbor, and in Geneva. Also, we gave dry dog food to other pet food pantries (in Parma and Richmond Hts.) and to the Ashtabula Animal Protective League. We also gave an extra little gift to the people: 10 "double the quantity" gift cards. That means that those ten people can receive twice the quantity of pet food. (This is only for dog food as we are always short on cat food).



Spay/Neuter Program

We paid for the spay/neuter of 59 pets (mostly cats) during the second quarter. As was mentioned in our previous newsletter, we started the SNIP-SNIP TRANSPORT PROGRAM; however, that has not been a successful endeavor. The program called for transporting ten cats on a monthly basis from Painesville to Petfix in Euclid to be "fixed" and then returning them to Painesville the same afternoon. Petfix reserved the surgery time for 10 cats/month. In May we transported 6 cats and in June we transported 4 cats. The program was well advertised and it did say it was 100% free of charge. Petfix would like us to terminate this program as they cannot afford the luxury to have free surgery time. It is fully understood and we agree with their decision. Perhaps we will try again in the future as we know the need is there.

ATTEND A DISTRIBUTION!



Are you interested in learning more about what the Pantry does? Would you like to meet others in the community who are passionate about helping people and animals in need? The Pantry welcomes you to attend one of our distributions to see what is going on and how things work. You can stay for however long you wish.

IN OTHER NEWS...

• We are now in the planning stages to offer our third "Children's Educational Program". Last year we had a program in the fall about cats (ferals, strays, and pets) and one in the spring of this year about dogs and puppies. This fall's program will again be about cats. This program, free of charge, is for elementary and middle school children.



• We have been asked to assist in starting a new pet food pantry in Painesville. This request is from a small church. We have already met with the pastor's wife to educate her on the various aspects of having a pantry. The start date is in September. We will do all the preparation work and have a distribution at that church. The pastor's wife will come to our storage and help with all the preparation work (learning) and she (and their volunteers) will actively assist in the distribution. We will provide the food for their first distribution. We are excited about this because we know there is a need for a regular pet food distribution in Painesville.

• Again this Fall, at the October distribution, we will give the people paper products, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, and facial tissue. People were so happy to receive these items last year as they are seldom given out at food pantries. We had enough bundles last year for over 100 people. If you would like to donate some of these items let me know and I can pick them up or you can drop off at Willow Praise Church if you are not far away. You can also shop online and send them to Ohio Paws with Purpose 28605 Lakeshore Blvd. Willowick, Ohio 44095. (If you drop them off at the church you have to write "for the pet panty" on the container.)

Thank You!



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2ND QUARTER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Hello friends, sorry this quarter's newsletter is late but I waited to report on how our First Benefit Dinner on July 14th went. It was really nice! 93 people came (out of 103 paid registrations). Everyone seemed to have a good time and I got quite a few comments about how good the food was, how lovely the room set up was and the raffle items were really nice.

What was more important were the comments complimenting Ohio Paws with Purpose for all the programs it has, helping so many pets.

Wishing you a Happy Summer. Elvira

