

# How to help

CHA receives no government or taxpayer funding, relying solely on the generosity of the community, donors and volunteers. You can help in a number of ways:

 **Volunteer.** Volunteering your time can be the most valuable gift to animals. Both in-shelter and out-of-shelter work is available. Opportunities include dog walking, taking care of the cats, assisting with adoptions, helping at fundraising events, building shelter awareness and much more.

 **Adopt.** By adopting a shelter animal, you are giving a second chance at life and love to a homeless animal. Encourage your family and friends to adopt as well.

 **Join.** For \$25 for an individual or \$35 for a family annually, you can become a CHA Member. Membership has many benefits including a subscription to our quarterly newsletter, the Tail Waggin' Times. Members also receive discounts on CHA event entry and obtain voting rights on all matters deemed votable by the Board, such as Board Member elections.

 **Advocate.** Be the voice of those that cannot speak by educating family and friends about why it is so rewarding to adopt from a shelter and why it is important to spay and neuter your pets.

# Contribute

Whether a little or a lot, donating goes a long way and there are many options to contribute. Choose to donate supplies for the shelter, attend one of our events or donate funds in a loved one's honor.

 **Donate supplies.** CHA goes through a long list of supplies on a regular basis such as paper towels, bleach and peanut butter just to name a few. Drop a few items off at the shelter or order direct from the wish list set up on Amazon.com.

 **Attend an event.** Check out the CHA website for upcoming events. Annual favorites are Paws to Party in February, Picnic with the Pups in July and the Dog Jog in August.

 **Support a cage.** Help support the cost of caring for the animal in your cage and receive a dog tag name plate displayed at the shelter. Each support a cage is \$50 for one year.

 **Sponsor a pet.** Help care for a CHA animal of your choice by sponsoring them during their stay. You will receive a bio and photo of your animal and your name will be on the door of their area. Each sponsor a pet is \$25.

**Donating for a friend or family member makes a great gift for all occasions. To donate or for more information visit the CHA website.**

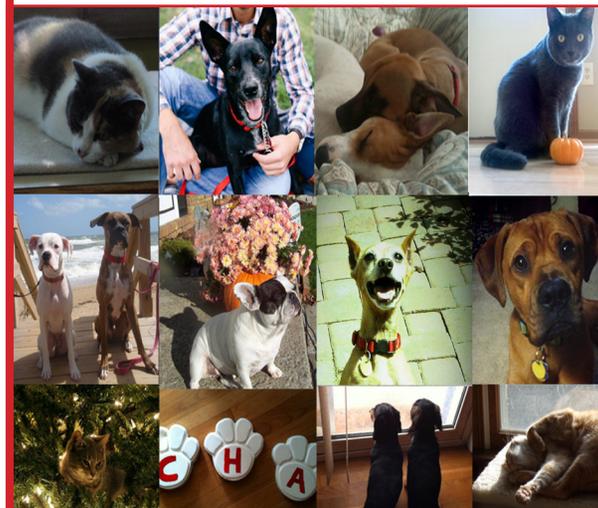
# Stay in touch

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter, **The Tail Waggin Times!** Submit your email address on the CHA website homepage.

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Serving the people of central Ohio by providing shelter, care and pet adoption services for abandoned and otherwise homeless dogs and cats since 1975.



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# our commitment to the animals

**Shelter.** CHA operates as a flexible intake shelter. Once an animal is accepted into our adoption program we work hard to find it a permanent home. A small staff runs day-to-day operations and coordinates veterinary services while volunteers help in everything from caring for the animals to organizing fundraising events.

**Programs.** The staff and volunteers constantly look for ways to improve the quality of life for the animals and increase their chance for adoption. CHA dogs are evaluated through a behavior program called SAFER Testing and benefit from a toy enrichment program. CHA has added home-like rooms for cats who have difficulty adapting to a cage and a spay/neuter recovery room for dogs to get special care and rest after their surgery.



**Foster.** Foster homes help CHA stretch the number of animals it can accept by temporarily housing those who might be too young, too sick or too scared to be in the shelter environment.

**Care.** Animals available for adoption have been vaccinated, dewormed, dogs are tested for Heartworm disease and cats are tested for FeLV and FIV/feline leukemia, spayed or neutered, and microchipped. Both receive all other routine medical care. Our Emergency Medical Fund (EMF) allows us to treat heartworm, intestinal parasites, dental disease, and perform critical care for broken bones and other injuries that require surgical repair. This allows us to save animals that might have been considered otherwise unadoptable.

# our commitment to the community

CHA works to educate the community about responsible pet ownership. Our community outreach programs include seminars on bite prevention and animal care. To support our mission to end pet overpopulation, CHA has an on-site spay/neuter surgical suite that serves all shelter animals prior to adoption. In addition, we offer shelter tours for scout troops, schools, and other children's groups upon request.

# about CHA

CHA Animal Shelter, Inc., is a non-profit animal shelter dedicated to finding permanent homes for abandoned and homeless cats and dogs in central Ohio since 1975. CHA is run almost exclusively by over 300 volunteers, who give countless hours to care for our temporary residents as we seek loving and happy homes for them. CHA does not receive any type of tax or government funding. We rely heavily on contributions and successful fundraising to maintain our efforts to rescue, care for and place hundreds of animals each year.



CHA is located on Corporate Drive off Westerville Road and SR 161

