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BARKPARK: JOIN US SEPTEMBER 20 FOR A DAY YOU WON'T FORGET

This year, for the first time ever, B and O received a BarkPark Day. But what is BarkPark and why do we want to go there?

BarkPark is a private off leash dog park located within 10 minutes of Plain City near the village of Jerome. The park includes ten fenced acres, a pond, an agility course, and tons of fun for the canine crowd. Three Saturdays per month, beginning in May, BarkPark opens its gates to canine members who have to show proof that they are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and temperament tested. Once that is done, the dogs are allowed to run free within the confines of the park.

All the money that is collected from memberships and dues goes back to help animal organizations. Rescues and shelters apply to have a BarkPark Day and all the money raised on that day goes to the group working in the park that day. In the past some groups have made \$5-6,000 in one day.



Our BarkPark Day is Saturday, September 20. We will need at least 8 volunteers to be present during the day.

BarkPark is open from 10-4, but volunteers will be needed at least an hour earlier to help with set up and an hour later to help with clean up. We will need volunteers to wash dogs, make hot dogs and hamburgers at the concession stand, serve as gatekeepers to let dogs (and humans) into the park, and be bathroom escorts. If you would like to be on the schedule for our BarkPark day, please email or call and let us know.

We will have more details as the date draws near. You will never forget BarkPark once you have been there!!!

If you would like to learn more go to www.barkpark.org

A HUGE THANK YOU TO KEYBANK AND THE KENNETH R. SCOTT CHARITABLE TRUST FOR THEIR \$1700 GRANT

We would like to thank the Kenneth R. Scott Charitable Trust for providing us with a \$1700 grant to help spay and neuter more feral and stray cats in the Plain City area.

We originally asked

for \$1500 to help cover the costs of sterilizations and vaccinations for 50 cats. However, after speaking with Dr. Obermanns about our project and the fact that we always have people who need to borrow traps, Dr. Obermanns asked the grant committee to

generously give us an extra \$200 to purchase additional traps. We have already received our new traps and are putting them to use in the community. This is our second year receiving a grant and we are so thankful.

SECOND ANNUAL GARAGE SALE TO BE HELD DURING STEAM THRESHERS, JULY 17-20

Join us again for our second annual garage sale.

Last year we tried putting our "treasures" out for sale during Steam Threshers. The sale was such a big hit that we've decided to do the same thing again this year. The sale will be held from July 17th through the 20th and will be set up in Carol Gaul's yard (176 Anderson Avenue) since her house

backs up to Pastime Park where the folks for Steam Threshers congregate.

We are also in the process of collecting items for the sale. If you have something you would like to donate, please call Carol at 614-873-4675.

Last year we made almost \$2,000 from the sale and we are hoping to do that well or better this year. All of

the proceeds from the sale will, of course, go to spay and neuter more area kitties.

If you like a good bargain and you also want to help cats in need, you can't beat the B and O garage sale. Come out and support us while you browse at Steam Threshers. You're certain to find something you just can't live without. The kitties will thank you and so will we.



It's that time of year again. Time to look for bargains to help the kitties.

**"One small cat changes coming home to an empty house to coming home."
Pam Brown**

HELP B AND O WIN \$250 JUST BY RECYCLING PAPER

WE NEED YOUR PAPER!!!

If we can recycle 8 tons (16,000 pounds) of paper in the green Abitibi recycling bin behind Plain City Druggist between May 1st and August 31st, we will win \$250.

Drop off all your paper products in the large

bin located at 480 South Jefferson Avenue in Plain City to help us and the environment.

You can bring all your newspapers, catalogs, office paper, junk mail, and any other paper product you can think of. You can also bring shredded paper from your paper shredder. Just put the shredded paper in a garbage bag and deposit bag and

all into the recycling bin. There is no need to dump the shredded paper out of the bag as it tends to blow all over the place. Just leave it bagged and Abitibi will sort it. Remember, we receive money based upon the pounds of paper we collect. So bring lots!! You can drop off any time of the day or night. It's easy and convenient!!

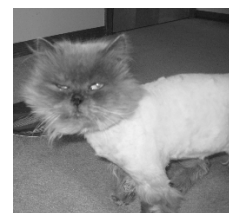
L A M B E R T : T H E H I M A L A Y A N H A V I N G A B A D H A I R D A Y

We found Lambert, a two-year-old Himalayan, in our trap while doing a trap-neuter-return project at a local trailer park. The poor guy was so matted that his hair had to be shaved. Because he looked like a little shorn "lamb" after his trip to the vet, we christened him

"Lambert."

Lambert's hair is now starting to grow back in. He is going to be a gorgeous kitty once that happens. We've joked that he doesn't want to be adopted until his hair is fluffy and pretty again, because he wants to go to

his new family looking his best. In any case, Lambert is a wonderful kitty who is still looking for a home. It's hard to believe that a purebred cat (Himalayans are a cross between Siamese and Persians) was wandering alone, cold and hungry, before we trapped him.



If you'd like to adopt Lambert, please go to our web site and fill out an application.

OSWALD'S OPINION: WHY BARKPARK IS NOT JUST FOR THE DOGS



Go to www.barkpark.org and sign up to become a member of this doggy country club.

Greetings, Humans: I want to talk

about a subject I normally do not broach: Dogs. While the species are clearly inferior to us felines, there is a place for dogs that cats love, too. This wonderful place is BarkPark, a dog park that helps to raise money for homeless dogs and CATS. I am worried about BarkPark, because without the support of you humans, the park may need to close. BarkPark is a members only park and memberships are down this year by over 100 members. Without members to support the

park, BarkPark's charitable activities will not be able to continue. BarkPark raises money, when it is open, to help local shelters and rescues. BarkPark's financial generosity finds homes for many, many needy cats and dogs and also serves to spay and neuter animals to decrease the overpopulation problem in central Ohio.

So you humans, take your dogs to BarkPark. Become members. If the dogs are at BarkPark, at least, we cats will know what they are up to.

ZOOTOO TO THE RESCUE SWEEPSTAKES

Fifteen lucky rescue groups will win cash prizes totaling \$26,000!! B and O could be one of them. There will be one \$10,000 grand prize, one \$3,000 2nd prize, and 13 \$1,000 3rd prizes. Help B and O be one of the lucky 15!!

Zootoo is a free community website bringing pet

lovers together (sort of like Facebook or MySpace, but for animal people).

How can you help B and O win? Just go to B and O's Zootoo page and affiliate with our rescue group: <http://www.zootoo.com/reg/aff/blackandorangecatfoundation> Or just go to Zootoo.com/ register and search for us by

zip code(43064) and name. Then select us as your group. Next you need to add a profile photo and then write one review about any product or service on Zootoo.com. Once you have done those things, you have given us an entry in the sweepstakes. The more supporters we have active on Zootoo.com, the more chances we have of winning!!!



GIVE US AN ENTRY IN THE ZOOTOO SWEEPSTAKES: GO TO WWW.ZOOTOO.COM/REG/AFF/BLACKANDORANGECATFOUNDATION WE COULD WIN \$10,000!!!

WHY WE LOVE OLDER CATS (OLDER=LOTS OF LOVE)

Older cats often get overlooked in the frenzy for that cute, tiny bundle of kitten energy. While we deal in kittens all the time as we help to get mother cats spayed and prevent more unwanted litters, we would prefer an older cat in our household any day.

Older cats are great, because, unlike a kitten, they

basically want nothing except your love, a soft place to sleep (preferably close to you), and a bowl of kibble. Their personalities are formed, too. Older cats will not be climbing the curtains or biting your toes or attacking you as you come around a corner. While those things are cute, they are also exhausting. We think we'd

rather nap with our older cats !! Unfortunately, many shelters euthanize cats over 6-7 years of age, because most people do not want older cats. Older cats still have a lot of love to give and with cats living to be 15 or 20, they still have long lives ahead of them.



The next time you are considering a friend to adopt, please consider an older dog or cat.

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AND KITTENS AT
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