







Dear Sue,
[Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio, Inc.](#) (AHDRO) was formed in December of 2003. Our mission is:

Donate



-  to provide homeless collies, shelties and other family friendly dogs a safe haven where they will receive medical care, nutrition and love until an approved home is found
-  to reduce the number of unwanted pets by altering all dogs in our rehoming program
-  to educate the public about the importance of altering pets
-  and to explain that owning a pet is a lifelong commitment.

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Why We Do What We Do

Before Nugget came to Almost Home Ohio, he belonged to a negligent breeder who planned to use him for stud.

She threw Nugget into a pen with other dogs, ignored him for some number of days and returned to find him grievously wounded. Her vet told her that the wounds on his leg had become infested with maggots, and that his privates were now filled with maggots as well.



He had to be neutered immediately. Since neutering Nugget would render him worthless to this breeder, she instructed the vet to put him down.

The vet decided to try to save his life instead.

After treating the worst of the wounds, she contacted Almost Home and asked us to take in this poor boy and nurse

him the rest of the way back to health.

After a healing stay with the Ruth family, Nugget was finally available for adoption and has since found his forever home.



For more stories, visit Almost Home's [Before and After Gallery](#).

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Health Watch

Diamond Pet Food Voluntary Recalls

Numerous varieties of pet foods manufactured at the Gaston, SC, and the Meta, MO, Diamond Pet Food facilities have been voluntarily recalled due to positive Salmonella tests. Check the Diamond website for specific varieties and lots of recalled foods. Pet food manufactured at the Gaston plant has been linked to 14 cases of human Salmonella by the CDC.

<http://www.diamondpet.com/information/>

Dog Jerky Treats from China

More than 900 cases of pet deaths or illness have been reported to the FDA in recent months regarding Chinese imported dog jerky treats. To date, no action has been taken by the FDA or by the US importers of the treats to recall these products, so you may still be seeing them on the shelves at your pet store.

Here is more on this issue:

<http://healthypets.mercola.com/sites/healthypets/archive/2012/06/08/toxic-chicken-pet-food.aspx>

To keep current on recalls and pet food issues, you might want to check out:

www.truthaboutpetfood.com

Interceptor Replacement

With Interceptor no longer available, we've had numerous questions about what AHDRO is recommending to take its place. Our preferred replacement drug is Trifexis -, with the exception of those dogs with liver disease or seizures, or dogs on Prozac. Please note that Trifexis MUST be administered on a full stomach. Revolution, Heartguard and Iverhart are OK, but you should do the MDR1 gene test first. Dosage on these Revolution and Heartguard is of the utmost importance. Dose as close to weight as possible: for a 30 lb. dog, dose with 11-25 lb. tab instead of giving the dose for a 26-50lb dog.

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AHDRO Approved as CFC Charity

AHDRO is pleased to announce that we have been approved as a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) approved charity.

CFC is the world's largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 200 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally to help to raise millions of dollars each year. Pledges made by Federal civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season (September 1st to December 15th) support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world. ADHRO's approval will help us save more dogs through the campaign contributions.



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Chemotherapy and Blizzard

Unfortunately, many of us may have to face the specter of cancer affecting our beloved dogs. We may have to make heart wrenching decisions about treatment. Just as for people, recommended treatments vary from surgery to radiation to chemotherapy, or a combination of therapies. The following is one person's experience with the option they chose: chemotherapy.

By Cheryl Bricker

This is not an article to encourage anyone to treat or not treat their dog with chemotherapy that has been diagnosed with cancer. That is between you and your vet, the type of cancer and the possible outcomes for your particular dog. The point of this article is for people to understand the treatment and not judge dog owners who choose this option. I can only base this article on my personal experience with Blizzard, our white/cream golden retriever who was diagnosed with lymphoma



Blizzard four days before he died happily running on the beach with a stick.

When Blizzard was diagnosed, I was crushed. Many of us in our lifetime have that one special dog, one that has touched our heart to the core. For me, that was Blizzard. And at the early age of five, it was devastating to learn he could die within weeks or live a healthy life, in Blizzard's case, for roughly another year with treatments.

To me, that meant at least seven dog years to him. So, on my vet's recommendation, I made the appointment to see the canine oncologist, Dr. Alan Hammer, in Willoughby, Ohio. He explained to me my options for Blizzard and how each stage may progress with or without treatment. My husband and I chose chemotherapy. Up until this time, I never heard of chemo for dogs. First and foremost, because of Blizzard's particular situation, treatments would not likely affect his quality of life. Chemo is different with dogs than it is with people. Blizzard would be given a much smaller dose. Most dogs tolerate the medication with little or no side effects. Blizzard's hair did not fall out; he was full of energy and devoured his food daily. The only drawback was the trips to the vet for the administration of the drug. Yet we were fortunate that it could be administered at our local vet's hospital in coordination with the oncologist. Every phase of Blizzard's progression was monitored carefully

During that year, we walked every day in his favorite spots in the woods; swam in the lake fetching sticks in the summer; and hiked in the winter along the ice dunes and shuffled across the iced bay from Presque Isle State Park to the marina on the other side; played Frisbee hours on end in the back yard and cuddled in the blankets at night. He had a great last year and so did we because of the treatments. We were prepped for the symptoms of the last few days of his life which occurred about a year later. Sad as it was, we appreciated the opportunity to have spent more time together

So, please don't frown on anyone who says they are putting their dogs through chemo and judge they are being abusive and self-concerning. I know, I remember the looks.

Thanks to our local vet, Dr. Gerald Campbell and Dr. Alan Hammer's expertise, we were able to share a happy and active year with many more sweet memories.

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AHDRO Partners with PALS

By Maria Burrows

AHDRO is excited to be partnering with another organization in Columbus that is working hard for the good of the community. The Physical Activity & Life Skills Center (PALS), a Chrysalis Health Company, is a daytime training program for adults with developmental disabilities. According to Natalie Barcone, "PALS offers a variety of services including life skills, physical fitness, supported employment, animal therapy, and educational opportunities through their partnership with Columbus State." Through development of positive life skills and community involvement, PALS strives to enrich the lives of their participants.



In its partnership with AHDRO, PALS will be organizing sessions for its trainees to bake dog biscuits and make dog blankets for our rescued dogs. These handmade offerings will not only be useful, but will also most welcome.

In turn, AHDRO will arrange for Certified Animal Therapy dogs to visit PALS. We hope to bring smiles to those the dogs visit as well as a sense of companionship that can so often occur when spending time with our wonderful canines. Both AHDRO and PALS are certainly excited for this new venture. Be sure to say hello if you see a new face at AHDRO community events as it is possible it is a PALS participant joining the cause.

PALS is located at 222 West Johnstown Road in Gahanna.

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Students Fundraise For AHDRO

This spring Norwich Elementary school put on a student council fundraising event.

Students and parents donated items and money to Almost Home. This was a great event and the students and faculty were so generous and loving toward Trooper and Jimmy. Trooper just loved the kids and was extremely well behaved; truly the model event dog! Thanks everyone at Norwich Elementary, including AHDRO volunteer (and Norwich teacher), Susan Montgomery.



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AHDRO Photographer Jennifer Cooper Rides in 2012 Pelotonia

Who: Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio volunteer photographer Jennifer Cooper

When: August 10-12, 2012

What: Pelotonia is a grassroots bike tour with one goal: to end cancer.

Every dollar raised by Pelotonia and its riders goes directly to fund cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

In Jen's words...

Pelotonia 12 - I am back for my 3rd year. Each year means more to me than the previous one. Each year the list of those I know affected by cancer grows. Each year it breaks my heart a little more. My soul has been changed by my participation in Pelotonia.

Pelotonia has helped friendships emerge and grow, mental and physical health has strengthened, and desires to end cancer have become VERY apparent.

So for 2012 I will ride for one goal- to find a cure for cancer, to shorten all of our lists. I will ride 180 miles to Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio and raise over \$2,200.



No donation is too small- each and every one makes a difference!

If you would like to help, donations can be made by going to <http://www.pelotonia.org/> and typing in my name, Jennifer Cooper. Click on my name when it pulls me up and you will be directed to my rider Profile page, where any size donation can be made.

Or click on this link which will put you directly on my page:
http://www.mypelotonia.org/riders_profile.jsp?MemberID=75324

Better yet, register to do your own ride and join us!

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Driving with Pets - Restraining Your Dog in the Car

By Robert Piehl

Eight states, New Hampshire, Connecticut, California, Massachusetts, Nevada, Washington, Oregon and Rhode Island require owners to kennel or tether animals when traveling in a motor vehicle. They recognize the severe danger of sudden stops and potential collisions pose to both drivers and pets. An unrestrained dog can land you with a ticket between \$50 and \$200. In addition, many states have distracted driving laws that could be used to ticket a driver with a dog on their lap. Given the current push against texting while driving, it doesn't appear to be a stretch that the distraction of unrestrained pets will follow close behind.



Animal lovers would almost always rather take their pet with them to run errands or on a road trip than leave them at home or at a pet motel. A recent survey indicated that 25% of people traveling for more than two nights take their pets with them. As multiple dog owners, we take some or all of our pack whenever practical and even when impractical. In researching this article, I achieved a new realization of the dangers involved to the distracted driver, the unrestrained pet(s) and to other drivers on the road with me. ***In a survey of pet owners by AAA and Kurgo, a pet restraint manufacturer, 31% admitted to being distracted by their dogs while driving and 59% have admitted to engaging with their pet in at least one distracting behavior while driving.*** Additionally, the survey indicated that 80% of pet owners drive with their pets but only 17% use any form of pet restraint.

Many of our dogs have their quirks as to what can set them off into a state of high excitement (driver distraction). It may be other dogs, horses, runners, bike riders, etc. If you have a dog that goes bonkers once in a while and you're doing 40 mph in heavy traffic, it could spell disaster for you,



your dog and/or a cyclist, jogger or small child. In the event of an accident, a restrained pet won't run off or into traffic. A restrained pet won't try to prevent rescue personnel from reaching his injured master.

The danger to humans in an accident with a pet in the vehicle is very real. Another study by AAA indicated that an unrestrained 10# dog in a 50 mph crash exerts a force of 500 pounds, while an unrestrained dog of 80# in a crash of only 30 mph exerts a force of 2,400 pounds. With these forces, a dog could easily be propelled through the windshield. Our dogs range from an 11# Shih Tzu to our collies Rob Roy and Junie B that weigh in the upper 70# range. Robbie and Junie go with us on virtually all of our trips and errands in the back of our Escape. This provided me with a lot of food for thought. Another scary scenario for those who have dogs in the front seat is that in the event of an air bag actuation, the dog will likely die or be severely injured as well as multiply injuries to the owner if they are being held at the time.

If you are now convinced or at least considering restraint for your dog, what kinds are available and which ones are preferable? [Read the rest of this article...](#)

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Dogs and Fireworks Do Not Mix

If your dog is like many others, it may run terrified at the sound (and sight) of fireworks. As we approach July 4th be sure to keep your dog tied up or better yet, in the house during fireworks.

Do whatever you do to calm and reassure your dog during a storm.

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Dogs Get Sunburns Too

Did you know that just like humans, dogs can get sunburn? As well as resultant skin damage and skin cancers? And like humans, there are factors which make some dogs more prone to problems:

- dogs with white or light colored coats
- dogs with a very short coat or no coat at all or dogs that have been over-shaved
- dogs that have suffered coat loss from allergies or other medical conditions
- dogs that spend the hottest part of the day outside.



With summer around the corner, here are some tips to help prevent problems:

1. Keep your dog inside in a cool room or in a well shaded area outside during the heat of the day.
2. Use pet sunscreen on susceptible areas - your dog's nose, the ends of its ears,

around the mouth, on eyelids, the belly, the groin and inside the legs. Make sure you use a pet sunscreen that is safe for your dog and reapply as necessary. Pay particular attention to areas where little coat is covering and where the skin pigmentation is low or light in color.

3. If necessary, consider a body suit designed to protect your dog from UV rays. Check with your veterinarian if your dog is continually out in the sun or exposed to high temperatures.
4. Some dogs' coats are designed to protect the dog from the sun's heat. Avoid a close clipping to offer some protection.

If you see signs of sunburn such as red skin, fur loss and/or sores, contact your vet and make sure you seek medical advice.

*Adapted from an article from the Barking Bulletin.

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Events

Second Annual Pars FORE Pets Golf Outing

Save the Date and Register Now! The second annual Pars FORE Pets golf outing to benefit Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio will be held August 27, 2012 at Rattlesnake Ridge Golf Club.

Paws FORE Pets will have a shotgun start beginning at 9:30 a.m. Registration is \$90 per person and includes breakfast, lunch, access to the driving range, greens fees and golf cart, air conditioned banquet room, silent auction, prizes and an awards ceremony,



To register, click the "Donate Now" button on our home page. When paying via Paypal, please enter "Golf Outing" under "purpose."

All proceeds from this event will help Almost Home Dog Rescue of Ohio (AHDRO) care for rescued dogs. For more information or to sponsor or donate, contact Janice Smith at 614.374.1433 or email janicesmith7@aol.com.

Save the Date

Reunion - October 13, 2012 from 11-3 (watch for more information to come your way.)

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Legislative Updates

OHIO SB 130 (Ohio's Puppy Mill bill)

Members of the House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee continue looking at issues surrounding SB 130 and discussing matters with "interested parties."

OHIO HB 108 (formerly HB 70) aka Nitro's Law Passed in the House and by the Senate Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Committee. Senate and House on summer break until June 12.

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Share Your Love - Fosters Needed

We can only rescue as many dogs as we can foster. With the economy the way it is,

more people are surrendering and abandoning their dogs and shelters are getting filled, forcing them to euthanize more dogs.

Help us save dogs from high-kill shelters, take care of more surrendered and abandoned dogs and fulfill our vision of making life better for dogs.

If you are able to foster, please contact Carol Mondillo at cmondillo@columbus.rr.com.

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Bark Back

If you'd like to see your story or pictures of your adopted or fostered Almost Home dog in a newsletter, please send your information to me. If you have ideas for stories, or suggestions of things you'd like to see here, please let me know. This newsletter is for you.



Please share our updates with your friends, coworkers and family ... perhaps they'll decide to join us!

Thank you,

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