

CRITTER CHRONICLES

Each week The Chronicle-Telegram features pets from area animal shelters and rescues available for adoption. To inquire about this week's pets, please call the numbers listed below.

Princess

Princess has completed 10 weeks of obedience training at the Lorain County Correctional facility. She knows basic commands and has manners. Prison dogs are highly sought after and will not last long. Princess is friendly, but is not fond of cats. Princess was recently adopted but did not get along with the other dog in the family. She would probably be better off as an only pet and with a family with no small children. She is an active dog that will need a lot of attention. A big fenced-in yard would be great, too.



BREED: Yellow Lab mix
SEX: Female
NEUTERED/ SPAYED: Yes. All vaccines are up to date.
AGE & WEIGHT: 2 years old, 45 pounds
ADOPTION FEE: \$75
ORGANIZATION: Friendship APL
CONTACT: (440) 322-4321 or www.friendshipapl.org

Travis

Travis is a brand-new arrival from the county kennel. He has a sweet personality and loves people. He seems like he'd make a great family pet. Come on in and meet Travis. He's been the perfect guest since he arrived at the shelter.



BREED: Airedale Terrier
SEX: Male
NEUTERED/ SPAYED: Yes. All vaccines are up to date.
AGE & WEIGHT: 3 years old, 45 pound.
ADOPTION FEE: \$15.
ORGANIZATION: Friendship APL
CONTACT: (440) 322-4321 or www.friendshipapl.org

Rocky

Rocky has just completed 10 weeks of obedience training at the Lorain County Correctional facility. He knows basic commands and has manners. Prison dogs are highly sought after. Rocky loves people, including kids. He's big, so small children may not be advisable. He'd love a big, fenced-in yard to play in. Rocky would make a terrific family pet!



BREED: Shepherd
SEX: Male
NEUTERED/ SPAYED: Yes. All vaccines are up to date.
AGE & WEIGHT: 3 years old, 65 pounds
ADOPTION FEE: \$75
ORGANIZATION: Friendship APL
CONTACT: (440) 322-4321 or www.friendshipapl.org

Ginger

Meet Ginger. She will spice up your life. She's hoping to get adopted during the shelter's 2011 Cat Adoption Event. Today is the last day for this event. Adoption fees on all cats will be \$11. The Adoption fee for kittens is \$20. All felines are spayed/neutered, dewormed and have had their initial set of shots. The shelter is open 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.



BREED: Domestic shorthair calico cat
SEX: Female
NEUTERED/ SPAYED: Yes. All vaccines are up to date.
AGE & WEIGHT: 1 year old
ADOPTION FEE: \$11
ORGANIZATION: Friendship APL
CONTACT: (440) 322-4321, or www.friendshipapl.org

FUR KIDS

People are happy when it's time for Blue to visit



KAREN UTTHE SEMANCIK

You hear about it in the news all the time — pets are good medicine. Stroking a cat can lower your blood pressure. Owning a dog can help your child's cognitive development. Pets help fight depression and anxiety. That tactile comfort and special bond between pets and humans is evident every day for Lorain resident Joan Reidy.

An administrator at Avon Oaks Caring Community in Avon, Reidy sees the joy her dog Blue, an almost 3-year-old rescued American Staffordshire terrier mix, gives to the residents her skilled nursing and rehabilitation facility serves.

She's been bringing Blue to work almost every day since adopting her from For the Love of Pits rescue organization at the Oberlin Doggie Doo event in the fall of 2008.

But bringing a dog to work is nothing new for Reidy. Before Blue there was Ronnie, a rescued greyhound who died in 2008 from bone cancer. Reidy tries to make her facility just like home.

"As a person-centered care facility, Avon Oaks is as homelike as possible," Reidy said.

She said one resident came to Avon Oaks dealing with progressing dementia, and was very anxious when she first arrived.

"Annie could hardly give one-word answers to simple questions, but when Blue appeared, she became calm and remembered to give her treats and tell her what a great dog she was," Reidy said.

"Annie is doing much better now and Blue continues to be the highlight of her day. Blue helps combat Annie's anxiety and depression."

Blue makes her "rounds" daily, often carrying a pink purse (a present she received for her second birthday) or stuffed animal when visiting Avon Oaks residents or greeting visitors in the lobby.

Reidy says every once in a while Blue carries around a "new" stuffed animal and she has to find out if it's a gift from a resident or a visitor, or if she "borrowed" it from someone.

Blue has a bed under Reidy's desk for when she's not working.

When it's time to go home, Reidy pages Blue on the intercom, instructing her to come to the lobby.

"Blue is a model employee," Reidy said. "Her attendance is great, she is kind to all and she even does after-meal cleanup of the floor in the dining room."

Reidy feels bringing Blue to work with her makes her more productive in her job as she can stay late and not have to worry about getting home to let Blue out.

"Blue makes everyone happy," said Jeanette Ezso, receptionist for Avon Oaks Caring Community.



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ABOVE: Blue the dog makes her rounds at Avon Oaks Caring Community in Avon, greeting one of the facility's residents. **BELOW:** Resident Betty Connors tries to share a drink with Blue.



"She's the most lovable, kind and gentle dog," Ezso said. "She's excellent with the residents."

Blue has achieved her American Kennel Club Canine Good Citizen certification, and is well on her way to becoming an official Delta Therapy Dog.

FYI (Fur Your Information) '12 Cats of Christmas'

I'm happy to report that two of the cats featured in this column's "12 Cats of Christmas" story on Dec. 12 — Tank and Sasha — were adopted from the Friendship APL in Elyria just in time to spend Christmas in their new, forever homes.

Fur Kids calendar

■ 2011 Cat Adoption Event — 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today at Friendship APL, 8303 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria. Adoption fees are \$11 for all cats and \$20 for all kittens. All felines are spayed/neutered, wormed and have

their initial shots. Call (440) 322-4321.
■ Vet clinic — 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Elyria Pet Supplies Plus, 220 Market Drive, Elyria. Low-cost immunizations, exams and parasite control for dogs, cats and ferrets, provided by Value Pet Care. Lorain County SPCA will be on site with adoptables. For more information, call (440) 324-7221. The next clinic will be Jan. 27.

■ Dog behavior seminar — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 30 at 626 N. Rocky River Drive, Berea. "Learning Theory: The Rules" will be presented by canine expert Ken McCort. Seminar fee is \$85, including lunch, with discounts available for volunteers of nonprofits and groups of six or more.

Visit www.fortheloveofpits.org/Education/Seminars/info.htm.

To submit items for this column, contact Karen Utthe Semancik by e-mail at chamcomm@aol.com (preferred), fax at 329-7282, or mail it to The Chronicle-Telegram, Attn: Fur Kids, 225 East Ave., Elyria, OH 44036. Please send calendar items two weeks in advance.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

Galle pottery cats are beguiling to many collectors

Cats are favored over dogs when it comes to collecting.

Those who devote sales to paintings, figurines and other depictions of animals find that sales are better for cats, then dogs, then horses, then chickens and roosters, followed by pigs and maybe frogs.

But birds are probably the most popular of all.

Emile Galle (1846-1904) is best known as a maker of cameo glass. He opened his own factory in Nancy, France, in 1873 and made cameo glass, enamel-decorated glass and art glass in the art nouveau style.

But he also made unusual pottery from about 1874 to 1904. Galle pottery is not as well-known as Galle glass, and it is rare.

Collectors today like all Galle pottery, but most intriguing are his many figures of cats, each about 10 inches long.

The cats have human expressions and are decorated with flowers and other designs. The cats sell today for more than \$500 if in perfect condition.

Q: I have a J.K. Rishel Furniture Co. desk that must be more than 50 years old. Please give me some information about the company.

A: The J.K. Rishel Furniture



TERRY KOVEL

Co. was founded in Hughesville, Pa., in the late 1800s. By the early 1900s, the company was headquartered in Williamsport, Pa. Rishel continued making furniture until at least the mid-20th century.

Some Rishel pieces, particularly those 100 years old or more, sell for thousands of dollars. Pieces from the mid-1900s attract less interest and much lower prices.

Q: I have a strange metal "picture" made with bullet holes. I have heard that this type of bullet picture might be valuable. Can you tell me something about it?

A: Bullet drawings are made by shooting bullet holes into a target. The technique was made popular by Texan Adolph Toepperwein (1869-1962) in the early to mid-1900s.

After a brief stint as a newspaper cartoonist, he performed as a marksman on the vaudeville circuit and later in a



COWLES SYNDICATE INC.

This yellow Galle pottery cat has large round glass eyes and small transfer decorations on its body and sold for \$800.

traveling circus.

In 1901 he became an exhibition shooter for the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. He and his wife, Plinky, toured the country giving shooting exhibitions for more than 40 years. He ended each show by "drawing" an indian's head with bullet holes shot into a board.

Silhouettes of indians, cowboys, cartoon characters and Uncle Sam were made by several hundred bullet holes spaced a half-inch apart on a sheet of tin.

Other shooters also made bullet drawings, but those made on tin by Toepperwein bring the highest prices. His pictures sell for several hundred to a few thousand dollars.

Current prices

Current prices are recorded from antiques shows, flea markets, sales and auctions throughout the United States.

■ Emerson electric fan, Type 6250F, brass blades, oscillating, countertop, c. 1949, \$55.

■ Lennon Sisters paper dolls, three stand-up dolls, 104 costumes and accessories, Whitman Publishing, 1953, \$60.

■ Mattel Baby Smile 'n Frown doll, vinyl, blond hair, smiles when left hand is raised, pouts when lowered, plastic teardrops, wets, jointed, 1965, 9 1/2 inches, \$65.

■ Ferdinand and the Bull figural pencil sharpener, amber Catalin, decal, Ferdinand seated and smelling flower, 1938, 1 3/4 inches, \$85.

■ Scrubbing Bubbles advertising wristwatch, polished brass, smiling character on face, Marcel, 1970s, Swiss, 9 inches, \$115.

■ Diane Love evening bag, envelope style, multicolor brocade, snap closure, curb link chain, c. 1980, 7 1/2 x 8 inches, \$460.

■ Sambo drink advertising sign, black porter holding tray with bottle, "If You Like Chocolate Malted Milk,

Drink Sambo," metal frame, 1930s, 18- by 24-inches, \$600.

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