

# the Animal Insider

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## Wanna Go Out and Play?

By Kelly Tamerlano

### Dog Parks Gaining Popularity in Central Ohio

So, picture this, it's a beautiful summer day, you and your dog would love to enjoy it together and be able to run free, but your yard isn't fenced in or you don't even have a yard. Maybe you would like your dog to enjoy this day with some new friends. What to do? How about going to a dog park?

Dog parks are a growing trend in Central Ohio, yet many people just don't know what to expect or even what to do at the dog park and shy away at giving it a try. If that sounds like you, then read on! Your dog will be happy you did and will be running up to you at the park to give you a slobbery thank-you kiss in no time.

First off, what is a dog park and why should you and your dog go to one? Simply put, a dog park is one where through the design and amenities, it is clear that dogs are invited, not just permitted. Most commonly these are fenced in, leash-free parks. Some parks are private, requiring a membership and dues, some are free and open to the public.

Dog parks are beneficial to both dog and owner for a number of reasons. Most importantly, a well-exercised and socialized dog is a happier and healthier dog. This makes your dog a better family member and neighbor. Dog parks give your dog a safe place to get much needed exercise, safe from running off and also safe for others who may be fearful of dogs but still want to enjoy the park. Dogs who are well-exercised are less likely to bark excessively, destroy property, and generally create a nuisance. Another added bonus? Dogs are an icebreaker, so while your dog is off making new friends, you can be too.

A great resource for finding dog parks across the country is: [www.EcoAnimal.com/DogFun/](http://www.EcoAnimal.com/DogFun/). This website's directory is sorted by state. The listings include addresses, directions, and information about the park, such as any costs involved and rules.

Ok, so now you have found a park, it meets your needs, you're in the car, excited, and on your way. Once you arrive, what should you expect and what is expected of you? What you will see is a large group of people who love their dogs or dogs in general. Others will play with your dog and you will play with other dogs, it's great fun.

What do you need to do to ensure the health and safety of your dog and others using the park? First and foremost, be sure that your dog is wearing a basic flat buckle or snap collar (no pinch or spike collars, dogs have been seriously hurt play-

### **Local Dog Parks**

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*Delaware Bark Til Dark Dog Park*  
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*Westerville Bark Park (public)*  
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ing with dogs wearing this type of collar). Be sure your pet's license, rabies tag, and any identification tags are attached to the collar. Your dog should be current on all vaccinations, and should be healthy, and parasite-free. Some parks will require that your dog be spayed or neutered; others will strongly suggest it and prefer it. Dogs that are known to be aggressive towards other dogs or people should stay at home.

Owners need to clean up after their dog. Some parks will provide bags, others will not. Bring some of your own bags to be safe. You must also closely supervise your dog at all times. It is very important not to leave the park without your dog. This is a place for you to enjoy and interact with your pet, not a drop-off point.



Two more important safety tips (and rules in most parks) involve children and food. Parents should refrain from bringing toddlers and small children into the park. All children who enter the park should know how to interact with a strange dog. You should not bring any food, including dog treats, into the park. All dogs have different diets and while it might seem like a nice idea to give treats to the dogs, not all owners will appreciate it. It can also create an unsafe situation for yourself, once you run out and they all want more!

Above all, the most important thing to remember about going to a dog park is to be a courteous and responsible dog owner. You will soon have a dog whose tail starts wagging at the mere mention of the dog park. Have fun!

## Trixi Doo Right? Yes she did.

Trixi Doo Right is the official 2006 Summer Cover Model Contest Winner! Adopted by Brittney Hypes of Columbus, Trixi had been at the Franklin County Dog Shelter for a few months. Brittney originally had a different kind of dog in mind, but had a change of heart when she met Julia, now named Trixi! She's a happy dog now and loves to play and even snuggle in bed to keep warm! We're sending our wishes for a happy future, as well as their winning prize! Thanks to everyone who participated and thank you for caring about animals!

Don't forget to enter next issue's contest today! Email your name, address, pet's name, a paragraph or two about your pet, and attach a high-resolution photo to [chris@Animal-Outreach.org](mailto:chris@Animal-Outreach.org) One entry per person. Ohio residents only, please.

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# Back to School Tips for You and Your Dog

By Greg Schneider

**A**re you enjoying the summer? Are your kids enjoying the time with you and the family pets? Can you handle just a teeny, tiny break from this idyllic reverie?

Sure it seems like school just ended but the start of the new school year is just around the corner. And when the kids go back to school everything changes for your dog, too. The stress on mom, dad, and the kids, can be enormous. But rarely do we consider how the change in routine affects our canine companions. Dogs are creatures of habit and when the routine changes they can be seriously affected. Below are the main areas of concern and tips to consider before the kids head off to school:

**Separation Anxiety:** A major issue that surfaces is that the family dog no longer has the kids to play with during the day. The stress that accompanies being left alone can often result in destructive behaviors and endless barking. Follow these tips to help reduce the initial stress of separation.

**Start early:** At least a week before the kids go back to school, begin to separate your dog from the kids, and the rest of the family. For example, if you frequently take your dog with you to the store or elsewhere, begin leaving him home.

**Ignore him:** Dogs can be the center of attention when the kids are home. This routine needs to be changed before the kids head to school. While it might sound cruel, the best way to do this is to start ignoring your dog. Start increasing the amount he is ignored about a week before school starts, and increase the amount daily. This will help your dog adjust quickly.



**When you leave:** As you leave your home, don't pamper the dog and nurture him by saying in a sweet voice, "Don't worry—we'll be home soon. Be a good boy". Dogs are pack animals and they expect their leader to be firm when they leave the pack. It is best to totally ignore your dog for about 10 minutes before you leave, and as you leave the house simply make a low "growl" with your voice. While this might sound peculiar, your dog will actually be relaxed by your voice. In the wild, the pack leader growls when she leaves the pack to indicate she will return soon and not to misbehave.

**Boredom:** Dogs sleep a great deal during the day. But when they awake they want something to do. It doesn't take much to entertain a dog—even if you're not at home.

**Scatter feed:** Dogs are natural foragers. They love to look for food on the ground and will literally spend hours doing so. Before you and the kids leave the house, distribute dry food over a wide area of your back yard. Be sure to provide lots of fresh clean water to keep your dog well hydrated.

**Sandbox:** Build a digging pit. Dogs love to dig, so rather than trying to eliminate that natural instinct, control where they dig by building them their own special place. Build a sandbox and teach your dog that it belongs to him. Bury his favorite chew toy in the digging pit and when he digs it up praise him lavishly. Very quickly he will learn where to dig—and, more importantly, where not to dig.



**Toys:** Dogs love toys. But, they quickly get bored with them, or they are destroyed. First, buy quality toys that your dog will always love. Second, rotate the toys. Use two toy boxes for his toys and rotate them every few days. This way he looks forward to his "new toys" when you leave.

**Shelter:** Just as humans feel more at ease at home, so do dogs. If your dog doesn't have a place of his own, create one.

**Crate:** Most dogs love crates. Dogs are descendants of animals that live in dens, and a crate has the same characteristics of a den. If your dog hasn't been crate trained, don't start training him the day the kids leave for school. That's too late and can actually add to his stress. Rather, start training him in advance of the back to school transition.

**Dog house:** If your dog will be kept outside while you are gone, make certain he has a shelter to get out of the weather—a place he can call his own. Dogs are much more relaxed when in a familiar surrounding, and when they are covered. Provide a blanket, or some other soft surface that is inviting.

**Unusual Behavior:** When dogs are stressed they can sometimes exhibit unusual behaviors—such as jumping or biting. It is not unusual for young children to come home from school and be "attacked" by the family dog. Usually the dog means no harm. It has been left alone all day and has pent up energy. When it sees the kids, the "unusual" behaviors show up.

Children need to learn not to immediately enter the dog's area as soon as they get home. The kids need to ignore your pet for 5-10 minutes to allow him to settle down. With young children it is always best to have a parent there to reduce the chance of a problem. Once your dog learns the routine he will be fine.

The end of summer vacation is a time of transition for families and their dogs. Providing your dog with the advanced training and right combination of food, shelter, and entertainment will help your canine companion adapt to the new school schedule.

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# Spotlight on: Cat Assistance Team of Central Ohio

By Jill Herbst

**C**at Assistance Team of Central Ohio (CATco) was founded in January, 2003 and became a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in August, 2003. Nancy Heller founded the organization after attending an inspiring workshop presented by Becky Robinson, Director of Alley Cat Allies, a national organization promoting the welfare of feral and stray outdoor cats. *The Animal Insider* recently had the opportunity to ask Nancy a few questions about CATco and the good work they do for felines in Central Ohio.

**AI:** What is the mission of CATco? How do you accomplish your mission?

**NH:** Our mission is to reduce cat overpopulation through public awareness and non-lethal, humane management efforts.

We focus our efforts on four priority areas:

- Funding spay/neuter efforts for feral and homeless cats in our communities.
- Implementing trap/neuter/return programs for feral cat and providing support services for feral cat caretakers.
- Creating a network of foster and placement options for adoptable cats.
- Educating and informing our communities about feral & domestic cat overpopulation & humane solutions.

We rely on dedicated volunteers to provide support for feral cat caretakers (access to humane traps, spay/ neuter, cat food and shelters), educational programs, trapping assistance and fund raising programs. We have also designed and presented feral cat workshops to help communities understand specific concerns related to feral cats.



"Pickle" was rescued from a dumpster by CATco when he was 3-days-old. He has since been successfully fostered and adopted!

CATco collaborates with other Central Ohio rescue groups to organize high-volume spay/neuter clinics for homeless cats. In 2005, our volunteers helped trap and transport over 500 cats to spay/neuter appointments in seven counties!

**AI:** What are the greatest challenges you face as an organization?

**NH:** Working with local communities where cats are routinely abused, neglected and abandoned is always a challenge. When working to show residents and community leaders that trap/neuter/return is the most humane, cost-effective and progressive method of dealing with their "cat problems", we have encountered political, attitudinal and legal roadblocks.

**AI:** Can you share a success story?

**NH:** With funding from a PETS<sup>MART</sup> Charities grant, one of our volunteers worked for a year to get 100 homeless cats at one trailer park spayed/neutered, vaccinated and returned/placed in foster/ adoption. This program was a tremendous success. It improved living conditions for the park residents and the cats, and significantly fewer unwanted litters were born this spring.

**AI:** How can people get involved with CATco's work?

**NH:** We always welcome volunteers! We have many opportunities for people who want to help cats, from Trap-Neuter-Return volunteers, to foster homes and feral colony caretakers. We're always looking for dedicated volunteers to help with other not so glamorous activities such as office work, newsletter & web design and presentations to outside organizations and groups. A volunteer application is on our website, [CatTeam.org](http://CatTeam.org)

Visit CATco's website, [www.CatTeam.org](http://www.CatTeam.org), for more information about feral and stray cats, including instructions on how to make your own wooden feral cat shelter, upcoming events and other volunteer opportunities.

You may also call or mail for more information:  
Cat Assistance Team of Central Ohio, PO Box 41,  
Alexandria, Ohio 43001, 614.575.CATS (2287)



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## Looking for a Garage Sale this Weekend? Look no further!

Every Saturday, Cat Welfare Association hosts a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their shelter (741 Wetmore Rd., Columbus). Visit [www.CatWelfareOhio.com](http://www.CatWelfareOhio.com) for info.

## How About a Weekday Evening out with your Pup?

Every Wednesday, LUX (482 S. Front St., German Village) hosts *Pups on the Patio* from 5 to 9 p.m. Pups is a unique happy hour for you and your dog to mingle on the outdoor patio! Proceeds benefit CAHS. [www.PartyAtThePatio.com](http://www.PartyAtThePatio.com)

Every Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m., you can head over to the Lodge Bar (165 Vine St., Columbus) for *Dogs on the Deck!* 10% of all sales benefit Ohio Pug Rescue. Visit [www.TheLodgeBarColumbus.com](http://www.TheLodgeBarColumbus.com)

## Bingo anyone?

Every Tuesday & Friday, go play Forgotten4Paws Bingo! Doors open at 5 p.m. Bingo begins at 7. Located at the VFW Hall, 1131 Sugar Grove Rd. in Lancaster.

## July

### 2 & 16 Mingle with our Mutts,

12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Franklin County Dog Shelter 1731 Alum Creek Dr., Columbus. Come meet homeless dogs and cats, puppies and kittens too! [www.MingleWithOurMutts.org](http://www.MingleWithOurMutts.org)

### 7 First Friday's Annual Pet Parade,

6 to 9 p.m. at the corner of Gambier & Main St., Mount Vernon. Join us for a parade, contests, prizes & lots of pet-related fun! Contact [jjgifford@hotmail.com](mailto:jjgifford@hotmail.com) for details.

### 8 Animal Outreach Dogwash,

Come out to Ritter's (7490 Sawmill Rd., Dublin) between 11 a.m. & 4 p.m. for super-deluxe dog washing & nail trims. Suggested donation is \$10 wash/\$5 nails

### 9 Mingle with our Mutts,

12 p.m. to 2 p.m., Bark Til Dark Dog Park 1277 Hills-Miller Rd. Delaware [www.MingleWithOurMutts.org](http://www.MingleWithOurMutts.org)

### 20 Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic (Cats)

Cozy Cat Cottage, 62 Village Pointe Dr., Powell. Males \$35,

Females \$45. Register and pay in advance: 614.336.8510

### 29 Pet Blessing and Adoption Day

Join CATco from noon to 4 p.m. at Shepherd's Corner in Blacklick for an afternoon of fun! Bring your furbabies for a special "blessing of the pets" and stay for adoptions, live music, great food and more! Visit [www.CatTeam.org](http://www.CatTeam.org) for details.

## August

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# Calendar of Events

July – September  
2006

### 19 & 20 Greyhound Adoption of Ohio Canine Fun Days & Greyhound Reunion,

Join GAO at the Cleveland Metroparks Polo Fields from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Canine Fun Days! Celebrity pet guests are still being booked! There will be vendors, food, rescues, shows, games & more! [www.GreyhoundAdoptionOfOH.org](http://www.GreyhoundAdoptionOfOH.org)

### 25 Westerville Dog Days of Summer

Head over to Uptown Westerville for a doggone good time. Extended shopping hours, exhibits, vendors & more! Don't forget to bring your

best friend! For info, check out [www.VisitWesterville.org](http://www.VisitWesterville.org)

### 31 Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic (Cats)

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## September

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### 9 Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival

2006 Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival's "Picnic with the Pups" [www.ReynoldsburgTomatoFestival.org](http://www.ReynoldsburgTomatoFestival.org)

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### 16 Stray Cat Strut,

Join CATco from 6 to 10 p.m. at Germania Club in German Village, for their biggest & best event of the year, The Stray Cat Strut! They're planning a wonderful evening of music, food, dancing and silent auction! Visit [www.CatTeam.org](http://www.CatTeam.org) for details.

### 28 Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic (Cats)

Cozy Cat Cottage, 62 Village Pointe Dr., Powell. Males \$35, Females \$45. Register and pay in advance: 614.336.8510

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# Oh No! NOT FLEAS!!

Summer is here, and so are those pesky fleas. Luckily technological advances have made it much easier to get rid of fleas, so we can enjoy our pets in the summertime.

## How do I know if my pet has fleas?

Fleas bite not only our pets, but people as well. They can cause severe itching in pets, especially on the rear quarters and the base of the tail. If the itching is severe enough, cats and dogs can start to lose hair and irritate their skin (flea allergy dermatitis). But be aware that your pet can have fleas and not scratch at all! Look at the base of the tail or on the abdomen for live fleas or "flea dirt". "Flea dirt" looks like small dark specks of dirt and is actually fecal matter from the fleas. To make sure the dark specks is really "flea dirt", wet the specks and see if they dissolve into a dark red color. Since adult fleas feed by sucking blood, their fecal matter contains some blood components.

## What kind of problems do fleas cause?

In addition to the skin problems mentioned above, fleas can transmit parasites such as tapeworms. Tapeworms live in the intestinal tract of cats and dogs and can cause weight loss. Since fleas feed by sucking blood from their host, they can cause anemia. In small kittens and puppies, the anemia can be severe enough to cause death.

## My dog has fleas, but what about my indoor cat?

If your dog has fleas, then you should assume that your cat also has fleas, even if you haven't seen any fleas on your cat and your cat hasn't been itching much. The amount of itching can vary among individual animals. Therefore, all animals in

the household should be treated to control fleas. If the infestation is severe or continuing, the house and/or yard may need to be treated.

## But I only saw 1 flea! Do I need to treat all my pets?

Adult, biting fleas spend most of their life on their hosts. They produce eggs that are first laid on their hosts and then fall off into the environment. These eggs hatch after a variable time and emerge as larvae and pupae that are a constant supply of adult fleas. As a general rule there are about 100 immature stages in the environment for every adult flea on your pet! And fleas are VERY good at reproduction. In 4 weeks a single pair of fleas can produce an infestation of 6000 adult fleas, larvae, and eggs under ideal conditions!

## How do I treat for fleas?

There are a number of good strategies for treating fleas. Fleas are very sensitive to growth regulators that break the life cycle of the fleas if used regularly. Chemical agents that affect the nervous system of adult fleas are also very effective. Neither of these classes of compounds are harmful to you or your pet. Ask your veterinarian to help you devise an appropriate flea prevention program for your particular pets and household.

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## Spay/Neuter... It's Never Too Early!

Are you putting off spaying/neutering your new puppy or kitten because you're worried about them feeling pain? Or because they're too young? Fear not! Vets are now "fixing" animals as early as 6 to 8-weeks-old! The procedure is called "pediatric spay/neuter" and is quickly becoming accepted.

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# Homeward Bound: Adoptable Animals



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### Liberty

Liberty is a sweet young girl. Laid back at 3-1/2 years old, Liberty is crate trained and up-to-date on all of her shots. Her coat is a gorgeous reddish-brown and all she wants is your love, affection and attention. Won't you be her greatest admirer and take her home today?

### Cubby

Cubby and Snoozer are a littermates. See the family resemblance?

Probably not. Cubby has a shiny black coat and is up-to-date on all of his shots. He weighs in at a feathery 40 pounds, but we say that size doesn't matter, unless you're talking about the size of his heart. Cubby is a cool little guy and would love nothing more than to spend some time at your side. Won't you give Cubby a chance?



### Snoozer

If you read about Cubby, then you know all about Snoozer, right? Or maybe it's time for Snoozer to quit "snoozin" and get out of Cubby's shadow. Up-to-date on his shots, Snoozer is also around 40 pounds and has a healthy white coat with tan markings on his head. Like Cubby, he's happy, healthy and just needs a place to call his own. I'm sure he wouldn't mind sharing either... Even if it is with his big brother Cubby.

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### Bear

Bear is a very sweet young fellow. He's full of energy and looking for a home that's ready to accommodate his active lifestyle. Bear gets along well with other cats, especially the ladies! He's neutered, FeLV negative and up-to-date on all of his shots. Won't you consider opening your heart to this cuddly Bear?



It is the mission of the Mid-Ohio Animal Welfare League to protect and promote respect for all animals; to promote the human/animal bond; to alleviate the pain and suffering of any abused, neglected or abandoned animal; and to act as a voice for animals through education and advocacy. We are committed to reducing the cat overpopulation epidemic through increasing public awareness and non-lethal humane management efforts; whereby humanely euthanizing only the untreatably sick and severely injured.

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[www.Mid-OhioAWL.org](http://www.Mid-OhioAWL.org)

### Lucy

Lucy is a one-year-old female calico looking for a great home! This energetic girl loves to play and gets along well with other cats, and friendly dogs, too. Lucy is spayed, FeLV negative and up-to-date on all of her shots. She's ready to come home with you!



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# On the Wild Side:

Every time you put out your garbage or take your recyclables to the curb, you can help—or harm—wild animals.

Your wild neighbors are attracted to items you throw away. If you're hiking, camping, or traveling—or simply taking a walk in the park—take care to dispose of containers and plastic wrap responsibly.

Glass jars still smelling of peanut butter, plastic containers with a bit of yogurt at the bottom, plastic food wrap that looks and smells good enough to eat, and plastic six-pack rings all can be deadly to curious-and hungry-squirrels, birds, raccoons, skunks, foxes, and other animals.

Fortunately, it's easy to safely dispose of containers and wrap-pings—and it only takes a minute or two. Wide-mouth containers can become death traps when animals get their heads stuck inside and suffocate, especially if the containers are narrow at the top. Birds and other animals can easily become entangled in plastic rings, causing injury or death. And any animal—even your own pet—can suffer and die after ingesting plastic packaging that causes an internal blockage. Plastic wrap can be particularly deadly to marine animals and birds, who mistake it for food floating on the surface of the water.

## **What You Can Do:**

**Rinse and Recycle:** Rinse all recyclable glass and plastic containers to remove any food remnants and odors. Any container can be a danger, depending on the size of the container and the size of the animal. Some animals, such as skunks, are particularly vulnerable because their front legs are too short to push containers off their heads. Even containers you're going to throw away should be thoroughly rinsed before disposal to avoid attracting wildlife to your trash.

# Don't Trash Wildlife!

**Cut or Crush:** Cut up and/or crush plastic containers before you put them in the garbage or recycling bin. Cut apart each ring in plastic six-pack carriers and other similar packaging.

**Close and Cover:** Make sure plastic food wrap is rinsed and contained inside a closed garbage bag. Never throw plastic packaging into open trash cans. Put garbage out for collection in plastic or metal trash containers with secure covers.

For more information about living humanely with your wild neighbors, visit The HSUS Urban Wildlife pages at [www.hsus.org/wildlife/](http://www.hsus.org/wildlife/) or e-mail The HSUS Wildlife and Habitat Protection section at [wildlife@hsus.org](mailto:wildlife@hsus.org).



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