

Autumn greetings from our pack to yours.

Greetings to all once again!



AlterPet is celebrating our 17th year of operation. We thank every single one of you who has helped us accomplish the spay/neuter mission, assisting more than 10,000 dogs and cats. We owe that success to your help and support.

Fall has 'come early' this year. Along with that, another event is coming earlier. You many know that the former Gale's Garden Center – site of our annual Tree of Life celebration – is now a Petitti's location. Petitti's has invited us to continue holding our event there, but it must be earlier in order to accommodate their holiday needs.

Please join us for the Tree of Life celebration on Saturday, **November 18**, see the flyer on page 3.

The earlier date should mean better weather. • ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center Phone and fewer holiday schedule conflicts. We certainly hope that you can join us this year, bring a friend, bring your pets and join us.

Dr Fran Terry, President, and the whole pack at AlterPet





Fall/Winter 2017

Here are some Safety Tips from the ASPCA:

Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations

- **Oh, Christmas Tree:** Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet..
- Avoid Mistletoe & Holly: Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- **Tinsel-less Town:** Kitties love this sparkly, lightcatching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery.
- **Wired Up:** Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

- **Skip the Sweets:** By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol. Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.
- **Leave the Leftovers:** Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends.
- Number: (888) 426-4435

Join us for our annual **Tree of Life** On November 18th See page 3 for details



Thank you to these vets who participate in our program!

Akron Barberton Veterinary Clinic**
All CreaturesVeterinary Clinic
Animal & Avian Medical Center
4 Pets Clinic**
Dr. Pal's Small Animal Practice **
Litchfield Veterinary Clinic
Mapleton Veterinary Clinic**
Medina Veterinary Clinic
Medina County Animal Clinic **
One Of a Kind Spay/Neuter Clinic**
PetFix Northeast Ohio**
Rolling Hills Animal Hospital**
Seville Wadsworth Veterinary Clinic**
Sharon Center Veterinary Hospital
Wadsworth Veterinary Hospital**

(**also spay/neuter cats)

Clip, \$ave and \$end Us:

* Any Dads Product UPC symbols

* Weight circles from Purina dog and cat chows
(excludes Beneful & Mainstay)

* UPC and Register receipt from DVP Natural Balance
dog food

* UPC from Our Family Products *Acme store register receipts through Dec. 30, 2017 (must be received by 1/20/18)

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Keep cartridges and cell phones out of the landfill and help keep our programs running. We can recycle **original manufacturer printer cartridges only.**Send receipts or cartridges to the AlterPet address, bring to an AlterPet event, or call us for a pick up.

\$\$ Attention \$hoppers \$\$

E-shoppers can support AlterPet with no extra effort or expense. Online shopping supports us at both www.igive.com/alterpet (All your favorite online retailers and no additional fees) and Amazon Smile http://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-1929069 . See AlterPet's website for other links. A portion of your purchase helps support even more spay/neuter services.

AlterPet's subsidized spay/neuter coupon program is intended for pet owners on a fixed income who take in stray or discarded pets.

It's not for retired breeding stock or for pets obtained from a commercial pet store or breeder.



Cat Spay-Neuter Coupons

Cost is \$30 for a male neuter and \$35 for a female spay.

Dog Spay-Neuter Coupons

Cost is \$45 for a male neuter and \$50 for a female spay

For more information call 330 321-6243 To order a coupon send check or money order to:

AlterPet PO Box 552 Sharon Center, OH 44274-0552

Include a note indicating what you're ordering, *some proof of income*, and a self addressed stamped envelope for return of the coupon. No limit to the number of coupons that can be ordered.

Dog coupons expire 90 days from date of issue. Cat coupons expire 1 year from date of issue

Memorials

In Loving Memory of

Honey

A large companion for more than 10 years!
- Kevin Dockery

Cleo

Our "not-vicious" Pitbull - a true lover!- Steve Brownfield & Fran Terry

Mike Mahaney

A gentle soul who loved all creatures – great & small

- Judy & Beth, Healing Waters Canine Experience

Maggie -

Tina's friend, loving companion and defender

- Sharon & Arlen Vanasdal

Shiloh

The world's best Pit-mix girl
-Carol Merinar

Visit our Memorial web page at www. Alterpet.org



Pets Light Up Our Lives!



Join us on Saturday, Nov. 18th for the annual

AlterPet Tree of Life!

Join us in the warmth of Petitti's Greenhouse (The former Gales Garden Center) at the corner of Rt. 303 and W. 130th in Brunswick

Bring your well-behaved, leashed pets for a Pet Blessing at 4:30 pm Immediately followed by the Tree Lighting



Open for pet socialization at 3:30



Refreshments will be available at a small cost.

A list of the honored pets and their human companions will be distributed at the lighting ceremony. Deadline for submitting names for the flyer is Nov. 13tht but lights may be purchased on Nov. 18th Cost is \$5.00 per light. Send the completed form and your payment to the address below. If you cannot attend the lighting ceremony and would like a list of honored pets, Send a business size, self-addressed, stamped envelope along with payment to:

AlterPet	"Tree	of L	ife",	РO	Box 5	52,	Sharon	Center,	Ohio,	44274-	0552



Purchase a white light in memory of a deceased pet, and a colored light for your best friend at home!

White lights for	_ (Pet's Name)
Colored lights for	_ (Pet's Name)
Pet Owners name:	



All proceeds go towards

Low Cost Spay and Neuters



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We're on the Web at: www.alterpet.org

You can support the Spaying/Neutering of Dogs and Cats by getting an OHIO PET LICENSE PLATE.

AlterPet received a \$2000 grant from this program!

AlterPet's annual Tree of Life Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017 (see page 3)





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