

Hello!

My name is Carol Rini, and I'm running for reelection to the 2014 Board of Trustees at the Parma Animal Shelter.

I'm married and have two stepchildren and two cats named Maximus and Cleopatra, which is why I became a volunteer at PAS in May 2009. I cleaned cages followed by being the Vet Room Secretary, Grant Committee Chair, Board Recording Secretary, and finally Board Secretary.



My first year as a board member made me appreciate just how much everyone has to do at the shelter to make it work. I enjoyed working side-by-side with my fellow board members and hope to continue to do so in 2014.

Below are some of my accomplishments:

- Updated the disaster recovery plan.
- Started the Lonely Hearts Club for cats that have been at the shelter for over one year.
- Created a database for job descriptions and back up plans.
- Secured the Ohio Pet Fund Grant for spay and neuter (I hope this will continue for years to come).
- Organized the social media team.
- Collaborated with Cat Crossing, a Cleveland, Ohio cat rescue group.
- Obtained and implemented the Rescue MP3 project for dogs.

I'm proud to say that the CBAT (Cat Behavioral Assessment Team) has been formed from the Lonely Hearts Club. This team will be of great help to all of the cats at the Parma Animal Shelter now and in the future. How? By assessing the cats, the shelter can better advocate/promote them and get them adopted into forever homes. The assessments will reduce the number of cats returned to the shelter.

My goals for 2014 are as follows:

- Develop more foster opportunities for dogs and cats.
- Obtain corporate sponsors and donations.
- Partner with rescues and shelters.
- Look into a TNR (trap, neuter, release) program, which I believe is needed in the City of Parma. I recommend working with the City of Parma to change the current laws and public perception of TNR and cats.

Choose to reelect me to the Board of Trustees, and I'll continue to work hard as a voice for our four legged friends. How? By keeping our shelter animals on social media; they (and the shelter) receive double the exposure. This leads to finding them loving, forever homes. I'll also look for opportunities to update equipment and cages, streamline the process of adoption, and create back up files (and support) for all jobs in the shelter.

Thank you,

Carol Rini
Secretary, Board of Trustees