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FOCUS ON: NOW

IN THE MOMENT... 11TH ANNUAL PETPROMISE RESCUE RUN

We should tell you what a success we had Memorial Day weekend at the PetPromise Rescue Run sponsored by Lincoln College of Technology. We should report on the fact that together all our wonderful sponsors, participants and volunteers helped us raise **\$39,064 to help homeless animals** in Central Ohio. We should thank our **top fund raisers**: Stephany Fisher (\$894), Christina Pagan (\$808) and Jemeja Tomsic (\$651) and **top teams**: Bucks For Mutts (\$1,135), Woof Woof (\$503) and Bark Ruff Meow Hiss (\$458). We should introduce you to **Moose, PetPromise Rescue Run Ambassador 2011** and one of the first dogs rescued by PetPromise back in 2000. We should also thank all our sponsors such as our Title Sponsor, **Lincoln College of Technology**, Presenting Sponsor, **AEP** and Major Sponsor, **Canidae**, among others who afforded us the opportunity to bring this meaningful and fun event to our community. Plus, we should thank our Media Sponsors, **ABC 6/Fox 28, CD101** and **WOW Internet and Cable** for promoting the event. But, rather than do all that we thought you would appreciate seeing it instead. So, we share these snapshots with you from this special day spent with friends (new and old) and our lovable canine buddies. Enjoy!

Enjoy yourself. It's later than you think.
- Chinese Proverb



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Board & Volunteers' Meeting: 2nd Saturday, monthly, 9:30 am - Noon
Mingle with our Mutts: 1st and 3rd Sunday, monthly, Noon - 2pm

Betsy, By Chance

Name: Betsy

Description: Pomeranian; Female

Approximate Birth Date: April 2002

Picture this: You're driving down the street on a typical morning when you spot a little dog dodging in and out of traffic on a busy street. Your heart drops to your feet – what do you do? You have to make a split decision to stop or keep on driving. Lucky for Betsy, that person stopped her car, got out and plucked her from harm's way. Sweet Betsy was shivering and covered in matts and burrs but she kissed her rescuer as she was carried to the car. But, this is not the end of the story. As her rescuer put Betsy into the car she discovered a very large mass on Betsy's belly. It was about the size of tennis ball – about half the size of Betsy's little body (she only weighs about 10 lbs).

Apparently, Betsy's owners had dumped her to fend for herself with an untreated hernia. The hernia held her uterus and other organs and if it had gone on like this much longer, she wouldn't be with us right now. Once Betsy was in the care of PetPromise, she received the surgery and other medical care she needed. We shudder to think of the consequences had that good person decided to keep on driving that fateful day.

Betsy is now thriving in her foster home. She is well socialized with other dogs, loves everyone she meets and never asks for anything except to be sitting by your side as much as possible. She would be happiest in a home where she could be with people and not left alone for most of the day. She is now in EXCELLENT health and she looks forward to spending many happy years with someone who will love her forever. Here is a message from her foster family: "Betsy LOVES going for walks! Whenever she sees her leash, she dances all over the room, smiling as broadly as she can. She's friendly with everyone she meets, and loves exploring her surroundings. It's hard to believe that she's nine years old, as her energy seems to be that of a younger dog. It is plain to see that PetPromise not only afforded her the chance to lead a healthy life, but in my opinion, essentially gave her a re-birth. She's so grateful for any kindnesses she receives, and is generous with affection. We've discovered that she loves going for car rides, too. I haven't seen a sad look on her face since the day Mom first brought her to my house." *If by chance you would like to make Betsy a part of your life, please fill out an online adoption application by visiting: <http://petpromise.org/FormAdopt.html>.*



PetPromise Animal Care Center The Importance of This Moment



We spend a lot of time thinking about the future. What's next and how do we get there? With schedules to keep, our neatly laid out plans make big things happen. There is, of course, truth to this. But, let's pause for a moment on the importance of "now," this moment. For PetPromise "now" means the moment we decide to save a dog or cat from death row – unplanned as the decision is; the moment we scoop up an injured animal from the side of the road; the moment we just sit down and savor the softness of our pet's fur, simply spending time learning and bonding. Surprisingly, the latter is a moment of significance – a moment that PetPromise recognizes will have a lasting impact on the life of that pet.



When a pet enters the PetPromise program, a lifelong commitment begins. Upon our first interaction, a new chapter begins for that poor soul who was living a life of stress, hunger and mere survival. We do not dwell on the former life but learn from it and move on. Our focus is on the present – this moment – to provide calm, nourishment and love. Our philosophy is this: 'The humane treatment of homeless animals should not begin and end with just keeping them alive, it is also about how they live while they're in our care.' The here and now. Many can provide the basics of shelter, sustenance and treatment of the body. But Pet-Promise is not in the business of basics. We are in the business of developing and nurturing the potential a pet can achieve while in our care. These animals, who come to us broken, neglected, and depressed deserve the best of what we can give. Based on the needs of each individual, our goal is to see that each pet will be well socialized and in control, experiencing more joy and less fear, adjusting to life with a human family and be open to forming bonds. We work to see that pet's true personality come forward and be evident. All of this culminates into the ultimate goal of preparing that pet for his or her final destination, a permanent home.



This philosophy is the foundation upon which the future PetPromise Animal Care Center will be built. With all of the seriousness of philosophies and goals much of this nurturing and development will be centered in fun – fun with people and with other pets. If a pet can let loose and simply experience joy, we know we are seeing success unfold. So, let us reflect on the importance of "now." Life doesn't happen tomorrow it is happening this very moment.



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