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35th ANNUAL KID'S DOG SHOW  
A HOWLING SUCCESS!!

On Sunday, August 21, 2011, the Garfield Heights Parks and Recreation Department held its **35<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KIDS DOG SHOW**, with Master of Ceremonies, Dick Goddard, everyone's favorite weatherman from Fox 8 – TV, as he has been for the past 23 years (he brought the rain with him in the beginning, but by the end of the show we had sunshine and rainbows). This year, once again we had the pleasure of having Dr. Thompson of The Family Pet Clinic sponsor our event, and emcee with Dick Goddard. We also had the pleasure of having “McGruff – taking a BITE OUT OF CRIME today, The National Crime Fighting Dog. Together they were *all* a huge hit!

**This year's dog show was held in memory of Mrs. Karen Dillon, a very special friend to all of us and to all of the animals. Her presence was missed at this year's show. We will always remember her fondly for all her care, dedication and love of all animals.**

Thanks to all of the Judges, who had the grueling task of some very difficult decision making: Amy Allen, Dionne Grabowski, Marilyn Spirakus, Lauren Thompson, and Amanda Walden. Thanks goes to Michelle Dobies & Mary Garrett for there unending devotion of helping out every year with our furry friends, and most of all, for doing the tallying of all the votes.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who have helped in one way or another– Amy Allen, Paul Birk, Jr., Joey Bucell, Nikki Coyle, Ken Dillon, Alexis Garnek, Emily Garrett, Victoria Hayes. A big thanks to Carlos Crespo for the sound equipment and all of the “Dog Tunes.” Carlos with his assistants did an awesome job!

THE WINNERS IN THIS YEARS DOG SHOW ARE:

**WAGGIEST WAGGIN' TAIL**

**FIRST PLACE** – “CHLOE” with DEVIN TAYLOR

**SECOND PLACE** – “MACY” with ALEXIS BELLA

**THIRD PLACE** – “ETHEL” with DARIA KOCHIS

**MOST ORIGINAL & CUTEST COSTUME**

**FIRST PLACE** – “DUKE” with TAYLOR BOOTHE  
**SECOND PLACE** – “COPPER” with CASSIDY MCCALLION  
**THIRD PLACE** – “FRED” with ANGEL COOK

**BEST KISSER**

**FIRST PLACE** – “MOLLY” with EMILY TARR  
**SECOND PLACE** – “GRACIE” with CARMEN RAMICONE  
**THIRD PLACE** – “LUCY” with KATIE KOCHIS

**TERRIFIC TRICKS**

**FIRST PLACE** – “UEY” with HAILEY JOSEPH  
**SECOND PLACE** – “INDIA” with PATRICK KROHMER  
**THIRD PLACE** – “NEENA” with ALAINA RUSSO

**BEST LOOKING**

**FIRST PLACE** – “BARKLEY” with TOMMY & NIKKI GAGE  
**SECOND PLACE** – “HANNAH with GABRIELLE RADVILAVICIUS  
**THIRD PLACE** – “ BELA” with HEIDI REMBOWSKI

**LEAST OBEDIENT** – (this category was omitted – no entries)

AND CONGRATULATIONS GOES TO “BARKLEY”  
OUR BEST OF SHOW WINNER!

OWNED BY TOMMY & NIKKI GAGE, A LOVELY COLLIE MIX.

“BARKLEY” WAS ALSO OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE WINNER IN THE BEST OF SHOW  
CATEGORY.

Our gratitude is also extended to all those who donated products and gifts for the pets and for the children in the show, for without their assistance, this program would not be possible in its magnitude! They are THE FAMILY PET CLINIC, CLEVELAND ALL-BREED TRAINING CLUB, INC., THE CLOVERLEAF ANIMAL HOSPITAL, HILL’S PET PRODUCTS, INVISIBLE FENCE, THE LORAIN NOVELTY CO. NESTLE PURINA PETCARE, CO. & WEBSTER VETERINARY, INC. formerly known as the Columbus Serum Company.

Hope you had a chance to see the show – if not, you can check the city on  
“Facebook” for all photos.

Thanks, hope to see you next year!