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Franklin County Office on Aging, Franklin County Dog Shelter Launch First Annual "Block Pawty" to Celebrate Rescue Pets & Combat Senior Isolation

Columbus, Ohio – The Franklin County Office on Aging (FCOA), in partnership with the Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center, is excited to announce its inaugural "Block Pawty" as part of their collaborative initiative, Mission Pawsible. This community event will take place on Friday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center.

"Mission Pawsible is an initiative between the Franklin County Office on Aging and the Franklin County Dog Shelter to combat social isolation among seniors in our community," said FCOA Director Chanda Wingo. "Combating social isolation among seniors by connecting them with shelter dogs is a powerful way to improve the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of older adults."

The Mission Pawsible Block Pawty will bring together dog lovers, families, and local organizations for a day of entertainment, education and pet adoption. The event will highlight the campaign's mission to raise awareness about senior isolation while celebrating the joy that rescue pets bring to our lives.

Event highlights include:

- **Pet Adoption Fair:** Meet lovable pets looking for their forever homes.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Learn about getting involved & volunteering at the shelter.
- **Food & Entertainment:** Grab lunch at a food truck while enjoying live music.
- **Community Resources:** Get connected to community support services.
- **Raffles Prizes:** Win exciting prizes from local organizations.

Mission Pawsible is a campaign designed to connect seniors with shelter dogs, fostering meaningful companionship and improving the well-being of both. Recognizing the special bond that can form between seniors and rescue pets, the initiative aims to create a win-win situation by pairing dogs in need of loving homes with seniors seeking companionship and affection. The Block Pawty celebrates this mission, offering the community an opportunity to support a cause that benefits both pets and people.

"We are pleased to share that our Mission Pawsible initiative, supporting seniors and their beloved pets, is making great progress," said Kaye Persinger, Director of the Franklin County Dog Shelter. "This initiative represents our commitment to strengthening the bond between people and pets, ensuring that everyone, especially our seniors, can enjoy the comfort and companionship that pets provide."



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Admission to the event is free, but registration is encouraged at <https://bit.ly/PAWTY2024>. Donations to the Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center are also encouraged and directly support the care of dogs and community services for dog owners. Contributions to the dog shelter are accepted through [monetary donations](#) or through their [Amazon Wish List](#) for essential supplies like food, bedding, and toys.

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The Franklin County Office on Aging (FCOA) provides centralized access to diverse services and programs that assist older adults, dependent adults and their families in the maintenance of independent living. Learn more at officeonaging.org and follow FCOA on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#), [LinkedIn](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#).

The Franklin County Dog Shelter & Adoption Center provides responsible enforcement of dog laws in our community, compassionate treatment of the dogs in our shelter, and on-going education for our citizens.