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Fairfield County Dog Adoption Center & Shelter Wins Ohio County Dog Wardens Association 2019 Agency of the Year

Lancaster, Ohio - The Fairfield County Dog Adoption Center & Shelter has been awarded the Ohio County Dog Wardens Association 2019 Agency of the Year Award for the tremendous growth and success the agency has experienced. The Dog Adoption Center and Shelter has enriched the community with dog adoption improvements, community involvement, and increased training for personnel.

The Agency of the Year award is given to a current county member of OCDWA. Selection criterion for this award includes participation in training programs, innovation in public education programs, community involvement, and support of OCDWA functions.

Throughout 2019, the Shelter has worked diligently to uphold its mission to provide an environment of continuous improvement; emphasizing excellent customer service and safety for the community; providing dogs in their care both protection and compassion with innovative, yet sustainable means; while maintaining the utmost integrity.

The Shelter's transfer/rescue rate is up from 7% in 2018 to 10% in 2019, as a result of better partnerships with rescues and animal welfare groups. Also, the Shelter's owner redemption rate is up from 33% in 2018 to 37% in 2019, as a result of policy and social media changes. The Shelter also partnered with Pets for Patriots this year and the entire staff has become "Fear Free Certified", which has helped the staff better understand and care for dogs.

Todd McCullough, Dog Warden, stated, "We are honored and grateful to receive this prestigious award. Our focus is to always strive to improve. We are proud of the success we have achieved this year which will only spur us on to continue to improve as we move forward."

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