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Division of Animal Care & Control Receives “Bright Ideas Award” at Great Lakes Animal Welfare Conference

CLEVELAND – The Cleveland Division of Animal Care & Control CITY DOGS program was recently awarded the 2015 Bright Ideas award by the Michigan Partnership for Animal Welfare/ Michigan Association of Animal Control Officers (MPAW/MAACO) during the Great Lakes Animal Welfare Conference held in Battle Creek, Michigan. The Bright Ideas award is presented annually to five animal shelters in the Great Lakes region that have developed innovative ideas in the field of animal control.

“I am honored to receive the Bright Ideas award on behalf of all the wonderful dogs in the city of Cleveland kennel and all our hard working staff and volunteers,” said Chief Animal Control Officer Ed Jamison. “In Cleveland, we celebrate our wonderful pit bull breeds. We look at all of the dogs that enter our shelter as individuals, and we do everything in our power to showcase what great pets most of them can become.”

The Cleveland Division of Animal Care & Control received the Bright Ideas award for its CITY DOGS program launched earlier this year. With support from the volunteers at the Friends of the Cleveland Kennel, the CITY DOGS program seeks to increase overall kennel adoptions by changing public perception of pit bull and pit bull mixes that make up the majority of the kennel population. To achieve this goal, the Division creates opportunities for the public to meet and interact with kennel dogs.

All CITY DOGS are evaluated by Animal Care and Control staff, vaccinated, spayed or neutered, licensed, and microchipped before interacting with the public and all of the CITY DOGS have earned the seal of approval from dedicated volunteers. CITY DOGS can be viewed at www.Petango.com/CACC.

Meetings can be arranged by emailing citydogs@city.cleveland.oh.us or by calling the Adoption Hotline at (216) 664 - 3476. The City Kennel, at 2690 West 7th Street, Cleveland 44114, is open from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Saturday and noon to 2:00 pm on Sunday. Donations can be made for extra medical and enrichment needs for the animals at <http://friendsofclevelandkennel.com/donate/>

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