



Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

Non-Profit 501 (c) 3

October 2017

Caring for the Community

Ten short months ago, we provided assistance to our very first rescue dog, and since then we have helped more than **230 animals** with emergency veterinary care and low cost spay/neuter assistance. Of the animals helped, 100 were cats, and over half of the cats were spayed/neutered through our TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) program. This will ensure healthier lives for the cats and reduce the number of kittens born without a place to call home.

Along with emergency veterinary care assistance, Caring Hearts also provides supplemental pet food to owners in need. We believe every human with a sincere desire to love and care for a pet should be given the opportunity to do so. Giving back to the community in this way prevents beloved pets from being relinquished to already overcrowded shelters and keeps the pet healthy and happy in their homes. What could be better?

Testimonials

"It's good to know there are good caring people that are doing the right thing for these animals. Too often I see the abuse & neglect go unchecked. It's a relief to see kindness directed to those who depend on us. All a pet wants is to love & be loved back." ~ Steve Svoboda

"Thank you so much for helping with our fur baby Niki Lynn! I am so happy with your rescue organization and I really want to be involved! My residents and animals are a true passion for me! I want to help all I can! I'm sharing and trying to raise money to donate and help! Once again thank you." ~ Christy Wickham

"Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue is an amazing organization. They do so much to give back to our community!!!" ~ Sarah Rucker

"These guys are the BEST! SAVED MY PUPPY FROM DEATH. Thank you, thank you thank you!!!!" ~ Jamielee Romero

"Just wanted to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the good people of Caring Hearts, had it not been for your help, we would've surely lost our boy PD. I'm happy to say that he pulled through and is now back home slowly recuperating and doing better and better each day. All the help was truly God sent and we praise the Lord every day and thank Him for blessing the world with folks like you, and for the incredible gift of our beautiful boy with us again. May the Good Lord ALWAYS bless you all and keep you close to His heart. AMEN!!" ~ Brian Roberts



Hugo's Hero



Hugo was only 5 weeks old when Teresa Ensor, Caring Hearts Co-Founder, heard the little stray kitten crying for help in her backyard. Once she was able to catch him, she noticed there was something seriously wrong with his back leg, so she took him to Laurie Animal Hospital.

X-rays showed a badly broken femur that would require surgery to repair. Hugo was treated for fleas as well as Capilaria (internal parasites), and the next day, Dr. Tichy performed the difficult surgery of pinning the bone in Hugo's leg together, which was a challenge since Hugo barely weighed ½ pound.

Once Hugo was stabilized, 2 abscesses ruptured in his 'good leg'. This poor little guy couldn't catch a break! All the while, his caretaker and veterinary assistant Sarah Rucker was quickly falling under his spell. "He would curl up and look at me with those eyes as if to say *Take Me Home.*"

Sarah knew it wouldn't be easy to convince her father to let her take in another animal. She already had 3 dogs, a hamster, 2 degus, 2 snakes and a rabbit. As she expected her dad initially said "NO CATS", but after spending a month and a half at Laurie Animal Hospital, Hugo was finally ready to go to his new home...and Sarah's dad finally said "YES".

When asked about Hugo's veterinary care expenses, Sarah said, "Caring Hearts took care of everything!" We were happy to help, but Sarah was really Hugo's hero.

We cannot thank the wonderful and caring staff at Laurie Animal Hospital enough for taking excellent care of Hugo, and Sarah for giving this sweet guy a loving, safe place to land.

Update from Sarah: *Hugo gets along great with all the other animals and fits right in as if he was always meant to be part of the family. Sarah's dad "loves Hugo" and neither of them could imagine life without him.*



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The Thrift Shop is Expanding

It's hard to believe, but we have already outgrown the original space we secured for the Caring Hearts Thrift Store only 6 short months ago. Due to the outpouring of support in the form of wonderful donations, we need more room!! As luck would have it, the space right next to our current location just became available – so we are moving in!

Our amazing and selfless volunteers have worked through the brutal heat of summer, sorting and pricing out of hot storage units with no air conditioning. They were not looking forward to the winter with no heat, so we are very excited to provide a heated and cooled area for them to sort and price all the wonderful donations from the community.

If you haven't come by to check us out, we'd love to meet you! We are located at 113 North Main in Laurie Missouri, at the intersection of Hwy 5 and Hwy O, next to the Bookery. People often tell us we are "*the friendliest Thrift Shop in town*", and have "*the nicest stuff*". Well, we can't take credit for the nice stuff, but we certainly enjoy what we do, and it apparently shows!

Donations

Caring Hearts is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 and all donations are tax deductible.

About Us

We are made up of a small group of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about saving animals and making a positive difference in the community. Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue is supported solely by donations and fund raising efforts. Everyone affiliated with this organization is a volunteer – no one is paid.

Mission

To make a positive difference in the lives of dogs and cats by promoting health and well-being through community outreach, animal welfare education, and low-cost spay/neuter assistance.

Vision

To make the world a better place one life at a time.

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Random Act of Kindness

A few weeks ago, a woman stopped by the Caring Hearts Thrift Store looking for an outfit for a job interview. Her life had been hard, and she'd made her share of mistakes, but she was trying her best to get back on track.

She found a dress she liked and tried it on and it fit, but she didn't have the money to pay for it. So one of the volunteers working at the store that day bought the dress for her and wished her the very best on her job interview. The woman was overcome with gratitude and went on her way.

A couple weeks later, this same woman came back to the store, holding her head a little higher and beaming from ear to ear. She was also wearing the dress. She was so excited and couldn't wait to tell us, "I got the job!"