



Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

April 2017

Changing the World One Life at a Time

The vision of Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue is to *make the world a better place one life at a time*, and thanks to the generous support of Caring Hearts donors and volunteers, that vision has become a reality.

In just 5 short months, Caring Hearts has provided medical assistance to 44 dogs and 11 cats as well as supplemental food to two cat colonies and numerous pet owners in the community. This important work helps keep pets in their homes and reduces traffic in already over-crowded local animal shelters. The outpouring of love and support for the animals of Laurie, Missouri has been overwhelming and humbling. Thank you to everyone who continues to help create a better life for animals in need.

Caring Hearts THRIFT STORE

Caring Hearts recently opened a THRIFT STORE at 113 North Main Street in Laurie Missouri, between the Bookery and Live Love Lake across from Lake Oasis gas station. We are open Friday, Saturday and Monday 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Sunday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you get a chance, come on by and see us – you might just find a treasure you can't live without! The proceeds from every purchase help with veterinary expenses, supplemental food, bedding and low cost spay/neuter assistance for animals in the Laurie community and surrounding areas.

Doing some spring cleaning? Consider donating your gently used items to Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue. Your donations are tax deductible and will go to a great cause! Since we have limited space at the Thrift Store, please call to schedule a time when we can meet you to pick up your donations. We can be reached at 573-789-9247. We look forward to hearing from you!

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.

Finding Daisy

When Hirsh met Daisy it was love at first sight...for Hirsh anyway – it took Daisy a little longer to warm up. You see, Daisy was a shy girl, extremely fearful and suspicious of humans.



Caring Hearts co-founder, Laura Cullom originally met Daisy at a local animal shelter, and quickly realized Daisy was going to need some special attention if she was ever going to have a chance at finding a forever home, so Laura took her home to foster, in hopes of Daisy gaining some much needed confidence.

After several months with Laura, Daisy was officially up for adoption. Although doing better, she was still fearful and was considered a flight risk too - she consistently looked for ways to 'escape', and boy could she run fast! We all knew it was going to take a very special person to be the right fit for Daisy, and that's when Hirsh entered the scene. He was kind, gentle natured, patient, and absolutely adored Daisy. Daisy had found her forever home!

Everything was going great, and Daisy was slowly coming out of her shell. Then our worst fears were realized. Daisy got startled during one of her regular walks and broke free. She was gone in a flash. Instant panic set in – how would we ever catch her? She runs like the wind and is fearful of everything that moves, including people. Hirsh was beyond heartbroken, as were many others who knew and loved Daisy.

Hirsh spent countless hours, day and night, posting pictures of Daisy all over town and online, knocking on doors, compelling the community to help him, calling anyone and everyone he could think of that might be able to help find her. One day turned into two, and then a week went by, and then another. Sightings of Daisy were few and far between and the weather wasn't helping - there was snow, sleet, freezing rain, thunder storms, even tornadoes. All hope seemed lost, but Hirsh never gave up. He contacted a dog tracker in Michigan who drove to Indiana to help find Daisy. Efforts were unsuccessful, but Hirsh followed the tracker's guidance and kept trying.

After more than two weeks on the run, Hirsh finally caught Daisy in the middle of the night using a live coyote trap loaned to him by the local animal control. DAISY WAS HOME! Dehydrated, emaciated, the pads of her feet worn down, and her now shredded leash still dangling from her collar, but Daisy was home... safe at last!

Update: Daisy has since fully recovered from her ordeal, and has gained a new appreciation for kibble, a warm bed, and her new best friend, Hirsh.



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THANK YOU

A huge THANK YOU to our amazing volunteers and supporters!! Without your help, we would not be able to give dogs and cats the chance at a better life. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

All Donations Make a BIG Difference

Donations are always needed and appreciated!

Here are some ways you can donate.

- Mail: PO Box 1684, Laurie, MO 65038
- Online: www.caringheartsanimalrescue.org
- Thrift Store: 113 North Main Street, Laurie, MO
 - Shop at Caring Hearts Thrift Store
 - Donate gently used items
- Amazon Smile: a simple way for you to support Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to the charity of your choice.

Furry Facts

- Every day, **5,500** healthy dogs and cats are killed at shelters due to the fact that they don't have a home and the shelters don't have the space
- Pet owners can do their part by having their animals spayed or neutered so that he or she does not contribute to the pet overpopulation problem - this is the **single most important** step you can take
- Adopt your next pet from an animal shelter rather than buying them from a breeder or pet store - encourage your friends, family and neighbors to do the same
- Support your local shelters: Adopt, Foster, Volunteer, Donate, Educate

Contact Us

- Mail: PO Box 1684, Laurie, MO 65038
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Best Friends



Last month, Caring Hearts Treasurer, Carla Miget and Co-founder, Laura Cullom attended a 7 day workshop at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab, Utah titled 'How to Start and Run an Animal Sanctuary'.

Although the beauty of the sanctuary was breathtaking, they both admitted that the training was very intense – "like drinking from a firehose", but far surpassed their expectations and completely transformed their way of thinking about animal rescue.

Two of the original Best Friends founders, Jana de Peyer and Faith Maloney hosted the class and shared both successes and failures in the process of building the Best Friends sanctuary we know and love today. Faith Maloney confessed, "We made every mistake there was to make, but we still made it work." I'd say so – Best Friends is the largest animal sanctuary in the United States and the most loved sanctuary in the world. You cannot visit Best Friends and be left unchanged.

The information Carla and Laura learned will initially be shared with the greater Caring Hearts team, but is also intended to be shared with other rescue groups in the future. Everyone doing rescue work can benefit from the guidance provided by Best Friends.

The biggest take-away from the training is the reality that there is a role for all of us to play, and it's going to take every one of us doing our part to create a world where there are no more homeless pets. Together, we truly can Save Them All.

