



# Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

*The Little Rescue with a Big Heart*

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## Sharing Hope with the Community

Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue began with a strong desire to make a positive difference in the lives of animals and the people of Laurie, Missouri and neighboring communities.

Founded May 18, 2016 and recognized as a non-profit organization effective July 13, 2016, Caring Hearts has quickly become a beacon for the community. By providing pet food, emergency veterinary assistance as well as low-cost spay/neuter assistance to pet owners in need, we have helped to improve the lives of dogs, cats and their owners during difficult times. None of this would have been possible without the generous donations of Caring Hearts supporters. We at Caring Hearts want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has supported our mission of hope for the community.

### **Our Work has Just Begun**

In 3 short months, Caring Hearts has provided medical assistance to 25 dogs and 5 cats as well as supplemental food to 2 cat colonies and numerous pet owners in the community. This important work helps keep pets in their homes and reduces the burden on local animal shelters. Our work has just begun, but we are encouraged by the animals helped so far and the amount of support we have received by fellow humans who share our passion.

### **About Us**

Caring Hearts is made up of a small group of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about helping the injured, sick, lost and abandoned animals in the community, and committed to spreading awareness to help reduce the number of animals euthanized due to over-population. We are supported 100% by donations and fund-raising efforts; however, we are exploring the opportunity of running a small thrift shop to help generate much needed funding for the animals.

### **Upcoming event**

March 4<sup>th</sup> - Meet us in person at the 16th Annual Lake West Business Expo from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the West Lake Christian Academy. Address: 17178 N. Hwy 5, Sunrise Beach, MO 65079

### **Mission Statement**

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, thereby making the world a better place one life at a time.



Sassy



Sassy was the very first dog helped by Caring Hearts. This past November, Sassy was hit by a car, resulting in a badly broken leg. A visit to the veterinarian confirmed that surgery was needed to repair her broken leg. Sassy was in trouble - if she couldn't find a way to get the surgery, she would be permanently crippled and live in excruciating pain, or be euthanized to end her suffering. Faced with the unthinkable, Sassy's owner reached out for help. Thanks to generous donations, Caring Hearts was able to help cover the cost of the surgery which involved pins and a plate to repair Sassy's leg.

Sassy's owner shared that Sassy is 'the love of her life' and 'couldn't imagine life without her'. We are so honored that we were able to play a role in saving this precious life.



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### **Furry Facts**

- ONE unaltered female dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 puppies in only six years
- ONE female cat and her offspring can produce 370,000 kittens in only seven years
- Sterilized animals live longer, happier lives
- Each year, approximately 2.7 million animals are euthanized due to overpopulation
  - 1.2 million dogs
  - 1.4 million cats

### **How You Can Help**

1. 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
2. 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
3. Support your local shelters
  - ADOPT a rescue animal
  - If you can't adopt, FOSTER
  - If you can't foster, VOLUNTEER
  - If you can't volunteer, DONATE
  - If you can't donate, EDUCATE

### **Reasons to adopt a pet**

- You will save a life
- If you adopt an adult pet, there's a possibility you can avoid some of the hassles related to house-training and teething, which are associated with puppies and kittens - of course, if you prefer a puppy or kitten, rescue groups and shelters have plenty of those available as well
- You'll save money because adoption costs less than buying an animal from a pet shop or breeder
- Perfectly "perfect" animals of all breeds, shapes, ages and sizes are available at shelters and rescue groups - just because an animal ends up there doesn't mean there is anything wrong with them - they are just in need of a second chance.

### **Contact Us**

- Mail: PO Box 1684, Laurie, MO 65038
- Phone: 573-789-9247
- Email: [caringhearts8@yahoo.com](mailto:caringhearts8@yahoo.com)

### **Visit us Online**

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/caringheartsrescue/>
- Website: <http://caringhearts8.wixsite.com/caringhearts>

### **Additional Ways to Donate**

- AmazonSmile
- Employer Match Programs (i.e. Mastercard, GE, CarMax, Boeing, etc.)

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