



# Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

Non-Profit 501 (c) 3

Fall 2019

## Generosity at Work

We are so excited to report the impact your generous donations have had on the community. Your support has improved the lives of **1,139 dogs and cats** just this year alone. Let's break that down: **406** were given assistance with critical veterinary care, and **608 cats** and **125 dogs** were altered, thereby reducing the number of strays and unwanted pets.

You also made it possible to partner with local rescues to fund successful spay and neuter clinics in the community. We are passionate about preventing the overpopulation of unwanted pets and the hundreds of thousands of animals killed in shelters every year. If you or someone you know has a pet that hasn't been spayed or neutered due to financial hardship, please let us know. We are here to help.

## Feeding the Hungry

While our main focus is to help with emergency medical and low-cost spay/neuter assistance, we also provide supplemental food to help feed almost **300 dogs and cats each month**. This year we have been struggling to keep up with the need for **dry cat kibble**. If you are in the area and have the means to help, we would **greatly appreciate donations of dry cat kibble** – any brand will do, hungry kitties aren't picky. THANK YOU!!

## Toy Box Raffle – Proceeds Fund Spay & Neuter



### DRAWING DECEMBER 21

Tickets can be purchased at the Caring Hearts Thrift Store

All proceeds stay right here in the community!

- \$1.00 per ticket
- \$5.00 for 6 tickets

## Contact Caring Hearts

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

### Visit us Online

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/caringheartsrescue/>
- Website: <http://caringheartsanimalrescue.org>



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## Courage for Crouton



Hi – my name is Crouton, arguably the most adored cat that ever lived. In fact, if love had the power to save, I'd live a thousand lifetimes. Let me start at the beginning... My mom is the most incredible, loving, courageous, devoted person I've ever met. One day I got really sick and could barely breathe – I was so scared. Without a second thought, my mom rushed me

to Osage Animal Hospital where they ran a bunch of tests to find out what was wrong with me. The news wasn't good – my chest cavity was full of chyle, a milky fluid produced in the

small intestines during digestion. I had multiple X-Rays, bloodwork, I.V.s and even a chest tube. I was in the fight of my life and my mom was fighting right



alongside me. She kept up with the medical expenses until she was down to her last dime, but I was in critical condition and wouldn't survive without the care I was receiving at the hospital. Mom refused to give up – she started a Facebook fundraiser and reached out to Caring Hearts to help cover the cost of the increasing medical expenses.

I couldn't believe how hard she fought for me. Her strength filled me with courage and hope. A few days later I started to feel better and finally got to go home! A couple weeks after that I went in for a checkup and doc confirmed my chest cavity was full of chyle again. I was worn out – as hard as I tried my little body just wasn't strong enough to keep fighting. I didn't know how much longer I'd have the strength to continue pulling air into my lungs. Mom could see it in my eyes – I was so tired. I tried to say, "It's okay mama, don't be sad..." The last thing I remember is being cradled in her loving hands – she was crying. Next thing I knew I was running across the rainbow bridge where everything was beautiful! I wasn't in pain anymore and had boundless energy to run and play.

I check in on my mom from time to time and am happy to tell you she is still helping other kitties who need a champion to fight for them. She is such a beautiful example of what humanity is supposed be; and although my life was cut short, I am so incredibly thankful for every day I got to spend just being her little Crouton.



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## Don't Let the Fur Fool Ya'

As we brace for another cold winter, remember our furry friends get cold too. Caring Hearts is committed to keeping pets safe and warm during the winter months. Even with outdoor shelter, if inadequate to protect against the cold, pets can still freeze. We can assist with straw or indoor crates so pets can be brought indoors. Here are a few helpful tips to help keep your furry loves ones safe and warm this winter:

- Use pet booties to minimize contact with painful salt crystals, poisonous anti-freeze and chemical ice-melt agents
- Change water bowls often to make sure clean water is accessible at all times
- Don't let the fur fool you – if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for them
- If you see an animal in need, say something; pets can and do freeze to death when left outside in extreme weather.



## Barbara Kammermeyer's Legacy of Love

We were heartbroken to learn of Barbara Kammermeyer's passing this past August, but even more so overwhelmed to hear that her family had requested memorials be made to Caring Hearts in Barbara's name in lieu of flowers. In life, this loving wife, mother of 7, grandmother of 18, and stranger to none left an imprint so deep on the hearts of people who were fortunate enough to know her that her memory will live on for generations to come. There are no words to describe how humbled and honored we are to receive the outpouring of love in the form of so many generous donations in memory of this beautiful soul. Even in the here-after, Barbara continues to smile down and shower blessings on us through her legacy of love.

## About Us

We are a small group of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about saving animals and making a positive difference in the community. Caring Hearts is supported solely by donations and fund raising efforts. We are 100% volunteer run and operated and committed to improving the lives of animals, their owners and the community.

## 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.

## How You Can Help

### SHOP

- The **Caring Hearts Thrift Store** is located at **113 North Main Street** in Laurie, Missouri – all proceeds help community animals in need
- **Amazonsmile.com** and select **Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue** as your charity of choice

### DONATE

- Dry cat or dog food
- Your time – be a volunteer!
- Pull tabs from aluminum cans
- Best Choice labels
- **Financial Contributions** – no amount is too small
  - CLICK DONATE on the Caring Hearts Facebook page
  - CLICK DONATE on Caring Hearts website at [www.caringheartsanimalrescue.org](http://www.caringheartsanimalrescue.org)
- MAIL CHECKS payable to Caring Hearts to PO Box 1684, Laurie, MO 65038

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