

# Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

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## It's Good to Be Back

THANK YOU to this wonderful community for your patience while we navigated the reopening of the Caring Hearts Thrift Store in a safe and responsible manner.

When we closed our doors more than 6 months ago, we never dreamed we would be away this long. Although still in the midst of a pandemic, we reached the point where we had to either re-open as safely as possible, or close down for good. We chose to reopen.

In doing so, we've installed a clear barrier in front of the cash register, purchased copious amounts of hand sanitizer, and require face coverings to enter the store in addition to social distancing. We have been overwhelmed with the support we have received from this amazing community in an effort to keep our little store open and the volunteers and store patrons as safe as possible.

While we work to create a new normal, our goal will always be to serve this community we love so much. If you stop by the Thrift Store, please give our volunteers a word of encouragement. No one affiliated with Caring Hearts receives a paycheck. They are giving their time out of the goodness of their hearts. For now, we are only open a couple days a week, but hope to add more days soon. If you see our lights on, come on by! We have missed you and would love to see you!

## Lives Changed Forever

Even though the Thrift Store was closed, it didn't stop us from helping animals in need. So far this year, we have improved the lives of **357 animals** through *emergency medical* and *low-cost spay/neuter assistance*. We also continued to provide supplemental dog/cat food to pet owners in financial distress. While funds are low, our hearts are full as we continue to spread kindness in this community we love so much.

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## Visit us Online

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



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## Blessings for Timmy



My life is pretty sweet now, but it wasn't always that way. If it weren't for the love of my mama, and a community that wouldn't give up on me, I don't know where I'd be today.

As a puppy, I began life with an owner that didn't want me. I didn't understand what I had done to make him so sad. Mama found out about my situation and offered to raise me as her very own. That was the day that changed my life forever.

I spent many happy years romping around in sheer bliss, but eventually started having trouble doing the simplest of things – like just trying to sit down. My mama took me to a local vet who said I needed surgery to repair my knees, and it was going to cost thousands of dollars. Mama didn't have that kind of money, but she spent every dime she had and took out a loan to pay for the rest.

I spent 6 months recovering at home, but still didn't feel right. The pin inserted during surgery was now sticking out through my skin; the wound was infected and hurting worse than ever. Mama decided she'd had enough and took me to a different vet who finally X-rayed my knee. The X-ray revealed a completely shattered kneecap, and a leg that couldn't be saved. Mama was devastated.

Mama was so upset – she thought she had failed me. I licked her hand and tried to tell it wasn't her fault. After everything we had been through, she was now out of money and no way to pay for the surgery I really needed. Things weren't looking good for me. I didn't know what to do.

That's when mama found out about the kind people at Blue Moon and Caring Hearts. They agreed to cover the cost of the surgery, which mama says was a blessing from heaven.

I am running and playing like a puppy again, which makes mama smile and laugh. And that is the greatest blessing of all.



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## Cold Weather Tips

- Remember, **if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet, so keep your animals inside.** If left outdoors, pets can freeze, become disoriented, lost, stolen, injured or killed. In addition, don't leave pets alone in a car during cold weather, as cars can act as refrigerators that hold in the cold and cause animals to freeze to death.
- Pets burn extra energy by trying to stay warm in wintertime. **Feeding your pet a little bit more during the cold weather months** can provide much-needed calories, and making sure she has plenty of water to drink will help keep her well-hydrated and her skin less dry.
- Massaging **petroleum jelly** or other paw protectants into paw pads before going outside can help protect from salt and chemical agents. **Booties** provide even more coverage and can also prevent sand and salt from getting lodged between bare toes and causing irritation. Use pet-friendly ice melts whenever possible.
- **Make some noise:** A warm vehicle engine can be an appealing heat source for outdoor and feral cats, but it can be deadly. Check underneath your car, bang on the hood, and honk the horn before starting the engine to encourage feline hitchhikers to abandon their roost under the hood.
- Last but not least, **Speak Out** if you encounter a pet left in the cold. Politely let the owner know you're concerned. Some people genuinely don't know the risk that cold weather poses to their pets. If the neglect continues, notify law enforcement in your area. For a complete list of law enforcement agencies in Missouri, please refer to: <https://www.usacops.com/mo/>

## 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
- **Smile.amazon.com** and select **Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue** as your charity of choice

### DONATE

- DRY CAT AND 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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