

Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

Non-Profit 501 (c) 3

Spring/Summer 2021



Sunshine After the Rain

"Adversity shakes the foundation of our character to see if what we believe and value is really worth standing for." ~ *Rae Smith*

Like many non-profit organizations, this past year has been brutal. Due to an abundance of caution, our little Thrift Store was closed a total of 10 months out of the last 14, which significantly impacted our ability to serve the community we love so much. If it weren't for the sheer will, commitment and stubborn determination of Caring Hearts volunteers and supporters, this organization would not have survived. If this past year has taught us anything, it is to keep fighting for what we believe and to never lose hope. Regardless of how long a storm lasts, there's always sunshine after the rain.

Animals Helped

Because of your generosity, we were able to provide *emergency medical* and *low-cost spay/neuter assistance* to **486 animals** in 2020, and also help an additional **152 animals** (and counting) so far this year.

Project Nightingale

Caring Hearts has an opportunity to help even more animals this year due to a generous **\$3,000 grant** from the **Community Foundation of the Lake Karen Jean Rudek Fund**. This grant was awarded to Caring Hearts to help with spay/neuter assistance for dogs in Camden, Miller and Morgan counties. If you and your pet live in one of these counties, and need help with spay/neuter services, please reach out to Caring Hearts. Animals that are spayed or neutered live healthier, happier lives, and do not contribute to the homeless and unwanted pet population.

Contact Caring Hearts

- Phone: 573-789-9247
- Email: caringhearts8@yahoo.com
- Mail: PO Box 981 – Laurie MO 65038

Visit us Online

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

Francine's Legacy of Love



Hi, my name is Cene (pronounced "Seen"). My sister Fran and I were the only 2 puppies that survived out of a litter of 4. Our mother, Francene had a terrible time delivering us. My human parents tried to get her to the vet to have a C-section, but no one would help them because they didn't have enough money. This was 5 years ago. I still miss my mother and wish I could have known her. My parents talk of her often.

Fran and I were only 2 days old when our mother died, so our parents had to bottle feed us every two hours in those early weeks just to keep us alive. We bonded with our parents so much that sometimes I have to remind myself that I'm really a dog and not a furry human.

A few months ago, I started having terrible belly pain. My parents took me to the vet and I was treated for a UTI/Bladder infection. I kept taking more and more antibiotics but the medicine wasn't helping. Finally it was determined I had bladder stones the size of golf balls! I'm only a little 15 pound girl. I was in so much pain I didn't know how much longer I could take it. I needed emergency surgery to survive.

When my parents found out how much the surgery was going to cost, they had flashbacks of my mother, Francene, and began to panic - they couldn't lose me too. I was their child...

The nice lady at the Eldon Clinic told my parents about Caring Hearts. My parents used their rent money, the nice lady at the vets office donated money, and Caring Hearts paid the rest. I got the surgery I needed, and I'm back in my parents' arms where I belong. I'm truly thankful to everyone who helped save my life.

It's bittersweet to think about my mother, but I have to believe she is smiling down on me and Fran, and lives "happily ever after" through us.



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Until We Meet Again...



Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our dear friend Cliff Kammermeyer this past November. Cliff was a passionate supporter of Caring Hearts, and a beautiful human being inside and out. He not only loved his family, he was genuinely their biggest fan. His eyes would light up as he would say, "There's not an 8-ball in the bunch." He told the best stories – mostly about his beloved family. His smile lit up a room, and being in his presence made you want to be a better person. After losing his wife Barbara the year before, it's a comfort knowing he is once again by her side in heaven.

Thank you for the amazing life you lived. We'll try to make you proud...until we meet again.

Volunteers Needed

We are actively looking for volunteers to help out in the Caring Hearts Thrift Store. At this time, we are open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm, and offer morning and afternoon shifts (10:00 to 1:00 and 1:00 to 4:00). If you are interested in joining our team, please stop by the Caring Hearts Thrift Store and ask for details. Volunteering is actually a lot of fun and it feels good to give back to the community.

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
- Choose **smile.amazon.com** when shopping online, select **Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue** as your charity of choice, and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to Caring Hearts

DONATE

- DRY CAT AND DOG FOOD
- YOUR TIME – be a volunteer!
- PULL TABS from aluminum cans
- BEST CHOICE LABELS
- **Financial Contributions** – any amount is appreciated!
 - CLICK DONATE on the Caring Hearts Facebook page
 - CLICK DONATE on Caring Hearts website at www.caringheartsanimalrescue.org
 - MAIL CHECKS made payable to Caring Hearts to PO Box 981, Laurie MO, 65038

Make a Difference

Instead of buying fireworks, consider buying pet food for a local animal rescue. Instead of making noise, make a difference.

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