



# Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

*The Little Rescue with a Big Heart*

Non-Profit 501 (c) 3

Summer 2019

## Saving Lives

Your generous donations to Caring Hearts have provided emergency veterinary and low cost spay/neuter assistance to more than **500 community animals** this year. In addition, every month you **feed another 290 hungry dogs and cats**.

Out of the **526 animals helped** with veterinary care, **216 cats** and **66 dogs** were altered. Providing spay/neuter assistance is the single most important service we can offer to combat the overpopulation of unwanted pets and the almost 1.5 million animals killed in shelters every year. Thank you so much for your continued support – we could not do this life changing work without you. You are truly saving lives!

If you or someone you know has a pet that hasn't been spayed/neutered due to financial reasons, please let us know. We are here to help.

## THANK YOU for Your Support

In addition to donating gently used items to the Caring Hearts Thrift Store, our supporters have come up with creative ways to generate precious funding to help more animals.

- **Facebook Birthday Fundraisers** – we received over \$1,600 this year from supporters who created birthday fundraisers for Caring Hearts. It's super easy and feels great to give back.
- **Aluminum Can Recycling** – by recycling aluminum cans and donating the money you receive to Caring Hearts, we can help more animals in need. Every donation helps, no matter how small.
- **AmazonSmile.com** - select Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue (EIN 81-3375617) as your charity of choice. When you shop **AmazonSmile.com**, a portion of your purchase price will be donated to Caring Hearts at no cost to you.

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## Visit us Online

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



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## Angels Among Us



Hi, my name is Bella. I'm not fat; just a little fluffy. Some say I'm big boned, but don't judge me - my mama has me on a diet now. Speaking of mama, I gave her quite the scare and I'm so thankful to be alive today to tell you all about it.

The timing couldn't have been worse. Mama had just escaped a really bad situation with just the clothes on her back and I was all she had to hold on to. Within a few days, I started feeling really sick and couldn't go potty even though I tried as hard as I could. My mama saw blood where I had tried to potty and rushed me to Osage Animal Hospital.

Dr. Jeff explained I would need tests to find out what was wrong with me – tests she couldn't afford. Mama felt so helpless and heartbroken – like she had failed me somehow. That's when mama found out about the good people at Caring Hearts and Blue Moon. They paid to get all the tests I needed, and do you know what those tests uncovered? A HUGE stone in my bladder, the size of a jawbreaker candy! Well no wonder I felt so awful.

Mama started to cry again because she found out the surgery to fix me was very expensive – more than she would ever be able to afford. They talked about "letting me go", but I didn't like the sounds of that, and talking about it just made mama cry even more. Dr. Jeff told mama to wait another night before she made a decision, and in the meantime, he would keep me comfortable.

By that next morning, wouldn't you know - everyone at Osage Animal Hospital had fallen in love with me. I mean, what's not to love? I'm fluffy and fabulous! It wasn't long after that I got the surgery I needed and started feeling like myself again. It was wonderful.

Mama says there are angels among us, and I'm inclined to believe her. As much as she has been through, she desperately needed to see there is still kindness and compassion in this world and out of everything that happened to us, that was the best gift of all.



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## America the Beautiful

When we think about Independence Day, we often think of delicious food, family and friends, and fireworks that light up the night sky. However, for many, fireworks can be a source of distress and isolation: Veterans suffering from PTSD, children on the autism spectrum, and many pets (and their owners) just to name a few. If fireworks are part of your summer celebration plans, please consider a location away from your neighbors or maybe attending a community fireworks event. Showing kindness in this way will allow everyone the opportunity to enjoy a healthy and happy summer with family and friends.

## Luke and Delilah



Last year, a boy named Luke lost his life-long best friend, a chocolate lab named Sampson. Luke's parents shared that losing Sampson had been really hard on Luke, and they hoped to find another dog that could help Luke find his "happy" again.

Caring Hearts reached out to animal rescue partners across Missouri and Kansas for help and before long, a friend of *Paws and Claws Animal Rescue* in Kansas, pointed us to a perfect match - a sweet chocolate lab, heeler mix puppy who needed a boy as much as Luke needed a new best friend.

Thanks to the partnership of Paws and Claws volunteers, we were able to bring these two soulmates together and share another happily ever after story. The puppy, lovingly named Delilah, is enjoying her forever home, and it's safe to say, Luke has found his "happy" again.

## 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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