

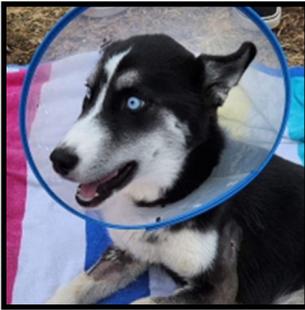


# Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

*The Little Rescue with a Big Heart*

Fall/Winter 2022

## Nova's Story



Hi, my name is Nova and I'm just a puppy. When I went outside to play with my mom, some mean dogs bit me over and over. I thought I was going to die and so did my mom! These nice people who saw the attack came over and helped pull the bad dogs off of me and my mom quickly got me to the Versailles Veterinary Hospital. Mom spent hundreds of dollars on me and the doctor let me go home but I was weak. I struggled to survive that first night. The next morning, Mom called the nice people at Caring Hearts who said to take me back to the vet's office again and they would help pay for whatever I needed. I was in bad shape. I couldn't eat or move, and I was so sleepy. The nice ladies at the vet clinic took good care of me. They gave me something called an IV and medicines to help me with digestion and slowly I regained my strength. They thought I might need a wheelchair because of the bites to my back, but mom was so happy when I sat up and then eventually stood up. My right arm still hurts and the doctor is talking about maybe having to amputate it, but my mom and my family love me whether I have three legs or four. I am so grateful to be alive and just wanted to thank to say "Thank You" to everyone who gave this puppy a chance at a happy, healthy life.

## Christmas at Caring Hearts



Christmas came early here at Caring Hearts. We were awarded a grant by **The Community Foundation of the Lake Karen Jean Rudek Fund** for our Wags & Whiskers Wellness Project. This initiative will include vaccinations along with our continued efforts to provide low cost spay and neutering services for the residents of Morgan, Miller and Camden counties. Low-cost vaccination along with spaying and neutering can help to prevent life threatening diseases like parvo and illness such as Pyomera.

We are honored to have received this grant and will steward wisely to achieve as many spay, neuter and vaccinations as possible. We have begun to reach out to local vets and community organizations regarding organizing low cost events. We will post updates as soon as details become available.

## Don't Forget!!

Kitties can get hurt in this cold weather too. Please remember to thump the hood of your car to scare out any sleeping kitties who are under the hood enjoying the warmth of your engine. It only takes 2 seconds from you but could mean a lifetime to a cat.

## 7 Signs Your Dog is Too Cold

1. Shaking and shivering
2. Muscle stiffness
3. Whining and barking
4. Lethargy/Confusion
5. Difficulty walking
6. Pale gums
7. Cool body surface

Different dogs are at risk for hypothermia at different temperatures based on their size, age, health, etc. In general, temperatures over 45°F should be safe for most dogs unless it is very windy, or the dog becomes wet. Pay special attention to your dog's well-being when temperatures drop below freezing.

If your dog becomes hypothermic, they need to be warmed, but the process needs to occur gradually. Think "warm" not "hot".

1. Get your dog into a warm building or vehicle.
2. Wrap them in blankets, towels, coats, etc. If you can, warm up some blankets in a clothes dryer.
3. Place bottles of warmed water next to your dog, but always keep a couple layers of fabric between the bottle and your dog's skin.
4. Get to the nearest veterinary office immediately.





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# 'Tis the Season of Giving

Earlier this season, the Caring Hearts thrift store was in dire need of some new supplies and Phyllis Dowdy at Stover Animal Rescue answered the call. Wanting to thank Stover in a way that benefits the animals, we decided to highlight a few of their adoptable pooches and kitties in need of forever homes. If you are interested in sponsoring, fostering or adopting one of these very deserving animals, please contact **Stover Animal Rescue** at **(573) 377-4355**.



Roscoe is 10 months old. He will thrive in an active household. He is OK with kids and dogs.



Sam is two years old and would love a lap and a nice, sunny window seat.



Duke is one and a half years old. His ideal home is an open area that he can explore. Kids are OK, but no cats please.



Dallas is a senior, neutered male. He would love the opportunity to be an indoor/outdoor house cat. He does well with other cats.



Wally is two years old and will do well as an only pet. He rides well in the car & enjoys walks and hikes.



Boo is one and a half years old. Boo's ideal home would be quiet with a sunroom.

### **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**

- ⇒ **VOLUNTEER:** Join our volunteer family! It's fun and a great way to give back to the community. We are always looking for volunteers in our thrift store, those with computer skills, future grant writers and more!
- ⇒ **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** (EIN 81-3375617) as your charity of choice and Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase price to Caring Hearts. As of September 2022, Caring Hearts has received **\$517.79** from Amazon Smile.

### **DONATE**

Dry Cat and Dog Food  
Pull Tabs from aluminum cans  
Best Choice Labels

### **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS** any amount is appreciated!

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