



Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

Non-Profit 501 (c) 3

Fall/Winter 2021

Lives Changed in 2021

Because of the unwavering generosity of Caring Hearts supporters and our passionate volunteers, we were able to provide *emergency medical, low-cost spay/neuter assistance, and supplemental pet food* to **506 dogs and cats** during 2021. That's more than **\$32,000** poured right back into our community to make life better for pets and the people who love them. We also provided assistance to homeless/abandoned animals, in which case we partnered with other rescue groups to secure loving fosters or forever homes. Since Caring Hearts is made up entirely of volunteers, we have the unique ability to dedicate more of the funding we receive back into the community we love so much. We are so incredibly thankful for everyone who contributes to give animals a second chance at a happily ever after.

#BettyWhiteChallenge

We were shocked and saddened to hear about Betty White's recent passing at the age of 99. To honor her legacy and love of animals, you might have heard about the **#BettyWhiteChallenge**, a viral campaign urging Betty White fans and animal lovers across the nation to make financial donations to shelters and rescues in honor of what would have been her 100th birthday on January 17th.

We can't think of a better way to honor the life of Betty White and continue her legacy of love.

Contact Caring Hearts

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Visit us Online

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



The Boy who Saved Me



My name is Patches, and you are not even going to believe what happened to me. You may want to sit down for this one. I was just a little kitten, romping and playing like little kittens do, when all of a sudden I was in the jaws of this big slobbery monster (I now know is called a DOG). He was literally trying to eat me! And to make matters worse, the dog's owner wasn't doing anything to help me! Thankfully, another human was visiting who pulled me to safety, but not before my eye was severely injured.

The boy who saved me took me home and asked his mom to please help me. I was so scared because this home had a monster (aka DOG) in the house too! But this dog was very different – instead of trying to eat me, she started licking my wounds and made me feel very safe and loved. I was immediately taken to the vet, but I was too small and sick for surgery. I was full of fleas, had some weight to gain, and needed antibiotics to get my body well enough for surgery.

Finally the day came when I was big enough and well enough to undergo the surgery needed to remove my "dead" eye. My new mom didn't have the money to pay for the surgery, so she called the nice people at Caring Hearts. And you know what? They paid for the surgery I needed!

If it weren't for the boy who saved me, I wouldn't be here today to tell you my story. I am a perfectly happy kitty that loves to romp and play again. I am no longer in pain and have a bright future ahead of me.

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Under 25° - Keep Pets Inside

With winter approaching, extreme cold temperatures will be visiting us as well. So this is a good time to remind everyone that a pet's life can be endangered if it's left out in the cold. Even a dog house with straw may not be enough to protect them from hypothermia. It's tempting to think a pet's fur will keep them warm while they're outside or that a dog house is sufficient to protect them but sadly, some animals can and do perish. Imagine if we were outside for an hour or two, even with a winter coat on, we, too, would struggle to maintain our body heat to protect ourselves from harm. If it's dangerously cold for us, it's dangerously cold for them. To report an animal in distress, please call the Humane Society of Missouri Animal Cruelty Hotline at 314-647-4400.

Christmas Walk Extravaganza

The community's very first Christmas Walk hosted by our friends at the American Elm Market was a huge success! We were one of 30+ local businesses that participated in the all-day event. We had half-off sales, free raffles, cookies, ornament giveaways, and the ever popular "Wheel of Fun". We hope this becomes an annual event in the years ahead. If you missed out in 2021, be on the look-out in 2022 so you can join in the fun. A huge THANK YOU to all of our amazing volunteers that made the event so much fun, and such a huge success!

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.

Note: As of August 2021, Caring Hearts has received over \$400.00 from Amazon Smile.

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

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