

# Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

Non-Profit 501 (c) 3

Spring/Summer 2022



## Animal Blessing

In honor of **World Animal Day**, the West Lake Christian Church and Caring Hearts will co-host an Animal Blessing event this October 2022. The event will be held in the WLCC beautiful outdoor worship area behind the church.

- **WHEN:** Saturday, Oct 8 (rain day: Sunday, Oct 9)
- **TIME:** 1:00 to 4:00 with two animal blessing ceremonies at 2:00 and 3:00
- **WHERE:** West Lake Christian Church, 936 Hwy O, Laurie MO 65037

- > Certificates of blessing will be provided for each pet.
- > Food Vendors will be on site from 1:00 to 4:00.

The aim of World Animal Day is to celebrate animal life in all its forms as well as humankind's relationship with the animal kingdom. Since the day's inception in 1931, it has grown to be widely celebrated in countries around the globe. With the recent events in the world, the war in Ukraine, mass shootings and severe weather events, the plight of beloved pets being separated from their loved ones is an all too familiar story, and one that is devastating to both human and animal alike. Our hope is to highlight and celebrate the connection between human and companion animal, and we welcome the entire lake community and their pets to join us at one or both blessing ceremonies.

## Helping Animals

Due to the generosity of Caring Hearts supporters, we have helped **110** dogs and cats with spay/neuter and emergency medical assistance so far this year. That brings us to a total of **3,950** animals helped since Caring Hearts was founded in 2016. We also provide supplemental food to hundreds of hungry dogs and cats each year. **THANK YOU** so much to everyone who continues to support the mission to change the world one life at a time. We couldn't do any of this without you!

## Contact Caring Hearts

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- Mail: PO Box 981, Laurie MO 65038

## Visit us Online

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



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## Lucky in Love



Hi, my name is Lucky, but I didn't always feel that way. It all started when I injured my eye. I'm not sure how it happened, but it hurt really bad, and I couldn't see out of it at all.

I heard there was a kind lady down the road, so I thought if I could just get to her, maybe she would help me. When I showed up, she thought she knew where I lived, so she took me back, hoping my owner would help me. Unfortunately, I didn't have an owner, and she was my last hope, so I walked the mile or two back to her house. When she saw I had come back, she scooped me up and started reaching out for help.

She didn't have enough money to pay for the medical care I obviously needed, but that didn't stop her. She drove to the local shelter begging for help, and they offered to pay some of the vet expense. Then, the nice lady took me to R Veterinary in Linn Creek, and they told her about Blue Moon and Caring Hearts. Blue Moon chipped in some money and Caring Hearts paid the entire remaining balance!

The nice folks at R Veterinary performed my surgery, and I woke up feeling so much better. I am romping and playing again like nothing ever happened. And do you know what? That kind lady who saved me decided to welcome me into her family! I'm so grateful for everyone who helped me, but especially my new mama who wraps me in love every day. You could say I won the lottery, which makes me feel like the luckiest cat in the world.



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## Benefits of Spaying & Neutering Pets

### It's Good for You

- Spayed and neutered pets are better, more affectionate, companions.
- Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to bite. Unaltered animals often exhibit more behavior and temperament problems than those that have been spayed or neutered.

### It's Good for Your Pet

- Spayed and neutered dogs and cats live longer, healthier lives.
- Spaying female dogs and cats eliminates the possibility of uterine or ovarian cancer and greatly reduces the incidence of breast cancer.
- Neutering male dogs and cats reduces the incidence of prostate cancer.
- Neutered animals are less likely to roam and fight.

### It's Good for the Community

- Communities spend millions of dollars dealing with unwanted animals. **Irresponsible breeding** exacerbates the problem. Animal shelters are overburdened with surplus animals.

 **NEED HELP with Spay/Neuter Expenses?** Contact Caring Hearts – we are happy to help!

## Fireworks and Pets

Many pet owners and shelter workers dread the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. It's not a lack of patriotism, but rather the understanding of what's to come. More animals are injured and run off to escape the loud explosions over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July than any other time of year. Sadly, many combat veterans also suffer flashbacks when fireworks are set off. While many experience the loud, bright spectacle as a joyful celebration, many others are traumatized, just waiting for it all to be over. While planning your holiday festivities, please be mindful of your neighbors (humans and animals alike) so that everyone can celebrate and hopefully reduce the number of injured and lost pets.

## 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
- **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 June 2022, Caring Hearts has received \$477.90 from Amazon Smile.*

## DONATE

- DRY CAT AND DOG FOOD
- 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](http://www.caringheartsanimalrescue.org)
  - MAIL CHECKS made payable to Caring Hearts to PO Box 981, Laurie MO, 65038

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