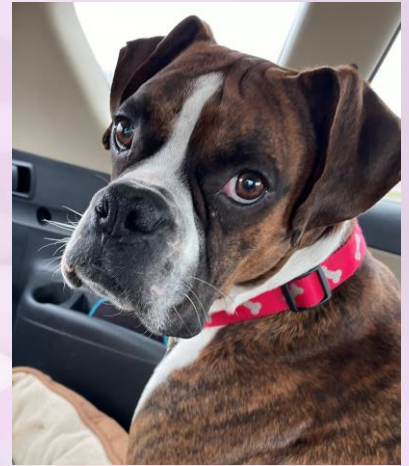


Meet Finn

Hi, My name is Finn! When my mom found me, I was starving, and covered in open wounds all the way down my back. I was scared but she took me to the R-Vet in Linn Creek. I was severely malnourished and diagnosed with a double ear infection, skin infection from my wounds which turned out to be burns, and I was positive for heartworms. My mom knew she needed help. That's when she reached out to Caring Hearts.

A few weeks later, I started peeing blood and was diagnosed with prostatitis. At the recommendation of the Veterinarians at R-Vet, mom took me to Mizzou for an X-Ray and ultrasound. The X-Ray showed that my head and body are riddled with small metal pellets that they suspect are buckshot.

Look at me now! Just a few months later, I'm maintaining a healthy weight! The ear infection is gone! The skin infection is gone! I'm still on medication to keep the prostatitis at bay and undergoing the difficult 5-month treatment to kill the heartworms but I'm happy and loving my new home! Thank you, Mommy, for rescuing me and saving my life!



Heartworm Prevention

“Heartworm” describes a condition where parasites live and reproduce in the host’s heart. Caring for a dog with heartworm requires a two- to four-month exercise restriction while the worms are dying. Cage rest might help give your pup the best chance of recovery during treatment. Your veterinarian will provide guidelines, such as how long your dog should be crated and how often they can have a bathroom break.

The best defense is a good offense. Your dog should get an annual blood test and receive a heartworm preventative on a consistent basis. Although heartworm infections are less common during the winter, they’re not impossible—that’s why the American Heartworm Society recommends year-round preventatives.

In most cases, a cat’s immune system will destroy heartworms before they become a problem. There is no heartworm treatment for cats, so they are not fully immune. Even a seemingly small number of heartworms can be dangerous. That’s why some veterinarians recommend heartworm preventatives for cats.

For more information on prevention and treatment for your pet speak with your veterinarian. Source: Humane Society

Helping Our Community

As of May 2023, We have provided financial assistance for **267** animals (141 cats and 126 dogs). This has allowed these animals to receive emergency medical care, low to no-cost spay/neuter and vaccinations.

Thanks to the generous **Jean Rudek Grant**, we were able to help **183** of the 267 animals (125 cats and 58 dogs) with spay/neuter/vaccinations in Morgan, Miller and Camden Counties.

Total Animals Helped since CH was founded in 2016 = **4,432**

THANK YOU for your **CARING HEARTS** and your continued support. We couldn't do this without you!



Pets are sensitive to loud noise!

On the Fourth of July, and other days people are likely to set off fireworks, it's best to leave your pets safely indoors, preferably with a radio or TV turned on to soften jarring noises.

Encourage celebrations that use safer, more animal-friendly alternatives. Consider working with local officials to require the use of colorful “silent” or “quiet” fireworks for public celebrations.

Source: Humane Society





Keep Pets Safe In The Heat



- **NEVER LEAVE YOUR PETS IN A PARKED CAR!** Not even for a minute! Not even with the car running and air conditioner on.
- **Watch the humidity** - Animals pant to evaporate moisture from their lungs, which takes heat away from their body. If the humidity is too high, they are unable to cool themselves and their temperature will skyrocket to dangerous levels.
- **Don't rely on a fan** - Pets respond differently to heat than humans do. Fans don't cool off pets as effectively as they do people
- **Provide ample shade and water** - Any time your pet is outside, make sure they have protection from heat and sun and plenty of fresh, cold water. In heat waves, add ice to water when possible. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don't obstruct air flow. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat—in fact, it makes it worse. Always provide water, whether your pets are inside or out with you.
- **Watch for signs of heatstroke** - Some signs of heatstroke are heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure and unconsciousness.
- **How to treat a pet suffering from heatstroke** - Move your pet into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to their head, neck and chest or run cool (not cold) water over them. Let them drink small amounts of cool water or lick ice cubes. Take them directly to a veterinarian.

About Caring Hearts

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.

Our mission is 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.



On March 3rd, the Caring Hearts Thrift Store moved to its new location!

Our fabulous volunteers created a bright and cheerful space for you to shop for great bargains and for us to continue helping people and their pets.

We are located at 115 N. Main, Laurie Mo (just north of the light at Hwy O & Hwy 5)

Store Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday - 10 - 2

Thursday – Saturday 10 – 4



For more information visit <https://www.humanesociety.org/resources/keep-pets-safe-heat>

How You Can Help

- **VOLUNTEER:** We are always looking for volunteers in our thrift store, those with computer skills, grant writers and more!
- **SHOP:** Visit The Caring Hearts Thrift Store – all proceeds help community animals in need.
- **DONATE:** Dry Cat and Dog Food, Pull tabs from aluminum cans, Best Choice Food Labels
- **FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS** - any amount is appreciated!
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