



Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

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Winter 2018

A Year of Compassion and Growth

As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded how many lives have been touched by the generosity and compassion of Caring Hearts donors and supporters. **A total of 325 animals were helped during 2017**, far surpassing our expectations. None of this would have been possible without YOU!

We also opened a Thrift Store in April to generate additional funding, and were humbled and overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from our local community of Morgan and Camden County, Missouri, as well as donations across the state from Saint Louis to Kansas.

The Thrift Store contributions were so abundant, that within 6 months it became necessary to expand our storefront to better accommodate and streamline the donation intake process. Not a bad problem to have! We were also blessed with financial contributions from supporters on the East Coast to California.

Although our main goal is to improve the lives of dogs and cats, we've discovered that human lives have been enriched along the way as well. You see, many of the animals helped by Caring Hearts – about 80% - are beloved pets, which without our assistance would not be enjoying the quality of life they do today. In addition, the Caring Hearts Thrift Store, which generates the majority of our animal care funding, provides a much more affordable way for families to purchase basic necessities like clothing and household items. It's a win-win for the animals and the people!

Want to help? In addition to donating gently used items, you can also help support our mission by donating the following:

- Pull tabs from aluminum cans
- Best Choice labels
- Dry or canned dog and cat food
- Your time – consider volunteering
- Financial contributions
 - Shop AmazonSmile.com and select Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue as your charity of choice
 - Click the DONATE button on the Caring Hearts Facebook page
 - DONATE through the Caring Hearts website at www.caringheartsanimalrescue.org
 - Make checks payable to **Caring Hearts** and mail to: PO Box 1684, Laurie, MO 65038



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Flower's Long Journey Home



Flower, (aka "Wildflower"), has spent the last three months fighting for her life from injuries sustained being hit by a car. Just a few weeks prior, she and her sibling were dumped in Laurie, Missouri and left to fend for themselves – they were only kittens at the time.

Although it was late at night, we are so thankful a Good Samaritan saw the accident and called Caring Hearts. Flower's sibling was scooped up with Flower, and off they all went to Lake Pet Hospital in Eldon. X-rays revealed a broken pelvis, and later we would learn that Flower had sustained other internal injuries from the accident as well.

Flower has fought her way through a broken pelvis, numerous laser treatments, pneumonia, bladder surgery, and procedures to repair a large wound from torn stitches after her surgery. Although Caring Hearts covered the veterinary expenses, Flower's recovery would not have been possible without the good folks at Lake Pet Hospital and Flower's extra special guardian angel, Anne Bishop, who stayed by her side every step of the way. We cannot thank Anne enough for her compassion and dedication to Flower's full recovery, and for never giving up on her.

In the meantime, the Good Samaritan (that originally contacted us the night of Flower's accident) welcomed Flower's sibling into her home, where she has been thriving ever since. Thankfully, this Good Samaritan has opened her heart and home to Flower as well, and cannot wait to reunite the siblings.

Although the journey was long, we are so thankful to everyone involved in Flower's rescue, care and recovery. It won't be long now before Flower is playing with her sister again in her "happily ever after" forever home.



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Cold Weather Tips

If your dog stays outside in cold weather for more than potty breaks and walks, he will need a warm, dry place away from the cold and wet. Provide him with an **insulated airtight** doghouse that is **raised up off the ground** at least a few inches, and is equipped with a **door flap to keep out drafts**. Also, make sure the doghouse always has **dry bedding**; a lot of hay or straw is a good insulator and they can burrow down in it. Please remember that dogs are social animals and you are their family. **They want to be with you**, so don't leave your dog outside in the cold all the time.

Pets who spend a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use **plastic food and water bowls**. When the temperature is low, your pet's tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

A good rule of thumb – **if it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet**. If you encounter a pet left in the cold, we encourage you to contact local law enforcement agencies because pets left outside in extreme temperatures, especially without food and shelter, are at risk of hypothermia, frostbite and even death.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

We cannot begin to express our appreciation to the selfless volunteers for their many contributions to this organization - their commitment is reflected in everything they do. Our volunteers are the foundation of Caring Hearts, and without them, none of the good work we do would be possible. If you would like to join our team, please contact us to learn about the many volunteer opportunities available - we'd love to hear from you! Alone we can do so little, but together we can do so much.

About Us

We are a small group of dedicated individuals 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.

Vision

To make the world a better place one life at a time.

Contact Us

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