



Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue

The Little Rescue with a Big Heart

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Winter 2020

A Heart for Helping

It's hard to believe, but together we have helped **1,534 animals** in 2019 and a total of **2,820 animals** since our humble beginnings in 2016! We are incredibly grateful for your continued commitment to help make the world a better place one life at a time.

Without your support, the hurting animals in our community would not receive life-saving veterinary care or low-cost spay/neuter services, not to mention the thousands of pounds of pet food distributed to the hungry every year. This community is better every day because of YOU!

Species	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Cat	4	153	501	1,044	1,702
Dog	14	174	439	490	1,117
Rabbit	0	1	0	0	1
Total	18	328	940	1,534	2,820

Blessed with the Best

Caring Hearts volunteers are simply put, the very best on planet earth. There is never a shortage of sorting, cleaning and organizing donations; transporting animals, running the Thrift Store, responding to emergency medical calls, TNR adventures, distributing food, fundraising, and a hundred other priorities to support the rescue - the work is never done. Our volunteers continue to give of their time and talents day after day to help as many animals as possible. Some days are more difficult than others, but they remain positive and know their commitment is making a real difference in this wonderful community.

To all our amazing volunteers, we love and appreciate you more than we can ever express! You are truly the life's blood of the organization and the "heart" in Caring Hearts!

Contact Caring Hearts

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Visit us Online

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



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Car Rides and Kisses



Hi, my name is Koda. I'm 3 ½ years old and have lived in a house full of laughter and love with my mom, dad and seven human siblings since I was 8 months old. I'm what you'd consider an emotional support dog. I love my family very much and they need me just as much as I need them.

Then life got complicated. A few months ago my mom discovered a growth inside my mouth. She took me to the vet, but the medicine they gave me didn't help. A couple weeks later she was told I would need a biopsy, but that would be expensive – more than my family could afford. Did I mention I have **seven siblings**? My mom was devastated and didn't know what to do. She started a Facebook fundraiser and reached out to anyone and everyone she thought might be able to help. That's when she found Caring Hearts, who agreed to help cover the cost of the biopsy.

My mom was so happy she started to cry – but her joy didn't last long because the biopsy results came back with a diagnosis of "Odontogenic Fibroma", a very rare tumor of the mouth/jaw. We were referred to the University of Columbia for the delicate surgery to remove the tumor which would include the removal of a portion of my lower jaw including 12 of my teeth. I was so scared, but I pretended to be brave.

We didn't know how we would pay for it, but my mom refused to give up on me. I am a member of the family and she fought for me just like I was her very own human child. She began asking, pleading, begging for help to pay for the surgery.

I'm happy to say I got the surgery I needed thanks to the generosity of kind people I don't even know, the Silent Partner foundation and Caring Hearts. Without the help, my life would be cut short and my family would have been devastated.

My family means everything to me – I am so thankful for them. Today I am on the road to recovery and enjoying car rides and kisses again – my two favorite things in the whole wide world!



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Prevent Pyometra in your Pet

- **What is it?** Pyometra is defined as an infection in the uterus. It is a serious and life threatening condition that must be treated promptly and aggressively.
- **What are the Symptoms?** Symptoms include signs of the animal feeling unwell, such as vomiting, refusal to eat, lethargy, increased thirst and frequent urination. She may also appear to be uncomfortable, because pyometra is a particularly painful condition.
- **Who does it affect?** Pyometra will affect roughly 1 in 4 non-spayed females before the age of 10 years, but can occur later in life as well.
- **What happens if my pet gets pyometra?** Pyometra is life threatening, and needs aggressive treatment. The best treatment is an emergency spaying surgery, which is complicated because the infected contents of the uterus can leak into the rest of the body. Pyometra surgery typically costs \$1000 to \$2000.
- **How do I prevent pyometra?** The only way to prevent pyometra is to have your dog spayed. Routine spays have additional benefits, such as reducing your pet's chance of developing mammary gland tumors.
- **Can't afford to spay your pet?** Please contact Caring Hearts for low-cost spay/neuter options. We have seen too many animals die from this devastating yet preventable infection, and want to ensure your pet lives a long and happy life without pyometra

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
- **Smile.amazon.com** and select **Caring Hearts Dog and Cat Rescue** as your charity of choice

DONATE

- Dry cat and dog food
- Your time – be a volunteer!
- Pull tabs from aluminum cans
- Best Choice labels
- **Financial Contributions** – no amount is too small
 - CLICK DONATE on the Caring Hearts Facebook page
 - CLICK DONATE on Caring Hearts website at www.caringheartsanimalrescue.org
- MAIL CHECKS payable to Caring Hearts to PO Box 1684, Laurie, MO 65038

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