



## Second Chance Building Campaign

We kicked off our Second Chance Building Campaign at Paws To Party. As many of you know, our current Second Chance building is in bad shape and past the point of repair. We are in the process of finalizing the architectural renderings of a new Second Chance Building, which will sit in the same footprint as the current building. This facility will be home to our feral cat colonies, as well as a nursery for nursing mothers and kittens, a quarantine area, and office space. This will allow us to convert our current offices into an open-area space for approximately 50 more rescued cats. The new quarantine area will give us the ability to prevent

another 200 cats from spreading contagious diseases (at minimum) with the possibility of saving many more lives. At Paws To Party, we featured a new video showing the current building and outlining the reasons it needs to be rebuilt. This year's "Raise Your Paw" allowed attendees to contribute to the Second Chance Building Campaign. Thanks to the generosity of our attendees, we are off to a great start!

If you have not seen the video, we encourage you to go to our website and view it at:

[www.odas.org/donate/capital-campaign/](http://www.odas.org/donate/capital-campaign/)



*Current Second Chance Building*



- **Apple Butter Festival**  
Kimmswick, MO - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.,  
October 29-30, 2022
- **Rock-n-Roll Bingo**  
Kirkwood Community Center - 6 p.m.,  
November 4, 2022
- **Breakroom Concert**  
**presents Glen Philips**  
(singer/songwriter of Toad the Wet Sprocket)



Forest Hills Country Club, Chesterfield, MO  
7 p.m., November 13, 2022

- **Giving Tuesday -ALL DAY**  
November 29, 2022



## We've Been Busy!

As the largest no-kill shelter in greater St. Louis and surrounding areas, we've had a busy summer! It's our mission to rescue abandoned cats and dogs and place them in their forever homes. We also devote our time to raising awareness of the importance of spaying/neutering pets and explaining how adopting animals from shelters like ours, truly saves lives. We share our message at each event, on social media, and with our donors and volunteers. If you would like to help support our mission, please use the enclosed envelope to donate today, and know you will be helping us control the unwanted pet population.

We are thrilled to have our in-person events again, as we have missed seeing you all in person! This year started with Bingo, the Purina Pet Parade in Soulard, the Shelter Slumber Pawty, Founder's Circle and Paws To Party. We also held a TopGolf fundraiser in September and attended the Greentree Festival in Kirkwood the weekend of September 16-18. If you have not been able to attend our events yet this year, there is still plenty of time for you to join us! 🐾



## Giving Tuesday

On Tuesday, November 29th, 2022, Open Door is participating in Giving Tuesday. This is a day to consider giving to your favorite charity. Through this national movement, thousands of non-profit organizations benefit from donations made on this day. Since you are a person who cares about cats and dogs in need, we ask you to consider donating to Open Door. Your donation will support our work of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming abandoned cats and dogs in the greater St. Louis area.

Please consider participating in Giving Tuesday. To do so, you may send a check in the enclosed envelope or go to [odas.org/givingtuesday](https://odas.org/givingtuesday) to donate online on Tuesday, November 29th. Thank you so much for your support and dedication to our cats and dogs! 🐾

# Paws To Party!

Our annual dinner auction, Paws To Party, took place on Sunday, August 14 at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac - it was a night to remember! With over 100 silent auction items and 13 live auction items (just to name a few - St. Louis Cardinals Tickets in the green seats, Champion Club Cardinals Tickets, St. Louis Blues Tickets with a visit to the broadcast booth, Golf Outing at Fox Run Golf Club and a trip for a 3-night stay in



*Alex Ferrario*

Charleston, South Carolina) it was a sold-out evening with over 200 attendance.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Alex Ferrario, brought the live auction and Raise Your Paw auction to life, resulting in the highest-grossing event to date. We appreciate all our attendees, volunteers, donors and our sponsors for making Paws To Party 2022 a success!

A highlight of the evening included a visit from our furry friends—Richard, Viscount & Comtesse. Becky Hackenwerth, our assistant kennel manager, escorted Richard, our lovable dog who received many hugs and kisses from attendees and volunteers. We are happy to say, Richard has found his forever home. Amanda Duncan, our cattery manager, showcased Viscount and Comtesse. The pair of siblings also found their forever home, together.



*Amanda Duncan with Comtesse*

Every year, we chose a volunteer that has spent many hours of service with our cats and dogs for our Volunteer of the Year Award. This year's award recipient was Linda White. Linda is at Open Door a couple of times a week, walking our dogs and assisting with various events. She is always ready to lend a helping hand when needed.



*Linda White*

Our Don Nichols Compassion Award was presented to Sherry Wood. Sherry has been on our board for many years; she has chaired the Paws To Party committee as well as other board committees. Sherry and her husband, John, have rescued many cats and dogs. Their current dog, Kirby, was adopted from Open Door and now lives a charmed life with the Woods.



*Tracie Quackenbush with Sherry Wood*

The Don Nichols Compassion Award was given to Sherry for her outstanding support of Open Door, for her work on behalf of all pets in need in the greater St. Louis area and for her advocacy for animals worldwide. We are grateful for both Linda White and Sherry Wood for their unwavering support and dedication to our cats and dogs. 🐾

# Thank You To Our Paws To Party Sponsors!

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## FALL FUN

Who doesn't love fall? The changing of the leaves, pumpkin-spiced everything, the crisp cool mornings, and the anticipation of the holiday season in the air. It's the time of year for family fun and outings with friends, so if you are looking for an activity, look no further! We will be in Kimmswick for the Apple Butter Festival on Saturday, October 29 - Sunday, October 30. This is one of our largest off-site adoption events. Our staff and volunteers will showcase our adoptable cats and dogs. If you are looking to adopt a cat or dog, we hope you will visit us and pick out your new four-legged family member.



## *Ornament Drive*

Do you want to offer ornaments to collect supply donations needed for Open Door at your place of business? It's easy! We supply the ornaments with our printed wish list and later collect the donations.

If your business is interested in participating, please contact Amanda at **636.671.3643** or email [amanda@odas.org](mailto:amanda@odas.org).

## **Become a Santa Paws for the Homeless Cats and Dogs this Holiday Season!**

We will be collecting items for the shelter from  
10am - 4pm, every day of the week starting Nov. 1, 2022.

### **We need the following items:**

- Training Treats
- Stuffing-Less Toys
- Puppy Pads (22 x 22 or larger)
- Cat Toys
- Canned Cat Food
- Slicker Brushes
- Turbo Scratcher Refills
- Copy Paper
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Trash Bags

Or check out our Amazon wish list and have supplies shipped directly to us!

<http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/1s/1WYU34PR112RI>



# Enjoy Your Senior Years By Adding a New Pet to Your Family



During your senior years, odds are you no longer have your children to care for. If you do not have pets, you may consider adopting a new one. Pet ownership can boost your mental and physical health. Dogs and cats, especially, understand human emotion. They can become a friend that understands your words, your body language and appreciates your companionship. Here are some tips for adopting a pet late in life.

## Pet Proof Your Home

Pets may face various hazards in your home, depending on the type of pet you own. If you like livening up your house with plants, brush up your knowledge on which ones are toxic. Cats and other climbing animals tend to have the most vulnerabilities to poisonous flora. Remember that pets do not always know what may harm them. Keep all medications and chemicals secure and out of reach. For instance, dogs may chew on bottles of cleaner or medicine. In addition to the interior of your home, consider your yard safety. If you adopt a puppy, he will most likely spend a lot of time wanting to play outdoors. Be careful with the fertilizers and pesticides you choose. Some can be toxic to animals. Make sure you also have a fenced-in yard and your animals cannot escape or run wild through the neighborhood.

If your yard lacks a fence, an online search can connect you to a list of local contractors who could install one. You can read reviews of various companies before making your decision. Keep in mind that a fence installation is likely to cost at least \$1,600, and potentially much more.

## Keep a Schedule of Important Dates

Keep the dates of certain medications and vaccines. According to the FDA, flea and tick medication helps prevent outbreaks of pests that can cause allergic reactions and other conditions. Ticks, for example, can carry Lyme disease.

If you do not give your dog or cat flea medication when instructed, the coverage may wear off and you could have a new outbreak on your hands. By the time you see a flea, you probably have an infestation. To rid yourself of an infestation, you have to focus on vacuuming the floors, cleaning bedding and treating all of your animals. Put the date of your subsequent treatment on a calendar, so you never forget.

In addition, make sure you have all vet and grooming appointments on the calendar. Young pets may require multiple appointments to ensure they receive a healthy start

to life. You may also want to consider grooming and training as regular appointments to help your pet adjust to grooming or learn better behavior. When it comes to grooming products, be sure to do your research. Seek out unbiased reviews from veterinarians about which grooming products will best serve your needs. You want your pet to have the best.

## Turn Your New Life Into a Career

Many pet sitters love being around animals all day long. They meet new animals regularly and provide an invaluable service to pet owners. If you cannot adopt a pet but want to keep animals around for your mental and physical health, you may want to become a pet sitter. Some of your responsibilities include letting pets outside, going to the vet if a pet has injuries or an illness, playing with the pet, and feeding the pet.

Some other examples of pet businesses include pet daycare, grooming, massage therapy or drawing pet portraits. In some cases, you may be able to combine ideas. For example, consider a pet sitting job where you take portraits or perform some training for owners.

Pets have a place in every person's life. If you want to introduce new pets to your home as you enter your senior years, think about the type of animals you love the most and what you think you can handle. Having a new pet can benefit your mental and physical health.

- by Jessica Brody (freelance writer)

*If you're thinking about adding a pet to your home, consider adopting from us. If you are unable to adopt, please consider donating to our Seniors For Senior Program.*

[www.odas.org/adopt/seniors-4-seniors/](http://www.odas.org/adopt/seniors-4-seniors/)



## Kitten Season

Many say kitten season runs from March – September, for us, kitten season is all year round. If you have visited us, no doubt you've seen kittens playing in the Kitten Cabin, Kitty City and Second Chance. We are busting at the seams with kittens, why you ask? We are a no-kill shelter and do our best to help find forever homes for all our animals. We vaccinate, spay/neuter every cat (and dog) that comes to live at Open Door. We also Trap, Spay/Neuter, and Return feral cats to their original location, when possible, this helps to slow the unwanted cat population and deaths of many.

**Why spay or neuter?**

An unspayed female cat, her mate, and their offspring producing an average of 2.8 surviving kittens per litter at a rate of two litters a year adds up quickly.

1 year:	12 cats
2 years:	67 cats
3 years:	376 cats
4 years:	2107 cats
5 years:	11801 cats
6 years:	66,088 cats
7 years:	370,092 cats
8 years:	2,072,514 cats
9 years:	11,606,077 cats

Spaying or neutering one cat saves many lives.

**TOO MANY CATS**

**PLEASE SPAY-NEUTER**

# OPEN DOOR

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