

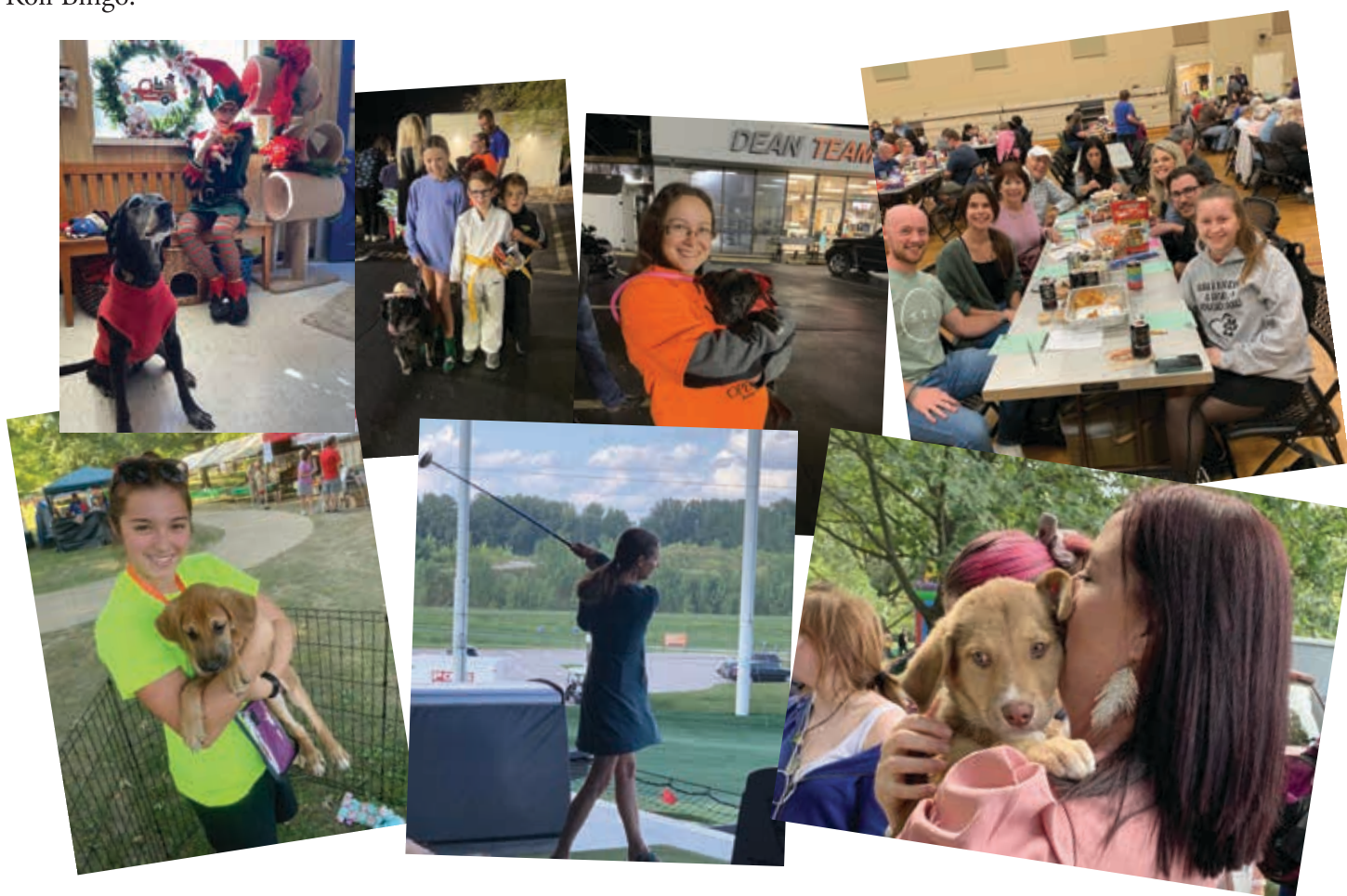


Goodbye to 2022

As we say goodbye to 2022, we are grateful for all our sponsors, donors, supporters and volunteers that made 2022 a success! We held fundraisers, events, and most importantly found homes for over 1,000 cats and dogs. We took our animals to Trunk or Treats, festivals and photo shoots for our first calendar. We hope you were able to join at one of our events - Purina Pet Parade, TopGolf, Trivia Night, Paws To Party Dinner Auction, Greentree Festival, Apple Butter Festival and Rock & Roll Bingo.

As we live our mission daily, rescuing abandoned cats and dogs and placing them in their forever homes; we are reminded of how lucky we are to serve the community in this capacity. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

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. Happy holidays from all of us at Open Door!





#giving
tuesday
2022
Hooray!
Over
\$15,000
Donated!



On Tuesday, November 29th, 2022, we participated in Giving Tuesday. Thank you to our donors and The Dean Team, The Friends of Open Door Auxiliary Group and Tito's Vodka for Dog People for sponsoring our "power hours". We raised over \$15,000! Your donations support our work of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming abandoned cats and dogs in the greater St. Louis area. Raising Cane's Chicken in Arnold participated in Giving Tuesday and donated 15% of

each sale to the care of our animals, just by mentioning ODAS. We hope you were able to stop by!

If you missed Giving Tuesday, it's not too late to send in a donation before the end of the year. You may send a check in the enclosed envelope or go to www.odas.org/donate to donate online.

Thank you so much for your support and dedication to our cats and dogs. 🐾

2023 Upcoming Events

- Purina Pet Parade, Historic Soulard Neighborhood, St. Louis, MO -- 10am, Sunday, February 12, 2023
- Trivia Night, Kirkwood Community Center -- 6pm, March 10, 2023
- Shelter Slumber Pawty, ODAS -- 12pm, Saturday, March 25, 2023
- Topgolf, Chesterfield, MO -- 4pm, Sunday, April 30, 2023
- Give STL Day, Online Giving -- May 2023
- Paws to Party, Hilton St. Louis Frontenac -- 5pm, Sunday, August 20, 2023
- Greentree Festival, Kirkwood, MO -- September 15-17, 2023
- Rock-n-Roll Bingo, Kirkwood Community Center -- 6pm, Friday, October 20, 2023
- Apple Butter Festival, Kimmswick, MO -- October 28-29, 2023



The Purrfect Story

They call me “Purrfect”. I am in my second life at 8 months old, this is my Open Door Animal Sanctuary (ODAS) origin story as told by me.

T.S. Eliot understood in his poem, *The Naming of Cats*: “A cat’s true name is known only to the cat.” I will never divulge mine! My new humans (The Mrs. and The Mr.) got the premise right when they named me Purrfect, but I didn’t like it. I tried to tell them by not coming when they called me it. They suspected I was deaf, eventually I started answering to it, because there was always a treat at the end and I am no fool! My humans’ 12-year-old nephew, Gus, suggested a better name for me would be “Bob”. Was he kidding? I do find this place where I am now living entirely satisfactory.

There are other cats but not too many. I can and do boss them all around when I’m in the mood. The food bowl is always full, and the toys are plentiful. The Mrs. enjoys it when I retrieve the feather stick – why wouldn’t I since I want to keep playing?! I talk a lot and have an extensive vocabulary. I still use my kitten voice (except when riding in the car to the vet, then I use my big old Tom Cat HOWL). I emit tiny peeps out of what has become a big cat body. This one is quite effective.

My hero is Tracie Quackenbush. She is the executive director of the Open Door. She has saved gobs of cats! She tells my origin story this way:

“I (Tracie) am from a small Missouri town that can be backwards where animals are concerned. Often when I visit, I come back with a carload of needy cats and dogs. In February, my niece alerted me about a cat hoarder with twenty cats and kittens needing care. Purrfect’s hugely pregnant mother was among them. It seemed she would pop soon, so I took her to my house to give birth. Two of her nine kittens did not survive, but the rest were big and healthy. Purrfect was the most rambunctious and gave me and my niece a real headache. They were adopted quickly except for Purrfect. That’s when a crazy cat lady and board member of ODAS saw him, and it was love at first sight! I know her and her house well, so I was able to skip the home visit and approved her application ASAP. The rest is history.”



The Mrs. tells my origin story this way:

“As a board member of ODAS, I always wanted to bring home tons of lovely cats and darling kittens. One day, at ODAS front desk area, there was ‘Purrfect’! He was romping around and playing with other kittens in some special way, and I just blurted out, ‘Tracie, is that my kitten?’ and she replied that she reckoned so. Soon the paperwork was finished, Purrfect’s claws trimmed and packed in a cardboard kitten to-go-box. He was sent home with a portion of food, toys and a kitten blanket! Tracie’s instructions were to give him Purina One Healthy Kitten and ‘100 kisses per day’, which is a must for all cats and dogs adopted from Open

Door. I brought him home and immediately handed him over to my husband, Joe. An hour later, a perfect little orange kitten was sound asleep in Joe’s lap. They were an instant item. The rest is history.”

The Mr. tells my origin story this way: “I told her no more cats! Scoobie had died and I missed him terribly. I was outside when she returned home. She had a mischievous grin on her face when she walked up to me, opened a little box and handed me Purrfect. I loved him instantly; I just could not help myself! I took him right upstairs to my recliner and sat down. He fell right to sleep, belly side up. He knew he was my guy and safe with me. Now he purrs like a Sherman Tank and touches my nose with his paw when he sits on my lap. I love Purrfect. The rest is history”.

Well, what do you think? That’s my Open Door Animal Sanctuary origin

story, I hope you enjoyed reading about how Tracie rescued my mom and me in the process and how The Mrs. and The Mr. gave me a forever home. I am PURRfect! Happiest of holidays and maybe I’ll check in with you next year.

-- by Purrfect, Jane Geiler and Tracie Quackenbush

If you enjoyed this story about Purrfect, we would love for you to visit our sanctuary and adopt one of our animals, you too can have a Purrfect story and make another cat or dog’s holiday merry and bright! 🐾



2023 Rescue Me Calendar

We have our First Responders Calendar, Rescue Me, available for sale now. Our adorable furry friends and community first responders posed for our first calendar. You will want to purchase for yourself and your loved ones. We have calendars at the shelter for a \$20 donation, or if you would like one mailed to you, please email Lynese at Development@odas.org (there is a small cost for mailing of \$2.40).

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30th Annual Purina Pet Parade!



Who doesn't enjoy a parade, especially one that features dogs, cats, goats and animals of all sizes? Join us for the 30th Annual Purina Pet Parade on Sunday, February 12th. Since it's the 30th anniversary of the parade, there will be some exciting new events. If you would like to volunteer at the Open Door's registration booth, please email Maria at volunteer@odas.org. Registration will open in January, stay tuned!



Apple Butter Festival

What a great weekend at Kimmswick's Apple Butter Festival. All of our puppies found their forever homes. It was great to see old friends and meet some new ones! A huge thank you to Christine Bean, owner of Latest Craze, for allowing us to set up our booth next to her storefront.



End-of-Year Giving

If you missed Giving Tuesday and would like to make an end-of-year donation, there are several ways you may do so. You may donate online or use the enclosed envelope to mail your check or credit card information to us. If you're looking for some alternative contributions here are a few options to consider:

- **Gift of appreciated securities;**
- **Giving through a donor-advised fund;**
- **For those 70 1/2, consider making a qualified charitable distribution.**

If you are interested in making a Qualified Charitable Distribution or a stock gift, please contact our brokerage representative, Jeff Stotler. He can be reached at 303-220-0968 or email at Jeff.Stotler@edwardjones.com.

OPEN DOOR Animal Sanctuary



Founder's Circle was formed in 2014 in memory of two dedicated women who founded Open Door Animal Sanctuary in 1975 – Joan Costello-Oetting and Carol Perkins. Their vision of giving every animal that comes to Open Door, a second chance at life, which is to this day, our guiding principle. We will forever be grateful for their dedication and determination to give hope to all creatures, great and small. The Founder's Circle honors those who make annual gifts of \$1,000 or more. This group of distinguished donors support Open Door's mission with their extraordinary charitable gifts and are considered part of our inner circle of philanthropy. Open Door recognizes members of the Founder's Circle each year in the Honor Roll of Donors at the annual Founder's Circle Appreciation Dinner which is held in the early spring. Those who have donated \$1,000 or more in the previous calendar year, will be invited to attend the Appreciation Dinner.

To donate, please use the enclosed envelope or this link:

odas.org/donate/the-founders-circle/

If you would like to know how much you have donated this year, please contact Lynese at Development@odas.org or call 636.671.3643 ext. 212.

Ash's Road To Recovery



My family adopted a beagle named Larry from Open Door in the first part of June of this year. I contacted ODAS's office because he was having a very difficult time adjusting. I took him to our veterinarian right after we adopted him and shared the blood work ODAS provided upon adoption. Ash finally seemed to adjust to his new surroundings, but I still felt that something was very wrong physically.

He continued to have a very slow and deliberate gate; he did not enjoy being outside; he paced around the house and seemed to have a general malaise.

I took him to the veterinarian again and they decided to do an X-ray, thinking that he may have a torn ACL that was not fixed properly or perhaps an enlarged prostate. The X-ray showed that the poor dog had been shot multiple times! He had about 25 bullets (or bird shots) on one of his legs and an equal amount in his chest. Two of the bullets were a tiny bit larger so someone at the office speculated that perhaps he was shot with a gun that hunters use for turkey hunting and the rest were the bird shot. Our vet said that he was most definitely in pain because one of the bullets is in a leg joint. He is now on Rimadyl and Gabapentin for pain. The X-rays were then sent to a couple of surgeons to see if some of the bullets by the joints could be removed. It was decided that surgery would cause too much tissue damage, so he is on pain medicine and responding well. I am happy to say that the pain medicine seems to make him more comfortable.

Ash's life has improved but he is a long way from being a normal dog. It almost seems like his emotional development is stunted or perhaps he is suffering from post-traumatic stress. He was put on Fluoxetine (Prozac for dogs) last week to try and help. We are

hoping that the additional medicine will help with the constant pacing. We do make him go for a short walk every day. It is not because we want him to exercise as much as to open his world up a little. He went on a road trip with us for Thanksgiving and despite our fears of him having a hard time in the car, he did fantastic.

It saddens me that someone could do this to a dog and that Ash will have to deal with the pain for the rest of his life. I am relieved to know that he is with us; he will get great treatment, love and care.

—by Cathy Brubaker, Adoptor



Larry (now Ash) was brought to Open Door by his neighbor, his owner had passed away and Larry stayed by his side until the neighbor realized the situation. We may never know how Larry sustained his injuries; however, we are grateful to the Brubaker Family for giving him a forever home, love and care that he deserves. 🐾



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The Open Door Animal Sanctuary Legacy Society honors individuals who have made legacy gift commitments. No gift is too small and when you inform us of your planned gift intentions, you become a member of our Legacy Society, which allows us to recognize you appropriately for your generosity and dedication to our cats and dogs.

Additionally, your plan to make a planned legacy gift to Open Door enrolls you in our Surviving Pet Care program. This program gives you peace of mind knowing that if something happens to you, we will take in your pets, care for them, provide any medical care needed, and allow them to live out the rest of their lives in the loving care of our staff and volunteers while we work to find them new loving forever homes (if desired). 🐾



The Sounds of Glen Phillips

What a great evening of music with Glen Phillips! It was a sold-out music event that raised over \$9,000 for the cats and dogs of Open Door. Thank you to Busey Bank for sponsoring and Break Room Concerts for choosing us as the beneficiary of the evening. Break Room Concerts is creating another great lineup of concerts for 2023. We are looking forward to being a part of another wonderful event. Stay tuned for more detail. 🐾

Planned Giving Is Always In Season

A planned gift to Open Door Animal Sanctuary is a powerful statement of your support for our mission. A gift of any size will help protect the future of thousands of unwanted and homeless cats and dogs who count on Open Door for help. Every adult, no matter their age or net worth, needs an estate plan. An estate plan is comprised of one or more documents such as a will, trust and/or beneficiary designation form that control who will pay your final expenses and distribute your assets according to your wishes.



Open Door is the voice of unwanted cats and dogs, and your legacy gift will provide us with the financial stability and flexibility to continue our work on their behalf. You can select from among many charitable gift-giving strategies to achieve your philanthropic goals and create your legacy. By structuring future gifts with tax benefits and income opportunities in mind, you may be able to achieve some additional financial goals as well. Several options for giving are listed below to help you plan for your personal needs:

- Bequests through your will
- Life Insurance Gifts: Make ODAS the beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- Retirement Plans: Donate interest in an IRA or other qualified savings plan

Consulting an attorney who specializes in estate planning is recommended and will help guide you through this process. If you would like to include Open Door in your planned giving or have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our Director of Development, at Development@odas.org or call (636) 671-3643. 🐾



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