



Heartwarming Tales and Lifesaving Moments

Greetings from Open Door Animal Sanctuary! We are thrilled to share with you the incredible impact your generous support has on the lives of our furry friends, which enables us to continue providing a safe haven for animals in need.

Our Sanctuary has been a hub of love, care and transformation over the past several months. Countless heartwarming stories have unfolded, reminding us of the profound difference we can make together. We'd like to take a moment to share a few of these inspiring tales, made possible by donors like you:

From Forgotten to Beloved: Meet Bones

Bones, a timid and abandoned dog, arrived at Open Door Animal Sanctuary scared and uncertain. We provided him with essential care, a cozy bed and a loving environment.



With patience and nurturing, Bones has transformed into a confident, playful companion. We are currently searching for his forever home and loving family.

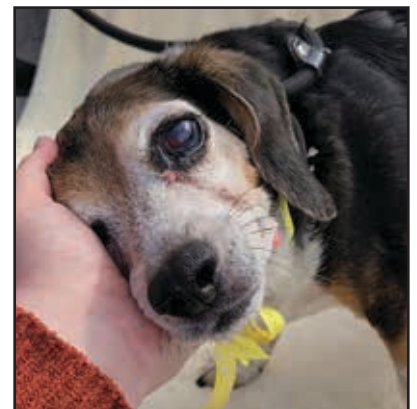
Rescued and Reunited: The Journey of Max



Max, a curious and adventurous cat, found himself lost and far from home. We rescued Max and provided him with a warm shelter. Our dedicated staff tirelessly searched for Max's family and, after weeks of effort, we successfully reunited him with his overjoyed owners.

Second Chances: Rosie's Tale of Hope

Rosie became part of the Open Door family when she was abandoned at age 8. Rosie was able to be adopted quickly through our Seniors-4-Seniors program and has had reliable access to veterinary care for a chronic illness, at no cost to the owners.



The mission of Open Door Animal Sanctuary is to provide homeless cats and dogs with the highest quality of life and a second chance to find a forever family.

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Pets At Home Facebook Page

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new Facebook page, designed to connect our wonderful community of adopters and supporters like never before. We invite you to join our page and become a part of the heartwarming stories and beautiful memories being shared every day.



"ODAS Pets at Home" is a dedicated space for our beloved alumni and their forever families. This page is a celebration of the joy and love that our adopted animals bring into their new homes. We encourage you to join this community by visiting:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/odaspetsathome>.

Please share photos, stories, and updates about your furry companions and connect with other like-minded individuals who have experienced the transformative power of adoption.

Your posts will serve as a testament to the life-changing bond between humans and animals. Together, through our Facebook page, we can amplify our voices, strengthen our connections and make an even greater impact on the lives of these precious animals.

Thank you for being an integral part of our family. 🐾

Memorials December 3, 2022 - May 18, 2023

Ruth Atchley

Barb Beir

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Alicia Rutledge

Josie Schellman

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Don "Dutch" Simpson

James Skundrich

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Ronald Stage

Gina Stefanske

David Stoll

Sylvia Sullivan

Cyndi Trauernicht

Charles Trimble

Twyla Waggoner-Herbert

Jack Walters

David Lee White

Margaret White

Sandra White

Dorothy Wood



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When a personal crisis meant Rosie's adopters were no longer able to care for her at age 13, she was returned to us. Despite of all her hardships, Rosie has always been a sweet girl with a sunny personality. Rosie was adopted into a loving and wonderful home and her healthcare needs will be covered for the rest of her life. We remain dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and finding forever homes for animals in need. With your help, we can provide vital veterinary care, nourishing meals, safe shelter and adoption services to countless animals waiting for a better life. To donate, please visit our website at odas.org/donate or use the enclosed envelope. Your tax-deductible donation will directly impact the lives of animals in need, ensuring they receive the love and care they deserve. Thank you for being a beacon of hope for our four-legged friends. Together, we can make a world of difference. 🐾



TCC Wireless - Rescues Rock Grant

We are overjoyed to share some exciting news with you – we won the TCC Wireless Rescues Rock grant of \$10,000! We will use the proceeds for an X-Ray machine. This incredible achievement would not have been possible without your support and votes. We extend our deepest gratitude to you, thank you! 🐾



TopGolf

We had a fantastic time at our recent TopGolf event in April, generously sponsored by Welsch Heating and Cooling. With their support, we were able to bring together 90 members for an unforgettable afternoon of fun and camaraderie. The event was a resounding success and we are already planning for next year's gathering. Remember to reserve April 21, 2024, as we anticipate another memorable event that will bring our community together in support of our cats and dogs. 🐾



Paws To Party



We are excited to announce our biggest event of the year, Paws To Party, and we cordially invite you to be a part of it! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 20, 2023, at 5 p.m.**, as we gather at the prestigious Hilton St. Louis Frontenac for an evening filled with fun and generosity.

Paws To Party is not just an event; it's a celebration of compassion and a chance to make a difference in the lives of animals in need. To make this event truly remarkable, we are collecting a variety of new items to be featured in our silent auction. We kindly request your support by donating items from the following categories:

- **Electronics**
- **Board games**
- **Kitchen gadgets**
- **Legos**
- **Unique items**
- **Gift cards**
- **Experiences (Examples: Upper Limits, Axe Throwing, Escape Rooms)**

To discuss the items you would like to contribute, please contact Lynese at Development@odas.org. Every item received will go toward supporting the incredible work we do at Open Door Animal Sanctuary.

We also offer various sponsorship opportunities for Paws To Party, starting at \$500 and going up to \$5,000. By becoming a sponsor, you will receive recognition and visibility throughout the event, showcasing your commitment to animal welfare. Explore the available sponsorship levels on our website at odas.org/pawstoparty.

Thank you for considering our invitation to be part of Paws To Party. We look forward to creating an unforgettable evening. Invitations will be mailed in June, to ensure you are on our mailing list, please email your contact information to Development@odas.org. 🐾

	
<p>🌟 <i>Presenting Sponsorship \$5,000</i> Your sponsorship will fund care for 5 homeless animals for a year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reserved table for eight One full-page advertisement in the program book Two social media features prior to the event Recognition on the social media event listing Recognition on the main screen during the event Recognition in Fall Newsletter & E-blast Recognition on our website Announcement of Presenting Sponsors at the event Recognition of Presenting Sponsors in event program and event signage 	<p>🌟 <i>Gold Sponsorship \$2,500</i> Your sponsorship will fund care for 5 diabetic animals for a year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six tickets to the event Half-page advertisement in the program book One social media feature prior to the event Recognition on social media event listing Recognition on the main screen during the event Recognition in Fall Newsletter & E-blast Recognition on our website Announcement of sponsors at the event Recognition of sponsors in event program and event signage
<p>🌟 <i>Silver Sponsorship \$1,000</i> Your sponsorship will feed an abandoned dog or cat for 1 ½ years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four tickets to the event Quarter-page advertisement in the event program Recognition on the social media event listing Recognition of sponsors on the main screen during the event Recognition in Fall Newsletter & E-blast Recognition on our website Announcement of sponsors at the event Recognition of sponsors in event program and event signage 	<p>🌟 <i>Bronze Sponsorship \$500</i> Your sponsorship will provide spay/neuter for 10 homeless animals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two tickets to the event Recognition on the social media event listing Recognition on the main screen during the event Recognition in Fall Newsletter & E-blast Recognition on our website Announcement of sponsors at the event Recognition of sponsors in event program and event signage
<p>For sponsorships that include event tickets, we will contact you regarding meal choices and attendee names.</p>	

A Dog Named Sadie

-As told by Purrfect, written by Jane Geiler, VP Governing Board



Hey there! It's Purrfect again, the adorable kitten turned majestic cat. Remember me from the Winter Newsletter? Well, I'm back to share a story about a dog named Sadie, who, like me, was adopted from Open Door Animal Sanctuary (ODAS). I want to introduce you to Sadie because, despite being a cat, I believe in giving every animal a chance, even dogs!

You see, Mrs. G, one-half of my adopted family, always wanted another dog. Just like my own Mr. G, who initially resisted adopting me, Mr. G was hesitant about getting another furry friend. But Mrs. G, persistent as ever, kept browsing the ODAS website in search of the perfect dog. And one day, she found Sadie – a cute dog who was turned in as a stray to ODAS. Since nobody claimed her, Mrs. G convinced Mr. G to visit Sadie, and they brought along their other dog to ensure they'd get along. And guess what? It was love at first sight for everyone, and Sadie came home with them that very night!

Now, Mr. and Mrs. G are not just cat people (even though I obviously rule the house). They're both cat and dog people. I still don't understand that, but hey, to each their own. Sadie does all those dog things that humans find amazing. She absolutely loves hiking and going on road trips. Can you imagine? I, on the other hand, prefer to stay indoors and view cars as potential threats (I'm forced into a carrier when I need to travel). But Mr. G says Sadie would happily spend a week riding around in his truck, calmly looking outside and eventually dozing off. Boring, if you ask me. Dog people think it's fantastic when their furry friends willingly jump into vehicles and go on trips. Sadie also enjoys chasing tennis balls and squirrels, although feather sticks are much classier

toys in my opinion. Speaking of squirrels, Sadie is quite the "scaredy cat" around them. She hides behind trees and has never actually caught one. Well, duh! She's black and white, and the squirrels can clearly see her!

Mr. G claims that Sadie required minimal training. Can you believe it? Cats like me never need training, right? He says all he had to do was teach her to "sit" and "down." She can be sassy about those commands and argue with him, but in the end, she follows his instructions. I can't even fathom that! Cats rarely do what they're told (well, at least not often). Sadie knows to stay by Mr. G's side when they're on walks, without needing a leash. That's something I just can't wrap my whiskers around.

Sadie and I do share a few similarities, though. For instance, she's quite vocal. Mr. G says it's like she's speaking English to



him. I can relate! I love to communicate through tasteful little mewings, unlike her loud barks. She's also an enthusiastic eater, just like me. She knows her feeding schedule and knows precisely when to let Mrs. G know she's hungry or wants a snack. She even knows how to signal when she wants to go outside. As for me, I never want to step outside. I have my litter box, and Mrs. G somehow knows when it's time to feed me without any reminders. Sadie is undeniably cute, and some even find her beautiful. I'll give her that. She's incredibly sweet to everyone who visits the house, regardless of their age. It doesn't matter if they're not dog people; everyone wants to take Sadie home with them. I admire that about Sadie, although it's also a bit threatening to my feline supremacy. If you're a dog person searching

for a loyal companion like Sadie, I encourage you to visit Open Door Animal Sanctuary. Dogs like Sadie are one-of-a-kind, and you won't find them just anywhere. Until next time, lots of love from Purrfect. 🐾

You will find our adoptable cats and dogs at [petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com).

Kitten Season!



Kitten season is a time of both joy and challenge in the world of animal welfare. During this season, typically from spring to fall, we experience an influx of adorable kittens in need of loving homes. These little bundles of fur bring endless delight, but they also require dedicated care and attention. By adopting a kitten, you not only gain a delightful companion but also become a hero in their lives. Since January, our shelter has successfully placed over 130 kittens into loving homes. We are just getting started! Through our rigorous vetting process, which includes vaccinations, spaying or neutering and microchipping, we ensure that each kitten is ready for a lifetime of happiness with their new families. By adopting a kitten from our Sanctuary, you play a crucial role in reducing the number of homeless kittens and providing them with a chance to thrive in a safe and nurturing environment. 🐾



Puppies Galore!

Are you ready to add a new best friend to your home? Now is the time! We have the cutest puppies ready to be your new best friend. As you know, adoption saves lives and supports the mission of ending animal homelessness. By adopting a puppy, you provide a loving home to an animal in need and directly contribute to reducing the demand for puppy mills and irresponsible breeding practices. We ensure that each puppy receives proper veterinary care, vaccinations, a microchip and is spayed or



neutered before adoption. Additionally, your fees go back to our organization to support ongoing rescue efforts, rehabilitation programs and the care of other animals. By choosing adoption, you are making a compassionate choice that gives a deserving puppy a second chance at a happy and fulfilling life. 🐾



Be responsible.



Leave Rover at home.

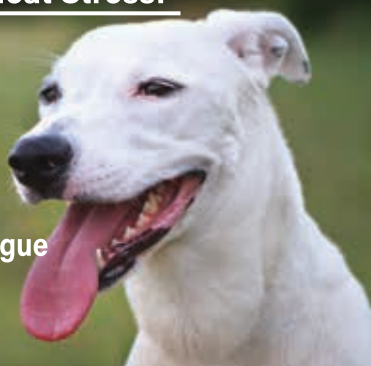
Summer Safety Tips

- **NEVER** leave your pet in a hot car. On a 78° day, it takes only a few minutes for the temperature in a car to reach **160°**! This will cause your pet to have heatstroke and suffocate. Animals with flat faces, such as Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively.
- Keep your dog's paws cool.
- Always provide fresh water and shade.
- Apply tick/flea protection.
- Avoid sunburn.
- Keep your pet away from fireworks.



Know the Signs of Heat Stress:

- Anxiousness
- Excessive panting
- Restlessness
- Excessive drooling
- Unsteadiness
- Deep red gums or tongue
- Vomiting
- Unconsciousness



Volunteer Appreciation Month

In April, we celebrated Volunteer Appreciation Month! We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our dedicated volunteers. Their selfless commitment, unwavering support, and tireless efforts have profoundly impacted the lives of the animals under our care. As a special tribute during Volunteer Appreciation Month, each volunteer left their unique handprint on the office wall, symbolizing the tremendous assistance they provide us each and every day. We are incredibly thankful to all of our volunteers for being an invaluable part of Open Door Animal Sanctuary and for creating a positive and lasting difference in the lives of our beloved animals. 🐾



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Join The Open Door Legacy Society

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 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). 🐾

