



As we step into the vibrant season of summer, we are thrilled to share the latest updates and exciting plans from our Sanctuary. This time of year always brings a flurry of activity. We are currently at capacity with an influx of adorable kittens, cats, puppies and dogs. Our dedicated team is working tirelessly to ensure each and every one of these precious animals receives the love and care they need.

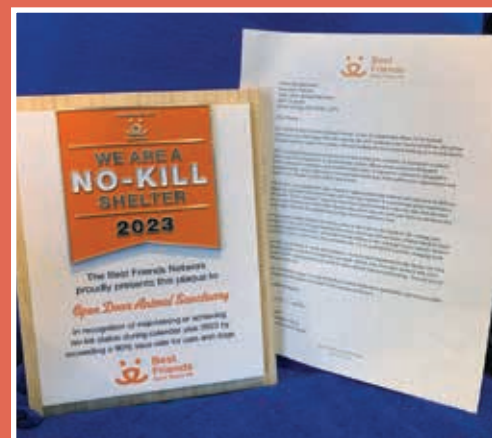
We are eagerly preparing for our upcoming event, Paws To Party Dinner Auction, set to take place on August 18th at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac. This promises to be a delightful gathering for animal lovers and a wonderful opportunity to support our mission.

Looking ahead, 2025 marks a monumental milestone for us—our 50th anniversary! For half a century, Open Door Animal Sanctuary has been a beacon of hope for countless rescued cats and dogs. As we approach this significant birthday, we are planning a series of special events to celebrate our legacy and continue our commitment to finding forever homes for our furry friends.

Stay tuned for more details on our anniversary celebrations and other exciting happenings at our Sanctuary. 🐾

### Best Friends Animal Society Award

We are thrilled to announce that Open Door Animal Sanctuary has been honored with a prestigious award from Best Friends Animal Society for achieving a remarkable 90% save rate in 2023. This recognition places Open Door among an elite group of organizations nationwide dedicated to creating a no-kill nation. Our success reflects the unwavering commitment of our staff, volunteers, and supporters, whose compassion and tireless efforts have saved countless lives. We are proud to lead the way in animal welfare and will continue to strive towards a brighter future for all animals.



*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.*

Open Door  
Animal Sanctuary  
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  - Co-President - Jean Gutchevsky
  - Secretary/Treasurer - Shona Lamond

# National Volunteer Month

National Volunteer Month was observed in April, this is a time to recognize and celebrate the vital contributions of our volunteers. We are very thankful for all our volunteers that dedicate their time and resources to assist us each and every day.

In honor of volunteer month, we want to highlight an exceptional young volunteer: Gwen Evans. Gwen dedicates her time at our Sanctuary by caring for the animals, fostering and assisting at events.

Remarkably, Gwen has just published her third book! She has written "Iris the Blind Cat" and "The Pandemic Puppy," and this year, she created a coloring book featuring our own Sanctuary cats and dogs. Even more impressively, she donates the profits from her books to our animals.

Gwen generously donated fifty copies of her coloring book to entertain the children who visit our Sanctuary. You can support her work and our cause by ordering Gwen's coloring book on

**Amazon: Adopt the Pawsibilities Coloring Book** <https://a.co/d/662IXJz>



## THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS





**Phil**

Age: 3 years  
Time in Shelter: 1 year  
Special Considerations: Phil is a more reserved but sweet gentleman. He picks who he wants to bond with whether it's another cat or human.



**Bing**

Age: 11 years  
Time in Shelter: 3 years  
Special Considerations: He doesn't like to share his love with any animals so he needs to be a solo pet.



**Darcy**

Age: 8 Years  
Time in Shelter: 7 years  
Special Considerations: Darcy needs a home with no cats and can be protective of her human friends.

Would you like to provide unwavering support to some of our Sanctuary's cherished residents, those who will forever find their home at Open Door? Look no further than our Pet Pal program. By committing to a minimum monthly donation of just \$10, you become the daily caretaker of one of our lifelong companions. Many of our Pet Pals have been part of our family for over a year, with some requiring special attention due to medical, age-related, or behavioral needs. Rest assured, every cent contributed to this program is dedicated solely to the care of the cat or dog you choose

# Pet Pals

to support. Despite the bustling activities at the shelter, our furry friends always set aside time from their busy routines to connect with their sponsors. You'll receive regular updates, including letters and photos throughout the year, allowing you to witness firsthand the impact of your generosity. By becoming a Pal to one of our beloved pets, you're not just offering financial aid, but also a lifeline filled with love and care. Make a lasting difference in the life of a cat or dog by sponsoring them year-round as your dedicated "Pal." For further details, email Lynese at [Lynese@odas.org](mailto:Lynese@odas.org).



**Joanie**

Age: 7 years  
Time in Shelter: 6 years  
Special Considerations: Joanie is shy and needs a quiet home with someone who will give her some space and time.



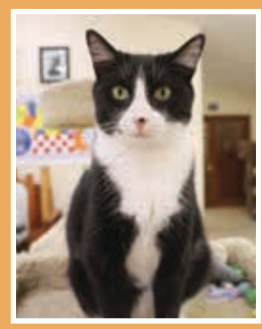
**Jackson**

Age: 9 years  
Time in Shelter: 7 years in total  
Special Considerations: Jackson needs a home with no other pets or children and few visitors.



**Ella**

Age: 7 years  
Time in Shelter: 3.5 years in total  
Special Considerations: Ella does not like other dogs and can be fearful of loud noises and strangers. A fence is a must.



**Crunch**

Age: 3 years  
Time in Shelter: 3 years  
Special Considerations: Crunch and his siblings arrived at the shelter when they were only two months old. They were very shy since they were strays. After lots of socialization, three have found homes while Crunch and his last sibling are still waiting to be adopted.

# Paws To Party



We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Paws To Party Dinner Auction, and we want you to be a part of this exciting event!

### **Event Highlights:**

- Delicious hors d'oeuvres, seated dinner and dessert, as well as an open bar.
- Presentation – The next 50 years of Open Door
- Open Door – Video featuring adoptable cats and dogs.
- Exciting silent and live auction with a variety of items.
- Several raffles.
- Opportunities to mingle with fellow animal lovers.

To purchase your tickets go to:

[www.odas.org/pawstoparty](http://www.odas.org/pawstoparty) or for more information, please call or email Lynese at [Lynese@odas.org](mailto:Lynese@odas.org).

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 18th!



*Take a look at a few of our live auction items!*

*A Trip to Italy!*



• **Trip for four (4) people, seven (7) nights in Manciano, Italy**

- Properties have at least two (2) bedrooms (double occupancy) and two (2) baths.

Manciano is a small hill town located 1.5 hours north of Rome, on the southern edge of Tuscany. You may visit their website at: [www.tuscanresort.com](http://www.tuscanresort.com) for more information.

*A Trip to Antigua!*



• **Trip to Antigua for two (2) people, seven (7) nights.**

- The property is located on the island in a community called Antigua Village. Has one (1) bedroom, two (2) full baths, a living room and kitchen.

You may visit their website for photos: [www.antiguacaribbeanbliss.com](http://www.antiguacaribbeanbliss.com).



• **Company B BBQ Party**

You and 25 of your closest friends may enjoy

our area's best BBQ, delivered and set up at

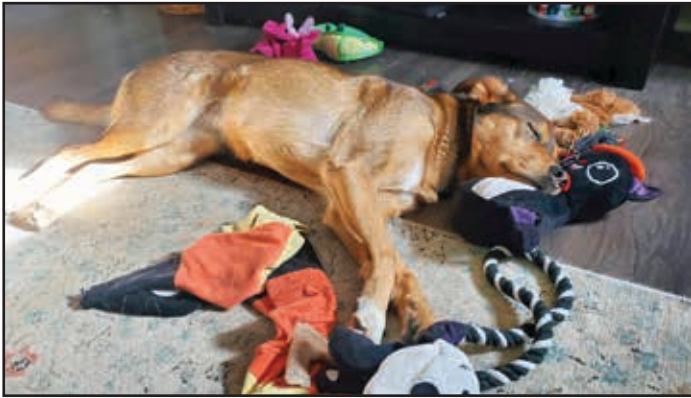


• **Cardinals and Blues Tickets**

- St. Louis Cardinals Tickets – Tickets in the green seats.
- St. Louis Cardinals Tickets – Field box tickets with passes to the Champion Club - 2025 Season
- St. Louis Blues Hockey Tickets with a trip to the media booth with Alex Ferrario, St. Louis Blues Hockey announcer and our emcee for Paws to Party.

# Celebrating Spring: Fundraisers, Events and Give STL Day!

We are immensely grateful for your participation and donations during our Shelter Slumber Pawty, Spring Trivia Night, TopGolf and Give STL Day. Your generosity and support have made a significant impact on the lives of the animals in our care.



Thanks to your contributions, we can continue providing shelter, love and medical care to our furry friends who need it most. Your kindness ensures that these animals have a chance at finding their forever homes. 🐾



**UPCOMING**  
*events*



**PAWS TO PARTY** - Sunday, August 18

The Hilton St. Louis Frontenac, MO

**GREENTREE FESTIVAL** - Sat. & Sun., September 21-22

Kirkwood Park, MO

**WINERY TOUR FUNDRAISER** - Sunday, September 29

**ROCK & ROLL BINGO** - Friday, November 15, 5pm

The Heights, Richmond Heights, MO

**PAINT YOUR PET** - Saturday, October 12, 1pm

Elks Lodge, Cedar Hill, MO

**APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL** - Sat. & Sun., October 26-27

Kimmswick, MO

**GIVING TUESDAY** - Tuesday, December 3

Online event



# Board of Directors Retreat: Strategic Planning for the Future

We are excited to share some important updates about the future of our Sanctuary. Our Board of Directors participated in a day-long retreat dedicated to setting forth a strategic plan for the next five years. This plan is a crucial step as we prepare to build our new state-of-the-art animal sanctuary in Cedar Hill. During this retreat, the board outlined specific goals designed to ensure the vision of Open Door Animal Sanctuary for the next 50 years. We are focusing on enhancing our facilities, improving animal care, expanding our community outreach and securing long-term sustainability.

We are confident that this strategic plan will not only help us meet our immediate goals but also set a solid foundation for the future. All of us at Open Door are

committed to ensuring that our Sanctuary continues to be a haven for animals and a beacon of hope in our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication.  
Tracie Quackenbush, Executive Director



## Join the Open Door Legacy Society!

Consider making a lasting impact on the lives of homeless cats and dogs by making a planned gift. Your gift of any size will help secure the future of animals who depend on us for help and may also offer you tax benefits. We recommend consulting with your financial advisor to learn more about the advantages of planned giving and donor advised funds. For more information, call or email Lynese at [Lynese@odas.org](mailto:Lynese@odas.org).

## Young Friends of Open Door Animal Sanctuary

Are you between the ages of 21-40 and interested in supporting Open Door Animal Sanctuary? Want to network with other young professionals? Join the Young Friends of Open Door! We're looking for twenty enthusiastic individuals to help fundraise and be a part of this growing group of ambassadors. If interested, please email Amie at [volunteer@odas.org](mailto:volunteer@odas.org) and we will keep you posted on upcoming networking opportunities.

### Memorials December 2023 - May 2024

Meg Allen	Guy-Robert Porter
Raymond Arnold	Carol Rogers
Linda Banderet	Jeanne Rooney
Jerry Lee Billington	Gary Segler
Georgianna Bishop	Ron Speraneo
Frank Borzillo	Tilly Stroetker
James Carr	Merrel Trumbo
Bill Coday	Donald Umfress
Norma Davis	Carol Vlasak
Audrey Dieckmann	Beverly Washburn
Harold Eskridge	James Webb
Norma Grau	Mary Alice Wrone
Michael Groves	
Dr. William Harvey	
Kathy Hessler	
Jerldean 'Geri' Hinklin	
Ming O Lee-Kuan	
Stephanie Mooney	
Marie Napier	





## Build an Emergency Kit for Your Pet

At Open Door Animal Sanctuary, we urge all pet owners to prepare for their pets' basic survival needs. Following FEMA's guidelines, we recommend creating two emergency kits: a larger kit for staying at home and a lightweight version for potential evacuation. Regularly review and update your kits to ensure they remain ready and effective.

- Several days of food
- Water
- Medicine
- First aid kit
- Collar with ID tag and a harness or leash
- Traveling bag, crate or sturdy carrier
- Grooming items
- Litterbox, poop bags, disinfecting spray, etc.
- A picture of you and your pet together
- Familiar items such as toys and bedding

