

October 2025

UNDERDOG CHRONICLE

Welcome to Open Door's first volunteer newsletter! It's officially autumn, which means sweater-weather, pumpkin spice, and shorter days. It also means it's time to lace up your tennis shoes and walk the dogs! We've seen a decrease in dog-walking hours, so make sure the pups complete their daily steps and sniff exploration duties. As always, thank you for volunteering your time and giving love to our animals!



Upcoming Events

October 7th: National Night Out at Springs Hills Church in House Springs. The Byrnes Mill Police Department is hosting its annual community-building campaign with other first responder organizations. Food, drinks, games, raffles, and more!

October 11th: Hometown Vet Partners Open House in St. Louis. Free pet portraits, treats, clinic tours, and Open Door adoptable dogs!

October 18th: Go STL Great PUPkin Run at Kircher Park in Eureka. Join the 1-mile run/walk with your pets! Costumes encouraged and leashes are required.

October 30th: Subaru Trunk or Treat Adoption Event at Dean Team Subaru on Manchester Road in Ballwin. Bring your family this Halloween to score some candy! Open Door will be there with adoptable puppies!

Interested in volunteering for events? Email volunteer@odas.org



Visit odas.org/upcoming-events/ for more information

Dog & Cat Feature

Meet Mr. Mr.! He's 1 year old and has been at the shelter for about 5 months. This handsome boy loves to cuddle and is super friendly with strangers and tolerant of his room-mates. He enjoys ribbon toys and cheek scratches. Since he has feline leukemia, Mr. Mr. cannot roam freely with the other cats in Pam-purred Palace, so he could use extra attention and play time.



Meet Frannie! She's almost 10 years old and has been at the shelter for a total of 3.75 years. With her floppy ears and big nose, you can't help but smile when you see her! Her sweet personality and easy-going walks make her a volunteer favorite. Frannie's the kind of girl who loves to investigate. You'll always find her with her nose to the ground, sniffing every single blade of grass!

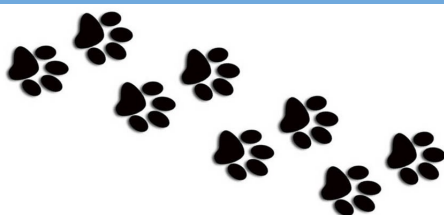


Volunteer Shoutout



Dave and Maverick

Dave Mullen has earned the **Volunteer Hero** badge by completing 500 hours!



VOLUNTEER TIP

Remember to wash your hands before and after playing with feline leukemia cats!

ANNIVERSARIES

James Courtois—3 years

Barb Tenholder—3 years

Casey Wichmer—5 years

Wishlist

- ◆ Mendota or Fida slip leads (6 feet)
- ◆ Benebones sizes medium & large (any shape)
- ◆ Leash/collar sets (small & medium)
- ◆ Dry dog food (any brand)
- ◆ Dry cat food (any brand)
- ◆ Cat toys (fuzzy mice, spring toys, balls)
- ◆ Clorox wipes
- ◆ Mainstays fleece throw blankets (sets of 12 w/ same design)

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