



10th Annual Pups and Putts

Mark your calendars ladies and gentlemen! Our 10th Annual Pups and Putts event will be June 5th, at 9 AM at Sunnybrook Country Club.

Activities include a Golf Tournament with Games & Awards, a Burger and Brats Luncheon and a Ticket Raffle.

To sign up your foursome or become an event sponsor please visit pupsandputts.com.



Volunteers are the BEST!

'VOLUNTEERS ARE LOVE IN MOTION'

When you become a Sanctuary volunteer, you're giving the animals what they want and need most: personal attention, hands-on care and LOVE. Whether you volunteer for a day, a week or longer, the dogs at the Sanctuary truly appreciate the time you spend with them!

Volunteer activities include spending quiet time socializing our dogs, walking, feeding, grooming and assisting with the cleaning of their areas. Taking some of our dogs on outings to town or other near by locations is another way our volunteers help give them new and valuable experiences.

All of these volunteer activities are very important for our dogs and we look forward to having you join our MackPack today!

Thank YOU for being part of this work of love and compassion!

Considering volunteering?

No better time than today! Contact Kelli at kdulude@mackpack.info to get started now!

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Mackenzie's is dedicated to finding forever homes for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs. Up to 115 dogs receive daily care, food, training, medical care and the affection of staff and hundreds of volunteers. Our nonprofit is supported entirely through the charitable donations of individuals, business, foundations and caring people like YOU! Thank you for all you make possible!
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A Look Inside Mackenzie's

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS US IMPROVE LIVES DAILY

Second Chances

Your support makes it possible for Mackenzie's to take in dogs like Bumper and 9 other Hurricane Harvey pups who were in desperate need of a place to go. Aura, the sweetest girl you could ever meet, sadly like so many, ended up being relinquished by her owners. Taz, was neglected and losing his hair, he is now warm, safe and feeling much better. Let's not forget beautiful Angie, she gave birth to 11 of the cutest puppies in a barn under freezing conditions, they are all safe, happy, healthy and looking for forever homes.



Your contribution also plays a huge part in the ongoing care of dogs like Goliath, who has been diagnosed with an aggressive blood vessel cancer. Patches & Porsha, who need physical therapy to help control their arthritis pain. Chevy, who had a very severe case of pneumonia and is also heartworm positive, along with Kyra, Mara, Wally, Remi, Nugget & Donna. Then there's Rosie, the cutest beagle ever! She needed a specialty surgery to repair a serious hernia, surgery went well, and she is now looking for a forever family.

Mackenzie's is their home for as long as it takes, but these dogs, along with many others, are looking for a place to call their 'FOREVER HOME'. Without your kindness, these dogs and many more would not have had this second chance.

For more information on Adoptable Dogs visit our website!

Road to Recovery

Hi, my name is Chevy! Unfortunately, within 48 hours of being transferred from another rescue to Mackenzie's, I began to lose my appetite. The veterinary technicians at Mackenzie's performed bloodwork and x-rays which showed I had very severe pneumonia that required supplemental oxygen for me to breathe comfortably! Therefore, I was hospitalized at Blue Pearl in Grand Rapids for a few days

where I began IV antibiotics and oxygen support.

After a month of antibiotics, I am feeling better than ever! I was recently neutered and have started treatment for heartworm disease. My Doctor tells me I am the gentlest Rottweiler she has ever met! Would you be interested in adding a mellow 90 lb. couch potato to your home once I complete my heartworm treatment?



Enrichment Changes Lives

Although dogs can't talk, they can express their boredom, stress level, and anxiety in any number of ways. Common behavioral responses to kennel life include: Barking, Jumping, Spinning, Chewing, Snapping, Resource guarding & Withdrawing. These behaviors can make it difficult for us to find their forever homes. Therefore, we established a program to help enrich the lives of our dogs during their stay.

Mackenzie's Enrichment Program makes a major difference in the daily life of our rescue dogs. When engaged with enriching activities such as; food puzzles, having different flavored frozen treats, switching toys daily, going on off-sites, learning new games and agility. Dogs are less likely to develop the inappropriate behaviors that are their own efforts at relieving boredom and stress. Enrichment helps dogs maintain their mental, physical, and emotional health so that they remain good adoption candidates and don't become behaviorally at risk.

“Dogs do speak but only to those who know how to listen.”



They've been given a second chance and are ready for their forever homes.



Dogs Play for Life

Dogs Playing for Life!™ is a program Mackenzie's uses to help establish safe multiple dog play groups.

Rather than keeping dogs isolated from one another, play groups allow dogs to interact and bond with other dogs. Since dogs are accustomed to living in groups, this social time with other dogs can minimize behavioral deterioration, speed up behavior modification, and create more peaceful kennels by facilitating a more natural situation.

In addition to exercise and social interactions, the many benefits of daily play groups include: determining social skills, supports physical and mental health, better behavior in and out of their runs, training opportunities, lowers isolation and stress and gives staff the knowledge on individual personalities. All which helps support our primary goal; finding forever homes. Implementing daily play groups has proven to be a win-win for people and dogs! And to think that these exciting outcomes revolve around something so simple and natural as: let dogs be dogs and allow them to play together.

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Happy Tails!

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The following update is about an 8-year-old dog named Rudy, who came to Mackenzie's back in 2013. Rudy was adopted by a previous Mackenzie's employee in November 2017. His new Dad and many others worked with him daily at Mackenzie's to help him overcome his behavioral issues. Rudy was a resource guarder along with having some touch sensitivity, this made it very difficult for us to find him a forever home. He needed someone that would understand his needs and be able to continue working with him. John and Rudy established that special bond and John knew what it would take for Rudy's continued improvement. John had the love, determination and skill to help Rudy succeed in his forever home.

“First let me say that you have no idea what you let go. Of all the dogs I've had he is by far one of the (if not the) smartest and most attuned to his persons mood. He is a cuddler and leaner of the first order who loves people, even strangers, and attention - even if its only someone to watch him play with his toys. He is an expert at getting his people to laugh with his antics and mischievous streak. For example, if he feels I should be outside playing with him instead of stressing over work he brings a toy and if that doesn't work, steals an article of clothing or a piece of paper, then plays keep away until I go to the door, then he drops it. He is also extremely well behaved around other dogs - even a highly energetic springer puppy we met on a walk, a yappy schnauzer, and the families' basset/ beagle mix. Who by the way keeps looking for her new buddy to go on walks with.

Speaking of walks, he is still easily the best-behaved walker I've ever had along with the most energetic. Most days we easily spend one and a half to two hours walking throughout the city and he still has the energy for playing outside with his “round things”. Given that, it's a wonder that even three meals a day is managing to put a bit of weight on him. Then again, given his sweet tooth (waffles with syrup are among his favorites as well as a regular supply of dog-specific ice cream) maybe I shouldn't be surprised.

I guess I can say he's very happy, rather healthy, and very much my best friend and family member. So, no you may never have him back. Ever! Thanks for taking care of him until I could keep that promise and give him the home he needed to blossom.”

Thank you,
John

