

Mackenzie's

A Home
Along the Way...



MACKENZIE'S ANIMAL SANCTUARY 8935 THOMPSON RD LAKE ODESSA, MI 48849 www.mackenzies.info

The Mid-West's largest no-kill Sanctuary for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs. Fall 2010



You're Invited...

Mackenzie's Holiday Open House

Saturday December 4th, 2010

11:00AM – 3:00PM at the Sanctuary

We are excited to invite you and your family to the Sanctuary for our Holiday Open House and Wish List Drive! This heartfelt gathering will include tours of the Sanctuary, interaction with our adoptable dogs, Christmas cookies and refreshments, holiday music, kid's arts and crafts and pictures with Santa! You can also help directly benefit the dogs in need at MAS by bringing with you an item(s) off their Holiday Wish List!

From our dogs and the entire staff at MAS, we Thank You so much for your continued support of the Sanctuary throughout the past year. We look forward to seeing you on December 4th!

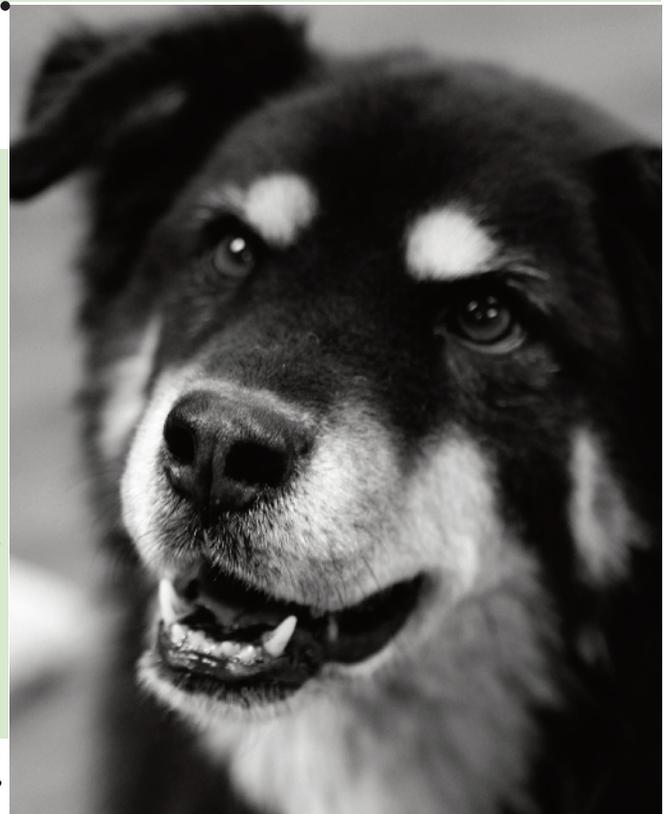
Unable to attend our holiday open house but still want to help? Stop by Chow Hound this Holiday season! Donation boxes for our Wish List Drive will be available at all six West Michigan locations for drop off of Christmas items all December long! See our dog's Wish List on the back of your envelope!

*Pick Your Dog
for Holiday Sponsorship!*

Join us for our Holiday Open House on Saturday, December 4th. If you are currently sponsoring a dog you will have the opportunity to meet your dog! Not a sponsor yet? Don't worry we can help you get started at the Open House or you can simply go online to see all our deserving dogs at www.mackenzies.info.

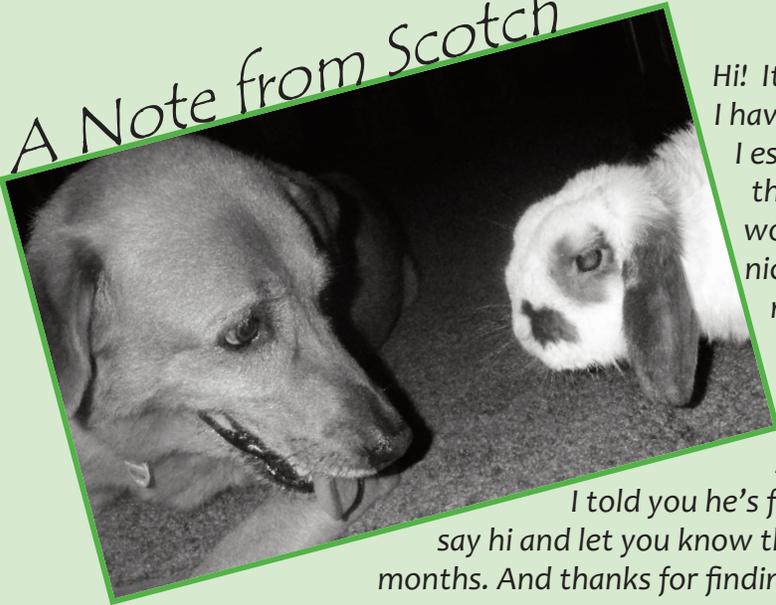
Until then, please share the enclosed Mackenzie's DVD with family and friends to help spread the word about this awesome place. Who knows, you may just create a following and bring a group along with you to pick their dogs for sponsoring too!

Together we can give these deserving dogs a 'home along the way' and a chance to find their 'forever homes'.



Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season!

A Note from Scotch



Dear Tommie and Mackenzie's Staff:

Hi! It's me, your friend Scotch! My forever home is GREAT! I have been able to do so many fun things in my new home. I especially like car rides – it's so fun to stick my head out the window and let my ears flop in the wind. But don't worry, I wear my special puppy seatbelt, it's cool. I go on nice walks with mom and dad and we even play fetch and monkey-in-the-middle. And I just love my new brother Hazel. Did I mention that he is a rabbit? I don't mind that he's a rabbit, we're best buds. Hazel likes it when I lick his nose for him. I have another brother named Sancho, he's a big fat cat, but please don't tell him

I told you he's fat, he can get a little sensitive. Anyway, just wanted to say hi and let you know that I am so grateful that you took care of me all those months. And thanks for finding me such cool parents, they love me so much!

Your Friend, Scotch

A letter from Faith...

Hey, everyone, it's me, Faith! My named used to be Leslie until I found my new family. I had a rough start in life- when I was just a baby, I was hit by a car, leaving my back end paralyzed. I spent a long time in a shelter before I made it to Mackenzie's. Thanks to Mackenzie's I met my new family when they first came to visit me one day back in July, and I made sure I had a bath and was on my best behavior. I wanted a family so much!

My new house has lots of furry brothers and sisters, 10 including me. All of them are rat terrier mixes except for me. They decided that I could be an honorary rat terrier, so I am now a "French Mastiff Terrier." I like to run (my back legs work sometimes) outside and play with my brothers and sisters. My new Daddy built me a special ramp so I can go in and out of the house all by myself. Two of my furry sisters and one furry

brother are paralyzed just like me, so they taught me how to use it. I spend my evenings snuggled up with my Mommy and Daddy watching TV (Big Bang Theory is my favorite). Sometimes I let Daddy sleep on the bed, other times I push him out of it. A dog's got to get her sleep, you know! My family helps me get my daily exercises, and takes extra special care of me. I am so very grateful I found them, and I think they feel the same way about me. *Love, Faith*



Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary (MAS) is the largest no-kill dog Sanctuary in the Midwest. Our mission is to find loving homes for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs; spay/neuter our rescued dogs to stop the cycle of unwanted litters; assist in public education for the betterment of our local animal community; and to maintain the highest standards of care for the animals, including veterinary care. *Any future growth depends on you.*



WANTED: *Loving families and 'forever homes' this holiday season!*
Not able to adopt? It's not too late to sponsor a special dog for the Holidays!
 Learn more at our Holiday Open House or on line today!

Dear Santa:

We've been very good dogs this year. Every day we take the Mackenzie's Staff and Volunteer's out for nice long walks, we play with them in the play yard and catch the balls and Frisbees they toss us (and most of us even return them without a fuss). We also eat whatever is put in front of us (by the way, whoever invented those hot dog popsicles, we think that they are a genius). We listen to the training commands and try to learn the tricks (you know, like sit, stay, down and shake; some of us even learned how to sit pretty!). And we have given out so many hugs and kisses that we're thinking about starting our very own kissing booth.

We hope that you noticed how nice we've been and we promise to keep up the good work, but could you please help us find a forever home for Christmas? The Staff and Volunteers at MAS try so very hard, but some of us have been waiting patiently for such a long time. We just can't wait to have a forever home and forever family of our own!

Thank you so much!
 Love your four-legged friends at MAS



Murphy



Remington



Shadow



Trixie



Wesley



Bud



Sunny



Nick Nac



Blossom

At Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary, we're happy to provide these wonderful dogs 'a home along the way,' *but won't you help us find them their forever homes?* Check out these adoptable smiling faces and read their stories online today at www.mackenzies.info



What an exciting year we've had at the Sanctuary! We've had Benefit Dinners, crazy raffles, Golf outings, the Walk-a-thon and too many Meet and Greets and Microchip Clinics to count! Check out our Volunteers and Staff hard at work and having fun!



Volunteers, YOU have been ON FIRE! Your efforts help these dogs in so many ways. Without you, we would not be where we are today!



Are you interested in joining The Mack Pack? You too can make a difference. We always need a hand in the kennel or at one of our many events throughout the year. Volunteering your gift of time can be so rewarding! Call our Volunteer Coordinator today at 616-693-2916 to learn about how you can help and join the fun!



Mackenzie's DVD

This holiday season, we are happy to share our Sanctuary with you! Enclosed in this newsletter, please find a special Mackenzie's DVD, which was made possible by the generosity of Steketee Greiner and Co and DVS Custom Replication. This DVD will show you what you are helping us to accomplish each year! Please know that every dollar you give to Mackenzie's goes to the rehabilitation of our dogs, to providing them a loving "home along the way" and helping place them into their forever homes.

Every year, animal welfare organizations spend hundreds of thousands of dollars euthanizing animals. Take comfort in knowing that every dollar you give to Mackenzie's will help our efforts of finding homes for dogs in need, there for enabling us to help even more dogs, dogs that may have otherwise been euthanized.

Winter Health Tips

-  Keep your dog clean. When they come in from the snow and slush, thoroughly wipe off your dogs paws, legs and stomach. This will avoid ingesting antifreeze, salt and other potentially dangerous chemicals.
-  Provide adequate shelter. If you have an outdoor dog, please make sure that they have straw, hay or extra blankets to keep them warm during the cold winter months. And when the temperature drops too low, please bring your dog inside where it's warm and safe.
-  Keep the leash on. Dogs can lose their scent in the snow and may become lost.

Please check our website for more useful tips on caring for your dog during the Holiday season.

Happy Holidays to you and your four-legged friend!