

## Meet the Utterback Family



Dan and Taylor began volunteering with MAS in December of 2008. They learned about MAS through Taylor's involvement with the Girl Scouts. They thought it would be fun to be around the dogs and it was also a way Taylor could earn her community service and pet care badges.

Cindy and Nathan heard how much fun Dan and Taylor were having at Mackenzie's, so when Nathan turned 8, Cindy and Nathan joined Mack-Pack as well.

"Volunteering with Mackenzie's is a good use of our free time and it feels good to give something back as a family," says Cindy Utterback.

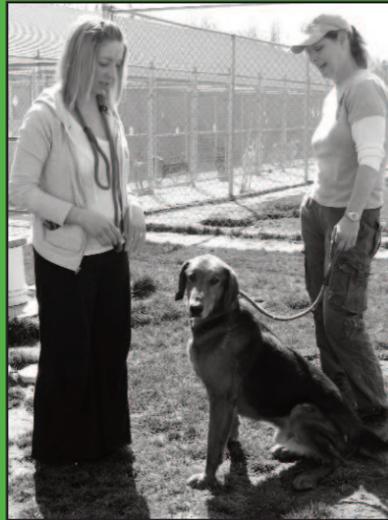


Mackenzie's is always looking for volunteers to help with meet & greets, fundraisers, special events, working at the kennel, and of course, one-on-one time with the dogs at the Sanctuary.

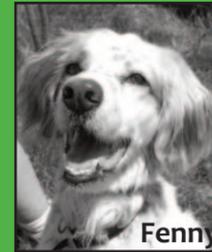
**We hope you and your family will join the Mack-Pack today!**

## Joining our efforts = finding more forever homes

Thanks to all of the Mack-Pack volunteers, supporters and adopters for your hard work in the last four months in helping 24 dogs, some featured below, find their forever homes. Joining the Mack-Pack and volunteering helps keep our Sanctuary dogs highly adoptable. Thanks to your dedication, the First Option... Adoption outreach has been a great success so far and continues to grow!



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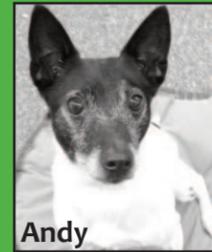
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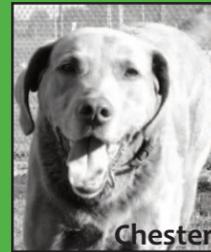
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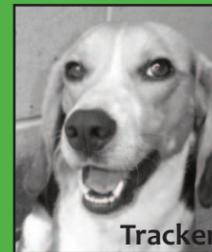
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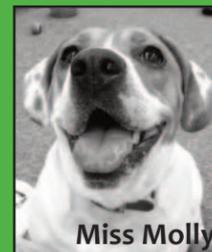
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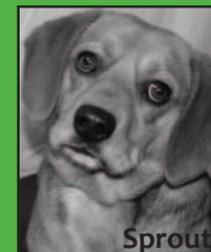
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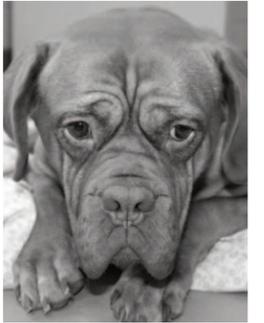
Sprout

Join the Mack-Pack by attending one of our upcoming volunteer orientations held on May 8th or 22nd. Volunteer information along with additional upcoming orientation dates can be found on our website calendar at [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info) or call 616-693-2916.

## HELP Rehabilitate Leslie

After being hit by a car in 2007, Leslie sustained severe injuries that needed immediate medical attention. In the blink of an eye, she was surrendered to a local Humane Society.

Thankfully, they were able to provide her with a much-needed hip surgery to save her leg from being amputated. However, further damage from her injuries were soon discovered: Leslie's vertebrae had healed together and her spinal cord was compressed. Due to this, she now has minimal use of her back legs, making it difficult for her to walk. Yet despite her circumstances, this precious angel doesn't let anything get her spirits down.



In our commitment to do all we can to help Leslie, we are excited to begin utilizing one of our in-house resources - The K-9 Gym - which was constructed for this very reason. We are hopeful that swimming therapy will play a vital role in aiding Leslie's journey to a healthy happy future.

### THE COST OF CARING

#### Special Care for Leslie

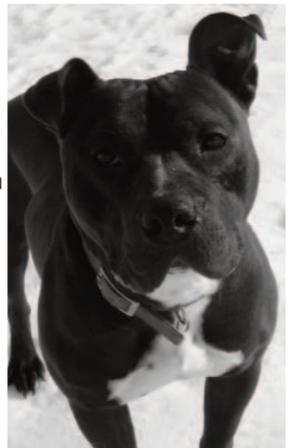
Animal Neurology and MRI Center.....\$2,988.54  
 Regular Medications.....\$30 per month  
 Urinary Tract Infections.....\$80 - \$250 per treatment  
 Prescription Diet....\$70 per bag (lasts 3-4 weeks)

Please help us continue helping Leslie and more dogs with special needs at the Sanctuary today!

## How's Hungry Howie?

We would like to extend a special thank you for all of your letters, thoughts, prayers, and donations.

We are pleased to share with everyone that Howie has continued to make a great recovery, thanks to Kent County Animal Control and all the staff and volunteers at Mackenzie's. Howie is now adoptable and eagerly awaiting his forever home.



# Upcoming Events

5/13/2010

## Bark at The BOB

Benefit dinner for Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary  
Cocktail Reception - Dinner - Auction - Live Music -  
Featured Artist Jacqueline Gilmore  
Space is limited. Call 616-693-2490 to reserve tickets!  
The BOB, 20 Monroe Ave. NW, downtown Grand Rapids

6/11/2010

## Shampooches at Cheeky Strut Salon

Are you and your pooch in need of a new do?  
216 Grandville Ave. SW, downtown Grand Rapids

## Sundays at Hopcat

June 6th thru Aug 29th - Dog Friendly  
Every Sunday from 2-4 PM

Patio seating so your four-legged friend can enjoy  
doggie beer and biscuits!

25 Ionia Ave. SW, downtown Grand Rapids

6/22/2010

## 2nd Annual Pups & Putts Golf Outing Sign-up today at [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info)!

Quail Ridge Golf Club in Ada, MI

7/8/2010 - 7/11/2010

## Texas Hold'em Tournaments

Century Lanes in Holland, MI

For complete details of future events,  
visit [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info)

Have Questions? Call 616-693-2490



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## Spring-time Tips:

The warmer weather is finally upon us!  
Here are a few helpful tips for you and your  
four-legged friend.

### Mosquitoes = Heartworm

Did you know that heartworm in dogs is transferred by mosquitoes? That's right, mosquitoes. That pesky insect can transmit the disease from one dog to the next. The worms travel through the bloodstream, harming arteries and vital organs, until they reach the heart and lungs. The process can take up to six months after the initial bite/infection. Heartworm can be fatal if not prevented and/or treated in time.

To learn about heartworm prevention, visit our  
'Medical Issues' located on our forums at  
[www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info)

### Grab a walking partner!

Take a few steps towards a healthy heart for you and your dog. Walking 20 minutes every day will help keep your heart healthy and lower bad cholesterol. Your dog also needs this exercise to stay healthy, and sometimes more, depending on the size/breed of your dog. In addition to helping keep your dog healthy, walking every day will help relieve some of that built up energy! So grab your walking shoes today, and make this summer a happy and healthy one.

Don't have a walking partner? We have plenty!  
Come volunteer at Mackenzie's and we would be more than happy to pair you up with one.

### Thinking about home improvements?

Go to DeGraaf Interiors for all your floor covering needs and 5% of retail material sales will be donated back to Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary.

DeGraaf Interiors has two convenient locations:

6450 28th Ave, Hudsonville

616-662-0140

5282 Plainfield Ave, Grand Rapids

616-363-3513

[www.degraafinteriors.com](http://www.degraafinteriors.com)



# Mackenzie's

A Home  
Along the Way...

MACKENZIE'S ANIMAL SANCTUARY 8935 THOMPSON RD LAKE ODESSA, MI 48849 [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info)

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

Spring 2010

## Join the Mack-Pack

Whether it's walking, playing, training, grooming, reading, or just cuddling and hanging out, it makes a positive impact on the dogs at Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary.

Our volunteers help keep each dog healthy, happy, and highly adoptable while they wait for their forever family. Your contribution of time will help us do what we do best...**Help more dogs in need!**

If you are an animal lover interested in brightening the day of a deserving dog that needs a little more attention and exercise -- Joining the Mack-Pack may be just what you're looking for! The Volunteer Coordinator would be happy to work with you and your schedule.

### Small ways to make a difference

Encourage friends and co-workers to join you as a volunteer. And remember, whenever you have friends or family considering bringing a dog into their home and lives, always remind them: First Option... Adoption!

To learn more about volunteering visit  
[www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info).



## Mackenzie's 2nd Annual Pups & Putts Golf Outing Tuesday June 22nd. at Quail Ridge

Are you a golfer? Do you like dogs? If so, put together a foursome to help support the dogs at Mackenzie's. You can download a golfer registration form at [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info) or simply call Amanda at 616-693-2490 for more information about sponsorship or play!

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