

# Upcoming Events

6/21/11

## 3rd Annual Pups and Pucks Golf Outing

Presented by Rhoades McKee PC  
Tuesday, 9:00 AM Shot-gun start,  
scramble format



Quail Ridge Golf Club

8375 36th St SE. Ada, MI 49301

Call Amanda at the Sanctuary, 616-693-2490  
to sign-up for sponsorship or play!

7/30/11

## Summer Open House

MAS Summer Open House at the Sanctuary

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Come play with some pups, take a tour,  
enjoy some refreshments and just see  
what's happening at the Sanctuary. We will also be  
collecting items off our Wish List like food,  
toys and treats for the dogs.

Check out our Wish List online at [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info)

8/18/11

## Waggin' Wine Tasting Dinner

Presented by San Chez along with the Crushed Grape  
San Chez - 38 West Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Come enjoy exquisite wine paired with exceptional tapas  
from the ever so tasty San Chez restaurant.

Check our website for more details coming soon!



## What your dog needs when you're expecting...

*'Congratulations! We know this is an exciting time for you and your family and want to offer some helpful tips on things to consider before your little one comes home.'*

**Tip #1:** Set boundaries: Is your dog jumpy or hyper? Consider working with a trainer to reinforce some basic obedience and manners. Training allows you to safely and humanely control your dog's behavior and enhances the bond between you.

**Tip #2:** Address any behavior problems: If your pet exhibits fear and anxiety, or has trouble transitioning to new situations, now is the time to get help from an animal behavior specialist. Try to imagine how your home environment will change once the baby is introduced and how you can minimize stress for you dog(s).

**Tip #3:** Introductions: Before you bring the baby home, bring home a blanket the baby has used while at the hospital. Dogs are smart! They will learn to associate the name and scent and be prepared for when you bring the baby home. Such a great first step in sharing your new baby with your other 'baby'.

**Tip #4:** The big day: And finally, when the baby comes home from the hospital, have someone walk your dog or make sure they have plenty of exercise before you get there. Your dog is already going to be excited and anxious to see and greet you. Plan to have one of you greet the dog(s) and give them lots of love and attention. Once the dog(s) has calmed down, slowly begin your introduction. Remember this is a process and a major change in your dog(s) world, go slow and give lots of loving positive reinforcement.

For more indepth info, please checkout the ASPCA's articles on Preparing & Introducing your dog to your new baby. Great stuff on their website plus more resources for you at [www.aspcabehavior.org](http://www.aspcabehavior.org)



Thank you everyone who came out & supported MAS at our 2nd Annual BARK at The BOB event, what an amazing turnout!!! We had some wonderful speakers, very talented artists, hardworking volunteers, AWESOME CELEBS & some BIG BIDDERS at the auction. HUGE thank you to Tony Gates for being such an amazing

auctioneer and to Rachael Ruiz and Terri DeBoer for doing such a fantastic job hosting our event!! Thank you to our generous sponsors and our guest celebrities who put together some great auction items and to all of our wonderful and hardworking volunteers, for helping make this such a successful event!!

We couldn't have done it without you. Together we were able to raise almost \$33,000 for the dogs in need at Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary! The money raised at BARK at The BOB will help continue our mission for finding loving homes for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs and will also help fund many more new and exciting programs!



Photos taken by Sanctuary Staff & Volunteers

# 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 Midwest's largest no-kill Sanctuary for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs. Spring/Summer 2011

## Making a DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

With the weather getting warmer and the sun shining down on us, we are reminded of countless ways your generous support has continued our efforts to save abused, abandoned & neglected dogs. Because of supporters like YOU, we have continued to rescue, rehabilitate, and find new homes for so many wonderful dogs in need. On behalf of the lives saved & the happy new families made, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to YOU for being such an enormous part of our mission. Your support helps us to give each dog a healthier, happier, second chance at life!

The dedication each and every one of you continue to show day after day has been amazing. Words could never describe the impact you've made in the lives of these rescue dogs!

Your dedication in showing these dogs loving human interaction while teaching them their basic manners, helps us to keep these dogs 'at their best' for their future adoptive families. Because of the wonderful quality time you spend with our dogs here, they are able to stay so happily in their 'Forever Homes' once they are there!

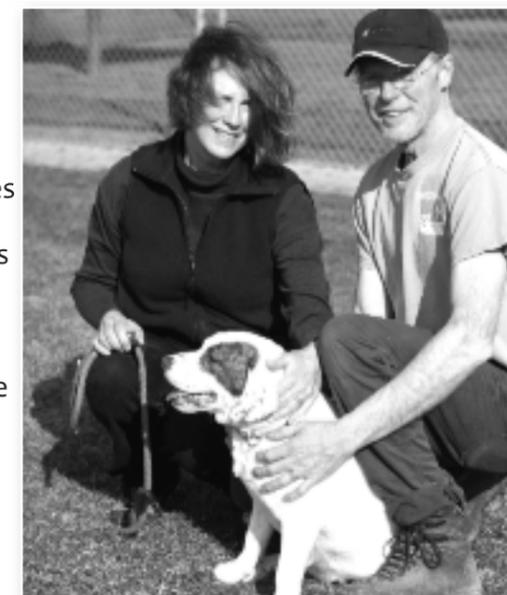
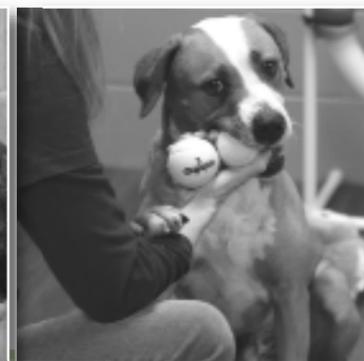


Photo by Jen Bauer

*'Thank you for being part of this work of love and compassion!'*

*'Volunteers are love in motion!' ~ Author Unknown*



Photos taken by Sanctuary Photographer, Jen Bauer



## Wanna Join THE 'Pack'?

Volunteering at Mackenzie's is about people. People who love dogs and dogs that love them back. We love the spirit and dedication our volunteers bring! Whether it's a special event like the Walkathon, meet and greets or working at the Sanctuary helping our dogs stay happy, socialized and adoptable. So what's stopping you from joining the 'Pack'? Call Jana today - (616)693-2490!

*'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.'* ~Dr. Seuss

# Sanctuary Happy Tails! See what our 'Pack' can do!

A look back at just a couple of the many, many, heart warming adoptions you helped make possible.

## Darwin Finds His Pack!

'Adopting Kato (Darwin) has probably been one of the best decisions we have made. We knew what a special dog he was from having worked as volunteers at Mackenzies but bringing him home to live with us has proven to be a better experience than we had imagined. Kato is one of the sweetest, most obedient, fun loving, and affectionate dogs ever. He has definitely brought life into our home again. What a joy it is to us to come home and have him waiting for us at the door with doggie kisses and a wagging tail. He loves his walks and that has encouraged us to take more walks which is healthier for all of us. He is very gentle around our grandchildren and when he looks at us with his one blue eye and one brown eye we just melt with pride at what a wonderful prize of a dog we have. Mackenzies does a wonderful job of preparing dogs for adoption and it is a secure feeling to know that a family can get a dog that the personality is already known and the dog is used to the company of loving humans.

*WE ARE FOREVER glad WE ADOPTED OUR big black dog!!!!'*



Photo by Jen Bauer



Photo contributed by Darwin's new family

## Pitbull? Our PERFECT MATCH!



Photo contributed by Scooter's new family

'We definitely knew Scooter was the one when she jumped up on Sara right before Tommie led her out of the room. When she looked back at us with a sad face, probably wondering why we were not taking her home, we knew we were going to choose her. Even though we loved Scooter we hesitated to seal the deal because of what family and friends were saying about Scooter's breed. At that time we didn't want to have anyone uncomfortable with our choice. Tommie reminded us that we needed to defend Scooter or perhaps choose a different dog. We knew Scooter was the right choice and everyone she meets now knows how great she is. Now everyone wonders why she was in the shelter so long since she is such a great and loving dog.

*WE COULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR A BETTER DOG AND WE CAN'T IMAGINE NOT HAVING SCOOTER IN OUR LIVES.'*

**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.*



Photo by Jen Bauer summer 2008

*"As a volunteer to dogs who are more challenging, it is hugely rewarding to see these dogs being adopted to loving homes who thank us for the time spent on training and nurturing at Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary"*  
- Sue Gignac, MAS Volunteer 3+years

## Our Volunteers ARE Talking...

*"The happiness I feel after spending time with the dogs or just helping out at MAS is often overwhelming emotionally, especially when I see wagging tails and puppy-dog smiles in every kennel I pass."*  
- Carrie Thrall, MAS Volunteer for 10 months

*"And a big shoutout to the amazing Staff!!! You guys are absolutely fantastic and make us feel very appreciated!!"*  
- Nicole Schramm, MAS Volunteer for 8 months

## and WE want to say 'THANKS!!'

*'No one is more cherished in this world than someone who lightens the burden of another.'* ~Author Unknown

*'Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.'* ~James Matthew Barrie

*We're so glad to share this amazing journey with our wonderful volunteers! Thanks again everyone - Blessings from Mackenzies!*

## HEARTWORM FREE, HOMEWARD Bound? Emerald needs a sponsor



Photo taken by MAS Staff

Help! Upon my recent arrival to Mackenzie's, I tested positive for heartworm, a deadly parasite! Did you know that dogs get heart worm from mosquitoes? That's crazy! Make sure you are giving your pup a monthly heart worm preventative! I am such a sweet girl and I know that I can make some family very happy one day. I just need a little help getting better and the staff at Mackenzie's are making sure that I get the best medical care possible, I didn't realize it was so expensive. My treatment and recovery time will cost over \$2,000 and that's if I only need one treatment. So please consider sponsoring me while in the care of Mackenzie's and please keep me in your prayers for a speedy recovery!

*Thanks so much, Emerald*



Tic Tac



Kopper



Cody



Mollee

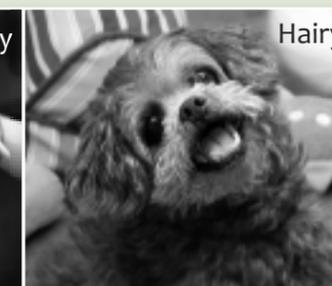
## MEET SOME FRESH FACES at MACKENZIES!

Each week the Sanctuary is able to rescue more furry friends thanks to supporters like YOU. Adopt, Donate, Volunteer, Sponsor...

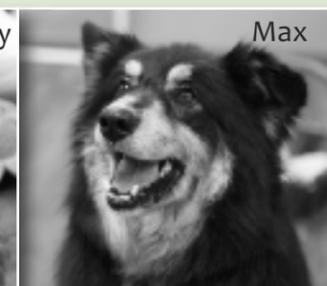
*how will you help?*



Beverly



Hairy



Max



## Meet Utah!

*Are you a runner? Or maybe trying to get into shape for the summer? Utah would LOVE to take you for a run! He has lots of energy he's just waiting to share with his new forever family!*

Photos taken by Jen Bauer

*Please welcome these new faces! These 8 dogs are just some of the many waiting to meet YOU today!*