A Letter from Home

After my nearly 17 year old Cock-a-Poo “Buddy” died in 2006, I was heartbroken. I didn’t want to get another dog immediately because I felt Buddy just couldn’t be replaced. But I missed the companionship, joy & smiles a dog could bring. So after a few months I started considering getting another dog. As I began my dog search I prayed that I would find a dog that would be “the right match.” Friends of mine prayed for this also. I really believe Tanner (who I renamed Sandy) was the answer to my prayers. He is well behaved which I accredit to the behavioral work M.A.S. staff does. He’s gentle, smart, affectionate, completely housebroken and extremely cute. I’m grateful that M.A.S. compassionately rescued him from a local shelter and had him medically treated for his heartworm disease and other medical issues. When he was medically clear, I was able to adopt him with Kristi’s thoughtful help. When I brought Sandy to M.A.S. a month after the adoption for a follow-up heartworm test, he seemed overjoyed to see his dedicated caretakers again, especially Alarea and Rick. It was evident they had formed a loving bond with Sandy. It’s obvious that the staff at M.A.S. does their work with lots of TLC. The entire process with M.A.S. has been such a blessing to me (and Sandy). Many thanks to all of you for what you do so well!

~Judy S.

A Day in the Life of a Rescue Dog

Every dog deserves a soft, durable bed. Here at Mackenzie’s we try to provide each of our dogs with a Kuranda Bed during their stay at the Sanctuary. Read on below to see how these special beds can truly enhance the quality of life for each dog’s well-being.

What’s A Kuranda Dog Bed?

Kuranda Dog Beds are unique, cot-style beds especially designed for kennels, shelters, chewing puppies, and dogs. These guaranteed chew-proof beds provide soft, off-the-floor comfort with durable, easy-to-clean vinyl fabric. Great for chewers, adult dogs, and especially shelter dogs deserving of a comfortable place to relax and sleep.

We care for approximately 80 rescue dogs at our Sanctuary. We strive to provide each of our resident dogs with a soft, durable kuranda dog bed. But, at this time we do not have enough for everyone. We have almost met our goal thanks to generous donators. However, we are still in need of 20 more beds.

What would provide the support my fragile body needs, and I wouldn’t have to jump up very far.

Please donate a Bed at a special wholesale price, so a shelter dog can sleep in comfort. Please visit our website or call the office!

Donating online is easy! Visit our website at www.mackenzies.info for step-by-step instructions.

Donate by mail or telephone! If you prefer to mail a payment or charge by phone, please call our office at 616-693-2490.

Kuranda Beds = Happy Dogs

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My name is Grant and I have arthritis. I could really use a comf y elevated bed. A Kuranda Dog Bed would provide the support my fragile body needs, and I wouldn’t have to jump up very far. Please help give me and my friends more beds!

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Volunteer Corner

We would like to introduce you to our new Volunteer Coordinator, Elaine. She has been very busy since her first day and is already making this summer an outstanding one for our volunteers.

I Love working at Mackenzie’s because everyday is different. I meet great people daily and these people are committed to our cause. They are determined to really make a difference. I have the opportunity to help volunteers touch the lives of these special dogs so they can reside happily at the Sanctuary, and have a chance at finding their ‘forever’ homes.

What can you do

Are you a people person? Volunteering at Mackenzie’s doesn’t only mean working with dogs, we also have many different options to choose from that equally help our cause of helping more dogs in need like:

- Attending Events
- Meet & Greets
- Donation Boxes (picking up or dropping off)
- Flyer Distribution
- Training Other Volunteers
- Helping With Microchip Clinics
- Cleaning or Grounds Maintenance
- Office Work & Much More...

If you have any questions or ideas, please let us know.

Mackenzie’s offers a wonderful opportunity for families to spend time together in the spirit of giving. It used to be that volunteering was something retired people did. Now young people grow up with the needs of their community ingrained in them. And what better way to educate a community about responsible pet ownership and care than through children and teens - our next generation. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Mackenzie’s today!

To learn more go to www.mackenzies.info

By Volunteering, you are able to experience the true rewards of working with these great companion dogs! Your caring gift of time will help provide these precious dogs with quality attention, exercise, and lots of Tender Loving Care.

You can make a difference, too!

Your contribution will help us do what we do best... Help more dogs in need!

Attention Volunteers & Newcomers!

Mackenzie’s volunteer force has grown more than ever in the past few months, which is wonderful! Thank You All for the dedication. In addition, we are still in need of more help with our Meet & Greet program. Meet & Greets are very important. They get our name and cause out into the public. This means more adoptions, more volunteers, more everything. If you have any interest at all in doing Meet & Greets, please contact Elaine. Remember, this job is a very essential part of how Mackenzie’s grows, please help us grow - be a part of our Meet & Greet program today.

For more information about the above topics, please contact Elaine, our Volunteer Coordinator at 616-693-2923 or email her at eo’connor@mackpack.info

As Michigan’s largest No-Kill facility, Mackenzie’s is dedicated to providing ‘A home along the way’ for dogs in transition. Our Mission is to find loving homes for abused, abandoned, and neglected dogs... to spay/neuter our rescued dogs to stop the cycle of unwanted litters... to assist in public education for the betterment of our local animal community... and to maintain the highest standards of care for our dogs, including veterinary care, housing, love, tenderness and compassion. For further information, a list of our dogs, and events: www.mackenzies.info

Most of the dogs in our care find loving forever homes but, some of them as shown above, have had a longer stay due to health problems, their difficult past, or something as simple as their color, age, or breed. Since Mackenzie’s is a no kill Sanctuary we look after and care for these dogs for the rest of their lives. We don’t receive any government funding and are totally dependent on the generosity of people like you. By sponsoring a dog for $25.00 a month (or a one-time $300 payment for a year) you are helping us give these dogs a second chance at a healthy, happier life. You’ll also receive regular updates along with a special photo certificate documenting your sponsorship. You can even sponsor a dog as a gift for someone else.

To become a sponsor, visit our website at www.mackenzies.info and click on ‘Sponsor a Dog.’ For a complete listing of our available dogs, please visit our website and click on ‘Our Dogs.’

Sponsor a Mackenzie’s rescue dog today!