

# Summer In Full Swing



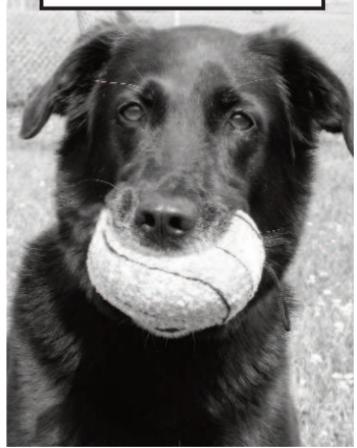
What's Better? - Mud or Water



Lovin' these summer days



Catchin' some rays...



It's all fun & games



Could one of these faces be your forever friend?

**Our resident dogs are lovin' every minute of all the FUN summer activities at the Sanctuary!**

**Just check out what they've been up to so far this summer...**

- ☀ Swimming in the pond
- ☀ Adventures at the local lakeshore
- ☀ Exploring on long peaceful walks
- ☀ Running around in their exercise yards or alongside our bicycles
- ☀ Playing lots of frisbee & fetch in the warm sunshine
- ☀ Digging in the sandboxes
- ☀ Don't forget all the extra TLC time with our devoted volunteers & staff!

**The dogs seem to agree - summer fun doesn't get any better than this!**



**Adopt A Forever Friend!** We have several wonderful companions available for adoption at the Sanctuary! To find out how you can adopt one of these many smilin' faces, or to see more fun pictures & videos, visit our website at [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info).



**Short, Tall, Large and Small...Black, Brown, We've Got It All...Goofy, Sweet, Curly or Sleek, These are all dogs you need to meet!!**



## Whisper's Letter From Home

*"Whisper is the greatest girl you could ever want! Since she never lived in a house she was a little scared by things like the TV, blow dryer, garage door opening, and stairs... but so far so good, she is a sweetie and seems more comfortable every day. She loves to take her walks, lie on her doggy bed, and sleep in the sunroom. She is very calm and loving, and is getting lots of time with us petting and ear scratching her. We are so blessed to have her!"*

## Learning to Love Life

It's a huge milestone when brothers Roo, Rusty and Sport start showing interest in people, toys, and



exploring the environment around them. That's because when they arrived at Mackenzie's, they had never known of human touch, or even

been outside of a fenced pen. Without the time and attention young dogs need, these beautiful boys grew up into three very fearful, un-socialized dogs. Many had little hope for them to ever become comfortable with human contact, so the Sanctuary has provided a safe peaceful home to live their lives comfortably at their own pace. With time, patience, plus lots of hand-feeding and other socialization techniques, our trained staff soon built trusting relationships with these dogs. They began



to learn that this great big world could actually be an enjoyable place. Miraculously exceeding everyone's expectations, they are now enjoying walks, car rides, toys, and human affection. They even have the

confidence to curiously greet new staff members on their own! What an amazing sight to see Roo, Rusty, and Sport beginning to lose their fears, and learning to love this new life that they have discovered.



## SPONSOR A DOG!



We currently care for other dogs like Fawn, Princess, Rizzo and Gavin, that might be overlooked due to their age, breed, health needs, or their difficult past. As a no-kill Sanctuary, we are committed to caring for these dogs for the rest of their lives, and depend on the generosity of our supporters to help us provide food, medical attention, and all the care they need. By Sponsoring a dog for \$25.00 a month (or a one-time \$300 gift for one year) you are helping us give these dogs a healthy happy life, and the chance to find a loving Forever Family of their own!

Sponsors will receive regular updates on their Sponsor Dog, along with a photo certificate documenting their sponsorship. And it makes a great gift idea!

TO SPONSOR A DOG, visit our website at [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info) or contact the office.



## Summer Schedule!

### Mackenzie's Volunteer Orientations

8/2, 8/23, 9/6, 9/20, 10/11 and 10/18

Times may vary, please contact Jana by email at volunteer@mackpack.info or by phone at 616-693-2916.

### Microchip Clinics - Only \$20 per pet

(All microchip events are from 10-2pm)

8/9/2008 - Chow Hound (660 Chicago Dr., Holland)

8/23/2008 - Pets Supplies Plus (12579 Felch Rd., Holland)

9/13/2008 - Chow Hound (660 Chicago Dr., Holland)

9/27/2008 - Pets Supplies Plus (12579 Felch Rd., Holland)

### Pups & Pucks

#### 'Grand Rapids Griffins Inaugural Dog Walkathon Benefiting Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary'

The date has yet to be determined, we're shooting for this fall. We will be inviting the public to bring out their dogs and join the Griffins and other friends on this walk. We will also be having an Open House of the main kennel building, meet & greet of the Griffins players, food, live music, and a number of exciting activities that everyone should enjoy.

**We Hope You'll Be Able To Make It!**

For a complete list of future events & dates, visit

[www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info)

## Two Easy Ways to Make a Difference!

1. The next time you surf the web, use [Goodsearch.com](http://Goodsearch.com) (Powered by Yahoo).

It's Easy! All you do is place our name, Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary, in the field that asks 'Who do you Goodsearch for?', and click 'verify'. A donation is made to Mackenzie's every time you use this search engine. *It's That Easy!*

2. Do you shop online? If you answered yes, you could be raising funds for the rescue dogs at Mackenzie's. [Goodshop.com](http://Goodshop.com) offers up to 30% of your purchase could be donated to our cause every time you shop.

It's just like using goodsearch.com, you place our name in the spot provided and click 'verify' and begin shopping at your favorite stores listed on the site.

## WE NEED YOU!

Would you like to join Mackenzie's efforts? But gas prices or distance are holding you back?

### We have the answer!

Here are two flexible and easy ways to make a huge difference in continuing our mission to *help more dogs in need!*

Be a Meet & Greet Volunteer in East, West or Mid-Michigan areas near you! We are looking for volunteers to help spread the word at Meet & Greets, Fundraisers and Educational events. Only one training session required. Training available Tues. through Sat.



We could also use your help with collecting full Donation Boxes that are spread throughout area businesses in Michigan. You are able to work around your schedule to pick up boxes in your area as little or as often as your freetime allows.



**As always, if your passion is to work hands-on with the dogs at the Sanctuary, we are always in need of more compassionate volunteers to provide these precious dogs with quality attention, exercise, and lots of Tender Loving Care.**

### — Ready to Sign Up? —

Visit [www.mackenzies.info](http://www.mackenzies.info) and click 'Volunteer'. You can also contact Jana at 616-693-2916 for further information on volunteering or upcoming events.

# Mackenzie's A Home Along the Way...

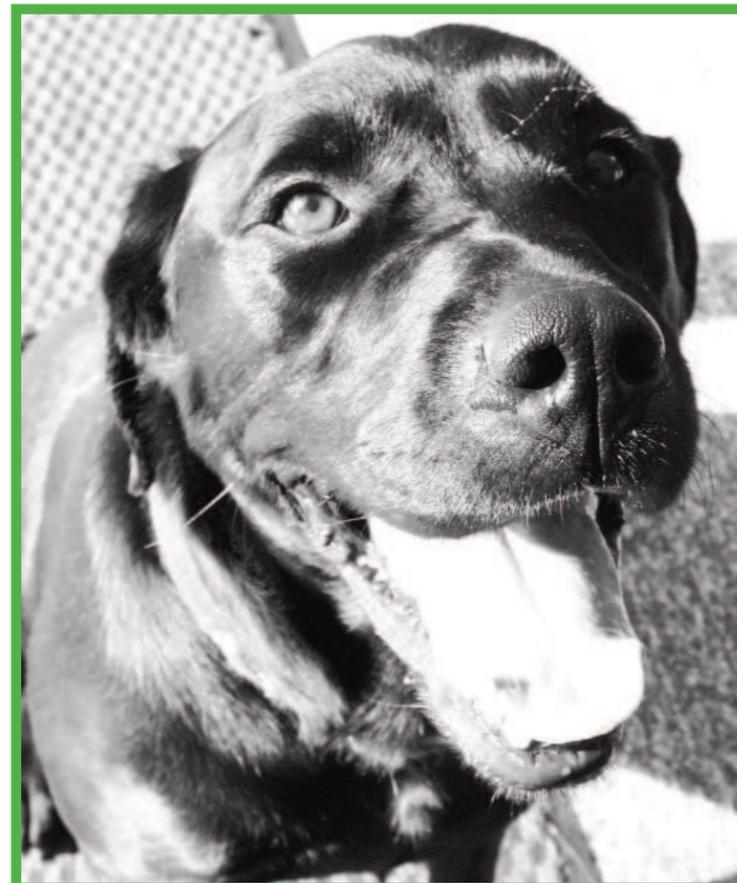
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## "Never Say Never" Whisper's Story of Hope

Four years of life spent tied to a heavy chain in a barn, only seeing a familiar human face once daily for feeding time. This was the life that Whisper had known since she was a young puppy. As she grew bigger, her collar & chain stayed the same, eventually becoming so tight on her neck that the hair beneath had worn away exposing her skin. Whisper quietly accepted the way things were. In 2001, Whisper excitedly met a few new faces, and soon her world changed as she was warmly welcomed into her safe 'home along the way' at Mackenzie's. Whisper resided happily at the Sanctuary for many years with hopes of finding a loving family, and in the mean time she enjoyed plenty of treats, tummy rubs, and TLC from compassionate staff and volunteers. She quickly learned how much she enjoyed tossing plushy toys in the air, and was so amazed at how great it felt to run freely through the grass in the large fenced yards. Most precious of all, Whisper absolutely *ADORED* all people and she desired affection from everyone she met. We all knew what a great girl she was, yet adopters often overlooked this sweetheart because of her mature age, or because other dogs & cats weren't her kind of friends. We all held onto hope for her Dream Family to come along, and in 2008 our dreams came true. The couple was drawn to Whisper's joyous smile and loving personality, and when they finally met in person, Whisper immediately chose them as the family for her! Whisper was happily adopted and adjusted exceptionally well to her new home environment, thanks to the love & guidance provided by her adoptive family.



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to hear from  
Whisper's  
Family!