

Upcoming Events

6/19/12

4th Annual Pups & Putts 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 the Sanctuary, 616-693-2490 to sign-up for sponsorship or play!



7/28/12

Sanctuary Summer Open House

MAS Summer Open House at the Sanctuary
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
 Come play with some pups and take a tour! As always, we will be accepting generous donations of items off our Wish List like food, toys and treats for the dogs.

For complete details of future events, visit us at www.mackenzies.info Thanks!



BARK RECAP

BARK at the BOB was a huge hit again this year! We were excited to see so many people come to participate in another awesome Mackenzie's event! The night was filled with wonderful speakers, extremely talented artists, hardworking volunteers, and some very Generous Bidders. Our fabulous Live Auction sent many of our attendees home winners of some pretty unique packages! A special thank you to our hosts, Tim Doty and Todd Chance and Auctioneer, Tony Gates, for keeping everyone entertained. The buzz surrounding our New On-Site Veterinary Building and the Angel's Rest Project, both unveiled at BARK, has us ready to jump into summer! The money raised at BARK will directly benefit the dogs in need at Mackenzie's and continue our mission of finding loving homes for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible and what a joy it was to see so many new and old friends at this years event! Woof!



Mackenzie's *A Home Along the Way*



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

The Midwest's largest no-kill Sanctuary for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs. Spring/Summer 2012

Always taking ACTION to SAVE LIVES!

The Mackenzie's Team of Employees and Volunteers are busy helping to improve the lives of dogs everywhere any chance we can. We are so proud of our continued efforts with the ASPCA's 'Pup my Ride' program, joined over a year ago now! Created to help get dogs out of puppy mills and into areas where they are most likely to find their forever homes, our efforts to date have helped save over 25 dogs.

The Sanctuary rushed into action back in February when we helped the local dog population by assisting Calhoun County. Mackenzie's took in 29 adoptable dogs from Calhoun County Animal Control with the support of the hard working and caring staff of Calhoun County. The court had ordered Calhoun to hold on to a large group of dogs rescued from a puppy mill. If we hadn't stepped in, these 29 dogs were scheduled to be euthanized to make room for the rescued puppy mill dogs awaiting their judicial release.

Just last month, the local news agencies were a buzz about another terrible puppy mill incident in Allegan County. Mackenzie's was on the scene as a puppy mill in Allegan was discovered and 353 dogs were taken to Allegan County Animal Control for refuge. Mackenzie's own Assistant General Manager, Jorel Davis, was immediately on the scene helping out any way he could along side other animal lovers. "Working in an environment like Mackenzie's where we strive everyday to maintain the highest standards of care for our dogs, my heart hurt after seeing the condition of these puppy mill rescues. I just wanted to help and felt grateful to be a part of the solution."

With numerous health concerns, Heartworm, Parvo, Flee infestation, Severe Mange and multiple cases of Giardia, strong medical care was the first step taken to rehabilitation and forever home placement.

Mackenzie's Volunteers and Staff are dedicated to helping improve the lives of all dogs. By taking action every chance we get, we are proud to be a part of the solution! Please consider joining us - Together we can really make a huge difference and save more lives!



Photo by Jen Bauer from BARK at the BOB 2012



Photos taken by Sanctuary Staff & Volunteers

New projects. Sanctuary goals & ways you can get involved this Spring & Summer at Mackenzies! Look inside for more details.

GOING HOME

Two dog's find the Sanctuary and together they find a forever home!

"Tom, just like Jerry, loves to go. No matter where! We just returned from a camping trip to the Smokey Mountains in Tennessee and both Tom and Jerry did fabulous! When we were unpacking the trailer at home Tom went in and we couldn't get him back in the house. I think he's our camper! Needless to say, life is never dull with Tom and Jerry around! They're both doing great & we love them sooooo much!! And can't imagine our home without them in it!!! Thank you so much! If you ever wondered about the impact you (Mackenzies) make on people's lives, especially ours, here it is. I thought you'd like to know Liz wrote a special story about them this year. It brought tears to my eyes. -

... 'I have two dogs. Their names are Tom and Jerry. Jerry is a life saver. I love Tom and Jerry! I like to play with them too!'
- Liz, 6 years old

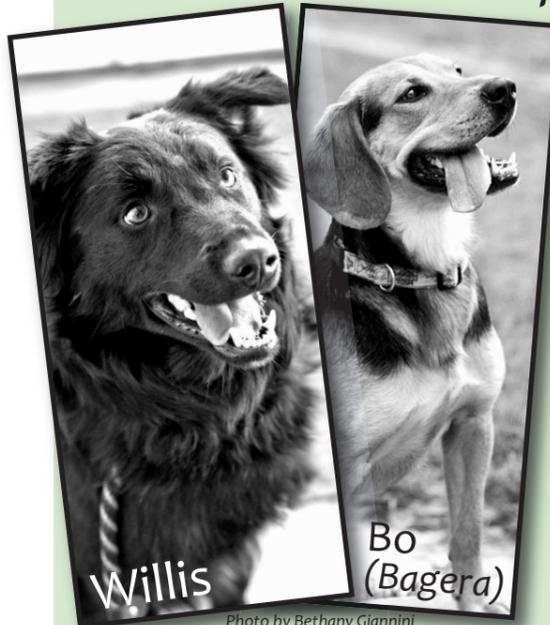
A huge Thank You for everything!" - Cheryl & the Havens family

TOGETHER!



Photos of Tom & Jerry contributed by their new family, the Havens

1 + 1 = 's Adopted!



Willis

Bo (Bagera)

Photo by Bethany Giannini

In December of 2011, Gary and Tracy Rich of Belding came to our Holiday Open House. Where they met Willis, a beautiful, 2 year old Border Collie that came to Mackenzie's as a stray. During their adoption meetings they met Willis, Bagera (a Beagle mix) and a couple other dogs that matched their adoption criteria. They wanted a highly social dog, one who would do well with their son and also get along with their cat. They needed a dog who could play in the back yard and liked taking walks. If the dog could settle down in the evening, watch TV and get belly rubs, that would be the icing on the cake!

In our 2 adoption meetings, all the dogs did their best to be the chosen one. Tracy had fallen in love with Willis, and Gary was leaning a little more toward Bagera, due to his interaction with Marcus their son. We talked about how Bagera had 'always been the bridesmaid and never the bride'. Tracy thought Bagera was such a sweetie and you could just see her melt thinking Bagera had been visited with, but had always lost out to the other dog. So with very little discussion between Mom and Dad, they decided they had owned two dogs before, a great yard and two dogs could keep each other company when they were gone. Besides, if they got two dogs it was just one more dog to love! Decision made..... Both Willis and Bagera were going home!

It was finally Bagera's turn to be bride!!!! Thank you Rich Family!

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.



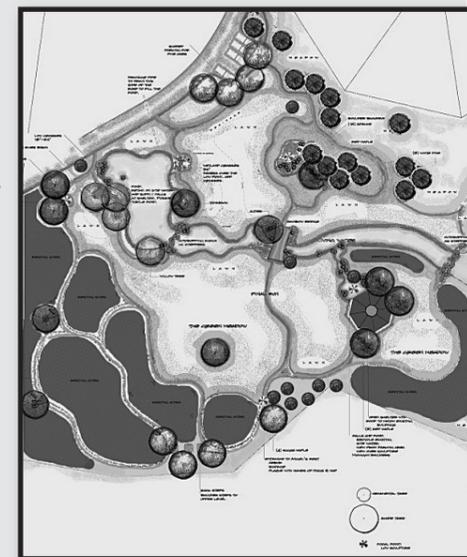
Photo by Jen Bauer summer 2008

Spring is here - New projects are in bloom!



Angel's Rest Project

The Angel's Rest Project is a chance to refresh and add new life to our already existing on site memorial space. Enhancements include babbling brooks, contemplative spaces, beautiful landscaping and an actual 'Rainbow Bridge'! We hope this space will provide our Staff, Volunteers, Visitors and Sanctuary Dogs an amazing place to stroll a while and reflect on the lives of our rescue dogs and the meaningful work we do at Mackenzies. A big thanks to Larry, Aaron and Twin Lakes Nursery for donating the custom completed plan for this project! Now we just need you! Spring marks the start of this transformation and we invite you to share this



new beginning with us! Volunteering on the Angel's Rest Project is just one way you can support Mackenzies, while refreshing your own spirit as well. Watch our website for dates & details or call us at 616-693-2490 for the scoop.

We invite you to join us for these exciting 2012 Projects!

Do you have a green thumb or just an old pair of jeans you wouldn't mind getting dirty? Volunteer for the Angel's Rest Project! Not able to contribute your time? Support us by donating towards either project at

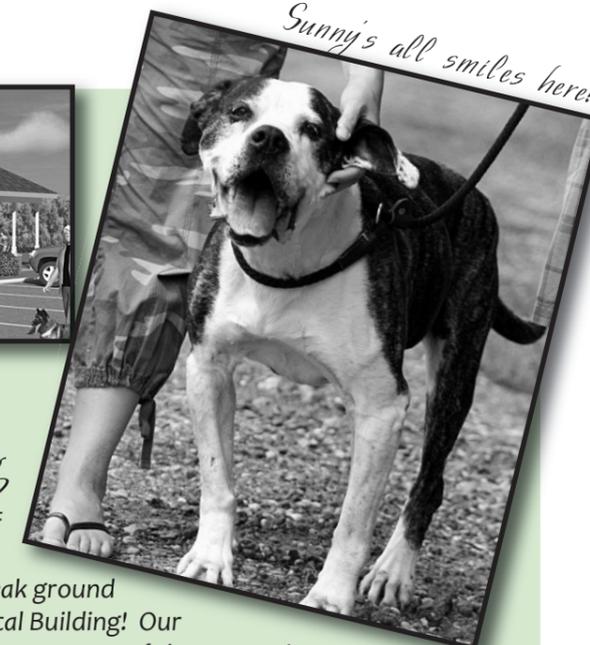
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The Dogs are celebrating!

Update on future Medical Building

Thanks to the collective fundraising of our past Walk-a-thons and a private family donation, we are excited to break ground this Spring on our fabulous New Medical Building! Our deserving Sanctuary dogs will finally have a state of the art on-site Medical Building soon. This addition to the Sanctuary will save us on travel time, expense and unnecessary stress on our dogs by giving us top notch medical care within steps of our Kennels. This will help us better use our donation dollars towards the routine care of our Sanctuary residence. A big thank you to Dixon Architecture for creating the custom plan for this project! Lots of exciting transformations blooming this spring! Don't miss the Summer Open House to learn more!



Sunny's all smiles here!

Photos by Jen Bauer