



## Upcoming Events

### 2/18/2010 Mackenzie's Yappy Hour

Rockwell's 5:00 to 8:00 pm  
45 Division Avenue South  
Grand Rapids, MI

### 3/31/2010 - 4/3/2010

#### Texas Hold'em Tournament

Lincoln Golf Club  
3485 Lake Michigan Dr. NW  
Grand Rapids, MI

### 4/14/2010 Pups & Pasta

Fazoli's -  
Walker & Jenison Locations

### 4/24/2010 - 4/25/2010

West MI. Pet Expo  
The Delta Plex

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

Have Questions?  
Call 616-693-2490



### FREE SAMPLER

With the purchase of a  
Classic Sampler Combo

Expires 6/1/2010



570 Baldwin Jenison / 2521 Alpine Walker

## Microchips: *Is there really a difference?*

1 in 3 pets will become lost during their lifetime. It's reality: pets get lost. Without proper identification, most never return home. According to the American Humane Association, only 15% of lost dogs and 2% of lost cats ever find their way back home. Almost 4 million pets are euthanized every year, including lost pets whose owners weren't found in time. Microchips for dogs and cats can prevent your pet from being euthanized if lost and can help reunite you with your pet!

Mackenzie's uses the HomeAgain pet microchip identification and recovery system because it includes a national database registry network of over 350,000 vets, animal shelters, volunteer pet rescues, and additional pet safety wellness services designed to prevent your pet from becoming an unfortunate statistic. Give your pet the protection they need with pet microchipping. In 2009, HomeAgain reunited over 600,000 pets with their owners after being lost.

Other microchipping clinics may be cheaper, but your dog may not be placed in a national database. It's important to do your research and know where your money is going. To ensure that your four-legged friend comes home safely, have them microchipped at one of Mackenzie's HomeAgain microchip clinics.

## Mackenzie's HomeAgain Microchip Clinics

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM - \$20 per pet  
National Database Registration

- 2/27 - Chow Hound (28th & Eastern)
- 3/13 - Pets Supplies Plus (Wyoming)
- 3/27 - Chow Hound (Holland)
- 4/10 - Pets Supplies Plus (Holland)
- 4/24 - Chow Hound (Cascade)

# 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.

Winter 2010

## 2009 Adoptions, DOUBLED!



2009 was a remarkable year for adoptions at Mackenzie's. Sixty-two dogs were placed into forever loving homes. That is the largest number of dogs adopted from Mackenzie's in one year since our conception in 1999. It is exciting for us to see the ongoing growth here at Mackenzie's and to place these wonderful dogs into loving homes. Each of their stories is different. They were abused, abandoned or neglected, and in some cases, a combination of all three. We strive here to provide each and every dog with the highest standards of care. Our staff and group of dedicated volunteers work tirelessly around the clock to provide such attention for each dog's individual needs. Mackenzie's looks forward to this exciting New Year, and with high hopes, feels 2010 will bring even more forever homes for our dogs in need. Look inside to see how we plan to make this happen! Thank you for making 2009 a success and for supporting Mackenzie's!

Help us spread the word  
**First Option... Adoption!**

## Meet Patches

Patches was barely alive and was a mere 18 pounds when Kent County Animal Control arrived.

"We just couldn't believe the condition she was in when we found her," said Stephanie Ellinger, Animal Control Officer Supervisor for Kent County. "She was chained to a doghouse, with no food or water, and in freezing weather. She was too weak to greet us or even hold her head up when we approached her."

Officer Kali Johnson rescued Patches from a backyard in Grand Rapids just hours before she would have frozen to death.

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# First Option... Adoption

## What is First Option... Adoption?

"First Option... Adoption" is a campaign to educate people on animal overpopulation and to encourage adoption in hopes of reducing the number of animals that are euthanized each year. Every year, thousands of animals are euthanized in West Michigan. Mackenzie's is a no-kill dog sanctuary, but even with our extensive efforts we can only house a certain number of dogs each year. We hope to continue to see an increase in adoptions so that we can in return rescue more dogs that would otherwise be euthanized.

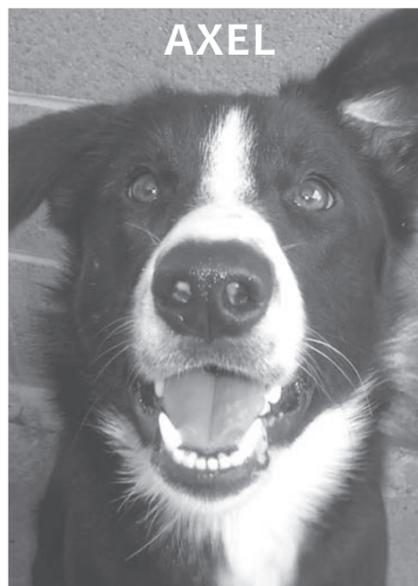
## Why consider Mackenzie's ?

Mackenzie's offers the best and most extensive training programs to every dog. We even offer training in a room that resembles a living room, so the dog doesn't forget what it is like to be in a home environment. We teach basic commands including general obedience. All dogs receive the best medical care while at Mackenzie's, including spaying/neutering, all vaccinations, micro-chipping, monthly heartworm preventative care, and any other additional veterinarian care that is necessary.



FENNY

## Meet more dogs like



AXEL



POWDER



TRACKER

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

## Three ways you can support First Option... Adoption and reduce the number of homeless pets:

### 1. Prevention:

Spay or neuter your dog and any outdoor pets or strays that you are feeding. When you spay or neuter your pet, it helps prevent the cycle of unwanted litters, which typically end up homeless and in shelters. If you need low cost spay/neuter assistance go to [www.allaboutanimalsrescue.org](http://www.allaboutanimalsrescue.org) for a list of participating veterinarians in your area.

### 2. Consider Adoption:

Petfinder.com is a great resource to use when you are considering adoption of a four-legged friend. Even if you are looking for a particular breed, there are numerous rescue groups dedicated to specific breeds.

### 3. Support Mackenzie's:

You can help support our campaign by adopting from Mackenzie's, donating to our efforts, and/or sponsoring a dog like Sophia, pictured here on the right.



SOPHIA

## Patches continued...

Patches was quickly transferred to a nearby veterinary clinic for emergency medical care where she was treated for malnutrition, dehydration, hypothermia, and multiple wounds on her face and legs. It was apparent Patches had been eating dirt to try to stay alive, but the cold weather and lack of water were proving to be too much for her little body to take. Every year Kent County Animal Control finds dogs frozen to death in their dog houses. Patches was a lucky survivor, and thanks to Mackenzie's her future is bright.

Today, Patches is a healthy 50 pounds and has a forever home at Mackenzie's. Recovery is day to day for dogs like Patches who have been abused, abandoned and neglected. It takes time for them to heal and learn to trust that they are going to be fed, cared for and loved. Every day thousands of dogs are left to fend for themselves. But how are they expected to survive when chained up? Or put on the street? Lets do our part and stop this vicious cycle.



Before



After

Support Mackenzie's so we can help more dogs like Patches!