

You too can make a difference!

Volunteering: Not just for Adults!

Mackenzie's mission includes building a more compassionate community by teaching humane messages to our youth, caring for homeless animals, and strengthening the human-animal bond. Opening the Sanctuary to young volunteers (8 to 15 years of age, with parent or guardian) is a great way to work towards fulfilling that mission.



One of the many enrichment programs implemented daily is 'Read & Relax'. This program is simple: you sit outside, or inside the dog's run, and read aloud to a dog for 20-30 minutes. This not only benefits the dogs, but also builds confidence and experience in our young volunteer readers. The 'Read & Relax' program teaches Sanctuary dogs many things but one main component is that it helps the dogs become accustomed to "downtime", which is a key element for success in the home.

If you want your child to pick up a book instead of watching television, this might just be the program that will give back to more than just the dogs. Consider volunteering with your youth a Mackenzie's today!



09' Events & Fundraisers

- ✓ Christmas On The Grand
The Sanctuary will have a Christmas Tree at Gerald R. Ford Museum Nov. 19th. till Jan. 4th.
- ✓ Pet Photo's with Santa!
December 1st. 7 - 9 pm
December 13th 6 - 8 pm
Woodland Mall
- ✓ Santa Paws - Microchip Clinic
December 6th. Cascade ChowHound
11:00am till 5:00pm
- ✓ Santa Paws - Microchip Clinic
December 13th. 28th. St. ChowHound
11:00am till 5:00pm

For further Sanctuary events & information, please visit 'calendar of events' on our website.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

VISIT: www.mackenzies.info
or call: 616-693-2490

To learn more about the 'Read & Relax' program, visit www.mackenzie's.info



We have additional programs that may interest you. We include one-on-one or small group training sessions that will leave you feeling very comfortable when it's time for you to work alone with our rescue dogs. If direct contact with dogs is not for you, we have a variety of other beneficial activities that will also make a difference in the lives of our rescue dogs.

Ready to Sign Up?

For further information on volunteering or upcoming events Visit www.mackenzies.info or contact Jana at 616-693-2916

Mackenzie's A Home Along the Way...

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

Mid-West's largest no-kill Sanctuary for abused, abandoned, and neglected dogs.

Fall 2009

Pups & Pucks 2nd Annual Fall Walk-A-Thon

Hosted by The Grand Rapids Griffin's

Pups & Pucks 2nd Annual Fall Walk-A-Thon with the Grand Rapids Griffins was incredible!!!

Although the weather threatened to dampen our festivities, we did not let it dampen our spirits! The rain held off and the event went on as planned.

Our attendance reached well over 100 people and pets - **AMAZING!**

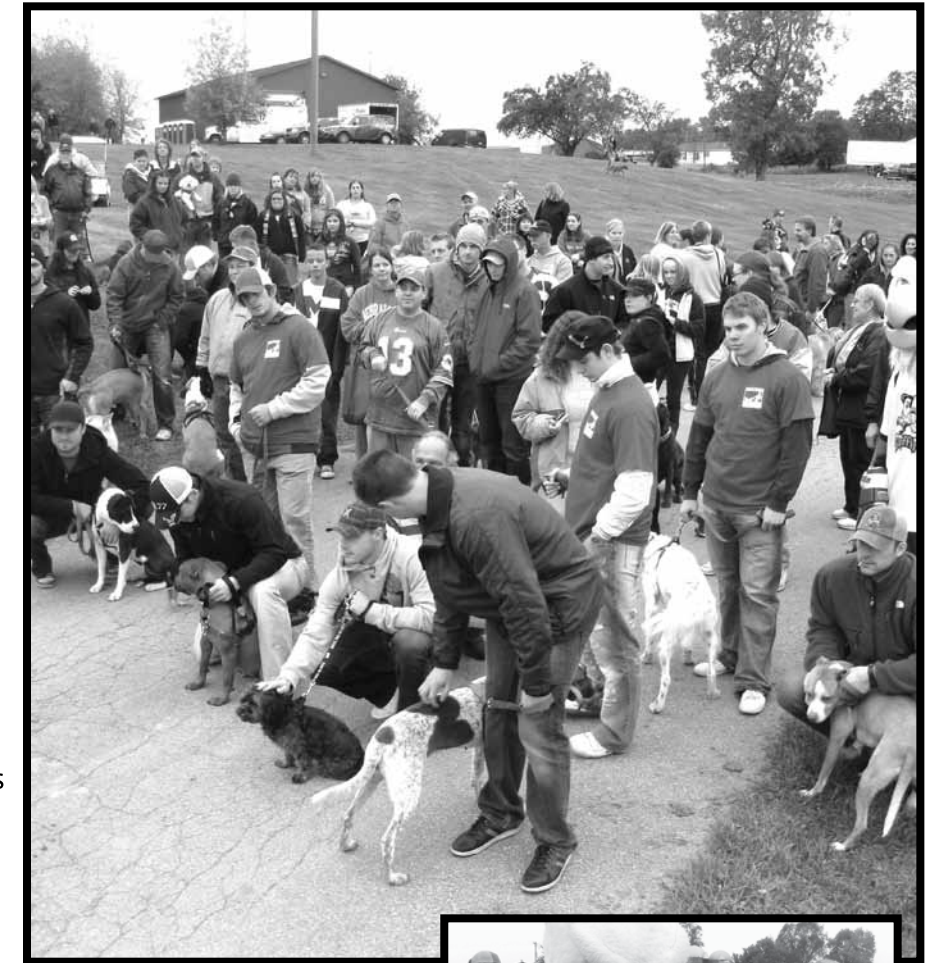
Between the silent auction, bake sale, raffle, and the live auction we raised \$16,700.00. Mackenzie's along with The Grand Rapids Griffins appreciate the continued support of this fabulous fall event! It is truly a blessing to have supporters like you that believe in our mission to help more dogs in need. Thanks again to all who made this wonderful event possible and those who came out to the festivities.

May your family be blessed as well this holiday season.



Want to See More?
Visit www.mackenzies.info

Take a look inside to discover three easy ways you can help this Holiday Season!



The Inside Scoop

Olive finds a 'SAINT'

In December of 2006, a large, drooling, face-licking St. Bernard graced us with her presence. She is an exceptional dog with many interesting quirks that we all grew to love. We knew she had a safe place to live here at the Sanctuary, but it was going to take a special person to bond with and eventually adopt her.



Three years ago Olive became very sick and needed to have not one, but two, exploratory stomach surgeries.



Olive is the kind of girl who ate more than just her food; she swallowed all her toys for dessert! Shortly after that incident, she was diagnosed with epilepsy. Fortunately, correct amounts of medication reduced their frequency. Many people wanted to adopt her, but soon

after finding out about her medical condition and hearing her past endeavors of eating things, they would end up deciding she might just be too much for them to handle!

One day, out of the blue, a man became very interested in her. He had owned St. Bernard's before, and was retired. He had a huge fenced-in yard and an amazing house that would fit all of Olive's needs.



He ended up having two other dogs as well, and when Olive met them it was as if they were all old friends catching up after years apart.

Things were perfect!

The adopter didn't even flinch when we explained her medical condition.

He said he was already in love with her and would do anything to keep her happy, healthy, and safe! Olive was adopted in August 2009 by this wonderful man!

A Day in the Life of a Rescue dog



So happy together!



Life is Good!



Adopt ~ Volunteer ~ Donate

The Best Gift of All - Adopting

All the excited, hopeful faces pictured here are waiting to share their lives with that special person or family this holiday season. What better gift to give than one that lasts forever. Not only will you be giving a Sanctuary dog a second chance at a family and a forever home, but you will also be creating an open space for another dog in need.

A Gift that Keeps Giving - Volunteering

Your precious gift of time through volunteering will help provide the Sanctuary dogs with quality attention, general care, training along with exercise, and lots of TLC. In return you will ultimately leave feeling their unconditional love, which is priceless.

A Perfect Gift? - Donating

Sponsoring a Sanctuary dog is not only an incredibly efficient way to support Mackenzie's, but is also a very gratifying gift for yourself as well as for that dog loving family member or friend in your life. Sponsors are a group of dedicated dog lovers like you who make monthly gifts. These gifts provide a consistent reliable income stream, allowing us to focus our resources on each individual dog's needs. Other donations like toys, rawhides and treats are also essential and contribute to their happiness and well-being on a daily basis. For a detailed 'doggie wish list', please visit our website.

For more information on Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary and what you can do to help this Holiday Season, please visit www.mackenzies.info or call 616-693-2490.

