



Volunteers are the BEST!

'VOLUNTEERS ARE LOVE IN MOTION'



When you become a Sanctuary volunteer, you're giving the animals what they want and need most: personal attention, hands-on care and LOVE. Whether you volunteer for a day, a week or longer, the dogs at the Sanctuary truly appreciate the time you spend with them!

Volunteer activities include spending quiet time socializing our dogs, walking, feeding, grooming and assisting with the cleaning of their areas. Taking some of our dogs on outings to town or other near by locations is another way our volunteers help give them new and valuable experiences.

All of these volunteer activities are very important for our dogs and we look forward to having you join our MackPack today!

Thank YOU for being a part of this work of love and compassion!

Considering volunteering? No better time than today!

Contact Kelli at kdulude@mackpack.info to get started now!



Mackenzie's is dedicated to finding forever homes for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs. Up to 115 dogs receive daily care, food, training, medical care and the affection of staff and hundreds of volunteers. Our nonprofit is supported entirely through the charitable donations of individuals, businesses, foundations and caring people like YOU! Thank you for all you make possible!

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SUMMER
at the Sanctuary
was a blast ...
because of
YOU!

Dogs like Arya
are waiting for their
forever home!

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to learn more!

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Healing at the Sanctuary

YOU have saved, enriched, transformed and helped transition more dogs into their forever homes this year! It is inspiring to see transformations take place and deserving dogs find good homes. Amazing things are happening through programs like - Comeback Canine, Shy dog group, Growl class and many more because of support from YOU!



Dogs like Guapa, Monroe, Higbee and Crockett have learned better canine manners through our growing Comeback Canine program. Staff and Volunteers use consistent training to

decrease certain habits like - barking, jumping, mouthing, treat and food guarding and other disruptive habits. Chancey was in this group because he needed a little extra help with his manners. Chancey excelled so much that he finally captured the hearts of his forever family! THANK YOU to his family and everyone helping to make transformations like Chancey's possible!

Mackenzie's is 100% charitably funded. Our work and success is only possible with the help of caring people like YOU. Join us in our ongoing fight to make success stories like Chancey's possible! We invite you to take a moment to return the enclosed envelope with your most generous donation.

Every day Mackenzie's receives another call to save a dog that will otherwise be euthanized. Our ability to respond depends on YOU! We THANK YOU for caring, the dogs THANK YOU for saving their lives!



Fall Open House

ANOTHER GREAT REUNION!



Thank you to everyone that braved the weather and joined us at the Sanctuary for our Second Annual Fall Open House! With such busy fall schedules, it was a treat to see everyone and make time to spend with our Mackenzie's family! Thank you to so many Staff, Volunteers, Adopters, Adoptees and Sponsors who came together to reconnect and share some fall fun!



It was a great turn out again this year, with over 250 guests and so many furry friends! Over 39 past Mackenzie's dogs and their families were in attendance - Hershy, Gage, Vegas, Della, Churchill, Scout, Abbie, Tom, Jerry, Ember, Tulip aka Two-Tone, Suzie, Monte, Zazu aka Gunner, Lucy aka Dorie, Zara, Sparrow, Cowboy, Muppett, Watson, Chancey, Eclipse aka Chloe, Mowgli,

Snuggles, Phearless aka Cooper, Teddy, Lexee, Schnapps, Lando, Birdy aka Bailey, Tracker aka Jax , Success - Mom brought her picture, Tucker - his family brought his picture too...he recently passed away, Cinders, Bear, and many more!

What a fabulous way to wrap up an awesome summer and welcome a fantastic fall with friends! Thank you everyone for joining us!

AWESOME DAY! Exciting to see over 39 of our adopted dogs and YOU there – truly a celebration!

'SUCCESS' FOR FIONA!

Success was seen by many adopters, but each was reluctant to take our gentle giant home because of her ongoing eye issues. Then Success, now Fiona, found the love of Marcia & John:



"She has quite the silly side! She makes us laugh. She has a couple of stuffed animals that she loves to carry around. We truly are grateful she is here. She brings us so much joy! (And she is pretty spoiled!)." Thank you Marcia & John!

AMAZING SECOND CHANCES THANKS TO THE LOVE YOU HAVE TO GIVE!

When one Mackenzie's dog just isn't enough.

First time adopter, Matt, couldn't get enough of our Sanctuary sweethearts. After adopting Gentry (now Gunner) in November, he was eager to return to MAS for a playmate. Maddison, sixteen weeks old, went to her forever home to join both Matt and Gunner.

Now that's why we call our adopters family! Thanks Matt!

How Can You Help?

TIME TOGETHER

For most dogs, human companionship offers the highest quality enrichment. For most shelters, however, staff and trained volunteers who can provide this enrichment are often in short supply.

Mackenzie's strives to provide as much human contact with our dogs as possible. To make the most of their limited one on one time, Mackenzie's varies the activities that dogs and humans do together. These activities provide mental and social enrichment. They also provide a variety of experiences to stimulate their senses. A big 'Thank You' to everyone supporting these Sanctuary efforts! Your gift of time has a HUGE impact on each dog's journey to finding their forever homes! Keep up the great work and know you are making a difference to so many!



A VOLUNTEER STORY

MJ & TREVOR

"My favorite part? There are SO many good parts. Obviously, everyone is there for the dogs, me included. I love taking them for long walks on MAS' property and cuddling with them. Volunteering at Mackenzie's is definitely my stress relief.

Trevor is definitely my special friend. I love him so much! Volunteering at MAS has been the most fulfilling thing I've done. I started volunteering to help the dogs, but I realize now that they're the ones helping me. I love MAS and can't imagine my life without it!"

~MJ

Thanks MJ, we appreciate you too, especially Trevor!



Happy Tails!

"Being a family means you are a part of something very wonderful. It means you will love and be loved for the rest of your life. No matter what."



Fifteen year old Carleigh wrote us a very thoughtful update. We are excited to share every word!

Dear Tommie,

On November 11, 2011, my family and I were blessed to find our lovely dog thanks to you. Ever since that joyous day, I've been meaning to send a letter to express my gratitude. For many reasons, I am glad that we discovered Mackenzie's. The fact that it is a no-kill Shelter sparked my interests from the beginning. As a lover of animals, it pains me to see the horrifying experiences that some animals go through; however, meeting with cheerful dogs at your shelter as well as the motivated volunteers restored my faith in humanity. Even after this remarkable first impression, I was surprised to find there was more pleasures to come. My family and I were introduced to many dogs in order to find our perfect match. I was amazed to see your special connections with each extraordinary dog as you explained them in detail. The way the furry sweethearts warmed up to us as they entered the room changed my perspective of shelter animals. I learned that our love makes an enormous impact with the way some have been treated in the past.

After meeting with Pepsi, Cola, Tom, Jerry and Scrappy, we successfully found our match: Callie. The adorable black lab stole my heart and little did I know she would change my life for the better. As an 11 year old kid, I wished I could have taken all of them home with me, but I was still able to give my dog a forever home which made all the difference.

Not only did my experience with finding Callie attract me to many positives at Mackenzie's, but the volunteers changed my outlook on life. Seeing the incredible communication skills between the volunteers and dogs made me realize my strong passion for animals. To this day I am inspired to work with and assist animals in my own community.

The experience that my family and I had at Mackenzie's is unforgettable because we were lucky enough to adopt Callie, the most warm hearted dog in the world. As I write this letter of appreciation, I have my best friend by my side. We are practically inseparable. I have the many people at Mackenzie's, especially you, to thank for that. The workers' expertise and willingness to find each dog a forever home is inspirational to many. Mackenzie's is truly a gift from above and I hope to adopt more furry friends from you in the future!

Sincerely, Carleigh

Blessings Carleigh! You put into words what we hope to accomplish every day at the Sanctuary - thank you for seeing us!

