



## 9th Annual Pups and Putts

Mark your calendars ladies and gentleman our 9th Annual Pups and Putts event will be Tuesday, June 6th, at 8 AM at the Sunnybrook Country Club.



Activities include a Golf Tournament with Trophies and Awards, a Burger and Brats Luncheon and a Ticket Raffle.

To sign up your foursome or become an event sponsor please visit [mackenzies.info](http://mackenzies.info)

## 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 part of this work of love and compassion!***

### Considering volunteering?

No better time than today! Contact Kelli at [kdulude@mackpack.info](mailto: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, business, foundations and caring people like YOU! Thank you for all you make possible!

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# Healing at the Sanctuary

Heartworm disease is an infectious disease transmitted from mosquitos to dogs that results in lung, heart, and other internal organ damage. Heartworm disease is easily and inexpensively prevented with monthly oral or topical medications. Although easily prevented, heartworm disease is harder to treat once a dog acquires it via a mosquito bite. Treatment can be costly and lead to severe medical complications (such as clots to the lungs). Therefore, it is critical that activity and exercise restriction is strictly enforced during heartworm treatment.

The American Heartworm Society has established recommended guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of heartworm disease. At Mackenzie’s Animal Sanctuary, we follow these established guidelines to ensure our heartworm positive dogs have the best possible outcome with minimal complications. Prior to treatment, heartworm disease is confirmed with multiple blood tests and the severity of the infection is determined with chest x-rays, urinalysis, and additional blood work.



Once a diagnosis is confirmed, our heartworm positive dogs are started on activity restrictions, anti-inflammatories, heartworm preventives, and medications to help kill microfilariae (aka: “baby heartworms”). After we have given the dogs’ bodies time to recover from killing the microfilariae in their bloodstream, we then administer a series of injections that kill the adult heartworms. Activity restriction is continued for two additional months after these injections.

From start to finish, heartworm disease takes three months to treat. After treatment is completed, dogs will continue to test positive for heartworm for at least six months. Therefore, veterinarians are unable to definitely confirm heartworm treatment have been successful until nine months from the time of diagnosis and treatment was started!

Due to supporters like you, we are able to medically treat and support dogs like Cocoa, Orchid and Dexter, giving them a healthy second chance. They are now ready to start their heartworm free life in a forever home. For more information on them and our adoption program, visit our website today!



# Miranda Lambert

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN EVERY CITY



A huge thank you to Miranda Lambert for all the amazing work she is doing for animals in rescues accross the nation! Her Highway Vagabond Tour kicked off in January with a fabulous way for her fans to get involved! Miranda fans were asked to show their support of her MuttNation Foundation by filling the little red wagon at her tour stops with food and supplies for rescue animals in need. All donations brought to the shows would benefit local shelters at each tour stop. We were so estatic to hear Mackenzie’s Animal Sanctuary was chosen as the beneficiary of her concert here in Grand Rapids on March 20th! By donating, fans could also win a chance to meet the superstar before her show. Sanctuary Directors, Erik and Jen Bauer had the honor of thanking her in person and delivering a thank you goodie bag with Sanctuary swag!

Erik and Jen, along with Sanctuary Program Manager, Autumn Huber, were floored by the amount of love Miranda’s fans showered us with at the show! The pile of goodies just kept GROWING! Fans said they had never seen so many donations at other shows and



were so excited for us! We arrived at 3:00 and we never stopped greeting fans and thanking them for thier support until the sun went down! Miranda Lambert’s efforts of helping dogs in need in every city during her tour is INCREDIBLE! The love and generosity of her fans was fabulous and quite overwhelming! We had so much fun and were blown away by the amount of doggie love we received!

## CHECK OUT SOME OF THE LOVE – WOW!

Milk Bones:	141 boxes	Rope Toys:	110
Soft Treats:	195 packs	Canned Food:	119 cans
Plushy Toys:	94	Dog Food:	100 bags
Tennis Balls:	186		

Our Staff & Volunteers worked hard unloading & beginning the huge job of organizing & distributing these wonderful goodies. Our dogs & the humans that care for them are so grateful! Thanks again Miranda Lambert and crew! Donations are ‘blooming’ at the Sanctuary this Spring!

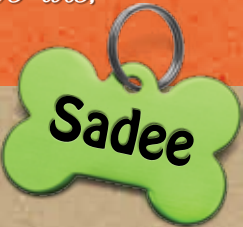


He’s “That Dog”

“My husband said the other day, “Chancey is “that dog” that you only get once in your life”. I have had many dogs in my life and would be hard pressed to name one I loved more than another, but he definitely has a special quality about him. Thanks again for trusting us with this guy.”

# Happy Tails!

“While a simple “thank you” seems rather trite, I have no other words to express our gratitude for allowing Sadee to rescue US...we are, indeed, blessed she chose US!”



Dale and Karen wrote us a very thoughtful update. We are excited to share every word!

December 15, 2015 proved to be one of the BEST birthdays I had ever celebrated, for we were receiving our beautiful GSD, Sadee, the very next day. While we had every intention of rescuing a pup to fill our home with furbaby love once again...we lost our 17-year old beagle, Belle, back in February... little did we know it would be Sadee that actually rescued us... from the very beginning!

Sadee came to us as a spunky 13-month old with all the personality of a typical GSD...a new breed to us. She quickly nestled into our hearts and home, but it wasn’t until March did we begin to realize the gift that she truly was...and continues to be. You see, with just three months into our relationship came the devastating news that her daddy...and my love of nearly 40 years...had liver cancer. My world crumbled that day, but it was the pure love and devotion of Our Sadee Girl that got us through the dark days of testing, imaging, a microwave ablation, countless transplant qualification meetings, and ultimately the transplant that would save his life. Despite a secondary diagnosis of biliary duct cancer, today marks four and a half weeks since Dale’s liver transplant. Sadee has not left his side since he’s come home, and I’m convinced his remarkable recovery is, at least in part, due to her love and loyalty. Our family continues to be hit with tragedy this year...not gonna lie...will be relieved to see the end of 2016...but it is Sadee that continues to help us see the joys of the simple things of life and to relish in our blessings as opposed to dwelling on our adversities. We have no doubt, she was destined to be ours...our angel here on earth!

She seems to have no idea of personal space...a common trait of the GSD, we’ve come to understand...she is a staple in the bathroom when we don’t close the door behind us and sits at our feet under the table when we eat..., gives the best hugs and kisses, greets everyone with an exuberant jump and wag of her powerful tail, loves her chew and squeaky toys, long walks, FOOD, and her 15-month old human nephew even more!

She is 90 pounds of pure joy, and we can’t imagine a day without her!

While a simple “thank you” seems rather trite, I have no other words to express our gratitude for allowing Sadee to rescue US...we are, indeed, blessed she chose US!

With love and gratitude,  
Dale and Karen

