



9th Annual Pups and Putts Recap

What a GREAT day for our 9th Annual Pups & Putts event! A HUGE Thank you to everyone that came out to golf, and to those who supported this year's event at Sunnybrook Country Club. We can't thank you enough for supporting our efforts of helping dogs in need.

(Pictured: Mackenzie's Alumni, Chewy DeGraaf & Family, enjoyed a morning of golf)



Volunteers are the BEST!

'THE "WHY" OF VOLUNTEERING'

When you think of volunteering, a lot of times, we focus on the "what" part of volunteering. What activities people can do with the dog and what Mackenzie's does as an organization, but let's talk about the "why" of volunteering. An organization like ours needs volunteers because without them, our dogs won't get adopted. These dogs have already been through so much in their lives. They've been abandoned and/or abused. Some have never known human kindness. By the time our dogs arrive at Mackenzie's, they've gone through the shelter system. Every single one of them is nervous and scared. That's why volunteers are so vital to our organization.

Volunteers get the dogs out of their kennels. They help the dogs with their training so they know how to sit and lay down for potential adopters. Volunteers help socialize these dogs so we can get them into their forever homes.

Without volunteers, our dogs will not succeed.

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 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

BEATING CANCER! TESLA'S STORY

By Dr. Alana



Tesla is a lovely 11 year old female spayed Labrador Retriever who arrived at Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary as a senior dog.

At Mackenzie's, we believe in preventive medicine and early intervention to provide dogs with the best health for the longest possible time. Therefore, all of the dogs who reside at Mackenzie's receive a veterinarian exam and

age appropriate annual testing while waiting for their forever homes. Due to Tesla's senior age upon arrival, we completed a full health screening including senior blood work and x-rays to assess for diseases that commonly occur as dogs age.

Unfortunately, Tesla's liver enzymes were elevated on her routine blood work, so many additional tests were performed to determine the cause of the elevation. A couple masses were identified on Tesla's liver via ultrasound so she was taken to surgery to biopsy the masses and determine the next treatment option based on the biopsy results. Luckily, Tesla's liver masses were determined to be a type of cancer that can be cured with aggressive surgical removal. Tesla has a lot of life left at her senior age; therefore, the skilled surgeons at Blue Pearl in Grand Rapids were able to perform the complex surgery to remove a large portion of her liver. We are thrilled to announce she is now cancer free!

Through all of the testing and surgery, Tesla remained in good spirits. We caught her cancer before she even realized anything was off in her body. Her cancer was caught early enough to be fully removed! Now, Tesla is living the good life in a forever home, enjoying her golden years with a wonderful loving family.



Mark Your Calendars

MACKENZIE'S FALL OPEN HOUSE!

When: October 14th
From: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Where: Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary



You and your dog(s) are invited to come grab a bite to eat, visit the Sanctuary, meet staff, say hello to 'adopted' dogs that may be visiting, take tours, meet adoptable dogs, and celebrate with us the hundreds of homeless dogs that have found forever adoptive homes.

Last year we had around 250 people and over 39 past Mackenzie's dogs in attendance. It was an amazing opportunity for staff, volunteers, sponsors, donators, potential adopters and adoptees, to reconnect, or make new connections. It was a real treat to see everyone!

For detailed information on this event, and to RSVP, please visit our website today mackenzies.info. We can't wait to see you and your four-legged friends this fall...

Ways to Help: We are always in need of dog treats, please help the sanctuary dogs by bringing your favorite box or bag of dog treats to the event... or anything else that is on our 'Wish List' which is located on our website. Thank you – we appreciate it!



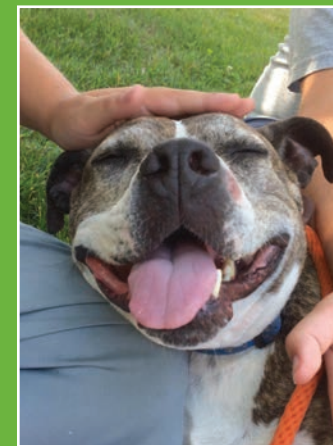
A VOLUNTEER STORY

SARAH, HENRY & JACK

"Henry & Jack helped me love up some dogs! My boys love coming out to Mackenzie's with me to hang out with the dogs. Santino is such a sweet snuggler, Aura loved the attention and treats, and Goliath was happy to just roll around in the grass. All 3 dogs are so sweet... look how good they are with my kiddos and they are all looking for every ever homes."



Check them out today on our website.



What HOME Looks Like

NOT ONE, BUT TWO SANCTUARY SWEETHEARTS

Molly has been doing well here in her new home. She loves laying out in the sunshine waiting for a bird or a squirrel to come into the yard. Capone has taught her how to hunt them. She loves playing tug with the rope toy and absolutely loves tennis balls. She always is chasing a ball around the house that she bats with her paws then chases after it. She loves sleeping in a bed and being under her blanket. When she gets scared she comes running to me and wants to be



covered up and snuggled. When she is under her blanket that has become her safe spot. She has filled out well and full of muscle. She is now at a very healthy 58 lbs. She sometimes thinks she is a lap dog or will put her paws around your shoulders to give you a hug, then proceeds to lick your face like crazy. She loves playing with the kids, thinking she is one of them sometimes. She has become my dog very much, she listens very well. She is still very timid around new people or strange places and is always looking at me for reassurance. She makes us laugh. She loves wrestling with Capone and has been a good playmate for him. They love giving each other kisses. She has been getting lots of love and couldn't have asked for a better fit.



Happy Tails!

This is General's Story



The following story is about 'General' one of our harder to place dogs. General needed a family that would understand it was going to be a lot of work and that General wasn't just going to fit in.

This family got it, they knew what they had to do to help General blossom into the dog he is today!

General came from a home that could not keep him due to having too many dogs. He had food guarding and touch sensitivity issues. He was a large dog, A Great Dane, and could be a handful.

It took some time, but we found the perfect owner and family for General. His new owners are very experienced with the breed, already having a sweet girl, named Luna. They knew consistency and dedication would be key to helping General fit in to their home.

Once home, General was placed into an obedience course. His new family slowly integrated the dogs by using baby gates, taking the dogs for lots of walks and slowly giving them more time together, along with hand feeding General to eliminate food aggression. They kept all dog bones and toys picked up and only allowed when the dogs were in their individual safe areas. Then, they slowly started introduced new people and other dogs. In short, they did an outstanding job!

General graduated from his 1st obedience course. His Dad said "he absorbed everything and was very smart, passed the class with flying colors".

Months later, General now lays on the couch with Luna and sits on the laps of everyone he is introduced to.

Everyone at Mackenzie's is so happy for our boy and his new forever family. Even though General had some behavioral issues, his "Forever" family knew how to handle his personality and provided him with everything needed to succeed.

