



Volunteers are the BEST!

Volunteers are extremely important to fulfill Mackenzie's mission. The more volunteers the MORE: Love, walks, training, socialization & play time! More of everything these dogs need to succeed and find loving forever homes.

THE DOGS NEED YOU, WE NEED YOU!

Become a Volunteer Today!

A VOLUNTEER STORY

Katie, M.A.S. Volunteer

"I am proud to be a volunteer at Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary and would encourage anyone who has some time & love to share, become one too. The love and affection showered on these lovely creatures is returned back to me many times over. New resident dogs can be reluctant at first to trust, love, and may even be fearful. Working with, and slowly seeing the true dog emerge, is an indescribable delight. Being with the dogs, gaining their trust, and seeing them off to their new "Forever Home" is a gratifying, bittersweet, achievement. Knowing that I may have helped to give these special animals another chance to live in a real home, with people who love them, is what pulls me back to the kennel each and every time. It is also fun to work with like-minded people, who also believe that kindness, compassion and TREATS give these dogs comfort along the way as well."



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

Want to Volunteer?

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

BEING THEIR 'HOME ALONG THE WAY'
FOR AS LONG AS THEY NEED.



Quincy was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma of his left rear limb in April. Osteosarcoma is a bone cancer most commonly diagnosed in large breed senior dogs. Often the first sign of this disease is owners noticing their dogs limping and/or favoring one of their limbs. To diagnose bone cancer, x-rays and other specialized tests (biopsies) are performed.

Unfortunately, bone cancer is very aggressive and has usually started to microscopically spread throughout the body by the time of diagnosis. Additionally, it is a very painful disease as the cancer cells replicate and destroy previously normal bone. Therefore, the main treatment goals of bone cancer are to minimize discomfort while slowing down the spread of disease (“metastasis”).

To help Quincy battle osteosarcoma, his cancerous leg was amputated as it was causing him intense discomfort. He began to happily run around on three legs within a couple days of surgery. Most dogs transition to life with three legs very well! Now that he has fully healed from surgery, his chemotherapy has started. Chemotherapy is the second step to osteosarcoma treatment as it attacks the cancer’s metastasis.

You’ll be happy to know that chemotherapy in dogs is rarely associated with the same intense side effects as chemotherapy in humans. Our goal is to slow down his cancer with chemotherapy while maintaining his energy, appetite, and joy for life. Therefore, Quincy has been in great spirits throughout his treatment!

Help Quincy or choose another dog with special needs, by becoming a sponsor. Your sponsorship of Quincy will help with his continued medical care and recovery. Sign up today at mackenzies.info.

Mark Your Calendars

MACKENZIE’S FALL OPEN HOUSE!

When: September 22, 2018
From: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Where: Mackenzie’s Animal Sanctuary



Our Fall Open House is our annual fundraising to help the dogs at Mackenzie’s. It’s tons of fun with exciting raffle prizes and activities for the whole family. 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 the hundreds of homeless dogs that have found a forever adoptive home.

Last year we had around 300 people and over 50 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!



LOOKING FOR A FOREVER FRIEND?

These dogs and many more would love to meet you!



Squeaky



Donna



Allie



Patches



Keeper



Olive



Moose



Ned



Ducati



Rose



Nala



Tannar



Aura



Santino



Skippy



Tonto



Higbee



Blizzard

Happy Tails!

What HOME looks like

Your continued support of Mackenzie’s has allowed us to help 1,108 dogs in need. We can help even more with you by our side.

Here are just a few happy faces out of the 931 dogs that have found forever loving homes through Mackenzie’s. This has been made possible because of you. THANK YOU! Let’s keep that number growing.



Help us continue putting smiles on faces by donating today!