



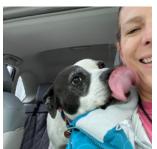
## Volunteers are the BEST!

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.

## Moving Forward in 2022!

Mackenzie's volunteer program continues to look quite different since the start of the pandemic. However, things are about to change, and we're excited to share the news.

We would like to introduce you to, Meg, our new Volunteer Coordinator. We have no doubt that she is going to fit perfectly into this position. Meg has been an essential staff member for the past four years and has a positively contagious personality. She has worked with most of our current volunteers and knows these dogs and our training program like the back of her hand. We are excited to see the many great things to come. Meg, along with all of us, are inviting you to join the volunteer team (The Mack Pack) as we move it forward.







click 'Volunteer'.







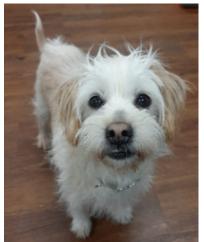


Mackenzie's is dedicated to finding forever homes for abused, abandoned and neglected dogs. Up to 115 dogs receive daily care, food, training, medical care and the affection of staff and hundreds of volunteers. Our nonprofit is supported entirely through the charitable donations of individuals, business,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



## HEALING AT THE SANCTUARY

It's because of supporters like you that we can continue to help dogs like Midge, Champ and so many others receive the urgent and continuous medical care they need.



#### Say Hello to Midge

Midge arrived at Mackenzie's Animal Sanctuary with multiple mammary masses. Seven small masses were removed and determined to be benign/non-cancerous. Unfortunately, the very large mass revealed to be cancerous. At the time of surgery, it was also determined that her cancer had already started to metastasis (spread) to surrounding lymph nodes.

We are pursuing chemotherapy with the goal of slowing down the spread of cancer while avoiding any unwanted side effects. Unfortunately, canine mammary masses are not

particularly responsive to chemotherapy, so her cancer cannot be cured. But we are hopeful she will enjoy another 6-12 months of great quality of life (at this point, Midge is a joyful pup who has no symptoms of cancer). Once we ensure Midge is doing well with her treatment, we hope to find her a loving foster (or adoptive) family to enjoy her remaining time in a comfy forever home.



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#### **Meet Champ**

Champ is a 2 yr. old mixed breed (45 lbs.) that came to us as a stray via animal control. He had a large skin defect/wound on his left side (best guess of what caused this is a chemical burn).

As you can imagine, we were shocked in disbelief and outraged that someone could do this to a helpless dog. There was no doubt in our minds that we had to help him get the medical attention he needed and the second chance he deserved.

We consulted with MSU as they have specialists for these types of injuries. They were moderately concerned they would find irreversible joint damage due to his knee being immobilized (from skin scar tissue) for what we presume has been this way for months. They are confident the skin will heal with their treatments, but the limb may end up non-functional.

During the surgery they broke down the scar tissue to allow them to assess the joint. If the joint seemed functional, then we will plan to proceed with soft tissue skin flaps/grafts to help his skin heal faster. If the joint appears to be non-functional, they will then proceed with an amputation.

The surgery went better than expected, skin flap/graft was not necessary, and he has been bearing some weight on his leg. This has made all of us extremely hopeful that he will have a full recovery, and soon enough, he will be getting that second chance at finding his way into the hearts of a forever family!







Read their full more stories at mackenzies.info today!

# Looking for a Forever Friend?

Look no further, here are just a few of our dogs that are looking for their forever homes.













## HAPPY TAILS

The gift of time leads to forever homes!

We believe there is a perfect match for every dog at the Sanctuary! There are various reasons why a dog's stay at Mackenzie's can be longer than others. However, here is proof that no matter how much time goes by, we will not give up on looking for the right family. Here is a fantastic adoption update from just one of our long-term dogs that is now, living his best life!

### HIGBEE:

**Intake Date:** 4/30/2013 **Adoption Date:** 5/19/2021

He's now 11 years old and an absolutely marvelous senior fellow. The only thing 'old' about him is his grumpy old man expressions and a touch



of arthritis. He still jumps up on everything... most of the time bypassing the steps we have provided to help lessen the arthritis aggravation. He likes his hour-long walks in the morning (now that it is cool out) and he hasn't met a human he doesn't LOVE, including our mailman. He does have a stubborn streak in him, and firmly communicates when he isn't happy about something. So, he continues training his humans. Hey – it's only been 6 months.

We think his middle name is "The Wedge" because he takes the prime spot on the bed each night and we find ourselves battling for space!

Since he doesn't like to be left alone, we enrolled him in daycare. Although he doesn't go every day, it has been a good alternative to use when we both need to be gone. They place him in a play group with other seniors, but he still comes home exhausted and ready for a power nap.

He loves his morning walks, but neally prefers a car ride in the afternoon or evening, so he goes on a lot of errands with us. He now has "rock star" status at Home Depot. He enjoys the pontoon, but the gentle motion puts him to sleep, so it's hard to get pictures of him awake! He has been a delightful addition to our family, and we look forward to sharing more future pictures of this happy fellow with everyone.