

Until we meet again!

In loving memory to those who crossed the rainbow bridge this year. These sweet souls were our daily life, some for many years and some for only a few days. We didn't just say goodbye to just a rescue dog, we said goodbye to our friends, friends that we loved dearly. Without the dedicated staff, volunteers, foster parents of Midge, Peanut & Juliet, along with all our donors, these dogs wouldn't have been able to get the fighting chance they deserved. We can't thank you all enough for providing these dogs with comfort, medical care and most importantly, your love! Indie, Peanut, Juliet, Kane, Hobbes, Akira & Midge - Your memories will live forever in our hearts!



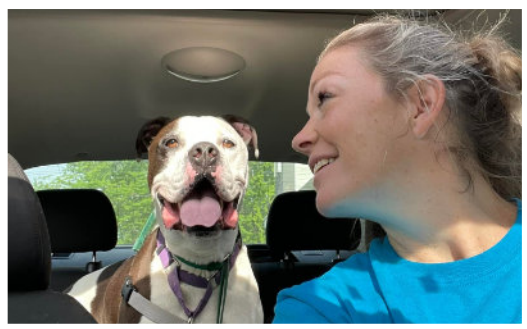
You Too Can Make A Difference!

When you become a Sanctuary volunteer, you're giving the animals what they want and need most: personal attention, hands-on care and LOVE.

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!

Email volunteer@mackpack.info if you'd like to get started!



Paw Prints

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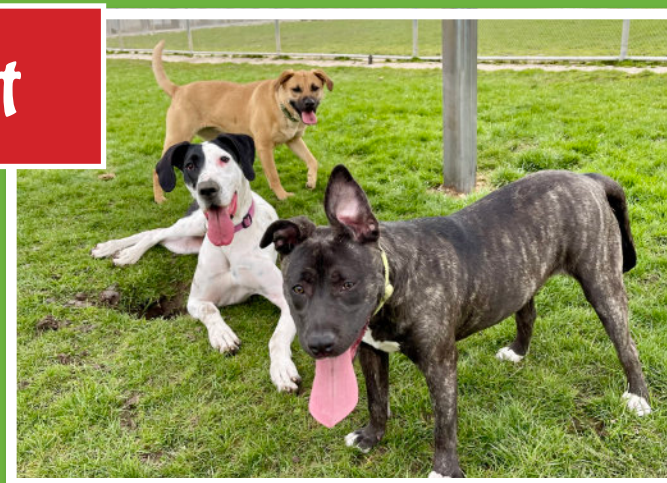
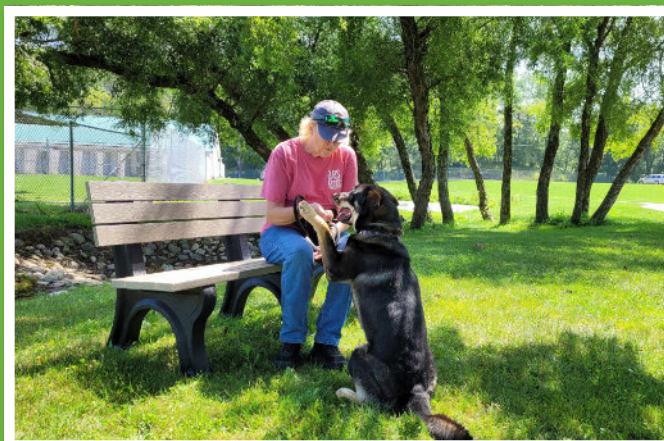
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The Gift of Enrichment

Although dogs can't talk, they can express their boredom, stress, and anxiety in a number of ways. Common behavioral responses to kennel life include: Barking, Jumping, Spinning, Chewing, Snapping, Resource Guarding & Withdrawing Mentally. These behaviors can make it difficult for us to find their forever homes. Therefore, our focus is to help improve their mental, physical, and emotional health with our enrichment & training programs. Some of the fun enrichment we do at MAS includes food puzzles, frozen treats, new toys daily, off-sites, playing in the pond, learning games, agility, basic training, and extra TLC. When engaged with enriching activities dogs are less likely to develop inappropriate behaviors, so that they remain good adoption candidates and don't become behaviorally at risk.



Dogs Playing for Life!™ is another program Mackenzie's uses to help establish safe multiple dog play groups. Rather than keeping dogs isolated from one another, play groups allow dogs to interact and bond with other dogs. Since dogs are accustomed to living in groups, this social time with other dogs can minimize behavioral deterioration, speed up behavior modification, and create more peaceful kennels by facilitating a more natural situation. In addition to exercise and social interactions, the many benefits of daily play groups include: determining social skills, supporting physical and mental health, improving behavior in and out of their runs, training opportunities, reducing isolation and stress and learning the dogs' individual personalities.

Being able to implement daily enrichment along with play groups has proven to be a win-win for people and dogs!

Your contributions support our primary goal, Finding Forever Homes.

What HOME Looks Like

REMEMBER NED & KC?

Ned: Intake Date 12/5/2017, Adopted 8/10/2022

KC: Intake Date 2/10/2012, Adopted 5/3/2019

Updates from when Ned was adopted

6 Month Update

"Ned is doing amazing!! He is so full of energy and excitement. KC (MAS Alumni – adopted back in 2019) loves having someone to go outside with, follow around and go on car rides with. His first Christmas went well. Both dogs received tons of new toys and spent all morning playing and having a blast."

1 Year Update

"We can't believe it's been 1yr already with Ned, it has gone by quick. He has turned into a big baby like his sister, KC. He loves to play ball, it's his favorite thing to do (he always has one with him). Ned and KC have become the best of friends. He loves giving kisses and curling up next to us when he wants belly rubs. We are so happy that Ned is a part of our family."

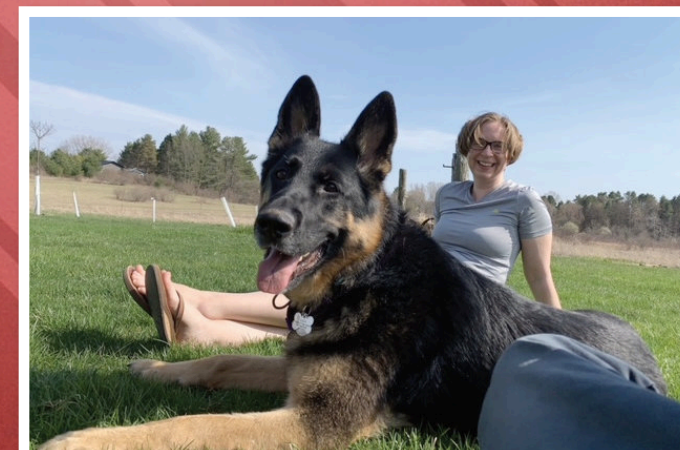


A Message from Lola's Adoptive Family

A SECOND CHANCE

INTAKE DATE 11/3/2017 ~ ADOPTION DATE 3/12/2022

Lola is doing fantastic! She has really come out of her shell, and she is a very vocal, verrrry spoiled, very happy girl. She is super playful and loves going outside on long walks. She listens in to our conversations and perks up when she hears the words "outside" or "walk!" She has learned that the BEST walks are the ones where she has to put her harness on (she gets so excited and makes happy, impatient whines to get that harness on NOW!). These are the walks where she gets to go on long leash, the 50 ft leash we use outside. Part of play outside is playing hide and seek; one of us will dive behind a bush or some tall grass and Lola has to find us. She is very, very much a shepherd, as she will always go back to find us if one of us "gets lost".



Mackenzie's worked with us to help Lola and Todd and I establish a nice bond before getting her home. Mackenzie's set us all up for success. I realize that time like that is absolutely a luxury, but it was one that has gone an incredibly long way toward making sure that Lola got a very smooth transition from sanctuary life to home life. Thanks to Mackenzie's focus on making sure that we had the luxury of time and putting Lola's (and our) need of time first and foremost, it has been smooth sailing at home."

It's because of supporters like you that help give 2nd chances to dogs like Lola!