What a Year...

2026 has been an exciting year, and we have so much to celebrate!









Over the last two years, our Volunteer Coordinator, Melissa, has worked incredibly hard to rebuild our volunteer program, reconnect with old friends, and create new partnerships within our community. Her dedication has helped bring Mackenzie's back into the community and public eye through meet-and-greets, volunteer opportunities, events, and fundraising. These connections have not only brought more people into the Mackenzie's community, but have also given our dogs opportunities to get out, experience new things, meet new people, and show everyone just how special rescue dogs can be.

This year, we've returned to some of the Chow Hound stores, partnered with Kula Yoga of Grand Rapids for puppy yoga, and introduced a fun new event, Pups & Paintings, right here at Mackenzie's. It's been a wonderful way for our social dogs to mingle with people while everyone enjoys an afternoon of creativity, dogs, and lots of wagging tails!

We also launched our Rescue Reading Program, which brings children and dogs together in a way that benefits everyone. Children can practice reading and build confidence in a safe, judgment-free environment, while our shy or nervous dogs enjoy positive experiences and quiet companionship. And this program isn't just for kids—adults who would like to read to our dogs are welcome, too! Sometimes, the best reading buddy has four legs and a wagging tail.

Our annual Golf Outing was also our largest yet! We welcomed 41 more players than last year, bringing us to 128 golfers, and raised $28,355—$6,495 more than the previous year! We were truly blown away by the generosity of our dog-loving community. Every golfer, sponsor, volunteer, donor, and supporter played a part in making the day such a success and helping us continue to provide the care, love, and second chances our dogs deserve.

Looking back on everything this year, we're reminded once again that rescue truly is a community effort. Every new connection, volunteer hour, event, and dollar raised helps us give dogs the opportunity to find the loving, forever homes they've been waiting for. We are so grateful to everyone who has been part of this journey and cannot wait to see what we can accomplish together next!



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The Gift of Giving

Every wagging tail, every joyful reunion, every second chance begins with someone who cared enough to give. When people think about animal rescue, they often picture happy adoption photos. While those moments are the ones we celebrate, they are only possible because of the incredible support we receive from people like you. Your generosity allows us to say "yes" to dogs who need far more than just a place to stay—it gives them the time, medical care, patience, and love they deserve.



- ***Because of you,*** Linus received the physical therapy he needed after severe malnourishment left him too weak to thrive. Today, he is stronger because you believed he was worth fighting for.
- ***Because of you,*** we welcomed Zina, a very pregnant mom who safely delivered 11 beautiful puppies. Your support provided prenatal care, nutritious food, veterinary care, vaccinations, and eventually spay and neuter surgeries, giving every one of those puppies the healthiest possible start in life.
- ***Because of you,*** Bahama Momma and her critically ill puppies received weeks of intensive medical treatment and around-the-clock care. There were difficult days filled with uncertainty, but thanks to your compassion, every one of them recovered and found a loving forever home.
- ***Because of you,*** Kendrick, a deeply fearful German Shepherd, wasn't rushed or overlooked. He was given the one thing he needed most—time. Time to learn that people could be trusted, time to build confidence, and time to become the incredible dog we always knew he could be.
- **Because of you,** Bubbles received specialized care after suffering neurological injuries from being hit by a car. Instead of her story ending in tragedy, she was given comfort, rehabilitation, and the chance to live a life filled with love.

These are only a handful of the stories that happen every day at Mackenzie's. Behind every dog is a journey that may begin with heartbreak, fear, neglect, or illness. But because of your generosity, those stories become stories of healing, hope, second chances, and unconditional love. Your gifts provide medical care, surgeries, rehabilitation, behavioral training, nutritious food, safe shelter, enrichment, and the time each dog needs to heal at their own pace.

Thank you for making the impossible possible. Thank you for believing in dogs that others may have given up on. And thank you for being the reason so many lives are forever changed. Because of you, hope has a home at Mackenzie's.

The Gift of Fostering

To honor their late rescue Porter, one amazing family made a vow: to give a loving home to the dog(s) who needed it the most.

That promise led them to foster Thor through his cancer treatment and final days, giving him the gift of a devoted family. Thor's legacy lived on when they opened their doors next to Gilbert, giving another long-term Sanctuary dog a brand-new beginning.

Fostering hospice and senior dogs gives long-term residents a quiet, loving place to heal, rest, and thrive. When you open your home to foster, you don't just change one life—you set a beautiful chain of second chances in motion.

Become A Foster Today!


In Loving Memory

Thor spent the last six months of his life in a foster home surrounded by love, laughter, comfort, and peace as he bravely fought aggressive cancer. Read more about Thor and the incredible people who opened their home and hearts to him on our website: Mackenzies.info

The Gift of Second Chances

Forever Home Updates

BO **INTAKE DATE 9/15/2025**
ADOPTION DATE 12/29/2025

"After losing our first MAS dog, Bleu, to cancer, we knew we wanted to adopt from MAS again. Once again, they found us the perfect match. Bo (formerly Gomez) is kind, loving, snuggly, and fits perfectly into our family. Our grandchildren adore him, and we couldn't be more grateful. MAS truly goes above and beyond—we wouldn't adopt from anywhere else!"



IVY **INTAKE DATE 1/9/2023**
ADOPTION DATE 7/12/2026

"Ivy is the sweetest, best-behaved girl! She loves chasing her frisbee in the backyard, going on morning walks, and making new friends. A recent trip to the Kent County Wahlfield Dog Park was the highlight of her week—she ran, played, splashed in the pond, and had the best time! Her future is filled with love, adventure, and endless tail wags."



CLAIRE **INTAKE DATE 2/27/2018**
ADOPTION DATE 10/31/2025

DONTE **INTAKE DATE 3/2/2018**
ADOPTION DATE 3/23/2018

"How we hit the dog lottery twice with her and Dante, we don't know. But it must have something to do with Mackenzie's formula and process for making the best match for dog and furever home. Thank you for helping us find each other!"



GROOT **INTAKE DATE 1/6/2021**
ADOPTION DATE 6/16/2026

"We bonded the most after he got himself sprayed by a skunk on our very first night together! He was in my backyard for all of five seconds before he darted off and sent a skunk running under my deck. My house still smells, but we officially became trauma-bonded after that, and he spent the next day glued to my side. He's been a wonderful addition to my home, and I can't wait for all the adventures ahead!"

