

# Scratching **POST**

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM WAYSIDE WAIFS

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*Foster parents Jonell & Tonya  
with Maya and her 6 week  
old puppies: Water, Fire,  
Earth, Air, and Spirit.*



***Fostering Saves Lives***

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# Letter from the President *A Second Chance at Happiness*



Thousands of homeless animals have come to Wayside Waifs this year. Some were strays, struggling to survive on the streets; many came from smaller shelters that did not have the resources to care for them; others were surrendered by their owners who could no longer care for them. Despite their rough pasts, all of the animals had one thing in common – a second chance at happiness. Because of your support, the animals at Wayside are on their way to becoming part of a loving family. From the start, Waifs are given medical care, a behavior evaluation and, if needed, comprehensive behavior modification. During their stay with us, Waifs are given the best care including nutritious food, warm beds, ample enrichment, and lots of belly rubs!

Will you join us as animal advocates and inspire others in your life to give? Motivate them to make a special year-end gift, become a shelter volunteer, or ask their workplace to “adopt” Wayside for the holidays by collecting items from our Wish List. Visit [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org) to make a donation or see how you can get involved.

Thank you for all you do to give animals a second chance at happiness!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Mahoney  
President

*P.S. Happy Holidays! I hope you're able to spend quality time with those you love – both two and four legged!*



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## Happy Tails Forever Loved



### Monkey

He is incredibly affectionate!  
He loves to follow me, and get pet; he's a talker too.

– Travis

### Cheddar

It's so much sweeter to watch the world go by with a friend.

– Carolyn



Share your adoption stories with us on Facebook!



### Mission:

**PREPARING PETS AND PEOPLE FOR THE BOND OF THEIR LIVES.**

We accomplish our mission by protecting and caring for the animals under our watch; by reaching out to the community for love and support; and by teaching others about the profound joy that pets bring to our lives.

# 2022 Strutt With Your Mutt *A Celebration of Pets & People*



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Team Dechra - employees participated that day and the company sponsored the event.

Big tail wags to everyone who participated in the 32nd Annual Strutt With Your Mutt on Sunday, September 25. Whether you ran, Strutted, volunteered, or donated, your generosity raised funds to rescue and care for the homeless animals at Wayside Waifs.

This year, more than 1,000 people came to Strutt With Your Mutt. They were joined by 800 of their canine friends. Thanks to our sponsors, donors, participants, and volunteers - you raised \$170,000 for abandoned, abused, and homeless animals! Together, we are creating a more humane Kansas City for both pets and people.



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Larry and Margaret Rivers with their dogs Molly and Parker.

We want to give a huge thank you to amazing fundraisers who do so much to help the Waifs! Special thanks to our top fundraising team, **Abby and Emma's Run With the Waifs**. Along with the event's highest individual fundraisers, **Colin Price** and **Emma Price** – they tied this year! We're very grateful to the anonymous donor who matched donations the day of Strutt. We'd also like to give a shout out to **Team Rob Sight Ford** for having the largest team with 40 people!

*We'd like to thank Meagan Dowell, On The Ball, and Scott Poore, Mission Driven, for being co-chairs of this event!*

## **Thank you to our top sponsors:**

**Melcher Investment Company, Rob Sight Ford, Ameristar Cares, Hill's Science Diet, Demdaco, Dechra Veterinary Products, Landers' Visions, JNA Advertising, Lily's Play N Stay, JE Dunn, Camp Bow Wow, Noah's Ark, Mission Driven, On The Ball, Westlake Hardware, 99.7 The Point, The Kansas City Star, and KMBC Channel 9!**



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Enjoying the beautiful morning with her dog to raise money for the homeless animals.

**Keep your eyes open for the 2023 Strutt With Your Mutt date as we return for the 33rd year. We hope to see you there!**

# You Save Lives And Create Loving Futures

You save and improve lives. Your support of Wayside Waifs helps homeless animals while they're in our care. But your importance doesn't end there – it continues with the lives they share with their forever families. Below are just four animals whose lives you've changed for the better.

## **Rescued From A Puppy Mill**

You may remember Maya – she's on the cover. She came to us from a puppy mill with nearly 150 dogs in dire need of medical and behavioral care. Maya, a 4 ½ year old Pomeranian, had been neglected but surprisingly wasn't extremely underweight. We soon discovered why – she was pregnant. She gave birth to five puppies at the shelter and immediately went into foster care. Another dog rescued from that puppy mill was Tippy, a 5 ½ year old Pomeranian – also on the cover. Like Maya, she had been bred her entire life, had only lived in the puppy mill, and hadn't interacted with people. She was much more skittish and scared than Maya so she went into foster to learn that she can trust humans. We discovered the two dogs need each other... Tippy especially needs Maya to increase her confidence. So when the dogs were ready for adoption, we made them a bonded pair. That's when Ramona, cover photo, stepped in. She adopted them both and has given them an amazing home! She even took training with Wayside's Canine Public Training Manager to ensure their lives would continue to improve.

*"Sometimes we need a friend,"  
said Ramona,  
"like Tippy needed Maya."*

## **Saved Despite Having FeLV**

Stiles came to Wayside as a stray. Our vet staff quickly learned he has Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV). Cats infected with FeLV appear healthy, but have a weakened immune system and are more susceptible to illness. FeLV only infects cats but can be spread in various ways. Always talk with your veterinarian before adopting a cat with FeLV! Past research indicated the disease was detrimental to the infected cat. But now we know that while life-spans may be impacted, their quality of life remains good. We grew to love Stiles at the shelter and saw his cuddly personality, but no adopters wanted him because he has FeLV. Thankfully John, above, immediately adopted Stiles into



**PICTURED ABOVE:** Stiles and John spend endless amounts of time together thanks to you.

his cat-free family when he heard about the situation. Now Stiles spends his days watching bird videos, overseeing fish tanks, and napping on his couch. "He has curled up on my lap every day since he's been part of the family," said John.

## **They Gifted Each Other A New Life**

Jessie came to Wayside as a stray. She was morbidly obese and could barely walk down the hall at Wayside. She had to lose weight to live. Her diet was managed very closely and she was given exercises to do to improve her health. Thankfully Cheryl and Tom saw her online during the pandemic and immediately decided to adopt her. Cheryl had just beaten cancer and was healing from the after effects. In addition, she had been diagnosed with neuropathy and could no longer work. She wanted a dog to spend her days with, keep her company, and become her best friend. In addition to that bonding time, Jessie was taken on daily walks which helped her lose more than 90 pounds. This family is a great example of why animals need people and vice versa – Jessie lost weight that has allowed her to be happy and Cheryl found the strength she had lost during her illness.

*“We may have helped Jessie lose weight,” said Cheryl.  
“But she saved me by being by my side every day.”*

These are just four animals who have had horrific pasts but their lives changed because of you. You helped rescue them; you helped them get life-saving care; you helped them find their forever homes! While there are always animals in need, we hope you remember the joy you bring to each of them by enriching their lives forever.

**PICTURED RIGHT:** Tom and Cheryl are forever grateful for the love Jessie has brought to their lives.



## *Wayside Wish List* Your Holiday Shopping List



Through your support, the Wayside team serves nearly 6,000 abandoned, abused, and homeless animals every year – giving them the second chance at life they deserve. **As the holiday season is upon us, consider collecting items from the Wayside Wish List to donate to the shelter animals as part of your holiday festivities as a family, at your workplace, or through your club/civic group.**

### **Wish List Items Needed:**

- Canned Wet Cat & Dog Food
- Dog Toys
- Hot Dogs
- Cat Dancer Wand Toys
- Feliway Spray
- Paper Towels
- Cardboard Cat Scratchers
- Peanut Butter (without Xylitol)
- Spray Cheese
- Soft Training Treats
- Churu sticks
- Nyla Bones
- Cat & Kitten Toys

**If you order from AmazonSmile, the items will be directly shipped to Wayside – it’s a no hassle and touch free way to shop! Otherwise, your generous donations can be dropped off at the shelter in the bin outside the main entrance every day of the week between 8:30 am-4:30 pm.**

*To view our entire Wish List, visit [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org).*

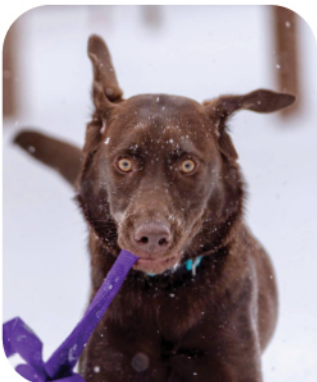
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For information on volunteering, call 816-986-4431.

Wayside Waifs is located at  
3901 Martha Truman Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64137



Socialize with Wayside!

## You're Invited *Upcoming Events*

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, December 10, 2022 from 10 am – 5 pm**

Join us for our annual Holiday Open House.  
Come for refreshments, shelter tours,  
to adopt a furry friend, and more!

The day is sponsored by our partner,  
Hill's Pet Nutrition.



**FUR BALL GALA: Saturday, May 13, 2023**



Save the date for Wayside's largest  
FUNdraiser for the animals. With a  
gourmet dinner, open bars,  
and a lively auction, this is a night  
guests won't furr-get.

Visit [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org) for more details  
about these and other events.

