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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM WAYSIDE WAIFS

SUMMER EDITION 2023



*Maverick, a Waif Alum,
with students at Crossroads
Academy – Quality Hill*

**Creating Compassion
One Paw at a Time**

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Letter from the President *New Year, Big Plans*



Thank you for your continued support. You allow us to do what we do. You save lives.

It has been a very busy spring here at Wayside! Our team has been receiving many requests for help with hoarding cases, disaster relief, and commercial breeding cases. With your support we are able to answer the call and give these animals, desperate for a second chance, loving homes.

Wayside also continues to work tirelessly to prevent animal abuse, neglect, and homelessness. We do this through all of our programming - youth education, public dog training and community outreach. Ultimately we are creating a more compassionate world, and breaking the cycle of violence – for both pets and people.

All of this important work could not happen without your help. I am humbled and grateful for your steadfast support!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Mahoney
President

*P.S. Save the date for this year's **Strutt With Your Mutt** on Sunday, **September 24, 2023**. It will be in the Brookside neighborhood.*

Happy Tails *Forever Loved*



Clyde

He has been an amazing addition to our family, we love him so much.

– Rebecca

Gracie & Butterbean

They are happy and playful. We're smitten!

– Alice



Share your adoption stories with us on Facebook!



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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.



Fur Ball 2023 Paws Vegas

Special thanks to Fur Ball's Co-Chairs are Joann Fuller & Forrest Cook and Nick & Margaret Davis. Returning as the emcee was Gary Lezak and his weather dogs, Sunny – a Waif Alum – and Rainbow.

Make sure to save the date for next year's Fur Ball Gala on Saturday, May 11, 2024!

Join Wayside Waifs in thanking our incredible Fur Ball sponsors:

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PICTURED ABOVE: Fur Ball's Event Chairs, Nick & Margaret Davis and Joann Fuller & Forrest Cook, with puppies and showgirls.



To view event photos and relive the festive night, go to FurBallKC.org.

PICTURED LEFT: Dr. Mark Box, otherwise known as Elvis, and Ollie the kitten.



Wayside Waifs would like thank The Jack & Helyn Miller Foundation, The Jack & Glenna Wylie Foundation, and an anonymous donor for their generous matching gifts!

Creating Compassion *One Paw at a Time*



Wayside Waifs works endlessly to rescue animals in need and find them loving homes. But did you know we also work hard to create a more compassionate world? Whether it's by preventing animal abuse, neglect, or homelessness... with adults or kids... pet owners or not... Wayside spreads compassion to all.

With your help, we save animals from neglectful situations and give them good lives. We work with others – both individuals and community groups – to help animals in need and create a more connected community.

One way we are able to share our knowledge with the community is through our Dog Training classes. Wayside offers these classes, seminars, and private training sessions, which utilize positive reinforcement, as a way to increase pet retention. Pet owners who have challenges with their dog's behavior are able to take classes from our Certified Canine Public Training Manager. They can learn how to work with and modify behaviors which not only strengthens the bond they share with their pet, but it also eliminates the need to surrender that pet to Wayside because they were able to overcome the challenges.

"The classes take place in a fun, safe, and positive environment," Mary and Joe said.

We welcome children to Wayside on a daily basis to instill positivity in how they treat pets and people. They are involved in a lot at the shelter – from animal visits to tours to projects that benefit the Waifs.

They engage in various programming offered by our Humane Education managers such as Proper Pet Care, Dog Safety, and Activating Em-PAW-thy. These programs help kids understand that their own needs are similar to our pets. They leave Wayside with more motivation to not just care for their family pets, but for all living beings.

In addition to welcoming kids to Wayside, our No More Bullying® curriculum is taught to children across the country. Locally, our Humane Educators go in to classrooms and teach the curriculum alongside their Companion Animal. Lessons from No More Bullying® focus on its five core values: Responsibility, Compassion, Being Humane, Self-Control, and Integrity. Studies prove that developing these principles in young people through the humane treatment of animals leads them to have greater empathy for human beings and helps stop violence before it starts.

Ten years ago, a Wayside employee broke the cycle of violence for Maverick (on the cover), a stray dog they found on the highway. Based on Maverick's health, he had lived a life full of abuse and was most likely being used in dog fighting. Thankfully violence stopped the day he was brought to Wayside. Our medical and behavior teams gave him life-saving care. He was adopted and given a second chance. Incredibly we learned he was the beloved pet of a 3rd grade teacher where we teach No More Bullying®! The teacher saw his photo on her students' journals and learned that his story had been shared with thousands of students over the years. It was an amazing example of how life can be bad until compassion steps in to help!



Wayside recognizes the need for compassion in everyone's lives, especially in today's world. Through our various ways of working with the public, we're able to educate others on how being kind to one another, and to pets, helps create a more empathetic community. Thank you for supporting Wayside – we couldn't spread compassion without you.

To learn more about Wayside and the programs we offer, visit WaysideWaifs.org.

PICTURED ON PAGE 4: Volunteers from The Junior League spreading compassion through puppy snuggles.

PICTURED LEFT: Recent attendees of Wayside's Dog Training Class, Mary and Joe with their graduate Claire.

Best Friends Providing Consistent Support

Best Friends Monthly Donors who give to the homeless animals at Wayside are constant life-savers. Month after month their gifts provide medical care, behavior training, safe shelter, nutritious food, and love to thousands of animals in need of a second chance. The consistent support from Best Friends is one of the only reliable aspects of life for a Waif.

Tony and his wife, Becky, have been Best Friends Monthly Donors for more than a decade! Their support gives a voice to the helpless animals who need someone by their side.

"Animals give so much to us," said Tony, "They provide endless happiness, unconditional love, and continuous licks to our faces!"

If you'd like to join Tony and Becky and become a Best Friends Monthly Donor, visit WaysideWaifs.org or contact Wayside's Donor Relations Department at 816-986-4410.



Tony with their cat, Niki



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

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Socialize with Wayside!

Strutt With Your Mutt Sunday, September 24

It's almost time for the 33rd annual **Strutt With Your Mutt** 5k run and 3k walk benefiting Wayside Waifs! The fun and furry morning will take place on **Sunday, September 24**, in the Brookside neighborhood at 63rd and Brookside Plaza in Kansas City, MO. You and Fido are welcome to walk or run the course. But don't worry, if you're part of a cat family or just prefer to come without your pet, then do so! You don't need a four-legged friend to participate - everyone is welcome to join. Strutt With Your Mutt is guaranteed fun for your entire family with food, contests, entertainment, and more than 50 vendors!

Visit WaysideWaifs.org/strutt to register today!

If you would like to learn about Strutt sponsorship opportunities, contact Amanda Smasal at asmasal@waysidewaifs.org.

