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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM WAYSIDE WAIFS HOLIDAY EDITION 2019



**75 Years Strong -
Saving Lives into the Future**

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Letter from the President *Past, Present, and Future*



As our 75th anniversary comes to a close, I can't help but tell you one more time how much you've mattered to the shelter through the years. It's because of your generous heart that makes Wayside's life-saving mission a reality today and for decades to come.

During the past 75 years, much has changed but our core mission is the same. We have grown to a 50 acre property but still remain in the exact same location. While the original building no longer stands, Wayside as it's known today has evolved to adapt to current needs. We

started caring for a hundred animals a year, now we care for thousands. Our staff started with one person and has grown to 74 – with the additional help from incredible volunteers, donors, and other supporters.

The growth currently taking place at Wayside will benefit even more pets and people in the future. The Canine Behavior Center will benefit dogs – both high arousal and shy/fearful. The Education & Training Center will benefit people – children and adults. Read more about these exciting additions on page 4.

Wayside prepares pets and people for the bond of their lives. Yes, we are here to save the lives of homeless animals – to make them happy and healthy again. But we're also here to improve the lives of people. With your help, we're able to make both of these things possible.

We couldn't be happier you've chosen to stand by our side so we can work together to make the lives of pets and people better. Thank you for taking this year to look back on the accomplishments from our past, and for joining us in our successful future!

Geoff Hall – President

P.S. Happy Holidays to you all! Enjoy your time with friends and family – both two and four legged.



*Preparing pets and people
for the bond of their lives.*

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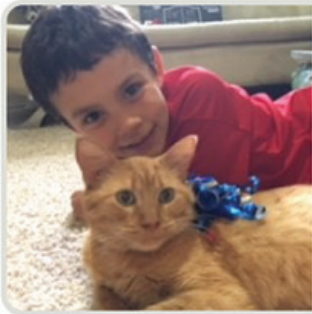
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Happy Tails Forever Loved



Archie

We are really enjoying him. Our son said he is the best present he's ever gotten.

- Angela



Delta

She's great – part of our family. She loves walking and is getting more active.

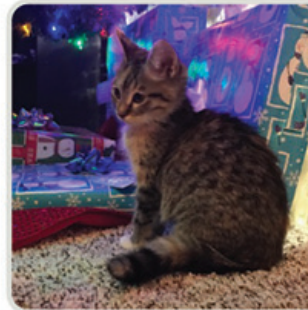
- Amy



Rocky

The best gift we've gotten ourselves this year is parked under the tree.

- Laura



Viola

She loves to play and has a ton of toys. She is a wonderful addition to our family!

- Michael



Luna & Jack

Our pets both came from Wayside and are best friends.

- Shawna



Milo & Otis

These two enjoy holidays almost as much as each other!

- Sarah

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.*

75 Years Strong

Saving Lives into the future



A rendering of Wayside's campus once construction is complete.

For the past 75 years, Wayside has helped abandoned, abused, and homeless animals. We know that lives will continuously need saving and, because of generous supporters, we'll make sure that happens. In fact, we recently broke ground on a new building and expansion of the current building which allows for more animals to stay in our care.

The new building is the **Canine Behavior Center**. It's the second of its kind in the nation and will exclusively serve shy and fearful and high-energy/arousal shelter dogs during their behavior transformations. Wayside often receives dogs with significant behavior challenges. When animals are abused, abandoned, and neglected – they become shy and fearful, or seem unadoptable. What we've found through our Behavior Program is that with time, positive training methods, and using research-based behavior modification methods – almost all dogs can become confident, trained, and wonderful family pets. Their resiliency shines through when given the chance.

Pal, a dog who received behavior modification at Wayside because he was shy and fearful, was a stray brought in by local Animal Control. While we don't know what happened in his life prior to coming to us, we could tell from his behavior that he didn't trust anyone. He was scared, head-shy, and became very tense in the presence of people. Our Behavior Team began working with him to help rebuild his confidence so he could learn to trust again. In addition to learning sit, down, shake, roll over, and target during his behavior modification, he became stronger and more sure of himself resulting in him becoming a happy and friendly dog. He started spending one-on-one time with staff and showed affection to everyone. None of these behaviors were seen before our Behavior Team helped him. After he received this training, Pal went on quite a few Field Trips with volunteers. This allowed him to interact with the world outside of the shelter - he visited several parks, a pet store, and even enjoyed dog-friendly ice cream!

We're happy to report that, thanks to donor support and our Behavior Program, Pal has received the second chance he deserves – he was adopted! The behavior modification he received at Wayside helped him become the happy, loving dog that fit wonderfully into his forever family.

Pal is just one example of a dog who received life-saving behavior modification at Wayside. While we currently help both shy and fearful and high-arousal dogs, our current shelter is not ideal for state-of-the-art behavior modification. The constant barking, numerous visitors, and busy environment adds stress for these dogs who are already suffering. What these dogs need is a quiet and controlled environment where they can build confidence, learn how to trust again, learn manners, and receive customized behavior modification and training lessons. That is the exact environment that, due to donor support, the new **Canine Behavior Center** will provide!

The 9,000 square foot **Canine Behavior Center** will be built behind the main shelter building. It will serve 21-42 dogs at a time in a quiet, controlled environment. It will have indoor-outdoor kennels, home-like rooms, indoor and outdoor play and training areas, and a dedicated medical exam room. With this new building, we know behavior transformations will happen more quickly resulting in twice as many behavior dogs being served annually (119 were served in 2018).

The 8,000 square foot expansion is the **Education & Training Center**. It will be built on the northeast corner of the current shelter. It will include three indoor multipurpose areas (that can serve as youth education programming classrooms, indoor dog training classrooms, volunteer orientation classrooms, and more), collaborative meeting space, office and work space for education staff and volunteers, restrooms, and additional storage.

With only one modest-sized public meeting room in our current shelter, staff and volunteers are constantly juggling the needs of our campus. Because of our limited space, we are forced to turn away hundreds of groups and individuals seeking to visit our campus to learn about animal welfare, humane education, and take dog training classes. This new space will allow these groups and individuals a chance to visit Wayside.

"This boy is loyal, sweet as honey, adventure loving, and silly cute!" said Nicole Underwood, on the cover with Pal. She took Pal on Field Trips after he graduated from the Behavior Program.



A Canine Care Technician gave Pal a bath – he gave her love in return.



PICTURED ABOVE: *Humane Education Companion Animal, Sampson, will have more opportunities to reach the public in the future.*

We're excited that the new classrooms will expand our Humane Education curriculum that teaches responsible pet care and our signature No More Bullying! violence prevention program. In addition, with the new training space we'll expand dog training classes to our adopters and the general public which will support pet retention efforts – keeping pets in their adoptive homes and reducing the number of animals being surrendered by frustrated owners.

While we are extremely proud of where we've come from and the dedicated work of Wayside's founder, Fenby Webster, that began 75 years ago, we couldn't be happier with the direction we are headed. These upcoming additions to Wayside will only make the shelter stand out as more of a leader in the animal welfare community. And we thank you for making it all possible!

Breaking Ground for Wayside

On August 22, donors, staff, volunteers, and civic & community leaders gathered at Wayside to celebrate breaking ground for the shelter's future, as pictured below. For the past five years, staff have been working on these plans – researching the best ways to fulfill the shelter's needs. In order to execute the future change correctly, and with Wayside's mission in mind, they developed a plan to grow the current campus in ways to help both pets and people.

Several of Wayside's staff members and supporters have been working hard on The Building Dreams and Transforming Lives Campaign to raise much-needed funds for the future growth. The construction for the Canine Behavior Center and Educational & Training Center is planned to be complete next summer.



The \$8 million Campaign, co-chaired by Dave & Sandy Johnson and Tom & Jill Turner has already raised about \$7 million. The Campaign has moved into its public phase to raise the remaining \$1 million.

If you'd like to join those who've already supported the Campaign by making your own donation, visit WaysideWaifs.org or contact Andrew Starr at 816-986-4414.

2019 Strutt With Your Mutt *A Celebration of Pets & People*

Big tail wags to everyone who participated in the 29th Annual Strutt With Your Mutt on Sunday, September 15. 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 1,600 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 \$134,200 for abandoned, abused, and homeless animals! Together, we are creating a more humane Kansas City for both animals and people.

There was plenty of fun for the entire family with entertainment, vendor booths, and a photo booth donated by Candid KC.

Special thanks to our top fundraising team AND youngest fundraisers, **Abby & Emma's Team**, along with the event's highest individual fundraiser, **Emma Price** - YOU do so much to help the Waifs! 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 Catalent** for having the largest team with 54 people!



PICTURED ABOVE: Top fundraisers, Abby Hunt and Emma Price, with Waif Alum, Harriet.



We hope you'll save the date for the 30th Annual Strutt on **Sunday, September 20, 2020** and join us at next year's Strutt With Your Mutt!

We'd like to thank **Jodi Robinson** and **Meagan Dowell** for being co-chairs of this event for the second year in a row!

Thank you to our top sponsors:

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PICTURED TOP RIGHT: Walkers getting ready to Strutt their stuff and follow Top Dog Sponsor, Rob Sight Ford.

PICTURED BOTTOM RIGHT: The Ameristar Cares Team - Ameristar employees with their personal dogs.

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Abby, Bailey, Basie, Beamer, Bella, Belle, Boris, Bosco Doane, Charles, Charlie Schlezes, Charlie Solorzano, Charlie May, Chase, Cookie, Cuddles, Fire, Frank, George, Georgia, Gladys, Hinrich, Husker, Indy, Jack Daniels, Kilo, Larry, Leo, Libby, Mew, Miley, Murphy, Natty, Olive, Oscar, Petey, Puckett, Red, Rug, Shiloh, Skipper, and Smitten



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"Saturday Night Live"
Saturday, May 9, 2020**



*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.*

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