



Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue

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www.WagginTailsDogRescue.org

Autumn 2011

A 501(c)3 non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to rescuing, caring for, and placing companion animals in forever homes.



Atticus, now Sasori, was adopted in April by Krista and Nikk.

Judging by the smile on his face, this pup is happy to be off the streets and loves his new, forever home!



Every dog has a story, how it ends depends on you...

Our homeless, furry friends are in desperate need of a loving and caring home. If you cannot adopt, any act of kindness while they wait, will change their lives forever.

September is NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH.

Are you prepared?

If you consider your furry friend as part of the family, you will want to read this and take some precautions for their care and safety in the event of an emergency situation, whether natural disaster like a flood or house fire, burglary, a car accident or possibly a medical emergency requiring rescue personnel to enter your home which could cause your pet to panic and flee.



Take these few basic steps now to protect your pet:

1. Get your pets micro-chipped. If that's already done, have the chip scanned at your vet, confirm the chip number, and make sure your information is updated with the microchip registry.
2. Put collars and ID tags on your pets. Make new ID tags if the information needs updating.
3. Have a hard plastic carrier per pet and mark the carriers with your name and number.
4. Take a clear, close-up photo of your pet. Record the pet's name, age, microchip number, medical info and your veterinarian's name in an email, attach the photo, and send it to yourself and a few trusted friends. Post it on your own Facebook page, or other permanent online location so that you can access it from anywhere.



More resources can be found at:

The **Red Cross** (www.redcross.org) has a booklet called Pet First Aid that you can get at your local Red Cross office or online. There is also a PDF called "Pets and Disaster Safety Checklist" on the website.

BARKTOBERFEST In Old Village, Plymouth

on Saturday, October 1st
(Details on Page 2)

Go to www.ASPCA.org and search for "emergency pet preparedness" for info on dogs, cats and other small animals.

2 MILE FUN WALK

BENEFITTING WAGGIN' TAILS DOG RESCUE
& THE OLD VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2011

BARKTOBERFEST



IN OLD VILLAGE
PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN



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A GANNETT COMPANY

THE OLD VILLAGE, PLYMOUTH
LOCATED ON LIBERTY ST., BETWEEN
STARK WEATHER AND MILL

CHECK IN - 9:00 A.M. - 9:45 A.M.

WALK STARTS AT 10 A.M.

DAY OF EVENT REGISTRATION \$25

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT EVENT, OLD VILLAGE
MARKET OR AT OLDVILLAGEPLYMOUTH.COM - MUST BE RECEIVED
BY SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2011 - PREREGISTRATION \$20

We rely on fundraisers
to keep us in the **green**
and saving dogs.

Won't you join us at one
of our events?

Come see for yourself.
We like to have fun!



Registration form also available
at www.WagginTailsDogRescue.org

Wow your friends
with your awesome pumpkin
carving skills! Google "dog
breed pumpkin stencils" to
download free stencils.



Pumpkin Artist:
Our resident beagle fan, Kumi.

Cosmic Bowling

An out-of-this-world FUNdraiser to help the dogs of

Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue



Help us strike out
animal suffering.
Strap on some funny shoes,
and take a shot at knockin'
down some pins.
It's for the dogs!

Saturday, September 24th, 2011
SUPERBOWL BOWLING ALLEY

45100 Ford Rd., Canton, MI 48187

Sign in Begins at 9:00 pm
Bowling to Start at 9:30 pm
\$20.00 Per Person

Fee includes 3 games of bowling,
shoe rental, and pizza.

To reserve a lane, please call our
voicemail hotline at 248-788-7050 or
email us at romanpegleg@aol.com.

We are in need of supplies!
Free Prize Raffle Ticket
to anyone who brings in dog food,
treats or stainless steel bowls.

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!



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Community Financial Donates \$1060 to Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue!

Our very own Peg Roman submitted a heartfelt letter as our nomination into the Community Financial Summer of Sharing program. Community Financial has given away \$1060 each and every day for 60 days this summer in honor of their 60th anniversary. What an awesome boost to all the needy organizations within the community! We feel lucky to have been chosen as a recipient and we will make very good use of those funds to help our needy dogs!



Photo caption: (At right) Andrea Hacker, Community Financial Branch Manager / Northville presents check to our volunteers.

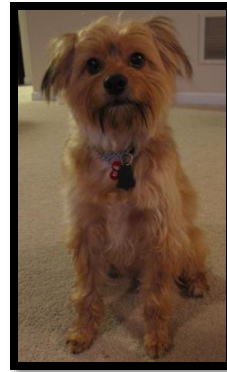
(Front row) is Waggin Tails volunteer, Lori, with recently rescued dog Cody. (Back row left to right) Waggin Tails volunteers also taking part in the presentation are Jimmy Roman, Irene and Sy Kernicky.



Thanks Busch's!

Joann & Josh of Busch's Market

in Livonia showed their support for the dogs by hosting a BBQ fundraiser and on-site adoption event in August. It was a fun day! We raised some much needed money and our dogs were a big hit! Joann and Josh Busch's even threw some veggie burgers on the grill for our vegetarian friends!



The infamous Mason

Little Mason went on an adventure in March that none of us at Waggin' Tails will ever forget!

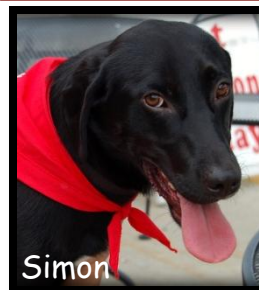
Little Mason escaped the grasp of his new adopter while on leash one cold and rainy evening in March. He ran like the wind into the woods and for the next two weeks our volunteers rallied together to find Mason. We handed out flyers, posted signs, posted lost dog info on the web, set up live traps, traversed the area on foot and by car, staked out areas where he was sighted and even had the cops called on us! We didn't know what a survivor this 15lb., scruffy terrier was.

Mason is micro-chipped and was wearing a collar, i.d. tags and dragging a leash, which he gnawed off, probably after getting caught on something. He was finally caught in a live trap and taken to a vet for a check-up and all was well.

All reports are good that Mason is settling in at his new home and now spends his days with new best dog pal, Riley, chasing chipmunks and rolling in smelly, interesting things outdoors while wrapping his adopters around his little paw!

Special thanks to **Shawn at Fast Signs** of Northville for printing our giant road signs so quickly. We received many calls from people who spotted Mason and saw our signs posted throughout the New Hudson area.

We also want to give a big bark shout-out to all the concerned citizens in New Hudson who were very understanding of the presence of our volunteers and the posted signs in their neighborhoods.



CODY'S SECOND CHANCE ❤️



Cody was taken in as a stray at a rural shelter where a special someone named Krystal put out a plea to rescue groups in the state of Michigan to take in Cody.

Every dog that comes to Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue is special in their own way, but some dogs actually have special needs. Cody is one of those special-needs Dogs, and we are in awe at what he's endured and how he has survived. Cody came to us filthy, tired, in pain from a large, gaping wound on his leg, and in need of more than just a little TLC.

After an initial vet visit, we learned that Cody was heartworm positive, had a severe urinary tract infection, was un-neutered, and the wound on his leg turned out to be very serious. Cody's Achilles tendon was destroyed in an unknown injury! Without intervention, he would never walk like a normal dog again. It would seem this one dog, with so many issues, could potentially put Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue in the poor house, but we just could not turn our backs on Cody!

After researching the options; amputation, risky and invasive surgery that would be incredibly expensive with no guarantee of success, we chose to pursue medical care to close the wound and get an external hock brace to stabilize Cody's leg, so we hope, one day soon, he can use the brace to walk with ease.

Cody's foster mom, Lori, is reporting that Cody is feeling better each and every day. He endured much pain in the beginning, tolerating daily bandage changes after a surgery to pull the skin closer together. The wound has healed, thanks to the care provided by Dr. Barb Griffith and her staff at Griffith Veterinary Hospital in Whitmore Lake! We cannot thank them enough for all of their care and generosity to us. See Cody at one of his bandage change appointments.



Ouch! The wound is healing.



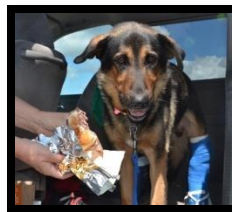
Nicole takes good care of Cody!



All done.

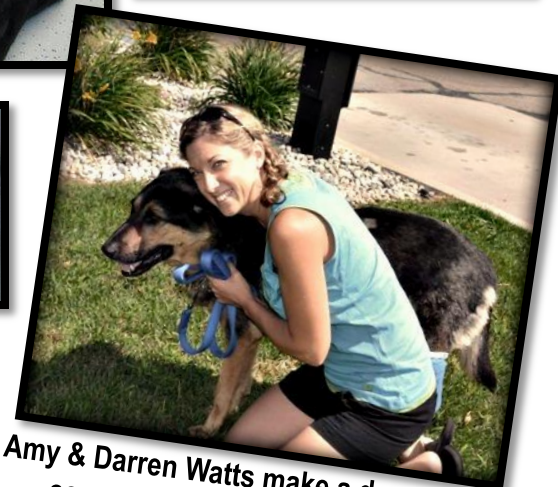


Lisa Zahra of LIFE IS GOOD in Dexter made a monetary donation plus this cute travel blanket!



Cody enjoys an Arby's roast beef sandwich.

Many tail wags to Lori, Cody's foster Mom, for giving so much love to our Cody!



Amy & Darren Watts make a donation to cover the cost for Cody's brace!

Follow Cody's progress on his very own Facebook page! Go to Facebook and search for Cody's Voice – Community. You do not need an account to view Cody's progress.

The average dog has one request to all humankind. Love me. - Helen Exley

ADOPTION ALUMNI !

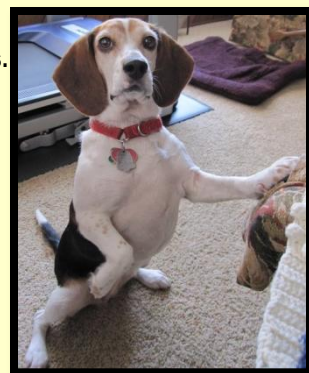


Nala and Rosey, both Waggin' Tails alumni dogs, are the best of friends and like to spend time up north!

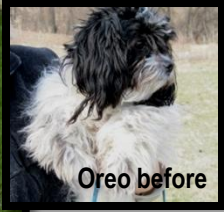


King snuggles up with a toy after his new family teaches him how to play!

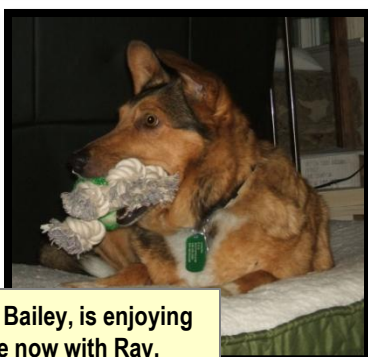
Molly shows off some of her skills. What a cutie!



Oreo adores kids and we think the feeling is mutual. Adorable!



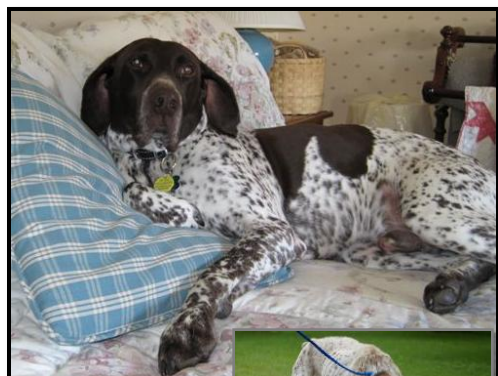
Oreo before



Billie, formerly Bailey, is enjoying the good life now with Ray, Deborah and the resident cats.



Cricket gets the princess treatment from her forever family!



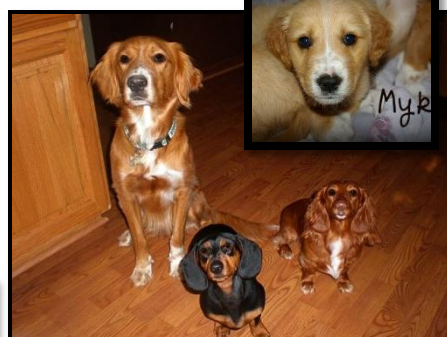
Woody came to us in a sad state. Today he is the apple of his fabulous pet parents' eyes!



Woody before



Ilse, formerly Ella, has fun playing with new best pal, Betty Jo (at left).



Brody (formerly puppy Myk) hanging out with pals, Leo and Nancy.



Alumni pet parents – please send your photo updates to jodivon@sbcglobal.net!



Stella



Stella swims in the lake up north with her new dog brother. She's a great success story - abandoned pup finds love with great family! Her siblings are still available for adoption.



Junior



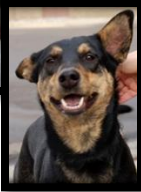
Mina

These sweetie's are adoptable!



Gracie

MORE ADOPTION ALUMNI !



Oscar, formerly Skippy, makes himself right at home!



Shane, formerly Luca, with his favorite person Lucas. What a cute pair!



Zeus (on left), with new best pal Zoey, taking a break from playing soccer!



Sheba, Magic and Luke (Magic and Luke are alumni)

Sweet little Jewel loves going up north, visiting with her dog 'cousins' and being with her wonderful family.



Ernie says, "throw the Wubba again!"



Three dog nap! Nothin' better than playin' and snoozin' with your best pals.



Cocoa knows how to keep cool during the dog days of summer. Smart girl!



Hannah and Cooper (formerly Radar), both Waggin' Tails alum, were adopted by the same family and are best pals! Hannah is sibling to Nala in on previous page.



Oliver and Otis, both Waggin' Tails alumni adopted by the same family, enjoy a quiet moment. Too cute!



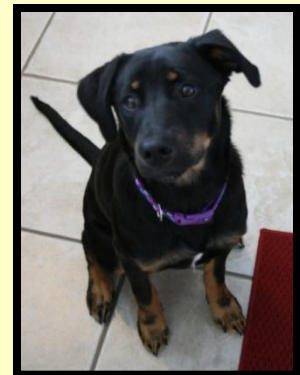
Ally keeps warm during her heartworm treatment. Adora-Bull!



Nellie is always up for some fun at 4-Legged Friends Daycare & Boarding in Livonia!



Kacey has figured out that lake livin' is where it's at. Fishin' is fun! Here she is with her new Dad and little friend, Foxy.



Lucy the pup (formerly Boots) loves to chase birds! We dig her purple collar.

After all, dogs are man's best friend. The least we can do is try to understand them a little better.

- Nicholas Dodman (world-renowned veterinary behaviorist)

LEARN TO SPEAK DOG!

Have you ever approached a dog only to be greeted with a snarl, stare, or hackles standing on end? Or did the dog cower and back away from you?

Body language is the primary source of canine communication. Ensure your own safety by keeping the following things in mind when meeting a new dog or one that you do not know well.

At the initial meeting: 1. NO TOUCHING 2. NO TALKING 3. NO EYE CONTACT

Also make sure to keep your breathing easy and relaxed. Instead of approaching, let the dog come to you. If you do approach the dog, turn to your side rather than facing the dog head-on and avoid sudden movements.

When a dog comes over to smell you, do not say anything and do not pet them. Let the dog get the information they need about you. After that you can slowly move your hand under their chin or on the side of their face to gently pet. This way, the dog can see where your hand is going. When a hand is reached over the head or along their back, the dog's line of view is blocked. Please remember not to lean over a dog. This can be seen as threatening! If you follow these simple instructions, you'll avoid scaring dogs and being bitten.

Visit www.doggonessafe.com for more tips on how to prevent dog bites.

Skippy approaches on his own terms.



Wrong way to greet a dog.



Aubrey

Waggin' Tails was contacted by volunteers at Southgate Animal Control about a cute little dog named Aubrey who has a terrible skin condition. They had no funds to pay for a vet visit. This poor girl was miserable! So Waggin' Tails pitched in to help pay for her vet visit. She was diagnosed with sarcoptic mange, which she is now receiving treatment for.

We wish you a speedy recovery, Aubrey!



Way to go, Calvin!



Calvin gives us hope for the future! In lieu of birthday presents this year, he asked for pet supplies for the needy animals. Calvin and his mom dropped off the supplies at one of our adoption events this summer. Calvin – you've attained rock-star status with all of here at Waggin' Tails! You're one great kid! Thank you.



You must be the change you wish to see in the world. – Gandhi

Thank you to our supporters. We couldn't help the animals without you!

How You Can Lend a Helping Hand

Thanks to Our Supporters!

KROGER Community Rewards

Anyone who has a Kroger card can go online and choose Waggin' Tails as the recipient of their Kroger points. Your card gets swiped at the register and points are rewarded for your purchases. Those points get turned into cash for our dogs!

(Go to our website and follow the link to sign up.)

TEXAS HOLD 'EM

Play cards! We're hosting two tournaments at the Electric Stick, 6581 N Wayne Rd. in Westland.

-Friday, October 14th through Monday, October 17th

-Thursday, November 3rd through Sunday, November 6th

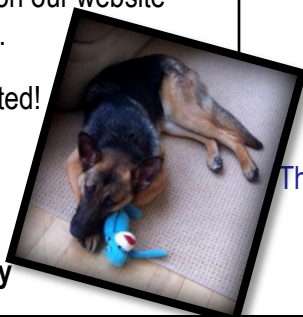


MAKE A DONATION

-Make a monetary donation via PayPal link on our website or mail a check to our address listed below.

-Petco and Petsmart gift cards are appreciated!

-Donate gently used or new pet supplies like stainless steel food bowls, blankets and especially dog toys.



Tasha with a toy

Tall Oaks Kennel in Whitmore Lake

All About Animals, Warren
Breckenridge Veterinary, Novi
Griffith Veterinary, Whitmore Lake
Jeffrey Animal Hospital, Farmington Hills
Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic, Novi
Roose Animal Hospital, Plymouth
Lilley Veterinary Medical Center, Canton



In Livonia

Our Adoption Partners

PETCO, Canton

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GREKO PRINTING in Plymouth

Thanks to Tony and Judi for making us look good!

Follow us on **facebook**

Full Bowls, Full Bellies Pet Food Program

We offer assistance and secure donations of food and money, specifically to help people in our own community feed their pets. If you know of a dog (we feed kitties, too) whose owners have fallen on hard times and their pet(s) needs nourishment or would like to donate to this program, please call our main voicemail hotline at 248-788-7050 or send us an email at FullBowlsFullBellies@yahoo.com.

Dog & Cat Food Donation Drop-Off Sites:

PETCO – 43465 Ford Rd., Canton

PETCO – 35725 Warren Rd., Westland

WHOLE FOODS – 3135 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor



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