

To rescue, rehabilitate and re-home needy dogs everywhere.

We are a volunteer based organization. We receive NO salaries. All monies received go towards the rescue and care of the dogs.



When You're Away, the Dogs Will Play & Play & Play!



I can still remember people's responses when I told them that I had signed my dog up for doggie daycare. "Are you crazy?" or "Don't you have anything better to do with your money?" were the common responses.

In truth, I was nearly out of my mind. I had recently adopted a dog and it wasn't long before I knew she needed much more in the way of stimulation, socialization and activity than I was able to provide. I was single and worked full time. I would come home and walk her and then expect to spend the rest of my evenings eating bon-bons and thumbing through the latest Vogue issue. Instead I was spending all of my time throwing spittle covered balls, filling in holes in the backyard the size of a SMART car and trying to ensure she wasn't about to hurdle the fence to go chasing after a squirrel. When I adopted her, I expected to be taking home man's best friend – to have a furry friend to cuddle with and to take on walks. Instead, I had adopted the Tasmanian Devil!

Just when I thought all hope was lost, I picked up a local community newspaper which was promoting the benefits of the local dog daycare. My initial reaction was, "What idiot would pay for something like that?". The answer to that question of course, was this idiot! I hadn't even finished the article before I found my fingers dialing the number and setting up an evaluation to see if my dog would be suitable for daycare.

What to Ask a Potential Daycare

How secure are the play areas? If they are fenced, the fencing should be high enough to prevent jumping and low enough to the ground to deter diggers.

Do they have separate play areas for different sized dogs? Although your little Yorkie and Rotty may be best buddies at home, you wouldn't want your little guy in a play area with 20, 80lb dogs. The same goes for older dogs. Dogs do best when they are around other dogs of similar size and energy levels.

Is the facility clean? You really only need to do a sniff test. If it smells clean, it likely is clean.

What is the person to dog ratio? Are there enough employees around to adequately supervise the dogs on site.

Dog daycare works much like a daycare center for children but instead of dropping off your child, you are dropping off your barking, drooling buddy for a day full of fun-filled activity and socialization. While you are at work, they are running, playing tug of war, jumping, wrestling and peeing – getting all of that pent up energy out so when you pick them up in the evening, you can watch your little buddy collapse in peaceful slumber for the ride home.

There are many benefits for bringing Fido to a doggie daycare. Dogs are social animals. They are genetically wired to live in packs and benefit from being able to interact with other dogs on a regular basis. They learn to get along with others, get some great exercise and just have some good old fashioned fun. It also eases your mind knowing that your dog is being entertained in a healthy way while you are gone rather than being at home redecorating your living room by eating your new leather couch!

In my case, sending Twinkie to daycare only two times per week made a significant difference in her personality. Not only was she getting to release all of her energy so that I could get back to eating my bon-bons but she became a more confident dog and became less fearful of strangers. If you are spending too much time away from your dog or would just like to see him/her better socialized, a dog daycare is a great place to turn to!

**Dog Daycares
We Highly
Recommend!**



Birmingham Trick Dog

2295 East Lincoln
Birmingham, MI 48009
248.644.9364

4-Legged Friends

20780 Hugo Street
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
248.474.4100

Dunk-N-Dogs

27911 Five Mile Road
4 Blocks West of Inkster
734-422-WASH

Gone to the Dogs

22497 Heslip Drive
Novi, MI 48375
248.347.9081

Special Thanks

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Without the help of the following businesses, Waggin' Tails could not operate. These businesses help support our group by offering discounts which then allows us to afford to save more animals. Please consider one of these businesses if you are in search of a new vet, daycare facility, groomer or kennel. Rest assured, your animals will be well cared for!

K-9 Cuts – Shelby Township
Dunk-n-Dogs – Livonia

Tall Oaks Kennel – Whitmore Lake
Currey's Family Pet Care – Romulus
Common Scents - Ortonville

Birmingham Trick Dog Daycare/Boarding - Birmingham
4-Legged Friends Dog Daycare – Livonia
Gone to the Dogs Daycare – Novi

Country Ridge Animal Clinic – Farmington Hills
Griffith Veterinary Services – Whitmore Lake
Healthy Pet Veterinary Clinic – Milford
Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic - Novi
North Gratiot Veterinary Clinic – Chesterfield Twp
Roose Animal Hospital – Plymouth.
VCA – Allen Park

Veterinary Emergency Services – Plymouth
Village Animal Clinic – Farmington

Petco – Novi / Farmington Hills
Petsmart – Canton



We would like to thank the following individuals & businesses for their generous support of our Cosmic Bowling event held in May. Fundraisers help to pay our rising vet & kennel bills.

Andrea Elkins	Back Home Bakery
Deanne Austin	Busch's Market
Cheryl Chandler	Dog's Bow Wow
Genette Weilnau	Dunk-n-Dogs
Glenis Mente	Jaclyn Emmett - L'Espirit Salon
Jennifer Mitchell	Leo's Jewelry
Jim & Peggy Roman	Mealsinminutesonline.com
Jodi VanWihl	Park Avenue Cleaners
Michael Porter	Sports Venue
Mike & Nanette Mungle	Super Bowl
Tammy Gaines	The Scrapbook Zone
Tim & Andrea Logan	T.C. Gator's



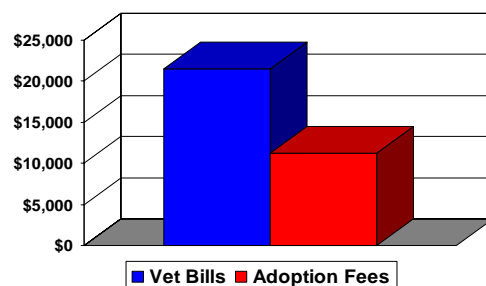
Donations – The Lifeblood of Small Rescues

For small rescue groups like Waggin' Tails, donations by the public sector provide the means to rescue and rehabilitate dogs that have been abandoned, found as strays or are in danger of being euthanized or sold at area shelters.

While all rescues charge nominal adoption fees, the fees typically do not cover the expenses incurred to save the dogs. Even with discounts from area vets/kennels, Waggin Tails typically spends approximately \$250 per dog to ensure they are up to date on vaccines, checked for parasites, tested for heartworm and spayed/neutered. Since we only charge \$175.00 for a dog that is already sterilized, we have a shortfall of about approximately \$75 per dog. There are many times that we take in dogs that require non-standard treatment (i.e., heartworm treatment, having rotten teeth pulled, having small growths removed, etc.) which can put the shortfall at hundreds or even a thousand dollars per dog.

Of course the obvious answer would be to charge a higher adoption fee but that presents another problem for a small rescue group like ours ... the need to stay competitive with area humane societies and larger animal welfare organizations. They are able to afford charging a lesser adoption fee because they receive hundreds of thousands or millions of dollars yearly from public support. If we charged a fee that would cover the typical costs to vet a normal dog we run the risk that a potential adopter would go somewhere more economical.

Vet Bills vs. Adoption Fees – Jan 1 – July, 9, 2007



So far, we have spent nearly \$22,000 to vet our dogs since January 2007 and have only collected \$11,225 in adoption fees.

Please consider making a small donation now or in the future to a smaller rescue. Unlike the larger organizations, volunteers from smaller groups do not get paid. Instead, the money we raise through fundraisers and public donations go directly where it should – to the dogs. Monies generated go to their vetting, kenneling if required, training, food and other supplies. Because Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) charity, all donations are tax deductible so not only will you be helping to save a life but you have the ability to write your donation off at the end of the year.

Never Too Young to Spread the Word!

While saving dog lives is Waggin' Tails primary focus, we do like to spread the word about animal rescue to as many people as possible. Thankfully, the Troup Leaders at Brownie Troup #1316 thought the same.

They got their girls involved in helping to spread the word about our rescue. The girls made some great posters promoting animal rescue & adoption at our last Cosmic Bowling event and even helped work the event for us! We can't thank them and their leaders enough. Great job girls!

Just a few members of Troup #1316 that came out to support our Cosmic Bowling Fundraiser!



And They Lived Happily Ever After

See some of the dogs that have recently found their forever homes through Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue!

Sparky



Male Shepherd/Hound Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted June 2007

Female Rottie Mix
Rescued from Hoarder
Adopted July 2007



Sadie

Houston



Male German Shepherd Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted June 2007

Male Wirehaired/Hound Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted June 2007



Franky

Callie



Female Retriever Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted July 2007



Male Lab/Collie Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted June 2007

Apollo

Sam



Male Lab/Spaniel Mix
Rescued from Hoarder
Adopted June 2007



Female Hound Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted June 2007

Hope



Female German Pointer Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted June 2007



Male Yellow Lab
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted June 2007

Charlie



Male Cocker Spaniel
Left Behind when Owners Moved
Adopted June 2007

Buster



Male Wolfhound/Shepherd Mix
Rescued from Hoarder
Adopted June 2007

Alphie



Male Husky/Border Collie Mix
Rescued from Euthanization
Adopted June 2007

Kobe

Female Yorkie-Poo
Owner Ill - Could not Keep
Adopted July 2007



Gabby

Bellamia



Female Sheltie/Shetland Mix
Thrown from Moving Vehicle
Adopted June 2007

Rocky



Male German Shepherd
Rescued from Neglectful Home
Adopted July 2007

Upcoming Events

Texas Hold'Em Charity Tournaments

Saturday, Aug. 4th - license#:M37406

Saturday, Sep. 8th - license#:M37407

Saturday, Dec. 1st - license#:M37408



Hey Ya'll!!! Do you have what it takes to be #1??



Find out my moseying on over to Sport Venue Bar/Grill

6327 Middlebelt Road - Garden City

\$50 Gets you into the game - \$800 cash prize.

Registration is from 12:30 ^{noon} 2:00 p.m.

Games start at 2:00 p.m. so don't be late.

Mark your calendars today for these smoking hot tournaments.

Proceeds will go towards helping to save many needy dogs.

Please call our hotline at 248.788-7050 to reserve your spot today.

God's Garden

*God looked around His garden & found an empty place
He then looked down on the earth & saw your precious face*

*He put His arms around you and lifted you to rest;
God's Garden must be beautiful - he always takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering - He knew you were in pain
He knew you'd never ever get well on earth again.*

*He closed your weary eyelids & whispered " Peace be thine "
He took you up to Heaven with Hands so gentle & kind.*

*It broke our hearts to lose you but you did not go alone,
For part of us went with you the day
God welcomed you home.*

Felix

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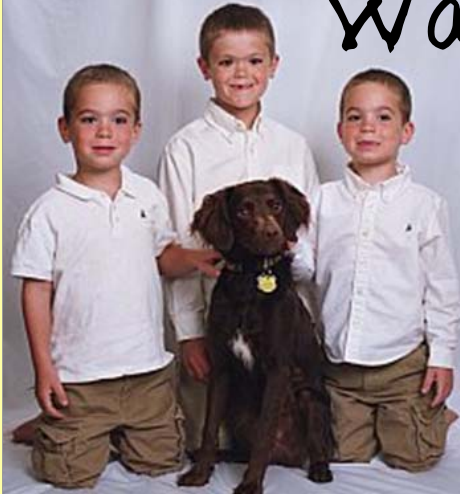


Lucy

Felix & Lucy, who both came to our rescue from a hoarder who had kept them in a kennel for years. Felix found a home for a short time before he passed from congestive heart failure. Lucy, poor baby, did not find her forever home before she succumbed to cancer. You will both be missed!

Happy Tails To You ...

Watson



See how your donations have resulted in a rescue success and a VERY HAPPY ending!



Watson, a 6 month old Brittany Spaniel mix, came to Waggin' Tails from one of the kennels we utilize. His owner realized that having a young, extremely active dog was more than he could handle so he gave Watson to the kennel owner. That is when she contacted us and in no time, Watson had found his perfect forever home with the Ware family. See their update below:

Thank you so much in helping to find the right dog for our family. We had a very positive experience with Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue, and we can't imagine life without Watson as part of our active brood!

With 3 young boys, our primary goal was to find a dog that had a great temperament and could go with the flow of our busy lives. Watson is exactly that dog! We take him everywhere that will allow a dog, and he is so easy going and enjoyable. He loves riding in the car and his favorite "spot" is on my 7 year old son's lap. He also comes with us for the kids' soccer games and practices, and Tae Kwon Do classes. Watson is quite popular at our elementary school as he walks with us to drop the boys off and pick them up each day. We also take him on bike rides with us. He just loves to run! Watson has been on camping trips with us and sleeps great in the tent. He will be going on our family vacation with us to upstate NY in August and will get to meet 2 of his doggie cousins for the first time.

Watson has recently started accompanying my husband, Doug, on his training runs. Watson goes to the track with Doug at 5a.m. and they run the track together for speed workouts. Watson will wander off to chase the occasional critter but always comes back to Doug. He also loves to go on distance runs through Hines Park early in the morning. Doug enjoys having a buddy that can keep up with him, and being part Brittany Spaniel, Watson seems to thrive on the exercise and activity.

We have recently started obedience classes and Watson is doing so well. He is so food motivated that he is very easy to train and prefers to pay attention to me rather than to other dogs in class, in order to get that positive reward, a treat!

We can't thank you enough for all the good work that you do! We have recommended Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue to several friends and neighbors for when they are ready to add a dog to their family. Watson was given up by someone who could not care of him as a puppy, and their loss was definitely our family's gain!

The Ware Family

Jen, Doug, Alex (age 7), Adam (age 4.5), and Ryan (age 4.5)