



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.

Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue

Waggin' Tails was recently established by a handful of experienced and dedicated animal rescue enthusiasts who have worked in the rescue community for many years. We are volunteers who do this activity in our "spare" time and receive no monetary payment for our activities. Instead, our reward is the knowledge that we have saved a life that otherwise might have been lost.

Currently, Waggin' Tails is working on a mission in placing dogs from a rural kennel where they have lived many years in hellacious conditions, without proper vet care. It was very apparent that many of these dogs suffered from inadequate housing, poor socialization and from untreated medical conditions. Here are just a few of the problems we've encountered on just a handful of dogs:

Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue Goals

- To rescue, rehabilitate and re-home dogs that have been abused, neglected, tortured, abandoned or are in danger of being euthanized at area kill shelters.
- Educate the public about the importance of pet sterilization through spay/neuter
- Educate the public on how to help put an end to animal cruelty

- ◆ Blindness caused from years of untreated eye infections
- ◆ Deafness caused from years of untreated ear infections
- ◆ Large, visible tumors
- ◆ 2nd Degree Frostbite due to inadequate shelter
- ◆ Rotting/Infected Teeth
- ◆ Congestive Heart Failure



Wolfie, a wolfhound mix, had been suffering terrible pain for years.

Lives Spent in Hell

It's unknown how long some of these dogs have been languishing from issues that are normally very easy to treat and they don't suffer just from medical problems. Because they have lived nearly their whole lives at the kennel without much human interaction, some of the dogs were shy / fearful of humans. A dog just was never meant to live in a cage for that long. It's a slow mental torture for any animal to live entirely in a cage and it seems like a miracle that they are recuperating and quickly learning what it is to be inside dogs for the first time in their lives. They are thriving on the attention and most have overcome their shyness around people.



Wolfie, shown above and left, was one of a litter of wolfhound/ airdelle terrier mix dogs that came to the rural kennel when they were very young. Unfortunately, they were sentenced to a life in the worst kind of hell – 9 years in a cage! As you can see from the pictures of Wolfie, he was just a shell of a dog. Not only was he too thin, the had a terrible tumor growing out of his ear (see picture left). The tumor was a group of inflammatory cells from a chronic ear infection. He had been in pain for so long that, he walked with his head on an angle and it took a lot for him to lay down because the slightest movement caused him unspeakable pain.

Because of the number of dogs living in pain and in such terrible conditions, other rescues were recruited to help take in some of the suffering dogs. Wolfie was lucky enough to find a foster home at the Animal Placement Bureau. There he recuperated from his surgery, has learned to play with toys and loves being around people. He also is at his optimal weight and word has it that he will be soon going to his new adoptive home where he can live out the rest of his days like a normal dog should.

... Meet A Few of the Kennel Dogs ...



Tori – 6yr Female Shepherd Mix – shy but sweet!



Gina – 5 yr Rot mix – full of life & waiting for a home!



Juneau – 7 yr Female Husky mix – extremely shy. She had 6 rotting teeth pulled. Needs love!



Bix – 5 Yr Male Retrieiv. – shy but loving!



Felix – 9 Yr. Male Husky - suffering from congestive heart failure but he doesn't act like it!



Sam – 4 Yr Male Lab mix Lived nearly whole life in kennel. A bit timid but loves being inside doggie!

Waggin' Tails Hits a Strike with 1st Cosmic Bowl!

Waggin Tails held it's first major fundraiser (Cosmic Bowling) on Saturday, March 3rd and what a night it was!! We were completely blown away that 169 people come out and helped us to raise \$3000! WOW!! This money will go a long, long way to helping so many dogs. All the volunteers at Waggin' Tails would like to send a heart-felt thank you to all who took part in our special event and made it such a great success!



Organizations such as ours depend solely on the generosity of others. From donations of hockey tickets, baskets filled with yummy goodies and jewelry to gift certificates to local restaurants, Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their very kind and generous support of our Cosmic Bowling Fundraiser.

- ❖ Brenda Gaines - Monroe
- ❖ Cathy Schiller - Novi
- ❖ Jennifer Mitchell - Saline
- ❖ Larry & Joyce Hopkins - Novi
- ❖ Lee Giannini - Sterling Heights
- ❖ Mike & Nanette Mungle - Canton
- ❖ Sandra Bertovick - Howell
- ❖ Sharon Simkins - Northville

- ❖ ABC Warehouse - Canton
- ❖ Aleta Sills Bowling - Farmington Hills
- ❖ Back Home Bakery - Canton
- ❖ Cookies By Design -
- ❖ Donovan's Salon - Canton
- ❖ Dunk-N-Dogs - Livonia
- ❖ Genitt's Hole in the Wall - Northville
- ❖ L'esprit Salon - Livonia
- ❖ Papa Murphy's Pizza - Canton
- ❖ Reliable Landscaping - Canton
- ❖ Superbowl Bowling Alley - Canton
- ❖ T.C. Gator's - Canton
- ❖ The Dog's Bow Bow - Livonia
- ❖ Tiki's Treasures - Livonia

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars today so you don't miss out on these great events.

April 1, 2007
SUNDAY
12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Microchip Clinic
Cost: \$20.00
Dunk-n-Dogs
27911 Five Mile Rd.
Livonia, MI

Most vets charge \$45 & up for micro-chipping a pet plus you have to pay to register the animal. Our service is all inclusive and is performed by a certified vet technician. So don't delay- have your pet chipped and gain the piece of mind they will have a way back to you in the event of an emergency.

May 12, 2007
SATURDAY
8:30 p.m.

Cosmic Bowling
Cost: \$20.00
Super Bowl
Canton, MI

Join us for a night of Cosmic bowling. Entry fee includes 3 games of bowling, shoe rental and pizza. Prizes for highest male & female games + 50/50 raffles. Don't delay, sign up today!! Walk-in's welcome but best to sign up ahead of time.

Call 248.788.7050 to sign up or visit our website for further information.

Meet Our Dogs!

Because we don't own a shelter, we have to show our adoptable dogs on Saturdays at local pet stores. So if you are interested in meeting one of our dogs in person, stop by one of the following locations during the times listed below: (please double check our website for show times/locations)

Petco - Novi Rd. & I-96
Novi, MI

1st & 3rd Saturday of Month
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Petco - Orchard Lk. & I4 Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, MI

2nd & 4th Saturday of Month
12:00 - 3:00 p.m.

In Memory of Darryl

Darryl was an 18 year old retriever mix that was taken from "The Kennel" referenced on our first page. We do not know how many years he lived at this kennel but we do know he lived for at least 6 years in a cage with no outside time, no walks, no life.

Out of the many dogs we have rescued from this kennel, Darryl was one of the worst cases. He had visible tumors hanging out of his ears and 13 teeth had to be pulled because they were so badly rotten. We can only guess at how many years he suffered in terrible pain.

Knowing Darryl was in no condition to ever really be adopted, his foster mother adopted him and gave him a wonderful warm and loving home in which to spend his remaining days.

Unfortunately, Darryl was only able to spend 4 months knowing what a warm bed felt like and what it was to run free. Sadly he is no longer with us but at least he spent his last days loved and warm.



Happy Tails To You

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

Shadow came into rescue in March 2006. He was just a puppy who had been whisked out of Jackson County Animal Control just hours before he was due to be sold to research. Being a puppy, we expected to place Shadow quickly but unfortunately for Shadow, he had the dreaded "Black Dog Curse". Black dogs are just the least likely to be adopted, even little black puppies. So, Shadow lived happily for a year in his foster home, when one day, the evil curse was lifted and he went to his forever home with the Quaglia family. Read their update below!



The Quaglia family (Kevin, Patty, Anthony – age 9, and Dominic – age 3), of Fraser, MI are thrilled to have a new addition to our family – a beautiful Black Labrador named Shadow! Our path to adopting Shadow is a long one, dating back to the September 21, 2001 loss of our beloved German Shepherd, Toby. For many years our children have pleaded with us to get a dog. However, it wasn't until early in 2007 that we found ourselves in a position where the time seemed right to add a dog to our family.

We began searching pet adoption websites for the "perfect" dog for our family. We really wanted to adopt a dog from a rescue organization – to give one of those dogs a chance at a good, happy life in a loving home. On Sunday morning (2/25/07), I believe fate brought me to a website featuring a dog named "Shadow", whose pictures melted my heart! Even the name "Shadow" is special to us – as it is one of the main characters in one of our children's favorite movies "Homeward Bound". After corresponding with Shadow's foster Mom, Sandra, I was convinced that we had found our new dog!

The adoption process through Waggin' Tails was very simple and efficiently handled. Sandra was a pleasure to work with in the days leading up to our adoption of Shadow on Friday, March 2, 2007. Once our application was approved, we scheduled the home visit, which went beautifully. Shadow seemed to take to our boys immediately, and our boys returned the affection. After meeting Shadow, we couldn't wait to move forward and bring Shadow into our home forever!

It has only been a few days since Shadow became a Quaglia, but in that short time he has made his place in our family (he's pretty much at the center of it right now!!!), and he fits right in as if he's been with us since he was a baby! Our boys are so happy to have Shadow, and they are both taking turns (with a surprising amount of compromise and good-will) in caring for Shadow. As we expected, our oldest son, Anthony is the closest to Shadow. Anthony has always had a tremendous heart for animals – especially dogs. Anthony and Shadow have already formed a bond that I would have expected to take much longer to achieve. Shadow is welcomed into, and gladly sleeps in Anthony's bed each night – and he follows Anthony and his friends everywhere! Anthony has had a steady flow of friends stopping by to meet and play with Shadow, which seems to be met with lots of enthusiasm and gratitude by Shadow!

Dominic (AKA "D") has surprised us in his own little ways. He's always been a bit apprehensive of dogs. However, he is completely at ease with Shadow. He helps out in feeding Shadow his dinner, and is always in the cupboard sneaking treats to him! D has become very nurturing toward Shadow – a side of our little 3 year old that we have never seen before. It's very sweet to watch the two of them together.

Shadow has turned out to be the perfect addition to our family! He's gentle and playful with the children, well behaved, housebroken, and very loving toward our entire family (and anyone else who happens to come by). We couldn't be happier with our decision to adopt Shadow. He has adjusted to our family beautifully – which might be a challenge for some people...let alone a dog! It really feels as if he's been with our family for quite some time...and he most certainly has found his forever family in us!

FOSTERS NEEDED!



Compassionate individuals to provide warm, safe temporary homes to animals in desperate need are needed! Each day, thousands of dogs are euthanized at area shelters and humane societies. Waggin' Tails covers all vet expenses and utilizes the internet to place most of its animals, so your physical location is not important. Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue could help so many more if we had people willing to share their heart and home with a needy animal! You will be SAVING A LIFE!!