



HAVEN NEWSLETTER

Haven of the Ozarks Animal Sanctuary

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Spa Time for Haven Dogs

For almost 20 years, in order to bathe dogs, staff and volunteers have lifted dogs into an ancient porcelain tub that sat 3 foot off the floor in a crowded space. Thanks to Candy Trogolo and Janine Gentile, Haven dogs now have a real dog bath tub.

This all came about when Drury University student Janine Gentile, who was taking a grant writing class, contacted the Haven in March of 2016. One of their class projects was to reach out to area non-profits and see if they would partner with her. She contacted the Haven and found that the Haven definitely needed a new bath tub. So, she wrote a lengthy and detailed grant and submitted it to the Monett Community Foundation of the Ozarks. After a few months, Janine and the Haven learned that the Monett CFO would give half of the requested funds if another donor would match their grant. Enter Candy Trogolo, longtime supporter and friend of the Haven. Candy donated above and beyond the matching fee to help the dogs. The tub was ordered immediately and arrived in January.



Staffer Jacki bathes Gertrude.

The new tub is stainless steel and has a walk up ramp for the dogs. No more heavy lifting for the staff and no more terrified dogs. The tub saves so much time. Now, one person can now safely wash a dog instead of it taking 2 or 3 people. The tub is also equipped with a washing system for shampooing and a real sprayer; not a garden hose model. The dogs are more relaxed and feel safer in their new bathing area. ■

Many Dogs Being Dumped Outside Sanctuary Security Cameras To Be Installed

While the rural location of Haven of the Ozarks is wonderful for our dogs and cats and gives us plenty of space for the dogs to run, it also makes it easier for irresponsible pet owners to dump dogs on the dirt road in front of our shelter without any witnesses.

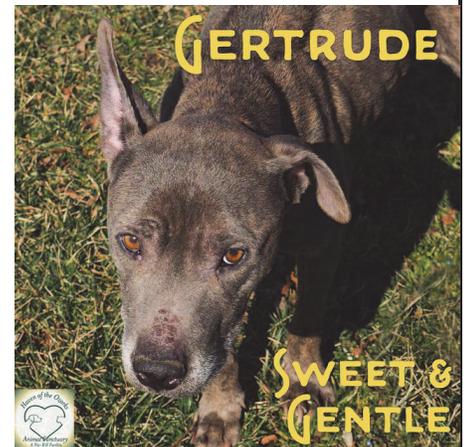
Lately, we have had an increase of dogs and cats dumped outside our fences. This is extremely dangerous for the animals. Often, these animals take off into nearby fields and take days to catch or disappear entirely. Even worse, some of the dumped puppies, dogs, cats or kittens end up getting hit by passing cars that don't see them.

One of the dogs recently found on the road outside the property was Gertrude. She must have been dumped outside the sanctuary property. She was seen by a visitor who was unable to get her to come to her. Two days later, sicker and hungrier, she did allow a staff member to bring her in. Pictures of her upon her arrival are too distressing to publish in the newsletter. She was suffering from intestinal parasites that in her weakened condition were making her very ill. She began gaining weight after starting medication, and her skin condition will continue to improve with a proper diet. She is a small blue/brindle Pit Bull mix about 3 years old. She hasn't spent much time around other dogs yet, but is sweet and loving with her human caretakers. She is also pictured on this page above getting a bath.

Unfortunately, our old security cameras stopped working years ago, so we have no way to try and report the heartless people that dumped these dogs here and drove away. We also need cameras in the facility to help keep around-the-clock watch on all of the cats and dogs in our care. With the money we raise, we will install updated security cameras at the front entrance and watching over our animals. It will help us to ensure their safety at all times.

We are hoping to raise at least \$2,000 to purchase new cameras to put outside the front of the shelter and throughout the property to keep our animals safe. Any extra funds raised will go towards the care of the animals at Haven of the Ozarks. We have a fundraising site on <https://causemomentum.org> or you can use the Donate Now button on our Facebook page, or just send us a check!

Thank you to those who recently contributed after reading our Facebook posts. We need everyone's help to keep our animals safe and hold those who dump animals responsible! ■



Volunteer Spotlight:

Lorri Carter

Lorri started volunteering for the Haven about a year and a half ago, and has helped to increase adoptions through her talent. She is a professional photographer and works as a graphics designer. She volunteered to help by taking photos for use on pet adoption websites such as petfinder.com and adoptapet.com. Lorri said she had heard good things about the Haven and was impressed after visiting the sanctuary.

Because the Haven is in a rural location, reaching the public through the internet and mobile adoptions are how we are able to find homes for our dogs and cats. The photos of the animals are so important and improve the chances a dog will be adopted. Lorri likes to capture cheerful photos. Examples of her shots are shown here with Spunky and Slugger.



Lorri exhibits photography in galleries in Eureka Springs, AR and blogs about photography and other interests on her website at <https://theeffstop.com>.

The staff, board and other volunteers appreciate Lorri spending time each week to help promote adoption through photography. ■

Dear Haven,

Rusty is honestly the best dog we have ever owned!! We all love him but he is Esther's baby!! Lol. She has taught him a few things like sit and stay just outside the barn door when I'm milking. Not in the barn lol. She says he knows how to heel and he fetches cattle for her when it's time to move them. Thanks! ~ Meloni C.



Dear Haven,

Thank you for all your help today. Our family fell in love with Miss Searcy as soon as she came through the door! She's an angel! In this picture she's all tuckered out. She's truly a sweetheart and has adjusted really well so far. She woke up happy and wagging her tail this morning. Thanks, ~ Meredith.



Searcy was a stray in Aurora, MO for some time and was finally caught in a live trap after having a litter of 5 puppies. She was not used to people and took several months to decide to trust. She transformed into a loving dog. ■

Memorial & Honorarium Donations

November 14, 2016 through February 24, 2017

In memory of Dick Steele

Cary Bredemeier Family
Rita Hlasney
Leslie and Charlie Laird
Kerri McDonald
Timothy Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Thomovsky

Patti Collord
Wilma and Bob Hilton
Barbara Maxwell
C.M. and T.L. Smith
Sunderland Brothers

In memory of Rob Jackson

John Delaney	Bob Dieckhoff
Debi and Mike Gilhofer	Pat Hall
Danny and Marsha Henderson	Shirley Huffman
JHA Silverlake User Group	Pat and Steve Peterson
Lynn Schad	Jimmie and Cheri St. Clair
SPM Friends: Patti, Larry, Donna and more	
Jim Vacek	Ronnie and Renee Veith
Paul and Janet Wimsatt	
Cecil & Katherine Wormington	

In memory of Gail Hurlbut

Co-workers of Gail's son, Jeff	Carol and Bob Harris
Jolita and Jeff Partz	Allene Patterson
Michael Pittman	Linda Short

Memorial Donations

Charlotte Baclesse in memory of L.V. Thompson
Nancy and Stanley Boyd in memory of Doris Woodard
Carol P. Creyer in memory of her parents
Diana Doty in memory of Susan Hall Doty and Elizabeth Doty
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Brian Smith in memory of Bobby Ray Rhine
TVG Sisters in memory of Marcia Nicholls
Barbary Willimann in memory of Ross Willimann

Donations in Memory of Beloved Pets

Mary Ahland in memory of Lina, Mike and Felix
Richard and Ileene Balun in memory of Maggie
Michael Bridgeforth in memory of Bodhi
Janet Deer in memory of Mingo and Chelsie
Donald and Judith Engelthaler in memory of Liberty
Jacqueline and Hadley Ford in memory of Wren Ford
Angela Vetrone Hansen in memory of all the beloved pets of the Vetrone & Hansen families
Wilma and Bob Hilton in memory of Indie, Dick Steele's dog
Pete and Caroline Hopkins in memory of Pluto
Brian and Jennifer Kitzmann in memory of Purdy
Rick and Becky Lewis in memory of Coco
Lynn and Carol Nutt in memory of their beloved pets
Teresa and Keith Thompson in memory of Dweezil
Debra S. Wehner in memory of Bailey
Judith Widman in memory of Gigi

Donations In Honor of Special People

Christine Etter in honor of Carolyn Frische
Jane Finn in honor of Mary Ann Russell
Robert Gordon and Shizuka Sudo in honor of Stephanie Wood and Gilbert Newman's wedding
Janie and Hugh Lundman in honor of Hilary, Marty, Cade, Elias, John and Jennifer
Mary Ann and James Russell in honor of Derek Edmond and Maria Cloherty
Sharon and Michael Sullivan in honor of Dan and Nikki Olsen, Laura Olsen, and Kelly Flannigan

Donations In Honor of Special Pets

Linda and Alan Butler in honor of Mattie
Terri Collins in honor of Bella
Becky and David Conrow in honor of Boomer
Gregory L. Harter in honor of Yellerdawg.
Marda and Clyde Henningsen in honor of Nick
Pete and Caroline Hopkins in honor of Dolly and Phoebe
Mark Hubble and Dale Fowler in honor of Faye
Cherie and Steve Joens in honor of Kiki
Sylvia and James Jura in honor of Sadie
Artyce Keeter in honor of Sweet Cecil
Michael and Marcia Nicholls in honor of Rio
Eva and Pat Wardlaw in honor of Crystal
Cherie and Ed Wegener in honor of Sumo

We apologize for any inadvertent omission or misspelling.

Dog Training Tips - Open Doors

An early skill that I would stress for people to teach their new fuzzy family members is not to charge out of open doors. This is an obvious safety issue, but it is also important in making it easier to carry shopping bags into the house and allowing visitors to enter. The easiest place to teach door manners is at the back door, especially if you have a fenced yard so that if your pooch gets past you then all that has happened is they are in the backyard. If you do not have a fenced yard then you can attach a long line to the pup for security. Start by using your body to block your dog's forward movement and then begin to open the door. If your hound begins to break for the opening then close the door and use your body to block their path and walk into them so that they step backward. Then begin to reopen the door slowly while keeping an eye on your dog. If they stay back then continue to open the door, if they break you close the door again and walk into them forcing them to retreat to their starting position.

It becomes a bit of a dance. You are teaching your pet that when they stay back the door opens faster and they may be invited to go outside (especially if you are practicing with a fenced backyard). When they rush forward and try to push past you then the door closes and they have to go back to their starting position. As with all behaviors we try to teach our pets we must control what they find rewarding. An open door leads to going outside to play, walks, smells, or new visitors. The punishment is the door to that world closes and they have to go backwards which slows down the process. Therefore the lesson is that the quicker you calm down then the quicker good stuff happens.

With practice you should be able to open the door freely without an uninvited bolt through the door. You can also move to the next level by beginning to step outside the door and your pooch remains inside. As always, break it down into small successful steps; place one foot over the threshold, and return to give a treat. Then step completely over the threshold and return to offer a treat. Continue taking an extra step out the door and returning to give a reward. You can even begin stepping around the corner to where you are temporarily out of sight.

This will make it easier to invite people into your home, and for the normal comings and goings of the household. It also makes it less likely that your fuzzball will get loose in the neighborhood. This skill also has the added bonus of teaching your dog self-control and greater focus. This is because they have to calm down to get what they want, and they are focusing on you as to when they can go outside. Having their attention even when squirrels, neighbors and good smells are beckoning them makes a big difference in our relationship.

Article courtesy of Tristan Jolivet, T's Dogs. (417) 569-6176. ■

Support from Shell Knob

Donations were recently received from two groups from Shell Knob, Missouri that have both been long-time Haven supporters. We can't thank them enough for their continued support.

At near right, members of the Shell Knob Divas.

At far right, members of the Eagles Auxiliary #4155, Shell Knob, MO.



DONATIONS -- MEMORIALS -- SPECIAL GIFTS

If you would like to make a contribution to recognize an outstanding achievement or service, to commemorate an occasion, in memory of an individual or pet, or to sponsor a special needs or 'unadoptable' orphan, please complete this form and mail it to Haven of the Ozarks, 9617 Farm Road 2190, Washburn, MO 65772. All gifts are tax deductible and a treasure to us!

In **Memory** or **Honor** (circle one) of _____.

They are a person, dog, cat, or other _____ (circle one). Use my donation for the following purpose:

General Funds (medical, food, supplies, staff, etc.) _____, Special Needs Fund _____

PAL (pay \$10 of adoption fee to encourage adoption) _____, Sponsor an Older pet (\$15/month) _____

Pet's name: _____.

This donation was made by:

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Street _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Send acknowledgement of this gift to:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

Check box if any of the above information has changed

Haven of the Ozarks Animal Sanctuary

A no-kill sanctuary for homeless dogs and cats

Open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm 7 days a week. We love visitors! (417) 835-3647.

Standard adoption fees are \$90 for dogs from 6 months to 5 years old, \$125 for puppies up to 6 months old, \$60 for dogs over 5 years old, \$65 for cats 6 months and older and \$75 for kittens under 6 months old. Adoption fees for senior, special needs, and bonded pair pets are reduced. All pets are spayed or neutered, up-to-date on vaccinations, regularly wormed, and microchipped for identification prior to adoption. Animals must be returned if placement is not successful.



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Haven of the Ozarks Spotlight Pets

A selection of the many wonderful pets waiting for you

Hello! My name is **Baby**. I'm a beautiful, black and white domestic long haired girl. My guardian had health problems and unfortunately could no longer keep me. I came to the Haven in December of 2016 and I miss having a home. I loved being outside at my old home. I'm quite friendly and dogs don't bother me. I'm almost 4 years old. It would be wonderful to have a family again. Please choose me! My adoption fee is \$65.



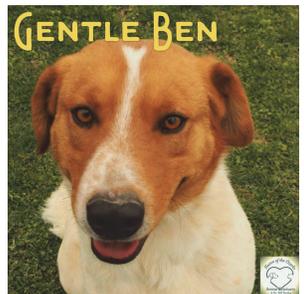
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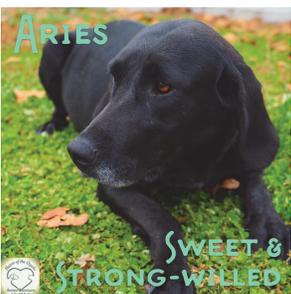
Pioneer

Hi! My name is **Pioneer**. I'm a small (30 pounds) Pit Bull Terrier mix. I was abandoned, so I had to develop some independent living skills to survive until I was brought to the Haven. I'm a friendly, loving guy with adults but I'm not too keen about hanging out with other dogs. I'd like to be your "main man." I haven't been around kids much so I'm not quite sure what to think of them. I'm sure we could be friends though. I'm only 1 1/2 years old so I have lots of energy to run and play. My adoption fee is \$90. Choose me for your new best friend!

Hello! I'm **Gentle Ben**. Some of you may have seen me on Facebook several months ago. I was the one who was tied to a boat trailer with a steel cable. The injuries to my neck were pretty severe, but thanks to great care from the staff and vet, I've made a fine recovery. Thank you to everyone who donated to help pay my medical expenses. I'm a Red Heeler mix and weigh about 48 pounds. I have a gentle nature-hence my name-but sometimes I get anxious and fearful of men. A little training in that area would help me a lot. I think most other dogs are okay so maybe it would be fun to have a dog friend to help me with my uneasiness. I'm young, just over 1 year old, and would sure like a chance to bond with a loving family. My adoption fee is \$90. Choose me!



Gentle Ben



Aries

Hi! I'm **Aries**. I'm a large black Hound and Labrador mix. I have lovely long black ears and a winning personality. I came to the Haven in November and gave birth to 10 of the cutest puppies ever. They have all been adopted and now I would like to have a home too. I weigh 60 pounds and a 2 years old. I want to be pleasing but I get a little too exuberant and sometimes don't know my own strength. A little manners training would help me a lot. Since I raised 10 of my own kids, I know I can be a good family dog. Pick me as your new family member! My adoption fee is \$90. ■