



Waggin' Tails Dog Rescue

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A 501(c)(3) non-profit, all-volunteer organization dedicated to rescuing, caring for, and placing companion animals in homes. We educate the public on respect for all animal life including the importance of spaying and neutering to reduce the number of animals euthanized.

Spring has Sprung!



It's time to store those winter jackets and gloves! If you're like us, you can't wait to get outdoors for some fresh air and exercise. It's an excellent time to work on training and tricks with your furry pal, too. Your neighborhood is great for walks but, like people, a change of scenery can do wonders for your dog's psyche. Go grab that leash and your furry best pal and head to the nearest park for new sights, sounds and great sniffs! Check out page 4 for tips on keeping Fido parasite free.

Stop the shed-a-thon!



Are you embarrassed to have guests over because of all the fur bunnies floating like tumbleweeds across your floor?

Some dogs shed year-round, others seasonally. Experts believe it is possible that dogs have lost their winter-summer coat cycle from spending so much time indoors, getting identical lighting year-round.

What happens when a dog sheds anyways? There are three phases: Anagen, when the hair grows for about 130 days on the average dog; Catagen, when the hair growth stops and the hair follicle shrinks; and Telogen, when the hair follicle shrinks even more, resulting in hair falling out.

You won't be able to eliminate shedding altogether, but there are things you can do to keep hair loss under control. First, switch to a high-quality pet food that includes fish oils and flaxseed. A brewer's yeast supplement can help, too. Regular bathing (with a pet friendly shampoo) and brushing is a must. Be aware that too much bathing can have the opposite effect. Try the Furminator brush. It works great!

If your dog's coat is thin or patchy, a trip to the vet is in order to confirm that there is not a medical issue such as an allergy or thyroid condition causing this.

Check out www.DogFoodAnalysis.com

Do dogs like veggies?



Your dog may be a meat-lover, but most pet owners know that their lovable canines enjoy veggies, too! So, does that make them omnivores instead of carnivores? Well, that is up for heated debate. Yes, really! And while the experts (whoever they may be) hammer out all of those details, we hope you'll consider adding some healthy veggies to your dog's favorite diet.

Most vegetables are safe for canine consumption, preferably cooked (steamed without butter, sauces or seasonings) or raw. Onions and garlic are the exceptions. They both contain a chemical called thiosulphate, which is known to be toxic to dogs. Your dog can develop anemia which can be life threatening. The best veggies for your furry friends include green beans, carrots, broccoli, squash and most green leafy vegetables. These add healthy antioxidants and variety to your dog's diet. Be sure to introduce them slowly to eliminate any tummy distress. You can even replace his regular cookie treats with carrots with a touch of peanut butter! It's a great way to eliminate obesity for pets!

Read more about veggies at www.DogAge.com.

If you're concerned about your dog's health – this site can help measure your dog's real age.



For other related pet health tips visit www.PetHealthEducation.com



A dog's guilty look is not what you think

Your pooch used the coffee table as a chew toy... again. Is he giving you that, "I've been bad. I'm sorry" look? If you answered yes, the experts disagree with you. The dog's look of guilt is linked to your behavior rather than any feelings of remorse or wrongdoing by the dog. The slinking away, ducking of the head, and dropping of the tail is actually in response to an owner's verbal scolding, regardless if the dog obeyed or not. Any correction to a dog's 'wrongdoing' must be done within seconds of the mishap, otherwise the dog doesn't make the connection as to what he has done to displease you.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Many tail wags to Mrs. Wilson and the Student Council of Loon Lake Elementary in Walled Lake. They collected cash donations plus food, treats, collars, beds, bowls and towels for our needy dogs. Way to go, kids! **Thank you.**



Austin Kramer and his Mom, Marnie, accepted donations on our behalf. They also foster dogs for us!



Bow WOW Google

All of us here at Waggin' Tails wanted to give a big bark shout out to the Google team for the monetary donation from their bake sale and donate-a-dollar charity fundraiser. Every dollar we received goes directly to help needy pooches. Thank you!

This donation was made possible by Pete & Chelsea, who not only work at Google but adopted Ben, the German Shepherd street dog from Detroit.



Avon Calling



When you shop Avon online at <http://tworpell.avonrepresentative.com/>

Terri donates all of her sales proceeds directly to the dogs!



Rusty

What do these dogs have in common?

They need foster homes.



Delia

We need compassionate individuals to provide safe, temporary homes to dogs in desperate need. We pay for the veterinary care, food and any other needs of the dog. You provide the safe haven, love, attention and a little patience. Most of our dogs come from rural shelters that do not have the resources to get their dogs adopted.

Yes, all of our volunteers would agree that it is tough to bring a dog into our homes, get to know them, even love them, and then give them to a new family. But seeing a dog happy with a new family is incredibly rewarding.

We are an all-breed dog rescue. Our dogs come in all sizes, shapes, breeds and personalities. We make every effort to place a dog into your home that you'll be comfortable with.

SAVE A LIFE

Ask us about fostering today!



Roxie



Dolly



Spring into action!

Protect your pets from parasites.

Reducing risk of parasitic infection to your pet and family is important to us.

It is fairly common for a dog to become infected with an internal or external parasite at some point in his life. These infections can affect your pet in a variety of ways, from just a simple irritation to causing a life-threatening condition if left untreated. We've got some tips and suggestions to keep you and your four-footed, tail-wagger happy and healthy.

1. **Dispose of pet feces.** It ain't a pretty job, but removal of pet waste from your yard reduces the risk of transmitting any parasites in the local environment. Don't forget your poo baggies on walks in neighborhoods and parks!

Roundworms, hookworms, whipworms and tapeworms are prolific. Spread through feces, one worm can produce thousands of eggs, and spread quickly through the soil and wherever the pet travels once on his paws. Some eggs can remain in the soil for years, presenting a health risk for seasons to come.

Coccidia, also spread via feces, is a parasite that lives on the wall of a dog's intestine. Dogs become infected by ingesting infected soil. One more parasite to mention is Giardia that also lives in the dog's intestine. Most common in puppies, it still infects adult dogs and is transmitted through water (lakes and ponds) infected with feces. Coccidia's main symptom is diarrhea but many dogs show no symptoms. Giardia can cause diarrhea, weight loss, and vomiting. Please get a yearly fecal check for your pooch.

2. **Use a flea and tick preventative**, like Frontline, on your dogs. Fleas feed on your pet's blood which results in skin irritation, allergic reactions and anemia. Fleas also serve as an intermediate host for tapeworms, which can infect pets and humans. Fleas and ticks can be tricky to remove from your home and your pet will be miserable itching and scratching. Ticks carry diseases such as Lyme, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Ehrlichiosis, so you don't want them feeding on your pooch either.
3. **Use heartworm preventative.** We all know mosquitoes are prevalent in the state of Michigan. But did you know that the transmission of heartworm is via the mosquito? While not a risk to humans, dogs and cats are at risk of this disease. Heartworms live in the bloodstream, lungs and heart of an infected pet and can kill a pet if left untreated. Waggin' Tails has taken in many heartworm positive dogs. Treatment is expensive and potentially complicated. Heartworm is easily preventable with a monthly chewable. Please get your dog tested!



Please consult your veterinarian for a prevention plan that's right for your pet!

Check out the following sites for more info:

www.PetsAndParasites.org

www.HeartwormSociety.org

www.PetEducation.com

Adoption Reunion Picnic ~ May 16th 12 – 4 pm

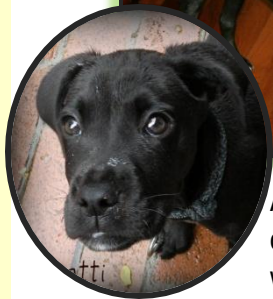
We can't wait to catch up with all of our adopted dogs and their new families!
Rain or shine at Maybury State Park in Northville, at the Oak Pavilion.
Lunch provided and treats for the dogs, too! Adopters - watch your email for an invite.

In honor of our upcoming reunion we wanted to share some adoption updates:



Cooper (previously named Radar) came from a rural shelter and was treated for Parvo. As you can see, he is enjoying the good life now!

Congrats, Cooper!



At just 11 weeks old, little **Bugatti** was given up by his owner. Bugatti is reportedly doing great in his new home!

Way to go, Bugatti!



Saber with his new best friend

Cupcake finally finds a home!

Dogs come and go in the life of a dog foster parent. Some of the needier souls tug at our heartstrings more than others. Cupcake was one of these dogs.

From Stephanie (Cuppie's foster Mom):

I climbed into the back seat with Cupcake after we picked her up from the transporter. She'd spent eight months of her life at a shelter, and four months with a family that returned her to the shelter. At almost a year old, her coat seemed thin and I could almost see her skin. Her muscles atrophied from the amount of time she had spent in a pen. She was happy to have human contact! As long as I was touching her she was okay.



This was just the beginning of Cupcake's journey. She spent over a year in foster care with us learning to be the good dog she has become today. Cupcake now lives with a wonderful family and enjoys naps with her new best cat buddy. You will see in the picture above that Cupcake is learning to take direction from all the members of her new family.

Although I miss her every day, I am proud to say I was Cupcake's foster Mom. I know she is with the perfect family now, and I am so happy for her. She taught me so many things ... Everyone deserves a fighting chance, all wounded things can heal, to take a deep breath and don't react right away.

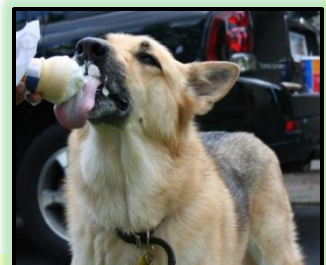
Much love to you, my Cuppiecake.

Congrats on your wonderful new home, Cupcake!



Saber is being a good watch dog and loves all the attention he gets from his new family!

Toby's new family loves him! He gets ice cream in the summer and stops traffic when he wears his cool doggles out!



Special Thanks

We simply could not exist without the kindness and support of the community. We'd like to thank the following businesses for their generosity, which allows us to help so many needy dogs.



Who's Awesome? You Are!

Dean Gardner of Walk This Way Dog Training

All About Animals, Warren

A-Quality Vet Care, Livonia

Breckenridge Veterinary, Novi

Griffith Veterinary, Whitmore Lake

Home Health Care for Pets, Whitmore Lake

Jeffrey Animal Hospital, Farmington Hills

Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic, Novi

Lilley Veterinary Medical Center, Canton

Roose Animal Hospital, Plymouth

Dog's Bow Wow, Livonia

GREKO PRINTING IN PLYMOUTH

Thanks to TONY & JUDI for making us look good!

Our Adoption Partners who make it possible for potential adopters to meet our wonderful dogs.

PETCO, Canton & PETSMAART, Canton



Tall Oaks Kennel in Whitmore Lake

Elaine & her staff take great care of our dogs that do not yet have a foster home.

Upcoming Events

We appreciate your support!
Come share some laughs and good times at an upcoming event!



April 1st, Comedy Club Fundraiser

Joey's Comedy Club, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia

Tickets just \$15

Call us at 248-788-7050 to reserve your seat!

April 15th, 7-10pm at Genitti's in Northville

Uncorked for Canines

Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Tickets \$35 pre-sale. Wine with live and silent auction of fabulous, locally-donated items.

If your business would like to donate an item, please call 248-788-7050. Donations are tax-deductible!

April 21st - 24th and May 19th - 22nd

Go all in. It's okay. It's for the dogs!

Texas Hold'em Fundraiser at the Electric Stick

Pool Hall and Bar at 6581 N. Wayne in Westland.

June 4th, 5th and 6th Yard Sale Fundraiser

Rock bottom prices as everything has to move!

If you'd like to donate items, we can arrange to pick up.

All items are tax-deductible.

Sale takes place at 9350 Southworth Ave., Plymouth (Off Ann Arbor Road just west of Haggerty)

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.



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