



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.

So Many Nameless Faces

Each day, Waggin' Tails is besieged by countless requests to help needy dogs. Calls/emails from dog owners who, for whatever reason, no longer want their dog. Calls from Animal Control Officers trying to save a needy dog from an untimely end. Calls from vet offices who have dogs the public have brought to them in need of help.

Each request pulls at our heartstrings. However it seems that the requests that have the most impact on us are those we receive from shelter workers. Most times, the request are very simple – URGENT FEMALE LAB; URGENT MALE SHEPHERD – the email subject lines will read. The dogs have no names – only faces, identified by a number. The shelter workers are desperate. They see what wonderful dogs are coming into their facility and they know what the likely outcome will be, so they fight for the dogs lives by spitting out request after request literally begging rescues in the hopes that

even one might be saved. These shelter works must do a job that most could never handle, because at the end of the day they have to watch the great waste of lives that have been carelessly cast aside by so many ignorant people.

When you receive and open one of these requests, you see only one thing – the dog's eyes. Eyes filled with fear, sorrow and sadness. Simply eyes without hope. Their eyes penetrate deep into your soul and finally, you have a decision to make. Can I help save this dog? Our answer nearly always depends on foster availability.

Nearly 58% of dogs and puppies that enter a shelter are euthanized.

Unfortunately, groups like Waggin' Tails have limits. We are limited on the numbers we can take based on people being willing to open their hearts and homes to a foster dog. Without a foster family, we have to pay to kennel the dog until a home opens up and many times, to save a dog's life, we will do this but can only afford to house a few dogs long term. And if our foster homes and kennel are full, sadly we must do the unthinkable. We must close the urgent email sent to us and try to erase the memory of those pleading eyes that have already found a place in our hearts, knowing what the outcome will likely be for that dog.

We could help so many of these nameless faces if only we had more foster homes. What does it take to become a Foster to a needy animal? Lots of love, understanding and a bit of time – THAT'S IT!!! Nearly all the dogs we take in have NO problems ... they were happy, adjusted animals that only needed a warm place to lay their head, get some much needed attention and most of all – some love and friendship from a human. Of course, there are always a few that require a little more time and understanding but they are also the most rewarding!

Being a foster mother or father to an animal in need can be one of the most selfless things you can do. The knowledge that you have help save just one life will stay with you forever.

If you are interested in fostering a needy animal, please visit our website at www.waggingtailsdogrescue.org, contact Denise at waggingtails@wowway.com or call our hotline (voicemail only) at 248.788.7050.

Donations Needed!

Just recently, Waggin' Tails has taken in a number of sick dogs. We are currently treating 2 dogs for Heartworm, 3 dogs for pneumonia and 1 pup for parvo. Each of these conditions are costly to treat and we are in desperate need for some additional funds to help cover their vetting costs. If you can make even a small donation, it will go a long way in helping a needy dog today which will allow us to continue saving other needy dogs in the near future! And don't forget – your donations are tax deductible!!!



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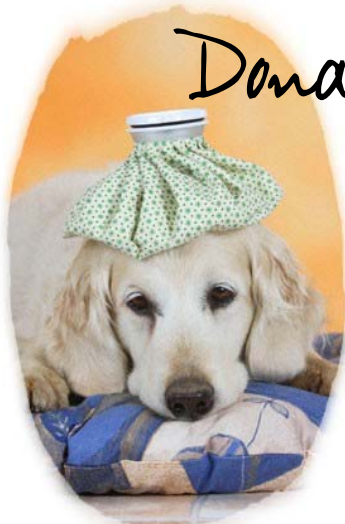
Spring planting time will soon be upon us so in preparation Waggin' Tails is holding a Spring Bulb Fundraiser through **Dutch Mill Bulbs!** We are hoping you will consider ordering your bulbs this year from us since Waggin' Tails will earn much needed money for every item sold.

You can view their products on line at <http://www.dutchmillbulbs.com>

And then email Tammy at turtle9462@aol.com to place your order!

If you have questions, please call 248.788.7050 and someone will return your call.

Flower Power!



Happy Birthday to us!

Happy New Year Everyone! As of January, 2008, Waggin' Tails is 1 Year Old! And what a first year it was!!

Not only were we able to rescue over 160 dogs but we managed to adopt out 136 dogs/puppies AND managed to pay all of our bills ... to the tune of nearly \$75,000.

We had many ups and downs during the course of 2007 but thanks to the dedication of our volunteers and the encouragement of so many wonderful supporters, Waggin' Tails has managed to establish itself as a well run and well respected dog rescue group. In addition, we've been able to welcome many new volunteers along the way.

To all of the families that adopted from us and to all the people that have supported us throughout 2007, we say a very big thank you! We are looking forward to saving many more needy dog lives this year.

Financials

Average Cost to Vet One Dog: \$317.07

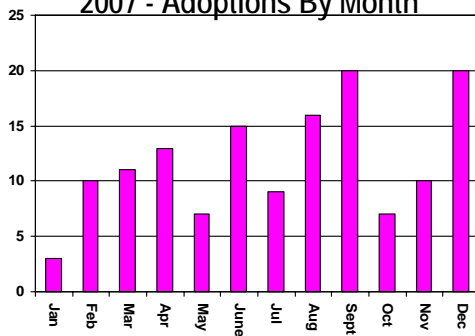
Top 3 Expenditures

Veterinary Care: \$52,000
 Kennel Fees: \$ 7,329
 Microchips: \$ 1,808

Income

Donations: \$34,000
 Adoption Fees: \$25,995
 Fundraisers: \$18,987

2007 - Adoptions By Month



Happy Tails to you ...

BUSTER

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

Dear Waggin' Tails,

I am happier than I've ever been before, thanks to you! My first family didn't care enough about me or my canine brother to take us with them when they moved. Luckily, the landlord came in and found us both and took us to the local shelter. Because I am not as young as other dogs, I didn't have much time. Thankfully, a representative from Waggin' Tails came by and realized how much love I still have to give and gave me a second chance at life.

Since arriving to my new home in June 2007, I've settled in well with my new family - Stephen, Kari & Cleo (see enclosed picture). Every evening, we go on a walk around the subdivision. I've made friends (as well as not-so-friendly acquaintances) with some of the other dogs in the neighborhood. After a walk Stephen will play with me with my squeaky bone or my laughing koala bear. I run all the way down the hallway and back to fetch the toy. I especially enjoy visiting with my "cousin" Kimmie, who is Kari's parents' dog. We are both old dogs but enjoy playing together and going for walks.

Some people have guessed that I'm as young as 5 years old, but others have estimated I'm between 8 and 9 years. I'm not telling! I like to act like both - I have a great mix of playfulness and laziness. I like to keep Kari and Stephen guessing. Regardless, I'm so happy and thankful that I get to spend the rest of my life with my two favorite people, favorite feline friend, and the best cousin ever.

Thanks, Waggin' Tails, for giving this old guy another chance!



 xoxox, Buster

Special Thanks

Organizations such as ours depend 100% on the generosity of others & we would like to thank the following individuals & businesses for their very kind and generous support!

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The following businesses help support our group by offering discounts which allows us to afford to save more animals. We cannot thank them enough for all they do for us. 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
- Tall Oaks Kennel - Whitmore Lake
- Common Scents - Ortonville
- 4-Legged Friends Dog Daycare - Livonia
- Country Ridge Animal Clinic - Farmington Hills
- Green Oak Veterinary Clinic - Whitmore Lake
- Griffith Veterinary Services - Whitmore Lake
- Healthy Pet Veterinary Clinic - Milford
- Home Health Care for Pets - Whitmore Lake
- Meadowbrook Veterinary Clinic - Novi
- North Gratiot Veterinary Clinic - Chesterfield Twp
- Roose Animal Hospital - Plymouth.
- VCA - Allen Park
- Village Animal Clinic - Farmington
- Petsmart - Canton / Commerce / Northville