

SUMMER 2010

# Dogwood Animal Shelter



Hi! My name is Izzy. I have been at Dogwood for a while now. Life has been interesting to say the least. Shortly after my arrival, the staff here noticed that there was something not quite right with my eyes, so they had the vet take a look. I already knew something was wrong because my eyes hurt all the time! Sure enough, the vet said I had something called Entropion. Apparently my eyelids rolled in and caused the eye lashes to rub my eyeballs. Ouch! The good news was that it could be fixed. However, the cost was a little more than the shelter could afford. You see, Dogwood operates completely on donations and the income from the Thrift Shop, so the staff has to stretch every penny! Well, my caretakers allowed me to make a plea to the public with a newspaper article. Within a week, because of caring people like you, there were enough donations sent in to cover not only my surgery, but my friends', Sasha's and Blossom's, too! Sasha also had Entropion, just a little less severe. And Blossom's surgery was a life-saving emergency surgery, so her bill was already due when I made my plea! It would not have been any fun if Blossom had been re-

possessed by the vet! Ha-ha! That wouldn't really happen because Lake Hills Veterinary understands, but we don't like having a big outstanding balance if we don't have to! So, now life is beautiful, except I would really like to have a forever home of my own. I am already spayed, up-to-date on all of my shots, have a microchip, and have been completely cleared after my surgery. Patience is a virtue, I know, but day after day I keep wishing that my perfect human walks through the door. If you are out there reading this and think we would make a good match, please come soon! I enjoy lots of affection, play time, lazy afternoons, and the occasional treat would be greatly appreciated. I am a fairly low-maintenance kind of girl and would make a great addition to your family, I promise. I am a little freaked out by little dogs, though. They are always so happy and "in your business", you know? See you soon!

Love,  
Izzy



**Volunteer, Karen Johnson,  
gives the thumbs up  
standing in front of a pile of  
donated items at  
Dogwood Thrift Store.**

## Volunteer Spotlight

Sorting through load after load of the donated goods that are constantly coming through the back door at Dogwood Thrift Shop, volunteer Karen Johnson always has her eyes open for a treasure; a rare and valuable find that will benefit the shelter. Truth be told, Karen herself is the kind of rare find for whom we at Dogwood thank our lucky stars !

You see, each week, Karen spends the better part of two days sorting, cleaning and pricing items that will generate much of the income Dogwood needs to support the animals in its care. That's *in addition* to her other contributions of time and talent to the organization!

Many times, the stacks of recent loads of donations to the thrift shop are taller than most of us! Undaunted, Karen steps up to the pricing counter and begins, one item at a time. She has seen a whole lot of stuff during the ten years she's been helping us! The donations range from ordinary housewares to unique collector items, original art and more. Antique and vintage things are very intriguing because they often give a glimpse of what life has been like for past generations. Karen has spent oodles of time inspecting these older items and researching them to help us prepare for our Oldies-But-Goodies sale every year.

What keeps her coming back to the never-ending pile of work? She says it's partly her love of learning. The tasks she does as a volunteer for Dogwood are completely different from what she did in her working life. She says the diversity of items and variety of people she encounters here keep her thinking sharp. She's an adventurer by nature and delving into the mysteries in a thrift shop basement can certainly be an adventure! She enjoys thinking that an item she has come across, cleaned up and priced reasonably is going to make somebody's day when they find and purchase it!

As a volunteer, Karen is able to work the hours and days that she likes and is free to "beg out" when company comes calling or an opportunity for travel presents itself. There are so many different things to do at the thrift shop! A volunteer may move around, try new tasks and never get bored!

Karen is a strong advocate of recycling, which is really the concept upon which the thrift shop is based; keeping useful things out of our landfills, saving water that's used during production, fuel costs associated with transportation of new merchandise to stores and keeping purchases local. And, as she points out, Dogwood is a multi-service organization, giving homeless pets the care they need, offering affordable spay and neuter services *and* providing tax free low prices.

I mentioned that Karen does more than just help us at the thrift store. While going about her usual errands, she collects the dollars and change from some of Dogwood's donation canisters you see placed in many area businesses. That money really adds up and helps pay some of the out of budget expenses that come up.

Karen taught for 21 years at an inner city high school, and worked for a utility company in both cash management and corporate communications. She's travelled much of the United States and Canada. She's an artist, a Master Gardener for the Dogwood Garden Club and loves to ride horses. She says she's never been one to just sit back and watch life happen. As a retiree in good health, she feels she owes it to her community to participate and give back. And it makes life more fun!



Then there are Thursdays! Most Thursday afternoons, Karen spends a couple of hours at the shelter helping dogs in a special way—she teaches them basic obedience. She’s a member of the small-but-mighty group called Canine Coaches. Their mission is to help dogs become more adoptable by teaching them a few good manners—and it works! It has been demonstrated many times that potential adopters are impressed with a trained dog who doesn’t pull and tug on the leash when taken for a walk, who sits on command and is attentive. These simple things can “seal the deal” so to speak, making the difference between going home with the person or going back to the kennel indefinitely.

Canine Coaches are led by professional dog obedience trainer, Diane Kowalczyk who has years of experience. Anyone can easily learn the basics from her in one or two sessions, and then begin working on their own. Dogwood’s large air conditioned community room is used when the weather is unpleasant.; but now the Coaches and dogs are enjoying walking through the woods on “Ozzie’s Trail”, recently constructed by Board Member Dennis Wright and named in memory of his dog.

Karen enjoys her time with the dogs at the shelter and knows it’s well spent, but one thing does sometimes sadden her; the shortage of help. The Canine Coach group consists of a handful of regulars while the number of dogs on the waiting list is 50 or more! Many of them may never get the training they need.

Fear of emotional attachment to the dogs often prevents people from getting involved at the shelter. This is an unfortunate waste of talent that may easily be overcome, according to Karen, by realizing that it’s all about helping the dog. Not that she hasn’t experienced that attachment herself, more than once! That’s exactly how she knows—when you come to terms with what your goal really is, you may focus on improving the dogs’ behavior and know you are doing him or her a world of good!

In the 10 years that Karen has been working with shelter dogs, she says she’s never been bitten, or even had an encounter with an aggressive dog. It does require a certain level of physical fitness though. Since the dogs are untrained at the beginning, you need to expect and be physically ready for a lot of pulling, jumping and lunging against the leash.

So, what’s the up-side? Not able to have a pet herself, Karen gets her “dog fix” every week as she goes about the important task of helping shelter dogs. She considers it to be good exercise. and the dogs are so happy to see her each time she comes! The best thing, though, is the feeling of accomplishment and plain happiness she experiences when her efforts pay off for a particular dog.



**A fondness for dogs, a willingness to acquire a little fur on your clothes, and a pouch of aromatic hot dog chunks are all you need to join the Canine Coach volunteers at the shelter!**  
**(The dog Karen is working with in this photo is Billie Jean, a 2 yr. old female brought in by Camden County Animal Control last February.**  
**She's now spayed, vaccinated, microchipped, partially trained and ready for a new home!)**

She’ll tell about Lady, for instance. Through training and testing at the shelter, Lady was discovered to have the special skills needed to be a drug sniffing dog. A shepherd mix some years ago was adopted by a New York family to be trained as a service dog for their daughter in a wheelchair. Many have settled into permanent homes to become a cherished pet because they were lucky enough to have been trained by our Canine Coaches.

Karen is in the company of other dedicated volunteers who realize how much more Dogwood could do for the animals that depend on it, if only there were more hands to help. If you’d like to get involved, please contact us via our website ([daslakeoftheozarks.com](http://daslakeoftheozarks.com)) or by calling the shelter or thrift shop.

Have you ever found a lost pet and wished it could talk so you could return it safely to its owner?

As a pet owner, putting a long-lasting, easy-to-see I.D. on your pet can give you peace of mind!

Due to many requests, Dogwood Animal Shelter has acquired a pet I.D. tag engraver from VIP Engravers.

The tags come in lots of shapes, sizes, fonts, and colors and can be engraved

on both sides with important information about your dog and/or cat.

Visit us at the shelter to create a tag for your best friend!

The cost is \$8 per tag. If purchased with a Lupine collar (prices vary), the cost of the tag is \$6.



Cheyenne, a dog recently adopted by one of our employees, proudly models her new ID tag.

In addition to I.D. tags, we will be “planting” a fur-ever forest on the wall of the shelter. This will be a place for you to memorialize your best friends who have passed through your life and left paw prints forever on your heart. For a \$25 memorial donation, we will engrave your pet’s name on a tag of your choice, which will then be hung in the forest. We hope to have the trees planted (painted) by the end of July. Engraving can be done now and the tags will be hung immediately upon completion of the artwork. Call the shelter at 348-4411 for more details.

## What's coming up at Dogwood Animal Shelter...

### HOME CONSULTANTS EXPO AT D.A.S.!

On Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, DAS will host a Home Consultants Expo in the community room at Dogwood Animal Shelter from 10 til 3. Consultants from various companies will present their products.

#### Many items will be raffled!

Pampered Chef, Creative Memories, Thirty-One (personalized bags and totes), Tupperware, Miche Bags, Close to My Heart, Silpada Jewelry, and many more will be here.

Don't miss this event!

**Low cost dog obedience classes** are held regularly in Dogwood's community room. The next six week session begins August 26. To register, call 573-348-4411



**Bingo games** every Wednesday afternoon at 12:45 in Dogwood's community room help raise money for Dogwood's pets!

**Aug 21st** - National Homeless Pets Day. Adoption event at Culver's in Osage Beach!

**Sept 11th** - Osage Beach Fall Festival, Adoption booth pets, leashes/collars, I.D. tags & engraver!

**Sept 18th** - Open House family fun day at the Shelter! BBQ, Ice Cream, shelter tours, activities galore!

**Oct 9th** - Fall Crafter's Bazaar in Dogwood's community room from 10am- 3pm. Interested crafters may call the shelter now and speak to Barb or Shawne for more information about booths at this event.

### "Teaching a child not to step on a caterpillar does as much for the child as it does for the caterpillar."

That's the idea behind our desire to teach our community's children about kindness, empathy, and responsibility to pets. Toward that goal, each spring we begin looking for sponsors to help us supply many of our area classrooms with the monthly flyer, KINDnews, for the next school year. This fun flyer tells kids not only about pet care, but environmental care and appreciation of different cultures all over the world. Teachers *and* kids love it! Sponsorship for the entire school year is only \$30. Can you think of a way to make a bigger impact with \$30? Won't you help us reach as many children as possible this year? Contact Beth at 573-374-5583 or [kind.news@yahoo.com](mailto:kind.news@yahoo.com). The deadline is approaching; please call soon!

## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of Dr. John Reinhold DVM  
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In Honor of Sonja Howard  
by Wallis Barker

**Opening your heart to a rescued pet can be a rewarding adventure!** At the right is a picture of Cash (center) with his new friends, Prince (left, front) and Tammy Fae (right, distant). Cash came to Dogwood with a severe skin problem, malnourished and forlorn. But now this lucky pup has a fun new home with caring owners—you'll see that from their letter, below. We're very grateful to them for opening their hearts and home!



Hello to Everyone at Dogwood Animal Shelter!

Attached please find pictures of Cash, the border collie we adopted five weeks ago. From the first moment we had Cash, he's been nothing but a pleasure! Even though he's not quite a year, he still has the puppy excitement and curiosity. He is fun!

Cash has been a blessing to our other dog, Prince (another Border Collie we adopted from you in 2005). We knew we needed to get a new friend for Prince. Prince had been very depressed since his elderly friend, Max had to be put to sleep. There was a bit of an adjustment period with Cash coming; Prince was now depressed for another reason...thinking we were trying to replace him! But love and time heal everything and it did not take long for Prince and Cash to become best buds!

An added bonus which we did not expect is that Cash is a real watch dog—and a deer watch dog! All night he stands watch, barking to chase away the deer. For the first time in years, we are able to have a vegetable garden. Thank you Cash!

We'd like to thank Dogwood Animal Shelter for Cash. Cash is a delightful pup, with a wonderful disposition and a very loving personality. We're sure it's due to the fact that he was well cared for and loved while you all were caring for him.

I know the sacrifices of all who work at Dogwood are because you love and care for the dogs and kitties—really love them and can mentally put yourself into their position of being lost, discarded, not cared for and unloved. Your love and time given to these animals stem from your compassion—you make the difference for them. If more people could imagine themselves like this there would be more adoptions and more people spaying and neutering.

When I was growing up, my dad would say, "Be good to the dog. Dogs are people too."

I want you to know that Cash is very happy. All your time and love has resulted in a wonderful life for him. He now has his own farm, his own calico cat friend, his own two horses to chase and his own best bud, Prince. It's a joy to know we could help Cash, but it is Cash who is helping us! He's a real lover. Thank you for everything and thank you again for Cash!

We're very grateful to have received the donation of a beautiful website from a talented (and pet loving) couple, Mike and Sandy Waggett of MSW Interactive! You can visit our new site at [daslakeoftheozarks.com](http://daslakeoftheozarks.com) to meet our pet of the week, see what's new at our thrift store, read our tail-wagging tales, and more!

You'll find lots of wonderful photos of adoptable pets on our new website, thanks to professional photographer, Mitch Spence. With patience and a rare talent, she somehow captures much more than just an image of the animals on which she focuses her camera.

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Due to a number of unexpected repairs this spring, monetary donations will be greatly appreciated.

**Dogwood Animal Shelter** is open Monday-Saturday. 1075 Runabout Drive, Osage Beach, MO 65065; 573-348-4411  
**Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic** is located at the back entrance of the shelter. Call shelter for appt.  
**Dogwood Thrift Shop** is open Monday-Saturday; 311 S. Business Hwy. 5, Camdenton, MO 65020; 573-346-7932

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Mark Barrett, owner of Dog Days Bar & Grill, is pictured here with Kathi Kinsley of Dogwood Animal Shelter, presenting a check for \$1600.00 to help further the work of the shelter. This is just a portion of the money raised for Dogwood during the three day Canine Cannonball event last month. The folks who attend this fun event are dog lovers and are very supportive of our no-kill policy and our efforts. The donation canisters at Dogwood's booth were always full and we were able to place three dogs in good new homes as a result of our presence at the event! (Mark generously paid a portion of the adoption fees!) Dogwood is grateful to Mark and his outstanding staff at Dog Days. This is the fourth year that the event has been held at Dog Days and Dogwood has happily been there every time!

Chevy's Bar & Grill chose Dogwood Animal Shelter as recipient of their 3rd annual golf tournament last month! Kathi (left) was happy to accept another \$1600 check on behalf of the shelter from Nikki Soloman of Chevy's (right). We're grateful to Nikki and the folks at Chevy's for all the work they did and to the golfers who participated to raise this money for Dogwood's pets!



Volunteer, Sonja Howard helps find homes for many Dogwood cats by taking them to Petco for adoption!  
We—and the cats—really appreciate all her efforts!



#### **JUNE WAS ADOPT-A-CAT MONTH.**

With over 150 beautiful cats and kittens to choose from, we were well supplied! To encourage cat adoptions during the month, the fee was reduced and we featured a cat each week on our Thursday morning **Coyote** station pet-of-the-week radio spot (which is viewable online at [1079thecoyote.com](http://1079thecoyote.com)). As a result, 28 happy cats and kittens have new homes! There are still so many more without homes. Please remember; spay and neuter is the solution.

#### **WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE...**

that Stephen Straw of Eagle Scout Troop #29, led by Scout Master Greg Hueste, is proposing his Eagle Scout project for Dogwood Animal Shelter. It's a long awaited outdoor off-leash play area! At minimum, the area would measure 40 x 60, but, speaking on behalf of the dogs, especially our long-timers, we'd LOVE to see it built much bigger! The more money that Stephen can raise towards it, the bigger it will be. He will be using vinyl fencing panels which cost approximately \$50 each. Posts, gates and cement will also have to be purchased and an auger rented for digging the holes. Any donation will help! Those interested in donating and volunteers interested in helping with the installation may call us and we'll put them on a contact list for Stephen.

P.S.

Twister (right) and all the others are anxiously awaiting their new "playground"! Thanks for thinking of them, Stephen!



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**Chase, Doc, and Grumpy** are three brothers, left from a litter of seven that were brought to us as puppies; now they're going on 4 years old. They're all good boys, just waiting for their chance to prove it to a you!

**Dogwood Animal Shelter's Mission:**  
To provide care and shelter to the homeless pets of our community, to reduce their numbers through spay and neuter, to promote humane treatment of all animals, and to enhance the human-animal bond.