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*Preparing
pets and people
for the bond
of their lives.*



Fenby Webster,
Wayside Waifs founder



*Wayside Waifs
Celebrates 75 years!*

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Letter from the President *Celebrating 75 Years*



It all started when a community advocate noticed a problem at the city pound and decided to do something about it. Seventy-five years later, the legacy of that community advocate, Fenby Webster, lives on at Wayside Waifs. There have been many twists and turns over the decades, many ups and downs. Yet, one thing has remained constant throughout Wayside's journey – a focus on bringing animal lovers together to help homeless animals.

This year Wayside is celebrating 75 years of saving animals. We're honoring this milestone in a variety of ways. The first of

which is to unveil our new mission statement, "Preparing pets and people for the bond of their lives."

Under the expert guidance of JNA Advertising, this new mission statement has been created with input from volunteers, donors, adopters, staff, and board members. We believe the new statement captures the essence of what Wayside does each and every day. We've also created a supporting statement to articulate how we accomplish our mission statement: "We accomplish our mission by protecting and caring for the animals under our watch; by reaching out to the community for love and support; and by teaching others about the profound joy that pets bring to our lives."

I hope you will join Wayside and celebrate 75 years of saving animals. There are many ways to be involved during this special anniversary year, from attending Fur Ball or Strutt With Your Mutt, making a donation in honor of Fenby Webster or a loved one, becoming a shelter volunteer, adopting a shelter pet, or simply by taking a moment to reflect how the human-animal bond has brought joy to you and your family.

Great things are ahead for Wayside Waifs in 2019. And with your support Wayside will continue to serve the homeless pets today, tomorrow, and for another 75 years.

Geoff Hall – President

*P.S. I hope to see you at this year's Fur Ball Gala on Saturday, May 11. This year's theme is **Woof 66: A Journey to Finding a Forever Home!** Visit FurBallKC.org for more info.*



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for the bond of their lives.**

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Happy Tails *Forever Loved*



Maria

She's been great! She's smart and listens well. We love her!

- Michelle



Pip

He loves adventures in the snow – just look!

- Laura



Rio, Rory, and Rocco

They're the three most important things in my life!

- Kayla



Oliver

He is absolutely perfect. He is very playful, loves to nap, and very good with all age groups.

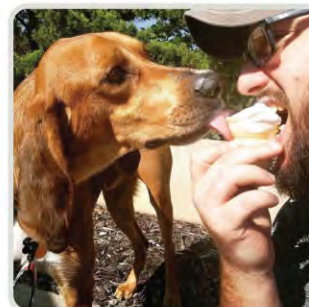
- Kelsey



Grace

She's so cute and is going to be a great addition to our furry family.

- Nikki



Jackson

He loves exercise, morning walks, nighttime jogs, and trips to the dog park.

- Jessica

Share your adoption stories with us on Facebook!



Mission:

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Wayside Waifs Celebrates 75 years!

Thank You for Saving the Animals

Seventy-five years ago, Fenby Webster – an animal lover just like you – dreamed of saving homeless animals. She recognized that an adequate shelter in Kansas City didn't exist. So, with \$5,000, Fenby purchased land – which has grown into the 50 acres we're on today – and with the help of 28 volunteers she started Wayside Waifs.

***“Kansas City had no Humane Society,
and its dog pound was a disgrace in 1943 –
one of the worst in the country,”
said Fenby Webster,
Founder of Wayside Waifs.***

In 1944, Wayside was defined as “an animal organization to take care of lost, stray, and unwanted animals; to promote humane education; to prevent cruelty when possible.” Unfortunately, this still rings true today. It's almost as if Fenby knew that her vision would stand the test of time.

Because of you, Wayside has grown in many ways while keeping our focus on saving animals. In years past, the animals were cared for differently based on available resources. However, those resources have grown and donor support allowed us to provide comprehensive medical and behavioral care to all of the animals in our care. And after the animals receive care that makes them both happy and healthy, they become available for adoption. Last year we found forever homes for 5,668 animals! That's a success even Fenby Webster would have been proud of 75 years ago.



***Fenby Webster, Founder of
Wayside Waifs, started the shelter
with \$5,000 and a lot of faith.***

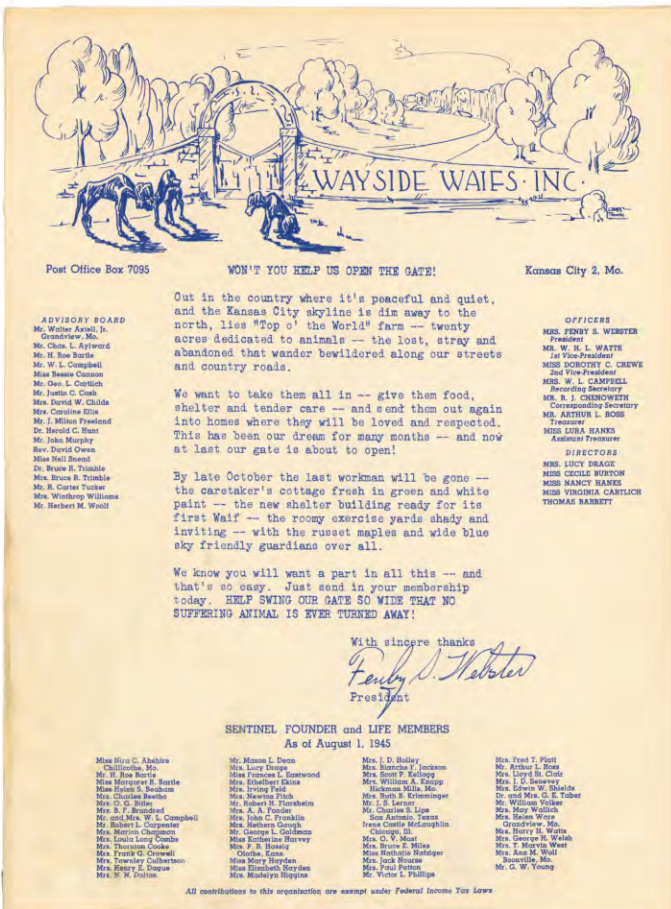
Since day one, educating the public has been a mission of Wayside's. In the past Wayside said “It is highly important that the education of the ‘heart’ go hand-in-hand with the education of the ‘mind’ if there is to be a better world.” That feeling is still true today – the current humane education program reached more than 11,000 students last year. And Wayside's No More Bullying! program is taught in fifteen states throughout the country.

The Bond of Our Lives is Priceless

We Need Your Help to Continue

Wayside has succeeded over the past 75 years, thanks to support from our donors. Our expenses have increased tremendously through the years – from \$20,000 to \$6 million! These increases have allowed us to grow, helping more animals every year.

Since we receive no government funding and are run solely on donations, it's extremely important that we receive your help now more than ever! **Please visit WaysideWaifs.org and donate today! You'll save a life!**



PICTURED ABOVE: The above letter was mailed by Wayside in 1945. We relied on support from animal lovers to help us save lives then. And we need that same support today. Will you save the animals?

2018 Furry Facts

What your support did last year

5,668
 animals adopted
 into loving,
 forever homes



3,189
 spay/neuter
 surgeries performed



11,349
 reached through
 education programs



5,000+
 hungry animals fed through
 the Pet Food Pantry



Through the years, Wayside has protected animals against cruelty. We have always wanted animals to have a safe living environment. The first time we took a stand against animal cruelty was in 1948 which led to the Board of Police Commissioners authorizing Humane Officers for the Police Department. Sadly, that didn't stop cruelty – but it didn't stop Wayside from protecting the animals. In 2012, Wayside deployed to Florida to assist the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) in caring for more than 700 cats that were removed from an animal sanctuary. Wayside cared for cats who lived in overcrowded, filthy conditions and were suffering from multiple medical issues. In 2013, a dog fighting ring was discovered in Kansas, Missouri, and Texas. The ASPCA set up a temporary shelter close to Wayside. Nearly 100 dogs seized received daily medical care, in addition to socialization and behavioral enrichment at the temporary shelter from Wayside staff.

Wayside rescues animals from cruelty, and from natural disasters as well. In 1951, petroleum tanks caught on fire when rising floodwaters hit Southwest Boulevard – Wayside was there non-stop to help the animals who suffered from the fire and floods. In May 1957 Ruskin Heights and Martin City were hit by a tornado and Wayside was there to help. When the KCMO Animal Control Facility was threatened by rising flood waters in 1990 Wayside served as an evacuation center for the animals who were there. In 2012 we helped injured and displaced animals effected by Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, and the Joplin tornado – making sure animals received medical care, warmth, and shelter. The number of rescuers has grown since Wayside's inception. We only had one paid staff member to rescue animals in 1947. Today, Wayside has an entire Rescue and Response team that uses a 28-foot trailer to transport up to 50 animals.



A group of girl scouts visitng Wayside in 1948. Today we not only have girl scouts visit, but also boy scouts, school groups, and other community partners.

“It is highly important that the education of the ‘heart’ go hand-in-hand with the education of the ‘mind’ if there is to be a better world.”– words written by original Wayside staff about Humane Education



The Wayside Waifs building in October, 1955 – a lot has changed since then.

While Wayside's location has been the same for the past 75 years, the land we are on has grown to 50 acres. What started as a house-like shelter on farm land is now much more. We have our modern-day building, Bark Park, Pet Memorial Services (including the building and cemetery), an agility park, and luscious green space with walking trails. The building has had additions over time – increasing its size to the 47,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility it is today. And you can look forward to upcoming groundbreaking that will add a new Canine Behavior Center and an expansion of the current building making room for an Education and Training Center.



Tippy, one of the original mascots in Wayside's newsletter from 1948, "Tippy Speaking."

As we reflect over the past 75 years, we know that great staff, volunteers, and donors have helped every step of the way. Wayside started with the ambition of one individual and spread to hundreds of animal lovers. We can't thank you enough for your support in the past, present, and into the future!

**Save The Date
for our groundbreaking on
Wednesday, June 5**



Wayside Waifs is preparing pets and people for the bond of their lives. For 75 years, our donors have supported Wayside, the animals, the life-saving care we provide, the adoptions ... and ultimately the Best Friends relationships we create. You can create meaningful bonds between pets and people by becoming a Best Friends Monthly Donor.

We're only able to continue this vision through constant support from animal lovers like you. Best Friends provide consistent and reliable support – on a monthly basis – to the animals.

Please become a Best Friends Monthly Donor today. Visit WaysideWaifs.org or contact Andrew Starr at 816-986-4414 for more details.



Sewzie, the first Waifs at Wayside, and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, in 1945.

Honor/Memorial GIVING

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Auggie, Baxter, Bobby, Kiya, Lilly, Mina, Parker, Sugar, Summer, Vanna & Yoshi

Save the Date Saturday, May 11, 2019



Join us for Fur Ball – **Woof 66: A Journey to Finding a Forever Home.** The event is Kansas City’s biggest fundraiser for homeless animals. Don’t miss out on one of the most talked about parties of the year! The event takes place at the Overland Park Convention Center on **Saturday, May 11, 2019** at 5:30 pm.

This trip is one of a kind! Guests will enjoy stops at roadside attractions, refuel at service stations, pick up great auction souvenirs, and more. Then they’ll enjoy a hearty meal at Hotel Wayside. Finally, they’ll kick up their heels on the dance floor. Returning as the emcee is Gary Lezak and his dog – Wayside alum – Sunny!

To reserve your table for May 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm, contact Molly Moody, Special Events Manager, at (816) 986-4409 or mmoody@waysidewaifs.org.

For more info, visit FurBallKC.org.



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