

# Scratching **POST**

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM WAYSIDE WAIFS

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*Looking for  
your very own  
Secret Admirer?*

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# Letter from the President *You're Part of Wayside's Story*



Thank you for all you do for homeless pets. Your on going support makes Wayside's life-saving mission possible year after year.

Many exciting things are planned in 2020 for the pets and people of Wayside. Late summer we'll be unveiling the Canine Behavior Center (second of its kind in the nation) and an Education & Training Center expansion. Both projects will move our mission forward, serving those most in need, while also providing much needed space to support the education and training needs of the community.

Even with these new changes and growth, Wayside remains the same at heart. We are still composed of wonderful people who want the best for animals ... staff, donors, volunteers, foster parents, and adopters. We work together and make miracles happen every day!

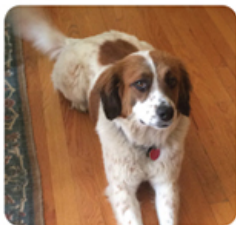
Another constant at Wayside is the level of care provided to our felines. This issue of Scratching Post highlights our special cat programs and services.

I want to thank you for supporting the Waifs and being part of Wayside's story. And to find additional ways you can get involved, visit [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org).

Geoff Hall – President

*P.S. I hope to see you at this year's Fur Ball Gala on Saturday, May 9. This year's theme is **Caturday Night Live!***

## Happy Tails *Forever Loved*



### Miss Charlotte

We are absolutely in love with her and think she feels the same about us.  
– Warner & Pam



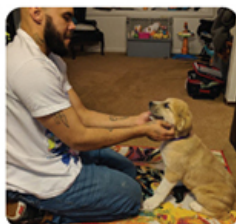
### Bexley Cruz

She loves spring colors as much as I love her!  
– Julie



### Leo & Fenix

They're such good cats! Getting along very well with us and our dogs.  
– Jeff



### Taffy

She is doing great. She, the children and cats are getting along nicely!  
– Ariel



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**PREPARING PETS AND PEOPLE FOR THE BOND OF THEIR LIVES.**

*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.*

Share your adoption stories with us on Facebook!



# Together We Save Animals *How You Can Get Involved*

Wayside Waifs is preparing pets and people for the bond of their lives. On a 50 acre campus, we care for 6,200 abandoned, abused, and neglected animals every year. We rescue animals locally and nationally by working with nearby Animal Controls, more than 65 regional shelter partners, national rescue organizations, and by deploying our Animal Rescue and Response Team. We deliver comprehensive life-saving medical care and transformational behavioral assessments to homeless animals while in our care. Once the animals are ready for adoption, we help them find new, loving homes because all animals deserve a second chance. We are a leader in educating the community about animal welfare issues. Our Humane Educators and companion animals teach students our No More Bullying! curriculum, Activating Em-PAW-thy, Dog Safety, Reading for People and Pets, and more. And we provide compassionate end of life care to family pets through our Pet Memorial Services.

We are able to do all of these things because of you! Your support, in whatever way you're able to provide, saves lives! Here are a few ways you can get involved:

**Adopt:** We have the furry family member missing from your life! The animals in our care include dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, and small mammals. They are from near and far, have different backgrounds, and have different needs. Visit Wayside today so an Adoptions Counselor can work with you to find the best fit for your family!



*PICTURED ABOVE: Jasper having his adoption picture taken in May of 2019.*



*PICTURED ABOVE: Kaitlin and Laurin Stotts raised money for the Waifs through their lemonade stand last summer. Here they are with Waif Alum Tibbs.*

**Donate:** We don't receive any government funding but rely solely on the support from generous donors. Donations can be made in many ways – by individuals, corporations, or even youth who donate profits from their lemonade stand. Be creative! These donations provide life-saving medical care, comprehensive behavioral care, nutritious food, warm beds, and constant love until the animals find forever homes.

**Volunteer:** There are many ways you can volunteer at Wayside - cat socializing, dog walking, humane education, event support, vet clinic assistance, meet & greet specialist, and more! Visit [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org) for more info.

**Foster:** One specialized, and very important role, is that of Foster Volunteer. These individuals welcome homeless animals into their homes – some recovering from surgery, others too young to be adopted. Wayside provides everything the animal needs during their stay with you including food, medical care (including medicine & vet visits), blankets, toys, etc.

**To learn more about how you can get involved in saving the homeless animals' lives, visit [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org).**

# Feline-ality *A Personality Test for Cats*



Looking for a cat who will be by your side a lot? Adopt a Personal Assistant. Or would you rather have a cat who likes to warm up to you before showering you with affection? Then you need a Secret Admirer.

At Wayside we work with our cats to determine their personalities. We've adopted the Feline-ality test, originally created by the ASPCA and used at shelters nationwide, as a way to fully understand the cat's personality in new environments. The assessment predicts how a cat is likely to behave in their new home.

In addition to assessing the cats, we learn about potential adopters. We have them complete an Adopter Survey which tells us their preferences and expectations. We then are able to have conversations with them, including open ended questions, to talk freely about what they want versus what a specific cat may provide them. We can help them find a cat that fits their needs and wants.

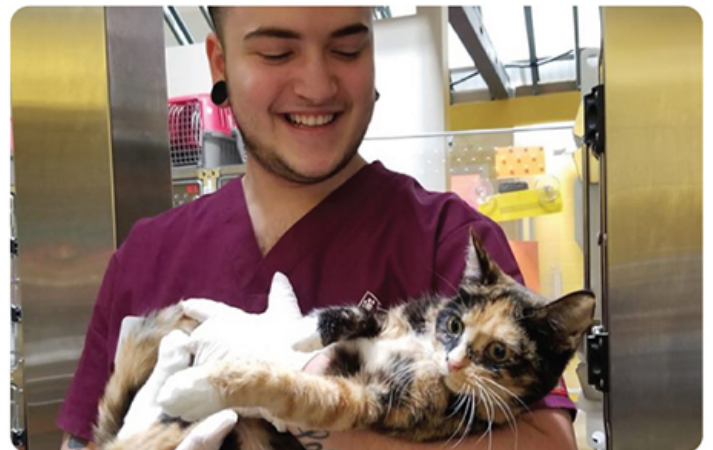
In the end, we know that this assessment allows us to better place cats in their forever homes with humans. We hear adopters praise the assessment and how it helped them find the perfect cat.

*PICTURED ABOVE: Sheila, a volunteer at Wayside, makes friends with a cat while socializing the adoptable cats.*

*PICTURED RIGHT: Like he does every day at work, Van – a Canine Care Tech – enjoys quality time with a cat.*

## ***There are 9 feline personality types:***

- **Executive:** this cat is always doing something – playing with a toy, looking out the window – and they like to include time during their day to socialize with you.
- **Leader of the Band:** this cat is adventurous and likes to have everyone follow their lead. They have a lot of confidence but also show you affection.
- **Love Bug:** this cat is 100% affection ... loves petting, purrs, and paws kneading your lap. They like quality time to spend with you.
- **MVP (Most Valuable Pussycat):** this cat likes space but also wants to be with you. Just imagine the cat who wants to sit on the couch by your side ... maybe even have their ears scratched.
- **Party Animal:** this cat is always up to party – with you, with others, or by themselves! They like to play with toys, liven up parties, and make everyone laugh.
- **Personal Assistant:** this cat is stuck to you like glue ... helping you cook, clean, and relax. They want to be your best friend who's always in your life.
- **Private Investigator:** this cat knows how to keep your secrets. They know how to stay out of trouble. And they know how to keep an eye out on you and your home.
- **Secret Admirer:** this is a smart cat. Logical up front – knows what they're doing – and completely lovable later, sharing lap time and purrs once you're best buds.
- **Sidekick:** this cat is a reliable and steady companion. They like a little bit of everything good in life – attention as well as solitude. They're all-around great company.



## Best Friends *Providing Constant Support*

Best Friends Monthly Donors who give to the homeless animals at Wayside are constant life-savers. Month after month their gifts provide medical care, behavior training, safe shelter, nutritious food, and love to thousands of animals in need of a second chance. The consistent support from Best Friends is one of the only reliable aspects of life for a Waif.

Gary and Ann have been supporters of the animals at Wayside Waifs since 2008 becoming monthly donors not long after that. They reside in Kansas City – Ann is from the metro and Gary moved here about 30 years ago. They have always enjoyed the wonderful things in life: family, friends, traveling, golfing and skiing, and animals. Their support over the past decade has given a voice to the helpless animals who need someone by their side.

“Helping animals is important to my husband and me,” said Ann. “We enjoy giving on a regular basis because we know the animals are being saved every single month.”



PICTURED: Gary and Ann with their beloved dog, Caesar.

*If you'd like to join Ann and Gary and become a Best Friend Monthly Donor, visit [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org) or contact Andrew Starr at 816-986-4414.*

## 2019 Furry Facts *What Your Support Has Done*

**5,690**

*animals adopted into loving, forever homes*



**16,316**

*reached through education programs*



**3,090**

*spay/neuter surgeries performed*



**5,000+**

*hungry animals fed through the Pet Food Pantry*



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Boo, Cassie, Chanda, Crystal, Fredrick, Herbie, Jojo, Josie, Lance, Libby, Lily, Missy, Missy Belle, Papi, Rosie, Sammy, Scout, Spazzy, Zelda, & Zorba

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Contact us at 816-761-8151 or visit us at [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org) for hours of operation, services, and more.

For information on volunteering, call 816-986-4431.

Wayside Waifs is located at  
3901 Martha Truman Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64137



## Save the Date Saturday, May 9, 2020

Join us for Fur Ball – **Caturday Night Live**. 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 Bark Convention Center on **Saturday, May 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm**. Come and talk amongst yourselves, get a little verklempt, bid on fantastic items in the legendary silent auction, and enjoy creative cuisine and 18 open bars.

After the show, dance the night away to music from **Cherry Bomb** at the Wrap Party for the perfect ending to a wild and crazy night. And party on by dressing in costume! Will it be sweata weather or perhaps time to pump you up? Which favorite character will you be? Whatever you choose, you're sure to look mah-velous! This year's Honorary Chairs of Fur Ball are **Chris and Susan Wally**. Returning as emcee is Gary Lezak with Sunny and Rainbow The Weather Dogs!



To reserve your table for May 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm, contact Molly Moody, Special Events Manager, at (816) 986-4409 or [mmoody@waysidewaifs.org](mailto:mmoody@waysidewaifs.org).

For more info, visit [FurBallKC.org](http://FurBallKC.org).