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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM WAYSIDE WAIFS

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***Wayside Waifs' Circle of Care -
Helping Pets and People***

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Letter from the President *The Bond Created By You*




This is such an exciting year – as you may know, it’s Wayside’s 75th anniversary. We hope you’ve enjoyed some of the additions we made. From our revived mission – **Preparing pets and people for the bond of their lives** – to the amazing anniversary art near our parking lot (if you haven’t seen it, you should visit us!).

But despite all of the newness that surrounds us, day after day we’ve continued to implement the same thing for the past 75 years – to improve the lives of pets and people. This happens through our Circle of Care (described on page 4).

I see this happening every day. From our staff working tirelessly to ensure all animals in our care are happy and healthy; to our volunteers socializing with the animals, making their temporary stay at Wayside a good one; and to our adopters, the individuals who provide our Waifs a life filled with love and happiness – something every animal deserves.

But I want to take a minute to thank our donors for all that they do. They generously give to our organization to help homeless animals they may never meet. Just like everyone else, they want to know that the animals are healthy, they want people to be happy, and they want to see our community become a kinder place. Without them, nothing would be possible at Wayside.

So to all of you reading this, please know that I can’t thank you enough for what you do and how you do it – YOU create the bonds that pets and people cherish in their lives. The role you’ve played in Wayside’s success over the past 75 years is priceless. I am so grateful to be part of an organization that doesn’t just talk the talk but walks the walk. We live by our mission and genuinely care about the pets and people involved here.


Geoff Hall – President

**Save The Date for our
groundbreaking on August 22.**
See details at WaysideWaifs.org

P.S. Join us at Strutt With Your Mutt on Sunday, September 15, 2019 in Brookside. Visit WaysideWaifs.org to sign up today!



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

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Happy Tails Forever Loved



Ralph

He is doing great and seems to love snuggling.

- Doug



Scooby

He is so sweet and gentle. He just adores my granddaughter.

- Pamela



Dunkle

He loves sprinting, running through the girls' tunnel, and his scratching posts.

- Dawn



Rowan

Thank ya'll so much, Rowan is so amazing!

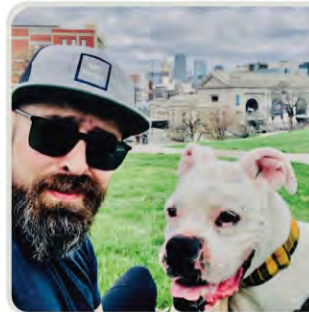
- Joanna



Maddie

She's doing great. She used to wake me up at night to drink from the faucet!

- Karen



Whittam

He's living his best puppy days in downtown style. I'm a lucky hooman.

- Paul

Share your adoption stories with us on Facebook!



*Mission:
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.*

Fur Ball 2019 *Woof 66*

A record breaking \$1.4 million was raised at this year's event! Special thanks to Fur Ball's Honorary Chairs Jill Dean and Jean Wagner. Additionally, thanks to Co-Event Chairs Rusty and Martha Smith and David and Therese Yost. Returning as the emcee was Gary Lezak and his dog Sunny, a Wayside alum.



PICTURED ABOVE: Patrick and Janet Curran, Fur Ball Patron Party Sponsors, with Jill and Tom Turner



To view event photos, visit [Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/WaysideWaifs) and go to "WaysideWaifs" and "ThePhotoBusKC."

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Wayside Waifs' Circle of Care

Helping Pets and People

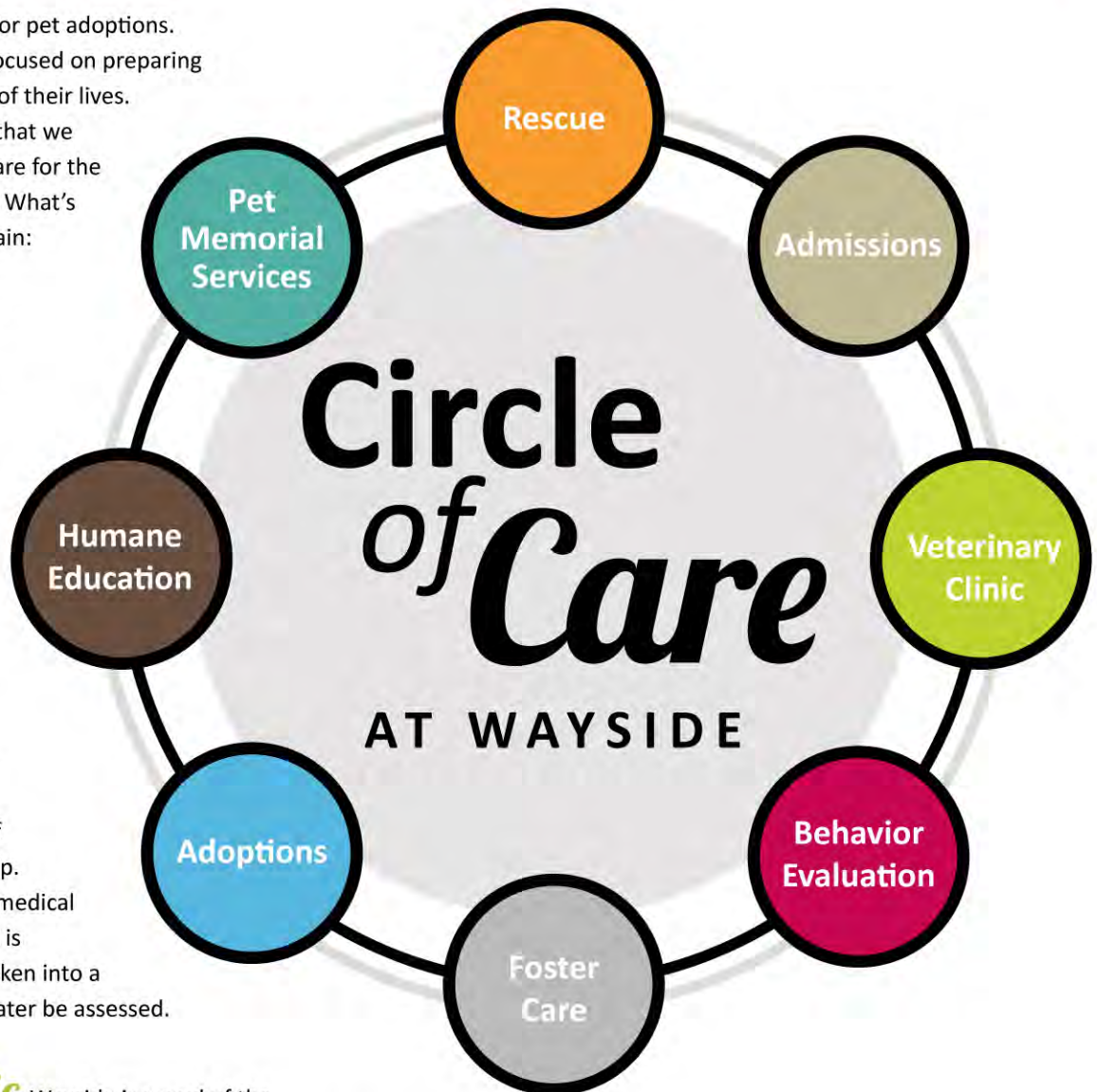
Wayside Waifs is well known for pet adoptions. For the past 75 years, we've focused on preparing pets and people for the bond of their lives. But many people don't know that we provide a complete circle of care for the animals while they're with us. What's the Circle of Care? Let us explain:

Rescue Wayside Waifs' FEMA certified Animal Rescue and Response Team rescues animals in our community, in rural areas, or wherever disaster strikes. We also partner with national welfare organizations to help animals in dire situations and deplorable conditions.

Admissions This is the start of every animal's journey at Wayside. First, staff scan the animal for a microchip. The animal receives an initial medical assessment, vaccinations, and is photographed before being taken into a holding area where they will later be assessed.

Veterinary Clinic Wayside is proud of the excellent vet clinic that enhances the stay for each of the Waifs at our shelter. The 11,000 square foot clinic includes exam tables, dentistry equipment, an x-ray machine, a surgery suite, and more. This, combined with a caring staff of three veterinarians along with veterinarian technicians and assistants, ensures that every animal receives top-notch medical care during their stay.

Behavior Evaluation We know that for an animal to be in their best health, both medical and mental needs must be met. So an important part of their journey at Wayside is behavior evaluation and then modification. Based off of their past experiences, animals can be extremely timid or high arousal or scared of humans. We work with them to modify certain behaviors so they can be their best, go into the community, trust humans, and love unconditionally.



Foster Care Foster families provide in-home care to animals that are too young, too sick, or just need time out of the shelter to feel good again. While in foster care, Wayside supplies all medical care, medicine, food, toys, and other items for the foster family. Once the animals are the proper age/weight, they return to Wayside and become available for adoption.

Adoptions Each year, more than 6,000 animals come to Wayside Waifs looking for a second chance in life. As part of our no kill mission and commitment to preparing pets and people for the bond of their lives, Wayside strives to place as many animals as possible in responsible, loving homes.

Humane Education Wayside's Humane Education department delivers programs to more than 11,000 students in Kansas City. Our nationally recognized anti-violence program, No More Bullying!, teaches children compassion, respect, and responsibility through positive interaction with animals in the classroom.

Pet Memorial Services Wayside Waifs has been helping families for generations with compassionate aftercare for cherished family pets. Your friends at Wayside Waifs truly understand the pain of losing a family pet. We are here to support you during this time of sorrow and help make final arrangements for your pet.



“Without a doubt, Wayside gave Nate what he needed. They were preparing him for his future home – making sure he was happy and healthy,” said Taylor.

Nate, a fun-loving 3-year-old Lab mix, has experienced much of our Circle of Care – his forever family can attest to that.

Nate's time was up at an overcrowded shelter so he came to Wayside at only 3 months old. Our veterinarians noticed something wrong during his initial exam here. His heart was not beating correctly. After we performed in-depth tests and x-rays, it was determined that he had a grade 3 out of 5 heart murmur and pulmonic stenosis that needed surgery. Thanks to our partnership with the University of Missouri Veterinary Teaching hospital, the extensive surgery was able to take place there.

After surgery, Nate went into a foster home with one of Wayside's loving foster families. He was given time to heal and recover.

Less than three weeks after his surgery, Nate was adopted by the Walton family. The Waltons are animal lovers – they have pets of their own, volunteer at Wayside, and foster homeless animals. While Nate is officially the family dog, Taylor – their 19-year-old daughter – feels a very special connection with him. They are together a lot! Every morning he greets her when she comes upstairs after waking up. He loves to give her kisses and nibble on her ears. When the family vacations in Florida, they bring Nate along to run on the beach. They interact constantly – so much that Taylor claims Nate's hair is part of her wardrobe.

While Nate is the most important dog in Taylor's life, she still adores her other pets. And she loves the animals in other aspects of her life too. She's been volunteering with her family at Wayside for five years and is also a foster parent. In addition, she has spent time as an employee at other furry places: All Creatures Small Animal Hospital, the ASPCA Weigh Station, and, Three Dog Bakery. This fall Taylor will attend Kansas State University to earn her BA in Science and then attend vet school. She's excited for this journey as she's wanted to be a veterinarian and help animals for years.

Nate is just one example of how the Circle of Care, the dedicated staff and volunteers, and the generous donors save lives every day at Wayside. And once lives are saved, the Waifs go on to leading wonderful lives thanks to the bonds they share with their forever families. Without everyone coming together, none of the great work could take place. It truly does take a village!



"Nate is my best friend, it's a bond I can't even have with a friend," said Taylor.

Jim Puskas' Legacy An Artist's Gift



PICTURED ABOVE: Jim rescued Baby despite health problems – words can't describe their amazing bond.

PICTURED ABOVE RIGHT: We remember Jim and the many animals he saved every time we see this plaque hanging at Wayside.

One day, animal lover and Hallmark retired Master Artist, Jim Puskas, found a mom and her kittens. Despite suffering from severe asthma and being very sensitive to pet dander, he decided to care for the cats. He reached out to Wayside to find homes for the kittens, and he chose to keep the mom. Baby (the mom cat) and Jim shared a special bond – he adored her!



He learned more about Wayside during this time and became a Legacy of Love Society member. Because of this, a generous gift was donated to the animals at Wayside after his passing. In addition, he donated valued artwork to Wayside to be auctioned at various fundraising events, such as Fur Ball, to raise money for the animals.

If you'd like to join Jim and become a Legacy of Love Society member, visit WaysideWaifs.org or contact Andrew Starr at 816-986-4414.

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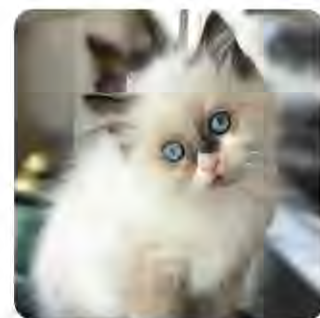
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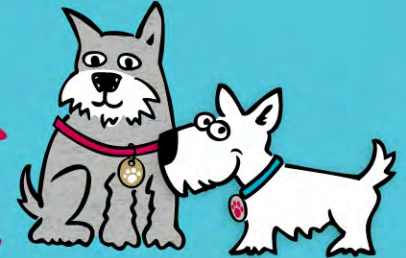
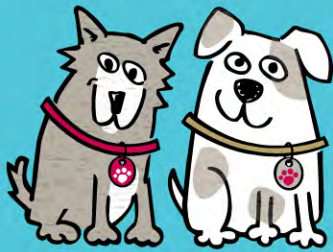
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Abby, Bentley, Clark, Coco, Ellie, Gus, Gwen, Hope, Howie, Huck, Jack Sprinkle, Jack Wetzell, Jackson, Juice, Mabel, Monroe, Monty, Nell, Rex, Rocky, Rookie, Roxy, Sampson, Sandy, Sister, Stanley Sight, Velvet, Wero, and Wilber



Sunday, September 15

Benefiting WAYSIDE WAIFS



It's almost time for the **29th annual Strutt With Your Mutt** 5k run and 3k walk benefiting Wayside Waifs! The fun and furry morning will take place on Sunday, September 15, in the Brookside neighborhood at 63rd and Brookside Plaza in Kansas City, MO.

You and Fido are welcome to walk or run the course. But don't worry, if you're part of a cat family or just prefer to come without your pet, then do so! You don't need a four-legged friend to participate - everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Strutt With Your Mutt is guaranteed fun for your entire family with food, contests, entertainment, and more than 50 vendors!

We're excited to welcome back Meagan Dowell and Jodi Robinson as the 2019 Strutt Event Co-Chairs!

Start your team fundraising now!
Form a friends & family team, a corporate team,
or setup up an online fundraising page!

**Visit WaysideWaifs.org/strutt
to register today!**

**If you would like to learn about
Strutt sponsorship opportunities,
contact Molly Moody at
mmoody@waysidewaifs.org.**



PICTURED ABOVE TOP: A sea of people during the morning's causal stroll.

PICTURED ABOVE MIDDLE: Jodi Robinson and Meagan Dowell, 2018 Strutt's co-chairs, on stage as Geoff Hall, President, looks on.

PICTURED ABOVE: The 2018 Ameristar team with some of their personal dogs.