

# Scratching **POST**

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM WAYSIDE WAIFS SUMMER EDITION 2020



***The Family  
That Saved Each Other***

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# Letter from the President *You Stuck by Our Side*



This year has brought challenges to the world, to Kansas City, and to Wayside Waifs. Because of COVID-19, many things did not go as planned. While Wayside closed to the general public to follow the city-wide Shelter In Place order, that didn't mean we stopped caring for the homeless animals.

Due to planning done weeks prior, Wayside was prepared for the shutdown. The shelter had a skeleton staff – including a veterinarian, canine and feline care techs; and others – care for the animals on-site 7 days a week. By only allowing the small staff inside the shelter, it allowed them to follow guidance given by city officials and for them to provide the care that the animals needed.

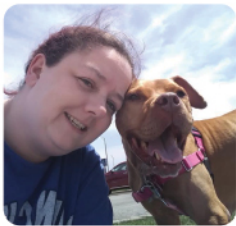
The silver lining of this pandemic is that you remained with us. Your support, love, and donations were so important and appreciated. Please know that because of your continued support, Wayside will always be here despite any future uncertainties. We promise to continue saving the lives of homeless animals and are assured that will happen because you are by our side.

Thank You!

Geoff Hall – President

*P.S. Our 2020 events are going virtual. **Fur Ball is Friday, August 21** and **Strutt With Your Mutt is the week of 9/14 – 9/20**. Learn more about them at [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org).*

## Happy Tails *Forever Loved*



### Jenny

She loves playing outside with the kids and going for car rides.

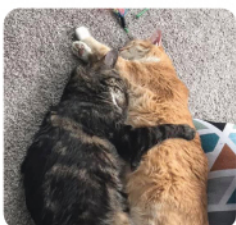
– Samantha



### Orchid

She likes to sit in my daughter's lap, Forever Friends!

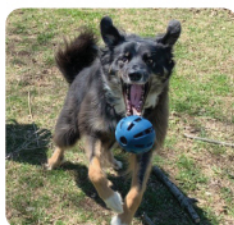
– Melissa



### Linus & Pippin

Just bros being bros.

– Dale



### Bear

We couldn't love this boy anymore! He's always so much fun.

– Molly



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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!



# Your Kindness was Felt *Thank You Foster Families & Donors*

Wayside Waifs has been faced with many challenges this year. But thanks to you, the homeless animals in our care didn't feel anxiety, they didn't panic.

Because of you, the majority of animals at Wayside found foster homes to go into during the Shelter in Place order. They received socialization, human and animal interaction, love, and a soft place to lay their head at night. They were given everything they needed: food, a bed, a crate, blankets, toys, and much more. To them this time of uncertainty was more of a time of relaxation – they were able to be out of the shelter and in a calm environment. Plus, we learned about their personalities in a home environment which is wonderful information to share with adopters!

We are so thankful to you for making all of this possible! Your support allowed the Waifs to not only have their needs met, but to enjoy a comforting foster home the entire time.

Don't worry, the animals that remained at Wayside were well taken care of! Again, this is all thanks to you. The small on-site staff provided medical and behavioral care along with daily love.

Despite the constant changes with the pandemic, the needs of homeless animals has remained the same. If you'd like to donate to help them now and into the future, visit [WaysideWaifs.org](http://WaysideWaifs.org).



**PICTURED ABOVE:**  
*Morgan Salisbury, Foster Coordinator,  
with donations for foster families to care  
for the Waifs.*



**PICTURED BELOW:**  
*Foster animals loving  
the time they spent  
in foster homes.*



## They Rescued Him *He Rescued Them in Return*



You save lives every day at Wayside. Here's a story of six of those lives – but only one of those lives has four legs.

Charlie, a Retriever mix, came to Wayside with his littermates. They all received routine medical care – spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, and microchips. They were also showered with lots of love while at Wayside but, thankfully, their stay here wasn't long.

About four weeks after his arrival at Wayside, Charlie met the Schnarr family. He instantly connected with them. There was concern about Charlie's health so he wasn't able to be adopted until we knew he was healthy. David Schnarr visited Charlie and sat in his kennel with him for four days before he was released from his medical hold.

When the day came, David finalized the adoption and brought Charlie home. Charlie was exactly how David thought he would be: loving, protective, relaxed, and fun with his three daughters.

Charlie's life was saved when he was adopted by the Schnarr family that day in 2016. Three years later he returned that favor to his forever family.

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**PICTURED ABOVE:** Charlie, a 4-year-old Retriever mix, is a life saver just like you!

**PICTURED RIGHT:** Charlie will always be cherished by his family.

One night while David and his family slept, an alarm started going off. Charlie heard it and ran to his human dad's side ... nuzzling and pawing his chest to wake him up. David thought it was the house alarm so he went to reset it in hopes that his daughters wouldn't wake up. David reset it but 30 minutes later, an alarm went off again.

But Charlie knew the loud sound wasn't from the house alarm – rather it was coming from downstairs. He diligently sat at the top of the stairs looking towards the basement. David went down to find the carbon monoxide detector going off. It was blaring ... right next to the hot water heater.

Thankfully, Charlie heard the alarm! Because he woke his human dad, David was able to get his wife, daughters, Charlie, and himself out of the house quickly.

David called 911 and the paramedics were the first to show up. The first alarm went off approximately 12:45am and paramedics arrived right before 3am – they made sure everyone was OK. Then the fire department arrived. They were extremely happy Charlie woke David and everyone made it out safely. They said the carbon monoxide detector was showing toxic levels which would have been fatal to the Schnarr family.

The Schnarr family may have saved Charlie by adopting him. But that night, Charlie saved the lives of everyone in his family.

Your support for the animals at Wayside saves lives – that may be obvious to you. But we hope you know you are saving the lives of humans as well as the lives of the homeless animals. Wayside is determined to prepare pets and people for the bond of their lives. Thankfully you make our mission possible by saving animals and humans.



# REMEMBERING *Harold Melcher*

June 26, 1919 – February 16, 2020

The Wayside Waifs' Family mourns the passing of Board Chairman Emeritus Harold Melcher. His vision, leadership, and business sense helped transform Wayside from a struggling animal shelter to a nationally recognized pet adoption campus.

Harold's philanthropic activities saved countless homeless animals' lives, created Wayside's Rescue & Response Team, shared lessons from the No More Bullying! education curriculum to more than 30,000 local students along with students in 23 other states, implemented a successful direct marketing response program, provided donor matching opportunities that inspired others to give generously, and so much more.

***"Harold Melcher was both a mentor and a dear friend to me," said Susan Wally, Secretary of the Board of Directors.***

***"For over 20 years he shared his business skills and deep compassion with Wayside."***

Melcher was also a pioneering business man. He co-founded Trenton Foods, one of the most innovative food processing companies in the country that still uses the canning technology he developed. He also co-founded the Marlen Research Corp., a leading international food machinery research and development company. After Marlen was sold, he was president of Melcher Investment Company.

**PICTURED ABOVE TOP:** Harold and his family in front of The Harold and Marilyn Melcher Adoption Center at Wayside.

**PICTURED ABOVE MIDDLE:** Harold with Gary Lezak and Waif Alum, Sunny the Weather Dog, at the 2017 Fur Ball Gala.

**PICTURED RIGHT:** Harold and wife Marilyn (far right) with friends at the 2019 Fur Ball Gala.



***Thank you Harold for 20+ years of friendship, support, and vision. You will be deeply missed. The world is a better, more compassionate place because of you.***

# Honor/Memorial GIVING

**IN HONOR OF:** **Abbie**, Ruth Kline; **All current and former McClain pets**, Donald and Janet McClain; **all the dogs I've loved throughout my life, present and past**, Rick and Linda Pysher; **All who give comfort to those with no voice**, Eleanor Baxter; **Allen Thieman**, Sally Thieman; **Andrew Starr and Family**, Ginzy Schaefer; **Bella & Grover**, Cindy Flaspohler; **Berkeley Gorup**, Paul and Kathy Gorup; **Budweiser**, Carol Million; **Buffy**, Dale and Rosemary Linthacum; **Candy Brown**, Lynne Melcher and Barry Kaseff; **Chaney Lyn**, Paul Campbell; **Cosmo and Rudy**, Dennis and Leslie Largent; **Dopplon**, Pamela Kennedy; **Gilly and Izzy**, Matthew Ressegieu; **Glen Martin Goering and Jim Chapman**, Glen and Celia Goering; **Gloria Young**, Barbara Young; **Gracie**, Judy Haskins; **Greg Feiten**, Schier Products Charitable Foundation; **Gus the Beagle**, Pamela Miller and Michael Cummings; **Hallie and Bird**, Stephen Hottle; **Harold Melcher**, Sandy and Dave Johnson, Randy Clark and Tom Maddox; **Jackie Herod**, Johnny and Cynthia Herod; **Jill Siegert**, Shook, Hardy, & Bacon LLP; **Jim Nutter, Jr.**, Jon Long; **John E. Hirsch, Jr.**, Alice Kaufman; **Kathy Whitacre**, Thomas and Nancy Whitacre; **Keith Gordon**, Sally Thieman; **The Knob Noster Elementary Honor Society**, Audrina Buckholtz; **Kota Madelen**, Paul and Kathy Gorup; **Lady, Newman and Charlie**, Carol and Bud Price; **Lizzy**, Judy Miller; **Lloyd McLaughlin**, Yana Minasova-McLaughlin; **Logan Lowrey**, Erika Busby; **Maisie**, Carol Hayes; **Mary Ventura**, Randy Sedlacek; **Mary White**, The John J. Sullivan, Jr. Foundation, The John J. Sullivan, Jr., Charitable Trust; **Max**, David and Marie Hunter; **Max and Gracie**, Dennis and Rhonda Keegan; **Pansy and Margot**, Fred and Judy Bellemere; **Paul Haltom**, Daryl Lynch; **Rachel Kaseff**, Lynne Melcher and Barry Kaseff; **Riot**, Theresa and Stephen Mesa; **Rocky and Baxter**, Hope Augustin; **Ron Jochim**, Keith Boaz; **Roxy**, John and Barbara Scowley; **Sadie**, Rick and Nancy Kraft; **Sammy and Asia**, Kristi Boyer; **Sebastian**, Larry True; **Sophie Gibson**, George Gibson; **Tiffany**, Kathie Bullock; **Toby Hogan**, Mary Kay and James Hogan; **Wayside Waifs Staff**, Pamela Miller and Michael Cummings, Daniel and Angela Johnson.

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Socialize with Wayside!

## We're Going Virtual *Our Events in 2020 Will be Virtual*



**Friday, August 21**

Visit [FurBallKC.org](http://FurBallKC.org) for all the latest details

**Honorary Chairs:**  
**Chris and Susan Wally**



**Week of September 14-20**

Sign up at [WaysideWaifs.org/Strutt](http://WaysideWaifs.org/Strutt)

**Honorary Grand Marshall:**  
**Lynne Melcher**

Contact Molly Moody at [mmoody@waysidewaifs.org](mailto:mmoody@waysidewaifs.org) to get involved with virtual events in 2020.