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Brody Succeeds At Life

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Letter from the President *New Year, Big Plans*



Thank you for your generous support. In 2022, you helped more than 4,000 pets find loving homes! Abandoned, abused, neglected... You gave them all a second chance.

Because of you, Wayside is able to provide comprehensive medical and behavior care, nutritious food, love, and more. Read further to learn about the care Ms. V, Baby Jane, and Brody received.

We are working on big, exciting plans for the future. Of course, it involves providing top-notch care for animals... and people! Believe it or not, we're already gearing up for

next year's 80th anniversary at Wayside. We need your help and would like to reminisce over your involvement through the years. Please share any stories or photos that you have. You can send to us in several ways – all of our contact info is on page 10.

Without you, none of this lifesaving work would be possible and for that I am so grateful. Here's to a life-saving year together!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Mahoney
President

*P.S. I hope to see you at this year's **Fur Ball Gala on Saturday, May 13**. This year's theme is **Paws Vegas!** Visit FurBallKC.org for more info.*

Happy Tails Forever Loved



Alfred

He's a perfect angel!
We absolutely adore him!
– Ali

Calli

We love this sweet, loving girl and are glad to be able to give her a home.
– James



Share your adoption stories with us on Facebook!



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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.



The Fenby Webster Medical Fund *You Provide Critical Care*



PICTURED ABOVE: Dr. Kelly and Ms. V after her life-saving surgery.

We believe all animals deserve medical treatment – whether they arrive to our shelter with recent traumatic injuries or come to us with a chronic illness. Our commitment to providing compassionate, life-saving medical care to the shelter animals prompted us to create The Fenby Webster Medical Care Fund.

The Fenby Fund directly supports the medical care of Wayside's most sick and injured shelter animals – providing care above and beyond traditional animal care of spay/neuter, vaccinations, and flea/tick control. The Fenby Fund underwrites the cost of treatment for Heartworm disease and other upper respiratory infections, life-saving surgeries (both that Wayside's veterinary team perform as well as those done through our veterinary specialist partners), diagnostic testing, dentistry (including dental extractions), and so much more.

Meet two animals who received life-saving care from The Fenby Fund:

Ms. V, a 1 year old cat, came to Wayside as a stray with torn skin down both sides of her body. It looked like she injured herself while going under a barbed wire fence. Dr. Kelly, Wayside's Chief of Veterinary Medicine, performed emergency surgery on her and reattached her skin with 87 staples. Now she's healing in a foster home while receiving the comfort and love she deserves.

Baby Jane, a 7 year old dog, was leaking urine at the shelter. After running tests, we determined she may be incontinent. Unfortunately, incontinence is extremely hard to diagnose in shelter environments. Sadly, animals are sometimes euthanized due to the chronic illness. But because of you, she was able to be fostered while finding a medication that helps her. She's since been adopted into a loving family.

These two homeless animals, along with thousands of others, are cared for every year at Wayside. Thanks to you and The Fenby Fund, we're able to care for our most sick and injured animals. We're very grateful to everyone who donates to The Fenby Fund to ensure the animals get the care they deserve.



PICTURED ABOVE: Baby Jane received a second chance thanks to donor support.

To learn more about The Fenby Fund and how you can donate, visit WaysideWaifs.org/fenby.



Brody Succeeds At Life Thanks To Your Support

Brody was scared, confused, and alone. At only one year old, all he had known during his short life was living in a shelter.

Brody had been transferred to Wayside because the shelter where he was living had run out of space and could no longer care for him. Upon arrival, our medical team examined him and discovered he had Heartworms – a potentially deadly disease when left untreated.



PICTURED ABOVE: Brody is a Companion Animal who helps teach No More Bullying!
Photo courtesy of Manor Hill Elementary School.

We are very thankful that, because of you, Wayside could treat the Heartworms and save Brody's life. But it was hard seeing Brody in the shelter every day. He was friendly, and had lots of energy. Everyone saw his infectious personality but knew he couldn't share it due to his medical restrictions while being treated for Heartworms. Volunteers and staff enjoyed spending time with him but hated seeing him have to return to his temporary home inside a kennel.

That lasted for eight months. Eight long months.

Then one day, Wayside staff member, Amy Putman, made everyone's dreams come true – she adopted Brody with her boyfriend and their dog, Dany. As a former Canine Care Technician, her job was to care for the dogs at Wayside, and she fell in love with Brody during that process. She knew he had received a wonderful level of medical care, the best behavior care, and an abundant amount of love during his time at the shelter. She had seen it with her own eyes! She knew based off of her own interactions with Brody, that he was a wonderful dog who needed a loving home.

"Brody was the missing piece to our family; now we're whole." said Amy.

Since his adoption, Brody has continued to grow into his own.

Recently he graduated from Wayside's Public Training Class. He successfully learned commands like sit, leave it, and come in the Basic Obedience Class. These skills are great for Brody – they help him in his day-to-day interactions with his humans, his dog sister, while on walks, and while he visits Wayside when his mom takes him to work. In addition to preparing him for life in a home, the class provided guidance for problem solving basic behaviors such as jumping up and potty training.

Another way that we've seen Brody shine since being adopted is by joining his mom in Wayside's Humane Education department. Amy, a former school teacher, was promoted to a Humane Educator. She goes into classrooms of grade school students and teaches our No More Bullying! program.



The program consists of five, one-hour days that teach kids about compassion, empathy, and being humane. A special element of the program is that educators have a companion animal by their side teaching the curriculum. And we're happy to say that Brody joins his mom as her Companion Animal to spread kindness to children in Kansas City!

Brody may have been homeless, but he's now living his best life with his forever family. Thanks to you, he's overcome many obstacles. He learned many commands in his Dog Training class and is now teaching kids in the community how to be kinder to one another. Thank you for saving Brody and other homeless animals like him. None of this could happen without you!

To learn more about Wayside's Dog Training, the positive reinforcement used, and what classes are offered, visit WaysideWaifs.org.

PICTURED LEFT: After adoption, Brody attended a Dog Training class at Wayside. In addition to basic commands, he learned skills essential to life in the community.

2022 Furry Facts *What your support did*

20,000+
pets and people
served



9,412
youth reached



3,086
spays, neuters, and
life-saving surgeries



4,090
pets adopted



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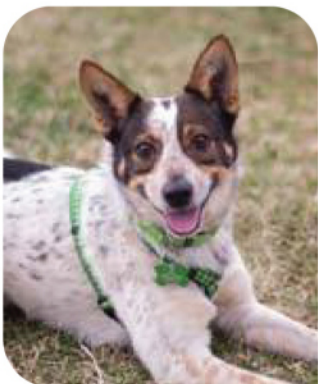
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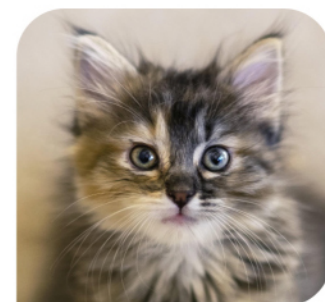
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Socialize with Wayside!

Save the Date Saturday, May 13, 2023

Join us for **Fur Ball – Paws Vegas**. The event is Kansas City's biggest fundraiser for the 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 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm.**

This celebration is one of a kind! Guests will enjoy silent and live auctions, a wonderful dinner, 18 open bars, and more. We're betting everyone has the time of their lives!

The event's Co-Chairs are Joann Fuller & Forrest Cook and Nick & Margaret Davis.



To reserve your table for May 13, 2023 at 5:30 pm, contact Amanda Smasal, Special Events Manager, at (816) 986-4409 or asmasal@waysidewaifs.org.

For more info, visit FurBallKC.org.

