



The Open Door

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The Open Door Animal Sanctuary was founded in 1975 by Mrs. Joan Costello-Oetting and Mrs. Carol (Marlin) Perkins.



Founder's Circle

Open Door Animal Sanctuary would like to extend a special thank you to the current 2014 Founder's Circle club members and invite you to join this wonderful recognition program. By joining the Founder's Circle, you will make a profound impact in the lives of homeless dogs and cats now and in the future.

The Founder's Circle recognizes donors who support our animals with contributions of \$1,000.00 or more annually. Since Open Door does not receive any city, state or federal funding, the donations of people like you make our work possible.

Open Door Animal Sanctuary would like to extend a special thank you to our current Founder's Circle Members in 2014:

Individuals

Cathy and Mike Bateman

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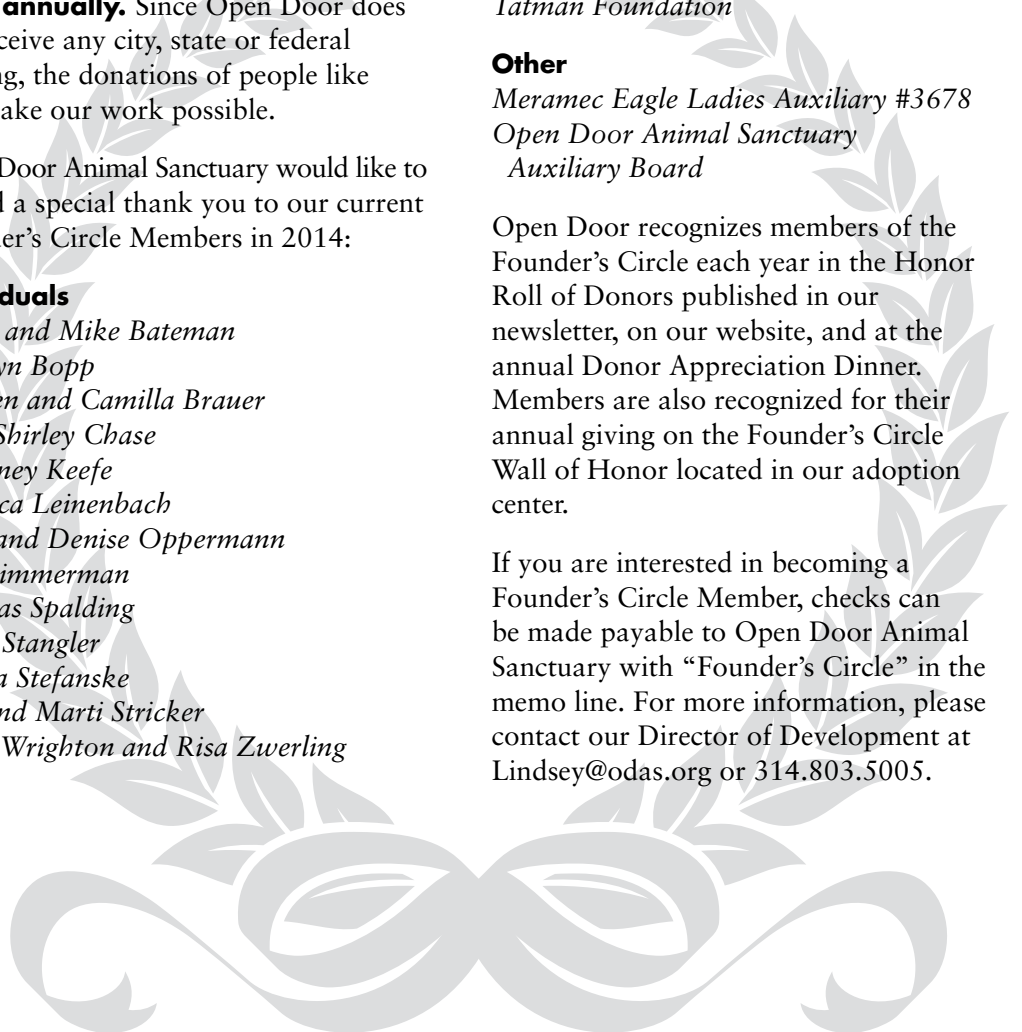
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Open Door Animal Sanctuary

Auxiliary Board

Open Door recognizes members of the Founder's Circle each year in the Honor Roll of Donors published in our newsletter, on our website, and at the annual Donor Appreciation Dinner. Members are also recognized for their annual giving on the Founder's Circle Wall of Honor located in our adoption center.

If you are interested in becoming a Founder's Circle Member, checks can be made payable to Open Door Animal Sanctuary with "Founder's Circle" in the memo line. For more information, please contact our Director of Development at Lindsey@odas.org or 314.803.5005.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Yappy Howl-o-Ween, Friday, October 17, 4-6:30pm, Eberwein Park, 1657 Old Baxter Rd.
- Apple Butter Festival in Kimmswick, October 25th-26th, 9am-4pm. Come see our adoptable animals at 6109 Front Street!
- Trivia Night, Saturday, November 8th, 7pm, American Legion Post 162, contact Arlene at kulade5@yahoo.com for reservations.
- Holiday Bazaar, Saturday, November 22nd, 9am-3pm, Kirkwood Community Center.
- Holiday Open House, Sunday, December 14, 1-5pm, Open Door Animal Sanctuary.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Open Door Animal Sanctuary is to provide homeless cats and dogs with the highest quality of life and a second chance to find a forever family.

- We are a "no kill" animal sanctuary; we do not euthanize cats and dogs for space.
- We provide dedicated love and care to over 400 homeless cats and dogs. This includes 100 kisses a day, 365 days a year!
- We provide our residents with a largely cage-free living environment.
- We reduce pet over-population by offering a low-cost spay-neuter program and a humane education program to the community.
- We operate a pet food pantry to provide support to families in need.

Since our founding in 1975, we have offered hope, help and healing to more than 100,000 precious lives.

OUR VISION

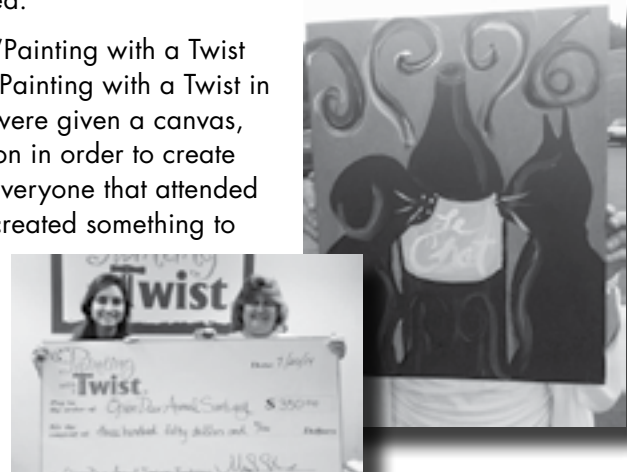
The vision of Open Door Animal Sanctuary is to offer a loving environment and eventual home for every cat and dog in need of our help.

Busy Bees

Since the last newsletter we have had a lot of events!

July 18th We held our first "Crazy Bowl" at Show Me Lanes. It was a fun filled evening with lots of bowling games and tons of laughter! Many thanks to everyone that attended.

July 20th We held a "Painting with a Twist Wine and Art Party" at Painting with a Twist in Creve Coeur. Here we were given a canvas, paint and a little direction in order to create a masterpiece. Almost everyone that attended was a "beginner" and created something to be proud of, plus we raised money for Open Door Animal Sanctuary.



September 13th & 14th We attended our favorite annual event "The Greentree Festival" in Kirkwood Park! Here we are able to sell our items and show off our animals.

Open Door has participated in this festival for at least 20 years with every year getting better than the last. Traditionally it would rain at least one out of the two days, but this year we had two beautiful "cool" days. We raised over \$1200 for our babies AND adopted 25 into their "forever" homes!

We would like to extend our heart filled thanks to everyone in Kirkwood for making Open Door Animal Sanctuary and our animals feel like family every year.



Brighten the Days of Our Strays Dinner & Silent Auction Recap

Open Door Animal Sanctuary held its 10th Annual Brighten the Days of Our Strays Dinner and Silent Auction fundraiser on Sunday, August 24th. The event took place at Spazio Westport and featured a delicious catered meal, large silent auction, and a wonderful presentation featuring the sanctuary's recent work rescuing homeless dogs and cats in the community.

Risa Zwerling was awarded this year's Don Nichol's Compassion Award in recognition of her role as "Dodger's Foster Mom." Also **Tynette DeLonjay** was named an honorary member of our Hero's for Hope Club in recognition of her commitment to helping animals in need. Earlier this year, Tynette adopted Millie, now Jellybean, a senior dog that had been abandoned at our gate in May.

The night was an evening of genuine heartfelt fun for all those who attended. ODAS would like to extend their sincerest thanks and appreciation to everyone who made the evening possible including guests, sponsors, donors, board members, and dedicated volunteers. As a result, this year's Brighten event was a record in terms of funds raised for the animals. **A special thank you to this year's event sponsors:**

BEST IN BREED SPONSORS \$2,500 Giving Level



TOP DOG SPONSORS \$1,000 Giving Level



KENNEL CLUB SPONSORS \$500 Giving Level



Seeking Committee Members for Next Year's Brighten the Days of Our Strays

ODAS is currently seeking passionate and motivated volunteers to serve on next year's Brighten the Days of Our Strays Event Committee. This is a terrific opportunity to make a profound difference in the lives of our animals and the thousands of animals ODAS will help in years to come.

The primary responsibility of this committee will be to raise money for the event by selling sponsorships and tickets as well as procure silent auction items. The committee will consist of one chairperson and approximately ten members total. Candidates should be passionate about helping homeless animals and willing to tap into their connections within the community in order to maximize fundraising potential for this event. Committee meetings will be held once per month starting eight months before the event date.

If you are interested in joining the "Brighten" Event Committee, please email Lindsey@odas.org or call 314.803.5005. Thanks for your support and interest!

Only Tarzan Knows the Truth

Most of us grew up thinking cats are able to climb up and down trees like it is no big thing. In fact, most people don't worry when they see a cat up a tree. Unfortunately, thousands of cats a year die in trees because they can't get down. Luckily for Tarzan, a neighbor was concerned enough to call Jefferson County Humane Society who in turn called Open Door Animal Sanctuary who knew just the man to save him! **Kevin Hirtz** to the rescue. Kevin is our go-to guy for all "a cat is stuck in my tree" calls and is always more than happy to help a "kitty" in distress. **Tarzan would like to thank Kevin for saving his life and every other kitty that gets stuck up a tree.**



Holiday Open House December 14

Haven't been out to see the sanctuary in a while? Join Open Door on December 14th for our annual Holiday Open House! Festivities begin at 1pm and end at 5pm. Enjoy snacks, beverages and other holiday festivities while getting a sneak peek behind the scenes of the sanctuary. Tours will be available during the event and everyone is welcome!

Holiday Open House
Sunday, December 14th, from 1pm to 5pm
6065 Duda Road, House Springs, MO 63051
636.671.3643



Join the Advisory Board

We are looking for dedicated people who are passionate about our mission. Our Advisory Board is a great place for community leaders and professionals who are interested in helping the cats and dogs at Open Door and would like to offer their help but on a less-involved or on an as-needed basis. If you have experience in fundraising/event planning, community outreach or communications, we hope you will consider applying for a position on our Advisory Board. For more information, contact: Rebecca Leinenbach at 314.520.7095 or rebecca.leinenbach@gmail.com.

Shop 'n Save Sticker Program

Many thanks to everyone who sent in Shop 'n Save stamps! We were able to get four sets of all four colors of the Rachael Ray dinnerware. They were a big hit in our silent auction and brought in \$375 for our animals. Now Shop 'n Save is starting another Reward Sticker program for Thomas professional cookware. Again we would like everyone to send in your stickers so we can win more silent auction items. Thanks!

Pets Seeking Families



Bebe Hello there, my name is BeBe and I'd love to come home with you. I am a super sweet girl that loves to be petted and brushed. All these other cats make me a little nervous, so I spend my days in hiding. However, when I'm away from all the chaos here, I blossom into a whole new cat. I love to talk and give headbutts! You should stop by and fall in love with me.

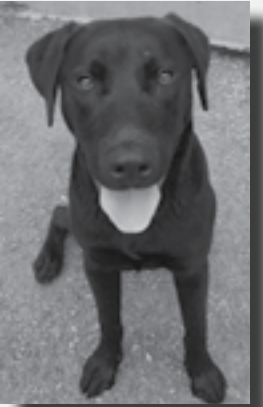
Lilly Hello, my name is Lilly and I'd love to join your family. I am a dog with a lot of love to give. I love all people and simply adore children. I am a rambunctious girl that really likes to play. Running through a yard chasing a ball is probably the best way to spend an afternoon. I am also a smart girl. I already know a few commands and could be trained to do so much more. Come down to the shelter and pick me up!



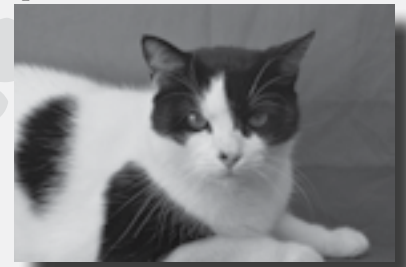
Lucy Hi, I'm Lucy and I think you need a plus-sized model to come live with you. Everyone needs more love in their life and there's definitely more of me to love. I've been looking for a home for several years now and that perfect one just has never come along. I'm a pretty laid back girl, exercise is not real high on my "to do" list and I love to look out of windows. If you need a sweet girl that will keep your lap warm this winter, adopt me!



Jackson Hey, I'm Jackson and I'm a bundle of energy that needs some room to run. I've been told I'm a little nutty, but that just makes me an entertaining dog, right? I love to play with my dog friends, I could spend all day running around with them. After all that running and playing, I love a good nap. I think your couch sounds like the best place to take that nap. What do you say you and I become best friends?



Rodrigo What's up everybody? My name is Rodrigo and I can be your Latin lover. I am a great guy that likes to be cuddled, petted, and brushed. I think I'd like to be an only child, I need all your love to myself. Did I hear you say you like big cats? I am definitely a big guy. If you're needing a handsome man to complete your household, look no further.



Clancy Look at this hairdo! I'm Clancy and I'm so handsome that I could be a model. I'm a really good boy that loves people of all ages and sizes. I could really fit in to any family. I do like to talk, so I hope you're a great conversationalist. I promise that I'll be the best dog you've ever had. All your friends and family will be jealous that you have such a cool dog.



Auxiliary Update

In September the Auxiliary participated in the Greentree Festival, Kirkwood, MO. In addition to having a booth at the festival, the Auxiliary participated in the parade Saturday morning with a float and several volunteers walking dogs from the shelter and handing out flyers. As in the past, we had a cat basket and a dog basket that we raffled at our booth, and sold raffle tickets for a Blues Ticket package (drawing will be held for the Blues package on November 22). Although it was a bit chilly Saturday morning, it was a beautiful fall weekend and a very successful event for the Auxiliary.

ODAS has been offering hope and help for animals since 1975

WISH LIST

Cat Litter (clay and scoopable)	50-foot Hoses
Dry Dog Food (Pedigree)	New or Barely Used Carpet
Dry Cat Food (Purina Indoor Formula)	Cleaning Supplies
Dog & Cat Can Food	Paper Towels
Dog Raw-Hides (made in the USA)	Cat Condos
Cat-Nip	Kuranda Dog Beds
Hose Nozzles	Dog Houses and Straw
	Adult Volunteers to kiss our babies!

Save the Date: The Holiday Bazaar is Back!

Saturday, November 22

9am to 3pm (Lunch available 11am-2pm)

Kirkwood Community Center
111 S. Geyer Road, Kirkwood, Missouri

SPECIAL GUEST

"Marshall the Miracle Dog" We are honored to welcome Cyndi Willenbrock and Marshall to join us from 11am to 1pm to share their story.

SPECIAL RAFFLE

Blues Ticket Package (includes parking pass, four tickets for the Blues vs. Dallas Stars game, December 27, Section 115, Row B, food and drinks) \$10 a ticket.

We are accepting donations of new or "like new" items for our Holiday Bazaar. Themed booths include:

Gift Baskets	Handcrafted Glass Items	Handcrafted Greeting Cards	Stocking Stuffers
Children & Pet Books/Music	Photos w/Santa	Baked Goods	Christmas & More!
	Pet Gifts	Lottery & Quilt Raffle	

Please contact Rich 314.845.9737 or Lil 314.832.9892 to make pick up or drop off arrangements.

The Auxiliary would like to thank all those who made the 2013 Holiday Bazaar a success.

We look forward to seeing you this year to enjoy our added attractions as well as our "repeats."

As always, 100% of our profits will be used to fund projects at the ODAS Sanctuary.

Help Open Door Win the Saving Pets Challenge!

Open Door is super excited to let you know that we're part of the Saving Pets Challenge, a fundraising campaign launched by Michelson Found Animals.

To give back, they will be donating \$100,000 to organizations focused on reducing shelter euthanasia in our communities. The charity that raises the most throughout the Challenge will get a \$50,000 donation. Second place gets \$20,000 and third gets \$10,000. The Challenge runs from September 29th at 11am CST through October 30th at 10:59am CST.

We're looking for our amazing supporters to go one step further than just donating and actually fundraise for our campaign. Imagine the impact we can have if each of our supporters became fundraisers and got their friends and family to donate for our animals.

To become a Fundraiser and an advocate for Open Door, visit www.crowdrise.com/odas-savingpets and click 'Fundraise for This Campaign'. In seconds, you'll have your own fundraiser that you can share with everyone you know.

If for some reason you can't fundraise, please visit the above link and give whatever you can. Every donation makes a difference, no matter how small and everything is appreciated. Please email Lindsey Burg at Lindsey@odas.org if you have any questions.



Saying Goodbye to Several of Our Favorites

The hardest part of working in a sanctuary is saying good-bye to the ones you have cared for for years as they pass over Rainbow Bridge. This last summer we lost more than our share of "pet pals" and beloved fur-babies.

Pork Chop, Eric, Little Orphan Annie, Wendy, Louie, Polo, Hercules, Mary Ann, Marcellis, Bessie, Two and Lady Luck, we hope your playing bridge and enjoying life in heaven. We miss you and will always save you're place in our hearts.

Auxiliary sponsors cases at General Grant Antique and Décor Mall

Looking for holiday treasures? Shop a wide variety of holiday items, vintage collectables, household items, etc. at the mall which is located at 8400 Watson Rd. in Shrewsbury. Cases #433 and #434 are sponsored by the ODAS Auxiliary. Hours are from 9:30am to 7pm, Mon-Sat, 11am to 5pm on Sunday. If you have items you would like to donate, please call 314.667.9747.



To Remember the Animals...

You can make a lasting memorial to a humane cause by making a bequest to The Open Door

Animal Sanctuary in your Will. Such bequests are tax deductible for estate tax purposes.

Suggested Form of Bequest:

I give and bequeath to the Open Door Animal Sanctuary the sum of \$_____ dollars (or, if insurance policies or their property, please describe).

To assure that your kind intentions are carried out in accordance with your wishes, please be sure to use our full corporate title: The Open Door Animal Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary was founded in 1975 as a no-kill shelter for injured, abandoned and unwanted dogs and cats. We are a private, nonprofit charity, supported by people who care about animals. For further information, please contact Tracie Quackenbush at 636.671.5439.

DECEASED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

- Joan Ceasar
- Anita Finley
- Sandra Guire
- Margaret Kitto
- Pamela Johnston
- Kevin Rion
- Anna May Schriever
- Sarah Sharon



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Seeking Young Friends Advisory Board Members

The Young Friends Advisory Board will be a volunteer leadership board consisting of young professionals whose primary goal is to raise awareness and support the fundraising and advocacy efforts of Open Door Animal Sanctuary.

We are looking for young adults, ages 21-35 years old who have a passion for helping animals and display an extraordinary commitment to fundraising and advocacy in their community.

The Young Friends Advisory Board will consist of approximately fifteen members who will focus on the following three areas: Membership and Awareness, Special Events, and Corporate Giving/Outreach.

This is a great opportunity to develop skills in leadership, event planning, fundraising, and outreach and will help build your professional network. If you are interested in joining the Young Friends Advisory Board, please contact Lindsey Burg at Lindsey@odas.org or 314.803.5005.

Become a Hero for Homeless Pets



Become a hero for animals and join Open Door Animal Sanctuary's monthly giving program, Heroes for Hope. This group of dedicated donors

provides a reliable source of revenue that allows us to plan ahead and save more homeless pets. Here is an idea of what a \$25 monthly donation can do to support our animals:

- > Feed two abandoned adult dogs or cats for one week
- > Provide one dog or cat with all necessary vaccines
- > Provide fresh litter for the kittens in our care
- > Provide two cats or dogs with beds in their kennel

When you join, you'll receive an exclusive members only Heroes for Hope Club t-shirt or tote bag. To become a Hero today, visit our website www.odas.org and click "donate – Heroes for Hope Giving Club," or contact Lindsey Burg at Lindsey@odas.org or 314.803.5005.