

KC PET PROJECT

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SAVING LOST AND FOUND PETS

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MEET HENRY

Henry is a special dog that came to KC Pet Project at the end of the year in very poor condition. He was found as a stray by a community resident who gave him food and promptly called our Animal Services Division, who immediately responded to help him.



Henry had a long list of immediate and dire medical needs. The amount of fleas and flea dirt was so thick on his extremely skinny body, it looked like fur. He had large, open wounds on his hips that required daily bandage changes and his back leg was very swollen. Weighing in at only 42 pounds, Henry was one of the very worst malnourishment cases we have ever seen in KC Pet Project's history and his outlook looked grim.

Our incredible and dedicated veterinary team quickly began treating Henry with medication, specialty bandages and immense love to start the healing process and attended to him around-the-clock. Henry had a long recovery road ahead but improved enough to be in a foster home to rest and heal.

Once he moved into a foster home, he gained 38 pounds to a healthy weight, his wounds healed, and his fur slowly grew back. Henry gained a foster brother, a Chihuahua, and Henry frequently gives him kisses, which the Chihuahua begrudgingly accepts. And the best news of all, his foster family decided that they couldn't live without sweet Henry, and officially adopted him to make him part of their family.

Thanks to your support for our Roadrunner Medical Fund at <http://donate.kcpetproject.org/roadrunner>, we can continue to provide the best specialty care for pets like Henry.

Please consider continuing to help our pets with medical needs.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Every day we see pets in need of medical care. Some have minor injuries, but many are severe cases in need of more critical care and hospitalization. In this Spring issue, you will hear about Henry, one of the extreme medical cases we encounter far too often. In 2020, our veterinary team treated 976 seriously injured animals that arrived, performed 407 emergency surgeries, and conducted 5,603 veterinary exams on animals in our shelter thanks to your generous support.

We are dedicated to helping more pets and people ever before in Kansas City, MO 2021, through community vaccination clinics, and pop-up identification tag, and microchip events across the metro. Your support is needed as we advance community outreach efforts and expand resources and education across our local community. Our Keep 'Em Together, KC program also includes a pet helpline, emergency temporary boarding for families in crisis, a pet medical assistance fund, and pet care assistance for pet families in need.

Helping our community's pets stay safe and healthy is more important than ever and we can't do it without your help. Thank you for your support, especially throughout 2020 and the Covid-19 crisis. With your help last year, we were able to share 4.94 tons of pet food with our community, provide \$10,000 in financial assistance for veterinary services to low-income residents, provide care for 10,565 animals in our shelter, spay and neuter 5,528 animals, and achieve a 95.7% save rate! Stay connected in 2021 and follow us on social media, virtually attend our events, sign up to volunteer, foster a pet in need, or consider giving a gift to help us save more lives.



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KEEP 'EM TOGETHER

As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, KC Pet Project launched Keep 'Em Together, KC, an initiative to partner with our community and pet owners to help provide several resources to support a whole family model to increase pet retention and deter unnecessary pet surrender. Our goal is to help pet owners resolve the problems they are experiencing so they can keep their pet in its home. As part of the Keep 'Em Together program, we offer a temporary care program for families in need of a temporary home for their pets and to reunite them with their families following a crisis.

A veteran named James found his way to KC Pet Project while trying to find resources to help his dog, Tango, who suffered from bladder stones. After reaching out to several places for help and hitting a dead end, our team stepped in to help. When Tango arrived, we found more than just bladder stones. He had eye issues, including a corneal ulcer. Tango spent over thirty days in our care, and our veterinary clinic team went above and beyond to help him get healthy and home. Tango received various testing, a bladder biopsy, bladder stone removal, neuter surgery, eye surgery and so many pats and kisses.

The work our team did helped provide answers to what had potentially caused Tango's bladder stones which allowed us to work with James to develop the best plan of action for preventive care and maintenance. When Tango was finally healthy enough to return home, we made the call, provided a few weeks' worth of food to last him until he could get Tango into his regular full-service vet, and said good-bye to our new friend. Tango and James were so appreciative of the support they received and completely smitten to simply be back together!

If you would like to learn more and help other pets and people like Tango and James, please visit Keep 'Em Together, KC at donate.kcpetproject.org/togetherkc.

COMMUNITY CLINICS

You can help pet families through Keep Em'Together, KC by supporting Community Clinics. The drive-thru clinics provide KCMO residents access to low-cost, required vaccines including rabies, flea and tick prevention medication, collars, leashes, ID tags, microchips, city pet licenses, and pet supplies. Our goal is to help 400 pets and pet owners in 2021.

2021 GIVING IDEAS

Monthly Giving: Join our Loyal Companions program by signing up to be a monthly donor at KCPetProject.org/LoyalCompanions.

LOYAL  **COMPANIONS**

Donor Advised Funds: KC Pet Project is a 501c3 IRS-qualified public charity. Give a grant to help homeless pets in Kansas City, MO without impacting your financial security.

Life Insurance Beneficiary: Name KC Pet Project as a beneficiary to your Life Insurance Policy. You can join our Love Always Society.

Congress extended charitable contribution deductions for 2021!

- Individuals who do not itemize tax returns may deduct up to \$300 for cash gifts to charity. This special tax deduction is \$600 for joint filers.
- Individuals can offset 100% of their adjusted gross income with charitable deductions for cash gifts.

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