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Lady and Rudy's Second Chance

Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? That's exactly what the Garrison family is doing with their new furry friends, Lady and Rudy. The lucky pair of seniors got their second chance at a happy life when Brenda, and her husband Dana, walked into Kansas Humane Society (KHS) back in April.

The couple was looking to open their hearts and their home to a new pet after they lost their beloved dog several years ago. But not just any dog would do for the Garrisons. "I said, let's see what the oldest ones are like because I don't want them to live at the humane society for the rest of their lives when we can give 'em a good home," Brenda remembered. It was then that they first met Lady, an 8-year-old black Labrador Mix and 7-year-old Phoenix, the Australian Cattle dog, who now goes by the name Rudy. Both dogs were reserved; timid at first. Volunteers and staff with the Canine Courage program had worked with Rudy to gently coax him out of his shell and build his confidence until he could be put up for adoption. Meanwhile, Lady's quiet, well-mannered demeanor earned her a spot on the field trip to a local nursing home with Project Companionship.

Despite their progress in the shelter, both Rudy and Lady went overlooked by potential adopters because of their age . . . until Brenda and Dana came along, "We were told that nobody had shown any interest. So we were pretty happy that we could bring them home and give 'em a good life," Brenda said. For the Garrison's, the dogs' senior status was more of a perk than a hindrance. "We're older so we didn't want pups that we'd have to train. And we didn't want rowdy teenagers either, so we decided on two older dogs and we couldn't be happier we did."

The family of four bonded quickly, and it was Lady who became the glue that held them together, watching over each of her new family members closely. "I hug on her all the time," she laughed. "The way she acts, she's like a service dog. She's always watching out for us and for Rudy. We have these vines on our chain-link fence and Rudy likes to rub his body on the fence and scratch. Well, he gets stuck in the vines and Lady comes running to help him out. It's kind of funny to watch. Wherever we are, she's there." Sadly after she settled into the Garrison's home, Lady succumbed to cancer and passed away. But the shelter staff who had come to know the sweet dog were happy to know that Lady got the opportunity to live out her final days in the home she deserved, surrounded by people that loved her. Now the Garrison's are working to build Rudy's confidence without Lady by his side. For now, he sticks close to Dana and is learning to "heel" during their daily walks around the neighborhood.

Rudy and Lady got their shot at a happy ending thanks to friends like you who support the Kansas Humane Society. Right now any support you give will be doubled to help carry out our mission to ensure every animal in our community is loved and cared for.

Letter from the CEO

I want to personally thank you for supporting KHS. I've been here almost three years, and I can't tell you how proud I am of everyone involved in this exceptional organization. Our staff works hard to make sure the more than 16,000 animals are cared for, and they find a forever home. Our volunteers provide us with more than 80,000 hours to support our staff and KHS, and the work we do.

Finally, I'm so appreciative of the generosity and support of our donors. You allow us to continue to be completely privately funded, and maintain the level of care for the animals that we all expect. Without everyone coming together, we wouldn't be able to provide the life-saving programs and services we do for our community.

Thanks to your generous support, I expect our number to look even better as we approach the end of this year! The secret to this success is teamwork, collaboration with community. Thank you for your ongoing support to help animals.

I'm proud to say we receive no federal, state or local tax dollars, and we receive no funding from the Humane Society of the United States or the United Way. We rely entirely on private donations.

If you have a free day, I invite you to stop by KHS and see what a difference we are making. Ask for me, I'd love to show you around.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Mark Eby, President & CEO

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Happy Tail for Sundance

From stray tom-cat to loving house-cat — that's the transformation Sundance made when he came to the Kansas Humane Society.

The young cat came to the shelter after being picked up as a stray on the streets of Wichita. Having been left to fend for himself, Sundance had been injured by other animals. His legs and ears were covered in puncture wounds that needed medical attention from the veterinarians at KHS. After treating his wounds, the vets also neutered him so he could one day go up for adoption.

After some TLC, the orange tabby began to adjust to life indoors and came to relish human attention. He eagerly greeted both staff and volunteers who passed by his kennel with a friendly "meow," brushing himself up against the kennel doors in hopes of getting a scratch behind the ears.

His cuddly demeanor soon won over the heart of a shelter visitor who gave the big cat a second chance and took him home that very same day.

DOUBLE your impact

Donate by December 31, 2016, and your donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to $50,000 thanks to Friends of KHS.

Wellness Care

Help provide needed vaccinations, veterinary care and medicines for our animals. **A $25 donation for one Pet's Exam and vaccines doubles to $50 with matching donation.**

Youth Education

Our classroom visits teach more than 16,000 children in the Wichita area about responsible pet ownership, animal safety and bite prevention techniques if approached by an unknown animal. **A $35 donation providing supplies for one school visit doubles to $70 with matching donation.**

Veterinarian Services

In 2016, KHS will reduce pet overpopulation by providing spay/neuter surgeries for 8,500 animals. **A $75 donation that provides surgery for one animal doubles to $150 with matching donation.**

Adoption Specials

To save the lives of more and more animals each year, we frequently run promotions that substantially discount or waive our adoption fees. These lower fees don't begin to cover the costs of care each animal receives. **A $99 donation to underwrite one Lonely Hearts Club dog adoption doubles to $198 with matching donation.**

KHS would like to thank the following individuals for their generous support of our $50,000 year end match.

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Your support has a huge impact on the lives of homeless animals.

✓ Ten years ago, our save rate was 35%, but in 2015, we saved more than **10,000 animals** and increased our save rate to 83%!

✓ In 2012, approximately 250 animals were transferred to rescue groups. Last year, with the partnerships we've created and the hiring of a full-time rescue coordinator, over **1,800 animals were transferred to rescue groups**.

✓ Through our youth education programs, we reached over **16,000 children** in the Wichita area teaching the value of compassion.

✓ For the first time ever, we've started a **barn cat program** and **partnered with a veterans group** to provide free animals to our men and women who served.

KHS is saving more lives than ever before through new innovative programs and community partnerships. **Thank you for your ongoing support of the animals.**

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