



Companions

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Piper (Sugar Bear) right, and Louie

Canine Courage

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When Sugar Bear, a 2-year-old stray pit bull, was brought to the Kansas Humane Society (KHS), she was so terrified of the world, all she could do was hide in the back of her kennel. Many families and shelters would have considered Sugar Bear unadoptable. But fortunately, she was brought over to KHS, evaluated and immediately put in the Canine Courage program. KHS staff members spent time with her daily, introducing her to new people and situations, and trying to teach her to trust again.

After a failed first foster experience, KHS realized Sugar Bear really needed to interact with another dog. In her second foster home, she became best friends with the family's Labrador and her true personality began to shine!

Within just a day or two, Sugar Bear rediscovered how it felt to be loved and learned just how much fun it is to play with another dog.

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Soon after that, Sugar Bear graduated from Canine Courage and was put up for adoption. A family called that same day and put her on hold. Braedon Norris, the family's 17-year-old daughter, said when they saw Sugar Bear online, they knew she belonged with them. The real test was seeing how Sugar Bear got along with their other dog, Louie.

"We went for a visit because we have another dog, to see how well they got along," Braedon said. "She [Sugar Bear] was really shy at first and hard to get her to come up to you, but when we

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brought out our dog Louie, they got along really good."

The Norris' heard Sugar Bear's story and how she had been so afraid — something that might have turned many families away. But not them. They had experience with shy animals and knew Sugar Bear would be right at home with them. Sugar Bear, now named Piper by her new family, went home for good that day and now is living the life she always dreamed of having. Braedon said she never questioned whether Sugar Bear would be a good dog for the family and is just glad they are able to give their new pup a happy, healthy life.

"They've just had a rough time," she said, talking about Sugar Bear and other shelter dogs. "But adopting them gives them a second chance at a happy home."

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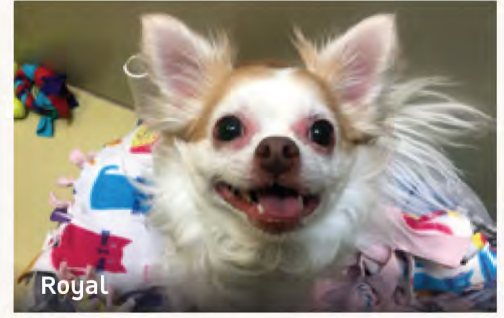
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Happy Tails

Unwanted and unloved. It's how anyone would feel if they were dumped outside in the middle of the night and left for dead. That's how Royal ended up on KHS property. The next morning, KHS employees found Royal, terrified and hiding under a car. It took three employees more than an hour to coax him out, and even then, it was apparent that Royal was not ready to be adopted. Trained employees spent several days with Royal, working to ease his fears of the world and people. But that's all it took. A little tender love and care was all this pup needed to shine. Within days, Royal was greeting everyone with kisses and his favorite place to be was in someone's lap. About one week after being found fearful and filthy, Royal was home with his new family being treated like the little king he is.



Royal



Misty

At 11 years old, Misty had made her rounds through several animal shelters and rescues. Adopted once years ago from PALS, the adopter had to bring her back because her other cat was too aggressive. But then 10 years later, that same adopter was surfing the KHS website and saw that same, sweet grey face looking back at her. She had the same colors, same features, and same name. She just knew it was the same cat. After coming to meet her, she was sure it was her and adopted Misty that day.

"I'm ecstatic," her adopter exclaimed. "I just love kitties and I want to give Misty a chance. I know she's 11 years old, a senior kitty, but I want her last years on this earth to be pampered and treated just like a little queen."

Despite the 10-year gap, owner and cat reunited like old friends. Now, Misty will live out the rest of her days being loved and fawned over, in the *forever* home she was destined to find once again.

Funds in Action

Veteran's Fund

Apart they were growing older alone. But now together, Howard Crise and his service dog Raven have each other to lean on. Howard and Raven are just one example of the amazing support KHS is able to provide to our veterans because of generous donors like you. The KHS Veteran's Fund is being sponsored currently by an incredible anonymous donor, along with Lynne and Bill Tinker. Through this fund, KHS is able to provide fee-waived adoptions to service men and women in search of a service animal. We've partnered with Family Dog & Behavioral Center and Midwest Battle Buddies,



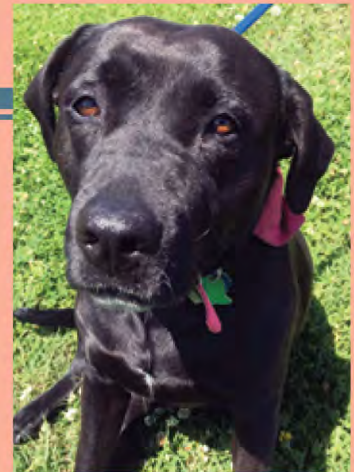
who help veterans select the dogs from the shelter and then provide them with free service dog training. In Howard's case, Janice Ronald with Family Dog helped him select Raven from KHS.

He said once he knew this opportunity was available, he didn't want to wait one second longer.

"When you [Janice] suggested this, I said I don't want to spend another day, let alone any longer, looking for dogs.

I trust you," Howard said about Janice helping him find Raven. "We got her out in the yard. Within half an hour the paperwork was done, and I had adopted her."

Howard and Raven continue to train with Janice to make sure Raven can provide the support Howard needs — all at no cost to Howard. You can contribute to the Veteran's Fund, or any of KHS's other adoption programs, to help provide assistance to those in our community who need help adopting, while also making sure more animals find their loving, forever homes.



WAYS TO HELP

ADOPTION SPECIAL EVENTS & PROGRAM DISCOUNTS

Adoptions events, such as Eddy's Adopt-A-Pet and NBC's Clear the Shelter event sponsored by Subaru, Petco, Fahnstock, and York, help the animals at KHS find permanent homes. Thanks to these corporate sponsors, donations from foundations and gifts from individual donors during these one-day events, KHS is able to provide discounted or completely waived fees. Lower adoption fees also mean more animals are taken home to loving families.

Other recent corporate sponsors include Petco Foundation, Star Lumber, Intrust Bank and Rusty Eck. Individual sponsors include Marni Stevens and Scott & Jenny Hatchett. Thanks to their contributions, KHS is able to offer ongoing adoption discounts such as:

- **Senior Dog Adoption program** — Receive \$50 off the regular fee for any dog 8 years or older.
- **Senior to Senior program** — Adopters 55 or older receive 50% off their adoption fee for any dog that is 5 years or older.
- **Military Adoption program** — Any active or retired military personnel will receive \$50 off the regular adoption fee.
- **Veteran's Fund** — Fee-waived adoptions are available for service men and women on any animal.

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