Message from the Board of Directors...

Do you ever wonder how a private, non-profit dog rescue like K-9 Stray Rescue League is able to care for and adopt out so many deserving dogs? The answer is simple - volunteers!

Throughout the years, K-9 has attracted and maintained some amazing people who give their time freely and generously coming back week after week, month after month, and year after year. Without these committed individuals, K-9 couldn’t possibly provide the enriched care each dog receives at the rescue.

With that said, the Board of Directors at K-9 Stray Rescue League would like to say ‘Thank You’ to our dedicated volunteers, and welcome you to come join our team of individuals who make a difference every day!

What to Do if Your Pet Gets Lost

If lost, the best chance of having your pet returned to your family is to ensure that proper identification is on the pet at all times. This can be an id tag on the collar and/or having your pet microchipped by your veterinarian.

Michigan animal control agencies are only required to hold a stray dog for 7 days if the animal has signs of ownership such as a collar, or 4 days if there is no sign of ownership. After the hold period, dogs can be adopted out to new families or worse, euthanized.

Dogs can travel great distances and may end up far from home in only a short period of time. If your dog becomes lost with or without proper identification, here are some steps to take to increase the likelihood your pet will be returned to you.

Report the lost dog to local animal shelters and animal control agencies within a 60-mile radius of your home.

Post your lost pet on the Internet including your social media sites, and ask friends and family to re-post on their social media sites. One helpful site is the Facebook page "For the Love of Louie “Michigan Lost Pet Lookers”

Search the neighborhood where your dog was lost. Walk or drive through the area several times a day, and pass out flyers to people and houses.

Advertise in the community by posting notices in grocery stores, veterinarian offices, gas stations and intersections.

The more people you can reach about your missing pet, the better the chances are of having the animal returned to you. Most important - remember to keep trying. Lost pets have been reunited with families months to years after going missing.
Doggie-Do List

As the cold, winter weather finally starts to move out, replaced by longer days filled with flowers and warm sunshine, we start to think about all the projects that need attending to around the yard and house. Well, it’s no different here at K-9 Stray Rescue League.

Operating out of an old farmhouse built in the early 1900’s, the staff and regular volunteers keep a running ‘Doggie-Do List’ that needs attention in order to maintain a clean and safe environment not only for our dogs, but for our volunteers and visitors too. If you have any experience in general home maintenance and repair or are just an overall excellent handyman, K-9 can definitely use your help this summer.

Please consider spending some time on a project or two to keep the buildings in their best shape possible. Stop in at 2120 Metamora Road in Oxford and fill out a volunteer application noting your abilities and availability. The dogs will thank you!

Our Wish List

- Nylabone & Kong Toys
- Collars & Leashes
- Flea & Tick Shampoo
- XL Latex Gloves
- Newspaper
- Paper Towels
- Meijer Gift Cards
- Home Depot Gift Cards
- 30 & 55 Gallon Garbage Bags
- Liquid Lysol Cleaner
There are Many Ways to Help

Helping out at K-9 Stray Rescue League doesn’t always have to mean coming into the shelter and getting doggy dirty. Whether you’re a stay-at-home mom with kids crawling all over the house complaining how bored they are or a retired individual looking for a project to keep busy and stay social, K-9 has some wonderful off-site ways you can volunteer and help improve the lives of the dogs.

Fundraising activities are always a huge welcomed way to volunteer. For example, a Girl Scout troop (pictured right) participated in our 2018 Super Bowl returnable can drive and raised over $400 dollars in donations. A group of employees (pictured below) from Kohl’s department store spent a few hours helping out on a Saturday at an off-site adoption event which also translated into a donation from Kohl’s of $500. A young lady recently collected donated items to present during an online auction she hosted one Saturday and raised over $700.

Join in with some friends and family to collect newspapers, and then gather to sort them by removing the shiny, non-absorbent paper...We can always use newspaper to line the dog’s crates.

Another thoughtful way to help is by celebrating your special occasion with the dogs. Recently, Louise celebrated her 70th birthday by asking that donations be sent to K-9 Stray Rescue League in her honor! And every year, there are several children who request gifts for the rescue dogs in lieu of gifts for themselves at birthday parties. What a huge honor that is for our puppies!

The opportunities to help are endless. Visit our website to view more ideas on how to help K-9 Stray Rescue League.

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**Shelter Hours**

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**K-9 Volunteer Classifieds**

**Foster Help Wanted:** Individuals or families are needed to volunteer as foster homes for pregnant dogs and litters of puppies. If you have an empty nest or want your family to experience the miracle of life, this responsibility may be for you! Foster homes are also needed for senior dogs or dogs with special needs.

**Experienced Dog Trainers:** Individuals are needed to volunteer at the kennel who have experience in dog training or behavior correction. Some of our long-term dogs or working breeds really can use some extra help to prepare for their forever homes.

**Adoption Event Help:** Is the kennel environment not for you, but you like being around dogs and want to help them get adopted? Volunteer help is needed at off-site adoption or public relations events throughout the summer and beyond. On the job training!

You must be 16 years or older to volunteer on-site at K-9 Stray Rescue League. For those of you under the age of 16, there are other off-site ways to help. Please inquire when filling out an application. Visit our website at www.k9stray.com and fill out a volunteer application noting your qualifications. A great, rewarding experience awaits you!

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**Adoption Events**

PETCO - Auburn Hills  
1st & 3rd Saturday of each month

Harvest Time/Pet Stuff - Oxford  
2nd & 4th Saturday of each month

Visit Our Website for More Upcoming Events  
www.k9stray.com

Visit us on Facebook!
K-9 Stray Rescue League is run solely on donations.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please complete this form & return to 2120 Metamora Road, Oxford, MI 48371.

You may also donate online by visiting our website www.k9stray.com

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of $ __________

Name: __________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

City: __________________ State: ________ Zip: ______________

Thank you for your generous donation. The animals rely on us, but we rely on YOU!