Detroit Dog Rescue focuses on raising awareness of the homeless and stray dog problem in Detroit, along with advocating for humane rescue alternatives such as no-kill sheltering, rehabilitation, foster care and adoptions, pet identification and healthy pet population control through spay and neutering. Detroit Dog Rescue also specializes in community outreach, and we work closely with local, city and statewide organizations in order to educate and involve people in this cause. DDR also responds to calls to assist the Detroit, Highland Park and Hamtramck Police and Fire Departments, as well as city administrations and hundreds of residents who request assistance.
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Since 2011, Detroit Dog Rescue has been leading Detroit’s no-kill mission and saving some of the city’s worst cruelty cases. Dogs who would have never had a chance found rescue, reprieve and rehabilitation at Detroit Dog Rescue. We’ve carried dogs out of burning buildings with Detroit firefighters and treated the wounds of abused dogs with Detroit police. We’ve worked with Detroit’s administration at the highest levels to create changes in animal welfare and we’ve continued to be a catalyst for accountability when it comes to the humane rescue and treatment of animals.

Detroit is experiencing a renaissance, but that renewal of hope hasn’t reached the animals just yet. There are still thousands of starving, neglected and abused dogs in Detroit and all of them are waiting for us. There are 142 square miles in the city and Detroit’s municipal shelter can’t keep up despite improvements. On any given day, twenty-five more dogs enter the city’s municipal shelter and Detroit has continued to rely on Detroit Dog Rescue for relief.

Sadly, we’ve outgrown our current 2,000 square foot building and it’s hard to continue to help when we’ve maximized our space. Our current facility has no indoor training area, a small laundry room which makes avoiding cross contamination difficult, and a yard that is only a fraction of the size of what we need. Perhaps our most crippling dilemma is that our current location has no space to house on-site adoption events. Thanks to fosters who open their homes and hearts, we’re able to save hundreds of dogs each year, but we need more space.

Recently, our wish for more space was fulfilled when Westcott Veterinary Hospital donated their 11,000 square foot Detroit location on Grand River Avenue to Detroit Dog Rescue. The space is comprised of three separate buildings that were conjoined into one in the early 1960’s. This gift will more than quadruple our rescue operations. A welcoming room for intakes will allow our crew to help Detroit Police officers on site, exam rooms will give our visiting veterinarians the area they need to perform medical procedures, our on-site adoption rooms will be an inviting space for potential adopters, and our mutt-ternity suites will provide a calming atmosphere for pregnant strays to give birth before their puppies transfer to our neonatal puppy pre-school room.

Although the structure of the Westcott Veterinary Hospital is solid and sustainable, current enforcement codes, enrichment plans, and Michigan Department of Agriculture requirements suggested a complete renovation. Our plans include a $2M transformation of the existing building, utility systems and training yard, as well as furnishings, program supplies for our rehabilitation program and our puppy pre-school.

Detroit Dog Rescue has been a catalyst for change for a decade. We’ve proven our commitment, longevity and sustainability in Detroit and now we need you. Our rescue is licensed and regulated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the city of Detroit has welcomed this endeavor with their sincere gratitude. Please consider making a gift that will create a legacy in Detroit and a lifetime of love for every animal we rescue.

Gratefully,

Kristina Millman-Rinaldi
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Detroit Dog Rescue (DDR) was founded in February 2011, after the City of Detroit refused to allow access to a network television series that would have documented the lives of stray dogs trying to survive in an abandoned urban environment. There is a stray dog epidemic in the city, especially in the neighborhoods, just as there is in many cities across the United States that have had to deal with economic decline, dwindling populations and abandoned buildings. If other animal lovers around the world could see what we see on the streets of Detroit every day, we know that they would help us make a difference in this city, one dog at a time.

Detroit Dog Rescue helps between 80 to 120 dogs at any given time. On May 1, 2014, Detroit Dog Rescue opened the first no kill shelter in the City of Detroit. Our rescue is known for taking animals in trouble that most regard as unadoptable and investing the time and training needed to rehabilitate and re-home these dogs.

In June 2015, Mayor Mike Duggan met with our Executive Director, Kristina Millman-Rinaldi, to assemble an animal welfare reform committee for the City of Detroit. Detroit Dog Rescue’s efforts at a municipal level still have lasting effects today and Kristina has remained an animal advocate and advisor to multiple cities, states and organizations.

On October 20, 2015, history was made for DDR and the City of Detroit. For the first time, a transfer agreement between rescues and the city came into fruition. Under this agreement, Detroit Dog Rescue transferred the first dogs from Detroit Animal Control.

Detroit Dog Rescue serves as a center of reprieve and rehabilitation for some of Detroit’s worst abuse, neglect and cruelty cases. At Detroit Dog Rescue each dog is given a chance to decompress, receive medical treatment and ultimately, find their path to their forever home.

However, our current facility is only 2,000 square feet. Although this space served as Detroit’s first no-kill shelter and saved thousands of dogs, we rely on the generous hearts and homes of fosters and veterinary facilities for eighty percent of our rescue dogs. Detroit Dog Rescue has currently outgrown the space where our mission started during Detroit’s bankruptcy and foreclosure crisis, and now we’re looking to expand our no-kill operations.

Recently, Westcott Veterinary Center gifted Detroit Dog Rescue an 11,000 square foot former veterinary clinic built in 1962. The clinic has the existing structure we need to grow our mission, but since serving the community since 1962, it needs to be updated to house our existing operations and shelter. Our friends at PCI ONE SOURCE CONTRACTING and STUCKY-VITALE ARCHITECTS have been working on a progressive plan for our shelter and the City of Detroit is in full support of our project. In order to renovate the existing Westcott Veterinary Hospital and sustain operations for the first year we are creating a $2.3M campaign.

Our future plans include over 60 kennels, spacious outdoor yards, a training center, mutt-ternty rooms for pregnant strays, puppy pre-school, an intake and trauma bay, exam rooms, a prep kitchen, laundry facility, and of course, meet and greet rooms where our dogs and puppies will start their next chapter. Detroit Dog Rescue also has the support of CPDT trainers and educated staff to aid in our adoption, rehabilitation and rescue operations.

All of this will be nestled in northwest Detroit with easy access to expressways and some of the residential neighborhoods who we support and serve.

For so many years Detroit Dog Rescue has been a beacon of light for the dogs and residents who need us most. The gift of the Westcott facility was more than we could have ever hoped for, but we need the community to continue our dream of expanding. Please consider a gift to Detroit Dog Rescue. Every amount counts towards our mission, because every dog deserves a chance.
VIRTUALLY ADOPT A DOG

$500

Your gift will sponsor a rescue dog waiting for a forever home during the first month of operations at the new Detroit Dog Rescue shelter. Your name -- or business name -- will be listed on the kennel to show your support for Detroit Dog Rescue’s no-kill mission.

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Time and talent are desperately needed to turn our dream into fruition. We are looking for in-kind donations such as tile, flooring, kennels, hardware, landscaping services, and more. Each service provider must be licensed and insured. If you are interested, please email Kristina Rinaldi directly at kristina@detroitdogrescue.com.

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Red Badge

$5,000+

Black Badge

$10,000+

SHOW YOUR LEVEL OF SUPPORT WITH A WELCOME WALL BADGE.
THE WESTCOTT MEMORIAL GARDEN

FOR EVERY PET WHO HAS TOUCHED OUR HEARTS, THE WESTCOTT MEMORIAL GARDEN IS A PLACE WHERE THEIR LOVE CAN BUILD A LEGACY.

KENNEL SPONSORSHIPS

Kennel sponsorships are a great way to honor a beloved friend, family member or pet. Each sponsorship covers a 12 month period and a plaque with your name and a message will be displayed on your kennel. As a thank you, you will also receive a similar magnet plaque with your name and message to proudly display. Show your love and support for animals by selecting the kennel you wish to sponsor below.

Garden Nameplate
$1,500
With your sponsorship, you will help to maintain The Westcott Memorial Garden for five years. Your nameplate will be displayed on a peace plaque in the garden.

Garden Stone
$5,000
These remembrance stones will help to pave a pathway through our rescue garden. Remember your pet with a $5,000 legacy gift to Detroit Dog Rescue.

Garden Bench
$10,000
With a gift of $10,000 or more, you can help to create a place of peace and remembrance in your pet’s honor.

Medium Kennels
$3,500+ a year

Large Kennels
$5,000+ a year
**EXTERIOR NAMING RIGHTS**

On November 23, 2016, Wayne State Police Officer Sergeant Colin Rose, succumbed to injuries from a gunshot wound sustained while on duty protecting the citizens of Detroit. Sgt. Colin Rose was a dedicated foster and friend to Detroit Dog Rescue. In his honor, we are accepting gifts to dedicate our building to his legacy.

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**Outdoor Yard**

$65,000+

Your support will provide a fresh and safe space for outdoor enrichment and play. This area is crucial for the dogs who find reprieve at Detroit Dog Rescue.

**Outdoor Kennels**

$5,000+ a year

Although all of the dogs will enjoy inside accommodations, an outdoor kennel provides enrichment in a safe outdoor space. Outdoor kennels can also be used as a space for decompression from every day shelter life.

**Brick Pavers**

$1,500

Solidify and stamp your commitment to a rescue dog in need in honor of a family member or special occasion, with a brick that will be displayed on site.*

*Max amount of characters to be determined. Websites will not be printed on bricks.

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**Front Corridor**

$100,000

Welcome to Detroit’s No-Kill shelter. Your commitment will serve as a beacon of light for dogs who need you. Our reception corridor will welcome animals in search of reprieve, residents in search of resources, and friends in search of their very own rescue dog.
INTERIOR NAMING RIGHTS

$25,000+

Welcoming Lobby
Each day eager new families will enter our facility through our welcoming lobby to meet their new pet. Your sponsorship will unite people and their new pets.

New Arrival & Intake Area
This space will be the first safe place a Detroit rescue dog enters. Our goal is to provide a warm, inviting, low-stress, safe-handling area equipped with supplies for behavioral, medical and emergency intakes. Your gift will help to provide kennels, handling equipment, emergency medical supplies and a sanitary space free from cross-contamination.

Exam Rooms
Detroit Dog Rescue prides ourselves on taking in dogs who require long-term rehabilitation and care. This also means we must provide outstanding medical care to the dogs we house. This includes routine examinations, neonatal care, post-op care and more. Our exam rooms will provide a safe, sanitary and secluded area away from the stress of the shelter environment for our dogs to be examined and treated by shelter staff and veterinarians.

Mutt-ternity Suites
Detroit is home to thousands of stray dogs and there is a spay and neuter epidemic within the city, resulting in thousands of pregnant dogs each year. These momma dogs find reprieve at Detroit Dog Rescue. The “Mutt-ternity” Suites provide a low-stress, safe space for these mothers to raise her neonate puppies. Raising puppies in a low-stress and social environment prepares them to become social, sensory adapted pets.

Puppy Preschool
The second step in raising well-adjusted, social puppies is Puppy Preschool. Your gift ensures that every puppy will be given the best start. The Puppy Preschool is the first space puppies will know after being weaned from their mother. It is imperative that we provide a delicate area for housing and sensory exploration until they find their forever home.

Training & Enrichment Center
Detroit Dog Rescue prides ourselves on rescue and REHABILITATION. Detroit has a stray dog epidemic and each dog has a story that may be filled with pain, neglect and abuse. These dogs deserve a place where force-free handling and positive reinforcement methods are practiced. The training and enrichment center within the building will serve as a classroom for canines and the companions who care for them.

Grooming Station & Scrubbing Salon
Lets get sudsy! Bubbles make everyone feel better and it also prepares dogs for their forever homes. Our grooming station and scrubbing salon will be the first stop -- and the last stop -- during our rescue dogs’ journeys.

Canine Kitchen *
Thanks to our friend, Chef James Rigato, our canine kitchen will be stocked with all of the necessities needed to prepare and provide nutritious meals at Detroit Dog Rescue.

ADDITIONAL SPACES TO BE CONSIDERED

Laundro-Mutt Room
Hallways & Rescue Routes
Canine Conference Room
Adoption & Foster Office
DDR Volunteer Zone
BECOME A MEMBER OF THE DETROIT DOG RESCUE LEGACY.

You can help the animals cared for by Detroit Dog Rescue in many ways:

- In your will or trust.
- As a lead beneficiary on a charitable remainder trust.
  - As a beneficiary of an account, such as an IRA or other retirement plan.
  - As a beneficiary of a charitable gift annuity or trust that pays you an income during your lifetime.

If you’ve named Detroit Dog Rescue in your estate, please let us know so we can acknowledge you by contacting Kristina@DetroitDogRescue.com

HOW TO DONATE

Monetary Donations
The easiest and most direct way of supporting Detroit Dog Rescue’s Capital Campaign is a tax-deductible gift.

Gifts of Stock
Avoid capital gains while taking a full-value deduction on your tax returns by making a gift of highly appreciated stock.

Qualified Charitable Distributions
If you’re over the age 70 1/2, you can meet the required minimum distribution from your IRA by making a qualified charitable distribution of up to $100,000 per year; you’ll also lessen your taxable income.

Recurring Gifts
Become a Detroit Dog Rescue Hero and split your gift into manageable monthly gifts.

Matching Gifts
Many endowment funds and employers offer opportunities to match gifts.

Planned Gifts
Include Detroit Dog Rescue in your estate plans and leave a legacy of compassion.
(see below for more information)
Detroit Dog Rescue has been featured in both local and national news outlets since its inception in 2011. These are just a few of the publications and outlets where we have been featured.
WHAT WAS AND WHAT COULD BE

Detroit Dog Rescue
Published by Kristina Millman-Rinaldi | October 12, 2018

Put your hands up for Detroit, because our collaborations save lives.

We show up! Right now Detroit dogs are being loaded onto the Detroit Dog Rescue vehicles from the city’s animal control. Each one has their own special story, abandoned, neglected, surrendered, lost, but each one is worthy of love and is receiving a new chance.

A few of them have Heartworm and need extensive treatment. Some are ready for foster homes now. We can’t wait to introduce you to these adorable survivors.

The first stop is our veterinarian where each dog will be assessed for parasites, respiratory infections, and Heartworm. If you can help with their care, please donate at DetroitDogRescue.com

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Detroit Dog Rescue
Published by Kristina Millman-Rinaldi | September 19, 2019

Shes the type of dog we advocate for, the type of dog seen all too often. She is a Detroit Dog and she deserves better. Remi was found tied up by railroad tracks alone and waiting. Thankfully, a compassionate animal control officer was able to out her chain and she came to Detroit Dog Rescue...but wait, it doesn’t stop there...

Remi is pregnant with six little babies that started their life off in the worst conditions. She is also Heartworm positive. It’s going to take a lot to treat Remi, but we don’t believe she and her puppies should be euthanized, because she doesn’t fit the perfect path of an easily adoptable dog.

Remi is with us receiving all the cuddles she can and her babies need. Let’s put together to help Remi with a special $5 Friday Donate $5 or more all day today, because all of our online donations are going to treat Remi and her babies! Thank you for always believing in us!

Kristina Rinaldi
Executive Director DDR

Detroit Dog Rescue
Published by Kristina Millman-Rinaldi | August 2, 2019

RESCUED. This afternoon we received a call about a dog so matted that we couldn’t even see her body. Sandy is being sedated and shaved down by our friends at Union Lake Veterinary Hospital and we’re all horrified by her frail body underneath all the matting.

Please help us by making a donation to Sandy at DetroitDogRescue.com
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Let's do that! Last night we agreed to a surgery that will save Champ's life and legs. This dog, who was bought online, deserves a chance.

Detroit Dog Rescue takes in cases like Champ's, because dogs don't deserve to die. Because of buds, Champ's care is expected to cost over $10,000 and we're looking to our amazing team of rescue heroes to help.

If you want to donate to Champ, do so today! All of our online donations will be going directly to his care. You can make a tax-deductible contribution easily at DetroitDogRescue.com/donate. Stay tuned for updates on Champ throughout today.

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The DetroitDogRescue team is out turning your calls into action, but now it's time to issue a strong warning...

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If you would like to donate supplies such as high protein dry dog food, high protein canned adult and puppy food, or fishing cards, you can find a list of our drop-off locations here:

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