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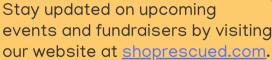
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#### FUNDRAISING IS ESSENTIAL

Rescued is immensely thankful to our partners, friends, and local small businesses for their support in raising funds. Every contribution matters, and fundraising plays a crucial role in supporting our cause.





To date, Rescued has donated over

§\$790,332

to pets in need!



August Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm On-street parking to the east of the store, and the lot in back.





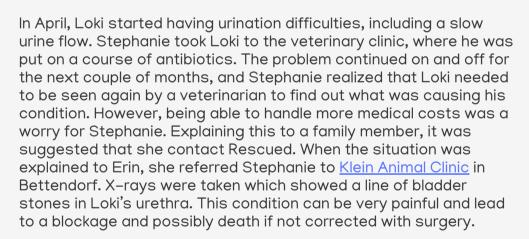


#### HAPPY TAILS: LOKI

Written by: Kathy Wiggins

There are many different jobs dogs taken on through the years, including, but not limited to herding livestock, aiding law enforcement, finding lost people, and assisting people with physical challenges. And Loki has a job that is equally important; he is an ESA (emotional support animal) for Stephanie.

Loki, a four-year-old red merle Australian Shepherd, came into Stephanie's life when he was a puppy. Through the years the two of them have developed a very close relationship, to the degree that when Stephanie becomes overly stressed, Loki is able to sense this. Stephanie will lie down and Loki then lays on top of her, gently pushing down, until Stephanie gets through the feelings and becomes relaxed. He also doesn't like yelling and will bark and guard her, according to Stephanie.



Once the diagnosis was made, Erin referred Stephanie to <u>Summer Street Animal Clinic</u>, <u>Burlington</u>, <u>IA</u>, where the necessary surgery was performed. The veterinarian informed Stephanie that Loki had 17 bladder stones lined up in his urethra! Rescued covered \$2,400, with Stephanie paying \$300.

Upon returning home, "Loki did really well and didn't even need the collar of shame", Stephanie stated. He is now on prescription Science Diet Urinary Care dog food and will remain on it permanently.

"Loki is my best friend and Erin saved my life by saving Loki's life", Stephanie added.







## MAKER SPOTLIGHT: SMITH FAMILY OLDE COUNTRY MARKET



Denise and Bill Smith are the owners of <u>Smith Family Olde Country</u> <u>Market</u>. Since 1996, they have been making hand-poured soy candles and melts, old-fashioned bath and body products, and even have an entire kids' line called "Wildflower Kids."



Denise states, "My children and I have sensitive skin, so it was always a challenge to find products that didn't irritate us. I grew up learning about herbs, spices, and natural home remedies—that came in handy when I started making my own products." Between her childhood experiences, research conducted at the local library, and her grandmother's household cleaning recipes, she began creating skin care product recipes. Denise modified those recipes by eliminating animal byproducts and replacing them with plant—based alternatives. All of Smith Family Olde Country Market's recipes are old—fashioned, family—inspired, or created by Denise and Bill after extensive research, followed by weeks or even years of testing.

"Creating and making things with my own two hands is just as important to me as the air I breathe. It gives me a sense of purpose," states Denise. She loves being able to provide for her family and enjoys making people happy with her products and scents. She continues, "I love that our small family business gives us the ability to give back in much bigger ways than we ever dreamed possible."



Denise comments that making and creating products is very soothing to her soul and makes her incredibly happy. She adds, "But I am just as happy and incredibly grateful that I get to work alongside my husband. What started out as my passion has now become our passion."

When offering advice to new makers, she comments, "If it makes your soul happy, then do it! Don't worry about what other people think or say." Denise also advises not to worry about what other makers or creators are doing, even if they make the same products that you do. "For us, there is no such thing as competition," she remarks. Denise adds, "Never fear making mistakes, because those mistakes are how you will continue to learn and grow. Remember not to compare your Chapter 1 to someone else's Chapter 20."



Denise offers this final bit of advice: "Everyone has to start at the beginning, and everyone has to work long and hard to be successful. You might struggle, it might be hard sometimes, and you might want to give up, but if you stick with it and keep going no matter what life throws your way, I promise it will be so worth it in the end! So, keep trying and never give up! You've totally got this!"

You can find Smith Family Olde Country Market at MADE Market August 23 and 24 in East Moline, IL, and you can find their products via their Facebook page.

## **EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS**

### Averst

Made Market is August 23 & 24. We won't have a booth there this year, but go and support the wonderful makers! Make sure to visit <u>Smith Family Olde Country Market</u> who will be offering two fundraisers that will benefit us!





#### Avevst

Sunday, August 25, there will be a Pawsitively Purrfect Pets In Need Pet Expo benefiting us. See below for details!



#### Sertember

SAVE THE DATE: Our 9th anniversary event is Saturday, September 21. Stay tuned on social media for more details!







# EVENTS, FUNDRAISERS & REMINDERS



#### Sertember

SAVE THE DATE: September 7 is Corgi Fest!

<u>Sassie Cassie Art & Design</u> is putting on this event and sponsors are needed. Check out the <u>Facebook event</u> for more info.



### CTOBER

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 7 is our 2nd annual "Playin' a Round" event. Check out the event on Facebook to get signed up and learn all the details.



## Reminder

A few things to keep in mind when you come and shop our store:



Parking is available in front, alongside, and behind the building. Please be mindful when parking in back that you are not blocking anyone in. There are other tenants and renters in our building.



We do not have the capacity and space outside to accommodate donations when we are not open so PLEASE only drop off donations during our open hours (Tuesday - Saturday, 10am-4pm). If these hours do not work for you, we can make specific arrangements so reach out to schedule.



Finally, if you need a list of items we do and do not take you can visit our website

https://www.shoprescued.com/get-involved for more info.





To <u>Bent River Brewing</u>
<u>Company</u> for \$200 from their Doggy Days event.



To <u>Klein Animal Clinic</u> for \$1400 from their Barking Lot Luau.

