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To date, Rescued has donated over
\$453,200
to pets in need!

JULY Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm

As a reminder, please do not park in the lawyer's parking lot north of our shop. Extra parking is available in the south lot.



Happy Tails: Sasha Girl



Written by: Deborah Pond



This story starts in August 2003, in farm lands out past West Lake, when our daughter worked for Scott County Animal Control. She got called out to a stray dog in the farm fields, where she saw this emaciated dog – a Great Pyrenees. The dog was still giving milk out, so she knew there were puppies nearby. A farmer came to her, and together they found the three puppies, but unfortunately they had passed. The farmer told our daughter to take her and he would take care of the puppies.

She loaded her up and called us to see if we would foster her until she got healthy. This was a hard decision to make, as we had a female Golden Retriever at home named Faith, and I wasn't sure about fostering a dog that I knew nothing about. At the vet's, we found out she was full of parasites, weighed 25 pounds, and was about a year old. She was in bad condition, but we agreed to foster her. Sasha was going to have to stay at the shelter for 10 days because of the parasites, as they could be transmitted to our Golden Girl.

During our waiting period, I did some research on this breed, talked to a Great Pyrenees rescue, and thought to myself "what kind of dog are we bringing into our house?" and "they kill wolves and coyotes". I also read female Great Pyrenees often do not get along with other female dogs. It was suggested to put her in a crate to protect our other dog, Faith.

Our daughter kept on saying how beautiful she was. No, I did not agree with her at all. But, I guess you have to look beyond what you see. Yes, I learned that from her. Sasha was missing hair, so skinny, so sad and very homely looking, but her eyes talked to you.

We got her to our house with Faith, our Golden, and they got along, but poor Sasha was lost at first. We were told to slowly bring up her weight; she should have weighed 100 pounds at a year old, but she was only 25 pounds. She could not get groomed, as she needed her vaccines for that, and she needed to gain weight before she could get her vaccines. Faith and Sasha became good buddies within the first few weeks. Faith opened the crate and let Sasha out, and must of played, because when I came home from work, I saw both of their heads when I opened the door. She never went back into that crate again. I trusted my Golden Girl's instinct that everything was going to be ok.



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Months went by and Sasha was able to go to the vet's and get her vaccines and grooming. That day, my husband picked her up from getting a spa day at the groomers and said "we are keeping her", and I do believe Faith wouldn't have had it any other way. We told Pam (from the shelter) we decided to keep her, and she was so happy; she said Sasha now had the most wonderful home.

Sasha and Faith went on numerous trips with us – beaches, the Black Hills, Lake Superior and the Mississippi – and always enjoyed their time together. Sasha was a mild, meek girl – healthy, and enjoyed life. She loved holidays, loved her walks, loved paying with Faith, but most of all, she loved her bully sticks. She was 110 pounds of sweetness.

In 2013, we entered her in the Radish Dog of the Year Contest. At 10 years old, she won! She had this hot pink bow on top of her head (she loved bows). Sasha became the cover photo of the Radish Magazine and even got to be on TV with Paula Sands. Pam from the shelter was so excited that this old foster failure won the contest.

The following year, Sasha started having problems climbing stairs, but Rachel asked if we could bring her to the Radish fair and we said sure. We were not able to get her up the stairs, so she was presented on the ground. Then, in August of 2014, I took her to the vet to get a chiropractic adjustment and got the worst news of our lives: Sasha had a tumor on her spleen the size of a Nerf football. Oh, how I cried! And now I had to tell my husband, on his birthday, that our little girl is sick.

A new trial was suggested to us. It was to dry up the tumor, stop the blood flow into the tumor, and attempt remove it. It was such a harsh treatment, but we'd try anything to give her a happy life for a little longer. She even got to go to Michigan for a wedding, and got to go to a dog beach. We watched Faith play in Lake Michigan and lay on a blanket with me. My husband had to carry her back up the stairs, as she got tired walking the stairs, but she was so worth it.

I was going to college at that time, and I scheduled more online classes so I could be home to get Sasha her medicine when it was needed. But, I saw her deteriorating. I wanted some family pictures taken before we lost her. Photographer Johnathan Wangelin called me as soon as he got the email, and we set up a date – October 5, 2014. It was a cold day, but we knew we needed to get the pictures done. The pictures turned out beautiful – he captured our girl's beauty. October 7 was a day I will never forget. Sasha went outside and she was sitting in her own feces. I knew it was time. Her eyes told me "Mommy I am tired, please let me go." I could not get her up and had to call my husband to come home and help. My husband and daughter thought I was giving up, but I wasn't. I had to give Sasha dignity – she deserved that for all of the wonderful years that she gave us.

On October 8, 2014 I gave the vets' office a call and asked them if they could get a hold of Fred, to see if he would come in on his day off and put our little girl at peace. Fred came in and put her at peace; no more pain for my little girl. In that room, there was not a dry eye – everyone cried; this little girl who was a foster failure made the biggest impact on peoples' lives. She was meant to be in our life and our Faith Ann's life. She was an angel that was sent to us to make our life complete.



Maker Spotlight: Overlook Village



Rachel Hammond and her group started making bonfire starters about a year ago. She remembers her grandparents using them at their cabin when she was younger, and thought it would be a great activity for the seniors at [Overlook Village](#) to make.

The seniors collect all the toilet paper rolls for months, along with dryer lint. Family members even drop off wax – that's how excited they get about making these! They assemble them together in a group, with different jobs depending on ability. Rachel, the Lifestyle Director at Overlook, says making the bonfire starters gives the seniors a sense of purpose, and they love knowing it will raise money for Rescued.



You can find these bonfire starters at Rescued for only \$1! In addition to the bonfire starters, Rachel and Overlook have made tutus for pets, held bake sales, and have also held fundraisers for Rescued. Thanks for all you do!



Special Thanks

Thank you to [Songbird Lane Antiques](#) for allowing us to have a booth at their summer event and a huge thank you to Lynn Gustafson for operating the booth.



Special Thanks (cont'd)

Thank you to [Backwoods Metal](#) for new signage both inside and outside our store!

They are currently open for commissions.



Thank you to [Urbantique](#) for inviting us to Backroad Fest and to [Remixed Retro](#) for representing us there.



Thanks [Float Quad Cities](#) for a \$200 donation and for your continued support. To book a float, check out their Facebook page, or website at www.floatqc.com



Reminders

[Blessings Boutique](#) is now open and carrying some of our apparel. They are volunteer-based, so check their Facebook page for hours and contact information.

[DCP Naturals](#) will be donating a portion of all sales to us during the farmers' market season.



July 'Mews' & Events



[Hale Balls](#) will be popping up at the shop Saturday, July 30 from 11-2. Come check out her nutritious balls made with clean, organic ingredients. They're delicious!

Starting in July, we'll be doing a monthly 50/50 raffle for \$5/ticket. What's a 50/50 raffle, you ask? A 50/50 raffle is when 50% of the monthly raffle money is donated to Rescued, and the other 50% is awarded to a lucky person via random drawing. Be on the look out for *this* raffle box and donate \$5 for a chance to win!



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