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'Tis the Season...

For being thankful! Thank you to <u>Twisted</u> <u>Bo-Kay</u> for helping us celebrate our \$500,000 mark! We're so grateful for all our donors, partners, shoppers and friends this holiday season.



To date, Rescued has donated over \$522,662 to pets in need!

December 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.



*closed Christmas, open 10-2 Christmas Eve.

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Lola is a four-year-old hound/blue healer mix who was rescued as a 3-4 week old puppy by Jennifer and her husband from a Florida puppy mill. About three weeks ago, what started out as a fun playtime for Lola with her next door neighbor dog pals, suddenly turned into a real life nightmare for Jennifer.

The dogs were playing and fighting over a squeezable Hartz brand, food-scented ball, when suddenly Lola flattened the ball in her mouth and swallowed it! Jennifer immediately tried to get Lola to spit it up but had no luck. She then took her to one veterinary clinic where she was told it would cost \$2-3,000 to remove the ball. Jennifer then spoke with Oak Knoll Animal Hospital where the cost would be \$1,000-2,000, but full payment was required upfront.

Jennifer had recently undergone knee surgery, so Care Credit could not be used for Lola's surgery. Not sure where to find help, Jennifer called Quad Cities Animal Welfare Center where she was steered towards Rescued. Jennifer explained to Erin that if the ball reached the intestines, the cost would rise to \$5,000-6,000, according to the clinic. Jennifer was able to pay \$265 and Rescued covered the \$1,000 balance, so Lola could have the surgery that evening and returning home later that night.

Initially, fun-loving Lola was supposed to wear "the collar" but she just would not tolerate it, according to Jennifer. Lola's activities were limited, so the staples that closed the stomach incision, held.

Jennifer is pleased to report, "Lola has healed up well and back to her normal energetic, mischievous self. Chasing bubbles is one of her favorite activities." Summing up, Jennifer added, "Oak Knoll was very pleasant to work with and Erin was so nice and understanding."









Maker Spotlight: Sandy & Kathy









Sandy Smith-Henzen and sister Kathy Loose are the duo behind the handmade little quilts/blankets you might have seen at Rescued. Sandy and her sister are both retired, and love collaborating with one another and making these quilts.

The two sisters have been working together on these quilts for about two years. Kathy had been doing them on her own, then Sandy decided to join her a few years back.

Sandy and Kathy make baby-sized quilts, along with ones for use for people in wheelchairs, or those who are in rehab for cancer. The have donated over 100 quilts just this year!

When I asked Sandy what inspires her to make/create these quilts, she stated "I like picking out fabric and putting designs together." She also commented, "Find your passion and just do it – that's what we do. We have a passion for it. Creating and making gives you a chance to explore your interests."

And when I asked what her favorite thing about making these quilts was, she didn't hesitate; she exclaimed "donating them". Sandy said she loves to "give back – it will warm your heart to donate and give back. We have the time now since we've retired, and we love doing it."

Finally, I asked if there was anything else she'd like to share with this newsletters' readers, she exclaimed "Go to Rescued! It's such a neat store."



Holiday Gift Guide!



<u>K'Nees floral cards</u>, \$20 each. Buy a card, get flowers every month for a year! In store now!



Beanies! Only \$30. Limited number available.



Super cute keychains! Only \$5/each.

We also have gift certificates available!



<u>Oakie's Designs</u>

Donating nearly \$400 from the Makers & Shakers event and for donating the Furbo to raffle. <u>Find the</u> <u>fundraiser here</u>.

Special Thanks

Hamilton Elementary Kindness Club

For donating handmade dog toys and greeting cards.

<u>Obsidian & Sage</u>

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Raising \$250 for us through an in-store raffle

<u>Animal Family</u> Veterinary Care Center

Donated: 3 large bags dog food, 19 cans pet food, a huge bag of brand new dog toys, several bags of dog/cat treats, and almost \$240 in cash from a recent fundraiser.

Lisa Crews

Donating nearly \$100 from a Pampered Chef fundraiser. Contact Sarah Lack for you Pampered Chef needs or to <u>host a party.</u>

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Kate Parr For her continued

support this year, and a \$100 donation from a raffle at an open house event. Find her on Facebook page at <u>Kate Parr – Realtor,</u> EXP Realty.

<u>Urbantique</u>

Raising \$200 for us through an online auction

Blessings Boutique/Blue Grass Charitable Drop Off

\$700 donation from quarterly sales. Remember, you can shop and donate items, too. <u>Check their Facebook</u> <u>page for hours.</u>



Donating \$550 from a portion of sales from this year's markets



December Events



Made Market - Holiday Edition Friday, December 2, 5pm-8pm Saturday, December 3, 9am-3pm The Bend XPO, East Moline, IL Rescued will be at <u>MADE Market</u> – we'll have a booth, PLUS all proceeds from Maisie's booth, (Maisie Makes a Difference) will go to us. Come see us and all the other amazing vendors at this event!









Come see us Sunday, December 4 from 1 – 5pm for <u>Pups & Pictures</u>! The event is located at The Rust Belt, 533 12th Avenue, East Moline, IL. Lots to see and do:

- Mini photo sessions. Appointments not necessary, but can be made through Trisha Keel <u>via her Facebook page</u>.
- We'll be offering gift wrapping for a \$2 suggested donation. Please do bring your own box.
- There will be food, vendors, and raffle items, including a BRAND NEW PlayStation 5 and a BRAND NEW Furbo (raffled by <u>Oakie's Designs</u>). You can find all the information on Oakie's website, or by scanning this QR code:



