



Bridge Home NEWSLETTER

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Happy Spring!

As spring arrives, so does one of the busiest times of the year for animal rescues—kitten season. While these tiny lives bring joy and hope, they also remind us of the critical importance of spaying and neutering. Preventing unwanted litters is one of the most effective ways we can reduce the number of animals entering shelters and rescues each year. We encourage our community to help us spread this message and be part of the solution.

Looking ahead, we are excited about everything 2026 holds for The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue and the animals we will welcome into our care before sending them on to their forever homes. Each year brings new challenges, but it also brings new opportunities to save lives, strengthen partnerships, and continue building a community that believes every animal deserves a home.

One event we are especially excited about again this year is our 2nd Annual Doug Mancabelli Golf Tournament. After the incredible turnout and support we experienced during our first tournament, we are looking forward to making this year's event even bigger.

None of the work we do would be possible without the generosity of those who stand beside us throughout the year. To every donor, volunteer, adopter, and supporter—thank you. Together, we are building a future where more animals find the safety, care, and love they deserve. Thank you for being part of that journey with us.

Warm Regards,

Heather O'Daniel
Executive Director

1ST QUARTER IMPACT



35 Dog
Adoptions



25 Cat
Adoptions



222
Volunteers

790.50
Volunteer
Hours



THANK YOU!



THE MANTZ FOUNDATION SUPPORTS FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

We are incredibly grateful to The Mantz Foundation for their generous donation to The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue. Their support is helping us make several important improvements that will directly benefit the animals in our care and the people who visit our rescue.

The funds will go toward replacing the HVAC system in the entire rescue. New HVAC will ensure our dog kennels have proper climate control and a more comfortable environment for the dogs while they wait for their forever homes. Our Community Cat Room will be a safer and more comfortable space that promotes feline health and allows adopters to better connect with our cats. Lastly, our front office climate will improve the experience for adopters, visitors, and supporters, while also creating better operational efficiency for our staff and volunteers.

We look forward to sharing these exciting improvements with our community and are thankful for partners like the Mantz Foundation who help make this work possible.

Tee Off For The Animals

We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual Doug Mancabelli Golf Tournament, a special event that brings our community together for a day of golf, fun, and fundraising in support of The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue.

We are currently seeking sponsors, silent auction donations, and golfers who want to make an impact for the animals in our care. This tournament is a wonderful opportunity for businesses and individuals to support our mission while enjoying a great day on the course with friends, colleagues, and fellow animal lovers.

Whether you sponsor a hole, donate an item for the silent auction, or gather a team to play, your participation helps provide care, shelter, and second chances for the animals we rescue.

Join us for a day of fun, community, and purpose, and help us make this year's tournament even bigger and better for the animals who need us most.

SAVE THE DATE

2nd Annual DOUG MANCABELLI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Save the date for a day of golf on a top rated public par-71, 18-Hole Golf Course in the state of Tennessee as The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue hosts their 2nd Annual Doug Mancabelli Golf Tournament!

9:00 AM

SATURDAY | SEPT 12TH



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Kitten Season: How Our Community Can Help

Each spring and summer, animal rescues and shelters experience what is commonly known as “kitten season.” Warmer weather leads to a surge in cat breeding, resulting in a large number of kittens being born and brought into shelters and rescues. During this time, organizations like The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue often operate at or near maximum capacity while working to provide safe care for every animal that comes through our doors.

Unfortunately, we have recently encountered situations where boxes of kittens have been left outside the rescue during the night, sometimes remaining there for many hours before staff members arrive and discover them. While we understand that people may be trying to help, leaving animals unattended outside a facility is both illegal and extremely inhumane. Young kittens are fragile and vulnerable to weather, dehydration, predators, and other dangers.

If you find kittens or have an unexpected litter, please contact a local rescue, shelter, or animal control so a safe place can be arranged for the animals.

The most important way our community can help during kitten season is through spaying and neutering pets. Preventing unwanted litters helps reduce overcrowding and supports animal control, rescues, and shelters throughout the region during this season of high intake.

As we navigate kitten season, The Bridge Home will also be in great need of supplies, especially kitten wet food, kitten dry food, and clumping cat litter. These essential items help us care for the many kittens and cats who rely on us each day.

By working together—spaying and neutering pets, reaching out for help when animals are found, and supporting rescues with needed supplies—we can help ensure more animals stay safe and find loving homes.

Healthy Tips, Healthy Pets

1. **Stay Ahead of Fleas, Ticks & Heartworms:** Spring is when parasites explode. Fleas, ticks, and mosquitoes (which spread heartworm) become active as temperatures rise. Make sure your pets are on monthly preventatives and check them after being outside—especially around ears, neck, belly, and paws. Prevention is much easier and cheaper than treatment.

2. **Watch Out for Seasonal Allergies:** Just like people, pets can suffer from spring allergies from pollen, grass, and mold. Signs include excessive scratching, licking paws, red skin, watery eyes, or ear infections. Regular grooming, wiping paws after walks, and talking with your vet about allergy relief can help keep them comfortable.

3. **Be Careful with Spring Plants & Outdoor Hazards:** Many spring flowers and plants are toxic to pets, especially cats. Watch out for lilies, tulips, daffodils, and azaleas. Also be cautious with lawn chemicals, fertilizers, and pesticides that become common this time of year.

Bonus Tip: As temperatures warm up, increase outdoor activity gradually and always bring fresh water for your pets.

WILL YOU BE MY SPONSOR?



Yearly Sponsorship for dogs and cats includes vaccines, flea treatment, deworming, and medication as needed. The dog and cat isolation rooms provide space for the intake, health checks and needed medication if they are sick before they move to kennels or the community cat room. If you would like to be a sponsor, please call The Bridge Home at 423-239-5237 for more details.

Dog Kennels.....	\$400 Per Kennel
Cat Condo/Catio.....	\$200 Per Area
Community Cat Room.....	\$500
Dog Yard.....	\$600
Dog/Cat Isolation.....	\$750
Kitten Nursery.....	\$750

LEO IS STILL WAITING

Some animals come into rescue and quickly find their forever families. Others wait a little longer. And then there are the special ones — the ones who quietly sit in their kennel or curl up in their bed each night, still hoping that tomorrow might be the day someone finally sees them.

Leo has spent far too long waiting for a place to call home. Day after day he watches other animals come and go, tails wagging as they leave with their new families. And while he's happy for them, you can't help but wonder if he's asking himself the same question we ask every day: "When will it be my turn?"

Leo has so much love to give. He's the kind of companion who just wants to be near his person — whether that's relaxing at home after a long day, going for a walk, or simply sitting beside you while the world slows down for a moment. His loyalty and heart are the kind that only a rescue dog can offer. What Leo needs most is someone willing to see past the kennel walls and recognize the incredible companion waiting inside. He doesn't need perfection. He doesn't need a big house or fancy toys.



At The Bridge Home No Kill Animal Rescue, we see the best in Leo every day. We see the wag of his tail when someone stops to say hello. We see the hope in his eyes when footsteps approach his kennel. And we know that somewhere out there is the person he has been waiting for all along.

Maybe that person is you.
Or maybe it's someone you know.

If you're looking for a loyal friend who will greet you with excitement, love you unconditionally, and remind you daily what true companionship means, Leo is ready to meet you.

Let's make this the moment Leo's story changes — from waiting... to finally going home.

EVENTS

PetSmart: Monthly
Chuck E. Cheese: Monthly

4/20-24: Marsh Blood Drive

5/2: Ashley Furniture Community Night

5/30: Bridge Home Outdoor Yard Sale

Jul-Aug: Bridge the Gap Summer Campaign

8/22: Revved for Rescue: Porsche Car Show Event @ Tennessee Hills

9/12: 2nd Annual Doug Mancabelli Golf Tournament

For all events follow us on Facebook and our website www.bridgehome.org

Let's Stay Connected!



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