



# saving cerberus



help us help them



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# story

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Our story began in a rural town in West Tennessee called Parsons. Here you could often see dogs roaming the roads and you would be unsure if they had owners or not considering most of the town ignored leash laws. People were always so surprised when their pets came up missing or lost. People also learned they could take advantage of these roaming dogs and just dump dogs they no longer wished to care for.

Once the founder, Jessica Spain, had finally moved into her own home nearby a pup showed up on her doorstep days afterward. He was skinny and lonely. She took him in and fed him. She posted on Facebook to see if she could find his owner, but it soon became obvious he was dumped. She didn't think anymore about where this pup had come from until not even a month later another dog was abandoned nearby.

This began Saving Cerberus dog rescue. She started in her home taking in dogs and socializing them. She tried her best to get them fed and cleaned up and off to loving homes where they would have no more worries.

# mission

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Our mission is to rescue homeless dogs off of the street and rehabilitate them. We want to make sure each and every one of them makes it into a forever home where they will be loved and cared for the rest of their lives. We want to keep the streets clean and reduce the risk of creating more street dogs by spaying/neutering every one that comes into our facility.



# statistics

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In the United States alone, about 70 million animals are homeless living out on the streets. Of that number only about 6-8 million of these animals reach shelters. A large majority of these animals come into shelters intact with their ability to produce young. This adds to the problem and makes the already growing number due to human negligence grow exponentially.

This leads to the euthanasia of 2.7 million animals a year. About half to a quarter of all animals that come into shelters yearly. 5 out of 10 of dogs that come into a shelter are euthanized.

Saving Cerberus is working to change these numbers and give these dogs a second chance on a better life. With our extensive interviewing and observation system, we can make more fitting placements of our dogs and make sure they will fit in to their new homes. We also do training and spay/neuter prior to finding these dogs homes in hope to keep them off the streets and prevent accidental pregnancies after they leave our care.

# how we help

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We have many levels of people working with us to find these dogs and place them in their forever homes. We have people who go out on the streets to search for these homeless dogs to gain their trust to come with them to be brought to our facility. we also work with local animal control to gather street dogs and have someone at our facility waiting for phone calls about them.

From there these pups are assessed by our team to determine what sort of state they are in and taken to the vet to check their physical wellness. These dogs are then given the necessary shots and things they are lacking and nursed back to health. After their health is in a good state, they are sent to the vet to be spayed or neutered so that they will not be able to produce more young with the potential of being abandoned.

These dogs then spend at least 30 days in our facility working on training and socialization. We try to make sure they will fit in every situation, but note when certain triggers will not allow certain interactions.

We also spend quite a bit of time getting to know and noting each pups personality for the future prospective owners to determine if this dog will fit with their lifestyle and the personalities of the people or other animals in their home.

# support and volunteer

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We receive support from all over. We have receive support from the local veterinarian through donated shots and discount spay and neuter programs. We gather support from our community through fundraisers. This has become a very volunteer oriented program and we often get high-schoolers helping us in exchange for community service opportunities for scholarships.

Others in the community have began helping us through volunteering time with us as well. Volunteers time usually goes to the daily feeding and cleaning routine. They can also become involved in the walk and play time routine. Our volunteers help us tremendously as it gives us more time to be out looking for more little ones to rescue.

If you are interested in supporting us, please contact us by calling, emailing, or letter using the contact information provided below:

(901)300-9224  
jspain@savingcerberus.com  
755 Rocky Rd, Spoonsville, TN

If you would like to volunteer at Saving Cerberus, please fill out the following page and mail it in our bring it to our facility at 755 Rocky Rd, Spoonsville, TN.

# volunteer sign up sheet

first name  last name

phone  email

street address

city  state  zip code

days available

times

interested in

monday

fundraisers

tuesday

daily chores

wednesday

walk and play

thursday

friday

saturday

date of birth

signature

date

parent signature

date

(if applicable)

# fundraising

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## working at the dog wash

This is an event held every Saturday from May to August. We set up outside and offer 5 dollar car washes to people driving by. In addition to washing your car, you could get your dog washed for an additional 5 dollars. or both for 7. News of this event is passed through our social media, person to person, roadside and through flyers and posters. It has proven to be a good way to get the community together to do something good. It has also brought us many families searching for an additional furry family member.

## bark sale

The bark sale is often held on the same days as the dog wash, but is also common throughout the year. We bake tasty treats for both dogs and people to consume and sell them at a minimal price. We also use this event to spread our name and flyers to potential new families. We use our social media to spread the news that our bark sale is coming up as well as our weekly newsletter and flyers.

## treats with santa

This event is seasonal and comes with the Christmas holiday season. Some pet parents feel left out when all the children around town are getting their photos made with Santa. So we invite Santa to come down to Saving Cerberus to take pictures with all of our furry family members. We set up a photo booth and we have special holiday pup treats for sale. We don't charge for the pictures with Santa, but we encourage our customers to purchase some treats for the holidays.

### **paw-sta plates**

This is another of our holiday themed fundraisers. We set up a ticket system a week or two ahead of time and usually the weekend before Thanksgiving we will hand out spaghetti plates to those who purchased tickets. We also have a donation box there that people can put additional donations into.

### **tricks for treats**

This is our Halloween themed dog show. We charge an entry fee and set up at a local park that has a stage and pavilion area. We encourage people who enter to put their pets in their best Halloween costumes and do their best tricks. The judges determine first, second, and third place, who receive cash prizes. Everyone else who entered receive a small bag of homemade holiday dog treats.

# donations

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All donations accepted by Saving Cerberus go directly toward the dogs. It can be used for vetting, spay/neuter, purchasing dog food and other necessities. We try our best to insure that our pups have everything they need to be reintroduced to a home-like atmosphere and to start over with a new family.

Commonly donated items include blankets, food, leashes/collars, and kennels for movement back and forth to pups forever homes. If you would like to make an item donation feel free to drop it by or ship it to 755 Rocky Rd, Spoonsville, TN. If you would like to make a monetary donation fill out the form at the bottom of the page, add check or money order, and mail to the same address.

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## donation submission form

first name  last name

phone  email

amount  type





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