

For Connecticut dogs in need

## A PLACE FOR DOG STAR TO CALL HOME

Since 2014, Dog Star Rescue has found homes for over 7,000 dogs all while operated out of a leased space in the town of Bloomfield, CT. Over the years, we have not only grown closer to our neighboring small businesses, but our volunteers have worked tirelessly to continue to improve our space to better help more dogs.

While we've been grateful for the building and utilized property the best we could, our aspirations and mission have outgrown it and we made the decision to purchase our own building to call home.

We are asking our supporters to consider making a donation directly towards the purchase and remodel of our new home so we can continue our collective goal of finding forever homes for dogs in need.





## INTRODUCING 20 NORTHWOOD DRIVE

This 8,000 square foot building sits off the road on its own, tree lined acre of land, located on a quiet, industrial road.

Over the last few years we've explored many different options and locations, considering building from the ground up, to leaving Bloomfield. 20 Northwood ended up being the perfect building to not only build out to our specifications, but also get to stay in the community that's supported us. It is centrally located for so many of our adopting families and our volunteers too.





## MAKING A LOCAL IMPACT



working with special needs students

With a larger and more modern facility, we would be able to expand our outreach programs, organize educational workshops, and host adoption events more effectively. This would enable us to increase awareness about responsible pet ownership, support low/fixed income communities, promote adoption, and ultimately reduce the number of dogs in need.

MORE ROOM TO HELP DOGS



"I enjoy working with Dog Star because I think they do an exceptional job of pairing dogs with people, and focusing on long term retention." ~Dr. Weston Brown, DVM

Our new headquarters will feature larger exam rooms, grooming areas, and training spaces, enabling us to provide comprehensive medical care, grooming, and behavioral training—key factors in successful rehabilitation and adoption.

The facility will also support community initiatives, including affordable vetting for underprivileged families, training for new dog owners, and workshops on responsible dog care.





"Dog Star gave me the opportunity to meet my best friend. They worked with me and took into account everything I was looking for in a dog and matched me with the most perfect companion. She goes with me everywhere every single day and I cannot imagine life without her." Sgt A.W. USMC

This program - specifically for honorably discharged U.S. veterans - focuses on matching specially identified rescue dogs to be companion dogs, and to help heal the emotional wounds of military veterans. It would greatly benefit from increased funding, resources and space devoted to local veterans.



Over 200 dogs have been matched in our Veterans program.





"We are eternally grateful to everyone, for all of their help & guidance. We are so very happy to have Milo home!! This is such an amazing group of people.

They amaze me with their kindness." ~ Jennifer Stangl

Support Dog Star Rescue's affiliate program Dog Gone Recovery, volunteers who specialize in helping owners reunite with their missing dogs, by utilizing larger training facilities for animal control officers and free community programs to help prevent lost and injured pets.



86% Dog Found Rate

3X MORE KENNEL SPACE



The new kennel facilities will enable us to take in more atrisk dogs without requiring immediate foster placements. This includes accommodating emergency cases from our local community and supporting owner surrenders. From day one, these improvements will have a transformative impact on dogs' lives.

By shifting focus from our southern partners to addressing Connecticut's animal crisis, we aim to strengthen our role as a vital resource for local rescues and continue to lead by example in our mission to save lives.

### HELP US CHANGE RESCUE DOG'S LIVES





We kindly request your consideration in making a tax-deductible donation to our capital campaign.

Any contribution, no matter the size, will bring us closer to achieving our goal and making a lasting impact on the lives of countless dogs in need.

Since we are a 100% volunteer run organization, we've had a dedicated team develop obtainable donation and gift tiers.



We would love to work with you to identify where your contribution can make the greatest impact. Additionally, we are committed to ensuring that all generous individuals or groups supporting our campaign are properly recognized with branding at our new location.

We recognize that donors of your generosity deserve to see the impact of their contribution. We invite you to schedule a private tour of our new building with our Executive Director, and we will keep you updated on all progress and expenses. For ongoing details, please visit:

www.dogstarrescue.org/capital-campaign.

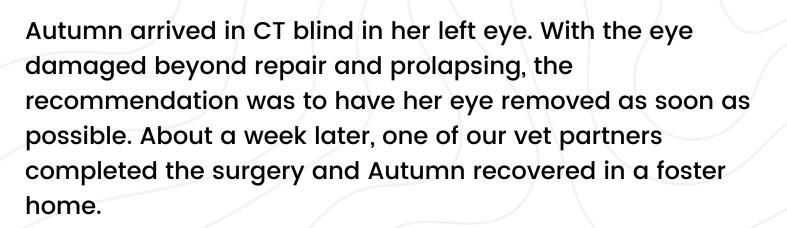


If you would like to learn more about our organization, our mission, or the capital campaign, please do not hesitate to contact Nichole, our Executive Director, directly at 702-882-4572 or Nichole@dogstarrescue.org.

THE IMPACT WE MAKE

### **AUTUMN**

#### **BEFORE ADOPTION**



#### **HOME SWEET HOME**

Two weeks after surgery, Autumn met her forever family including 2 adults and 3 cats. The family had extensive medical experience and was thrilled to continue to help her recover by welcoming her into their home. She now enjoys hiking, exploring, taking road trips, car rides, visiting family, friends, and relaxing at home with her parents and fur siblings.



THIS IS JUST ONE STORY - VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE!

# SO MANY WAYS TO HELP OUR DOGS

### **CHOOSE A DONATION LEVEL**

Donations will be permanently commemorated on the donor wall at the front entrance of our new building, proudly displayed for all visitors and volunteers to see!



**PLATINUM** \$50K OR MORE



**GOLD** \$20K OR MORE



SILVER \$10K OR MORE



**BRONZE** \$5K OR MORE

### donate online



### Help us meet our goal of \$750,000

Send a Check or Money Order with the below form.

Checks made payable to Dog Star Rescue. Mailing PO Box:

Dog Star Rescue

Amanda Ominsky, Capital Campaign

PO Box 721

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Thank you for supporting Dog Star Rescue's Capital Campaign. By making a donation, you agree to the following: **Use of Funds:** Donations will be used primarily for the purchase and renovation of a new building for Dog Star Rescue. Any additional funds may be directed toward general operations or other strategic priorities.

**Tax Deductibility:** Donations may be tax-deductible. Please consult your tax advisor. Dog Star Rescue is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Non-Refundable: Donations are non-refundable, except in cases of processing errors.

Donor Recognition: Donors may be publicly acknowledged unless anonymity is requested at the time of donation.

No Goods or Services: Donations are made without expectation of any goods or services in return.

# donate by Stock Gifting

### Help us meet our goal of \$750,000

#### What is Stock Gifting?

Stock gifting is a way for someone to donate to Dog Star Rescue by giving us stocks (pieces of a company they own) instead of cash.

#### Why gift stocks?

- a charitable tax deduction
- eliminating a capital gains tax
- claiming a loss from a stock sale
- helping you reduce your income or estate taxes

\*With all stock transactions, please consult your financial planner, banking investment firm or tax adviser for assistance in evaluating the tax advantages which might be available to you.

E-mail fundraising@dogstarrescue.org for account information to give to your broker.



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# FROM OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS





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OFFICER



On behalf of Dog Star Rescue, we would like to

What truly distinguishes Dog Star Rescue, beyond being the largest rescue organization in the state, is our 100% volunteer-based operation. We owe our 'Guiding Light' success to the dedicated community members who generously contribute their time and energy, as well as to the individuals and groups who provide invaluable donations to support our mission.

"Grateful" hardly captures the depth of our appreciation at Dog Star Rescue for our supporters. Your support reassures us that we're on the right path to making an even greater impact on the lives of more dogs and our community. We invite you to explore our exciting plans for the upcoming year and hope we can count on your continued support to bring our vision to life.



# Follow Our Progress

Meeting our goal of \$750,000

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**Check our Goal Thermometer** 





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