

Dear Friends of SCARS,

There is one comment I have heard over and over again, from visitors to Scars and even those who have only seen the web page: "You all should be a reality show." Maybe they are on to something. From Hoarders to Little People to house Hunters to Top Chef this seemingly endless lineup has hit the small screen like a Kansas tornado. What do we need to make a show? A charismatic cast... Got it!

Terry Cummins, CPA, college teacher and owner of SCARS, dispenser of funds, Alpha dog.



Maureen Cummins, retired high school English teacher, Director of SCARS, rescuer of dogs, investigator of animal cruelty, trips to vets, finding approved homes for abandoned dogs, writing grants--- --and everything else.



Keith: Colorful handy man and fearless dog wrangler



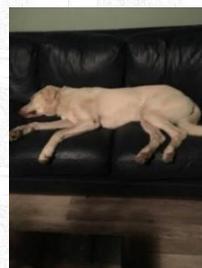
Kelli: Our adorable groomer.

Lisa: daytime manager of a handful of volunteers and perpetually exhausted staff



Dogs: We're golden

Fifty fenced acres in the Kansas country side with two lakes, pier, swimming pool and heated/air conditioned out buildings provide a home for over 50 dogs who have been rescued from intolerable cruelty and neglect. Once here they are vetted, pampered and loved. Some will be adopted by carefully screened families but no one will be returned to the harsh world again or relinquish his Kuranda bed or spot on the couch.



There is no shortage of drama at SCARS. The phone rings incessantly with calls from heroes to whiners (I want to surrender my 10 year old dog because (a) she sheds too much (b) my new husband doesn't like dogs (c) We want to travel.) And the good guys report a neighbor who has his dog on a chain with no food or water, a small dog is running down the highway and seems to be lost. Can Maureen get in the car and try to find it....even if miles away? And inevitably, "We want to adopt a dog. What are your hours?" Maureen explains that "SCARS is our home, we live here!"



Sometimes we think we do live in a reality show. Have a look at a few episodes:



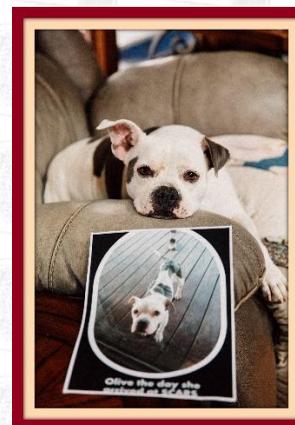
-Maureen appointed to Governor's Pet Animal Advisory Board. Works to get Senate Bill passed but bill shelved by legislators. Maureen chosen as Woman of Excellence in Shawnee County for her work in animal welfare.



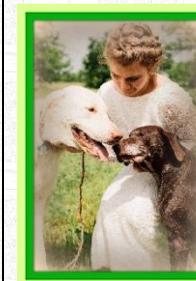
-Maureen receives golden retriever thrown from car in Kansas City, starving to death. Multiple blood tests showed pancreatic deficiency costing thousands of dollars a year to keep her alive. She is now twenty pounds heavier than on arrival.



-Olive brought to SCARS in severe starvation with a useless leg which had been broken, leaving her without a knee joint.



"Look how far I've come..."



-SCARS was the scene of a wedding of one of my former students and his bride!!



-SCARS featured on KSNT (TV).



-High School class comes to volunteer but plays with the dogs instead

We hope all your animals are safe and sound and loved. In these uncertain times we must be ever vigilant. And remember, if you see something, say something. Better yet, do something. They depend on us.

Terry and Maureen Cummins



Thanks to our wonderful photographer, Julie McCarter