

## THE SANCTUARY ...

a 15,000 sq. ft. facility, will be located on 38 wooded acres just west of the Minneapolis Metropolitan Area. The Sanctuary offers some venues open to the public – the revenue from which will help fund the ongoing operations of Top Dog Foundation. Plans include:

**Hydrotherapy Center** - with an indoor pool and under-water treadmill for rehabilitation work for arthritic dogs and those that are post/pre surgery.

**Training Center** - teaching classes from puppy and obedience, on up through agility, and with private rental for individual practice runs and agility matches.

**Crematory** - providing families a dignified, private cremation option.

The residents of the sanctuary will enjoy some of the best years of their lives in the care of people who love and respect them.

### SUITES:

Private & Companion Suites with Windows  
Fully Air Conditioned and Air Purified  
Soft Music and Incandescent Lighting  
Plush Orthopedic Beds with Tapestry Covers  
24 Hour Monitoring and Security System

### OUTDOORS:

Lanais with Gardens, Trees, and Patios  
Memorial Walkway  
Reflecting Pool and Patio  
Woodland Walking Trail

### ACTIVITIES:

Group and Individual Activities - Indoor Park  
Exercise Programs - Stretching & Games  
Swimming  
Hydrotherapy Sessions  
Spa Services - Bathing, Brushing, Massage

## HOW YOU CAN HELP ?

There are many ways for you to give to the foundation. Please see the enclosed card and/ or our website for immediate opportunities to donate funds and volunteer your time.

### GIFTS FOR TODAY ...

Financial Gifts of Cash  
Memorial Flagstones, Trees, Benches  
Sponsorship of Part of the Building in Memory of Your "Best Friend" or a Family Member

### GIFTS ONCE OPEN ...

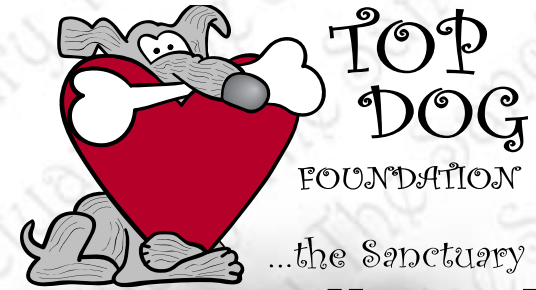
Supplies and Equipment Donations  
Financial Gifts to Assist in Operations  
Attend Training Classes and Events  
Schedule Hydrotherapy Sessions  
"Angel Program" (Sponsoring Individual Dogs)

### GIFTS FOR TOMORROW ...

I hope that you will include the Sanctuary in your will with charitable gifts of Life Insurance, Gift Annuities, Charitable Remainder Trusts and Gifts of Real Estate.

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[www.topdogfoundation.org](http://www.topdogfoundation.org)



...the Sanctuary  
*Honoring Life*



## MISSION

To provide a loving and permanent home for dogs that are deemed "un-adoptable" because of age and health, and would otherwise be unnecessarily euthanized.

## VISION

That every dog will have a permanent home, shelter from the cold, and plenty of food ... That those dogs "tossed out", abandoned, or labeled "un-adoptable" and scheduled for expiration because of age, and/or treatable health issues, will have the love and respect they deserve and the right to live until they die of natural causes, or until their health issues become such that they no longer have quality of life ... That their transition from this life will be in the arms of someone who loves them.

# BENTLEY'S STORY

Bentley is a perfect example of the dogs whose lives will be changed with Top Dog Foundation. He was found wandering the streets of Shorewood Minnesota on a cold December day in 2001. He was picked up by animal control, with no tags or collar, and was taken to a kennel that does impound work for the city. After several weeks with not a call or claim, he was going to be given up to a shelter, where he would most likely be euthanized, due to his age (guessed to be around 11) and health issues (dry eye, blindness, and severe dental problems). He had been wandering the streets for some time, evidenced by the condition of his coat and his eyes. He was so matted, and he could hardly open his crusted eyes.

Saturday evening, January 5, 2002, I received a phone call from the owner of the kennel that had him. I have a reputation as "The Sheltie Lady". She told me about this old dog and informed me that he would probably be euthanized unless a home was found soon. She inquired as to whether I might know of a family that wanted an older Sheltie. Without a thought, I told her my husband would be there within the hour to get him. When Curt picked him up, this scruffy little hobo dog clung to him, as if he finally felt safe and warm. His coat was a mess and he smelled terribly. He snuggled in Curt's lap and did not move the entire ride home. Over the next few days, I found evidence that he had been abused. He was deathly afraid of stairs and his ribs were tender to the touch. He very quickly learned about love and safety in our home, and fit in with our family. We named him Bentley (for a "Rolls Royce" life). He wags his tail constantly, and is the most grateful dog I have ever known...

just happy to be alive and happy to be loved. He has eye medicines, seven times each day, in an effort to salvage what little vision he has left. I have no idea how old he really is and the specific details of his life, only that he is a happy kid and a constant reminder to us about unconditional love, about trust, and that his little life was worth saving.

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Top Dog Sanctuary is a long-time dream becoming reality. It was the original goal, 20 years ago, when I started planning how I wanted to spend my life. At that time I really never knew if it would ever be more than just a dream.

My passion has been dogs since I can remember. They are such incredible teachers and loyal friends. The "under-dogs", those abandoned and needy, have always held a special place in my heart.

My business, Top Dog Country Club, has become a great success and provides my husband Curt and me the opportunity to donate a portion of the revenue, our land, and our time to developing the sanctuary. It is my way to "give back" to those four-legged friends who have given me so much. The sanctuary will be a wonderful place, not where old dogs with health issues go to die, but rather, a place where they will live some of the best years of their lives with people that respect and love them unconditionally.

Curt and I have a family of 9 Shelties and one lab, most that we have rescued. They have given such joy and meaning to our lives. I left a 14-year career with Marriott Hotels to follow this dream... "To take my passion and make it my life's work... I cannot think of any greater success".

Dogs will be accepted on the criteria of age and health. I hope that all of you who read about Bentley, and all whose lives have been made better by the wonderful companionship of a dog, will include Top Dog Foundation in your giving of finances and time.

Visit our website for the many ways you can help. [www.topdogfoundation.org](http://www.topdogfoundation.org)

Top Dog Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization to which donations are fully tax deductible.

– Jean Beuning  
Founder