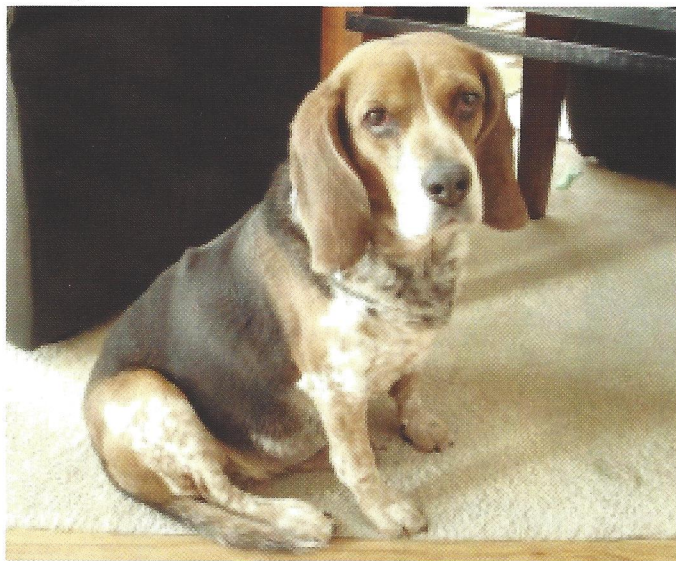


Demi's Animal Rescue Shelter

On February 17, 2011 Pieces Magazine attended a *local animal rescue fund raiser*, hosted by Founder/President Demi Merritt "In 7th grade I came upon the unit of dissection, cutting open and examining the structure of a dead organism. The idea of cutting open animals was offending to me. I needed to find out the facts in what the process was before the animals got to the classroom. What I found can only be described as sickening and inhumane. My mom and I went into the school for multiple meetings and discussions before I was able to be excused from dissection. When my friends had to go through the same process I decided that every student needed a choice between the dissection and an alternative online simulation that takes you through a dissection online without harming any organisms. I talked to the dean of students, who was also the science director, to change the policy. It took me a year to get the school to approve it, but with my consistency and facts of how it is cruel and inhumane, in addition unhealthy for students to cut up once living things, the policy is now in place for all students." says, Demi.

"Since I can remember I have loved all animals, my name is Demi and I am a teenager who is a huge advocate for animal rights. When I was 8 years old I decided that I didn't want to eat animals anymore because I felt that the eating of a once living thing was sickening. I was also disgusted by the cruel methods that they use for slaughter. That's when I decided that I wanted to open up my own company to rescue animals. I started to raise money by walking dogs, pet sitting, selling dog treats, and house sitting. At the age of 14, I began my journey with the opening of Demi's Animal Rescue, a registered 501c(3) non profit organization". One day a five month old puppy named Kobi hit his head so badly that it expanded the veins in his head making fluid rush to his lungs. This caused him to drown from the inside by the minute. His owner, being a college student, could not afford the expensive price of \$1,700.00 for an oxygen machine and some additional things, which didn't seem to help. The vet gave Kobi a 50/50 shot at living.



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The owner signed up to pay some of it off monthly. Demi, donated the money raised which was \$700.00 to pay the balance of the vet bill. Kobi survived the few nights at the vet and is now a happy and very healthy dog with no after affects.

Demi's Animal Rescue is a non profit organization that was created by Demi Merritt to enable her to continue to save animals. Demi currently volunteers and/or raises money to support the following organizations:

Edwards Foundation for Rescued Animals: Edwards Animals is a no kill rescue that helps mainly large farm animals. They rescue animals that have been abused, abandoned, and even been saved from slaughter trucks. My career goal is to have a similar organization, but to rescue all kinds of animals.

Maxfund Animal Adoption Center

As well as the animals that she rescues and cares for personally. The goal of Demi's Animal Rescue is to have the largest rescue in Colorado that supports animals from all over the world. It is also to rescue as many animals as possible. I will be diligent in spreading the news of how defenseless animals are abused and mistreated.

It was a pleasure meeting with Demi Merritt and learning about her new foundation and love for animals. If you would like to help Demi in her efforts please do so through her e-mail or web site.