

Welcome to our Pulse Gives Back Sponsorship Page!

2026 1st Quarter Sponsorship

**PULSE**  
**GIVES BACK**



**Value and Support to Our Community**

through awareness, education and philanthropy

**We're honored to feature Critter Crusaders as this quarter's Pulse Gives Back sponsorship, nominated by our clients Dana and Troy Nogelmeier of Ely, IA.**

**Critter Crusaders of Cedar Rapids exists to provide and guide lifesaving advanced medical care for homeless, sick, and injured pets in Iowa. They offer this service to shelters and rescues to reduce euthanasia numbers and restore broken lives.**



**Troy and Dana share their story:**

**Troy and I have supported Critter Crusaders for several years, and what stands out most to us is that they are a local non-profit specializing in a very unique need that many people don't think about. Many of our local shelters and rescues are inundated**

with abandoned and mistreated animals that are in great need of medical attention. This is a material impact to the small shelter's or rescue's finances.

These are the animals in our community that have been failed by society and are front of the line to be euthanized due to medical needs/costs. Critter Crusaders steps in and provides the medical pathway/plan and funding to restore health to the animal which significantly improves the likelihood of adoption.

Critter Crusaders is not a rescue or shelter itself, but several CC volunteers offer a foster home and rehabilitation for the animals in their recovery process. CC supports many of the rescues and shelters in and around Cedar Rapids and surrounding counties. Jan Erceg, the founder, is a retired EMT giving her the experience and expertise to lead the medical plan for all animals in CC's care.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**CRITTER CRUSADERS OF CEDAR RAPIDS**

**CANS FOR CRITTERS**

Critter Crusaders of Cedar Rapids is accepting IA redeemable aluminum cans and plastic bottles to help our homeless animal friends with advanced medical care needs.

Drop off at the Quonset Hut behind 710 Center Point Road NE

**NEW LOCATION!**

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00 PM  
Wednesdays from 10:00AM—Noon  
Saturdays from 10:00AM—Noon

We appreciate your support!

If special accommodations are needed please reach out to us  
email: [cansforcritterscr@gmail.com](mailto:cansforcritterscr@gmail.com)

Critter Crusaders, PO Box 10111 Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-0111—Federal ID# 26-2821920

Throughout the year, CC participates in various fundraising efforts at different events in Cedar Rapids. One of those options is an aluminum can drive-up and drop-off offered on the NE side of town 3 days/week. Troy regularly volunteers at this fundraiser each week, which allows donors a very easy drive up and drop off process. As an example, we accumulate our aluminum cans at home in a tall box/bag

and then bring them to the CC 'Can Land' location (Quonset hut behind 710 Center Point Rd.) for Critters to recycle and keep the money from The Can Shed.

### Critter Crusaders - How We Crusade

Traumatic injury, serious illness, abuse, neglect, and the never-ending cycle of homelessness. This is how pets are failed each and every day. These are the animals that drain resources from budget-conscious shelters and rescues. They are also the first to be euthanized due to financial restrictions.

This is where Critter Crusaders steps in to help. By providing the needed funds for life and limb-saving medical and surgical interventions, our goal is to restore health and adaptability to the animals that have suffered the most.

Through the process of diagnosis and treatment, we work side by side with our partner veterinary clinics and hospitals to deliver the most comprehensive and advanced treatments available.

## OUR IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

**2024**

Medical Appointments Provided: 627  
Surgeries Provided: 71  
Pets Assisted: 112  
Rescues and Shelters Assisted: 36

**2023**

Medical Appointments Provided: 602  
Surgeries Provided: 58  
Pets Assisted: 106  
Rescues and Shelters Assisted: 37



**BEFORE**

June 2024



**BABY**

Found with a horribly fractured jaw. Advanced imaging and multiple surgeries paid for and guided by CC.



**AFTER** October 2024

Critter Crusaders covers the cost for this care, advocates for the patient, and serves as the

hub of communication between veterinary providers, rescues, and foster homes in order to ensure the best outcome possible.

- Registered 501c3 Non-profit
- Donations are tax deductible
- 100% Volunteer Run - no paid employees
- 100% Donor funds go to medical expenses
- Local to Easter Iowa
- 100% Donation Based



**Follow us on Facebook!**

**If you'd like to join us in supporting Critter Crusaders, you can:**

- ✓ **Spread the word – Share on [social media](#), tell a friend, or simply take a moment to reflect on what you've learned.**
- ✓ **Get involved – Learn more about [volunteer opportunities](#) at Critter Crusaders.**
- ✓ **Give directly – Support Critter Crusaders by donating [here](#).**

**Together, we can help restore hope and healing in the lives of our community's homeless pets who are at the greatest risk of euthanasia.**

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We had the best time visiting with the amazing team at Critter Crusaders, our Q1 2026 Pulse Gives Back sponsorship recipient—nominated by clients Troy and Dana Nogelmeier 🐾

Getting to meet Honey, the resilient pup, made this experience even more special. Isn't she so sweet - offering kisses mid-photo shoot!!!? Seeing firsthand the compassion, dedication, and love this organization pours into helping animals in need highlights why Pulse Gives Back means so much to our team and why we love offering it to our clients.

Thank you to Troy and Dana for nominating such a wonderful organization, and to the entire Critter Crusaders team for the incredible work you do every day. We're honored to support your mission!



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