

## 2026 Utica Puppy Parade Guest of Honor Candidates



### Ophelia

#### Destination Dog Rescue

The rescue was called by someone, thinking this baby was hit by a car. Although spread thin with their time, space and finances they didn't turn away.

After getting her to the emergency vet right away, they soon realized she was severely abused. She had a broken femur and covered in chemical burns.

She is a little fighter and is getting better every day.





## Steelia

### Rejoyceful Animal Rescue

I would like to submit one of our dogs, Steelia, for "Guest of Honor". She was found by The Karen's in Detroit hunkering down in a makeshift den. She had 10 newborn puppies, 7 of which were frozen to death. She was able to keep 3 alive and we rushed her and puppies to the emergency vet immediately.

Unfortunately, Steelia had a pretty severe infection and was borderline septic. She stayed in OVRs for 8 days receiving IV antibiotics and nutrition until she was strong enough to go into a foster home. Her puppies went to a bottle feeder, as it was unsafe for them to nurse with the strong antibiotics Steelia was receiving. The puppies had some

frostbite on their paws and bellies but they are thriving and growing strong. Steelia is now in a loving foster home, growing stronger and gaining confidence with her foster brother, Scout.





## Lorelei

### Detroit Animal Welfare Group

Thank you again for your dedication to the animals. We would like to share the story of Lorelei with you. She was found as a stray, wandering alone in the middle of winter, in freezing temperatures, in a park in Southfield blind, deaf, starving. She was skin and bones and had no fur due to a severe mange infection. Imagine not being able to see or hear and being dumped. She almost died but thankfully a woman walking her dog was led into the woods by her dog who found Lorelei. She was critical by the time we reached our vet but our beautiful girl pulled through and is the happiest, sweetest pup in town!

