

KARI WHITMAN

FOUNDER,
ACE OF HEARTS DOG RESCUE



Kari Whitman is Hollywood's 'go to' Interior Designer, but she is also the 'go to' person when it comes to rescuing dogs.

Kari is the founder of Ace of Hearts; a foundation that rescues dogs the day before they are scheduled to be euthanized.

Her inspiration to saving the lives of dogs began when she encountered Ace, an American Bulldog that was scheduled to be euthanized.

Ace not only is the namesake of Kari's foundation, but is also the inadvertent saint to many canine lives that have been spared from death.

Kari's experience with Ace has helped many dogs from being euthanized, but what many might see as hopeless, Kari saw something else: Hope.

Kari is dedicated to Ace of Hearts and is also committed to protecting the environment and has created eco-friendly dog beds which are very popular and shows that she is serious about her foundation, the environment and using her ability as an interior designer to incorporate those elements into the living spaces she creates for Hollywood's stars and their pets.

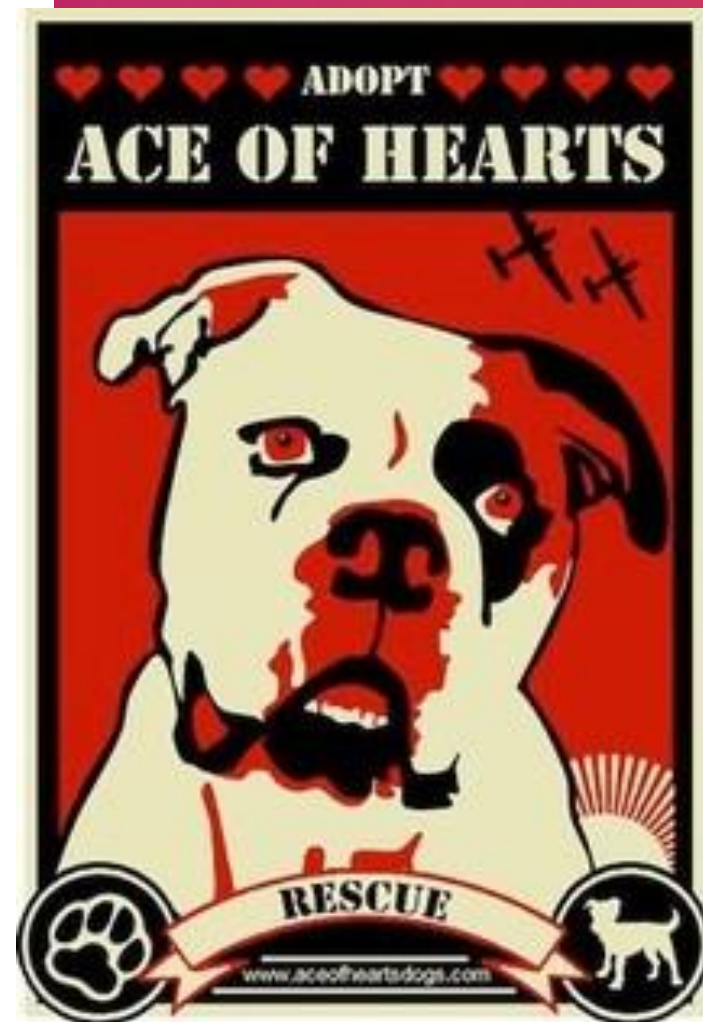
After all, a home isn't only a place where people live, it's also home for the pets they love.



Kari and some of her Greener Pup Dog Beds.

TS: How did the journey begin with Ace of Hearts? (Was it with Ace specifically, or was it a combination of Ace and realizing a real need was apparent to save dogs from being euthanized, or was it the loss and grief after Ace's absence from your life?)

KW: I've always loved animals, but Ace was special! When he died, I knew I had to do something to help dogs in his honor, and bring other people the love and happiness Ace brought me.



TS: When someone decides to adopt (save) a dog from being euthanized through Ace of Hearts, what is the process? Do adopters (life savers) get to choose what kind of breed they want to save?

KW: Some adopters are looking for a certain type of dog, and we try to find them what they are looking for. The process is, we pull dogs from shelters that are soon to be euthanized and we place them with a foster. Then, we look for applications from homes who are a good fit for the dog's needs! Normally, when someone applies to adopt, we put the dog in the home that's the best fit for all - the human AND the dog - We ALWAYS say "the dog is our #1 priority."



Kari with "Ace" the namesake and inspiration for her foundation: Ace of Hearts



TS: [Ace of Hearts](#) has more than just a mission to rescue dogs it also serves as a gateway for people to become informed/educated about several aspects of pet ownership and opportunities to become a responsible pet owner as well as rescuing a dog. Ace of Hearts is truly Angelic in its endeavor, but because it is 501c-3 organization it relies on volunteers and donations that range from dog food to monetary donations, what are the greatest needs your foundation struggles with, and what can people do to help?

KW: Good fosters are always needed, as well as money to cover vet expenses. We focus on senior dogs and dogs with medical issues because they have the hardest time getting adopted; however, this comes with a high price tag.

TS: [Ace of Hearts](#) is a testament to how important animals are to people's lives because, as an example: Ace. If it were not for Ace and his influence upon you Ace of Hearts may not have been able to save the lives of so many dogs. Ace's spirit lives through the foundation you created. How many lives have been saved thanks to you and Ace?

KW: Ace of Hearts has homed thousands of dogs and saved their lives...They've gone on to change the lives of thousands of families. Sometimes those families donate back, and help save even more dogs - it's a cycle! It would be impossible to put a number on it, but 10's of thousands of lives have been changed by our work.



TS: You are not only responsible for founding Ace of Hearts, but you have developed a line of eco-friendly dog (and Meow! Cats too) beds which are very popular (and affordable) How did you conceive the idea, the need for: “Greener Pup?”

KW: I came up with it because most dog beds are ugly and not very comfortable. As a designer, I wanted to make something the dogs and humans could love, and in the process help Ace of Hearts!

TS: Thank you Kari for your time, and for creating a foundation that truly is Angelic and for the innovative approach you have with protecting the environment while designing comfortable and beautiful places for people and their pets to live.





Greener Pup Dog Beds are unique in several ways.

They are designed by Kari, they are eco-friendly and they are affordable. you can choose from several patterns, and yes, there are even beds for the feline companion in your life.