



## Natalie Dameron

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## Homes for Hounds

Natalie Dameron has been a Girl Scout for eight years and is an individual girl member in Service Unit 607. She is currently a senior at Pembroke Hill.

Natalie's Gold Award project addressed the issue of homeless animals in shelters that need forever homes. Since so many animals are in need, it's sometimes hard for certain dogs to find homes. Natalie created a website, took photos and wrote short bios about each dog on her site. This allowed potential owners to browse dogs and find out more about their personality rather than just skimming through them on larger adoption sites.

Natalie worked with Unleashed, a local no-kill shelter, and her Gold Award advisor, Molly Marx of the Beagle Rescue, to create and promote her site and to locate dogs to spotlight. The project was covered by Fox 4 in Kansas City, which helped the dogs she was featuring find homes. By focusing on each of these pets in a more in-depth way, Natalie is working toward helping pets in need find forever homes and reducing the population of pet shelters. This project can serve as a national example of how to increase adoption rates for dogs that are sometimes overlooked.