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Message From the Executive Director

Thanksgiving is around the corner, so I think it's appropriate to center this conversation around gratitude.

One of the great privileges of being in animal welfare is getting to know so many kindhearted people. Whether it's people I'm working with, working for, learning from or mentoring, the vast majority are exceptionally nice. I'm so very blessed to do this work and have that kind of spirit around me or in the next room.

Right now, I'd like to position some of that gratitude around the incredible Tri-County Humane Society staff and volunteers. TCHS doesn't magically create the success we talk about and celebrate – the people do. THEY are Tri-County Humane Society. They are some of the kindest human beings you'll find. With that said, kind hearts are often the ones easily bruised, so I tip my hat to their fortitude when faced with challenging days. ... Thankfully, the good days far outweigh the bad!

I'm so proud of their knowledge and compassion. They're genuinely kind to customers, no matter how many animals have come in that day or how many times the phone has rung. And they can laugh and shed tears at a staff meeting while sharing happy endings and emotional experiences. I'm truly blessed. Please thank them the next time you have an opportunity.

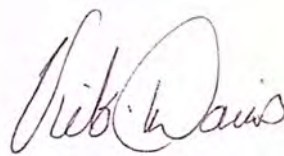
And that brings me to you – our village of moral and financial supporters. What a kind and caring group of animal-loving people you are! Reach around and pat yourself on the back for me. Feel the hug of appreciation from everyone at the shelter – animals included!

We're helping so many more animals in so many different ways than we ever would have imagined possible. All because you trust us with your hard-earned money and believe in the work we do. Thank you!

As I count my many blessings, please know you're high on the list!

THANKS-for-GIVING!

For the animals,



Vicki Davis, Certified Animal Welfare Administrator



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Our Current Wish List

SPECIAL REQUESTS

A new laptop for the shelter

For the Animals

Money for veterinary expenses

Feliway for cats, sprays/diffusers**

Adaptil for dogs, sprays/diffusers**

Kitten and all-life stages dry food**

Clay cat litter (non-clumping is preferred) ** See **PAGE 7** to learn about Super Scoopers program!

Meat-flavored baby food

Kitten milk replacer

For the Shelter

Constant Companions
(learn more at www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/donate)

Gift cards to local businesses for pet/office/shelter supplies

Laundry detergent

Liquid dish soap and dish gloves

Clorox wipes or other types of disinfecting wipes

Distilled water (in gallons)

70 percent isopropyl alcohol

Q-tips

Gram (kitchen) scales

An oxygen concentrator for use in our surgery suite (contact Vicki Davis for details)

Sidewalks between buildings for our dogs walkers (contact Vicki Davis for details)

For the Office

White copy paper

Standard staples

Postage stamps
(forever and postcard)

Volunteer Needs

Fosters (for any kind of animal, but especially dog-savvy ones without any other pets and fosters who are willing to socialize grumpy/shy kitties!)

Customer service specialists

Animal transporters (willing to travel both near and far!)

Re-Tail Revisited volunteers

“Fix-it” volunteers

Recycled Items for \$\$

Aluminum cans (they can be dropped off in the fenced-in area along the west side of our shelter)

Used small ink cartridges (we **cannot** accept cellphones or large ink cartridges or toners!)

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*** Sold in the TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe; buy here and donate back to us!*

Note: Prospective volunteers and/or fosters must apply; applications can be found at www.tricountyhumane.org, or paper applications are available at the shelter.

Shop at TCHS



New to the TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe: Fun vinyl stickers!

Show you're stuck on TCHS by purchasing one of our new vinyl stickers! Some are cute; some are sassy, but they all support our shelter. These vinyl stickers are water-proof and are perfect for your water bottle, laptop, car, whatever!

The TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe is open during our shelter's business hours. Come shop for a good paw! The Re-Tail Shoppe also carries high-quality pet food, leashes, collars, toys, and more! Don't see something you want? Just ask—we can do special orders.



Don't forget to round up to help all the animals!

If you're buying items at the Re-Tail Shoppe (or doing an adoption at TCHS), please remember to “round up” your sale to the nearest dollar. You probably won't miss that spare change, but that donation can really help our animals—and help this small nonprofit during our national change shortage!



Want a great deal on gently used pet supplies? Check out Re-Tail Revisited, our thrift store. Located in the Training Facility near our shelter, Re-Tail Revisited features a wide variety of pet products and novelty items. Cash and check are preferred.

Fall/winter hours:

2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays

2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Fridays

2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays

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'Tis the Season: Santa Paws is Returning to TCHS

The beloved TCHS holiday fundraiser is coming to town—for the 33rd consecutive year!

Tri-County Humane Society's Santa Paws will run Nov. 18-21; We are continuing our extended sessions from last year to properly sanitize between each session, and to socially distance our participants. We will respectfully ask guests to wait in their vehicles until one of our elves (volunteers) comes to bring them into the building.

The event will take place at the TCHS Training Facility, beside the shelter.

For a \$50 fee, you will receive a five-minute photography session and five professional portraits with full reproduction rights. The best part? You get to help animals in need at the same time!

Pets are welcome in your photos, of course. Unfortunately, Santa

On Our 'Nice' List

A special thank you to the event sponsors: Steve Huss Photography, Modern Barnyard, Kloster Collateral Resources, and Premier Real Estate Services Linda Dvorak. We couldn't do it without you!

will not be available for photos this year (but we would be happy to make sure he receives any notes or wish lists from little ones!).

We will require for face masks to be worn until the time of photos for the safety of everyone involved. (Volunteers and staff will be wearing masks as well).

Modern Barnyard will be contributing to the set for this year's portraits.

"We are extremely excited to continue our Santa Paws tradition this year," Special Events Coordinator Bryn Liffriq said. "As one of my first fund-



raisers, I really look forward to helping you and your furry family members create the perfect holiday photo!"

"Even though we have all had to adjust to life under a new 'normal,' that doesn't mean we have to quit all the traditions we love," Liffriq said. "Come make Santa Paws your family tradition if you haven't already!"

The theme for Santa Paws is "A Classic Christmas." Keep an eye on our website/ social media for a sneak peek!

Santa Paws at a glance

2 p.m. - 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 18.

2 p.m. - 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 19

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 20

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 21

Cost: \$50. In an effort to limit exposure and promote safety for all parties involved, **payment ahead of time is strongly preferred; call (320) 252-0896 to book.** (We will refund canceled appointments up to 48 hours before the session)

Where: TCHS Training Facility.

What to know: Masks will be required until the time of portraits.

Questions: Special Events Coordinator Bryn Liffriq at events@tricountyhumanesociety.org

Online: Visit www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/santapaws for details.

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Celebrate! Companion Walk: Mardi Paws Raises \$47,000

Tri-County Humane Society is proud to announce that our 33rd annual Companion Walk for the Animals was a success again, raising more than \$47,000.

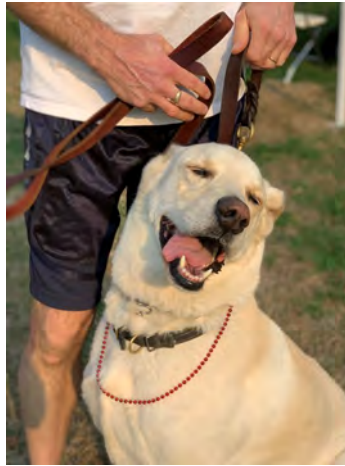
We were very excited to host the walk in person this year, and we are always amazed by our supporters' ability to rally together, collect pledges, donate (monetary and auction items), bid in our auction, and make our event a successful one.

A HUGE thank you to these walkers/pledgers who each individually raised over \$500 for the animals: Vicki Davis, Emily Bezdicek, Jerry Kenning, Colleen DeGroat, Dorein Johnson, Becky



Coulter, Stephanie Otto, Kris Stewart, Olivia Schomer, Linnea Lang, Taylor Heim, Kevin Woeste, Jan Hovda, Joyce Solt, Kelly Werner, Angie Koshiol, Tracy & Thomas Mayers, and Kelli Schuh, and Tracey Worzala.

Becky Coulter was our grand-prize winner of



the catering package for six people with Jules' Bistro.

Thank you to our walk sponsors!

Gold Level (\$2,000); Pine Cone Pet Hospital



Green Level (\$1,000); Accredited Investor Services, LLC and



Companions Animal Hospital

Purple Level (\$500): Unique Movers, Coborn's Inc., Kloster Collateral Resources, and Cohlab Digital Marketing

Friends of Animals Level (\$250): The Boot Shack, Spot on Canine Massage, and Gate City Bank

Our online silent auction—which featured almost 100 items—raised almost \$8,000 this year.

After the walk, TCHS continued the party at Pantown Brewery,

which contributed to our total, too.

Altogether, after expenses, TCHS raised more than \$47,000 for the animals. That is definitely worth celebrating!

Save the Date: Nov. 18 is the Time to Give to the Max(es)!

It's that time again: Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, is Give to the Max Day – Minnesota's annual giving holiday for nonprofits!

It's a day for Minnesotans to come together and generously give back to the organizations that have helped make this state better, including TCHS!

The first \$5,000 donated through Give to the Max will be matched by an anonymous donor. Their gift is "in memory of an amazing canine gal



and her beloved GrandPAW."

You give to the MAX, and we give to the Maxes! (Hey, we ALWAYS have a lot of animals in the shelter named Max.)

Throughout the pandemic, we have all leaned on our furry family members to provide the comfort and support we all

need. Unfortunately, there are many animals who are still in need of the services TCHS provides.

This Give to the Max Day, show all of the animals in our care your support as we move into our end-of-year fundraising! With the help of our community and donors like you, Tri-County Humane Society can provide quality care for each and every animal. TCHS prides ourselves on ensuring every animal that comes in our

doors receives necessary medical care prior to adoption, so we can find them a loving home.

Where to give: Please give generously to TCHS on Nov. 18th, or now at tricounty

humane society.org /give-to-the-maxes

See PAGE 6 for our Give to the Maxes T-shirt, just one option in a limited-time-only TCHS apparel sale!

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Let TCHS Take Care of Your Gift-Wrapping Needs

The holiday season is always chaotic, but Tri-County Humane Society is here to help: We will be wrapping gifts inside Crossroads Center again this year! Our Wrapping for a Good Paws will be on during most of December during mall hours.



Again this year, customers will be able to drop off gifts, guaranteed to have limited contact with our wrapping volunteers. We

will be located in a storefront to provide more space.

Stop by our TCHS booth and bring your gifts to be wrapped, so

we can save you time AND you will be helping the animals during the holiday season—what a purr-fect gift to the animals!

We have suggested minimum donations for gift size - \$2 for small, \$4 for medium, and \$6 for large gifts – and we have a plethora of bags, tissue, wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, tags, and boxes, while supplies last of course!

There's more! If you make an additional donation of at least \$5, you can receive a special card to put in your gift to let your recipient know that a donation was made to

We need YOUR help to wrap!

Wrap for a Good Paws! Call (320) 252-0896 or sign up online; or the signup will be found on our website and Facebook page.

Please note that volunteers must wear face masks while working at the TCHS gift wrap booth for everyone's safety. Social distancing and proper/frequent sanitation will be strongly encouraged.

TCHS in their honor!

TCHS Opens Apparel Promotion

Give to the Max Day is right around the corner (Nov. 18), and we have the shirts to prove it! These new designs are a fun way to show your support for your favorite nonprofit animal shelter.

This year, these T-shirts will be available as part of our November online clothing store in a variety of colors. Also in our online store

will be sweatshirts and more TCHS merchandise.

The link to our store is <https://stores.krillan.com/TCHS2021>

Any of the items in our store would make a great holiday gift for the animal lover(s) in your life (including yourself!). You are able to have them shipped to Tri-County Humane Society, or directly to your home



for an extra charge. They should be ready in plenty of time for the holidays—what a paw-some gift for the animal lover in your life!

From all of us at TCHS ...



Have very safe and happy holidays!
We'll see you in 2022!

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Join Our Super Scoopers Club

Want to join a club that all the cool cats are talking about? Consider this your invitation! Tri-County Humane Society is launching Super Scoopers, a program that encourages our friends to donate kitty litter to our shelter. Now, we know cat litter isn't glamorous, but our shelter goes through a lot of it all year-round.

Here's how to participate:

- Drop off litter at our shelter. To make sure you're in the running to be named Super Scooper of the Month, pop in to the front desk and sign the clipboard we are using to keep track of our club members!
- Buy a bag of Cat Tails



litter from our Re-Tail Shoppe and donate it back to us! (And remember to sign our clipboard for credit.) Because all profits from our store go to our shelter, it's a double-win!

- Buy litter from

Chewy or Amazon (or if you prefer, Target or Walmart online) and have it shipped directly to us! Make sure to leave your name so you can get credit for being a Super Scooper. If you use Amazon Smile, choose TCHS as

your charity of choice for an even bigger impact for our shelter!

The Super Scooper of the Month (the friend who gives the most in terms of litter pounds or amount of food) will be recognized on our Facebook page and in our front lobby's electronic display. Cat litter isn't your thing? Well, we always also need donations of high-quality cat food and kitten food, too! (Or all-life stages food.) For wet food, we really like getting pate!

Our address is 735 8th St. NE in St. Cloud, MN, 56304.

TCHS loves our donors – and that's the straight poop!



Pictured: TCHS alum Luna Moon Beam, who always remembers TCHS when she shops.

Smile and Shop!

If you are an Amazon customer, remember to shop using Amazon Smile - and a portion of your purchases can help Tri-County Humane Society!

Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> to sign up/designate TCHS as your charity of choice. (Please make sure you select TCHS in St. Cloud, Minnesota; there are other nonprofits with the same or similar name around the country.) That adds up to a big impact for us!

Attention, Chewy Shoppers: You 'Auto' Know About This!

Do you love Chewy.com as much as we do? There's something so satisfying about having your pet food, litter, toys, etc. delivered right to your door... and with Chewy's auto-ship feature, you don't even have to think about placing the order!

Well, there's a new way you can regularly support Tri-County Humane Society, which is just as easy and convenient! You can set up an auto-ship order to be delivered to TCHS without even having to think about it twice.

All you have to do is add the item(s) to your cart, proceed

to checkout, make sure to change your shipping address to TCHS, then select the auto-ship option and frequency, and place your order!

The order can be set to automatically ship to us as often as every week, or as little as every few months. You can have more than one auto-ship order in place on your Chewy account if you already have one set up for your personal items.

Our Chewy wish list

The items TCHS would always need, enough to be ordered often are (all of

which can be found on the TCHS Chewy wish list):

- * Non-clumping unscented clay cat litter, any brand!
- * Canned wet cat food, preferably pate style
- * Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR), please only PetAg or Nutri-Vet brand
- * Dry kitten food, such as Iams, Hills, Purina, Diamond Naturals, etc.

P.S. - If you prefer to do a one-time donation to help the animals, TCHS has a wish list of items we need on our shelter Chewy account.

Under the "Give Back" tab,



click on "Donate to a Rescue" and search for Tri-County Humane Society by name or location to find our shelter page and wish list. These items will be listed in a separate "Donation Cart" and will not be mixed in with your personal orders!

Tri-County Humane Society thanks you!

The Scoop on ... A Day in the Life of a TCHS Vet Tech

Have you wondered what it's like behind the scenes in the medical department at Tri-County Humane Society? Let's take a look at a typical Monday as one of the TCHS veterinary technicians ...

Arrive at 7:30 a.m. and help plan the surgery schedule for the day. We look through the entire list of animals in the shelter waiting for their spays and neuters. Who has deposits (meaning they have a home lined up and need surgery first)? Who is part of a group since doing an entire litter on one day is more efficient than one at a time from a litter? How can we best balance between dogs, cats, males, and females to best utilize our veterinarian's time? Which animals can be scheduled to go home today? When do we work in medical examinations with the veterinarian between surgeries?

There is a lot of planning and coordination to safely and effectively execute a high volume spay/neuter day. The work of one veterinarian, two TCHS vet techs, and three surgery assistant volunteers results in 27 surgeries performed by 12 p.m.! Then there's the clean-up, medical charting, prescription fills, and much more!

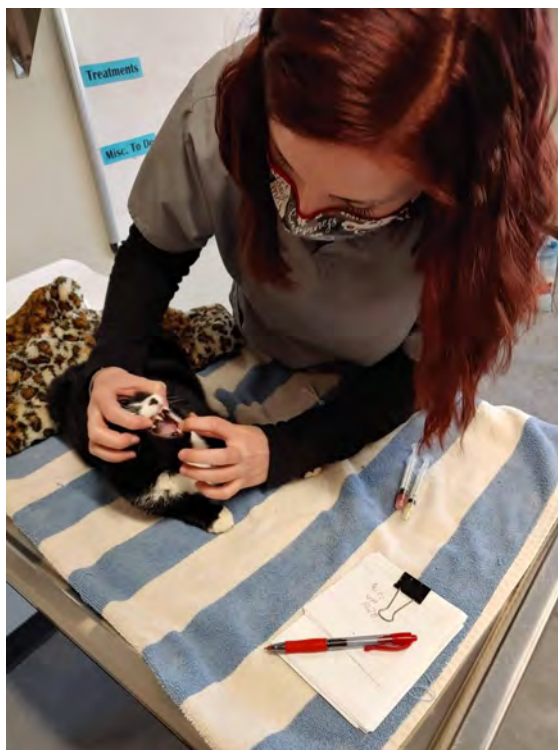
The animal care team checks the scheduled adoption appointments. Which animals are scheduled for adoption but still need booster vaccines, dewormers, other medical treatments prior to adoption? We find ways to squeeze those examinations and treatments into the day between incoming animals that need immediate attention and sick/injured animals in the shelter.



By Rose Hegerle, CVT

The unexpected

Around 2 p.m. a cat arrives after starting labor in her foster home. She delivered two kittens on her own in the morning, then labor stalled as complications arise. Dystocia is the technical term for difficult labor and birth, and it is not too common in cats. With the direction of staff veterinarian, medications and labor support are provided to momma cat. Over the next 1-2 hours, three more kittens are delivered, one of which was breached. The rear feet of this kitten presented first, and needed assistance to fully deliver. Did you know vet techs were



TCHS Vet Tech Kallie Braun works on a patient.

midwives, too? Momma cat and kittens were doing well the following morning.

Saying goodbye

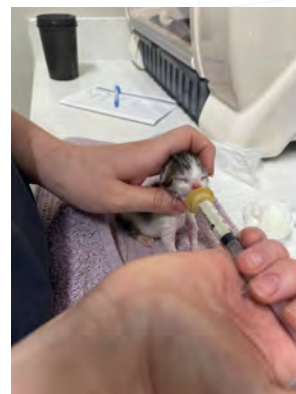
After stabilizing momma cat and kittens, we turned to a staff favorite canine resident, a geriatric Labrador Retriever with an unknown history. He was recently diagnosed with heart failure, his body condition had been wasting away, and he struggled to breathe daily. We made the difficult decision to say a humane goodbye to end his suffering. He ate lots of treats and Easy Cheese and he fell asleep in our arms. This was a heart-breaking act of love.

Then, comes time for

afternoon meals, meds, and lots of puppy poop to clean up. Beyond the medical care, the daily basics must still be met. We freshen up kennels, top off water, and give a little extra love to shelter animals (which also soothes our hearts) as we prepare to close.

The unexpected, yet again

It's near closing time, and we're still working on charts and giving out the last of the evening meds. We then have an orphaned neonate kitten arrive. Kitten must be weighed, examined, warmed, and offered a bottle of kitten milk replacer. Once stable, we need to look for a



Neonate kittens require a lot of attention.

foster home to provide around the clock care for the next several weeks.

As we start closing rounds to lock up and tuck critters in, we notice a cat with upper respiratory symptoms (sneezing, congested, etc.). Time to do a brief assessment and begin treatment before we leave. We get a surprise of a major fever (106 degrees F), and provide fluid therapy and nutritional support. Surprisingly, she eats readily and seems comfortable after fluids. We plan to recheck her in the morning and continue with closing up the shelter.

This is but a small number of the patients we've seen and cared for today. We love these animals with all our hearts and prepare to do it all over again tomorrow!

Rose Hegerle is a Certified Veterinary Technician with 15 years of experience in shelter and clinical settings.

Help Critters (and Keep Your Home Safe) This Winter

Before the snow falls, consider preparing your home against animals seeking food and shelter from the chilly days Minnesota is so well known for. Raccoons, squirrels and others may seek refuge in your chimney, attic, porch or deck.

By following the simple steps below you can keep unwelcome visitors in the treetops and out of your house.

First, take a walk around your property and try to figure out what could be attracting animals. Attempt to view your home from their perspective. Is there food for them nearby? Easy access to trash cans or bird feeders is a solid source of calories that animals will exploit. Are there alcoves high up where they could be nesting; or maybe cozy low spaces to build a den?

Remember that some animals are very small and don't need hardly any space to fit into. Your drafty garage or broken porch step can be a highly desirable penthouse for them and all their children, who coincidentally think your wiring tastes great!

Secondly, check the foundation for openings and signs of ani-



mal activity where pipes, vents and cables exit the house.

Look for droppings, signs of chewing and nesting material. Take the time to clear them out to further deter unwanted critters. Then continue to look where different types of building materials come together. Window wells, dryer vents, thresholds, and gaps in brick or siding can all provide possible entryways. Inspect your attics with a flashlight for any signs of animals. Pay special attention to the intersection of roof and trim and any gable or exhaust vents. These are often covered with light bug screens that will not stand up



By Cassidy Morris

Details

For further information, check out wildneighbors.org; or the Humane Wildlife Conflict Resolution Guide from The Humane Society of the United States.

Locally

Find out more about Central Minnesota Wildlife Rehabilitation by visiting its website at centralmnwildlife.org, or by following the organization on Facebook (www.facebook.com/centralminnesota-wildliferehabilitation). Remember, TCHS is NOT licensed to take in wildlife; we often refer people with wildlife concerns to this group.

against squirrels and raccoons. It is recommended to keep a list or take photos of any problem areas so that you can assess properly later. Be thorough; a bit of wildlife prevention in warmer weather will be greatly appreciated in the cold!

Now that you've discovered possible breaches, you can take action. Holes smaller than a few inches can

caulked, stuffed with copper mesh or filled with expandable foam. Larger openings should be repaired to original condition. Please be entirely sure there are no animals inside the house before repairing. Consider putting a bungee cord over your trash can lids and a squirrel baffle on your feeders. Replace the bug screen-like attic vent with mesh. Cap your chimney to keep out

be birds and raccoons. Putting a latch on your compost bin will keep animals from treating your home like their personal B&B. An L-shaped barrier into the ground around your decks and sheds prevents denning and digging underneath. Add vent covers on pipes leaving the house. You can keep birds away from your windows with 3-inch hologram tape streamers that reflect light. Covering your gutters is also a good strategy to lessen perching areas. You may want to talk to a pest control professional or contractor for more major repairs or issues. Openings into your house are not only attractive to animals, but they also allow heat to escape and damaging moisture to enter. This can cause an increase in heating bills. Being thorough in your inspection and repair can keep critters out, and your pockets full during this holiday season.

Here's wishing you a wildlife-free home this year!

Cassidy Morris is a TCHS customer service/animal care associate who works with Central Minnesota Wildlife Rehabilitation.

TCHS Launches Partnership with GoodPup Training App

Tri-County Humane Society is excited to announce our partnership with the GoodPup dog training app! GoodPup offers customized, affordable, positive dog training that you can access from the comfort of your home, at a time that works for YOU.

TCHS will get a financial boost from people who try AND stick with this app – which is great for us, but we're really most excited about the possibility of better-behaved dogs! (And maybe fewer dogs that need new homes due to behav-

ioral issues.) GoodPup offers one week of free training; there is no obligation, and users can cancel at any time.

Here's what to know:

- If you've ever adopted a dog from TCHS, you can sign up for the GoodPup app, and get a lifetime discount off their services. (This is good for TCHS fosters, volunteers, and staff members, too.) Reach out to TCHS to get your code to unlock your savings! (The information is now in all TCHS adoption bags, too.)

- If you haven't adopted from TCHS but are still interested in the training, please visit <https://links.goodpup.com/shelter/TCHSTraining> For everyone who keeps up with GoodPup beyond the first week of training, TCHS will receive \$50 from the company – whether the dog is from us or not! (Remember, that first week is free.)

We hope this helps some puppies learn how to be good dogs, and also helps some old dogs learn new tricks! (And we hope to prevent surrenders, too!)



Photo by Naomi Poppler

TCHS alum Mocha during a photo shoot. Tri-County Humane Society is excited to announce its partnership with the GoodPup dog training app.

A Purr & Wag of the Tail to ...

Bethlehem Lutheran Church for making our shelter their charity of the month for October.

Anderson Family Foundation for making the world a better place for animals.

St. Cloud State's Delta Sigma Pi for making and donating tie blankets. About 15 group members also spent part of a weekend with us cleaning our shelter.

Donors who brought in their ink cartridges and aluminum cans for us. TCHS recycles them for cash.

St. Cloud Pride for donating the proceeds



TCHS alumni Dexter (left) and Bernie at St. Cloud Pride's Puppy Parade.

from the Puppy Pride Parade in Pride in the Park to our shelter.

St. Joseph Equine Clinic & Clearwater Animal Hospital for donating hundreds of flea & tick prevention doses.

Silent Run Adventures for performing a sled

dog demonstration for our Companion Walk.

Ben Mielke and Ranie Arnold for donating supplies for neonatal kitten care.

Christopher & Shawna Brown for donating a large ferret cage along with other small critter

supplies.

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Cold Weather Tips for Pets

Paw Protection

Daily walks in the cold can harm your dog's paws. Keep them moisturized to protect against salt and chemical agents.

Use pet booties to minimize contact with painful salt crystals, poisonous anti-freeze and chemical ice-melting agents.

Apply a dollop of petroleum jelly to their paw pads before going outside.



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Other winter safety tips ...

- *Forget "fur coats" - if it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pet! (Unless you have a husky or Great Pyrenees!)*
- *Keep them away from holiday foods and treats meant for people, not them!*
- *Concerned about a stray/outdoor cat? Always use straw or hay for bedding; blankets can freeze to them. Remember "straws for strays"!*
- *Knock on the hood of your vehicle before you start it— cats and critters will cuddle up to a warm engine!*

TCHS Medical Team Treats 3 Dogs with Heartworm Disease

Tri-County Humane Society likes to share milestones with our friends. As we reported in our spring newsletter, the number of transfers we've taken in this year has significantly increased – 648 (as of publication time) compared with 297 in all of 2020.

The increase in transfers has led to another notable achievement: TCHS recently completed treatment for three dogs in our care who had heartworm disease, Ole Red, Clank, and KK Slider. Those three dogs came from a transfer coordinated with Animal Humane Society in the Twin Cities; those pups were from the South.

Heartworm is transmitted by mosquitoes, and thus is much more prevalent in the South because the region's warmer weather means the bugs are out and biting for much longer. (Dogs cannot spread it to one another, and humans are not a natural host for them.)

TCHS Certified Veterinary Technician Rose Hegerle said when she first started at TCHS, the shelter saw heartworm disease cases in dogs from time to time, but the shelter usually sent those dogs to area clinics for treatment. Things are a little different now:



KK Slider at the shelter.

More data on expedited protocols for heartworm treatment means it can be completed in the shelter and the dog can be sent home to heal in its new home rather than be in a TCHS foster home for an extended period of time.

TCHS Animal Care Manager Laura Lund said when she started at the shelter more than a decade ago, heartworm disease would have been a barrier for adoption, and the dog most likely would have been euthanized. Then TCHS switched to outpatient treatment (sending the dogs to clinics), but that did re-

quire coordination and a long-term foster.

The shelter's newer way of treating heartworm disease, done in conjunction with TCHS veterinarian Dr. Anne Lottie, works well for the dog and the shelter, Lund said.

"We don't have to keep them in the shelter long term, (when) we don't have space to do that," she said. "Obviously, they recover better in a home setting with someone who has made the



Ole Red

commitment to adopt them."

Two of the three recent dogs treated for heartworm disease – Ole Red and Clank – have already been adopted. TCHS' guidance is that the adopter establish a relationship with a veterinarian so a plan can be made for the dogs' follow-up care. (It depends on the clinic, Hegerle said; more testing is needed several months after the treatment is completed.) The dogs need to be on restricted exercise for a period of time, too, typically for six to eight weeks after injectable treatments, she added.

All three TCHS dogs reacted very well to the treatment, Hegerle



Clank

said, or they would not have been cleared for adoption. Time will tell, but hopefully they will have long, healthy lives, she said.

Hegerle stressed that every dog should have regular heartworm screening and be on a monthly preventative; she urged pet owners to talk with their vets. Any dog, even an exclusively indoors one, could be at risk; mosquitoes do get into homes.

Cats aren't a preferred host but can get heartworm, too, Hegerle said. Cat owners also should talk to their veterinarian about a prevention program.

Visit www.heartwormsociety.org for more information about the disease.

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Tri-County Humane Society often adopts out “working cats” or barn cats—those that, for whatever reason, would not make for a good indoor cat but still deserve good homes. Today's feature is about Bailey (Tinsley) and Boots (Misty). Here's what their adopters had to say: “They have both adapted well to their new lives around our little country home. Boots (Misty) loves to lounge on our firewood piles. Bailey (Tinsley) is very observant and sits for hours on the barn stoop and takes in everything going on around her. We built the cats boxes on the underside of the barn steps. The cats are getting comfortable with them.”

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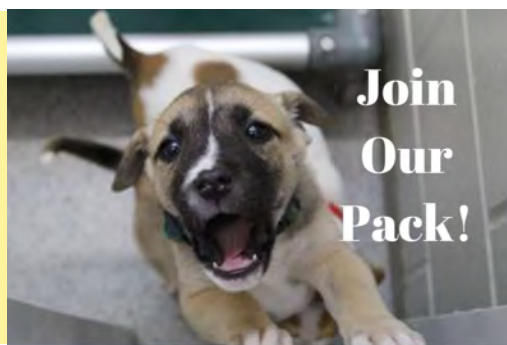


Loreli



“I wanted to send an update on Loreli. I adopted her (recently) and it was rough to say the least. :) A staff member in gloves helped me get a growling and hissing Loreli into my carrier. Fast-forward three days and I'm grinning from ear to ear. Loreli let me pet her today; we then spent an hour with her seeming to make up for a year of missed attention. Attached (to the left) is a picture of her kneading while I scratched her head. She rubbed on me and purred and seemed to love every minute of it. I want to thank you for helping get this stray off the streets! I can't imagine what she experienced in her first year, but thanks to you she'll live warm and comfortably for the rest of her years.”

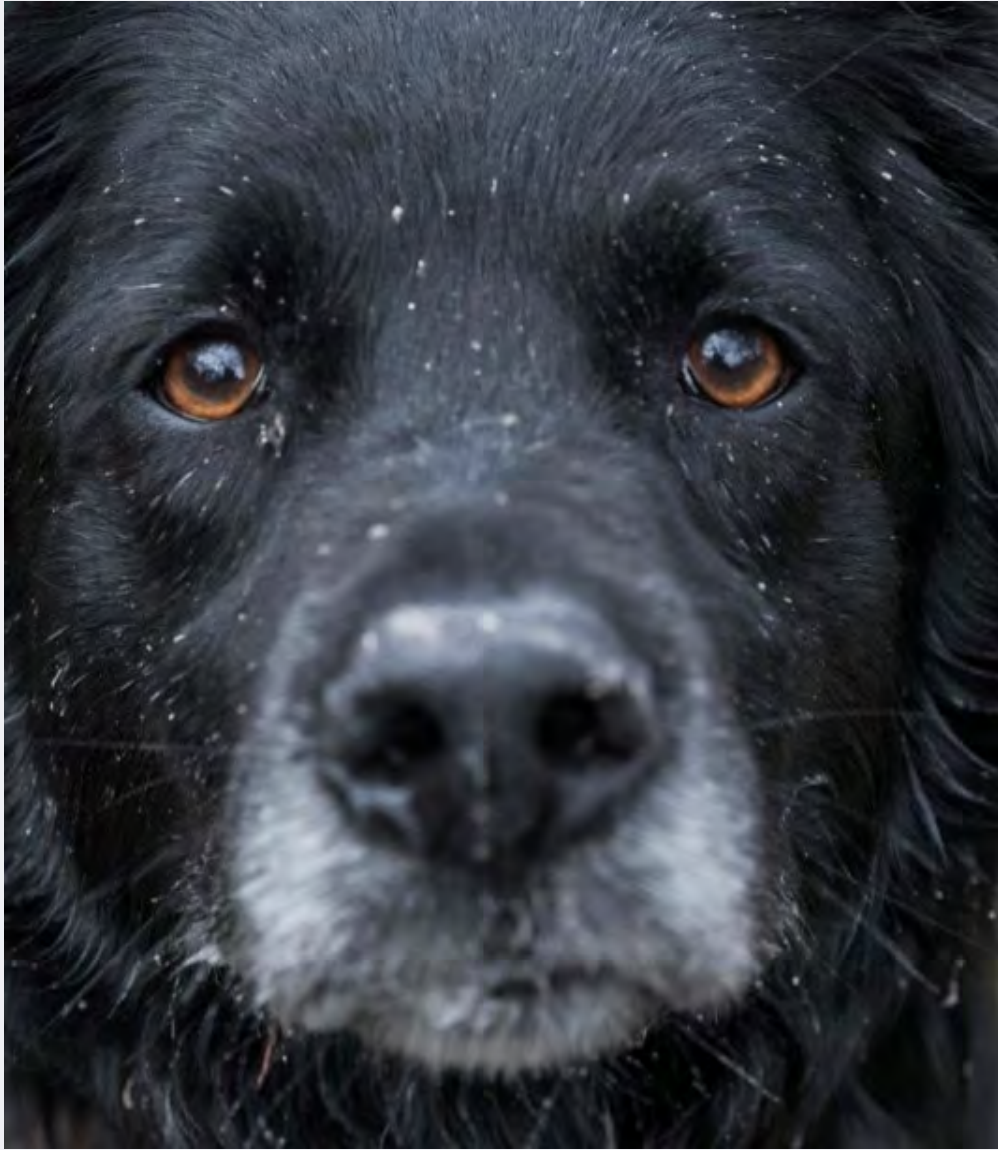
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