Message from The Executive Director

Dear Fellow Friend of Animals,

What an amazing year it was. We set out to save more animals’ lives than ever before in our 49-year history — and we did just that! We’re sincerely grateful to you for supporting Tri-County Humane Society every step of the way. Together, we can truly save more animals throughout our community — and even across the state — as we help other shelters model our innovative and lifesaving programs in their own communities.

We hope you enjoy this look back at the past year and all we’ve accomplished together. I’m certain 2023 will bring even more hope and love to animals in our community and beyond. With you by our side, we’re creating a better world for animals. Thank you for partnering with us to inspire compassion and create a more humane society.

Vicki Davis

Message from The Outgoing Board President

I have been on the TCHS Board of Directors for seven years. I will be stepping down at the end of February due to exhausting my term. I joined the Board because of the positive impact of furry family members on humans, and the unconditional love pets show for their owners. I learned from being on the Board just how blessed our area is to have TCHS.

The past seven years have included change and trying times for TCHS, all of which the TCHS team and their fearless leader, Vicki, have conquered due to their dedication, passion, professionalism, and drive. Two examples:

* Raising funds, designing and building a new shelter, and moving in is no easy task. The TCHS team took each phase of the process in stride. Many challenges and issues arose, leading to collaboration from the team to move forward. With hard work and dedication, the team proved once again they could accomplish anything.

* The team found a way to thrive during COVID by updating processes leading to a record number of adoptions and caring for hundreds of animals with limited staff.

Thank you, TCHS, for all you do for our community and our furry family members. Who rescued who? I think we all know the answer.

- Kourtney Piepenburg
2022 Highlights

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Animal Statistics

5,207
Number of animals placed!* (It’s a record!)

95%
TCHS’ placement rate, which was the same as in 2021, even though we took in more pets!

18
Number of heartworm dogs treated.
This was a three-fold increase from 2021!

1,951
Number of cats placed, up 16%

1,586
Number of kittens placed, which is an 8% increase

417
Number of puppies placed, which is an 77% increase! (Wow!)

890
Number of dogs placed, which is a 6% increase

363
Number of “other” pets placed, up 29%

Animal Intakes
Owner surrenders: 3,038 (Up 23%)
Strays/safekeeping/quarantines: 1,517 (Up 1%)
Transfers in: 659 (Down 13%)

Humane Euthanasia
Medical-related reasons: 168.
Behavior-related reasons: 33.
Owner-requested euthanasia: 115.

*Placement includes adoptions, stray and safekeeping reclaims, Return to Field cats, and bite quarantines returned to owners.
Animal Care

A record-breaking number of animals means our teams were very busy!

VETERINARY/CUSTOMER SERVICE TEAMS

Rose Hegerle, CVT
Animal Care Manager

Kallie Braun
Animal Care Technician

Christina Hegstad, CVT
Animal Care Technician

Susan Goldstein
Customer Service Manager

Adam Lewis
Customer Service Lead

TCHS SURGERY TEAM

Sable Jenkins, CVT
Surgery Technician

TCHS CONTRACT VETERINARIANS
Dr. Gina Kobluk
Dr. Anne Lottie
Dr. Deanna Quade

TCHS VOLUNTEER VETERINARIANS
Dr. Traci Diggs
Dr. Caylie Hake
Dr. Cal Kobluk
Dr. Thomas Rohman
Dr. Jennifer Terhark

Clinics we used:
Boysen Animal Hospital
Animal Haven
Companions Animal Hospital

3,602
Total number of surgeries, a record and a 16% increase

3,446
Number of spays and neuters

Our team operated on 2,720 cats, 689 dogs, and 37 rabbits.

Non-spay and neuter surgeries: Dentals (31), eye removals (3), hernia repairs (48), tail amputations (9), toe amputations (5), leg amputations (5), fracture repair (1), mass removals (3), general soft tissue surgeries (15), exploratory surgeries (3), suture repairs (4), bladder stone removals (4), entropion (eyelid) repair (5), spleen removal (1).

3,583 surgeries were done on site at TCHS; 19 were done offsite, that includes 16 dentals, 2 dog spays, and 1 entropion repair.
Foster Care

TCHS fosters once again helped us have an outstanding year! Led by TCHS Foster Care Coordinator Brenna Habel, this team saves lives!

1,196
Number of animals TCHS placed in foster care

Top Reasons Animals Went to Foster Care

- Adoption Ambassadors** (48)
- Foster to Adopt (170)
- Medical (156)
- Nursing (289)
- Pregnant (25)
- Lack of Space (7)
- Socialization (102)
- Too Small (162)
- Too Young (223)
- Upper Respiratory Infection (14)

**Foster-assisted adoption program

101,402 Hours logged by foster volunteers

The above number is determined with this formula: One hour per animal per day.

Foster Care by the Numbers

- Cats/kittens placed in foster care: 885
- Dogs/puppies placed: 233
- Rabbits placed: 41
- Guinea pigs placed: 22
- Chickens placed: 3
- Rats: 3
- Bearded dragons: 3
- Hamsters placed: 2
- Gerbils placed: 2
- Snake (Ball Python): 1
- Tortoise: 1

Top Foster Homes

1. Brent and Paula Jacobs (26)
2. Sarah and Scott Boser (21)
3. Karla Homgren (21)
4. Cynthia Ryg (21)
5. Caitlin Froelich (18)

Number is the animals fostered; thank you to all of our fosters!
Volunteers

17,568

Number of hours that volunteers logged, up 9%!

This total does not include community service or service learning volunteers.

Our volunteer team, led by Coordinator Kate Kompas, helps our staff and shelter with just about everything! Thank you to every one of them who donated their time and talents.

VOLUNTEER HOURS, A CLOSER LOOK

Shelter animal care: 10,226
Dog walking: 2,325
Surgery assisting: 1,318
Cleaning/organizing: 625
Re-Tail Revisited: 577
Events (ours and more): 541
Office assisting: 528

Note: These are highlights, not all the hours.

Top Volunteer Honors

Mark Schmidt
Adult Volunteer of the Year
Mark is passionate about dog walking; he also spent many hours assisting Girl Scout Troop 636 with the construction of the dog play yard.

Danielle Rogers
Jr. Volunteer of the Year
A longtime volunteer, Danielle is known for her can-do attitude and work ethic!

Naomi Poppler
Above and Beyond
Naomi has spent years doing animal photography/special design projects!

Dedication Awards

Chris Feske:
Always willing to help in surgery!

Rylie Kipka:
For being a Cat Room superstar!

LEFT: Dog walker Erin Bloch and one of her friends get ready to walk! Erin did a fundraiser challenge at the shelter in which she walked every dog who was physically capable a mile in one day. She ended up walking 11 miles and raising hundreds of dollars for us!
Above & Beyond Care

Reuniting strays with their homes is one of TCHS’ priorities, and we took action! (LEFT): Tri-County Humane Society hosted its first free community microchip clinic in July and helped about 30 animals! (We also offered free microchips at the Companion Walk.) We are planning more events like this for 2023!

LEFT: Polly was a large mixed breed dog who arrived at TCHS after being transported to Minnesota from the South. She was positive for heartworm disease. Our veterinary team spayed her and put her through our heartworm treatment protocol. She recovered well and got a second chance at life with her new family!

Polly was far from alone: TCHS treated 18 heartworm dogs in 2022!

ABOVE: TCHS worked to increase its number of ringworm fosters; one way we did this was to do the actual treatments in-house.

LEFT: Finch, a Siamese-mix stray cat, arrived with a serious leg injury. Radiographs revealed a fractured left femur. Dr. Cal Kobluk offered a pro bono surgery to repair the fracture. Although the first choice was to save the leg, it would not heal correctly, and he ultimately ended up needing the leg amputated. After recovering in foster care, he was adopted into a loving home and is doing great!

ABOVE: Finch’s radiograph; A happy kitty recovers in foster care.
Fundraising/Events

Our TCHS special events and other fundraisers helped support our shelter and its mission. Led by Manager of Fund Development Emily Prodinsky, along with Fund Development Olivia Schomer, the department added another successful year in the books.

COMPANION WALK

$66,754

“Space Walk” drew hundreds to Wilson Park in St. Cloud.

WINE, KIBBLES, AND BIDS

$46,801

The total includes fundraising by TCHS Board Member Bill Nelson as well as an online silent auction.

KENNEL SPONSORS

$22,070

COIN BANKS

$11,500

WINTER SILENT AUCTION

$9,122

SANTA PAWS

$6,234

FLOWER FUNDRAISER

$2,896

MISC. FUNDRAISERS

$1,861

GIVE TO THE MAX DAY

$31,390

BETTY WHITE CHALLENGE

$31,500

More than 750 donors gave in memory of what would have been the TV icon’s 100th birthday in January 2022.
Supporters

Everyone who donates to TCHS helps us achieve not only all the highlights we’ve listed in this report, but they help us carry out our mission every day.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU!

Our Top Monetary Donors of 2022

Anderson Family Foundation
Jack Horton
Sandy Reese
Rollie & Barb Anderson
Julie Aronson Dehnel
Donna Stelzner
Dorothy Gorecki
Karl Bradford
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& Rebecca Bastien
Sandy Reese
ASPCA
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Susan Dege
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Ausban Smith Family Charitable Fund
Michael Earley & Shirley Mares
Joseph & Carol Jerkovich
Jan Stanley
Carol Nolden
Linda V. Ringsmuth
Bob & Cindy Koubsky
Financials

**Revenue**

- Contributions: $896,896
- Fundraising: $198,628
- Shelter/programs: $905,080

**Total Revenue:** $2,000,604

*Revenue includes but is not limited to events, adoption fees, stray contracts, and bequests.*

**Expenses**

- Programs: $263,649
- Fundraising/marketing: $23,809
- Operations: $1,214,400

**Total Expenses:** $1,501,858

*Expenses include veterinary costs, technology, building/liability insurance, costs of events, wages, health insurance, taxes, and utilities.*

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Community Engagement

TCHS participated in a number of community events beyond our fundraisers in 2022! That includes:

- **TOP:** Offsite adoption events at places including Fleet Farm (above), Pet Evolution, and more!
- **LEFT:** Children read to Soup, a TCHS alum, once a month during the school year at St. Cloud Library’s Paws to Read.
- **Plus,** we were at an SCSU men’s hockey game, *Pride in the Park,* the St. Cloud Rox’s *Bark in the Park,* the St. Cloud farmers market, and more!

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Notable Social Stats

Facebook followers: 30,000-plus

Instagram followers: 3,800

TikTok followers: 88,000

Also follow TCHS on Twitter and LinkedIn!

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Social media continued to be an excellent way for TCHS to spread its messages! Kudos to Kate Kompas for keeping followers engaged by offering interesting, educational, and witty content!
2022 was a year of thousands of new beginnings. 5207 to be exact! Thank You to everyone who played a part in that!