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**OUR IN-PERSON COMPANION WALK
FUNDRAISER IS BACK!**

Mardi Paws is coming!

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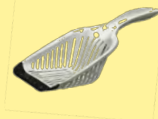
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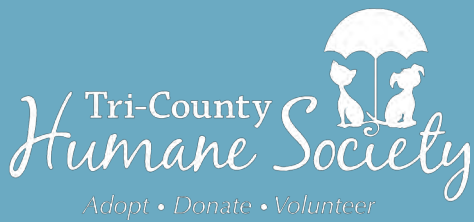
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Message From the Executive Director

Recently, I was in a thrift store and ran across a very old Companion Walk shirt that looked brand new. As the shirt found its way into my cart, I found myself reminiscing about those early Companion Walk days. Such humble beginnings of maybe 50 people, staff and volunteers included, gathering at the shelter (not Wilson Park) to take a walk with our dogs and return for some refreshments. My, what a transformation this event has gone through — it now takes a small village to put together! But why should the walk be any different? Humble beginnings define all that TCHS once was when comparing many years ago to where we are now.

For decades, it's been a tradition: Every September Tri-County Humane Society supporters gather to do the Companion Walk fundraiser. Themes have changed, faces (of both walkers and dogs) would change, but the goal was always the same: to raise money to support our shelter and its residents.

Last summer, COVID-19 meant we couldn't have an in-person event. So we did what we had been doing all of 2020 – we adjusted. We had a virtual Companion Walk, with individuals walking and raising money on their own. The virtual Companion Walk did what it needed to do, and for that we're grateful. Yet, it's impossible to replace that sense of community that happens when all of us gather together in support of this worthy cause. Plus, part of the fun is seeing all the dogs (and some diverse companions) with their humans having a great time!

So we're delighted to be back this year, and we hope you'll be joining us to make it a splendid success. The walk is a tradition because the needs never go away – in fact, as we grow every year, so do our needs. Funny how that works! We're already on pace to adopt out more animals than last year, and that was a great year for adoptions. But no matter how many we adopt, there are more to take their places.

Sometimes it takes something like COVID, and a year off from traditional special events, to really drive home how important and "special" they are.

We're expecting a great party this year – so the "Mardi Paws" theme is spot-on appropriate! We're going to not only have fun at this event, we're going to have a wonderful silent auction, great food, music, and so much more. I'll have my walking shoes on - and maybe some beads!

Whether you're a veteran of Companion Walk or this would be your first time, welcome to #TeamTCHS! Let's get walking and raising money! And remember, if you're already booked for the 11th and can't attend, I have room on my pledge form for you!



SEE PAGES 7-10 FOR COMPANION WALK INFORMATION!

Our Current Wish List

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Someone with the expertise to help us figure out—and implement—safer roof access for our shelter

A pond maintenance volunteer

A new laptop for the shelter

For the Animals

Help support our new shelter by making a donation at

www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/donate (or become a Constant Companion)

Money for veterinary expenses

Feliway for cats, both sprays and diffusers**

Adaptil for dogs, both sprays and diffusers**

Kitten and all-life stages dry food**

Clay cat litter (non-clumping is preferred)**

Meat-flavored baby food

Kitten milk replacer

For the Shelter

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

Laundry detergent

Hand soap

Liquid dish soap and dish gloves

Clorox wipes or other types of disinfecting wipes

Distilled water (in gallons)

70 percent isopropyl alcohol

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!)

Customer service specialists

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

Re-Tail Revisited volunteers

“Fix-it” volunteers

Morning Petco cat cleaners

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 anymore, they cost the shelter money to dispose of)

*** 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: Collar charms!

We know your pet is full of charm—it's time they let the world know! The TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe now carries these cute “collar charms,” appropriate for dogs and cats. Some have sweet sayings; some have snarky sayings, but they are all “charming.” The best part? All the profits from the Re-Tail Shoppe go to our shelter.

The TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe is open during our shelter's business hours. Come shop for a good paws! 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.



Remember to 'Smile'

If you are an Amazon customer, remember to shop using Amazon Smile - and a portion of your purchases can help our animals! Go to <https://smile.amazon.com> to sign up/designate Tri-County Humane Society in St. Cloud, MN, as your charity of choice.

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The Re-Tail Revisited pet supply thrift store is changing its hours for the fall! Here are the new hours, starting in September:

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

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

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

(Closed on holidays.)

Re-Tail Revisited is located in the Training Facility next to our shelter. Shop for a good paws!

A Purr & Wag of the Tail to ...

Lake Wobegon Trail Marathon volunteer **Meghan Swendra** for choosing TCHS to receive her \$100 donation.

The following businesses/employees for fundraising on TCHS' behalf and/or donating to TCHS: Target East, Walmart St. Cloud, Walmart Sartell, Menards, PetSmart, Good Earth Food Co-Op, Waite Park Fleet Farm, Rasmussen University's Nursing Club, Sauk Rapids Municipal Liquor/Viking Coca-Cola, Crafts Direct, Beaver Island Brewing, Bluestem Brands, and Miller Welle Heiser.

Jen Kubat Steinkopf for donating her \$1,000 Leighton Broadcasting Advertising prize for winning the Mural Contest. Jen designed a beautiful butterfly mural that is on display on the backside of Leighton's building downtown.

Darin Dorholt for donating a variety of 53 glass beer steins, shot glasses, and coffee mugs

Coborn's, Inc for its very generous \$10,000 donation during its 100th anniversary



*Photo courtesy of the Rox
The St. Cloud Rox and Granite City Pet Hospital once again hosted Bark in the Park.*

celebration at a Summer-time by George! event.

Our lemonade stand fundraisers and donations: Brynn, Wes, Gabby, Ainsley, Liam, Tommy, Evan, and the Hilsigen-Braun families for fundraising on our behalf! These kids raised almost \$300! Wow — that's a lot of lemonade!

Facebook donors for organizing and participating in fundraising events! Altogether, they raised more than \$1,600 for the animals!

Re-Tail Revisited patrons for donating items for us to sell as well as those who



Photo courtesy of St. Cloud Rotary

Tri-County Humane Society Executive Director Vicki Davis (center) accepts the \$10,000 check from Coborn's during a recent Summertime by George! event.

shopped at the thrift store. In May and June, \$1,975 was raised!

Sauk Rapids-Rice High School Art Club for taking the time and effort to create a playful "Dog Toy" mural. (See photo at right.)

St. Cloud Rox and Granite City Pet Hospital for hosting the Bark in the Park fundraiser on behalf of TCHS.

Rice Elementary students who sold coffee to teachers for donations to our shelter — what a great idea!



Everyone who drops change into TCHS coin banks in businesses around Central Minnesota. (And thank you to all the businesses that host them.)



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The Scoop ... Set Your Cat up for Litter Box Success



Let's talk about cats and their litter boxes! While most cats are reliable and consistent with their litter box use from the time they are kittens, some cats will start to have "accidents" and eliminate outside their litter box.

The best thing for everyone involved (cats and people alike!) is to set them up for success right away to prevent litter box issues. Each cat may have its own preferences in regards to their litter box set-up and maintenance, but there are many generally accepted guidelines:

First, consider the number of litter boxes. The general rule of thumb is there should be one more litter box in the home than the number of cats in the home.

Example: You have two cats, so you should have three litter boxes. Even a single cat home should have two litter boxes available.

Next, consider the type of litter box. Most (not all) cats prefer large, open, easy to access litter boxes. Although covered litter boxes, ones that allow for top entry, or ones in cabinets can be more appealing to people, cats generally like a spacious open

litter box. Similar to how cats often prefer to perch on an elevated surface to see their surroundings, an open box allows them to see the surrounding space and offers a sense of security.

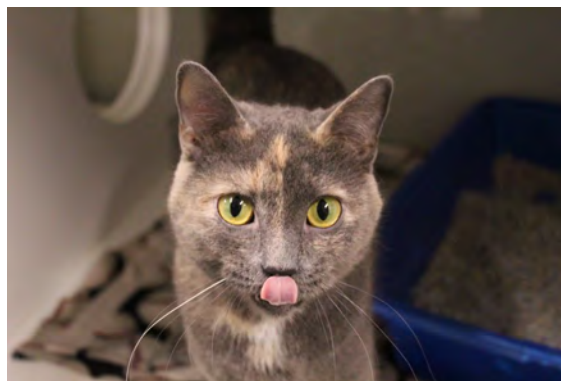
Location of litter boxes is key. They should be placed in quiet, low traffic areas to provide some privacy. Next to a loud washer and dryer or in a room

where people are regularly walking in and out is not ideal. There should also be a litter box on each level of the home. If there's an urgent matter, walking up or down a flight of stairs may be a hindrance to appropriate litter box use. This is especially important in senior cats or those with mobility concerns.

Clean litter boxes are a must! Boxes should be scooped every day, and deep cleaned at least once a month. Deep cleaning means removing all the litter and washing the litter box in hot soapy water. Cats are generally clean and tidy creatures, so a clean litter box will be appreciated.



By Rose Hegerle, CVT



Most cats prefer fine-grain, unscented, clumping cat litter. It mimics the texture of the outdoor terrain where a cat may choose to eliminate. However, there are a variety of litter options available to try for individual cats. Additionally, cats usually do not like the plastic liners in their litter boxes.

Low stress and enrichment for cats is important in their overall well-being, and can correlate with litter box issues. The use of Feliway (synthetic "happy" cat pheromone) is recommended in many situations to provide a sense of calm and promote positive vibes in certain areas of the home (especially around the litter boxes). Playtime, plenty of toys, perching spots, scratching posts, etc. are all important in creating a happy home for your cat.

If your cat begins to urinate or defecate outside the litter box, it is important you

healed, the pain from walking and digging in the box can cause a chronic aversion to the litter box. Declawing is not recommended unless medically necessary for the cat.

If your cat has been cleared medically and behavioral/emotional health has been addressed, and there are still litter box issues, there is still hope.

Products such as Cat Attract and Feliway can be beneficial. Be sure to clean with urine-specific enzymatic cleaners to break down the organic urine material. Re-assessing your litter box set-up and maintenance, and making changes to find your cat's preferences may result in positive changes. Don't hesitate to reach out to your veterinarian and/or Tri-County Humane Society for more tips on litter box care.

Rose Hegerle is a Certified Veterinary Technician and cat enthusiast.

consult with your veterinarian. Medical conditions such as parasites, infections, bladder stones, organ issues, metabolic diseases, and other conditions can contribute to litter box issues. Furthermore, what may have started as a medical issue may turn into a behavioral issue later. This is because cats can associate pain and discomfort with the litter box. Even after a medical issue is resolved, cats remember pain while in the litter box (regardless of the source of pain) and may continue to associate their surroundings with pain. Another potential contributor to litter box issues is declawing surgery. Even after a declaw surgery has

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Who rescued who?

We would love to share two-stories-in-one about a recent Tri-County Humane Society dog named Tanner, who came to us as a transfer from a North Dakota rescue.

First, the artistic tail, er, tale

Tri-County Humane Society not only has some of the most generous donors around; we have very creative ones, too!

Linda Donlin is an artist from Bismarck, N.D. She was in St. Cloud babysitting her granddaughters (Madalyn and Lili) in May, and they decided they wanted to paint a portrait of a dog at TCHS who was available for adoption. Lili picked Tanner from our website and Linda obliged. Linda says that eldest granddaughter Madalyn is "counting the days until she's old enough to volunteer here" and that she is "quite an artist herself." Linda, Madalyn, and Lili all decided they wanted to donate the portrait of Tanner to his new family.

Linda shipped the painting from North Dakota to Minnesota, and her son Matt stopped by with Madalyn to drop it off.

The story gets even better: TCHS Manager of Fund Development Crystal Specht reached Tanner's adopter, Bethany, and she was happy to stop by with Tanner to pick up the portrait. The pup even sat still (for a second) with the portrait.



ABOVE: Linda Donlin with her portrait. TOP RIGHT: Linda with her granddaughters Madalyn and Lili.

And last, Tanner

Bear's happy home

"He is such a good boy, and we are so lucky to have him! We call him Tanner Bear. He loves being in the backyard with the kids, and we took him camping ... and he did really well. He met a friend named Bella (a pitbull) and did well meeting her and new people. "



ABOVE: Tanner Bear and his new human, Bethany, pick up the portrait.

Tri-County Humane Society loves sharing stories and photos from adopters; if you'd like to tell us how your TCHS alum is doing, please do so via email (pets@tricityhumanesociety.org) or Facebook Messenger. Please include photos!

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Tri-County Humane Society's 33rd Annual Companion WALK FOR ANIMALS

September 11, 2021
9:00am to 1:00pm
@ Wilson Park

The FUNDRAISER is Back (In Person)! Get Ready for Mardi Paws!

We've been waiting for this one! Time to get ready to walk (and raise money)!

Tri-County Humane Society's Companion Walk for Animals typically brings about 500 people and 300 pets to Wilson Park on St. Cloud's East Side every year. It's a diverse group, but they all have a common goal: Raise money to help TCHS!

This year's theme is "Mardi Paws," our take on the biggest party around! In addition to the 1K and 5K walks, participants can enjoy food, time to visit vendors and exhibitors, games and crafts for pets and people, a silent auction, demos, music, and fun. Most importantly, this is one of Tri-County Humane Society's biggest fundraisers of the year.

With your help, we can raise much-needed money (hopefully around \$55,000!) to support the animals in our care. This fundraiser is vital for us to continue providing important services to pets in need.

We're rallying our animal-loving friends and family to ask for your support. Get involved by:

- Using the pledge form on **PAGE 10** or hosting an online fundraiser through Facebook or GiveMN! (See details on next page!)
- Giving a silent auction item!
- Making a gift in honor or memory of a loved one for the Flag of Friends that leads the walk.

There are many ways to help—turn the page to learn more!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Registration: 9 a.m.

1K & 5K Walks: 10 a.m.

Food & Fun: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (See details on PAGE 9)

Pantown Brewery AfterParty: 1 p.m.-5 p.m. (New in 2021!)

Pantown is at 408 37th Ave. North, St. Cloud



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Before we celebrate, time to raise money!

3 WAYS TO HELP ANIMALS

Invite your friends and family to support Tri-County Humane Society with a donation to your Mardi Paws walk. You will be rewarded with our thanks and knowledge that you're helping those who can't help themselves ... plus prizes!

1. Raise money the traditional way!

(On paper, using the pledge sheet on PAGE 10.)

Put on the charm and ask for support in person. Need talking points? How about these?: TCHS placed more than 3,700 animals in homes last year. Our adoption rate has hovered in the 90-plus range for the past several years! We ensure our dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, and rabbits are spayed/neutered before their adoptions are completed. (Take that, pet overpopulation!) We've been serving the pets and people of Central Minnesota for 45-plus years!

2. Raise money via Facebook!

Collect donations by creating your own online fundraising page(s). Detailed information on setting up online fundraising pages can be found on our website at www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/walk.

3. Raise money via GiveMN!

Not on social media but too shy to fundraise in person? No problem—collect donations by creating your own online fundraising page(s) on GiveMN.org. Detailed information on setting up online fundraising pages can be found on our website at www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/walk.

Whether you raise \$10 or \$10,000,
all the profits help pets in need!
Every dollar is appreciated!

Also, donate an item to our silent auction(s)

We will have both an in-person silent auction at the walk as well as an online one. We're looking for donations of items such as artwork, handmade crafts, tickets to events including concerts and plays, gift certificates to local restaurants and stores, and much more!



Have questions? Contact us!

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320-252-0896, ext. 14

* Crystal Specht, Manager of Fund Development
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AND YES, THERE ARE PRIZES, TOO!

Thank you for wanting to help Tri-County Humane Society! Because we believe YOU should be thanked for being a friend to our animals, we are offering prizes!

NOTE: All pledge sheets and donations must be turned in to TCHS staff by September 11, 2021, at the event to be considered for prizes. Early submissions will be accepted.

Gifts for All Qualifying Walkers:

Raise \$50 – Mardi Paws T-Shirt

Raise \$100 – Mardi Paws T-Shirt / TCHS Bag

Raise \$250 – Mardi Paws T-Shirt / TCHS Bag/Muggsy's Best Friend Blend Coffee

Raise \$500 – Mardi Paws T-Shirt / TCHS Bag / Muggsy's Best Friend Blend Coffee / TCHS Sweatshirt / Entry into Grand PRIZE!

Raise \$1,000+ – Mardi Paws T-Shirt / TCHS Bag / Muggsy's Best Friend Blend Coffee / TCHS Sweatshirt / \$100 Coborn's Gift Card / Entry into Grand PRIZE!

Muggsy's Best Friend Blend Coffee & TCHS sweatshirts will be ordered after the Companion Walk to prevent over-purchasing. TCHS will contact you when they are ready for pickup at the shelter.

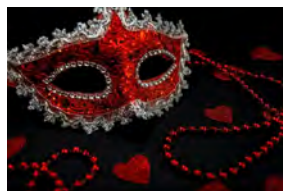


In addition, for every \$50 raised you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Cat, Dog, or Family Basket!

PLUS, THERE ARE ACTIVITIES!

Besides the 5K and 1K walks, there will be plenty of family fun at the event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.:

- Food & Beverages (available for a small fee)
- Silent Auction
- Exhibitors and Vendors
- Costume Contests for Pets & People
- Doggie Outfit Giveaways
- Face Painting
- "Mashup Painting" with Adam Spaeth
- Masquerade-Style Face Mask Crafting
- Paw Art
- Bean Bag Toss
- TCHS Re-Tail & Re-Tail Revisited shops



JOIN OUR FLAG OF FRIENDS

Have a pet who doesn't like the outdoors or other animals? Can't attend the walk? Want to honor the memory of a furry or human loved one? Make a donation with our Flag of Friends campaign and your honoree's name becomes part of our Flag of Friends that leads the walk. (Come to TCHS ' front desk during business hours to fill out a ribbon, indicate on the return envelope in this newsletter who you would like to honor, or contact Crystal Specht at give@tricityhumanesociety.org.)

We also will have a special moment of silence for first responders, and to mark the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

33rd Annual

Companion Walk-A Fundraiser for Animals

September 11, 2021

9am-1pm Wilson Park

1pm-5pm Pantown Brewing



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Make checks payable to TCHS. Please note if a receipt is requested. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

PARTICIPANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS: I do hereby pledge to participate in the Tri-County Humane Society (TCHS) 33rd Annual Companion Walk on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at 10:00am. By signing this form I hereby release TCHS, the event committee and individuals, the City of St. Cloud, and other official sponsors from all claims or liabilities of any kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or incident to my participation and to my pet(s) participation in this event. I realize that participation in this event could potentially cause injury. I hereby accept and assume all risks associated with participation in this event and agree to practice road and pedestrian safety and clean up after my pet(s). In signing this, I also give TCHS permission to use photos taken of me during the event in any promotional material, publication, social networks or on the TCHS website. Parent / Guardian signature required if participant is under 18 years of age. **Walker / Guardian Signature:** _____

Adoptions Stay Busy; Cat Season in Full Swing

Our busy season is here: Tri-County Humane Society has taken in 420** cats and 506** kittens since the start of May. Luckily, our adoption team has stayed busy, too, with almost 700** total adoptions of cats/kittens during that time period. (We have nearly 200** cats/kittens in foster care.) To try to inspire more adoptions (and perhaps some of the adult cats a second look), TCHS implemented a "name your own price" promotion on every feline 6 months and older. The concept confused some customers ("What do we pay?"), so we opted for a Fabulous Five Dollar Feline promotion on all adult cats. The response from customers has been overwhelmingly positive!

** Data as of 7/27/2021



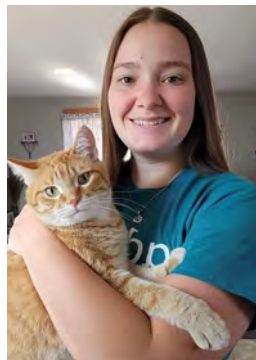
Photo by volunteer photographer Alex Freihammer

Some recent (and now all adopted) TCHS residents.

Meet Our Team Members! TCHS Adds 3 Employees to Roles

Tri-County Humane Society has close to 30 paid staff members. We'd like to introduce you to three, all of whom have recently started new positions at TCHS:

Bryn Liffbrig, who has been with us for four years, is our new coordinator for special events. She is a recent graduate of St. Cloud State University.



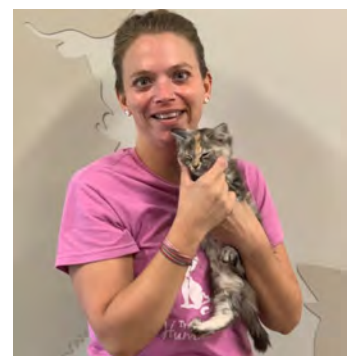
Bryn Liffbrig

Abrah Olson is returning to TCHS; she was previously an animal care technician. Abrah is going to be our new surgery technician. Welcome back, Abrah!



Abrah Olson

Jana Beard, who has been with us for two years, is our new customer service co-lead.



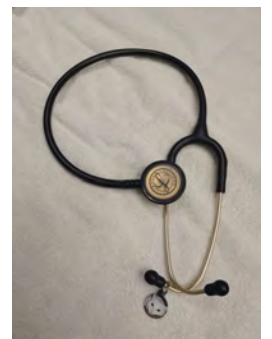
Jana Beard

We are lucky to have these team members! If you see them, wish them well!

And Please Give a Big Paws-Up to the Hardworking TCHS Surgery Team!

With so many animals coming in to the shelter, that means a lot of spay and neuter surgeries have to be done! We want to highlight a few efforts:

- Dr. Tom Rohman, a longtime, valued volunteer veterinarian who picked up extra shifts to help with our schedule. He did 103 surgeries (!) in July, the first to surpass 100 this year!
- Dr. Caylie Hake, our newest volunteer veterinarian!
- Angela Heck, our veterinary technician intern who has been a big help this summer!
- And, of course, Rose Hegerle, CVT, for being the acting surgery technician and helping our team through a staffing transition, and the rest of #TeamTCHS (staff and volunteers)!



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ESTATE PLANNING

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STEPS:

Contact Vicki Davis, executive director, at (320) 252-0896, tchs@cloudnet.com to receive more information. Seek advice from your legal or financial adviser.

Include our legal name (Tri-County Humane Society) physical address (735 8th St. NE St. Cloud MN 56304), and Federal Tax ID (23-7449686) in your plans.

LIVING TRUSTS

Charitable bequest opportunities such as living trust allocations, beneficiary designations of life insurance



or retirement plan proceeds are a wonderful way to make a meaningful gift to help animals.

Contact your financial adviser for information on how to include Tri-County Humane Society in your philanthropic giving plan.

HAVE YOU MADE PLANS FOR YOUR PET?

Plan for the unexpected to ensure the welfare of your well-loved pet if you should fall ill, have an accident, or worse.

Your pet brings you unconditional love and companionship, and is an integral member of your family. But what about when you are gone? What happens to our pets if something happens to

us? Despite how we may feel about them, our legal system views pets as property, making it all the more important to plan ahead.

HOW TO PROTECT YOUR PETS

Carry a "pet alert card" in your wallet, identifying your pet, vital information and contacts in case you suffer an emergency that prevents your return home.

Post "in case of emergency" stickers on your doors or windows to notify emergency workers of pets inside. The ASPCA provides free decals upon request.

Discuss your wishes for your pets with relatives or friends. Designate a temporary caregiver in the event something unexpected happens to you and ensure she has instructions for how to care for your pets.

Contact your attorney to discuss the estate planning options available to provide for the

ongoing care of your pet in the future and formalize your wishes in a legal document.

BENEFITS OF A PET TRUST

Including pet provisions in your will is helpful. A pet trust can be even more advantageous, allowing you to:

- * Designate a caregiver and backup caregivers for your pet;
- * Appoint a separate trustee to oversee the caregiver and ensure she is following your directives;
- Specify your pet's needs and customary lifestyle, including healthcare, diet, exercise, special needs and end of life plans;

* Provide different options for covering your pet's expenses to ensure the money is used as intended;

* Protect the money you set aside for your pet by shielding it from many creditors or estranged spouses;

* Provide immediate and uninterrupted care for your pet without the need for court intervention in the event you pass away or become ill;

* Allocate any remaining money to specific persons or charitable groups, such as TCHS.

*TCHS Guest Columnist
Kendra K. Bader,
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