MISSION STATEMENT
“We believe in the human-animal bond and exist to support the animals and people of Central Minnesota by practicing and promoting quality animal care, offering compassionate customer service, and providing humane education.”
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Message from The Executive Director
Dear Fellow Friend of Animals,

Because of your friendship, our 2021 chapter was a happy one for so many animals and the people who love them. With your support, and others in our community who share our passion for animals, we changed the lives of 4,499 animals in 2021. (Worth pointing out, in 2020, that number was 3,731.)

You know, there might be some truth to the saying “If you build it, they will come!” I feel fairly confident that the additional 768 animals we placed last year have a much better future because we had the room and resources available for them. Last year, those thousands of animals found kindness, love, and individualized care from the moment they walked through TCHS’s doors.

TCHS has always been willing to lend a helping hand – to lead the way for animal welfare in our community and beyond – thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters. I can assure you everything you read about and feel good about in this annual report is because of you, and other friends of animals like you.

There was a time when a walk through the cat room and kennels made me feel a blend of sad and anxious. Today wagging tails, purrs, smiling faces, and positivity fill our rooms and halls. We celebrated a record number of adoptions in 2021, and more records trickle down from there. Record number of animals transferred to us, record number of surgeries performed by our medical team, record number of social media engagements – you see where I’m going here. Your commitment to the relationships we share with our pets ensures TCHS can dedicate each day to supporting these incredible connections.

While we’re usually all about looking forward, let’s take a short stroll down 2021 lane. Give us a few minutes to share the highlights of yet another challenging but very rewarding year at TCHS. You’ve helped us bring hope and love to animals in our community and beyond. With you by our side, we were able to offer 4,499 animals a new chapter and great start on the right foot, paw, appendage, fin or scale. See details of a few choice recaps in the following pages. Thank you for partnering with us to inspire compassion and create a more humane society.

Vicki Davis, CAWA
A notable year ...

It was our 1st full year in our new shelter!

With twice the square footage, we could help even more animals ...

Which led to a record number of animals finding homes!

We’re so proud of what we’ve accomplished—with your help! Turn the pages to learn more about our 2021.
Animal Statistics

4,499
Number of animals placed (it’s a record!)
In 2020, it was 3,731.

95%
Our placement rate, up 1 percentage point.

841
Number of dogs placed.
In 2020, it was 653.

1,673
Number of cats placed.
In 2020, it was 1,485.

1,467
Number of kittens placed.
In 2020, it was 1,202.

236
Number of puppies placed.
In 2020, it was 121.

281
Number of “others” placed.
In 2020, it was 270.

Animal intakes in 2021

Owner surrenders:
2,475 (Up 2.5%)
Strays/safekeeping/quarantined:
1,495 (Up 24%)
Transfers in: 743
(Another record for us—up 150%)
Animal Care

With a record number of animals to care for, everyone at #TeamTCHS had a very busy year. (Total surgeries alone were up 30 percent!) We have expanded our animal care team, and we’re looking forward to even more great milestones!

A Record-Breaking Year for Surgeries

3,099 Total surgeries
3,083 On-site surgeries
2,916 Spays and neuters

Our surgery team sterilized 2,373 cats/kittens, 482 dogs/puppies, 41 rabbits, and 1 rat. The team also did 19 cryptorchid neuters.

Non-spay and neuter surgeries: Dentals (66), eye removals (6), entropion eyelid repair (2), fracture repair (4), hernia repair (27), femoral head ostectomy (5), leg amputation (11), polyp removals (5), suture repair (9), toe amputation (2), foreign body removal (2), wound repair (23), tail amputation (13), bladder stone removal (1), splenectomy (1), mass removal (2), declaw salvage (1), skin tag removal (2), aural hematoma (1).

Our Surgery Team Members and Veterinary Partners

Abrah Olson, CVT Surgery Technician
Dr. Anne Lottie TCHS Veterinarian
Dr. Gina Kobluk TCHS Veterinarian
Dr. Deanna Quade TCHS Veterinarian

Partner clinics: Animal Haven, Little Falls; Boysen Animal Hospital, Waite Park.

Volunteer Veterinarians

Dr. Danika Dickerson
Dr. Traci Diggs
Dr. Caylie Hake
Dr. Jennifer Holm
Dr. Cal Kobluk
Dr. Thomas Rohman
Dr. Jennifer Terhark

Partner clinics: Animal Haven, Little Falls; Boysen Animal Hospital, Waite Park.
Foster Care

**1,236** Number of animals who went to foster care, up 21% from 2020.

Foster care reasons: Adoption Ambassadors (27), foster to adopt (164), medical (116), nursing (325), pregnant (39), socialization (185), too small (114), too young (266).

Foster Animals, By the Numbers

- **957** Cats and kittens
- **213** Dogs and puppies
- **47** Rabbits
- **14** Guinea pigs
- **3** Bearded dragons
- **1** Rat
- And **1** Tortoise!

**117,405** Hours logged by fosters in 2021!
*(Based on 1 hour per animal per day)*

Top Foster Homes for 2021

1. **Cynthia Ryg**, 26 animals. 2. **Trinette Sohlstrom**, 25 animals. 3. **Paula and Brent Jacobs**, 22 animals. 4. **Crystal Markfort**, 21 animals. 5. **Alana Curtis**, 20 animals.  

**THANK YOU TO ALL FOSTERS!**
Volunteers

Volunteer Contributions, By the Numbers

16,029 Number of total volunteer hours

In 2020, TCHS volunteers logged 10,870 hours; last year was a significant rebound and in the ballpark of our pre-COVID volunteer numbers.

2,553 Number of hours of dog walking

More dogs meant we had a bigger need for walkers—and the pups got their exercise!

1,232 Number of volunteer surgery hours

Volunteer Honors for 2021

Catherine Verrilli
Top Adult Volunteer

Catherine, a volunteer since 2020, has put in hundreds of hours as a surgery assistant and foster parent!

Shaylee Peacock
Top Jr. Volunteer

Shaylee, with us since 2017, does a little bit of everything, including dog walking and dirty cleanup jobs!

Kevin Woeste
Above and Beyond Award

Kevin, with us since 2020, walks all the dogs, takes them on field trips, and provides foster care!

In 2021, hundreds gave their time and talents to help shelter animals!

Volunteer Coordinator

Kate Kompas, shortly before she promoted TCHS on The GOAT radio show.

Other volunteer hours highlights:

313: Photographing our animals
504: Time in Re-Tail Revisited
500: Office help
469: Cleaning

Volunteer Honors for 2021

Dedication Award

The following volunteers spend a LOT of time in our dishes room:

Carole Braun,
Marti Bunde,
Tri-County Humane Society is proud to go above and beyond for the animals in our care. Here are just a few cases we’re proud to share with you.

**King Kane**
Adopted in December 2021

This sweet dog arrived as a stray after being found tied up outside. He was underweight, nervous, and had some lameness. After much TLC and vet care, King Kane found a very loving family.

**Ronald**
Adopted in February 2021

This kitty arrived at TCHS after he was seized from a home. He was thin and covered in urine, leading us to believe it had been awhile since he received any care. TCHS’ medical staff was unable to handle him for a few days because he was so afraid (and it turned out, he was in pain, too). With patience and stress management measures, staff was able to have Ronald examined by a vet who discovered Ronald had a fractured pelvis. Ronald then spent some time in foster care to heal, and eventually returned to the shelter where he was adopted.

**Ash**
Adopted in July 2021

Staff noticed this senior kitty, who had been adopted previously from TCHS, had lost significant weight and was suffering from painful dental disease. The veterinary team discovered he had hyperthyroidism (an over-active thyroid). They started him on medications and sent him to foster care. Ash’s condition improved, he received much-needed dental care, and he found a home!
Fundraisers

While some events were still virtual due to COVID, our Companion Walk for Animals and Flower Fundraiser were in person again!

**Wine, Kibbles & Bids**

$51,300

The virtual celebration included a supersized online silent auction as well as proceeds from “Bill’s Jars,” TCHS Board Member Bill Nelson’s collection efforts. Bill also hosted an in-person Spay-ghetti and No (Meat) Balls dinner; in total, he brought in $37,000.

**Companion Walk**

$42,000

With a “Mardi Paws” theme, our Companion Walk for Animals returned to Wilson Park after a yearlong absence.

**Flower Fundraiser**

$3,000

Volunteers helped prep and deliver more than 200 orders around the area.

**Santa Paws**

$6,625

The holiday tradition continued thanks to creative volunteers and generous sponsors.

**Give to the Max**

$20,000

**Coin Banks**

$14,000

**Winter Wags ‘N’ Purrs Silent Auction**

$5,100

From left: TCHS Manager of Fund Development Stacie Kuefler; Office Manager Lisa Pederson; Special Events Coordinator Emily Prodinsky.
To Our Supporters:

TCHS Thanks You!

This annual report is full of news we’re proud of—and we could not have accomplished what we did without our friends. That includes YOU — all of you who donated to us, shared our social media posts, bid in our silent auctions, volunteered or fostered, sponsored a kennel, shopped in our stores, or just generally cheered us on whether from near or far. 2021’s highlights are YOUR good news to share, too.

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Financials

TCHS is a 501©3 nonprofit animal shelter. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as permitted by law.

### Revenue
- Contributions: $809,341
- Fundraising: $190,110
- Shelter/programs: $864,820
- **TOTAL**: $1,864,271

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

### Expenses
- Programs: $208,068
- Fundraising/marketing: $21,795
- Operations: $1,033,588
- **TOTAL**: $1,263,451

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

**Total assets:** $6,600,780*

**Total liabilities:** Zero.

* Checking/savings, buildings/property/equipment/investments

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Community Engagement

**Number of Facebook followers**: 27,828

**Number of Instagram followers**: 3,657

**Number of people reached via Facebook on a single post**: 566,000

Follow TCHS on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter!

With COVID, TCHS hasn’t been as active in some community events as we have been in the past. Luckily, to counter that, our online presence is still strong, with robust engagement and follower numbers.

Having really cute animal pictures to put on social media really helps, too!
2021 was a year of thousands of new beginnings (4,499 to be exact)