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## Message From the Executive Director

Well, we're deep into summer now – the dog days of summer are upon us. Quite literally upon us at Tri-County Humane Society! Our team is having another busy year helping dogs, cats, pocket pets, and the occasional stray chicken or hamster. We're proud of the work we're doing. And while we generally prefer to look forward, I wanted to take a second to address a few things about our June newsletter, where we promoted the concept of "Return to Field (RTF)" cats. The decision to begin this program didn't come lightly or without research. As I noted in that issue, I used to be firmly against the idea of outdoor-only cats. However, there have been a lot of studies on the subject, and from those studies, a shift in views in the animal welfare community about these cats. The data provides evidence that sterilizing and returning these community cats is the best solution for a multitude of reasons. It's good for the cats and the residents because it reduces the population (no more kittens!) and prevents new cats from moving in the area. It's good for public health because shelters such as ours also vaccinate them. And it's ultimately the best solution for wildlife in the area, too, because it keeps the cat population in check. That last point, we should have emphasized more clearly: RTF is likely the best possible strategy to help wildlife. Considering the available options which are 1. removal and euthanize (we know that doesn't work), 2. sterilize and return (RTF), or 3. simply leave them alone to continue reproducing, I think we're making the right choice. There will always be outdoor cats – but the RTF work will help keep those populations to a minimum AND as a result, help reduce nuisance and disease.

We definitely could have clarified and stressed some important points that I'm afraid got lost in the mix, and for that, I apologize. Cats certainly do pose a risk to wildlife such as birds. And, sadly, wildlife has a lot of threats, the number one being humans. We can all do better to take care of our lands and its inhabitants. Please check out Page 5 for more details on RTF and wildlife, and please considering checking out an article by Dr. Kate Hurley and Dr. Julie Levy, "Rethinking the Animal Shelter's Role in Free-Roaming Cat Management." Where no perfect solution exists, the best, if still imperfect solution is RTF. I'll continue to keep my ear to the ground for any new developments in what TCHS's role should be in the management of unowned cats. For now, I truly believe we're doing the right thing.

And since summer is getting close to winding down, that means it's time to talk Companion Walk! Please make use of the pledge form in this newsletter. Take it to your family reunion or neighborhood barbecue. There's no shame in asking for a donation to a cause you believe in and is close to your heart like I'm sure TCHS is!! Be that person who speaks for the animals. We hope to see many of you on Sept. 10 at Wilson Park!

P.S. If you can't make it to the walk, I always have room on my pledge form!



*Vicki is practicing her dog-walking skills with shelter pup Elsa May before our Companion Walk!*

*Vicki Davis*

Vicki Davis, CAWA  
TCHS Executive Director

# Our Current Wish List

## For the Animals

- Money for veterinary expenses
- Feliway for cats, sprays/diffusers\*\*
- Adaptil for dogs, spray and diffusers\*\*
- Kitten and all-life stages dry food\*\*
- Clay cat litter (non-clumping is preferred)
- Meat-flavored baby food
- Kitten milk replacer
- Easy Cheese (squeeze cheese)
- Peanut butter (xylitol-free)
- Canned cat food (pate preferred)\*\*
- Churu/"squeeze treats" for cats\*\*



## For the Shelter

- Constant Companions (learn more at [www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/donate](http://www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/donate))
- Bleach (Unopened bottles)
- Gift cards to local businesses for pet/office/shelter supplies
- Laundry detergent (HE)
- Dish gloves and sponges
- Clorox wipes or disinfecting wipes
- Distilled water (in gallons)
- 70 percent isopropyl alcohol
- Q-tips
- Unscented baby wipes
- Live traps for our Return to Field feral cat program
- Cat scratchers from StretchandScratch.com
- Fuzzy pipe cleaners for cat toys
- Top-open hard-sided cat crates

## For the Office

- White copy paper
- Postage stamps (forever and postcard)
- Scotch tape refills
- Yellow, blue, and pink highlighters

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

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

## Special Request

We are searching for clothing display racks for our Re-Tail Revisited shop. Pictured to the right is just one example. Please contact Manager of Fund Development Emily Prodinsky at 320-252-0896, ext. 14, if you would like to help!



*Note: Prospective volunteers and/or fosters must apply; applications can be found at [www.tricountyhumane.society.org](http://www.tricountyhumane.society.org), or paper applications are available at the shelter.*

# Shop at TCHS



## Save Animals AND the Earth with These Products

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The TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe is now stocked with "upcycled" treats as well as toys made from recycled plastic bottles! "Love the Earth" toys even use recycled packaging! Remember, all the profits from the Re-Tail Shoppe go back to our shelter. So do good for homeless animals and the planet with a shopping spree at TCHS!

All adopters get a 15 percent off coupon that is valid for a week after adoption. Before you bring 'em home, check out the TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe's offerings!



Want a great deal on gently used pet supplies? Check out Re-Tail Revisited, our thrift store.

Re-Tail Revisited is located in the Training Facility by our shelter. Cash and check are preferred.

### Spring/summer 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

## We Cannot Accept ...

Thanks for thinking of us, but at this time we cannot accept:

- Pet food not in original packaging
- Old clothing
- Furniture

- Newspaper
- Blankets/comforters, sheets, towels
- Used litter pans
- Computer accessories
- Anything broken or missing parts

# The Scoop ... New Tricks Help Old Dogs Keep Sharp



Although we always recommend plenty of physical exercise for dogs, it's just as important to provide mental exercise and enrichment! It is especially important when physical exercise options are limited.

Let me tell you about my bestest boy, Gus. He's a 12-year-old Labrador Retriever who I've had since he was 8 weeks old. Gus is a classic example of the breed: high energy, active, people-pleaser, intelligent, and he doesn't know how to live life at any speed less than 110 percent!

Unfortunately, his body is aging more quickly than his mind, and he doesn't quite realize it. While we used to go for an hour-long hikes or play fetch in the yard for an extended period of time, now his body only allows for 10-minute walks around the block. He's still a very happy boy and he thinks he can still act like a pup, but we simply can't partake in our regular exercise anymore for his health and safety. Fortunately, there are many options to provide enrichment and mental stimulation for our pups who need to physically slow down. Other situations where dogs may need exercise restriction would be those with mobility concerns, injuries, illnesses, recovering from heartworm treatment, extreme hot or cold temperatures, and more.

## The right stuff-ed toys

There are many easy and readily available products to promote mental exercise. A common toy is the Kong, which can be stuffed with

peanut butter, other spreadable treats, pet-safe fruits/veggies, and many other things.

After stuffing, freezing the Kong is another way to extend the boredom buster time. Additionally, food-dispensing balls or puzzles come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and skill levels. Instead of feeding your dog's meal in a boring old bowl, placing their measured meal of kibble into a food-dispensing ball or puzzle is great for adding engagement to mealtime.

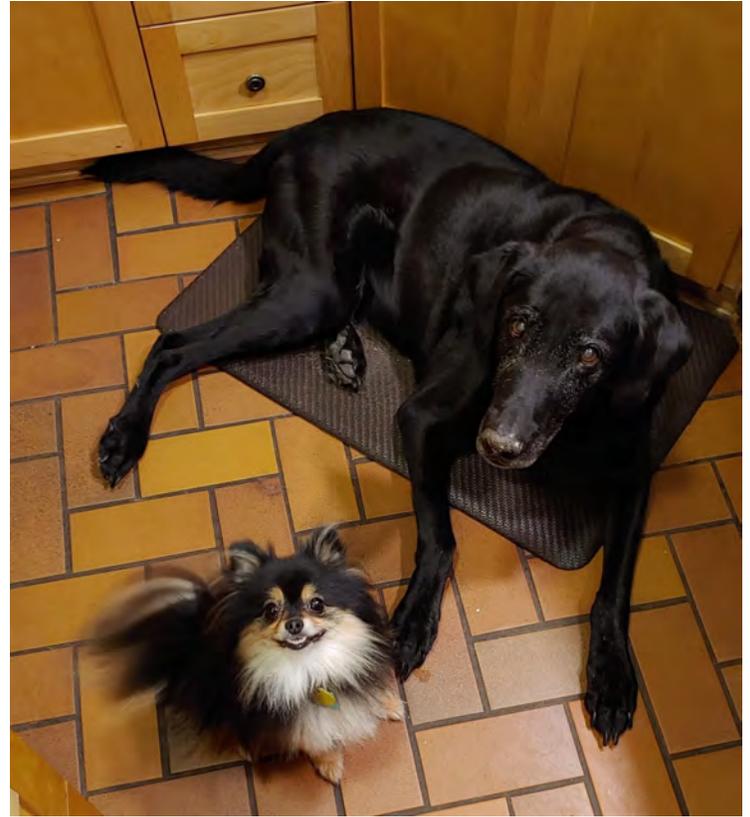
## Frosty fun, burritos

Ice can be a great way to keep your pup busy, too. One easy option is to reuse a gallon-sized ice cream pail as a frozen funfest! Add 1-2 inches of water to bottom and allow to freeze. Then, add a favorite toy and/or some treats, add more water, and freeze again. Create a layered frozen parfait of goodies and once the pail is a frozen chunk of fun, offer to your dog to lick/play with as it melts and fun things are revealed. Another option is using something like an ice cube tray or muffin tin to mix water and toys/treats and freeze into mini versions of the ice cream pail.

One great playtime activity to encourage mental exercise is the "goodie burrito." Lie an old bath or beach towel out flat. Across the short length of the towel, place several treats in a line. Space out



By Rose Hegerle, CVT



Gus (top) with his much younger, smaller sibling, Bernie.

different lines of various treats such as kibble, squeeze cheese, peanut butter, etc. Certain scents such as rubbing something that smells like a cat or an outdoor item in one of the spaced out lines can also provide an exciting enrichment opportunity. After you've got several lines of treats spaced out, roll the towel carefully into a "burrito." Offer to your dog and watch them play with and discover all the different items within the burrito. The same idea of sniffing out and searching for fun things can be accomplished with a "snuffle mat," in which there are little pockets of fabric to hide treats and toys.

Another fun, simple activity is "find the treat." Collect three small bowls or cups. Set them upside down. Place a high-value reward under

one of the items and mix them up. Then watch your pup search for their reward!

## Reading time

Simply sitting with your dog and reading out loud has shown to keep pets entertained and engaged with you. It may seem silly, but we see really great results with shelter pets and the positive impact someone reading to them makes. It keeps their mind active and provides an important social activity for them! There are so many easy, cheap, DIY ideas out there to provide enrichment and mental exercise for your dog. It will add happiness to their days AND to yours!

*Rose Hegerle, a Certified Veterinary Technician, is TCHS' Animal Care Manager.*

# 'Return to Field' Programs Can Benefit Wildlife As Well

By Rose Hegerle, CVT

*Editor's Note: This piece is a clarification on some points from our last newsletter regarding our "Return to Field" cat program. We appreciate feedback, and we hope this makes our position more understandable.*



Helping outdoor cats through sterilization and vaccination helps wildlife, too. Although free roaming cats certainly do hunt birds and other small prey, the number one cause of harm to wildlife populations is humans—through habitat destruction, pollution, and climate change. The factors that diminish wildlife populations are complex and there are no simple approaches to help.

## Outdoor cats are here to stay

Regardless of human intervention, millions of cats live outdoors (they have for thousands of years!) and will continue to do so. They are part of the landscape whether we like it or not. Return to Field or Trap-Neuter-Return programs end the breeding cycle of an outdoor cat, which directly reduces and stabilizes local cat populations. This means there will ultimately be fewer cats hunting small wildlife prey. Simply removing the cats we observe from a certain location will

not get rid of cats in the area; surprisingly it is likely to increase the overall population. The ones who remain (there are always more than you see) or new ones who move into the open territory will continue to utilize the resources in the environment such as shelter, prey/food, etc. and reproduce.

Even after the majority of outdoor cats are removed from an area, the population will bounce back within several breeding cycles due to the availability of resources and lack of competition for

available resources. Litter sizes will even be larger when there are fewer adults present!

## A better way: We can help both!

Removing cats has been empirically shown to be an ineffective approach to controlling prolific species such as cats, and it diverts crucial resources to more efficiently stabilize cat populations and help conservation efforts.

It is not necessary nor productive to choose a position of either

helping wildlife or helping cats. We can make positive change for both populations through thoughtful Return to Field and Trap-Neuter-Return programming.

In addition to decreasing the cat population and putting fewer birds and small prey at risk, rabies vaccinations given to cats in these programs will promote better public health for people and wildlife in the area. We will keep working toward doing our best to advance animal welfare for everyone.

## Learn more about this topic

*We will have links to these research pieces with this article on our website:*

**Here's a great resource that cites many data-driven studies:** *Frontiers: Rethinking the Animal Shelter's Role in Free-Roaming Cat Management* by Dr. Kate F. Hurley and Dr. Julie K. Levy

**Another good resource:** *Cats and Wildlife | Alley Cat Allies* ([www.alleycat.org](http://www.alleycat.org))

## A Purr & Wag of the Tail To ...

**Big Lake High School Clothing and Textiles class** students for making bandanas for the shelter dogs and delivering them.

**St. Cloud Rox and Granite City Hospital** for partnering on June's Bark in the Park, which benefits TCHS.

**Crafts Direct** for making TCHS its charity for a week in June.

**Bill Lowell**, for doing a double good deed. He volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, and his employer pays a certain amount for volunteer work. Bill donated what he earned from his work with Habitat to TCHS.

**Bremer Bank employees** for raising money for TCHS with a "Jeans Day."

**The family of Robert Walz** for donating medical supplies in his honor.

**Colin McCann, Ethan McCann, and Landon Schaffler** for organizing a lemonade stand and using the profits to buy squeaky toys and poop bags for us.

**Brayden Vossen** of Brayden's PAWfect

Treats LLC for donating home-made dog treats to our pups. (See Brayden at our upcoming Space Walk!)

**Raising Cane's** for donating a portion of a day's sales to TCHS, and for also selling toy dog plushies to benefit us.

**Scott Neubert** for taking care of our snow removal needs last winter.



**Lincoln Campbell (pictured above with his mom, Loretta)** for collecting pet supplies for his 3rd birthday. Lincoln wanted us to know the donation is from him AND his pup, Daisy.

# TCHS Celebrates Volunteers, Fosters with Outdoor Party

Tri-County Humane Society is happy to report that our in-person Volunteer Appreciation Party returned this year after a two-year absence due to COVID. Almost 90 people gathered on a very hot night in late June to celebrate with treats from The Ice Cream Machine. (The theme was "We Scream for Volunteers," like the ol' "I Scream For Ice Cream" saying.)

The Volunteer Appreciation Party is our shelter's chance to say thank you to the volunteers/fosters who keep help us keep everything running. After all, volunteers started TCHS – and we'll never forget where we came from!

**16,029:** Number of volunteers hours in 2021.

**117,405:** Number of foster care hours logged in 2021.

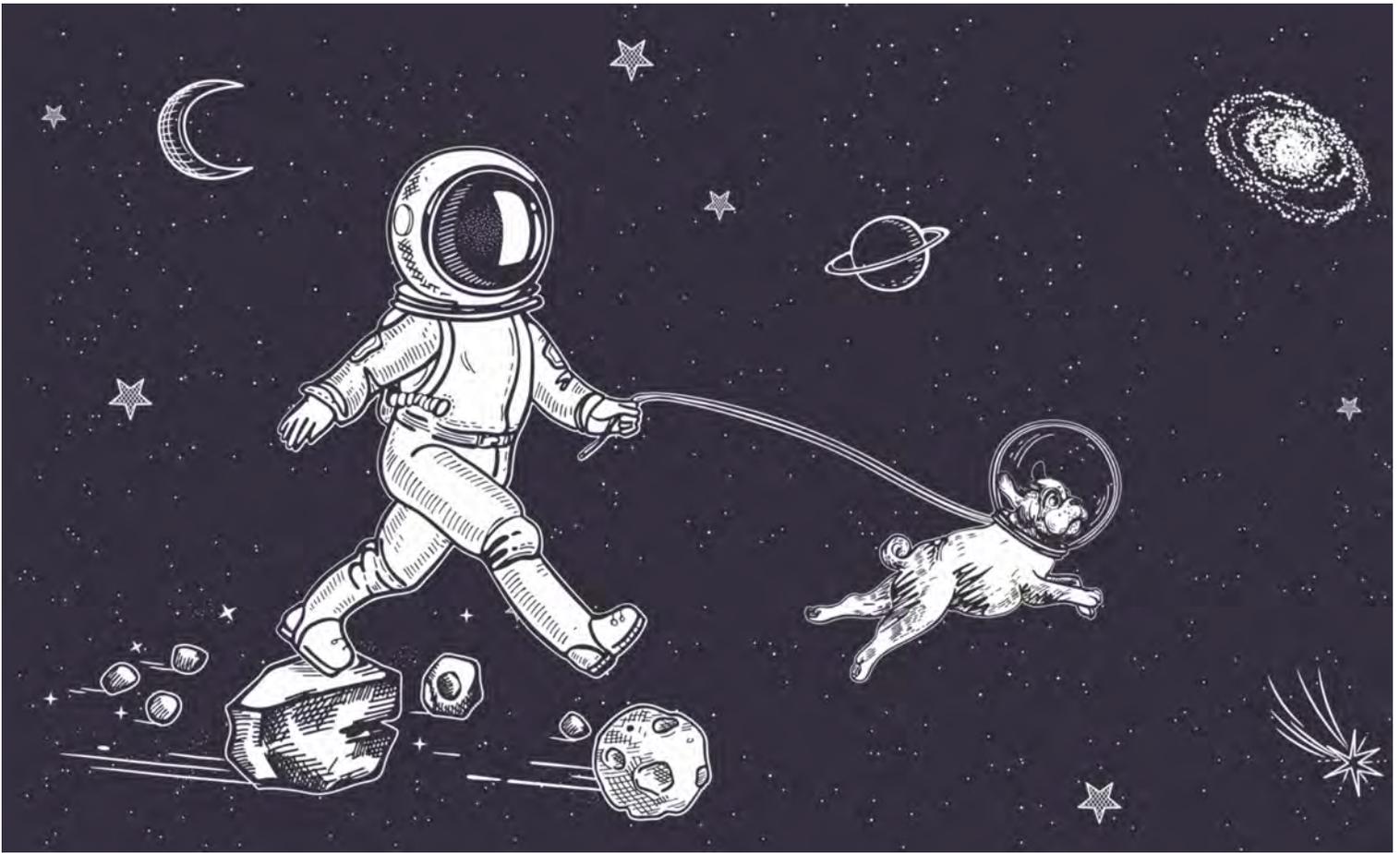


*Thank you to the following for party donations: Coborn's, Dairy Queen, Crooked Pint, Anton's, Christine's Sweet Confections, Mongo's Grill, Val's Rapid Serv, Jimmy's Pour House, Perkins, Crystal Cory, and Marcus Parkwood Cinema. We are so grateful to have your support.*

**\*\***

*All photos taken by TCHS Office Manager Lisa Pederson*





# Fundraiser for Animals: Space Walk

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, 2022

Wilson Park, St. Cloud, Minnesota

We want YOU to (space) walk with us! Turn the pages to learn more!

*Thank You to Our 2022 Sponsors!*

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# Step 1: Raise money!



Invite your friends and family to support Tri-County Humane Society with a donation to you for the Space Walk for Animals.

**There are 3 ways to do this:**

- 1. Raise money the traditional way!** (On paper, using the pledge sheet on Page 10.) Let them know that events such as this walk help our nonprofit animal shelter care for about 5,000 animals a year. (Yep, 5,000!) TCHS ensures that every pet is vaccinated, spayed/neutered, given an external exam AND any appropriate medical treatment before they go to their new home. We are lucky to have many happy tails, er, tales, but we can't do it without the help of our friends and community members.  
So, gather your pledge sheet and start collecting cash or checks from every animal lover you know! *Remember to bring everything to Wilson Park on the morning of the walk.*
- 2. Raise money via Facebook!** Rather do your good deeds via social media? That's not a problem for us! Collect donations by setting up an individual fundraiser on Facebook. (Please put "TCHS Space Walk" in the title of your fundraiser.) Invite all your friends to help out and **SHARE!** Detailed information on how to set this up can be found on our website, [www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/walk](http://www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/walk).
- 3. Raise money via GiveMN!** If you don't do Facebook but would still rather raise money online instead of face to face, set up your own fundraising page on GiveMN.org. Once again, detailed information on how to set this up can be found on our website, [www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/walk](http://www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/walk).

***Raising money is key, but there are other ways to help, too ...***

**Donate an item to our silent auction!**

We will have an online auction and an in-person silent auction for our Space Walk. That means we will be looking for donations of



items such as artwork, handmade crafts, tickets to area events, gift certificates to area businesses, and much more!



**Be like Brayden and be a vendor!**

We still have openings for vendors! (Brayden is with Brayden's PAWfect Treats LLC.)



Questions? Or want to get involved? Contact Manager of Fund Development Emily Prodinsky at 320-252-0896, ext. 14, or at [events@tricountyhumanesociety.org](mailto:events@tricountyhumanesociety.org)

# Step 2: Turn in Earnings at Cosmically Cool Event



For more than 3 decades, this walk has been a key fundraiser for our nonprofit organization — so every dollar counts! Help us make it an outta-this-world total for our animals!

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Wilson Park. Besides the pet-friendly walk, there will be the following activities through the event:

Food and beverages (available for a small fee)

Silent auction

Exhibitors and vendors

Costume contests

Face painting

Outer space-themed kids crafts

Inflatables

Lawn games

Music

Items from the TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe and Re-Tail Revisited



## 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 and note "Flag of Friends", or contact Manager of Fund Development Emily Prodinsky at 320-252-0896, ext. 14.

*You also can add a name on the day of the walk!*

## Yes, There Are Prizes!

### Gifts for all qualifying walkers:

**Raise \$50:** Space Walk T-shirt

**Raise \$100:** T-shirt and a silicone phone wallet

**Raise \$250:** T-shirt, phone wallet, and soft-sided cooler

**Raise \$500:** T-shirt, phone wallet, cooler, and a dog or cat prize pack featuring 5-6 items for your pet

**Raise \$1,000:** T-shirt, phone wallet, cooler, dog or cat pack, and a certificate for Santa Paws (picture with Santa at TCHS during November 17-20)



*But wait, there's even more ...*

*For every \$50 raised, receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Cat, Dog, or Family themed basket!*

*It's just our small way of saying **THANK YOU** for helping TCHS and our animals!*

We hope to see many of you there on Sept. 10 at Wilson Park!



# 34th Annual

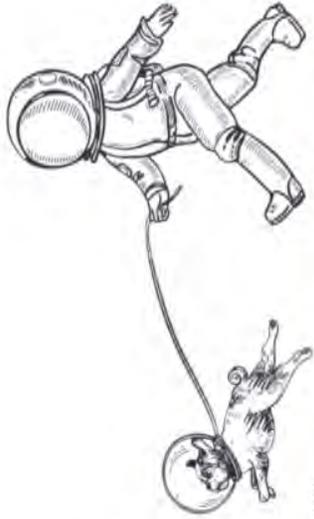
# SPACEWALK FOR ANIMALS

September 10th, 2022

9am – 1pm

Wilson Park, St. Cloud, MN

Minnesota Kennel License Number 140200



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Participant Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please print and attach copy of online donations raised using Facebook and/or GiveMN.org.

**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) 34th Annual Companion Walk on Saturday, September 10, 2022 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

# TCHS Pulls Off Microchip Clinic for the Public

TCHS recently accomplished a milestone: Our first microchip clinic for the public! Twenty-eight animals were microchipped during Gettin' Chippy Wit' It on July 19 at the shelter. TCHS also hosted special guests Pet Evolution of St. Cloud; this business is new in town but has quickly become a TCHS supporter. Pet Evolution offered free doggie nail trims during this event.

Improving our "return to owner" rate is one of TCHS' goals in our strategic plan. We were so proud to be able to do this clinic. (And our staff and volunteers worked hard like the passionate professionals they are!) We hope to do something like this in the future; TCHS always offers microchips to the public by appointment for \$20 plus tax. (Call us at 320-252-0896 to schedule.)

*See Page 16 for Lost and Found tips.*



**TOP:** Customer Service/Animal Care Associate Emily Schwintek (left) and Animal Veterinary Technician Kallie Braun microchip the first cat for the clinic July 19 at the shelter. **RIGHT:** One of the clients for the day arrived for his appointment in style!



## Look Who's New at TCHS!



Sable Jenkins (far left picture), CVT, joined our Animal Care Department as our new Surgical Technician in June. Also, longtime TCHS volunteer Olivia Schomer joined our Fund Development team in early July. Welcome to the team!



Join our pack! Visit ...

[www.tricountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.tricountyhumanesociety.org) to learn how to support #TeamTCHS!



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Constant Companions are supporters who automatically donate to TCHS every month through their accounts. To learn more about the program, visit [www.tricountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.tricountyhumanesociety.org), or contact TCHS Manager of Fund Development Emily Prodinsky at [events@tricountyhumanesociety.org](mailto:events@tricountyhumanesociety.org). **THANK YOU!**

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<b>All my pets</b> Lorraine Huebner	<b>Ernie and Punky</b> Dana Dunning	<b>Karl, our cat</b> Lloyd and Carolyn Tobiassen	<b>Paisley &amp; Murshy</b> Amy Stowe	<b>Sweet Bella and Princess Gia</b> Mark LeBlanc
<b>Annie</b> Sharon Braunberger	<b>Finn</b> Nancy Goman	<b>Moshi &amp; Jackie</b> Addie Carlson	<b>Parker</b> Antoinette Granville	<b>Troop, whom we adopted from TCHS</b> Abigail O'Reilly
<b>Brandi, Misty, &amp; Frosty</b> Sharon and Doug Schmid	<b>Georgia</b> Tina Gaida	<b>Nola</b> Alan Ricke	<b>Rocket, fostered then adopted from TCHS</b> Ann and Eric Kruger	<b>Two of our cats from TCHS;</b> <b>Tabby (now Sophie) and Raven (now Leo). Thank you all for the work you do.</b> Alex Stolitz
<b>Buster and Charlie</b> Theresa Pitts	<b>In honor of TCHS staff and policies that help strays like "Freddie the Freeloader"</b> Al Dresow and Sherry Olson	<b>Our cat Sadie</b> Trafford and Laura Ringelspaugh	<b>Sadie</b> Trafford and Laura Ringelspaugh	<b>Zoey</b> Sharon Sundstrom
<b>Diego</b> Zachary Herrington			<b>Spunky</b> Bernice Tschida	



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**Abby, Dave, Murph, Monique, Kate, and Crosby**  
Bob and Lori Hastings

**All our dogs**  
Judith Nielsen

**All pets who have crossed over**  
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Chris Shields and Kate Kompas

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**Liddles Shaler**  
Sara Shaler

**Lilly**  
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Lynn loved her rescued pets. She will be greatly missed by all who love her.  
Kristine Faubel

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# Who Rescued Who?

"Hard to believe it's been a year since Mr. Wendal (formerly "Nero") officially joined the King Krew on July 1, 2021. The first few months (like, all 12 of them... kidding. Maybe.) were challenging, but he's learning how to dog from one of the best in the biz: his big brother, Chet. Mr. Wendal loves his toys so much that he's destroyed basically every single one of them. The cats (both TCHS alums) mostly tolerate him, and they're teaching him that kittes are friends, not food. Walks with mom are Mr. Wendal's favorite because he always meets new people and makes friends - and he always gets a treat afterward. He loves play dates with his pupper friends, "birthday burgers," chewing his rawhides, and snuggle time. I have no doubt that this silly and adorable addition will grow up to be a very good boy, and I'm so glad Mr. Wendal is a part of the family."



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- Melissa... and the rest of the King Krew: Chet, Arthur James, and Luna Moon Beam

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**Bill Weaver**  
David Lavelly  
Joy Bowen

**Cynthia Ryg- the best kitten mom**  
Shirani Jayasuriya

**Dan H.**  
Jennifer Hilleren

In honor of Kendall's retirement. He is a great friend to dogs, especially those in need. A kind, gentle soul and a fantastic nurse!  
Mary Sund

**Leslie Abraham**  
Jan Grunert

**Mary & Dennis**  
Alisse Amundson

**Maureen & Jerry McCarter**  
Suellyn (Sudie) Hofmann

**My sons**  
Faye Dondio

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Catherine Talkalai  
Oliver Kroll-Hage

**Rebecca Benoit's Birthday**  
Lana and Ron Nornberg

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# Girl Scouts Work to Build Doggie Play Yard For TCHS

A group of youngsters is hard at work on a project that is dog-gone needed for Tri-County Humane Society's pups.

Members of Girl Scout Troop 636 are working on their Bronze Award, and decided that the shelter should benefit. The girls, ages 10 and 11, will be going into sixth grade in the fall. The Bronze Award is the highest honor that Girl Scout Juniors like Troop 636 members can earn. To qualify for the award, each girl has to put in 20 hours of work on the project.

The girls decided that they wanted to do something to help homeless animals, and even though Troop Leader Kari Boehmer is a former TCHS employee/current volunteer, the Scouts picked the topic all on their own, she said. They started brainstorming what to do in January, and they narrowed their scope to building a

## How to Help

Troop members will need volunteer help sometime in early August. (A date has not yet been determined.) To be added to the contact, list call Kari Boehmer at 320-492-8646 or email her at [klbthirtyone@gmail.com](mailto:klbthirtyone@gmail.com).

dog play area and improving part of the current TCHS property to make it more enjoyable for pups and people.

Their plan includes having a dog play yard expansion and a picnic area for TCHS employees. And their hard work is already paying off – the girls already got the pea gravel and sand donated for the project, as well as financial donations. They worked hard to lobby family members and friends, Boehmer said.

"We've had so much outpouring of support," she said. They even got "extra" finan-

cial donations to the project, which they'll use to possibly add agility equipment and other improvements.

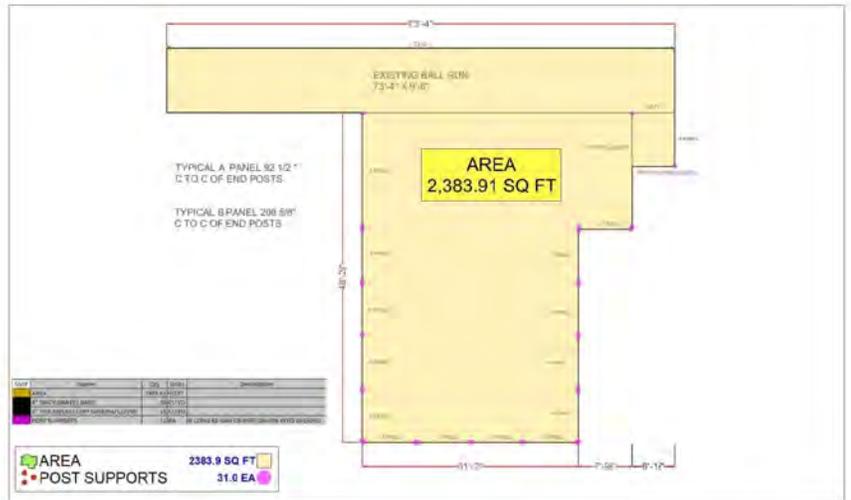
What Troop 636 still needs: Muscle! Boehmer said the bulk of the construction work is likely to take place in early August, although no date has been set yet. She said anyone who would be willing to lend a hand should contact her via phone or email to be on the group's contact list.



To meet the award guidelines, the project must be wrapped by September.

The girls have enjoyed researching and advocating for the project.

"They're having a blast," Boehmer said. They even joined with another Girl Scout troop of younger members recently to move some bricks in the play yard area.



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# Lost and Found 101: How to Keep 'Em Safe



## LOSS PREVENTION

- Make sure your pet is microchipped and that the microchip contact information is up to date. TCHS can microchip for the public; call us at **320-252-0896** to make an appointment.
- Make sure your pet has a collar with ID tags. (For cats, opt for a breakaway collar!) Always keep your dog leashed in public areas.

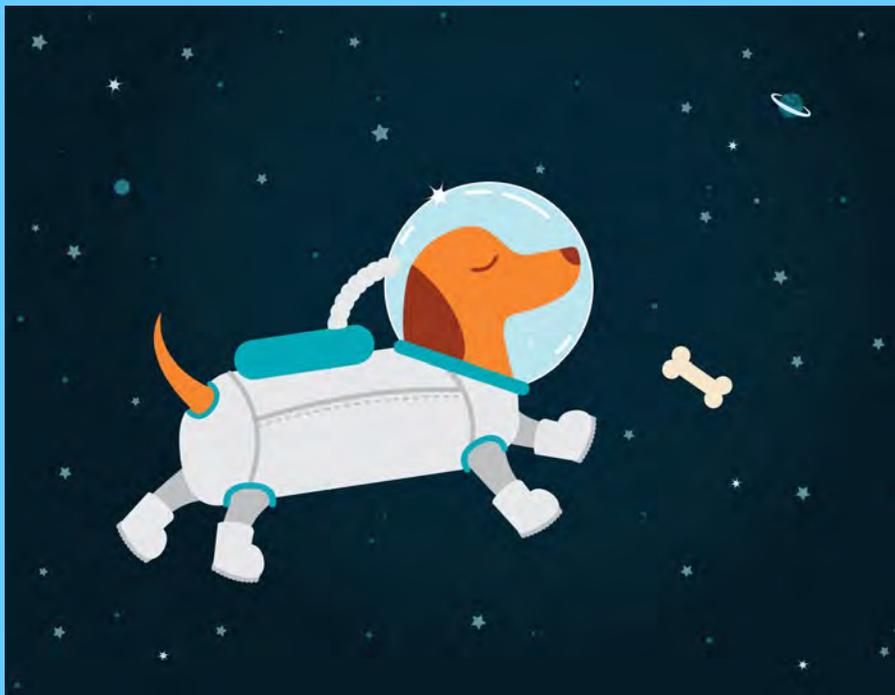
## IF YOU LOSE A PET

- Call TCHS at 320-252-0896 to make a lost report ASAP! Do not assume the animal will just come back on its own. You also will want to call your local animal control department, or non-emergency number at local police/sheriff's department.
- Search the area where your pet went missing. Cats especially tend to hunker down – check under porches, near sheds, etc. Put an item with the animal's scent on it outside (a toy, blanket, etc.)
- If you use social media, post your animal on lost pet sites. But don't forget the "old fashioned" methods such as signs posted around the neighborhood and checking with neighbors/bystanders.

## IF YOU FIND AN ANIMAL:

- Do not assume it does not have an owner! For moral and legal reasons, you should immediately advertise finding this pet on social media or via posters for at least 10 days, or contact a facility like TCHS to report it! (But please check with neighbors first!)

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