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May 2019 Newsletter

ADOPTERS ARE OUR HEROES.

YOU MAY NOT BE WEARING A CAPE OR SHINY RED BOOTS. BUT YOU'VE COME HERE TO HELP US SAVE A LIFE.

TO US, THAT'S COOLER THAN LEAPING TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND.

SOMETIMES, THOUGH, HEROES NEED A LITTLE HELP. AFTER ALL, EVEN BATMAN HAD ROBIN.



Getting to know your new pet will take time and patience, so call us if you have any questions or concerns about your new adopted friend. Whether it's a question about litter boxes or crate training, we've got the advice and resources that can help, right here in our utility belt.

You've been there for them, and now we want to be here for you.



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Message From the Executive Director

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.” -Albert Pike

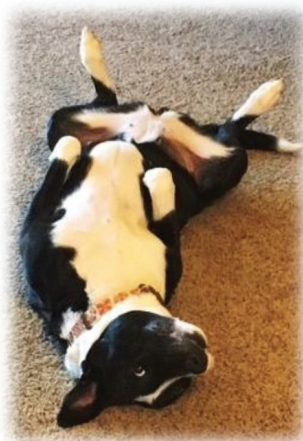
Dear Friends,

What comes to mind when someone says “humane society?” If you thought of “Tri-County Humane Society,” that’s fair. But I feel it has to be more than a shelter or a place of business. A Humane Society is an entity unto itself. It’s the people who carry out our organization’s mission and daily work, it’s the people who direct its affairs, and it is those who support it morally, physically and financially. It’s also your kind neighbors and other organizations doing a variety of humanitarian work. All of this – all of us together, is what makes up a *humane society*.

You are an important member of our humane society AND our organization. You give us more than you know. You give us the moral and financial support to better the lives of so many animals and the people who take them home and love them.

You gave us the ability to help this dog

In January, Lady came in for possible euthanasia due to chronic breathing difficulty, wheezing and coughing. An X-ray showed severe tracheal stenosis (narrowing of the windpipe) and other abnormalities of the trachea.

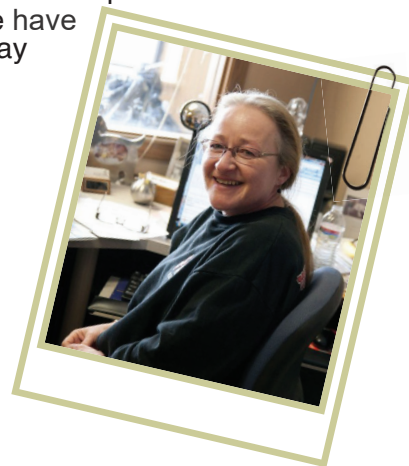


Our vet, Dr. Lottie, started Lady on a cough suppressant, an antibiotic, anti-vomiting medication and a newer human drug to widen the trachea. A follow-up X-ray four weeks later showed significant improvement and at this point she was relatively symptom free. Lady spent time in a foster home and was said to be the perfect dog. Lady may need long-term steroid treatment, but is otherwise enjoying life in her new home.

Not every animal we help can be featured in a newsletter like Lady. But isn’t it grand we have so many to pick from? Your donation today will help keep these outcomes coming tomorrow.

With heartfelt thanks,

Vicki Davis,
Certified Animal Welfare Administrator
TCHS Executive Director



P.S. You help us bring a humane presence to our community.

If you would like to be a major contributor for our new shelter capital campaign, please contact me to arrange a visit and discuss the many ways you can leave a legacy for the animals for years to come.
(320) 252-1325, tchs@cloudnet.com

Our Current Wish List

Current Wish List

- A New Shelter
- Homes for Animals
- Money for Veterinary Expenses
- Feliway for Cats
- Dry Pet Food (especially cat, kitten, and all-life stages)
- Non-clumping Clay Cat Litter
- Rabbit/Guinea Pig Food
- Timothy Hay
- Toys for Animals (Kongs!)
- Gently Used Pet Items

For the Shelter

- Gift Cards to Local Businesses for Pet/Office/ Shelter Supplies
- Laundry Detergent
- Hand Soap
- 6-8 foot Plastic Tables
- Hand Sanitizer
- Q-Tips
- Meat-Flavored Baby Food
- Kitten Meal Replacer
- Puppy Meal Replacer
- Feliway for Cats/Adaptil for Dogs, both Sprays and Diffusers
- Heating Pads
- Rubbing Alcohol
- Distilled Water
- Clorox Wipes



For The Office

- Color/White Copy Paper
- Postage Stamps (Forever and Postcard)
- Canned Air
- Scotch Tape
- Batteries (all sizes)

Volunteers

- Pet Foster Homes
- Animal Transporters
- Birthday Party Hosts/ Hostesses
- Veterinarians, Vet Techs
- Biology/Medical Students & Professionals

Recycled Items for \$\$

- Aluminum Cans
- Used Cellphones
- Used Tablets
- Used MP3 Players
- Used iPads
- Used Ink Cartridges (no large toners please!)

Food Note: We try to make sure that a meat protein source is the first ingredient in the food we feed the shelter pets, and we avoid food with a lot of dye in it. Thank you for considering their digestive health when making a donation.

Other Ways to Support the Animals

Melaleuca customers: Designate Tri-County Humane Society as your charity!

iGive.com: Use the web browser or app to shop 1,800 retailers and a portion of your purchase comes to Tri-County Humane Society. Retailers include Chewy, Wal-Mart, and more!

Amazon: Check out our Amazon wish list for additional suggestions! You can also do all your Amazon shopping through Amazon Smile, smile.amazon.com, and designate TCHS as a recipient. We'll receive .5% of your eligible purchases to help us care for the animals!



Shop at TCHS

The Re-Tail Shoppe is your one-stop shop! We carry a wide variety of treats, toys, and pet supplies as well as items for the pet-loving people in your life. Don't see something you want? Ask our customer service team about placing a special order.

A few items we carry:

- Taste of the Wild food
- Solid Gold food
- Kong toys
- Made in the USA treats/ bones
- Yeowww! Catnip toys
- Cat Attract litter
- TCHS apparel

All of the proceeds from the Re-Tail Shoppe go back to the animals. If you want your impact to go even further, please add a monetary donation to your order or "round up" the order to the nearest dollar so the animals can get even more change.

Featured Products

Sticky Paws

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Sticky Paws are transparent adhesive strips that easily apply directly to furniture, carpets, fabrics, stereo speakers, rugs, drapes, counter tops and anywhere else cats should not be. These strips effectively stop cats from scratching furniture and

other household items. Sticky Paws strips are water-soluble so they won't harm cats or most furniture and won't leave a sticky residue when removed.

Scratch Not!

Products to help prevent/deter inappropriate cat scratching:

- Nature's Miracle Pet Block Cat Repellent Spray
- Sticky Paws
- Scratch Post & Kong Catnip Spray
- Feliway
- Cat Nail Trimmer

Bigger isn't Always Better *By Rose Hegerle, CVT*

Did you know that more pets are overweight than not? Multiple sources cite over 50% of American pets are overweight or obese, some as high as 58% of cats. While we may enjoy laughing at “chonky” pet memes online, there are unfortunately many health risks associated with overweight and obese pets. Overweight and obese pets are at higher risk for joint disease, metabolic diseases such as diabetes, urinary issues, and much more. Fortunately, there are ways to prevent and reduce problems associated with unhealthy weight gain.

First, it is important to recognize the markers of an ideal weight versus unhealthy weight. Pets at a healthy weight maintain good muscle form, have ribs that are easily felt but not visible, may have a subtle “hour-glass” shape when viewed from above, and have a subtle tuck at the abdomen when viewed from the side. Pets who lose their “hour-glass” shape or are wider at their abdomen than their chest, and whose ribs are covered in a thicker layer of body are crossing into unhealthy weight categories. A formal body condition assessment with your veterinarian is always recommended. Additionally, pet owners should learn to spot these subtle changes in body shape to address pet weight concerns sooner rather than later.

Maintaining a healthy weight is almost always easier than losing weight. Daily portion control, paying attention to calorie content of food, is vital. Many pets do great with a twice daily feeding schedule. If your pet is used to grazing their food throughout the day, only a certain volume should be daily. All pet foods should

have daily feeding guidelines based on a pet’s size on the packaging as a guide. Although dry food is convenient, it is usually more calorie dense when compared to similar volumes of wet food preparations. Furthermore, wet food has many benefits including increased water intake, especially important in cats. A combination of wet and dry formulas may be beneficial.

Regular exercise is another important factor in maintaining a healthy weight in pets. Dogs should get plenty of exercise running, walking, and playing. Cat exercise can be more difficult, but there are creative ways to get them moving. Hiding toys, catnip, and low-calorie treats on cat towers or vertical perching spots is one option. Laser pointers and other interactive toys can also help get cats more exercise. Many food puzzles are available to encourage play and activity during meals.

Weight loss can be a tough process, but there are many supports available. Discuss a healthy weight program with your veterinarian and/or ask TCHS staff for more information. We can work together to keep pets healthy!



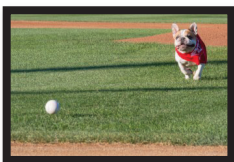
Upcoming Events



Brat Sale Fundraiser
Saturday, June 22, 10am-6pm
Coborn's
110 First St S, Sauk Rapids
Buy a hot dog or brat and a soda for \$2
Tri-County Humane Society gets a part of the proceeds.



TCHS Companion Walk: Bark to the Future
Saturday, September 7, 10am
Wilson Park, 625 Riverside Dr NE, St Cloud
Our Annual 1k/5k Companion Walk fundraiser for the animals. See the ad on the back cover or visit our website for details.



Bark in the Park with the Rox
Tuesday, June 18, 7:05pm
Joe Faber Field, 5001 Veterans Dr.
St Cloud
Bring your dog to cheer the Rox as they take on the Willmar Stingers. Granite City Pet Hospital is giving retractable leashes to the first 200 dogs.



Summertime! By George
Wednesdays, June 12-August 28
Lake George, 1101 7 St S, St Cloud
We will be attending several of these free community concerts (sorry, not every week); stay tuned to our Facebook page and stop by our booth to say hi.

A Purr and a Wag of the Tail to...

- The Janel Morgan Team at ReMax for donating a portion of home sale proceeds this year to help care for the animals.
- Artist Dan Mondloch for hosting the Paint My Pet project where a portion of sales from commissioned paintings helps provide for the animals at TCHS.
- Paws-up to Central MN Orthodontics and Girl Scouts who made a social win for the pets at TCHS! \$1 was donated to Tri-County Humane Society for every post shared during their Orthodontics and Cookies promotion.
- All of the businesses, volunteers, and community members who round up and support the TCHS bank route program. There are more than 100 banks in Central Minnesota with change being collected by 10 dedicated volunteers each month. In 2018, this program generated nearly \$14,000.
- St. Cloud State University for working with Tri-County Humane Society to provide a finals de-stress kitten cuddle period for the students.
- Audio Video Extremes for inviting Tri-County Humane Society kittens to a Waite Park Chamber meeting.
- All the volunteers who participated in Leighton Broadcasting's First Steps Baby Expo in late March at River's Edge Convention Center, and to Leighton Broadcasting for providing TCHS with the opportunity to talk about kids and animals peacefully co-existing.
- Sartell High School for its continued partnership with TCHS to provide student volunteers.
- All the kids who celebrate their birthday parties at Tri-County Humane Society.
- All the people who participate in tours at Tri-County Humane Society.
- Spartan Nash for donating cat litter and pet food.
- Volunteer Joe Mohs for putting in a shelf in the small animal room.
- Julie (Kustermann) Weitz of Julie's Kanine K-12 for her continued free Doggie 101 series at Tri-County Humane Society.
- Althos Academy for inviting Tri-County Humane Society to participate in its animal fun day.
- Neubert Lawn Care for making our yard a wonderful place to welcome visitors and walk dogs all summer long.



Central MN Orthodontics presents a check.



Kids at Athlos Academy enjoy meeting a TCHS kitten!



Dan Mondloch delivers donation to Executive Director Vicki Davis.

Happy Birthday (and thanks)

To those who share their birthday with the animals by hosting a Facebook fundraiser:



**Skip Adelman
Lazaro Barcelo
Megan Gohman
Martimus Lee
Jonathan Miller
Bill Nelson
Chelsea Olson
Becky Stawarski**



Looking for a meaningful gift?

Celebrate special occasions with Tri-County Humane Society and we'll mail a personalized card to the person of your choice acknowledging your thoughtful gift. Please allow 3-5 business days for processing and delivery.

Visit www.tricountyhumanesociety.org, select *Donate* and then *Memorials and Honorariums* or stop in TCHS!

Thank you, Donors!

With thanks to the many generous folks who made a donation February 28-April 30 of this year and given us permission to publish their names.

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Loved them all**
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All my pound puppies
Letti Delk

**All the special pets in my
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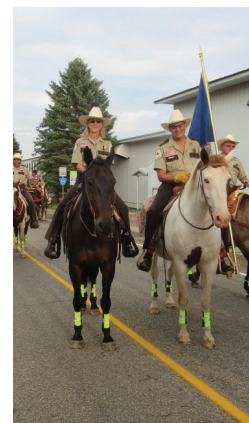
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Tiger
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Jim & Karen Howard

Toby
Lin Funk

Toby, Winston, Brock & Natti
Dan Rathbun



*Oliver, a Thoroughbred horse certified with the Stearns County Sheriff's Mounted Reserve, passed away in March. Oliver had served in the SCSMR unit for five years. Previously, he had been a lead horse in the Minneapolis Police Department's mounted patrol unit. Oliver was once named the Minneapolis departments "Officer of the month," after he and his rider chased down a shooting suspect. Oliver will be remembered for his nobility, intelligence, and willingness to serve. He was owned by Alan Dresow and Sherry Olson.



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All our Rescues
Dick & Perian Stavrum

All Precious Creatures
Emily Bezdicek

All the pets I have loved
and lost
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Bill to Establish Companion Animal Board

A Collaborative Effort to Improve the Health and Welfare of Companion Animals in Minnesota

Animal Folks is working closely with Minnesota legislators to establish a Companion Animal Board (CAB), which will provide expertise in and oversight of companion animal issues in Minnesota. These efforts are done in collaboration with the Animal Humane Society and other supporters.

The CAB bill (HF 2024 / SF 1860) was introduced in February during the 2019-2020 legislative session. Chief authors are Senator Carrie Ruud and Representative John Lesch.

The purpose of the CAB is to “allow the State of Minnesota to more effectively plan for and respond to the health and welfare needs of companion animals and to the efforts of local communities, citizens, and organizations that care for these animals.”

Society has changed

The need: Society has changed. Companion animals play an important role in the lives of many Minnesotans, and yet there is no state agency skilled of trained to address the welfare of these animals and those who care for them. Minnesota's state government is currently structured to meet the needs of livestock for food and fiber production (Department of Agriculture), dangerous diseases with animals (Board of Animal Health), and wildlife management (Department of Natural Resources).

Now, more people not only keep companion animals as pets, but:

- 81% view their pets as family members, according to a 2011 survey by Psychology Today.
- People are spending more on food, grooming, and toys. They also include their pets more in day-to-day activities and seek pet-friendly housing and travel accommodations. This caused the U.S. pet industry to increase from \$17 billion in 1996, to approximately \$72.31 billion in 2018.
- Numerous studies have also documented the health benefits that animals provide to humans, including assistance with handling depression, autism, PTSD, physical disabilities, and other factors.

Responsibilities and duties

The Board would consist of 9 members, appointed by the Governor, with expertise and skills in companion animal health, needs, and issues. The board would have three primary duties:

1. Enforcement: Licensing and Regulation
2. Education and Communication
3. Services and Resources

For more information:

<http://www.animalfolksmn.org/>

Otis

By Cheryl Ley, TCHS Board President

How will we know when you're ready to go?
The doctor said we would know.
We know it is closer today than it was yesterday.

Will we know by the look in your eyes?
Will the twinkle be gone?
Will your pain show through?
Or will we tell by the way you walk
Will you lose the bounce in your step?
Will the smile on your face disappear?

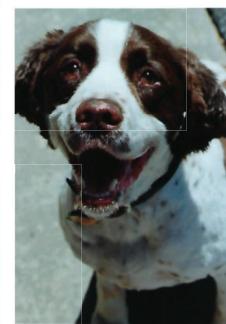
We know your hearing is going
And we know your eyesight is fading
But because you don't hear us when we call
And you don't see the bunny in the yard
Does that mean you are ready to go?

Will we know when you stop running after bicycles
When you stop chasing squirrels
When you stop barking at the neighbor dog
When you stop pulling up plants
If that is when we will know,
you are not ready to go.

You're an old dog now, and you don't move as fast
But you're still a puppy in our eyes
And for a part of every day
You still feel young.

But when the day comes and we must let you go
We will do it with hearts filled with joy
From the love you have brought us
For this is the final, best gift we can give
Better than pig ears, better than biscuits.
It is the only way we can repay you
For what you have given to us.

You made us a family.





Let's toast Wine, Kibbles and Bids' \$79,000 fundraising haul for the animals at Tri-County Humane Society!

Tri-County Humane Society is proud to announce that it raised \$79,000 in profit at its Wine, Kibbles and Bids celebration! The money will go toward our efforts to spay/neuter every animal before adoption, as well as general shelter operations.

The event was April 12 at the Gorecki Center on the College of St. Benedict campus. It featured a silent auction of 160 items, wine and beer tasting courtesy of Coborn's Liquor, music by Monday Night Jazz, and, of course, animals! Among the special animal guests were Husky puppies with cerebellar hypoplasia (a "wobbly" condition); the pups quickly charmed the audience of more than 200 people.

The emcee for the evening was TCHS Philanthropy Director Tauna Quimby, who regaled the audience with sweet and funny TCHS stories – including a stray chicken who was reclaimed!

TCHS Board Member Bill Nelson deserves a lot of credit for our fundraising success that evening. Through his "Bill's Jars" project – where he collects spare change for TCHS – as well as events such as the Spay-ghetti and (No) Meatballs dinner, Nelson contributed about \$40,000 to Wine, Kibbles and Bids' total.

"Wine, Kibbles and Bids is one of my favorite nights with my favorite people, and it's so gratifying to see it again be a success," TCHS Executive Director Vicki Davis said.

Next year's Wine, Kibbles, and Bids will be Friday, April 17, 2020, at the Gorecki Center.

Thank you to our Wine, Kibbles & Bids Sponsors!

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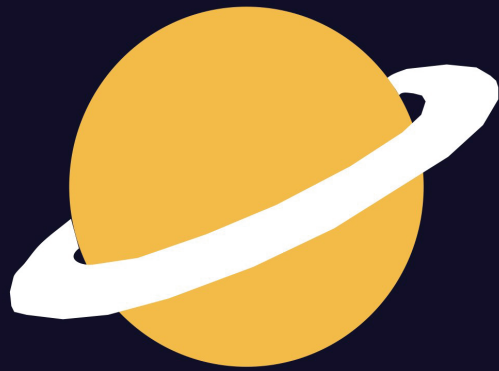
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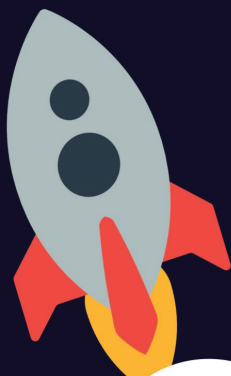
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Thank You, Volunteers

By Kate Kompas

TCHS volunteers are a vital part of our team – and boy, were they busy in 2018. They were so busy, in fact, that they logged more than 18,000 hours last year, which we believe is a record. Here are some highlights:

- Cleaning and organizing – up 160 hours.
- Dog walking – up a whopping 400 hours, for more than 1,000 hours by itself! Those dogs are getting walked!
- Marketing – up 230 hours.
- Office assisting – up 300 hours!
- Shelter animal care – up 600 hours!
- Surgery assisting – up 200 hours.
- Surgery performing – up 100 hours.

Everything we have achieved and continue to strive for would not be possible without the help of all of these hardworking, dedicated volunteers.

TCHS thanks everyone who volunteered in 2018, whether it was for an hour or for hundreds of hours. The animals are lucky to have you in their corner.

Thank You, Surgery Volunteers

By Bonnie Alexander

We would also like to take this opportunity to extend a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated volunteers who come to the shelter to help with surgery.

None of what we have accomplished so far would have been possible without the help of all of our fabulous volunteer veterinarians. Thank list includes: Dr. Ashley Barrott, Dr. Traci Diggs, Dr. Carol Evans, Charlie Johnson, Dr. Calvin and Gina Kobluk, Dr. Erica Dolven-Kolle, Dr. Charlie Johnson, Dr. Amanda Poepeke, Dr. Thomas Rohman, Dr. Allie Stevens, Dr. Ellen Smith, and Dr. Laura Wilant-Willenbring.



In addition we would like to thank the following vet clinics: Advanced Care Pet Hospital, Boysen Animal Hospital, Pinecone Pet Hospital, and St. Joseph Veterinary Hospital. We would also like to thank the wonderful volunteers who help out in the surgery building. A big thank you goes out to Susan Atamian, Carol Berg, Deb Cochran, McKenzie Dammann, Aleesha Jenson, Linda Malvin, Chris McIlvain, Rachel Meyers, Sherry Olson, Sherry Roth, Kristi Sinn, Cheryl Bounds-Spellacy, and Mary Peterbaugh for donating their time.

Who Rescued Who?

My wife and I adopted Hera in November 2018. My wife, Tammee, is in her internship to become a psychologist, and is planning on doing her dissertation on pet-assisted therapy, so we were actively looking for a dog that she could have trained and assist her in her academic and professional journey, that's where Hera comes into the picture.

We both fell in love with her, pretty much at first sight, super-sweet, young, high energy but very much a pleaser, and we adopted her as soon as we possibly could.

When we brought her home, she was definitely underweight, had a bad belly (which took forever to get under control), took to house-breaking quickly and integrated with our family and other pets (one dog and one cat) pretty quickly. I feel that there is some history of abuse as she is very fearful of change, men, and her collar, but again, she is a pleaser and seems to work through it well.

As of today, Mazie (formerly known as Hera) has packed on the weight to make her look more healthy, her belly has adjusted to her diet and she is fully a part of the family. She is also headed off to her first phase of training on the 24th, which will last for two weeks, once completed we will then be able to determine if she will be a good candidate for a therapy dog.

Attached are pictures of our collective fur-children. Once we have Mazie fully trained and (hopefully) confirmation of her becoming a certified therapy dog, we will keep you in the loop.

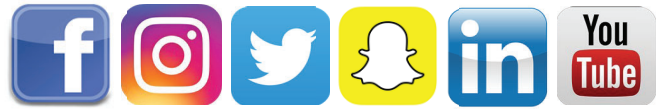
-Tammee & Dave



We receive wonderful stories of TCHS alumni on a regular basis, and we want to offer our sincere thanks to all who take the time to share them with us. Over 3,000 pets enter our doors every year. Some stay for just a few days while others stay for months before finding the perfect match, but they all manage to wiggle their way into our hearts. We are invested in each and every pet we care for, and we want the best for them.

You can imagine the joy it brings us to receive pictures and updates from adopters like this one! It seems only right to share them with you, our friends and supporters who make our work possible. THIS is why we do what we do. Why you give, volunteer, adopt, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

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