29th Annual Woofstock 5k Companion Walk for Tri-County Humane Society

Local pets are counting on you - walk with us on Sept. 9th!

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Exhibitors Wanted! With over 600 people in attendance, Woofstock is a wonderful opportunity to promote your business, especially if your product or service is pet related! Exhibitor Deadline: August 27th, 2017.

Donations Wanted! Contact us if you can help contribute event food, silent auction items or prizes.
Message From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

It's time to rally for the animals Woofstock-style!

Our 29th Annual Woofstock Companion Walk is around the corner, and I'm looking for people who believe in our cause and want to help local animals by fundraising and walking with us at Wilson Park on September 9th!

This is an incredibly important fundraiser for the animals in our care. Funds raised go directly into our operating budget to help us spay and neuter all pets prior to adoption, cover vaccinations, microchips and other veterinary expenses, pay our utility bills, purchase pet supplies and general shelter supplies, etc… As we raise the bar each year and find ways to help more and more animals, our expenses also increase, putting more pressure on our fundraising efforts.

Woofstock is one of our biggest fundraisers, and while the number of people and pets has doubled in the past few years, we are still consistently raising around $50,000. Now don’t get me wrong—$50,000 is a lot of money! But I believe we can do better. The truth is, we need to do better if we are to continue doing more for the animals. There’s no shortage of ideas on how to improve Tri-County Humane Society (TCHS)—YOUR animal shelter—but they all come with a price tag. And as our building ages, some of the ideas that have been on our wish list for years are no longer optional.

Our Woofstock goal this year is to raise $60,000. To do that, we need your help. We are asking everyone who supports our work to go out of your comfort zone a little bit. Dig a little deeper in your own pocket this month, and then hit the pavement (or your keyboard, if you prefer) and get your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family to support TCHS with a donation or by walking and raising funds with you. Most importantly, don’t forget to tell them why you support TCHS. We’ll even make it easy for you and give you some talking points (see “Purpose of Woofstock” on page 7). There are so many great things happening for animals at TCHS!

You’ll find a registration form on the last page to help collect donations for us. You’ll also find an envelope inviting you to make a donation in memory of a loved one to be included in our flag of friends, made up of ribbons with the names of those no longer with us but forever in our hearts. We hope you will send your memory and the spirit of someone dear to you on the walk with us. They couldn’t be in better company!

Please mark your calendar and join us in celebrating the bond between humans and animals on September 9th. Paws to the pavement, everyone! Walk with us and be a hero for animals in need!

For the animals,

Vicki Davis, CAWA (Certified Animal Welfare Administrator)

P.S. I would prefer to have you walking with us, but if you are unable to join us I have room for your gift on my donation form! I don’t qualify for prizes, but I am still pretty competitive and challenge myself each year to raise more than the previous year. Give and let live! Here’s my fundraising page link: www.givemn.org/fundraiser/give-and-let-live579fba687d39a
Come and visit the newly re-modeled, re-named “Re-Tail Shop” - your one-stop-shop for pet supplies! On Friday, August 18th, we invite you to shop our store. This is one shop where the more you spend, the better you feel, as all proceeds benefit local animals in need. Talk about re-“tail” therapy! To make things even sweeter, during our open house every $15 you spend will earn you a chance to win a basket FULL of dog and cat toys, treats and supplies.

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 your favorite product? Ask us about special orders. Some of the items we carry include:

- Taste of the Wild, Solid Gold, Canidae & Diamond
- Frontline
- Kong products
- Pet Odor Exterminator Candles and room sprays
- Made in the USA Treats
- Tasman’s Natural Bison Rawhides
- Yeowww!!! Catnip toys
- Cat Attract 100% Guarantee litter
- Pet-Opoly games
- TCHS T-Shirts

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

We look forward to serving you at your one and only Re-Tail Shop on Friday, August 18, from 12-8 p.m.!

Our Current Wish List:  

**For The Animals**
- Homes!
- A new shelter!
- $$$ for vet expenses
- Clay, non-clumping cat litter
- Dry kitten food**
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- Kitten milk replacer
- Weiss Walkies

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**Recycled Items for $$**
- Aluminum cans
- Used cell phones
- Used ink cartridges
- Small electronics

**Misc.**
- Milk Moola

**For The Shelter**
- Gift Cards to local businesses for pet supplies, office supplies, shelter maintenance supplies, etc...
- New iPad (call us for details)
- Laundry detergent
- Dish/hand soap
- Hot/cold water hoses
- Clear Rubbermaid storage containers
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- 2XL—4XL scrub tops

**For The Office**
- Postage stamps
- White/color copy paper
- Laminator & laminating sheets
- Pink & blue highlighters
- Clorox cleaning wipes
- Batteries (9-Volt, AAA, AA)
- Tape (all types)

**Volunteer Needs**
- Pet foster homes
- Offsite animal care - givers at Petco’s Cat Adoption Center
- Behind-the-scenes cat enrichment helpers
- Animal transporters
- Surgery assistants (18+ years)
- Birthday party hosts/hostesses
- Shelter tour guides

**Homes for Barn Cats**
On occasion, we receive cats that would not make good indoor pets. These cats still have claws, are spayed or neutered, and are given a rabies vaccination.

Call us at (320) 252-0896 to see if we have any available or to be put on a waiting list if you are interested in an outdoor shop / barn cat.

*Name your own adoption price.*

Our Current Wish List:  
TCHS Amazon Wish List: http://amzn.com/w/21QR28QARKN1R
On June 29, more than 100 volunteers joined us at the beautiful Unity Spiritual Center in Sartell for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. The theme this year was “You Help Us Grow,” because without the volunteers, Tri-County Humane Society wouldn’t be able to be the life-saving, life-changing organization that it is today. Even though the turnout was excellent, that’s still just a fraction of the almost 1,000 people who helped us in 2016. TCHS cannot thank them enough for everything they do for us – and more importantly, for the animals.

**Volunteer Appreciation Party**

- Volunteer of the Year - Deb Roberts
- Junior Volunteer of the Year - Leilani Anderson
- Above and Beyond Volunteer of the Year - Cynthia Ryg
- Gift Wrapper of the Year - Lydia Jensen
- Junior Gift Wrapper of the Year - Natalie Betts
- Humane Educator of the Year - Gina Fox
- Tour Guide of the Year - Justine Samaniego
- Community Visitor of the Year - Steve Sidla
- Junior Community Visitor of the year - Taylor Sidla
- Offsite Adoption Volunteer of the Year - Vickie Waytashek
- Junior Offsite Adoption Volunteer of the Year - Kyle Waytashek
- Veterinarian of the Year - Dr. Charlie Johnson
- Surgery Assistant of the Year - Deb Cochran
- Mentor Volunteer of the Year - Erin Bloch
- Junior Mentor Volunteer of the Year - Taylor Soltis
- Isolation Cat Caregiver of the Year - Maureen Koepp
- Isolation Dog Caregiver of the Year - Teresa Zuehl
- Junior Isolation Cat Caregiver of the Year - Gwen Johnson
- Dog Walker of the Year - Pat Culloton
- Animal Transporter of the Year - Cynthia Ryg
- Videographer of the Year - Nick Rasmussen
- Photographer of the Year - Kayleen Ellis
- Junior Photographer of the Year - Kendal Ganz
- Animal Caregivers of the Year - Cindy McGaughey and Tracey MacDonald
- Junior Animal Caregiver of the Year - Leilani Anderson
- Office Assistant of the Year - Peggy Dinndorf
- Rookies of the Year – Carol Berg and Pam Gacke
- Special Event Volunteer of the Year- Brooke Strassburg
- Mailing Volunteer of the Year- Carol Jones
- Handypersons of the Year- Mike Goss and Pat Culloton
- Most Adult Volunteer Hours
  - 1st place- Nick Rasmussen
  - 2nd place- Sarah Solinger
  - 3rd place- Sherry Roth
- Most Junior Volunteer Hours
  - 1st place- Leilani Anderson
  - 2nd place- Izzy Gibbs
  - 3rd place- George Bakko
- Most heartwarming and heartbreaking foster experience -Gary and Shari Snyder, in loving memory of Remington
- Fastest Foster Fail (30 minutes!) - Suzie Daley
- Top 5 Foster Homes in hours and number of animals-
  1. Nystrom Family
  2. Traci Pollreis and Kelli Gauthier
  3. Crystal Markfort and Family
  4. Nancy Sturtevant
  5. Lori Carr

**Special thanks to:** Unity Spiritual Center, Brady and Pizza Depot, Sears for generous donations to our raffle table, Subway, Erbert and Gerbert’s, Marcus Parkwood Cinema, Sauk Rapids Family Video, Chipotle, Sliced, Buffalo Wild Wings, Clearwater Elevator, Sartell Perkins, Mongo’s, Southway Bowl, Sam’s Club, ePromos, Subway, Coborn’s, Sherry Olson, Brooke Strassburg, Sherry Roth, Shari Snyder and all the TCHS staff who made the evening possible!

Want to join our team? We are always looking for more dedicated volunteers and foster care homes. Contact us at (320) 252-0896!
All who donate items from our wish list, including cash, pet food, cat litter, toys, treats, pet bedding, office supplies, bleach, laundry detergent, hand soap, etc...

All who celebrated their birthdays at TCHS, including Ella Mrozek (10), Lucas Schuft (8), Alexa Scheel (9), Lucy Koehn (8). Happy birthday!

All who drop their loose change into TCHS donation banks at local businesses, and the local businesses that allow our banks on their counters.

Karen & Jim Howard, for purchasing a total of 120 coin banks for us to place at local businesses, and a special thank you to Karen for organizing our bank routes and personally adding over 30 new locations in the last year.

Audio Video Extremes, for donating a TV for our lobby to advertise events, adoption promotions, current needs, and featured pets.

Patrice Sullivan, for donating bandanas for our dogs.

Madelyn, Sophie & Elizabeth, for raising $80.40 for TCHS with their lemonade/bake sale.

Ella, Molly & Autumn Simmons, for donating treats, toys and pet food for their birthday.

Paul with ESI Electrical, for installing an outlet for the TV in our lobby.

Liturgical Press employees, for donating handmade braided rope toys for the animals.

The Animal Rescue Kids, for collecting $102.67 for the animals.

St. Cloud HRA employees, for their donation drive that raised $300 for the animals.

David Light and Laura (Poganski) Light Legacy Fund of the Central Minnesota Community Foundation, for their donation.

Erin Bloch, Orion Koutoupas, Jackie Schwartz-Anderson and Jocelyn Schwartz, for bringing kittens to kitten yoga at Revolver Studios.

Justine Samaniego and Nick Rasmussen, for representing TCHS at Summertime by George.

Vickie & Kyle Waytashek, for volunteering at Sears’ Friends and Family event.

Kali Guernsey, for becoming a mentor volunteer.

SCSU’s Marketing 320 Class, for raising $722 through their bake sale term project.

BL Worldwide and their employees, for doing a pet supply donation drive.

Lunds and Byerlys, for hosting a brat sale and donating the proceeds of $345.

Third Street Brewhouse, for donating $2,355 from the Tap Takeover benefit for TCHS they hosted on July 7th, Sliced for donating $365 of the proceeds from pizza sold, Janelle Kendall and Dan Witte - the amazing Janelle and Dan of Walter’s Wheelhouse - for providing music, our amazing volunteers who served beer and bussed tables, and to all of YOU who attended the event!

Ashley and Allison Crane, for raising $279.16 from their bake/garage sale. This is the 4th year they have done this for the animals!

St. Cloud Rox, for hosting Bark in the Park, Granite City Pet Hospital, for sponsoring this fun event, Nerissa Nguyen & Molly Caron, for volunteering at Bark in the Park, and all of our fans who brought pets to the game, raising $435 for pets at TCHS!

Shayne Schreifels (pictured left with sister Grayce), for requesting donations for the animals on her birthday.

Purrs to...

The names of donors in this newsletter represent only a fraction of the friends who have assisted us in our mission. Talents and contributions may vary, but we all share a common bond in wanting to help animals. This sincere “Thank You” is to those not mentioned. Your support and donations are immensely appreciated, and the fact that you care so much for animals is heartwarming.

~Vicki Davis, CAWA, Executive Director

"Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other.”  ~Randy Pausch
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Join us on August 23rd from 5-7 p.m. at Beaver Island Brewing Co. for a fundraiser benefiting TCHS! Special thanks to St. Cloud Eye Clinic for setting up this fundraiser and volunteering to take over the taps to serve you, and to TOPPERS Pizza, for serving pizza and donating a portion of the proceeds. All tips at this event will be donated to TCHS.
29th Annual
Woofstock
5k Companion Walk
for Tri-County Humane Society

September 9th, 2017 * 9-1pm * Wilson Park * St. Cloud, MN

About Woofstock:
Woofstock Companion Walk is one of Tri-County Humane Society’s most important fundraisers of the year. Held along the beautiful Mississippi River in St. Cloud from 9-1 p.m. on September 9th, the 5k walk for animals is led by the Benton County Mounted Patrol at 10 a.m. From 9-1 p.m., participants can enjoy breakfast and lunch, freebies from exhibitors, games for pets and people, a silent auction, demos, music, a costume contest (with separate cash prizes for best dressed person and best dressed pet), a hotdog eating contest, and much more! The walk typically brings in around 600 people and 300 pets and is an absolute must for all who love animals!

Purpose of Woofstock:
Our goal is to raise $60,000 for local pets in need at the Tri-County Humane Society. Each year, the Society provides services for over 3,000 animals. Each pet is evaluated, examined, given appropriate vaccinations and dewormings, spayed/neutered, treated for ailments and injuries as needed, and given lots of TLC. There is no time limit for pets in our care, and provided they pass our health and behavior screening, they will remain in our care as long as necessary to find the perfect match. On average, pets are adopted in less than ten days, and in 2016, we placed 96% of the pets that entered our doors in homes—amazing for an open-admission animal shelter! This fundraising event is vital for us to continue providing these important services to pets in need. It is also a really good opportunity for pet-lovers to unite and celebrate the human-animal bond!

How You Can Help:
Find people to sponsor you by making a donation to Tri-County Humane Society. Collect donations in person or by creating your own online fundraising page at: https://www.givemn.org/organization/Tri-County-Humane-Society-1. Then register your donations from 9-10 a.m. at the event to qualify for fantastic prizes. You must register at the event between 9-10 a.m. to qualify for the top fundraiser prize packages. *There is no online or pre-registration for this event, although if you are unable to join us on September 9th you may certainly turn in your donations at your earliest convenience to qualify for a Woofstock T-Shirt, decal or tote bag.

*Join our Woofstock Facebook event and invite your friends! www.facebook.com/tricountyhumanesociety

Gifts & Prizes:
We know that you are fundraising because you care and truly want to make a difference in the lives of animals. The gifts and prizes for your fundraising efforts are simply our way of saying THANK YOU! Prize packages are gifted to the top 20 individual fundraisers and top fundraising team, and include gift certificates and gift cards donated by local businesses. For a content list from last year’s prize packages, visit http://tricountyhumanesociety.org/events/companion-walk. They are worth the effort!

Gifts for ALL Qualifying Fundraisers:
- Raise $50: Receive a Woofstock T-Shirt
- Raise $100: Receive a Woofstock T-Shirt + Decal
- Raise $200: Receive a Woofstock T-Shirt + Decal + Tote Bag
- Raise $300: Above + Entry in Grand Prize Drawing — framed 16x20 portrait of your pet from Country Gallery Photography ($450 value)

In addition, for every $50 raised receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win a Cat / Dog / Family Fun Basket! (TCHS employees do not qualify to win top fundraiser prize packages or raffle prizes.)

QUESTIONS?
Event Contact: Marit Ortega, Director of Philanthropy, (320) 252-0896 ext. 28, give@tricountyhumanesociety.org
More Information At: www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/events/companion-walk

SAVE THE DATE: Our Santa Paws Holiday Pet Portrait Fundraiser will take place November 17, 18 and 19, 2017.
## Ways Your Gifts Help Local Pets

- $100...is enough to care for a pet for 10 days.
- $75...is enough to treat a respiratory infection.
- $50...is enough to spay/neuter a shelter pet.
- $25...is enough to microchip a shelter pet.
- $10...is enough to vaccinate a shelter pet.

### PARTICIPANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
I hereby pledge to participate in the Tri-County Humane Society (TCHS) 29th Annual Woofstock Companion Walk on Saturday, September 9, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. 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: ____________________________

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Grand Total $:
Registration #: Registered By:

Participant Name(s): ____________________________
Pet Name(s): ____________________________
Team Name: ____________________________
Email: ____________________________
Address: __________________ City: _____________
State: ____ Zip: _______ Phone: __________________

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

**Print and attach copy of online donations raised using www.GiveMN.org.**

**Online Total:**

**Grand Total:**

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September 9, 2017 * 9-1pm * Wilson Park, St. Cloud
When it's just 72 degrees outside, the temperature inside a car can quickly soar to 116 degrees, even with the windows open and even in the shade. Every year in communities across the country, untold numbers of pets suffer brain damage, heat stroke and even death while their owners run “a quick errand.”

**IF YOU SEE A PET IN A HOT CAR:**
- Write down the car's make, model and license plate number.
- Ask nearby businesses to make an announcement to find the car’s owner.
- If the owner can’t be found, call your local police or animal control and wait by the car for them to arrive.

**WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?**
- Ask local store managers, shopping malls, restaurants and other businesses to post signs asking customers not to leave their pets in cars while shopping or dining. (You can download a flier at humansociety.org/hotcar.)

MN State Law 346.57 DOGS AND CATS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

**Subdivision 1. Unattended dogs or cats.** A person may not leave a dog or a cat unattended in a standing or parked motor vehicle in a manner that endangers the dog’s or cat’s health or safety.

**Subdivision 2. Removal of dogs or cats.** A peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, a humane agent, a dog warden, or volunteer of professional member of a fire or rescue department of a political subdivision may use reasonable force to enter a motor vehicle and remove a dog or cat which has been left in the vehicle in violation of subdivision 1. A person removing a dog or cat under this subdivision shall use reasonable means to contact the owner of the dog or cat to arrange for its return home. If the person is unable to contact the owner, the person may take the dog or cat to an animal shelter.
The donors listed in the pages of this newsletter have given since our last newsletter publication in July 2017, and have gra

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**In Memory of People...**

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**In Memory of Pets...**

**All the Special Pets in My Life...**

**PAM LOEHR**

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Sir Sles Lester (AKA Buddy) was a registered Morgan gelding, certified with the Stearns County Sheriff’s Mounted Reserve (SCSMR). After having served for eight years with the SCSMR, Buddy passed in May. Buddy was smart, curious, trustworthy, willing, and beautiful. Buddy and his owner John Greer, were a dedicated team and their partnership will be deeply missed. **SCSMR**
Who Rescued Who?

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. This is just one of those stories.

At any given time, Tri-County Humane Society has approximately 75-100 animals waiting to be adopted.

Our knowledgeable staff and volunteers assist our visitors in finding the perfect match for their household.

We offer potential adopters all of the information that we have on the animals available for adoption, including information as available from previous owners, information from temperament and behavior assessments performed by our staff, and medical history on each animal.

We want adopters to be fully aware of all of the animal’s needs before making a commitment.

Shadow: Adopted January 28, 2017

“I have had diabetes for 13 years as of this past July. I’ve always had issues with my blood sugars, and sometimes it’s hard for me to tell if my blood sugar is high or low. So, I went into Tri-County one day because I visit all the time, and fell in love with this dog I saw named Shadow. The worker immediately told me that I couldn’t touch her as she had just been surrendered within the past hour, but I could tell by the way she looked at me I had to bring her home. As I read about her, it stated that she needed a ‘job’ to do. I immediately wanted her to be my service dog.

I adopted this sweet girl in January. I was told that she escaped from everything, but she hasn’t been anything less than perfect. Shadow love, love, loves to play with tennis balls and she is packed with energy. She is also a great cuddler.

After she adjusted to being at my apartment and the other kitties I have (she now loves to play with her kitty sister Nikita, also adopted from Tri-County), I started to introduce her to my diabetes. When my blood sugar went high, I made sure she was next to me. There is a very distinct smell that dogs can pick up when someone’s blood sugar goes high or low, so I made sure she was near me. I then treated myself, of course, but over the months of training it was more of having her right next to me when my blood sugar was high or low so she could pick up the smell.

One night after I had had some drinks, my blood sugar went pretty high. Shadow, who had been with me for about two months at this point, woke me up out of my sleep.

Now Shadow will wake me up - if not every time - most of the time when my glucose is irregular. She will wake me up by nudging my face or pawing at my face. Sometimes, she will whine or lick me. Also, even when I’m awake or when I’m in public with her she will still detect it and nudge me when something isn’t right.

This dog has changed my life and has saved me from many low blood sugars. She is loved by so many (I love her the most!) This dog has been a gift from God.

Thank you, for helping me find my best friend.”

~Shadow’s Mom
29th Annual

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for Tri-County Humane Society

September 9th, 2017
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