Santa Paws is Coming to...
the Tri-County Humane Society!
November 16, 17, and 18
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You Ought to be in Pictures!
33rd Annual Holiday Portrait Fundraiser

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All Proceeds Benefit the Animals!
Message From the Executive Director

Dear friends of animals and Tri-County Humane Society,

Happiness Happens Here, our Capital Campaign
We can do even better for them

Nearly 45 years ago Tri-County Humane Society was born when our founders could no longer manage providing sheltering through a home-based program. Our first building was a remodeled gas station and served us well for 13 years. But as our community grew, so did the need for our services, and we were elated to build our first real shelter on our current campus in 1989. Ten years later our community (and therefore our programs) had outgrown the space and we remodeled our current shelter.

For the past 19 years we have carefully managed our resources to bring national best practices in animal sheltering right here to Central Minnesota by adjusting our current building and programs. But it’s been getting more difficult to match our current space with today’s needs.

In 2015 we hired Colorado-based Animal Arts, a nationally recognized architecture firm specializing in animal care/sheltering spaces, to assess our needs today and in the future. With their help we’ve developed a plan for a new building right behind our current shelter. The new building will help us manage our shelter’s air quality, provide more efficient animal care, and have more space for our animals, caregivers, and customers.

Tri-County Humane Society began because a caring group of citizens set their sights on doing better for the animals of this community and came together to fill the need. Happiness happened, and happiness continues to happen through our work together. Over the coming months we’ll be inviting you to be part of our future by getting involved in our new building project.

Together we can do even better for the animals.

Vicki
Vicki Davis, Certified Animal Welfare Administrator (CAWA)

Capital Campaign Update:

I would love to talk with you about our plans!
If you are interested in our 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.
Call me at (320) 252-1325 or email tchs@cloudnet.com
A Purr & Wag of the Tail to

Cloud the cat and his human, Crystal, for visiting a Waite Park senior care center.

St. Cloud Rox Baseball for hosting Bark in the Park Night for people and dogs. Proceeds from the 55 dog tickets sold were donated to TCHS.

Rejoice Lutheran Church for making TCHS the subject of its noisy offering and for letting us use part of the service to talk about our mission.

All the kids who celebrated their birthdays at TCHS, including: Sedona, 6; Nadia, 8; Kyley, and Caleb, 8.

Lutheran Social Service for taking part in a TCHS tour and helping color collars afterward.

Julie K. for hosting another successful Doggie 101 at TCHS. Doggie 101 is part of TCHS’ free educational series for the public.

Our volunteers who helped out at our booth at Pride in the Park.

The teams of volunteers who helped TCHS organize the shelter.

Volunteer Carol Berg for working on beautifying our gardens.

Our volunteers (both people and animals) who participated in our Summertime by George! event.

Aerotek employees who helped work on our garden and upstairs storage area.

Faith Lutheran for supporting the animals with their noisy offering and in-kind supplies.

Artist Adam Spaeth & E-Cig Lounge for hosting a live painting party.

Rasmussen College and everyone who donated scrubs for our staff and volunteers.

Kendra Bader, Attorney at Moss & Bennett for creating and providing Planning for your Pet’s Future estate planning brochures.

All of the businesses who host a TCHS donation box ... and all of the people who donate.

Cat 101

Did you know that, numbers-wise, cats have overtaken dogs as the most popular pet in the United States? No longer second fiddle to Man’s Best Friend, these fabulous felines have proven to be loving companions in our own right. But cat behavior can be just as tricky as teaching an old (or any) dog new tricks. That’s why TCHS is offering Cat 101!

This is your chance to learn a little bit about a lot of cat-related subjects: litter box headaches, proper introductions to other animals, and so much more! The class will be taught by Rose Hegerle, TCHS’ certified veterinary technician (and a cat enthusiast!) The class is at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26, at the TCHS Training Facility behind the shelter. There is no cost to attend the class, but TCHS will gladly accept both monetary and in-kind donations.

This is the purr-fect class for new cat parents!

How You Can Help

Adopt, Donate, Volunteer... but there are so many more ways that you can help Tri-County Humane Society, and many won’t cost you a dime!

Thrivent Choice Dollars & Action Teams

Eligible benefit members of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans can recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes a portion of its charitable outreach funds through Choice Dollars®, part of the organization’s Thrivent Choice® charitable grant program. Tri-County Humane Society is a participating organization in Thrivent Choice.

You can also apply for an Action Team Grant from Thrivent to support TCHS activities.

Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to Tri-County Humane Society. Shop at smile.amazon.com and select TCHS as your charity of choice!

MORE School Rewards

Coborn’s Cash Wise

Support our educational programs (including Book Buddies) when you use MORE Rewards and designate Tri-County Humane Society in the School Rewards section. To participate:

Sign in (or create) a MORE Rewards account at www.morerewards.com (or use the MORE Rewards mobile app).

Go to “My Rewards” and in the “School Rewards” section select Tri-County Humane Society.

When you enter your MORE Rewards number at checkout at Coborn’s, Cash Wise, and Marketplace Foods stores you’ll earn points for Tri-County Humane Society on your purchase of store brands (Food Club, Full Circle, Top Care, @ease, Paws, Tippy Toes, and more).

At the end of the school year participating organizations will share a $150,000 donation from Coborn’s based on the number of points earned by organization.
Our Current Wish List

For The Animals
- Homes
- A new shelter
- $$$ for Vet Expenses
- Feliway for cats
- Dry pet food
- Rabbit/guinea pig food
- Timothy hay
- Toys
- Gently used pet items

A Note About Pet Food Donations:
We try to make sure that a meat protein source is the first ingredient in the food we feed to 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.

For The Shelter
- Veterinarians, vet techs, biology/medical students & professionals to perform or assist with surgeries
- Gift cards to local businesses for pet/office/shelter supplies
- Laundry detergent
- Hand soap
- 6-8’ plastic tables
- Hand sanitizer

For The Office
- Color/white copy paper
- Postage stamps, forever & postcard
- Canned air
- Scotch brand thermal laminating pouches
- Scissors
- Scotch tape

For the Volunteers
- Pet foster homes
- Behind the scenes cat enrichment helpers
- Animal transporters
- Birthday party hosts/hostesses
- Digital design/marketing volunteers
- Daytime shelter volunteers
- Gift wrappers
- Off-site cat caretakers

Two Ways to Buy Once and Give Twice:
Shop our Re-Tail Shoppe for items with a “Buy Me 4 Shelter Pets” sticker! Because you purchased at TCHS, 100% of the profit benefits the animals, and we get items on our wish list!
Shop our Amazon Wish List using Amazon Smile—visit our website (Get involved—Donate—Wish List) for the link and details!

Shop at TCHS

What’s not to love about fall?
Changing leaves, pumpkin pie, crisp weather – the only problem is that autumn doesn’t last long enough! But you can keep a touch of autumn in your home all season long thanks to our fall-scented candles, found in our Re-Tail Shoppe.

Our Pet Odor Exterminator Candles retail for $8.99 plus tax, and they use powerful enzymes to counteract any funky animal smells. That will ensure your house smells fresh for holiday entertaining.

The long-lasting candle is a bargain – we challenge you to find a better price on them anywhere in town! And even better:
Like with every other product in our Re-Tail Shoppe, every penny goes back to the animals in our care. That’s enough in-scent-ive to make sure you are well stocked with them this fall. Or try our Pet Odor Exterminator sprays, which retail for $5.50 plus tax. Both candles and sprays make great gifts this holiday season.

Want to see something in our store that we don’t carry? Talk to us about special orders! 320-252-0896 or pets@tricountyhumanesociety.org

Thanks for shopping with TCHS!
Coming Events

Cat 101 | Friday, October 26
Free Class—see page 3 for details, visit our website and click on Calendar to RSVP

Give to the Max Day | Thursday, November 15
www.givemn.org/organization/tri-county-humane-society-1/welcome
Use this link to schedule a Give to the Max Day donation now for November 15 or wait until November 15 to donate—either way we win! Your gift will help us provide for the animals today ... and a generous anonymous donor will match the first $10,000 in donations with a gift to the Capital Campaign.

Santa Paws Holiday Portrait Fundraiser | November 16-18
TCHS Training Center
Need some inspiration for your holiday greeting cards? TCHS can help you out—and make it easy to help animals at the same time! For $45, receive five professional portraits on a disc and full reproducing rights. Pets are welcome (naturally), and you choose to have Santa in your pictures if you’d like. Special thanks to Lisa Crayford of Country Gallery Photography and our other generous photographers for donating time, talents, lights and set props, and to Brooke Strassburg and Kloster Commercial Resources for creating our set every year. This year’s theme will be a rustic, country Christmas! With their help and the work of our dedicated volunteers, every cent goes back to the animals. Call 320-252-0896 to reserve your session before our schedule fills up.

Wrapping for a Good Paws | December 8-24
Crossroads Center
Around the holidays, managing your time becomes even more of a challenge. Don't worry, TCHS is here for you! Take your gifts to our gift-wrapping station outside Target in Crossroads Center, and our volunteers will wrap them for you with a small donation to the animals' care! We'll be there during mall hours from Dec. 8 to Dec. 24. Our minimum suggested donations for gifts ($2 for small, $4 for medium, and $6 for large) are less expensive than most gift bags and tissue wrap. Plus, you'll help make the holidays that much more special for our animals! And if you'd like to volunteer to gift-wrap, watch our website (www.tricountyhumanesociety.org) and Facebook page for a link to our online signup or call 320-252-0896. Help make a difference this holiday season!

3rd Annual Best Bloody Mary & Best Chili Contest | Saturday, January 26
Red Carpet Event Center, St. Cloud
See the ad on page 6 and visit www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/bmc
This is a fun 21+ event featuring local bars and restaurants—come and join the fun!

Remember All Who Served this Veterans Day, November 11
Let them know about our special promotions:

Dog Adoption Special for Veterans and Active Duty military:
Name Your Own Price

Cat Adoption Special for Veterans and Active Duty military:
Fee waived for cats 2+ years
Who Rescued Who?

Sunny’s Story:
Sunny had been here for over a month on her 3rd stay in the shelter. Looks like she hit the jackpot with her new home.

Here is an update from her new family:
“Thought I’d send this to all of you – Sunny enjoys the farm. She likes going for rides with us, loves the kids, and it took a little bit but she finally figured it out to leave the chickens alone. She no longer nips at our older dog. She knows there will always be food in her bowl, so even when the older dog eats out of her bowl, she just bumps her with her nose and then eats with him. When the girls collect chicken eggs, she lays on the grass watching them. I knew she would figure it out and we learned something from her – we put her in the barn when we go to work and when we returned home she is laying by the front door.

She figured out how to open the main door and let herself out. She is by far a smart dog and kind. We have put her in doggie day care when we had to leave for a couple of nights on three different times. They say she is really sweet and just lays by our older dog. They’ve become close … All glad we were able to give this young lady a forever home.”

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.

We are invested in each and every pet we care for, and we want the best for them! THIS is why we do what we do. Why you give, volunteer, adopt, and encourage your friends and neighbors to do the same.

Share YOUR adoption story with us by messaging our Facebook page or emailing us at: pets@tricountyhumanesociety.org.

Look for more heartwarming stories like this at our Happy Tails web page: tricountyhumanesociety.org/Happy-Tails

Bloody Mary & Chili

Where do they make the best Bloody Mary?
How about the best chili?
We will find out on January 26th!

Area bars and restaurants will compete for “Best in Show” at our third annual Best Bloody Mary and Best Chili Contest!

Come to the Red Carpet Event Center to place your vote and be a hero for the animals at the same time! Tickets are only $15 through 1/26/19 or $20 at the door.

They make great stocking stuffers for the adults in your life!

All ticket proceeds benefit the Tri-County Humane Society.

Purchase tickets at tricountyhumanesociety.org/bmc/

This is a 21+ event.
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Diana
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Dixie
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Warren Determan
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Cindy Tepley
Emma
Becky Coulter & Sanford Moskowitz
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Fluffer, Jake, Tessa and Katie
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Cindy Schultz
Fritzie
Maymie Ecker
Gretta and Molly (dogs)
Linda Ritzeuthaler
Hazel
Janis Minnerath
Henry
Doris Feuchtenberger
Herschel and Django
Barbara Wallace
Higgy
Patrice Sullivan & Ken Fischer
Holly and Princess Jernberg
Charles and Rosemary Jernberg
Ike
Renee Dowsett
Itty Bitty Cat
Michael Nixon
Jack
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Russell Family
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Kitty
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Jeni Kiley
Koty and Peep
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Lady
Irv & Jean Loftus
Laurel, Hardy and all my past pets
Sarah Solinger
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Monty
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Theresa Zajac
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Pepper
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Popka
Anonymous
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Lisa Brownstein
Puffy
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Carol Walz
Remy
Dee Whitlock

Deductions… In Honor of People

All the staff and volunteers at TCHS
Jan Stanley
Allvna Abein
Anonymous
Jeni Kiley Birthday
Sandra & Glenn Pence
John & Dot Bell
Gladys Burmaster
Karoline Deyo
Bob & Kristi Lahr
Ron Bunbe
Marti Bunbe
Sandra Brakstad
Anonymous
The Vet Techs at TCHS
Dr. Timothy B. Simpson
Todd Driver’s Birthday
Cindy Driver

“Until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.”
Anatole France
Dedications: In Honor of Pets

Abused animals everywhere
Donna Acheson

All animals ... and the Lord God made them all
Julie Aronon Dehnel

All my pets.
Phyllis Tschida

All our pets, especially Hank and Toby
Mary Ann and Robert Schueller

All precious creatures
Sherry Bezdicek

Animals at Pine Grove and Hemker Park Zoo. All my pets and all animals at TCHS past and present
Sarah Solinger

August
Courtney Vorell

Baby
Abigail Bloom

Barney
Sandra Brakstad

Barni
Kai & Lauren Martinson

Buddha
Laura Hayes

Buddy, Niko Spence
Buckie Spence

Buddy, Rex, Sophie, Elvis, Mikey
Dave Daniel

Candy, Zoey, Bella
Kristi and Mel Merdan

Cecily
Lucy Lang

Chance
Brad Babcock

Chance’s 21st Birthday on August 13th!
Susan Rosenberg

Charlie & Snowball
C & H Truck Repair

Chase
Pam Gacke

Cheerio & Peacock from St. Scholastica’s Convent
Anonymous

Chewy
JoAnn Baumgart

Chewy, Yoda and Zoey
Cohlab Digital Mktg, Heather and Cliff Robbins

Copper
Carleen Casey

Davaki
Ann Marie Lay

Diablo
Kelly Sayre

Dixie and Gizmo
Deb Metcalf

Dog
Jo Senta

Duke
Shari Walberg

Emi
Denise Schaefer

Ezmarelda the tanatular, Rosie & Zote the Donkeys
Sarah Solinger

Family cats
Douglas & Sharon Schmidt

Finn
Nancy Goman

Five orphaned kittens
Dean and Cindy Seppelt

For all the little kitties to find a home
Trish & Dave Welle

Frankie
Andrea Broekemeier

From me & my best bud Coco. From California!
Thomas Fine

George (cat)
Virginia A Marso

Georgia and Sandy
Jim & Karen Howard

Giles
Margie Schlangen

Hans & Greta-cats
Shannon Wamhoff

Hawkeye Holloway
Alice Holloway

Hawkeye Holloway
Bambi Holloway

In honor of all our rescues
Dick & Perian Stavrum

Jack
Tammy Sexton

Juan
Amy Studanski

Julie’s cats.....and the Lord God made them all.
Julie Aronon Dehnel

Jurni
Dorein Johnson

Ki
Faust Family

Kilo
Leena Radeke

Koda and Arrow
Dale and Linda Dirks

Leo
Kelly Sayre

Lily Quinn
Amber Loehlein

Luna
James Bortasch

Maddy Lynn and Cleo Patra
Kourtney & Justin Piepenburg

Maggie, Classy and Bella
Carl and Barb Caspers

Making dogs happy :)
Barry & Allison Schmidt

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M. Lenarz

Mylo
Judy Trib

Napoleon
Justin Ruth

Napoleon
Torn and Judy Vosen

Paisley
Cindy Schultz

Patches
Ronald Wenger

Pepper
John Moline

Pepper, Charlie, Lily, Jack, Molly and Marmy
Julie Warzecha

Pete & Grace
Suzanne Ross

Piper
Olivia MacDonald

Randel and Gus
Jamie Cowle

Reilly & Rhia(cats); Hairy & Chet
Anonymous

Riley
Yvonne M. Warzecha

Rosie, adopted August 2009
Kitty Haselkamp

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Sue Rehnberg, my sister & cat lover
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“Here’s to those who inspire you and don’t even know it.”

Anonymous

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Planning for Your Pet’s Future

Your pet brings you unconditional love and companionship, and is an integral member of your family. But what about when you are gone? What happens to our pets if something happens to us? Despite how we may feel about them, our legal system views pets as property, making it all the more important to plan ahead.

How to Protect Your Pets

- Carry a “pet alert card” in your wallet, identifying your pet, vital information and contacts in case you suffer an emergency that prevents your return home.
- Post “in case of emergency” stickers on your doors or windows to notify emergency workers of pets inside. The ASPCA provides free decals upon request.
- Discuss your wishes for your pets with relatives or friends. Designate a temporary caregiver in the event something unexpected happens to you and ensure she has instructions for how to care for your pets.
- Contact your attorney to discuss the estate planning options available to provide for the ongoing care of your pet in the future and formalize your wishes in a legal document.

Benefits of a Pet Trust

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

- Designate a caregiver and backup caregivers for your pet;
- Appoint a separate trustee to oversee the caregiver and ensure she is following your directives;
- Specify your pet’s needs and customary lifestyle, including healthcare, diet, exercise, special needs and end of life plans;
- Provide different options for covering your pet’s expenses to ensure the money is used as intended;
- Protect the money you set aside for your pet by shielding it from many creditors or estranged spouses;
- Provide immediate and uninterrupted care for your pet without the need for court intervention in the event you pass away or become ill;
- Allocate any remaining money to specific persons or charitable groups, such as Tri-County Humane Society.

Give yourself the peace of mind of knowing that all your family members will be provided for when you are gone. Consult your estate planning attorney to discuss your wishes and ensure you have a plan in place to carry out those wishes.

TCHS Guest Columnist Kendra K. Bader, Attorney, Moss & Barnett
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“In ancient times, cats were worshipped as gods; they have not forgotten this.”

Terry Pratchett
Advertise with TCHS!

Tri-County Humane Society offers several ways to advertise to its supporters, and one of those ways is to advertise in our quarterly newsletter.

Our mailing list consists primarily of people in Central Minnesota. The newsletter goes out to a minimum of 6,000 households and is viewable on our website. In 2018 we added an email version of the newsletter that reaches 4,000 email inboxes.

Advertising in our publications is a great way to show the local community that you support our work with animals in need. If you are a pet-related business, your ad will be viewed by a very targeted market of pet owners!

TCHS also offers several events during the year, and we are always looking for sponsors: Best Bloody Mary & Best Chili Contest; Wine, Kibbles and Bids, Companion Walk, and more! Check our website for information about these popular fundraisers.

To discuss advertising in our publications or sponsoring our events, contact Tauna Quimby in person at TCHS, by email at give@tricountyhumanesociety.org or by phone at 320 252-0896 ext. 28.
Meet Kallie, Foster Care Coordinator

Kallie Braun has joined the TCHS animal care team as our foster care coordinator!

Friends and customers of TCHS may recognize her because she just wrapped up her first year at the shelter; she previously worked in customer service, general animal care and cleaning.

Hailing from Richmond, Minnesota, Kallie is excited to tackle this new challenge – and it’s a big one! TCHS has about 200 active foster care parents, and as of mid-September, approximately 130 animals were in foster care. That's like managing a second shelter!

Kallie says the foster parents, especially those who provide care to bottle babies or sick animals, are heroes. “Without their one-on-one TLC, (the animals) wouldn't have made it.” In fact, seeing animals' transformation over foster care time is one of Kallie’s favorite aspects of her new job.

Kallie is always accepting applications for foster parents; she especially needs people to care for sick kittens and cats. As for Kallie, she has four cats at home. (When she started at TCHS, she only had one.) To apply for being a foster care home, visit www.tricountyhumanesociety.org, or fill out a paper application at the shelter. For more information, call 320-252-0896.

Meet Our New Education Animals

Introducing Vaughn the bunny, and Ozzie and Osbourne, the guinea pigs! Friends of TCHS might be used to seeing them in our small animal room. They’re not up for adoption at this time because they have important work to do: Visit education-related events and senior care centers!

Here's a little about them:

Vaughn is a Rex mix who had six siblings and was known as the leader (and the troublemaker) of the group! He does well with children of all ages, as long as they're gentle with him. He enjoys fresh fruit/veggies, especially watermelon with the rind, apples, strawberries, spinach, romaine lettuce, and carrots.

Ozzie (tri-color) and Osbourne (red and brown) are Abyssinian guinea pigs, and they are brothers who were born in September 2017. They are very bonded and enjoy treats such as carrots, green pepper, and radishes.

You may see them out at Paws to Read, which TCHS participates in during the last Saturday of the month at St. Cloud Public Library (10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) It’s a great opportunity for your child to practice reading to a nonjudgmental audience.

Come see our Educational Animals at TCHS!

Coborn’s and Cash Wise MORE Rewards members can select Tri-County Humane Society and our Humane Education Program as their educational benefactor under School Rewards!
30th Annual Companion Walk

Walkers, volunteers, exhibitors and, of course, the animals had a radical good time at our 1980’s-themed Companion Walk on September 8th!

After many years of the Woofstock theme, we went “Bark to the Future,” and participants definitely got into the spirit of the new theme. Many walkers sported big, colorful hair and other ‘80s-inspired looks; the dogs got in on the action, too, dressing as everything from Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox’s character in “Back to the Future”) to Rainbow Brite.

We had not one but two genuine DeLoreans, as well as a “Meet a Snake” booth, doggie tattoo/nail trim booth, Mantra Salon and Spa’s ‘80s hair booth, a massage chair courtesy of Woodland Chiropractic, as well as our favorite activities from years past! Our more than 100 volunteers shined that day, doing everything from grilling to giving out prizes to supervising the silent auction.

We are so excited to announce a net profit of $59,480.18, which is a record for the event!

Donations received after the event brought the net profit over our goal of $60,000! Thank YOU!

A big THANK YOU to all of you for helping make this a successful event for us.
Give them a Home for the Holidays!

The animals were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of **Families** danced in their heads...

**Adopt or Foster so they all have a Home for the Holidays!**