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June 2018 Newsletter

WE STAND UP FOR THE

Our shelter is committed to providing animals with:

- FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST An adequate, healthful diet and ready access to fresh water
- FREEDOM FROM DISCOMFORT An appropriate living environment, including a clean, comfortable resting area
- FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY AND **DISEASE**

Prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment of injury or illness

FREEDOM TO EXPRESS NORMAL **BEHAVIORS**

> Sufficient space, exercise and the opportunity to enjoy company of the animal's own kind

FREEDOM FROM FEAR AND DISTRESS Conditions and treatment that avoid mental suffering and stress

The Five Freedoms is an animal welfare standard developed by the U.K. Farm Animal Welfare Council and adapted by the Association of Shelter Veterinarians for pets in shelters.



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We believe in the human-animal bond and exist to support Central Minnesota by practicing and promoting quality adoption services and humane education programs.

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Monday—Thursday 12-6 pm Friday 12-8 pm Saturday 11-5 pm Sunday 12-5 pm

Message From the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We've all heard and probably have used the term "April showers bring May flowers." For us, April showers bring May litters (of kittens, primarily), and by July many of those are ready for adoption.

"Kitten season" lasts approximately 6 months at TCHS, so if you or anyone you know is in the market for a new kitty — please send them our way! June happens to be Adopt A Cat month. Let's make the next five months Adopt A Cat month, too!

Along with adopters, we are currently in need of the following:

- Foster Care Homes
- Donations for Veterinary Expenses
- Kitten Food
- Kitten Milk Replacer
- Cat Litter

We currently have 150 cats and kittens in foster homes, most of which are ready to be spayed/neutered and will be filtering into our cat rooms for adoption soon. With our foster homes full and around 100 animals in the shelter at any given time, the expenses add up fast!

Please help, with your gift of much-needed pet supplies or a tax-deductible donation today. You can help us shower the animals in our care with love - and the means to meet their needs. Together we are making a difference, one wet nose at a time.

Thank you, on behalf of the animals -

Vicki

Vicki Davis, Certified Animal Welfare Administrator (CAWA)

P.S. Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your heart. Find out for yourself by fostering a kitten (or two or three or more)!



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 (320) 252-1325 or email tchs@cloudnet.com

Our Current Wish List

For The Animals

- Homes
- A New Shelter
- \$\$\$ For Vet Expenses
- Feliway for Cats
- Canned (Pate) Pet Food
- Dry Pet Food
- Clay Cat Litter
- Rabbit/Guinea Pig Food
- Rawhides
- Timothy Hay
- Toys
- Stainless Steel Pet Dishes
- Cat/Dog 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.

More Ways to Give

- Paw Points (Fresh Step Litter)
- More Rewards—this fall choose TCHS to receive your More School Rewards Coborn's and Cash Wise points to help us fund our Humane Education Program!

Recycle with TCHS!

- Aluminum cans
- Used cellphones
- Used tablets
- Used MP3 players
- Used iPads
- Used ink cartridges (no large toners please!)

Visit the Get Involved—Donate section of our website for more!

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
- Dish Soap
- Hand Soap
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Kleenex
- 6-8 Foot Plastic Tables
- Large Storage Totes

For The Office

- Color/White Copy Paper
- Postage Stamps (forever and postcard)
- Canned Air
- Scotch brand thermal laminating pouches
- Clorox Cleaning Wipes
- Post-It Notes
- Batteries (9-Volt, AA, AAA)
- Scissors
- Hand Sanitizer
- Tape (all types)

Volunteers

- Pet foster homes
- Behind-the-scenes cat enrichment helpers
- Animal transporters
- Birthday party hosts/hostesses
- Digital design/marketing volunteers

Monetary Donations

- One-time donation at tricountyhumanesociety.org/ donate
- By mail at P.O. Box 701,
 St. Cloud, MN 56302

2 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

The Re-Tail Shoppe is your one-stop shop for pet 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.

A few of the items we carry: Taste of the Wild, Solid Gold, Canidae & Diamond foods; Kong products; Made in the USA treats/bones; Yeowww!!! Catnip toys; Cat Attract litter; and of course—TCHS apparel!



Minnesotans are certainly celebrating the wonderful weather right now! And we know our pets are loving it, too. But, of course, with the sunnier temps comes flea and tick weather.

Defend your pets from the pests by buying Frontline, available in the TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe! Frontline is available in various sizes and for cats/kittens and dogs/puppies. Individual doses for dogs start at \$14.50, but there are boxes with 3-6 doses available, too.

Round Up for the Animals!

If you're a customer at The Re-Tail Shoppe, you may have been asked "Would you like to donate or round up to help the animals?" Shopping at our store is already a great way to help our animals; rounding up or an additional donation is another FANTASTIC way you can extend that help. You probably won't miss that spare change to "round up," but it could mean a big CHANGE for our animals

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

All who donate items from our wish list for the animals.

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

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members, for donating Choice Dollars to TCHS.

Lynn Richert, for keeping the TCHS parking lots free of snow this winter.

Our newest 4-legged volunteers, for joining our senior care facility pet visitation program.

Gina Fox, for taking TCHS pets to St. Cloud State University's UTVS to highlight them on **"Pet of the Week" segments.**

Sartell High School, for their student program that encourages volunteerism at a variety of local charities, including TCHS.

St. Cloud State University for hosting kitten visits and instructor Breanna Perowitz for hosting kitten yoga.

Countless Girl Scout troops, for having tours at TCHS, for taking part in a pet educational session at TCHS, for building outdoor shelters for barn cats and for donating extra cookies to shelter staff and volunteers.

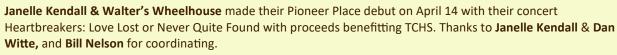
Thanks to all the groups that **create and donate tie blankets** to TCHS pets.

Sauk Rapids-Rice schools for inviting TCHS to attend its family reading night to promote its Book Buddies program.

All the kids who celebrated their birthdays at TCHS, including Caroline, 12; Amelia, 7; Kate, 11; Gretta, 9; Sarah, 10; Kylah, 8; Serenity, 10; Jake, 11; and Sylvie, 11.

Nicole Marie Moulzolf, for leaving a substantial estate donation to assist veterans with canine adoption fees at TCHS

Past Board Member Bill Nelson for coordinating the Spay-ghetti & (No) Meat Balls Dinner held on March 10 at Sauk Rapids VFW to raise funds for the TCHS spay/neuter program. Thanks to everyone who attended this second annual event.



With the events he's coordinated and the people he's personally invited to support the TCHS' spay/neuter fund, animal superhero **Bill Nelson** raised over \$51,569!

Menards for hosting a pet supply drive during the month of May.

Neubert Lawn Care, for keeping our grounds mowed and beautiful!

Dogs Lucy and Clifford for joining our animal visitors team.

New Board Member Tim Stewart, for arranging a Tending for a Cause event at Beaver Island Brewing on March 14 that raised \$810... thanks to **Beaver Island Brewery** for hosting and our celebrity bartenders **Doug Boser** from **Inventure Properties**, **Ryan Cross** from **Boser Construction**, and **Tim Stewart** from **Kensington Bank** for serving.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church for inviting TCHS kitten Bubblegum to come visit students during a unit on baby animals. **GeoComm** and **ePromos** for hosting kitten visits.

Revolver Studios for hosting a kitten party.

North Junior High School students for inviting TCHS to come talk about animals and the grieving process.

Congrats to all of the **Administrative Professionals** who received flowers on April 25. Our outstanding delivery volunteers prepared and delivered 239 vases raising more than \$2,600 for our animals! Thanks to everyone who participated.

Becky Stawarski with Hands Helping Hounds, for her magical massages that calm even the rowdiest pups.

Shelby Gunderson & Traci Pollreis, for transforming our shaggy dogs into posh pups!

Our **5th grade friends** from **Madison Elementary** for making and selling crafts to raise funds for the animals.

The employees of Schlenner, Wenner for donating their Jeans' Day proceeds for the animals.

Shopwise Magazine for spreading the word about TCHS with donated advertisements.

The **employees of Netgain Technology** for making TCHS the recipient of first quarter casual day donation.

Thanks **Julie Kustermann**, **Julie's Kanine K-12**, for developing the curriculum and hosting our new Puppy 101 and Doggie 101 programs! Great tips and tricks for humans who welcome dogs into their family.

Those who hosted a **Facebook Fundraiser** benefitting TCHS: Elizabeth Hommerding, Cheryl Ley, Brittie Marie Russell, Jessica Scherer, and Angela Stevens.



Outdoor Shelters for Barn Cats



Tie Blankets for the Pets



Birthday Party Fun!



Kitten Yoga

Tri-County Humane Society is proud to announce it had a historic 17th annual Wine, Kibbles and Bids!

Thanks to our dedicated friends, we raised a projected

\$106,835

for the animals!





This is a fundraising milestone for our organization; never before have we crossed the \$100,000 mark – and we couldn't have done it without our many supporters.

The evening helps make it possible for TCHS to carry out its mission to spay or neuter every cat, dog, kitten, puppy and rabbit that is adopted from the shelter.

Almost 300 guests and volunteers attended Wine, Kibbles and Bids on April 20 at the Gorecki Center at the College of St. Benedict. The night featured a silent auction with 160 items, a delicious gourmet dinner, music from Monday Night Jazz, a raffle, and, of course, beer and wine tasting.

Along with our generous event sponsors, TCHS would like to thank Bill Nelson and Jan Ritsche for their efforts.

Nelson, a former TCHS board member and animal advocate, outdid himself this year: He raised about \$52,000 through his "Bill's Jar" campaign, in which he passed out glass jars to collect money for the humane society. This money includes proceeds from the Spay-ghetti and (No) Meat Balls dinner as well as the Walter's Wheelhouse concert at Pioneer Place on Fifth. Nelson also led our "Fix a Pet" Live Auction that evening at Wine, Kibbles and Bids, which brought in \$10,745. Ritsche, a friend of Tri-County, then matched that number.

"This was an amazing night for the shelter, and TCHS is so lucky to have so many friends of animals," said Executive Director Vicki Davis, Certified Animal Welfare Administrator. "We couldn't do what we do every day without their support."

TCHS' income from the event totaled \$72,847, but thanks to matching grants and other support, we are expected to add another \$41,077 to that. Our total expenses for the night were \$7,089, so TCHS projects when all is said and done, we'll finish with \$106,835. That's quite a night for our shelter, our supporters and especially the animals – the main reason TCHS is here.

TCHS thanks everyone who attended that evening, with special acknowledgement to our almost 50 volunteers who helped the night run without a hitch. *We are so lucky to have all of you!* Save the date for next year's event—April 5, 2019!







Thank you to our Wine, Kibbles & Bids Sponsors!

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Book Buddies

Tri-County Humane Society is excited to announce it has extended Book Buddies hours for the summer!



Book Buddies is the TCHS program in which children read to the shelter animals. It's intended for ages 5 to 12, but it's open to anyone who wants to do the training.

Book Buddies is great for young readers because it gives them a nonjudgmental audience (our animals). And it's a benefit for the animals – they get to hear a soothing voice that can relax them in a sometimes stressful environment.

To join Book Buddies, contact Volunteer and Events Coordinator Kate Kompas at 320-252-0896, ext. 27, or email her at volunteer@tricountyhumanesociety.org.

Young readers go through an initial training; after that they're free to read during designated reading hours. There is a one-time \$5 cost to enroll in the program, but if it's a hardship just talk to the volunteer coordinator.

We want to make sure this is open to everyone who wants to read!





Foster Care Update

More Foster Homes Needed!

If you have been looking for a meaningful way to make a difference for animals in need, we guarantee this experience will give you warm fuzzies (pun intended!)

Our cat room is full and new animals needing foster care are coming in weekly. There's no better time than now!



Foster Homes Mostly Needed For:

- Pregnant Animals
- Orphaned Animals
- Injured/Sick Animals

We Provide: All medication, vaccinations, veterinary care and pet supplies (although donations are welcome!)

You Provide: TLC, socialization, and a comfortable environment for pets to thrive.

Learn more and apply at our website—visit tricountyhumanesociety.org, click Get Involved, Foster Care or contact Karissa, our Foster Care Coordinator, for more info at (320) 252-0896 ext 16; fostercare@tricountyhumanesociety.



Pet BlessingSunday July 22

10AM Outdoor Celebration Service

(In case of rain, event is rescheduled to July 29)
All are welcome as we celebrate, affirm & bless our beloved animal/pet companions and the role they play in our lives.

Inclusive Celebration Service, Followed by Animal Blessing

Picnic Lunch



Animal Related Vendors
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Your Pet

In Our Hearts Picture Table for pets who prefer their own company or who have crossed the Rainbow Bridge

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It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our dear friend and shelter veterinarian, Dr. Lois E. Harmon. Dr. Harmon worked for Tri-County Humane Society as a part-time employee from 1986-1988. She returned after graduating from the University of Minnesota Veterinary School as our shelter veterinarian in February 2005, and has been with us for the past 13 years.

During this time, she impacted the lives of over 40,000 animals at Tri-County Humane Society. Her patient guidance and mentoring through the years has touched the lives of countless animal welfare professionals and volunteers who had the pleasure of working with her, and her loss will be felt by many.

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Meet Tauna Quimby!

When Vicki invited me to write this article, I kept thinking: accomplishments, resume, and skills. What would the generous, talented group of TCHS supporters want to know about me?

Draft one started: "I have been in non-profit management for more than 20 years." And then started and stopped a few more times. Is it interesting to know that I've volunteered for dozens of organizations, led hundreds of meetings, or created meaningful connections for mission-critical projects? Not really.

In draft two I took a more personal approach, sharing the connection between my past experiences with pets, work, and hobbies, tying in how all of these experiences prepared me to be here. But "I love animals" probably goes without saying and my passion for crafts, making lefse, and gardening probably strayed too far from my

qualifications for being a TCHS employee. Then [likely wondering where the draft was] Vicki blew my mind when she simply said, "Tell them what brought you here."



Well, that's easy: my heart.

My heart fills when I connect with others to make the world a better place. The Director of Philanthropy position at TCHS made my heart stir with excitement from the moment I heard about it. Between the great adoption experiences I've had here and this organization's reputation for excellence, I knew immediately I wanted to be part of this active, alive TCHS family!

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"I wanted to pass on our experiences with the little spotted dog we adopted on May 14, 2018. We had just lost our last little friend, Hector, and were feeling the emptiness quite badly so we decided we MUST adopt a dog to help fill the empty spot. I must preface this by saying Hector was very much my buddy, following me everywhere I went. This sometimes caused (my wife) Mary Kay to feel kind of neglected so I decided our next dog must be equally bonded to her.

"When I saw Pluto (now Buddy) I thought he would be a good addition to our home. I was right!!! The little guy quite happily went home with us and spent the rest of the day investigating our house and our big fenced backyard.

That night he slept on Mary's lap in her big recliner - bonding achieved! We soon found that he is faultless in the house, going out to do his thing whenever needed. He loves his Mary and sleeps in either his cage by her recliner if she's there or in the one by her bedside if she's there. He sleeps through the night but won't get up until Mary does, even if I open his cage door. But when she gets up he dashes outside.

"I am amazed by how quick he is about learning about new things like the doggie door. And we are learning about all the things he already knows like 'sit', 'lie down' and the like. He likes to be with me in the garden and loves to fetch and play tug. He immediately adopted a little stuffed Westie doll from the toy box and takes it with him everywhere, in the house, outside and

with him on his pillow or in his cage at night! It's almost an obsession, friends stopped by for a few minutes today and Buddy greeted them, of course. In a few minutes he dashed out of the room and immediately came back with his doll! He gives us so many smiles and laughs, thank you for placing him with us."

Mary Kay and Richard

Look for more heartwarming stories like Buddy's at our Happy Tails web page: tricountyhumanesociety.org/Happy-Tails Sign up at the Happy Tails page to receive them in your email inbox!







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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