



# Tri-County Humane Society

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2024 IN REVIEW



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Thursday, May 1  
Harvester Square, St. Cloud

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We believe in the human-animal bond and exist to support the animals and people of Central Minnesota by practicing and promoting quality animal care, offering compassionate customer service, and providing humane education.

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## TCHS Shelter Hours:

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*To ensure we always have enough room for all of our animals, surrenders are by appointment. Call 320-252-0896 for more information.*

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*Stay connected with TCHS on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn!*

# Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

I'm going to stray from my traditional letter and talk about something that has been a hot topic in animal welfare lately. A movement to eliminate the terms "no-kill" and "high-kill" when referring to open-admission shelters like Tri-County Humane Society is sweeping the nation. Thanks to my predecessor, Vicki Davis, TCHS never jumped on the "no-kill" bandwagon. Even so, we receive phone calls regularly from people asking if we are a "no-kill" shelter, trying to determine whether we are a worthy cause to donate to or adopt from. Our answer is always the same: While we qualify (a "no-kill" shelter is defined as having a placement rate of 90 percent or higher), **Tri-County Humane Society does not, and will not, identify as "no-kill."**

When I started working for TCHS in the late '90s, purchasing pets from breeders was far more commonplace than adopting from shelters. Back then, our placement rate was around 70 percent. Try as we might, our resources were limited; we simply didn't have the outreach abilities that we do now with social media, nor the shelter medicine and disease prevention abilities. Our foster base was minimal, too, and we had one isolation treatment room that housed both dogs and cats. We often had to euthanize treatable animals, as did many open-admission shelters back then, because we didn't have the space or means to treat them.

To try to draw attention to the millions of animals looking for homes in shelters, the ASPCA came out with a series of heart-wrenching commercials featuring songs by Sarah McLachlan and sad-looking puppies and kittens peering out from kennel doors. Around that time, the definition of "no-kill" began surfacing, as well as "Adopt, Don't Shop" ads, encouraging people to turn to shelters rather than unethical breeders for their pets. It worked. The trends began to slowly shift as people turned more and more to shelters for their companion animals. Community support also started to flow in the form of donations and volunteerism, allowing shelters to expand their facilities and treatment/rehabilitation programs. TCHS began to see an increase in adoptions and revenue. **By 2015, our placement rate was over 90 percent, and it has remained in the 90th percentile since.**

Today, rather than a nationwide effort to unite and rally support for animal shelters, the "no-kill" movement is dividing them. The term "high-kill" is even being used for shelters now. Imagine if TCHS had been condemned by the public as a "high-kill" shelter in our early days. Would people have steered clear, not wanting to adopt or donate to us, and thereby reducing our placement rate even further? This is exactly what is happening in our country right now. **Ironically, the "no-kill" movement is actually killing animals.**

We are fortunate to be in the position we are in now. It is because of you that we are entering our 10th year of incredible placement numbers! We believe in full transparency, and we will continue to provide you with our animal intake and outcome data, but we will no longer be publishing our actual placement rate. It's time to take the focus off a percentage that may be causing more harm than good.

For the animals, and the people who love them,

*Marit Ortega*

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*Get details from our 2024 annual report on pages 6-7!*

# Our Wish List

## For the Animals

- Clay cat litter (non-clumping preferred)
- Meat-flavored baby food
- Kitten milk replacer
- Easy Cheese
- Peanut butter (xylitol-free)
- Churu "squeeze treats"
- High-quality sensitive stomach food for cats and dogs (preferred brands include Purina, Hill's Science Diet, Royal Canin)

- Feliway for cats: sprays, diffuser refills
- Adaptil for dogs: sprays, diffuser refills

## For the Shelter

- Gift cards to local businesses for pet/office/shelter supplies
- Dish gloves and sponges
- Liquid hand soap
- Bleach (unopened bottles)
- Kleenex/ facial tissue
- Distilled water (in gallons)
- 70 percent isopropyl alcohol
- Live traps for our feral cat program
- White bedsheets
- Cat scratchers from StretchandScratch.com



## For the Office

- White copy paper
- Colored copy paper
- Blue and black pens
- Forever postage stamps
- Sharpie permanent markers

## Volunteer Needs

- Fosters
- Offsite adoption volunteers
- Dog walkers (*Must be 14 or older, and be able to handle big dogs*)

*Note: Foster/volunteer applications can be found at [www.tricountyhumanesociety.org](http://www.tricountyhumanesociety.org), or paper applications are available at the shelter.*

# Amazon Wish List



Please scan the QR code to check out our shopping wish list!

## Needed: Monthly Donors!

Become a TCHS Constant Companion and help sustain our shelter with monthly contributions! Scan the QR code or visit our website to sign up.



## Special TCHS Request

For safety reasons – and smoother communication – we are looking to purchase 20 Rocky Mountain Walkies for staff and volunteers.

We've done our research, and we can't find anything else that compares to the quality and prices of Rocky Mountain Walkies. They are \$220 for two walkies; we would like 20 of them, for a total of \$4,400. There is a link for purchase on the wish list portion of our website, or contact Executive Director Marit Ortega for information.



# Shop at TCHS



## Find NutriSource Products, Treats in Re-Tail Shoppe

Tri-County Humane Society is proud to announce we now carry NutriSource Pet Foods, including Finley's Treats, in our Re-Tail Shoppe.

NutriSource is a family-owned and operated company out of Perham, Minnesota, that provides high-quality food options for pets. As for Finley's, its mission is to support people with disabilities who are unemployed or underemployed. The Re-Tail Shoppe is located in our front lobby, and all profits go back to our animals.



We have extended the hours of our gently used pet supply store, which is next to our shelter! The new hours are:

- Thursdays, 2-6 p.m.
- Fridays, 2-6 p.m.
- Saturdays, 12-5 p.m.

*Closed on holidays.*

Also, we're looking for more volunteers to help staff the store, keep it stocked, clean, and organized, and price items for sale.

Apply to volunteer at our website, or pick up a paper application at TCHS!

## Thank you for thinking of us, but we can't accept ...

- Pet food not in its original packaging
- Old clothing
- Furniture
- Newspaper
- Heavy blankets/comforters, towels, pillows
- Anything broken or missing parts

# The Scoop On ... Preventing, Treating External Creepy-Crawlies



By Rose Hegerle, CVT

Despite the winter weather, the creepy-crawly parasites in the pet world persist. Internal parasites were the topic of the first part of this education series, so this focus will be on external parasites.

## On the outs

External parasites (also called ectoparasites) live on an animal rather than in an animal. A parasite is an organism that acquires its nutrition and/or vital life functions at the expense of another creature. Some cause little to no harm to their host, and others can cause significant harm. While there are several types of external parasites that can affect cats and dogs, this article will highlight a few of the most common ones seen at TCHS.

## Fleas

Perhaps the most well-known external parasite seen infesting cats and dogs is the flea. Fleas bite their host and feed on their blood.

While there are specific species of "cat fleas" and "dog fleas," the most common is the cat flea, which can

affect cats and dogs. According to the Companion Animal Parasite Council, the cat flea is the most common ectoparasite of dogs in North America. The flea life cycle allows these creepy-crawly pests to excel in reproduction and survive in many conditions. Due to their life cycle and the widespread prevalence of fleas, year-round prevention is best.

In addition to the nuisance of itching and skin irritation, cats and dogs can have more serious side effects from fleas that can significantly harm overall health. Some complications include infectious disease, anemia, allergic reactions, tapeworms, and more.

## Ticks

Often included in the conversation of flea prevention is another blood-sucking parasite: the tick! Ticks are well known to many of us living in Central Minnesota due to human exposure to these pesky bugs. Like the concerns they pose to human health, there are a few infections that can be transmitted to pets through ticks.

Bacterial infections, such as Lyme disease and Anaplasmosis, are known as vector-borne illnesses. This means the pathogen requires a vector (carrier) to infect a person or animal. When a tick feeds on their host, there is potential to transmit these bacterial infections to the host

they are feeding upon.

The sooner a tick is removed from its host, the lower the chance of transmitting potential infection. Even better than removing ticks right away is preventing them from attaching altogether, or decreasing the time they can attach by using safe preventative medications. A note on tick-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease: Though it can be disconcerting to learn your dog tests positive for one of these bacteria, it does not necessarily mean it will develop into active illness. The diagnoses, monitoring, and follow-up for positive exposure to tick-borne illness is a complex process and should be discussed with a veterinarian.

## Lice

Many people are familiar with lice, especially if you have school-age children! Did you know that cats and dogs can also get lice?! One good thing about lice, though, is that they are species-specific. This means only "cat lice" can infest cats and only "human lice" can infest humans. So, if you find your cat or dog has lice, don't panic. You won't catch them.

But, lice are problematic to cats and dogs in a similar fashion that human lice are pesky. They are itchy, annoying, and can spread to others of the same species. Fortunately, many of the safe flea and tick products for



A flea as seen under a microscope.

cats and dogs also prevent lice.

## Ear mites

The fourth and final ectoparasite we'll cover is ear mites. While fleas, ticks, and lice can be found on the skin anywhere on an animal's body, ear mites stay localized to the ears of their host. Ear mites are common, especially in cats. Once infested with ear mites, a cat or dog typically has very itchy and uncomfortable ears. Thick, dark debris builds up in the ear canals, and sometimes it can become so dense it may affect hearing. Many animals with ear mites scratch the backs of and insides of their ears to the point of causing additional wounds. While cats and dogs can spread ear mites to one another, it's another one that humans don't have to worry about catching. If you suspect a cat or dog has ear mites, consult a veterinarian.

## Be wary

There are many safe products for use in cats and dogs to prevent these common external parasites. However, there are just as many unsafe options. Most



over-the-counter treatments are not only minimally effective, but some can have serious side effects, including seizures and even death. Some ingredients that are used as pesticides cause significant neurological harm to animals. It's not recommended to use over-the-counter treatments unless you've discussed it with your veterinarian. Although prescription products may cost slightly more upfront, they will often be more effective and much safer when used properly.

Additionally, some products labeled safe for dogs are not safe for cats. So even cats living in the same home as a dog who received a topical treatment may have safety risks if they make contact with the medication on the dog. Always consult with a veterinarian.

TCHS sells one of the safe over-the-counter flea and tick preventatives: Frontline for dogs and Frontline for cats.

Rose Hegerle, CVT, is TCHS' Director of Veterinary Services. Visit our website to see her previous "creepy-crawly" article.

## FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP

# Save the Date for our Wine, Kibbles & Bids Gala

You won't want to miss this celebration: Tri-County Humane Society's Wine, Kibbles & Bids gala will be May 1 from 5-9 p.m. at Harvester Square in St. Cloud. We're still in the early planning stages, but we want to extend an invitation to all to join us for one of our most important fundraisers for the animals. Attendees can expect an elegant evening of wine and beer tasting (nonalcoholic options will be available), a one-of-a-kind silent auction, live music, and a chance to connect with fellow animal enthusiasts.



Stay tuned to our website/social media for ticket info, silent auction requests, and sponsorship opportunities.

## Also Stay Tuned for These Upcoming TCHS Events ...

**TCHS Slumber Paw-ty:** April 5, follow along on our website and social!

**8th Annual Spay-ghetti and No (Meat) Balls Dinner:** TCHS Board Member Bill Nelson is again organizing this fundraiser. The dinner will be Saturday, April 26, from 5-8 p.m. at the Sauk Rapids VFW.

**Virtual TCHS Kitten Shower:** May 8-9, follow along on our website and social!

**Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference:** May 15, Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Cloud. Watch our website!

Scan the QR code to see our event calendar!



## Let's Give a Purr and a Wag of the Tail To ...

**Minnesota Truck Headquarters** and its customers for making TCHS one of its charities in the Race to 300 Sales Event. MTH even covered the adoption fee of a puppy who visited for a check presentation.

**Subaru** for providing a grant for TCHS to host a free microchip clinic. The local Subaru dealership also hosted a TCHS pet at an adoption event and donated dog toys/adoption goodies.

**Chewy** for choosing us as one of its beneficiaries and partnership charities for Chewy Claus.

**Julie Condon** for organizing a plant sale to benefit TCHS.

**Rinke Noonan** for organizing a Casual Friday where workers could wear jeans to the office if they made a donation to TCHS.

**St. Cloud State University** for highlighting our mission during its Paws and Pucks hockey series. Speaking of SCSU, thank you to the men's basketball team for once again doing a volunteer day at the shelter.

**Pet Supplies Plus** for organizing a Giving Tree for TCHS.

**Raising Cane's** for donating part of the proceeds from a special holiday-themed stuffed animal pup to us.

**The organizers** of the Soup Bowl Benefit for "Mental Health" and "Those With 4 Paws" at St. John's Abbey for their donation to us.

**The Holly Ball** for giving TCHS the opportunity to staff the coat check area for donations to the shelter.

**Scooter's Coffee** for hosting a Day of

Giving for TCHS.

**Marv Neubert** for consistently bringing our shelter much-needed office supplies.

**Everyone who volunteered for, sponsored, or attended** our 2024 Santa Paws! TCHS raised \$9,200 to help support our animals.

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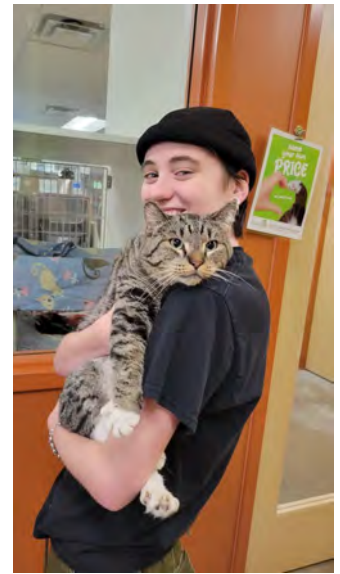
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# 2024 In Review

TCHS had a historic year:

We celebrated our 50th anniversary, Executive Director Vicki Davis retired after almost 40 years, and we took in a record number of cats (94!) from a situation in Crosby. We also hosted successful fundraising events for our animals, organized six public microchip clinics, and strengthened our stray reclaim efforts. We look forward to an equally memorable 2025!



**ABOVE:** Berry Sr., adopted Dec. 30, 2024, and his new family. **TOP RIGHT:** Jonas 86 was one of 94 cats removed in April from a Crosby residence by authorities and Minnesota Federated Humane Societies. Jonas 86 was adopted July 30, 2024.

## Animal Statistics

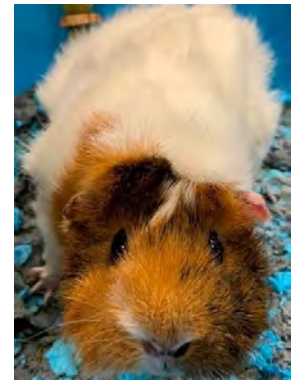
Number of animals taken in: **5,160**

Number of animals placed\*\*: **4,489**

\*\* Placement includes adoptions, reclaims, transfers, and Return to Field cats.

Average length of stay for any TCHS animal: **8 days.**

*TCHS is an open-admission shelter with no time limits on our animals. Animals are humanely euthanized only if there is a medical or behavioral issue that warrants the procedure.*



## Animal Intakes

Owner surrenders: **2,913**

Strays/safekeeping/quarantines: **1,522**

Transfers: **595**

Return To Field: **130**

**LEFT:** Staff members Ashley J. (left) and Bre W. greet a then-new arrival to the shelter.



## Surgery Statistics

Number of surgeries: **3,082**

Surgeries performed on site: **3,016**

Number of spays: **1,414**

Number of neuters: **1,497**

*All TCHS dogs, cats, puppies, kittens, and rabbits are spayed/neutered prior to their adoptions.*



## Animal Placement

Dogs placed: **877**

Cats placed: **1,596**

Kittens placed: **1,349**

Puppies placed: **368**

"Others" placed: **299**

# 2024 Volunteers, Fosters

Number of hours logged by shelter volunteers at TCHS/offsite events: **15,764\***

*\*Number does not include hours from volunteers who did community service or service learning.*

Number of animals who went to foster care: **964**

*That's up by 13 percent from last year!*



**ABOVE:** A former foster and their Moose buddy. **RIGHT:** Dog walker Mark Schmidt hangs with one of his friends.

## Top Foster Homes By Animal Numbers

1. Marie Gertken, 35 animals.
2. Jody Terhaar and Nancy Sturtevant, tied at 22 animals.
3. Cynthia Ryg, 20 animals.
4. Kirstin Edralin, Becky Rossow, and Catherine Verrilli, tied at 19 animals.
5. Lori and Jeremy Carr, 15 animals.

## Volunteers of the Year



Diane Dold  
*Above and Beyond Volunteer*



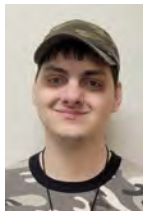
Miranda Gilbert  
*Adult Volunteer of the Year*



Jaelyn Olson  
*Junior Volunteer of the Year*



Megan Gonrowski  
*Dedication Award*



Adam Justin  
*Dedication Award*

## Community Impact



Tri-County Humane Society organized six microchip clinics last year, including our first offsite one at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School. Our team administered 386 microchips at these clinics in 2024!

## Special Events

**50th Anniversary Gala:**  
\$81,103

**Give to the Max:** \$44,004

**Companion Walk:** \$40,028

**Santa Paws:** \$9,200

**Winter Online Silent Auction:** \$4,625

**Tats for Tails:** \$3,911

**Tip a Pint for Pets:** \$2,750

**TCHS Virtual Birthday Party:** \$2,012

**Flower Fundraiser:** \$2,165

*Amounts reflect the net totals*



## 2024 Financials

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,070,885</b>
PROGRAM REVENUE	\$1,003,888
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING	\$941,368
BEQUESTS	\$101,691
GRANTS	\$11,000
MN ANIMAL WELFARE CONF.	\$12,937
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,932,984</b>
PROGRAM/OPERATIONS	\$1,890,474
FUNDRAISING	\$24,897
EDUCATION/TRAINING	\$11,552
MN ANIMAL WELFARE CONF.	\$6,061

*For a copy of the 2024 Annual Report, visit our website, or stop by the shelter.*

# Dedications Made in Memory of Pets

Memorials and honorariums are published in the issue nearest to the date received. To donate, please stop by our shelter or visit our website.

**Abby**  
Jennifer Richason  
and Glen Tautges

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

**All animals I loved**  
Scott Tollakson

**All Bunde pets**  
Martha Bunde

**All family pets**  
Anne Dobos

**All my beloved cats**  
Sandra Williams

**All our beloved pets**  
Thomas and Pat Thielman

**All our loving companions**  
Rita and Luba Haniff

**All our furbabies**  
Louise and Neal Brick

**All our pets**  
Jerome and Judith Miller

**All our wonderful kitties  
over the years**  
Kim and Tess Kasling

**All the Klimeks'  
four-legged  
family members**  
Klimek Family

**All the pets we had**  
Lois Solinger

**Amanda the cat**  
Kaarin Johnston

**Animal cat friends**  
Jennifer A. Johnson

**Bandit**  
Dave and Jan Richter

**Baxter and Dexter**  
Chad Hallonquist

**Beamer and Ice**  
Dawn and Colin Kiefer

**Bella**  
Theresa Lalim

**Beloved dog of  
Judy and Ron Nadziejka**  
John and Carole Pike

**Bianca and Senora**  
Mark and Laurie Manoleff

**Boba, a beloved  
companion**  
Ida Wade

**Bogie**  
Sandra Markovich

**Boo and Marvel**  
Jenny Rahe

**Boof and Johan**  
Janelle and  
John Kendall

**Bozo, Bozo II and  
Duke the dogs**  
Norb and Elaine Silvers

**Bret and Lucy**  
Denise and Zack Blake

**Buddy**  
Colette K. Stumpf

**Buddy the dog**  
Lee Brown

**Caesar  
the English Bulldog**  
Pamela Marteness

**Callie and Suzie**  
Mark and Melinda  
Ohlenkamp

**Chance RIP**  
Jason Walton

**Candy, Emmalu  
and Sparty**  
Joyce Howard

**Champ and  
Rebel the dogs**  
Helen and  
Ken Bechtold

**Charlie**  
Kathryn Wilke

**Cody and Charlie**  
Craig and Nicole Moore

**Cody the dog**  
Lee Brown

**Daisy, Otis, June Bug, Tia,  
Lucie, Red Dog, and Pug**  
Terri Odegaard

**Dakota and Trudy**  
Ginny Gapinski

**Diesel**  
Crystal and Nick Ratke

**Dillon and Toff**  
Adam and Holly Nelson

**Dot Dot the cat**  
Irv and Jean Loftus

**Duke**  
Warren Determan

**Dylan**  
Al and Diane Mendel

**Edgrrr**  
Susan Dege

**Fluff the cat**  
Freya Olson

**Freckles, my first dog,  
many, many years ago**  
Theresa and Jeff Pitts

**Gabby**  
Marie Palmersheim

**Ginger Goke**  
Patti and James Goke  
Peggy Neibling

**Gizmo the dog**  
Carla and Randy Johnson

**Goldie and Rags**  
Jerry and Millie Swalboski

**Grace**  
Suzanne Ross

**Greta and Molly**  
Linda Ritzeuthaler

**Gus, 2009-2022**  
Jason and Ann Hallonquist

**Hank**  
Mary Ann Schueller

**Hans, Jingles, and Petri**  
Donna Acheson

**Harley**  
Denny Wintheiser  
and Mary Buhl

**Harry**  
Mike and Cathy Cleland

**Honey**  
Rosemarie (Rose) Henzler

**Honey the dog**  
Beth Sieben

**Hunter**  
Bev and Patrick Riley

**Ike the dog**  
Renee Dowsett

**Izzy**  
Thomas and Luanne Patrek

**Jack**  
Kissner Family

**Jasper the cat**  
Marcelyn Smale

**Jericho, Tasha,  
Toby and all our  
Furbabies**  
Jen Thompson

**Jozie Delong**  
Sherry Cole

**Kona**  
Deb Kittridge

**Lacey, Lexi,  
Ginger and Shane**  
Bob and Karen Ament

**Levi**  
Jen Hatch

**Lilly the dog**  
Sherri and Leo Eichers

**Lily ... the most barkiest  
pile of noodles and tail  
wagging I ever met.**  
Ave Giorgio

**Liza Jane and Nelly**  
Kaye Schimmich

**Lobo the dog**  
Trish Welle

**Lou Lou (adopted from  
TCHS in January 2006).  
Because of her, we've  
since adopted and loved  
3 more rescue dogs!**  
Anonymous Donor

**Lucky, Puddin', Amber,  
Scotty, Blackie,  
DJ, and Whiskers**  
Cheryl Fawcett

**Lucy, Zax, and Stuart**  
Kurt Primus

**LuLu, Frosty, and BB**  
Lynn Duxbury

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Jeanne and Paul Friebe

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Grey, Fluffy, Thumper,  
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**Maverick, Lightning,  
Pumpkin, Joey, and Emma**  
Joan Anderson

**Max and Moe**  
Norma Wolff

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and Ronrico**  
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**Maxx the dog**  
Lee Brown

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**Miss Boots, my beloved little fur monster**  
Cindi Olichwier

**Miss Kitty, who was adopted from Tri-County many years ago. She provided many years of joy and companionship.**  
Linda Nelson

**Missy, Beau, Bella, and Mandy**  
Lenee and Mike Hoffman

**Misty the dog**  
Wayne and Sue Stevens

**Mittens and Mitzi**  
Julie Neiman

**Mr. Kane the dog**  
Jeff Butterfeld

**My beloved pets**  
Shirley Fiala

**My former dogs and cats**  
Rosemary Marx

**My great dogs**  
Marcene Finken

**Nikki Illies**  
Michelle Illies

**Nikko, a sweet and faithful dog**  
David and Joan Bender

**Obie**  
Donald and Anita Fischer

**Oliver the cat**  
Linda and Tom Addicott

**Oscar**  
Glenn and Sandi Pence

**Otis**  
Lois Coleman

**Our much-loved dog, Wyatt**  
Kim and Mark Hoff

**Our Shelties**  
Rev. George Ham Jr. and Kathryn Pratt

**Our sweet Bella**  
Rod and Sharon Meyer

**Patches, Tigger, and Mollie**  
Julie and Timothy Olson

**Peanut**  
Sandra and Marvin Ramler

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Ellie Wittstruck was a TCHS junior volunteer who absolutely loved dogs. She'd often come in on her days off from volunteering just to visit them.

Ellie passed away in July 2024 in a motor vehicle accident; she was 18 years old and a recent graduate of Sartell High School. Her family bought dog toys for attendees to take at Ellie's wake and funeral in memory of her. They brought the leftover toys to TCHS, and we gave them away to new dog adopters in Ellie's name.

Ellie's family reached out to us shortly before the holidays. Her mother had created pet-related holiday baskets. With their permission, we sold the baskets in our Re-Tail Shoppe to raise funds for the animals as a tribute to Ellie and her love for dogs. In addition, our Facebook post about the sale raised \$1,000.

We want to thank Ellie's family for helping the animals in honor of her. And, thank you, Ellie, for loving TCHS dogs so much. We know the feeling was mutual.

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Tri-County Humane Society once again has a Veterans Fund for TCHS adoptions, thanks to a generous donor!

John Moline, who served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, is a St. Cloud resident and a dog lover who wanted to give back to his fellow veterans. John's donation late last year re-established a fund that will allow



veterans to "name their own price" on a TCHS animal of their choice.

The fund will be used to offset the balance of the animal's adoption fee after the veteran chooses their price. The promotion will be in place for veterans until the funds are exhausted.

### To use the fund:

- The Veterans Fund is for the veteran to adopt for themselves, not others.
- TCHS will ask for government-issued proof of military service for the veteran to use the fund.
- A veteran may use the fund only

once per year, while funds last.

### How to contribute:

- Donate through [www.tricityhumane.org/tchs-veterans-fund](http://www.tricityhumane.org/tchs-veterans-fund)
- Send a donation through the mail to TCHS, P.O. Box 701, St. Cloud, MN 56302. Please make sure to note it's for the Veterans Fund! You also can stop in the shelter to make your donation; please tell us it's for the fund.

*Thank you, John, for your service and for this gift!*

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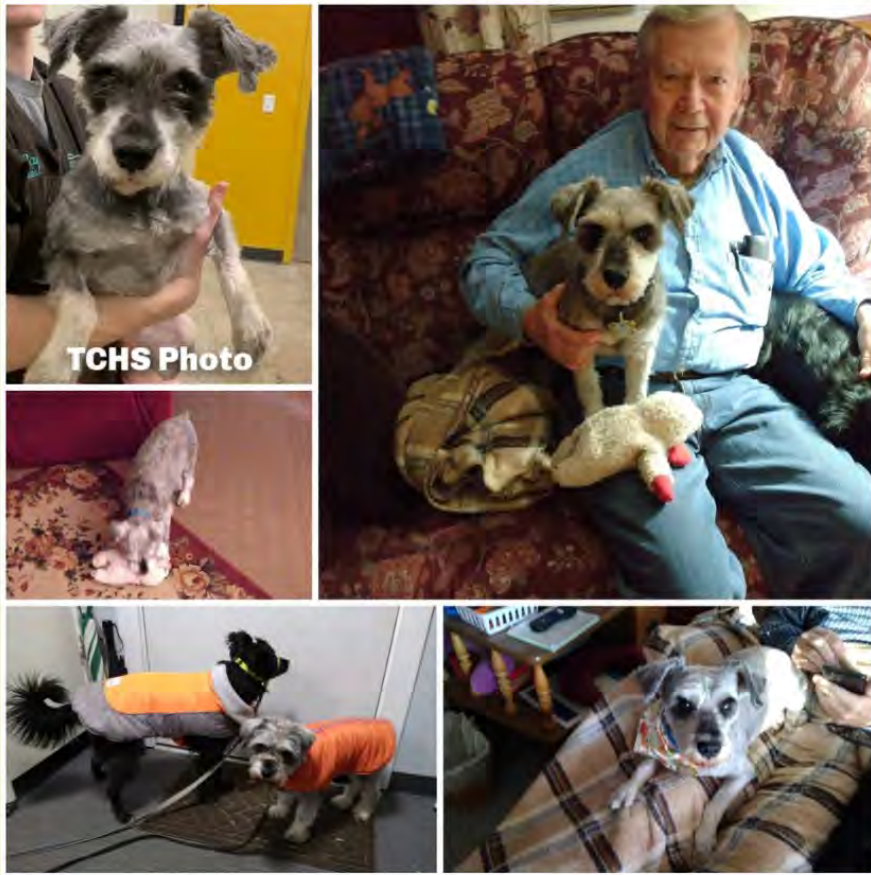
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The Miniature Schnauzer mix known as Alfredo came to Tri-County Humane Society in September 2023. Now known as Freddy, he found his match a month after his arrival, and, thanks to the patience of his new family, at 7 years of age he's finally gotten control of his potty problems. He's proof that old dogs CAN learn new tricks!

His family says that Freddy is a silly boy who loves to play with his stuffies and tease his big sister, Sassy. "He also loves to snuggle and sleep in our bed at night." Of course, some things can't really be altered. "He is a Schnauzer, so he has to bark at everything!"



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