

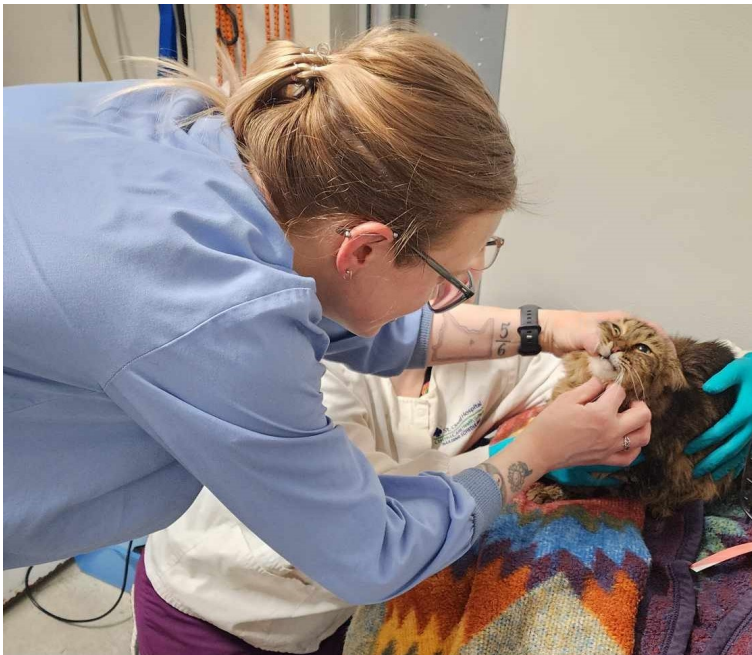


Tri-County Humane Society

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Community Rallies Around TCHS After 94-Cat Intake

Thank You For Your Support!



We answered Minnesota Federated Humane Societies' call for help with case in Crosby **PAGE 7**



Hundreds of donors have helped these cats get a second chance

LEFT: Kraemer was the 1st adoption from the Crosby case; 30 have gone home to date



Almost 200 attend our 50th anniversary gala

Thank you to sponsors, guests, Harvester Square for a fantastic evening

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The Scoop: Learn how to do a purr-fect cat introduction

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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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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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Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

We are a third of the way through our 50th anniversary year, and as we reflect on how far we have come, we are finding many ways to celebrate this major milestone! Most recently, on May 2 we hosted the Tri-County Humane Society 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala. I truly believe people who love animals are among the greatest people in the world. To be surrounded by nearly 200 friends of animals for an entire evening was an absolute treat! More than that, we raised an incredible amount for the animals at the gala (see Page 5)! To those who supported and/or attended our event – thank you for helping make the evening so memorable.

Another reason to celebrate, in April we took in 94 cats who had been removed from a home in Crosby, Minnesota (see Page 7 for the full story). This never would have been possible in our first two shelters, but our current shelter, which opened in 2020, was able to accommodate this large group comfortably. We were grateful to be able to help the cats from Crosby, and while we hope we don't come across a case of this magnitude again, it's a relief to know we have the ability to help if and when there's a need.

The list of reasons to celebrate goes on and on. Beginning in 2011, we've made sure all pets are spayed or neutered prior to adoption, reducing the number of accidental litters in our community. We're also doing more medical procedures than ever before, such as dentals and heartworm treatment. But perhaps our most notable accomplishment began almost a decade ago: Since 2015, our placement rate has been above 90 percent!

We've come a long way from our humble beginnings in our first shelter, a converted gas station on Lincoln Avenue. But there's one thing that hasn't changed: our commitment to serving the pets and people of Central Minnesota.

As we celebrate all that we have achieved over the past 50 years, we look forward with eager excitement to all that is to come over the next 50 years. Thank you for being a part of our past, our present, and our future! We could not do this work without you!

For the animals and the people who love them,

Marit Ortega



320-371-0871 (direct)
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There's still plenty of 2024 left — which means there are plenty of ways to help TCHS mark our 50th year! Check out our website or scan this QR code to see 50 ways to support us!



Our Wish List

For the Animals

Feliway for cats, sprays, diffuser refills

Adaptil for dogs, spray and diffuser refills

Kitten and all-life stages dry food

Puppy and all-life stages dry food

Clay cat litter (non-clumping is preferred)

Meat-flavored baby food

Kitten milk replacer

Easy Cheese (squeeze cheese)

Peanut butter (xylitol-free)

Canned cat food (pate preferred)

Churu "squeeze treats" for cats

High-quality sensitive stomach food for both cats and dogs (preferred brands include Purina, Hill's Science Diet, Royal Canin)

For the Shelter

Monthly donors

Bleach (unopened bottles)

Gift cards to local businesses for pet/office/shelter supplies

Dish gloves and sponges

Liquid hand soap

Kleenex or facial tissue

Distilled water (in gallons)

70 percent isopropyl alcohol

Unscented baby wipes

Live traps for our

Return to Field feral cat program

Cat scratchers from

StretchandScratch.com



Amazon Wish List



Scan the QR code to check out the items we need most for TCHS!

For the Office

White copy paper

Colored copy paper

Scissors

Black/blue ink pens

Expo markers

Postage stamps (forever and postcard)

Volunteer Needs

Fosters

Offsite adoption and event volunteers

Surgery assistants (*Must be 18 years of age or older*)

Dog walkers (*Must be 14 or older, and be able to handle big dogs*)

Note: Prospective volunteers and/or fosters must apply; applications can be found at www.tricountyhumansociety.org, or paper applications are available at the shelter.

Special Request

Microchips help reunite lost pets with their humans! TCHS is looking for a donor or donors to help us cover these costs:

* Small microchip scanner for microchip clinics: \$249

* Microchip scanner with safety extension for harder-to-handle animals: \$575

If you are interested in helping us, contact Executive Director Marit Ortega at 320-371-0871.



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The Scoop On ... Introducing 2 Cats the Right Way

Editor's Note: This is part two of a three-part series. Look for the last column in the July/August newsletter.

The second part of our new pet introductions series is all about cats. Even though adopters may be eager and excited to add more cats to their household, our feline friends usually do not feel the same way. The success of a cat adoption relies heavily on proper cat-to-cat introductions.

Know your cat's purr-sonality

As with dogs, cat owners should take into consideration their resident cats' behaviors and general demeanors. Is the cat outgoing and relatively laid back? Is the cat typically timid, hides when guests come over, or displays other signs of stress? Has the cat interacted with other cats in the past?

Both outgoing and timid cats may do well with other cats over time, but the way in which they are introduced and the pacing will need to be adjusted based on their individual personalities.

They'll need some alone time

Separate spaces are a must in the beginning. At minimum, for the first few days (maybe longer) each cat should have its own space and all the resources it needs. Often the easiest way to do this is to put the new cat in a separate room while the resident cat has free roam of the rest of the home. Be sure each cat has a bed, a hiding spot, litter



By Rose Hegerle, CVT

box, food, water, toys, etc.

Throughout the entire introduction period, be sure to give each cat individual one-on-one time. This could be petting, relaxing or hanging out, interactive playtime, or perhaps brushing. While the cats are getting used to the idea of another cat in the home, continuing to strengthen the bond between each cat and the owner is important.

If all the cats seem relaxed after the first few days of isolation, this is a good time to start indirect interactions. An indirect interaction would be feeding both cats at the same time (ideally high-value items such as wet food or treats) right next to the door on either side. The cats will be able to sense another cat is on the other side of the door, and that will be paired with a positive experience.

Next, swap their scents. Remove an item such as a blanket or bed from each cat and swap them. This gives the cats the opportunity to smell each other thoroughly before seeing each other. Repeat indirect interactions like this for at least a few more days before moving on to the next step.



Two of Rose's cats. Slow and proper introductions are critical when bringing a new feline into a home.

Time to meet—slowly

If all is going well and cats are relaxed, visual introductions are next. Cracking the door to allow them to see each other briefly is a good start. Keep it short. If the cats make eye contact and everyone is relaxed, give a treat and shut the door again. Repeat this many times over a few days to get them more used to seeing one another.

If at any point there is hissing, growling, or other signs of stress and discomfort with the situation, simply stop and try again at a later time. Another approach may be to place both cats in carriers or other restricted-access areas so they can see each other without the opportunity to touch. Keep these sessions brief and positive. Do not scold, yell, punish, etc., as that will only make them less comfortable with the situation. Simply stop the interaction and go back to the previous stage.

As you continue to lengthen the time of visual interactions and there are consistent positive results, it may be time to provide supervised direct interactions. In the early stages of direct

More information

Check out our website, www.tricountyhumane.org, for more pet resources.

contact, continue with short and positive sessions.

Even if it seems like things are going well, it's best to err on the side of caution. Allow them to free roam when supervised, but they should return to separate spaces in the early days of direct interaction when the owner is at work or sleeping.

Patience is crucial during this process

Pet owners will come to understand the specific body language and behaviors of each animal and can gradually flow through the stages of introductions. From start to finish, this process may take as little as 1-2 weeks, or it could take several months. The key is patience to allow everyone adequate time and space to adjust. Seek help and guidance from TCHS staff whenever needed!

Rose Hegerle, CVT, is TCHS' Director of Veterinary Services. She has worked at TCHS since 2014. She has cats, dogs, reptiles, fish, and tarantulas!

Gala Raises \$84,802 for TCHS

What an anniversary gift.

Tri-County Humane Society is excited to announce that our 50th Anniversary Celebration Gala raised \$84,802 for our animals.

About 200 people attended the event, held May 2 at Harvester Square in St. Cloud. The gala featured wine and beer tasting, a silent auction, delicious food, live music, and more.

We are so thankful to our guests, our sponsors, our hardworking staff and volunteers, TCHS Board Member Bill Nelson's fundraising efforts, and our special guest of honor, former TCHS Executive Director Vicki Davis.



Photo by Westbee Photography

Please visit www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/gala for a full list of gala acknowledgements.

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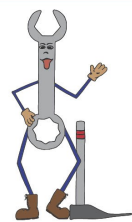


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FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP



Tri-County Humane Society hosted several notable fundraising events over the past few months, some of which were firsts for us!

Friends of TCHS Get Inked to Support Our Shelter!

TCHS teamed up with RocketUp Tattoo in Sartell for our first Tats for Tails fundraiser Feb. 17-18. (The event was originally going to be one day, but the first day filled so quickly, the shop added a second day. That also filled up in just a few hours!) Participants paid \$50 for an animal-themed flash tattoo, and TCHS received a portion of the profits. Thanks to the shop and its artists (who donated tips), TCHS received \$2,600! *Thank you, RocketUp Tattoo and participants!*

Worth a Cheers!

Thank you to everyone who attended our first Pints for Pets brewery fundraiser on March 23 for the animals! We raised about \$2,750 for our shelter, and we had a ton of fun. We especially want to thank our event sponsors Marco and Trobec's Bus Service, Inc., as well as the participating breweries: Back Shed Brewing; Bad Habit Brewing Company; Pantown Brewing Company; and Beaver Island Brewing Company. We also want to thank Erbert & Gerbert's for giving us a great deal on the sandwiches we served!



Design by Naomi Poppler



Join Us!

What:
Beeranthropy!

When: 3-10 p.m., June 19, 2024.

Where: Pantown Brewery Co.,
408 37th Ave. N, St. Cloud.

Details: TCHS will receive 25% of all sales (includes in-house pizza, snacks, crawlers, apparel/merch, and growler refills) and 100% of tips. Plus, dogs will be allowed on the patio!

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

Fleet Farm for asking customers to "round up" to benefit TCHS.

Virnig Manufacturing and its employees for doing a donation drive for us.

Jules' Bistro for creating a slice of Kindness Cake to support our shelter. (It had dog-safe ingredients so it could be shared with a pup!)

The organizers of the Doxie Dash event for donating a portion of the inaugural event's profits to us.

McDowall Company for donating sheet metal for us to put a magnetic message board at our front desk. We also want to thank McDowall employees Pete Holmgren and Steve Rupar for cutting and installing the board.

Scooter's Coffee for donating a portion of a day's profits from its St. Cloud and Sartell shops to us.

Red Robin for a dining fundraising for TCHS.

Mike and Mary Leyk for buying walkie-talkies for us.

Metro Bus for choosing TCHS as the beneficiary of its "Casual Day for Charity."

Thrivent members who allocated their Choice Dollars to TCHS.

PCI, Inc., for donating us a Kirby vacuum cleaner.

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Community Supports TCHS In Wake of Crosby Cat Case

By Marit Ortega
TCHS Executive Director

Tri-County Humane Society was contacted by the Minnesota Federated Humane Societies in late March, asking us if we would have space for a large number of cats. They were working on a case in Crosby, Minnesota. We had an abnormally low number of cats in our shelter at that time, so we agreed to help.

On April 11, the Crosby Police Department with the assistance of the Minnesota Federated Humane Societies began removing the cats from the Crosby home. They found 102 cats, 94 of which were brought to Tri-County Humane Society at 5:30 p.m. About a dozen of our dedicated staff stayed until 11 p.m. doing their intakes.



(CLOCKWISE, FROM LEFT): TCHS Veterinary Technician Christina Hegstad, CVT, does an intake on a Crosby cat on April 11; a Sartell family is reunited with their Crosby cat; Crosby cats await processing after arriving at Tri-County Humane Society.

Unlikely reunions

During our intakes, we scanned them for microchips, and one of the cats had one! We contacted the owners, and they drove immediately from Crosby to be reunited with their cat. It had been missing for seven years.

On April 12, the Crosby Police Department issued a news release that said, "Anyone missing cats in the area is encouraged to contact the Tri-County Humane Society." We decided to treat all of the cats as strays to give people a chance to see if their lost cat was among the group.

On April 13, a couple from Sartell reached out to us and said they thought one of the cats on our website looked a

lot like their lost cat. Their cat, a 10-year-old neutered feline named Cougar, had unique markings, and there was a neutered cat whom we had guessed to be 10 years old with identical markings on our website. We invited them to come in and take a look. It was their cat, who had been missing for six months to the day. By chance, KARE 11 was at our shelter interviewing us about the Crosby cats when the Sartell couple showed up.

A compelling story

We also received visits from WCCO, KSTP, and Fox 9, we were aired on the MPR morning show, WJON, KNSI, and seven stations in the Brainerd Lakes area, and we were featured in the Star Tribune, St. Cloud Times, St. Cloud Live, the Newslead-

er, even a paper in New York picked up the story! Thanks to the attention from media and our devout social media followers, over the course of the five days we received over 200 emails from people hoping we had their lost cat. Sadly, we did not find any other matches.

We have a number of Crosby cats in foster care or being treated in-house who are not ready to be released yet, but we have successfully adopted out 30 Crosby cats to date, and we have many ready and waiting for adoption. Our amazing staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond to make sure these cats receive the love and care that they need. In our 50 years, this is by far the largest group of animals we have taken in at one

We are touched by the outpouring of support for these cats. There are too many donors—literally hundreds — to list them all, but we want everyone to know we are so grateful.

We especially want to thank the donor (who wishes to be anonymous) behind our 94-Hour Crosby Cat \$5,000 Challenge, Pantown Brewery for donating \$1 for every beer sold during that challenge, Boysen Animal Hospital staff for volunteering to do exams and other care, medical partners IDEXX and Dechra, businesses who hosted supply drives, and everyone who donated.

time, and we couldn't have done it without the help of our amazing community.

Thank You, Kennel Sponsors!

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George Hicks

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Bernice Tschida

Takaya
Mike and Georgia Thienes

Tea
Julie Morgan

The best cat ever
Corrinne Grover

Tika and Brandy
Villalobos Family

Timmy & Kelly
Kaarin Johnston

Titania, Taliesin and Dusty
Kait Rudh

To Ratso, Tiger and Fuzzy Wee
Jennifer Schultz

Tony Folie
Jana Heisick

Tootsie, Rusty, Ginger, and Sam
Tom and Nadine Piasecki

Tsofie and Macy
Sue Peterka

Venom
Mark Neilson

Wayne, the greatest cat of them all
Cassandra Carlson

Zuki and Raven
Kim Ellis-McKigney

Dedications: In Honor of Pets

All God's critters
Rosemary and Michael Haakonson

All our past pets
Ron and Miki Hanson

All the fur babies we adopted from shelters
Patricia Stoll

All the Spring Kitties
Trish Welle

Annika & Dennis
Jackie and Dick Lundstrom

Baby Z
Polly A Brambrink

Barnaby and Rolo
Christopher Houck

Bear, Panda, and Smokey
Karen Thronset

Beignet and Bisous
Elizabeth Drantch

Belle (16-year-old cat)
Sarah Coltvet

Buster
Sandra Spichke

Buster and Fergus
Colleen Semmer

Carly Jane
Lynn Olson and Carrie Raiche

Charlie—rescued 2.5 years ago and such a great companion!
Mike and Kari Machacek

Cosmo
Michael Henke

Cougar
Lisa Vollbrecht

Dexter and Tinker, our rescue pets from TCHS
Shari Litzau

Finn
Nancy Goman

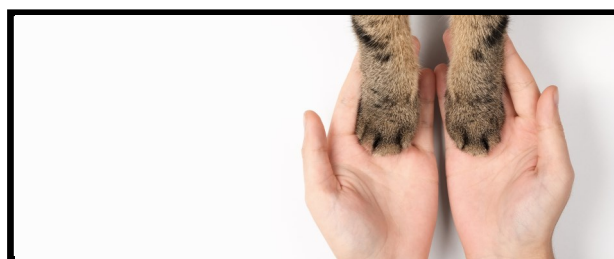
George & Sophia
Virginia and Harry Marso

Gracie
Christine Dinzl

Gracie
Julie Reberg

Jack, Duke, Cali and Layla
Arianna Pitts

Jesse
Stephanie Horvath



Lucy, Bella, & Minerva
Sally and Steven Thayer

Luna
Pat Anderson

Marley
Margy Bailey

Miss Lola
Alison Zimmermann

Muffin
Barb Ward

Myk (previously Bo)
Aline Foss

Nelson, Grimké, Corduroy, Kairali & Kheer - great Tri-County companions!
Tom Huffman and Kristin Vonnegut

Our adopted cat, Sadie
Laura and Traf Ringelspaugh

Our adopted cat, Zoie
Laura and Traf Ringelspaugh

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Dedications: In Memory of People

Al Miller and "Chewy"
William Miller

Amanda Garrett
Glenn and Marlys Stocker

Ann Thelen
Marc and Jill Ree

Arlene Boyd
Julie & Ralph Anderson

Asha Gregory
Cherie Ablan

Avis P. Frethem
Chris Frethem

Barbara "Barb" Casey
Cal & Alice Broughton
Marilyn Lueck
Michael Nagle
Murray and Sue Mack
Patricia Nagle

Bev Hofmann
Suellyn (Studie) Hofmann

Bill Melville
Barbara Melville

Carol Graves
Kathryn Graves

Carron
Trudi Detert

Craig Grimes
Roger &
Carol McHaney-Walz

Dee Christenson
Jo Iverson

Dick Schramm
Beth Schramm

Donna Hennesy Bahe
Cindy Kluempke
Mary Bahe
Susan Curtis

Donna Pallansch
Terri Winter

**Dr. Lois E. Harmon, TCHS
Veterinarian 2005-2018**
Sherry Roth

Dustan Connel
Tammie Cartwright

Gary Germundson
Sue Williams

Georgie Christen
Beth Schramm

Gordon Gablenz
Kathleen Henderson

James Mancini
Dennis & Janice Schramel
Julie, Ralph, Nicolas, Caleb,
Mady, Bridgette,
& Austin Anderson
Lloyd & Deanna Scheeler

Jillian Summers
Joanne Schultz

Jim Schultz
Family and Friends
of Jim Schultz

Joey Higgins
Marcia and Edward Opatz

Joseph Zellner
Jan LeClair

June Domine
Duane Cekalla
and Susan Jensen-Cekalla
Raymond James &
Assoc., Inc.

Kathy Huben
Barbara Melville

Karen Miller
Martin Swalboski

Kelly Zittlow
Diana White
Mary Cheryl Opatz

Kerry Kuester
Barb and Kim Kuester

Kim Meline
Ann Meline

Larry Greenwald
Lisa Freihammer

Lee Mayavski
Alice Norbie
Beth Schramm
Doris Matter
Jackie Flaherty
Janet Gruenhagen
Julie Wood
Marsha Bunger
Mary Cheryl Opatz
Tamm Family
The Kremers Boys

Linda Hortis
Theophanis Hortis

Lori Newman
Rose Newman

Lynn Bothwell
Kristine Faubel

Rothamer-Bothwell
Household

Mary J. Burton
Donald Burton
Linda Addicott
Ronald and Patricia Rau
and the Rau family

Mary Patton
Irv and Jean Loftus

Morris Freier
Beth Schramm

Morteza Yahyavi
Roxanne Wightman

Ned Blakeslee
Patricia Wasser

Noah Hortsch
Jami Fremstad

Pamela Blommer
Kathy Czeck
Mary Cheryl Opatz
William & Leone Blommer

Patricia Gray
John and Susan Vanboening

Paul Fjelstad
Patricia Brook Lemm-Tabor

Robert Bump
Kerry Backes

Rose Theisen
James & Deborah Wilmes

Ruth Albrecht
Roxanne Kampfer

**Shannon,
loving sister and mom**
Kari Johnson

Sharon Richter
Kathryn Sartell

Sherri Smith
Tiffany Smith

Ted Plantenberg
Cheryl Ley and
Richard Witteman
Kevin and Joyce Ley

Tim and Jim Botz
Deb and Todd Hobbs

Tim Botz
David & Roberta Gerads
Genevieve & Albin Pulczynski
Hayden Botz
Jay & Kris Ophoven,
Ben & Kayla Minke,
Kevin & Kim May, Keith &
Michelle Neu, and
Melanie Thompson
Kerry Moberg
Lucy Foster
Nancy Uhlenkamp
Sandy Notson

Tina Coleman
Amy Dirkes
Deb Larson
Richard Coleman
Richard Johnson

Tom Nahan
Sheila Nahan

**Wynston Boe, a true friend
to felines**
Breanne Ahrndt

Dedications Made In Honor of Pets Continued

**Ozee and Hairiette,
my shelter cats**
Pat Galles

**Parker, the resident cat
at St. Benedict Senior
Community, who brings
daily enjoyment to
residents and patients**
Julie Aronson Dehnel

Peanut
Isolde Mueller

**Pepper, the spoiled Black
Lab, and Cheeto, the best
cat in the world!**
Melissa Sandstrom

Pete and Grace
Suzanne Ross

Preacher Magera
Jacob Lyons

Riley and Richard
Nadine Schnettler

**Ripley, the cat who lived
at the shelter until she
chose us**
Linda Sue Anderson

Rock and Bebe
Linda Paul

**Rocket! 1st fostered then
adopted from TCHS**
Ernie and Ann Kruger

Rosie, Boodle, & Hachi
Brandi Canter
& Gabriela Wirz

Sadie
Carolyn Suggett

**Sam, Adopted 06/30/2022.
He is the perfect dog for
us! We love him to pieces,
what a blessing!**
Judith Heeter

Sophie and Maggie
Ron and Diane Fink

Stella, Sprout and Sassy
Marti Carroll

Sullivan
Mike and Mary Gilbert

Sunny and Tio
Curt and Enid Lundgren

The Crosby Cats
Kim Righetti

Timmy
Joseph Elwood

Tina
John and Roberta Schiel

To all the fur babies
Cindi and Lyden Moe

**To celebrate the
May 1 anniversary of the
adoption of our cat, Dibs**
Kim Follett

Toby and Elsa
Cheryl Biegler

Tommy, Max and Brian
Karen Ackman

Uno AKA "Kitty"
Micki Blenkush and
Dan Michaels



LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

The Companion Animal Board (CAB) bill received lots of support this session but, unfortunately, the bill was not granted a hearing before the policy committee deadline. Advocates will be back in action for the next session.

Learn more and stay informed at www.mncab.org



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The Office of Animal Protection (OAP) bill (S.F. 3542/H.F. 3799) was introduced this legislative session and granted hearings in the House and Senate. Unfortunately, the OAP bill will not move forward this session, but supporters will be back in 2025! Stay informed by visiting www.mnoap.org

Dedications: In Honor of People

Abby & Chris Nicksch's wedding
JoAnn Schendzielos

All the great work you do!
Kathleen Bierbaum

Bill Atkinson's Birthday
Bill and Judy Atkinson

Bill Nelson's Birthday
Kim & David Billings

Bless you for all your work!
Jackie Nornes

Derick Segerstrom
Michelle Kiley

First United Methodist Senior High Youth Group
Mary Beech

Gabi Wirz's Birthday
Pat Canter

Grover Riggs
Lori Riggs

Jackie Cross
Tom Cross

Jean Davison
Lisa Wilson

Joyce Solt
Kelly and Justin Werner

Lisa Kodadek
Penny Hon

Marge Bates' Birthday
Kathy Reibestein

Michelle Booth from the AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP Staff Team
Tauna L Quimby

My mother, Judith K. Henry
Erin Henry

My sister, Betty
Christine A. Zweiner

Sarah Larsen
Cindy and Darius Larsen

TCHS' 50th Anniversary
Curt and Enid Lundgren

TCHS Staff & Volunteers
Crystal Cory

TCHS staff caring for the Crosby cats
Terry Libro

Thanks to Tracey & Bill Worzala for taking such good care of our dog (and all the dogs)!
Laura and Tim Donovan

The Benoit Family
Lana and Ron Nornberg

Tracy Janssen
Jolene Simmons and Patti Opatz

Trisha Yearwood
Brooke Stuart

Vicki Davis
Ann and Jason Hallonquist
Annette and Dale Gasser
Bob and Ellen Raw
Carol Walz
Carole Packer
Cleo O'Boyle
Dan and Fawn Wright
David Lies
Ellen, David and Kali Guernsey
Evan and Carol Jones
Fidelity Brokerage Services, LLC
Gary and Shari Snyder
James Hart
Jan and Jim Hovda
Jan Ritsche
Janice and Douglas Rhonemus
Jean and James Michael
Jill Christen
Jill Nessa

Karen Young
Kathy Hagen-Acker and David Acker
Kathy Zenzen
Kim and Mark Hoff
Kim Golembeck
Linda Fuhrman
Linda V. Ringsmuth
Marit Ortega
Mark and Cathy Sauer
Mary Helen Montgomery
Maymie Ecker
Ron and Mary Liffbrig
Susan Rosenberg and Jeffrey Roos
Tracey and William Worzala
Tracy and Robert Lewellyn

Zoe
Carmel Kaliher

TCHS Welcomes New Board Members

On Feb. 27, at the first TCHS Board of Directors meeting of the year, the board elected and welcomed the following members

(pictured, from left): Karen Zimmer, Karyl Daughters, and Dawson Quick.



The board also elected Ryan Coye as its new president, Blair Schrader as its first vice president, and Lacey Solheid as treasurer. Jody Terhaar was re-elected as second vice president, and Kelly Werner was re-elected as secretary.

Departing the board were Jason Hallonquist (outgoing president), Treasurer Matt Larson, and board member Monica Mendonca.

TCHS board members believe in and support the mission of Tri-County Humane Society and actively work toward fulfilling that mission. We so appreciate their time and talents!

TCHS Gives Away 88 Microchips at Clinic



We had our first successful microchip clinic of the year on April 13 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School! TCHS staff administered 88 free microchips that afternoon; we also hosted a free pet food pantry. We want to thank everyone who joined us, and the folks associated with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School for lending us the space. While this clinic was free, TCHS has \$10 (plus tax) microchip clinics scheduled throughout the year; the next one is 2-6 p.m. on June 4 at the shelter. Check out www.tricountyhumane.org for details!

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MN SNAP

SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

**Is Coming Back to TCHS
This Summer and Fall!**

MnSNAP's mobile surgery clinic soon will use TCHS' property for clinics! **However, these clinics fill up fast.** TCHS is hosting, but all questions about surgeries and scheduling should be directed to MnSNAP.

www.mnsnap.org



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Save the Date for Our Companion Walk!

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. * Sept. 7, 2024 * Wilson Park



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walk for
the
animals!