



# Tri-County Humane Society

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## Thank You, Vicki!



Executive Director Vicki Davis to bid farewell to shelter after almost 4 decades

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## Companion Walk Raises \$40,000

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Santa Paws holiday fundraiser will be back Nov. 16-19; book your appointment today!

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## The Last Note From Vicki As Executive Director

Vicki Davis is retiring in early February 2024; Marit Ortega will succeed her as Tri-County Humane Society's Executive Director.

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I've been working through a long list of "lasts," and now it's time to write my last newsletter letter. Dramatic pause ...

I can't deny this comes with a mixture of emotions – nostalgia, pride, and some sadness, just to name a few. Stories upon stories attached to each one of those. Kate has plans for the other 11 pages, so I need to keep it brief.

I've had the best job ever - most of the time - and the times it wasn't served as an excellent incentive to do something about it. What an incredible journey it has been serving this organization. I'm immensely grateful for the support and passion that each one of you has brought to TCHS. I'm so proud of the progress we've made together. Your commitment to our mission has enabled us to achieve significant milestones, from our humble beginnings in a renovated gas station to having our own surgical team to spay/neuter every dog, cat, and rabbit, as well as be able to fix whatever else might be ailing them. I'm quite certain eyes roll when I start a sentence out with "Back in the day" or "There was a time ..." You have to understand how hard it is to not say that when there's such a stark difference between then and now. I used to be the HR, operations, animal care, special events, fund development, and customer service manager. That was one very big and colorful hat! Now we have a full-time person for each one of those positions. If that doesn't spell growth, I don't know what does. Maybe the budget going from \$40,000 to \$1.7 million speaks louder. There are so many milestones, but you know most of them already, and again, I only have this one page. Let's just say Virginia Slims has nothing on TCHS as far as coming a long way.

My deepest gratitude and admiration to our board members, staff, volunteers, donors, and supporters of every kind. (I just realized - I've reported to 40 different boards!) Over the decades we have created a compassionate environment for animals and the people who love them that extends far beyond our shelter walls. Please join me in being proud. It didn't just happen because of good ideas and intentions; it took like-minded people to help get there.

I leave my role with a heart full of gratitude. I have complete confidence in Marit and the dedicated TCHS team to carry on making a positive impact on the lives of animals and people in our community and to take TCHS to even greater heights. Marit is guided by the same passion and dedication that has defined TCHS. She's very excited to be coming home, and I'm excited to welcome her with open arms.

During my nearly 40 years with TCHS, I have met SO many remarkable people I'm now honored to call friends. What a gift that is. That's the lovely thing about people who like animals – they tend to be the best kind of people.

Thanks for being my people.

*Vicki Davis*



Vicki Davis, CAWA,  
TCHS Executive Director



Marit Ortega and Vicki Davis singing the national anthem Sept. 9 at Wilson Park to open the TCHS Companion Walk: Furrassic Park. Marit will start working with Vicki in November 2023 as she prepares to be TCHS' next executive director.

Get more Companion Walk details on **PAGE 6**.

# Our Wish List

## For the Animals

Feliway for cats, both sprays and diffuser refills

Adaptil for dogs, both sprays and diffuser refills

Kitten and all-life stages dry food

Clay cat litter (non-clumping is preferred, please)

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



## For the Shelter

Monthly donors

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

Dish gloves and sponges

Liquid hand soap

Distilled water (in gallons)

70 percent isopropyl alcohol

Unscented baby wipes

Live traps for our

Return to Field feral cat program (see [www.livetraps.com](http://www.livetraps.com) for options)

Cat scratchers from

StretchandScratch.com (or do a DIY one, or shop the Dollar Store)

# Vet Expenses Help!



Scan the QR code to help with our vet expenses (or give us a call!)

## For the Foster Program

Snuggle Kitty/Snuggle Puppy dolls

Heating discs for the kittens

Pet-feeding bottles

Shaker bottles (blender bottles)

## For the Office

Green and red printer paper

Forever postage stamps

Business-sized envelopes

Black Sharpies, both regular and fine-tipped

## Volunteer Needs

Surgery assistants

(*Must be 18 or older*)

*Apply to volunteer through the TCHS website ([www.tricountyhumansociety.org](http://www.tricountyhumansociety.org)) or pick up a paper application at the shelter.*

## Special Request

We're looking for help funding a bank of cages for our shelter's overnight drop area for St. Cloud's stray animals. Please contact Executive Director Vicki Davis at 320-371-0871, or [ed@tricountyhumansociety.org](mailto:ed@tricountyhumansociety.org)

# Shop at TCHS

## Keep Pets Occupied During The Busy Holiday Season

This time of year can be very busy, with plenty of visitors and commotion around the house! Keep your



pets just as busy with boredom busters from TCHS' Re-Tail Shoppe. Lick mats, Kongs, scratching posts, and other toys are great ways for your furry best friends to stay busy—and out of trouble! Our Re-Tail Shoppe is in the lobby of our shelter.

## Pet Odor-Fighting Candles Can Help Home Stay Fresh

Keep your home smellin' good for company with our Pet Odor Exterminator Candles, available in the TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe. These specially formulated candles are long lasting and can tackle stinky smells head-on.



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

- Pet food not in original packaging
- Old clothing
- Furniture
- Newspaper
- Blankets/comforters, sheets, towels
- Used litter pans
- Computer accessories
- Anything broken or missing parts

## New Name, Same Low Prices!

We have rebranded our thrift store! The shop formerly known as Re-Tail Revisited is now For Pets' Sake Thrift. (Check out the new sign—by the way, we want to thank Erickson Electric for helping us light up the sign!)

Why did we change the name? Well, in part because we want everyone to know that whether you're shopping at our thrift store or in the TCHS Re-Tail Shoppe, all the profits are going to support homeless animals. That makes shopping with us not only a bargain, but a good deed!



For Pets' Sake Thrift is right next to our main shelter. Cash/check are preferred.

### Hours:

2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Thursdays  
2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays  
2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays

*Closed on holidays!*

# The Scoop On ... Rabbits, Reptiles, Spiders, Oh My!



By Rose Hegerle, CVT

Although cats and dogs are typically the stars of the shelter, there are many other types of pets who come to Tri-County Humane Society in need of loving homes.

Our Small Animal Room tends to be a catch-all for any pet we take in who is not a cat or dog. This includes small mammals, reptiles, birds, and other unique pets. On rare occasion, we may even get in a tarantula! These critters may make up a smaller area in the shelter, but they will certainly still fill your heart just the same!

## 'Less work?' Not exactly

One misconception we sometimes hear is that a small animal pet such as a rabbit or guinea pig is "easier" or "less work" than a cat or dog. While they are not as demanding of our time and resources as cats or dogs may be, they still have specific housing, diet, medical, and so-

cial needs to be met. A great thing about adopting a unique pet species is the opportunity to learn about the biology of the animals and add to your knowledge of the natural world! The following is a brief list (not all-inclusive) of some of the small animals we rehome through TCHS. Keep in mind all animals should be given appropriate outlets to engage in the normal behaviors of their species.

**Rabbits:** Can live over 10 years with proper care; they are social with people once they are accustomed to them; they can be litter box-trained with the right steps and patience; do well with a large open enclosure or even a whole room to run around and exercise; if kept in a smaller cage/hutch they should get plenty of human social time and exercise outside of their cage.

**Guinea pigs:** Generally live 5-8 years; do best in same-sex pairs as



**TOP PHOTO:** TCHS Animal Care Manager Rose Hegerle (and author of "The Scoop") with her tortoise, Phoebe. Phoebe has been an educational ambassador for TCHS (see below). **TOP RIGHT:** Obsidian, one of Rose's six tarantulas.

they are highly social with one another; have a wide range of entertaining vocals; tend to be easygoing.

**Hamsters:** Generally live 1-3 years; solitary animals and should not live with other hamsters; develop interesting individual personalities.

**Gerbils:** Live about 2-4 years; often do well in same-sex small groups; need lots of bedding/substrate in which to tunnel and burrow; active and curious.

**Mice & rats:** Generally live 1-4 years; very so-

cial with their own species and humans; intelligent critters who have been scientifically shown to display empathy; do best in same-sex pairs or small groups.

**Snakes & lizards:** There are several varieties of snakes and lizards kept as pets, and each one has its own unique needs; reptiles are cold-blooded so proper temperatures are important; they can live many years.

**Turtles & tortoises:** Tend to have quite long lifespans depend-



ing on the type; generally easygoing; some are aquatic and some are land-based; each type has unique needs; they are reptiles and need heat control as well.

**Birds:** Many different types of birds are kept as pets and each type has different needs; very intelligent animals and certain parrot-type birds can learn words; often kept in cages and should be given safe flight options as well; varying lifespans, many can be quite long.

All creatures, great and small, deserve love, patience, and proper care. Consider adopting a unique pet today!

## TCHS Hosts Events Focused on 'The Other Guys'

In July and September, Tri-County Humane Society organized two education sessions aimed at kids: "Snake Story Time" and "Readin' Reptiles and Stellar Spiders." The two events drew more than 20 children and adults total and allowed the youngsters a chance to interact with or view Seamus the snake (far right), Phoebe the tortoise, Loui the bearded dragon (right), and various tarantulas.



Photos by Westbee Photog-



# You Better Not Pout: Santa Paws Is Coming Back

Please plan on joining us for Santa Paws, our annual holiday fundraiser.

For \$50, customers get a flash drive with five portrait photos by a professional photographer with full publishing rights. Once again, the set will be in our former Training Building next to our shelter. (It's the home of our For Pets' Sake Thrift store.) You can make an appointment via phone (320-252-0896) or by stopping by our shelter. Photo sessions will take five minutes. We want to thank our sponsors, The Camera Shop, Country Gallery Photography, and Motors in Motion.

## Santa Paws Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. *(Santa will be here!)*

Sunday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*The set theme this year will be "Cozy Cabin Christmas."*

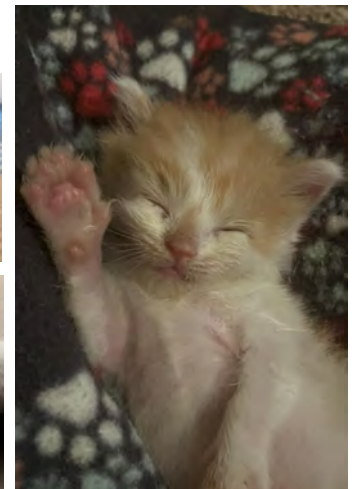
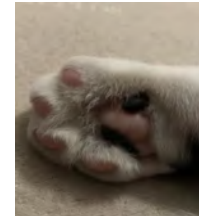
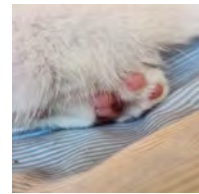


*Pictured: The Lund Family. Taken for 2022 Santa Paws by volunteer photographer Mike Knaak.*

## Paws-Up to this Give to the Max Idea!

For Give to the Max Day on Thursday, Nov. 16, TCHS will be spoofing the "Only Fans" website by doing an "OnlyPaws" campaign. Don't worry, it will be very G-rated —and cute. Besides delighting friends of animals, Give to the Max is intended to raise money for our shelter. Save the date, and keep an eye on our website and social media for details on how to give!

And we're proud to announce this: "An anonymous donor has issued a \$5,000 matching challenge for Give to the Max Day in honor of Vicki Davis and her 39 years of service at Tri-County Humane Society. This donor would like to express their gratitude for all of Vicki's work on behalf of shelter animals. Please help TCHS meet our Give to the Max fundraising goal by joining this donor in supporting the lost and homeless pets in our care."



## Need Giving Inspiration? We've Got Your Gift Ideas for the TCHS Fan In Your Life Covered!

We are once again working with Henry Embroidery on an online apparel shop featuring TCHS-branded items. As this newsletter goes to press, we're still collaborating on the designs, but trust us, they're going to be cute and cozy. Expect flannels, hoodies, and winter caps. (Perfect for winter hibernation!) The online store will run from Nov. 10 to Nov. 17; orders will be shipped directly to TCHS after the store closes. (They'll be ready in plenty of time for the holidays.)

*Keep an eye on our website and Facebook/Instagram for links to order!*



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# A Roaring Success: Furrassic Park Raises \$40,000

Hundreds of walkers (and pups) attended our Sept. 9 Companion Walk at Wilson Park on St. Cloud's East Side. Dubbed Furrassic Park, this event pulled in about \$40,000 for our shelter. We want to thank everyone, and we mean everyone, who helped make this day a success!

*We couldn't do this without our sponsors, vendors, donors, volunteers, and walkers!*



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## Top 10 Walk Individual Fundraisers

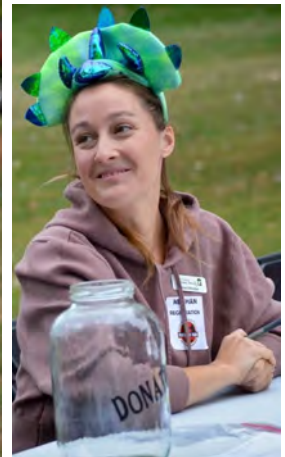
1. Vicki Davis: \$14,358
2. Emily Bezdicek: \$1,200
3. Linnea Lang: \$1,025
4. Jerry Kenning: \$950
5. Janice Ressemann: \$800
6. Angie Koshiol: \$740
7. Colleen DeGroat: \$525
8. Olivia Schomer: \$515
9. Tracey & Tom Mayers: \$500
10. Melanie Ashfeld: \$385



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# Join Us in Congratulating Our New Shelter Veterinarian, Dr. Quade

TCHS is proud to announce that Dr. Deanna Quade is now the shelter's main veterinarian.

Dr. Quade takes over this contract position from Dr. Anne Lottie, who served as the shelter's vet for about five years. Dr. Quade has a long history with TCHS; before she joined our team as one of our contracted vets, she volunteered her services in our surgery suite.

While TCHS is not licensed to do vet care for the public, our shelter has mandated for more than a decade that all our dogs/puppies, cats/kittens, and rabbits are spayed/neutered before their adoptions are complet-

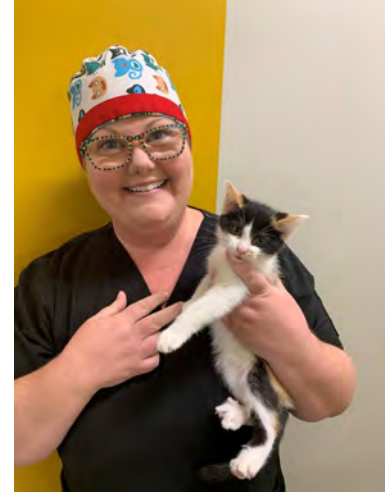
ed. That means Dr. Quade is part of a very busy surgery team made up of staff and volunteer assistants.

Dr. Quade attended University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine and graduated in 2006. She was in private practice for many years before eventually transitioning to shelter medicine.

When asked why she loves being part of #TeamTCHS, she replied: "Tri-County Humane Society does an amazing job ensuring all our animal friends are as comfortable as possible and are well cared for while in the shelter. I am impressed and amazed every day watching the staff handle the animals using

their Fear Free Handling training to make possible stressful situations as calm and comforting for the animals as possible. I am very thankful to work with such caring colleagues who go over and above to love all the animals in our care. Having the opportunity to help so many animals, and then see them find forever homes keeps my heart full!"

Dr. Quade's hobbies including spending time with her family, her husband and their two boys; the Quades love to fish, hike, and travel. Of course, they also have many animals, including two dogs, a bearded dragon, two gerbils, and egg-laying chickens.



*Dr. Deanna Quade and a friend. Before Dr. Quade became TCHS' vet, she volunteered her services to the shelter.*

## New to Us: We Got Wheels!



*Dubbed "Vanna White," TCHS' new van may be used for mobile microchip clinics or other outreach projects. Stay tuned!*



*At left is an example of how the sponsorship marker will look; two opportunities are available.*

## We're Thinking Spring With These Sponsorships!

We are adding two sponsorship opportunities for the two flower pots that greet visitors outside our shelter. For \$800, a marker will be displayed in the flower pot starting in early May through the next 12 months. This could be a lovely way to honor someone (or some pet), or promote one's business. For details, email Manager of Fund Development Emily Prodinsky at [events@tricountyhumane.org](mailto:events@tricountyhumane.org), or call 320-252-0896, ext. 14.



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# TCHS Honors Volunteers, Fosters at Event

About 80 TCHS volunteers and fosters gathered July 13 at the Sauk Rapids Events Center for our annual Volunteer and Foster Appreciation Party. Volunteers started TCHS, and we literally could not do what we do without their help!



**TOP PHOTO:** TCHS Above and Beyond Volunteer Naomi Poppler. **LEFT (from left):** Sonny Ricke, Mary Swanson, Derek Swanson, Carri

## A Purr and a Wag of the Tail to ...

**George Herzog Jr. and Theresia Fisher** for having a private fundraiser, including a silent auction, at their home to benefit our shelter. About 30 people attended!

**Mike Fischer of Climate Air** for helping upgrade our HVAC system.

**Midland Credit Management** for donating office chairs to us.

**Back Shed Brewing and Pet Supplies Plus** for organizing a fundraiser for our shelter.

**The St. Cloud State University men's basketball team and coaching staff** for doing some deep-cleaning around the shelter.

**Pet Supplies Plus** for inviting TCHS to participate in their Grand Opening and donating \$1,500 to support the animals. Also, shout out to the store for helping us "Stuff the Van" and contributing 600 pounds of litter to our drive. (We had more than 1,000 total donated!) See picture at right.

**Raylene Johnson of Wags on Wheels Mobile Grooming** for volunteering her time to groom TCHS dogs in need.



**Subaru** for supporting TCHS pet adoptions during October through "Subaru Loves Pets." Subaru planned to donate \$100 for every adoption up to \$3,100.

## Chewy Teams Lend a Hand at Shelter



Online pet supply retailer Chewy has partnered with TCHS multiple times this summer and fall. Chewy has sent teams of employees many times to help us with projects and donated items—they even bought us a new lawn mower!

See our Chewy wish list at [www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/donate](http://www.tricountyhumanesociety.org/donate)



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Thank you to C & H Truck Repair and Heart and Sole Farm for sponsoring our "Clear the Kennels, One Spin at a Time" initiative in early October! Their generous donations helped us drastically reduce dog/puppy adoption prices.



# Vicki Davis, Thank You for (Almost) 40 Years of Service!

Tri-County Humane Society has changed a lot over the years. One constant: Executive Director Vicki Davis, who started her career with TCHS in December 1984. When Vicki started, she was the only full-time employee; she managed four part-time staff members and about 50 volunteers. (She also cleaned cages, did adoptions, did intakes, ordered supplies, did the medical work, wrote thank you notes—she did whatever needed to be done.)

Flash forward (almost) 40 years, and TCHS has about 30 employees, half of which are full-time, 200 volunteers every month in the shelter, and we adopt out about 300 to 400 animals every month. We've come far, and Vicki has been a major part of that journey.

We can't thank her enough for everything she has done for animals, for people, and for Central Minnesota.

**"If you had to single out the one biggest change in animal welfare you've seen over your career, does one come to mind?"**

"The animal welfare community/ organizations have become much more professional and are managed like a business. The other big change— the placement rate has improved significantly. That's the one big goal I was committed to: Stop having to euthanize healthy animals. When I started, the rule was I had to euthanize half of every black Lab mix litter, animals over 7 years old, and anything with medical issues, whether serious or not. I either had to quit or change it. I couldn't be more proud of where we are today."

**"What's the first thing you're going to do in retirement?"**

"A lot of nothing. And while I'm getting good at that, I expect to smile when I realize I don't have emails piling up."



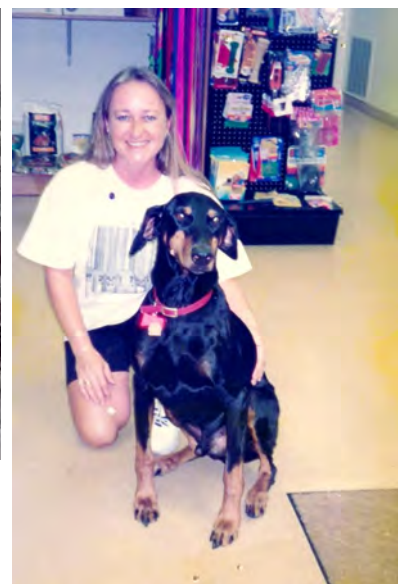
**BOTTOM:** Vicki and Abbi. **LEFT:** Vicki in her office in the former shelter.



**TOP LEFT PHOTO:** Vicki delivers her address at a Wine, Kibbles & Bids celebration. **TOP RIGHT:** Board Member Cheryl Ley and Vicki talk at the groundbreaking for the current shelter.



Vicki (far left) with the TCHS staff in the late 1980s, in the then-new shelter. She said that building seemed like "the Taj Mahal. A building meant to be an animal shelter." Moving into our current shelter, which opened in September 2020, was surreal, she said. "The surgical suite in the center of the building puts it over the top. That wasn't even a dream in the '80s."



Vicki and TCHS mascot Badoo; he was TCHS' first canine mas-

# Dedications Made In Memory of Pets

## All our special pets

Merle and Linda Schindele

## All the animals, both wild and tame, who lost their lives in the fires on Maui.

Julie Aronson Dehnel

## Anney

Bill and Judy Atkinson

## Annie, Tessa, Rooney, & Charlotte

Rob and Barb Anderson

## Blonco Leo Kanu (Tomcat)

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Deborah Wolf

## Oliver

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## ... and the Lord God made them all.

Julie Aronson Dehnel

## Abby, Monique, Dave, Murph, Kate, & Crosby

Lori and Bob Hastings

## All the precious animals

Trish and Dave Welle

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Jill, Janice and Jon Ressemann

## Betty

Joseph Elwood

## Cody & Izzy

Patricia and Richard Harper

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Crystal Cole

## Lunabelle's 16th Birthday

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**Becky Benoit & Jack Peterson Anniversary**  
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**Congrats, Amy & Mike!**  
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**Dawn & Ronald Grossinger  
Wedding Anniversary**  
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**Dawn Grossinger's Birthday**  
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**Elysia Littlefield & her dog, Buddy**  
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**Lana Nornberg's Birthday**  
Rebecca Benoit and Jack Peterson

**Levi's Birthday**  
Levi Knafle

**MN State IT AAA Product Support Team**  
Jill Bedel

**Rebecca Benoit's Birthday**  
Rebecca Benoit and Jack Peterson

**The People of Maui, who lost pets, homes, and  
family in the Maui Fires**  
Julie Aronson Dehnell

**The wedding of Aaron & Erin**  
Karina Sebastian

## TCHS Community Report

The below numbers are from January 2023  
through September 2023.

Pet Placement		Animal intakes		Humane euthanasia	
Adoptions	3,115	Owned surrenders	2,414	Medical reasons	113
Reclaims*	243	Stray intakes	907	Behavioral reasons	46
Return to Field	169	Transfer intakes	366	Owner-requested immediate evaluations	129

\* Includes strays, safekeeping, and bite quarantines released to owners.

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