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TCHS Helps Beagles Get 2nd Chance

1,500 dogs relocated from Wis. breeding/research facility

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Community rallies to help TCHS take care of 11 of the pups

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

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

If you are anything like me, it takes only minutes to get invested in the well-being of the lost pet you encounter on the street, the little birdie who fell from its nest, the baby bunny who seems too young to be hopping around on its own, or the turtle crossing the street. When we encounter an animal in need, our caregiving instincts kick into high gear, and we want to help. Now imagine working at an animal shelter. I often say that one of the biggest job hazards of working at TCHS is the desire to take home all of the animals!

These past few weeks have been among the hardest with the arrival of the 11 beagles from Ridglan Farms. My favorite family pet growing up was a basset/beagle mix named Holly (adopted from TCHS in 1990!), and hounds have held my heart ever since. When we received the request to take some of the 1,500 beagles being released to shelters and rescues around the country, I knew my heart was in trouble.

Early on in my career, I lived in an apartment, which limited my ability to adopt. It gave me time to build a "wall" up, so to speak, so that when I did finally move into a house, I was able to foster animals without feeling the need to keep them all. As a result, my family and I benefited from the immeasurable joy that comes with raising litters of puppies, kittens, and small critters.

I don't know what happened, but shortly after I left TCHS in 2018, before returning as executive director in 2023, my wall disappeared.

In 2020, during Covid, I received a TCHS newsletter – much like this one - advertising the need for foster homes. Within days, Cora entered our home in all of her pregnant calico glory. She won over our German Shepherd, Cortana, immediately. Cortana eagerly helped Cora raise four beautiful kittens. My kids were in heaven, too! We had just experienced the loss of three very close family members, and it was the perfect cure for our sadness. When the time came to bring them back to the shelter, Cora and my dog were completely bonded, and each of my children had fallen in love with a different kitten. I ended up adopting the momma cat and three kittens, which might just take the cake for the biggest foster failure in TCHS history!

So why am I telling you all of this? To be honest, I need your help. My "wall" is not back yet, but my home is full. (It has taken everything in my power not to adopt a beagle!) If you have any room in your home and heart to foster an animal, we are in the heart of kitten season, with the occasional litter of puppies, small critters, or special need animals. Time commitments vary from one week to several weeks, and you have complete control of what you foster and when. We also take care of all food, pet supplies, and veterinary care. I'd be happy to talk to you about it if you are interested, as would our foster team or any one of our staff (many of whom are currently fostering animals).

Can't foster? Consider volunteering or donating. You'll find our wish list and various ways to help the animals in this newsletter!

For the animals, and the people who love them,

Marit Ortega

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Our Wish List

For the Animals

Meat-flavored baby food

Kitten milk replacer

Easy Cheese

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

Unscented baby wipes (sensitive skin)

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

Liquid hand soap

Cotton swabs

Clorox wipes

Bleach (unopened bottles)

70 percent isopropyl alcohol

Live traps

Cat scratchers from StretchandScratch.com

For the Office

White copy paper

Colored copy paper

Sheets for a Scotch laminator

Forever postage stamps

Postcard postage stamps

Manila file folders

Volunteer Needs

We need TCHS birthday party hosts! Hosts must be comfortable with dogs and cats, and they must be good with children of various ages.

Note: Foster/volunteer applications can be found at 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!

Chewy Wish List

Please scan the QR code to check out some of our most-needed items from Chewy!

Special TCHS Request

We're looking for help providing an enrichment activity for our pups! We'd like to hang flying discs using a carabiner to the pups' kennel doors and smear them with something tasty such as peanut butter or spray cheese! There's no risk of the pup chewing the disc because they're attached to the kennel's outside.

Our goal would be to outfit every kennel so no dog misses out on the fun, plus buy extras to sell. A bulk order of discs with TCHS' logo would be $250 via Amazon.

If you can help, please contact Executive Director Marit Ortega at (320) 371-0871 or ed@tricountyhumanesociety.org.

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

- Pet food not in its original packaging
- Items unrelated to pets, including clothing, furniture, and household things
- Newspaper
- Heavy blankets/comforters, towels, pillows
- Anything broken or missing parts

Shop at TCHS

TCHS Debuts Online Store

You gave us feedback, so we decided to make some changes with our TCHS merchandise! Tri-County Humane Society has launched a permanent online apparel store. The online store features a variety of logos and designs, styles, and colors. You can have your order shipped to TCHS for pickup at the shelter, or, for an extra charge, have your items shipped directly to you.

We plan to add more choices and rotate out options for the store depending on seasons. We welcome your feedback about what you'd like to see.

Place your order at our website (under "Shop") or scan this QR code. All profits go back to our animals!

For Pets' Sake THRIFT

Our Pets' Sake Thrift is located next to our shelter and offers gently used pet-related products at low prices. It also houses our free Pet Food Pantry.

Wednesdays through Fridays: 12-6 p.m.
Saturdays and Sundays: 12-5 p.m.

Closed on holidays. Hours subject to volunteer availability. Please bring donations for the store to the main shelter.

The Scoop On … Bringing Up Baby and Fluffy

By Rose Hegerle, CVT

The human-animal bond is not just for adults. Children also benefit from having positive relationships with family pets. Some examples include improved social interactions, learned empathy, increased focus, and overall well-being.

Though there are many benefits to raising children alongside pets, it's not always easy to safely and comfortably introduce them. Not every pet will be a fit for a lifestyle with children, but there are many ways to support a happy household with children and pets.

Safety

Both the safety of the child and the pet should be the number one priority. Interactions between pets and kids should be mutually beneficial and consensual. If either child or pet is not comfortable or interested in interacting, it should not be forced. Additionally, each party should have a safe space away from the other if they choose. For the child, this may be done with baby gates, playpens, bedrooms where pets are not allowed, being held by parents, etc. For the pet, it may include rooms where pets can spend time that children cannot access, crates, leashes, or baby gates and pet fences to section off areas of the house. Distinct safe zones do not replace constant adult supervision. Children and pets should never be together unsupervised. Even when children and pets have been living together for some time, accidental bites or injuries can happen, resulting from things such as a loud noise that may startle either party, sudden movements or vocalizations of children, a fall or other incident that suddenly creates unexpected physical contact, etc.

Creating a plan prior to introductions will help set everyone up for success.

Getting ready for baby

If you already have pets, but are expecting a baby:

Preparing your pets for the baby should start several months before the arrival of your baby. For dogs, basic training will help everyone involved. Mastering simple cues such as "sit," "down," "stay," "go to bed or kennel," and "drop/leave it" will be invaluable during the transition period. Trying to teach those cues during major life changes will be much more difficult.

Pets will need to learn about and become accustomed to many new household items in addition to the baby itself. There will be new toys, furniture, routines, smells, noises, etc., that come along with a new baby. Set up baby furniture such as a bassinet or crib, high chair, swing, or other items and leave them out in communal living spaces so the pets can get used to their presence. If an item makes noise or plays music, be sure to turn it on periodically. Providing a treat to your pet whenever you turn on the baby swing is an example of how to attach positive vibes to baby items.

If you anticipate a change in the pet's feeding times, walks, or other routines, start those changes before baby arrives. For example, if you currently feed your pets first thing in the morning, but expect you will need to feed baby first, wait to feed your pets in the morning until you've already done other things around the house.

Get your animals used to the sounds of a baby. When I was

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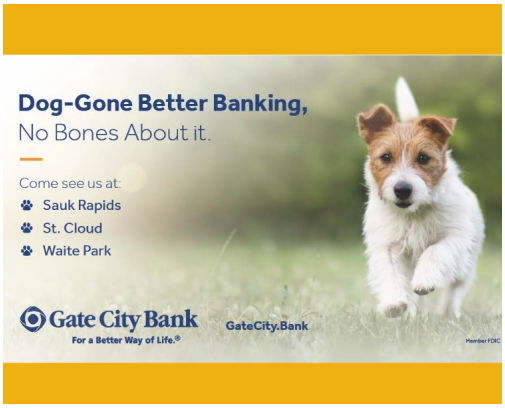

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The Scoop continued

expecting my child, I wrapped a blanket around a stuffed animal and my phone with YouTube playing baby cooing and crying noises. As I walked around the house carrying the blanket like I would be with a baby, the animals got used to the movements I would be doing and the sounds of a baby. It was quite sweet the ways my two dogs investigated my blanket of noises. In true feline fashion, my cats were not interested or impressed by this!

If you are planning on a child coming into your home who is older, these ideas can be applied with the use of items that will be associated with the age, personality, and habits of the new child. Of course, these steps will not be an exact replica of the changes to come, but they will help your animal get used to several new things rather than having to experience all the changes at once when the baby or child arrives.

Bringing a new pet home

If you already have children and are planning to bring a new pet home:

Preparation will look a bit different. Be sure to thoughtfully choose an animal to fit with your current family as best as possible. If you have very young children, waiting until they are old enough to understand safe boundaries may be best. Or, perhaps choose a dog or cat who has lived with and done well with children before. Maybe a puppy who can learn and grow with the young children will be a good fit

Body language

Parents must have a good understanding of animal body language, specifically signs of stress or discomfort in an animal (lip licking, pacing, whale eyes, retreat, hissing/ growling, tail flicking in cats, ears flattened back, etc.) and relay those signs to their children. Parents should always supervise pet-children interactions, and if an animal is showing signs they are comfortable, parents should calmly and gently stop the interaction immediately. Children should be taught what signs to look for and must understand the importance of leaving an animal alone when necessary. Additionally, if an animal is very excited and wants to get close to the child, but the child is fearful or uncomfortable, the animal should not be allowed to approach. Mutual space and respect are important for everyone to feel safe. Never hover over your animal, get in their face, touch sensitive areas, etc. These are important boundaries for respecting your pet's personal space and preventing bites.

Practice runs

Parents and children should practice together how to be calm and speak gently in preparation for meeting and interacting with their new pet. It's an exciting experience to meet a new pet, and the excitement of a child can be especially difficult to contain! Practice runs of how the family will greet the new pet for the first time and subsequent interactions are a great way to prepare everyone. Teach the child how to gently offer their hand to see if the animal is interested in physical touch or interaction (testing consent). If the animal does not approach, everyone should know to wait until later to try again. When an animal does want physical touch, a gentle touch is necessary so children do not inadvertently hurt an animal — that may lead to a scratch or bite. Babies and very small children tend to indiscriminately grab, squeeze, and pull things, so extreme caution must be practiced.

Dining apart

Mealtimes for both the people and pets should be separate. A pet should not be allowed to interfere with people's mealtimes, and children should leave animals alone when eating their food. This is where a safe space such as a kennel can be beneficial. A kennel can be a great place for a dog to eat their meal and a great place for them to spend time while humans eat their meals. The same principle can be applied to keeping children's and pet's toys separate. Resources such as food and toys are an area in which bites may happen if not handled appropriately.

Being realistic

It will likely take both the humans and animals some time to adjust. Change can be exciting yet difficult at times. Give everyone plenty of time and space. Keep safety in mind and remember that it is the responsibility of the adults to prepare for and supervise children-pet introductions. It's also important to give yourself and each other some grace. You may find you don't have as much time for your pet as you did before children, or that your child's after-school routine is complicated after adding a pet. Over time, navigating these changes should get easier. If things are not going smoothly, the staff at TCHS are always available to provide some guidance. Other great resources include your family veterinarian, zoetispetcare.com, aspca.org, and fearfreehappyhomes.com.

Rose Hegerle, CVT, is TCHS' Veterinary Manager.

TCHS Helps Give 11 Ridglan Farms Beagles Fresh Start

Tri-County Humane Society recently took on an important endeavor: Caring for 11 beagles relocated from Ridglan Farms.

TCHS was contacted by Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley in early May, asking if we had the capacity to help with a rescue mission they were involved in that included a sizeable number of dogs from out of state. The details were highly confidential at the time, so we didn't know exactly what we were saying yes to, but we replied that we had room and could help.

Soon, news broke of the 1,500 beagles who were being rescued from Ridglan Farms, a Dane County, Wisconsin, breeding and research facility that had long faced accusations of animal abuse and mistreatment. The beagles were being relocated to rescues nationwide, thanks to a deal struck by Big Dog Ranch Rescue and the Center for a Humane Economy to purchase the beagles, thereby preventing them from suffering through a litigation process or being purchased by other research facilities.

TCHS was among four Minnesota organizations to receive beagles, along with Animal Humane Society, The Bond Between, and Ruff Start Rescue.

TOP: Bryn Liffrig (left) and Kari Boehmer work on a beagle intake May 14. RIGHT: A beagle's adoption!

TCHS transfer

On May 14, Customer Service Manager Kari Boehmer and Animal Care Manager Bryn Liffrig drove to Animal Humane Society to pick up the 11 beagles that TCHS would take custody of. The beagles were part of a caravan from Madison, Wisconsin, to the Twin Cities and back to St. Cloud – so it was a long day for humans and animals alike!

"From the moment we began moving their individual crates to our TCHS van, I knew how important it was that we would help change their lives forever," Bryn said. "They were shut down and pushing against the back of their crates, disinterested in interaction. The whole ride back to TCHS was almost silent, but we could see a few of them watching the world go by through the windows."

They arrived at TCHS that night, and Bryn, Kari, and Human Resources Manager Laura Lund worked on processing the beagles' intakes.

"Some of them were surprisingly interested in people right off the bat, while others wouldn't even turn their heads to look at me while I softly spoke to them," Bryn said. "Most of them avoided standing on a blanket/towel, which is typically a standard piece of animal handling to reduce their stress, simply because they hadn't known it before."

Medical reviews

The next day, TCHS Veterinary Manager Rose Hegerle, CVT, did a thorough medical assessment.

"A large group with unknown medical and social statuses takes extra time and patience," Rose said. "We had to figure out their overall health and well-being and what their pathway through the shelter might be. After that initial triage and assessment, we then had to fit nine spays, two neuters, and nine dental cleanings into our shelter surgery schedule that is already busy this time of year."

But our team was up to the challenge, Rose said. "Many dedicated employees picked up extra shifts and went the extra mile to provide the care these beagles needed while also continuing to care for the rest of our animal population."

Adoption time

TCHS' team moved deliberately but quickly. Some of the beagles were adjusting so fast that they could be ready for adoption, and we knew they'd likely decompress even more quickly in a home setting with their new family.

Because there was such an outpouring of interest in the beagles, TCHS did something atypical – we opened an adoption application process and invited select applicants to do meet-and-greets with the beagles. We knew we'd have to prepare the applicants well – these dogs weren't housetrained, and everything was new to them.

Scan to give to the beagles!

"While matching these dogs with the right families to set them up for success has taken extra time and planning, receiving happy follow-up emails and hearing about their successes makes every effort from our team completely worthwhile," Kari said.

The last beagle was adopted June 4. TCHS has heard from all of the families, and the beagles are doing well. Many of them are lucky enough to have a doggie sibling.

"Being involved in this case has proven to me how remarkably resilient dogs are and how lucky we are to share our lives with them," Bryn said. "These dogs deserve love and safety for the rest of their lives, and TCHS helped facilitate that."

Wine, Kibbles & Bids Nets $112K

Our Wine, Kibbles & Bids gala presented by Sue Wahl Storbeck on May 7, 2026, was a success, and we are so thankful to everyone who helped make it a great night!

Tri-County Humane Society is happy to report that we raised a net profit of $112,407 for the animals. That's a record amount! Half of that came from TCHS advocate and former board member Bill Nelson, who raises money for the shelter through the Spay-ghetti and No (Meat) Balls dinner he organizes, as well as "Billy's Jars" and other efforts.

TCHS is so grateful to everyone who attended that evening, to all the sponsors and donors who made the event possible, and all the volunteers who helped us pull off this important event.

TOP PHOTO: Executive Director Marit Ortega and Bill Nelson; Bill is holding the amount he raised. RIGHT PHOTOS: Attendees interact with furry guests during the event.

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2nd Slumber Pawty raises $20,609

We had a great Shelter Slumber Pawty on April 18, and we're so thankful to our fundraising advocates AND the 273 people who donated. Tri-County Humane Society ended up making $20,609 for the animals!

We'd also like to thank the national Shelter Slumber Pawty campaign and its partners Petfinder.com and GivePet. Locally, we'd like to thank sponsors/ donors Bernick's, Happy Paws Bakery, Marcus Parkwood Cinema, and Sam's Club.

Shelter Slumber Pawty participants hang out in their kennels with their assigned pup.

Fundraising Advocates:

Ashley Green of Green Thumb Etc.: $1,375
Bethany Westby of Westbee Photography: $595
Bill Nelson, TCHS advocate: $3,250
Charlie Lindstrom and Matthew Thompson of "House of Floof": $1,085
Cyn Bolsta, former local radio personality: $1,404
Janelle Kendall, Stearns County attorney: $1,320
Jordan Jackson of Trust Real Estate: $655
Marit Ortega, TCHS executive director: $2,200
Monica Voth of Mantra Salon & Spa: $710
Raylene Johnson of Wags on Wheels: $1,555

Pawty donors had the option of donating to an advocate or to the shelter in general.

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

The Red Carpet Event Center for partnering on our first Puppy Bowl! Thanks also to Kyle Turck (The Hero and the Villain) for filling in last minute as our musical guest.

Gilleland Chevrolet and Miller Auto Plaza for giving TCHS $5 in April for every vehicle sold. They also bought a lot of cat food from our Re-Tail Shoppe to donate back to us — the cats appreciate it!

Jerome Miller for donating flea market profits to us.

Sweet Loon Bake Shoppe and Beaver Island Brewing Co. for hosting a cookie decorating fundraiser.

Riverview Intermediate School students for donating tie blankets and treats.

Jeff Kemp for volunteering to paint parts of our shelter.

Gray Duck and Pantown Brewing Co. for Paint Your Pet fundraisers for us.

AIS Planning for bringing hot chocolate for our staff.

The staff and volunteers who reorganized and added shelving to our shed.

Runnings for inviting us to table at the store and doing a donation drive for us.

Paynesville FFA for making tie blankets for the animals.

Brooke Strassburg and Kloster Collateral Services for printing support.

Metro Bus for using a forklift to help us get our new cat cages delivered. (Page 11)

Volunteer Katie Carlson for helping us create a TCHS banner for events.

KPower Yoga in Sartell for hosting two puppy yoga fundraisers for us. We know the participants and puppies had a great time!

Microbiologics for doing a donation drive.

Bryant Hanna, in partnership with Thrivent, for organizing a fundraiser for us with Spot Nutrition in Sauk Rapids.

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines for donating cookies to TCHS.

All-Saints Academy for donating bake sale profits to us.

Sauk Rapids Municipal Liquor for doing a donation drive for us.

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Lucy, Bella and Minerva
Sally and Steven Thayer

Maggie, Sadie, Lillianna, Calypso & Kilo all adopted from TCHS
Kathryn Young

Many pets
Ron and Miki Hanson

Marshall
Theresa Bentley

Munchkin, Samson, Cora, Cooper, Hawkeye, Boof, Johan, Duncan, and Yertle.
Piper Kendall

Na Na
Victoria Plaisance

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Dedications Made in Memory of People

Alex Pretti & Renee Good
Debra White

Alton & Dorothy Johnson
Theresa H. Johnson

Barney Dosch
Lacey Solheid

Bev Hofmann
Suellyn Hofmann

Charlene Gapinski
Linda and Tom Addicott

Dan Thompson
Julie Morgan

Diane Smith
Cindy O'Konek
and Chris Shorba
James & Lana Feddema
Brian Smith
David and Vicki Baston

Diane Smith and her dog, Toby
Judy Clare

Dr. Delmont Lieske
Ene Lieske

Dr. Lois Harmon
Bonney Bielen

Ed & Deloris Reich
Becky Reich

Elaine Tschida
Karen Tschida

Ellie Wittstruck and her love for animals and for TCHS.
Jessica and Brandon Klukken

Erik Osterberg
Tom & Judy Baron
Chris, Brandy Baron
& Family
Scott, Kim Baron & Family
Chad, Nita Baron & Family
Erika Baron
Lisa Baron

Florence Grewe
Marilyn and Lyle Uhlenkamp

Gabriel Armbrust
Julene Theis
Matthew Henry
Donell Ellingson
Roger and Diane Rouch

Gayle Tofte
Kristine Raymo

Gene and Gwen Krueger
Brenna Montgomery

Gene Van Hauen
Beth Schramm

Hallie Tobler (Johnson)
City of St. Cloud - Health & Inspections

Herb Miller
Sandy Jukel
Donna Marks
Judi Casey
Kevin Thurm
Robin and Michael Goldberg
Steven Ginsburg

James R. Olsen
Linda Nellis

Jan Brinker
Gayle Gibson

Jeanette Hartke
CDI Team

Jerry & Rosalyn Fritz
Tammy and Leroy Kraemer

Jillian Summers
Joanne Schultz

Joan Pickard
Patricia Sauer

John and Irene Wahl
Jeanne Soleim and
Tim Chirhart

Katherine Fletcher
Mike and Wendy Holman

Ken Finken
Marcene, Ava & Steve

Laurel Yanish
B D Weyland Yanish
Jodi Johnson
Gallagher-Mancini Family
Carol Jessen-Klixbull

Laurie Poach
Diane Folkestad

Linda Pargman
Curtis Pargman

Loni Stromme
Sally Reichert

LouAnn Garner
Beth Schramm

Maggie Tifft
Shiloh Barkley

Margaret Acheson
Employees at St. Cloud Floral

Mark and Karen Sprint
Michelle Smith

Mark Rajkowski
Jeanne Solein and
Tim Chirhart

Mary Murphy Olson
Colleen Paul and Russell Reeve

Mary Schorn
Lisa Betters
Pam Pollack

Michelle
Laura Bauer

My dad
Ross and Romelle Anfinson

Nancy Brewer
Jennie Kor
Perry and Dean Lemke
Rene Balder
Jerry McNamara
Sharon Goodyear

Neil Dolinsky, who was also allergic to cats
Luci Klendo

Pam Marteness
Tammy and Leroy Kraemer

Paula Chirhart Rubald
Leanne and Wayne Chirhart

Stacy Price
Tanya Chakraborty
Kevin and Tanya Noble
Khaonou Vang
Michael and Mary Leyk
Michelle DeGree

Stanley Stebner
Tina Linne

Vicki Weiss
Karen Brand
Julie Brand
Stephanie Weiss

Virgil VanRatavia
Susan Holmgren

Dedications Made in Honor of Pets Continued

Patches and Snowball
KarenLu Piskoty Kendall

Rex Puppers
Shea Coghlan

Rodrigo Larson Condon
Alicia Wold

Rocket! First fostered then adopted from TCHS
Ernie and Ann Kruger

Rodeo, Harley, Nala and Luna
Paula Adamski

Sally
Barbara Young

Shop rabbit
Tim and Liz Stewart

Snoopy
Marlene Carlson Bakeberg

Sonny
Jim and Nadine Ferlaak

Takoda
Mike and Georgia Thienes

Teddy Plaisted
Leila
Hedin

The Stubborn Bassets of the World
Laura Golembeski

Uno (AKA Kitty)
Michelle Blenkush and
Daniel Michaels

KITTEN SEASON IS HERE!

Please consider helping our tiniest guests however you can - adopting, fostering, volunteering, or donating. Top-needed items include nonclumping cat litter, wet food (pate), and kitten milk replacer.

THE KITTENS SAY THANK YOU!

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ANIMAL HOSPITAL
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GLENN NIELSEN, DVM
37 South 2nd Avenue
Waite Park, MN 56387
Tele. (320) 253-1061

THANK YOU, ASPCA

FOR THE GRANT TO UPGRADE OUR CAT ENCLOSURES!

If you stopped in our cat room recently, you hopefully noticed some wonderful changes! Tri-County Humane Society is grateful to the ASPCA's Northern Tier Initiative for awarding us a grant that made it possible to purchase beautiful new cat cages. Our cats now have more room AND natural light - and you better believe they are loving their sunbathing time.

Legislative Update

The Minnesota legislative session ended with mixed results for animals.

The Humane Pet Store bill passed the Senate with bipartisan support. The bill would have prohibited new pet stores from selling dogs and cats and required current stores to comply with new transparency standards. TCHS Customer Service Supervisor Danielle Hyde testified in support of that bill in front of the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee in March at the Capitol. The bill stalled after it wasn't called for a vote in the House.

The Veterinary Practice Act update passed; the law is intended to make it easier for pets to get needed care by allowing telehealth and a donated drug repository.

TCHS Promotes Staff Member

Tri-County Humane Society is happy to announce that Jacqueline Cross is one of our new customer service leads. Jacqueline has worked for TCHS in customer service and animal care for about five years. She previously was a TCHS volunteer.

Dedications Made in Honor of People

Bailey McPherson
Jill Moorthy

Brianna Reinke's Birthday
Jessica Peterson

Brianna Reinke!! And Cruze!!
Kristy Reinke

Chloe, Isabella, and Cooper Kendall
Janelle and John Kendall

Connie Horsch
Connie Horsch

Emmie's B-day
Arie Zika

Foster kitty Mom Cynthia & Volunteer Deb R.
LeAnn Orth

KarenLu Kendall
KarenLu Piskoty Kendall

Jesse Rice
Katy Clemens

Ken Gohman
Betty Mills

Nate Hesse
Chelsea List

Sammy Foderick
Tim and Liz Stewart

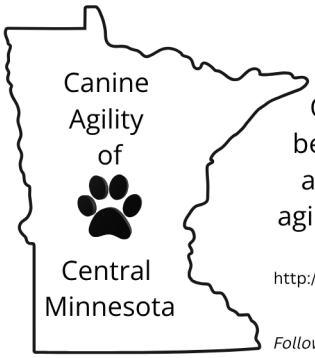
Sue Haller and Kris Pederson
Jerry Tangen

TCHS
David Lies

TCHS - all staff & volunteers
Jan and Ted Dahl

Tim and Natalie
Tim & Carol James

Uncle Mike's Pure Maple Syrup
Michael Steffes



Offering beginner to advanced agility classes!

http://cacmagility.com/

Follow them on Facebook!

Never miss TCHS news!

Email marketing@tricountyhumanesociety.org to be added to our email list!

Tri-County Humane Society

Adopt • Donate • Volunteer

Are you receiving Feel Good Fur-Days?

Every Friday morning, we email a Feel Good Fur-Day to those who want a bright spot in their week consisting of recent adoption stories like the one below. If you're not on the list and want to be, email **marketing@tricountyhumanesociety.org.**

One of the many great parts about adopting a shelter animal is seeing them shed their nerves and become the happy pets they were always meant to be.

Dot, a then-4-year-old mixed-breed small pup, was found outside in April 2025. Not surprisingly, she was a nervous gal. She found her home in about a week, and now, more than a year later, the renamed Lita is a different dog!

"Lita was initially quite timid and shy, but her easygoing, happy-go-lucky personality is now shining through."

Lita loves playing with balls, belly rubs, pontoon rides, and even Rollerblading time!

Happiness Happens Here!

Share your story with pets@tricountyhumanesociety.org