



Tri-County
Humane Society

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2021

Annual Report



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.”

Incorporated Dec. 11, 1974

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Message from The Executive Director

Dear Fellow Friend of Animals,

Because of your friendship, our 2021 chapter was a happy one for so many animals and the people who love them. With your support, and others in our community who share our passion for animals, we changed the lives of 4,499 animals in 2021. (Worth pointing out, in 2020, that number was 3,731.)

You know, there might be some truth to the saying “If you build it, they will come!” I feel fairly confident that the additional 768 animals we placed last year have a much better future because we had the room and resources available for them. Last year, those thousands of animals found kindness, love, and individualized care from the moment they walked through TCHS’s doors.

TCHS has always been willing to lend a helping hand – to lead the way for animal welfare in our community and beyond – thanks to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and supporters. I can assure you everything you read about and feel good about in this annual report is because of you, and other friends of animals like you.

There was a time when a walk through the cat room and kennels made me feel a blend of sad and anxious. Today wagging tails, purrs, smiling faces, and positivity fill our rooms and halls. We celebrated a record number of adoptions in 2021, and more records trickle down from there. Record number of animals transferred to us, record number of surgeries performed by our medical team, record number of social media engagements – you see where I’m going here. Your commitment to the relationships we share with our pets ensures TCHS can dedicate each day to supporting these incredible connections.

While we’re usually all about looking forward, let’s take a short stroll down 2021 lane. Give us a few minutes to share the highlights of yet another challenging but very rewarding year at TCHS. You’ve helped us bring hope and love to animals in our community and beyond. With you by our side, we were able to offer 4,499 animals a new chapter and great start on the right foot, paw, appendage, fin or scale. See details of a few choice recaps in the following pages. Thank you for partnering with us to inspire compassion and create a more humane society.



Vicki Davis, CAWA



A notable year ...

It was our
1st full
year in
our new
shelter!



With twice the
square footage,
we could help even
more animals ...



Which led to a
record number
of animals
finding homes!



We're so proud of what we've
accomplished—with your
help! Turn the pages to learn
more about our 2021.

Employees

Management Team

Executive Director

Vicki Davis

HR /Operations Manager

Jon Rand

Animal Care Manager

Laura Lund

Customer Service Manager

Anna Stratton

Manager of Fund Development

Tauna Quimby/Crystal Specht/

Stacie Kuefler

Volunteer Coordinator

Kate Kompas

Shelter Staff

Animal Care Technician

Rose Hegerle, CVT

Kallie Braun

Surgery Technician

Kayla Hodgden/Abrah Olson

Foster Care Coordinator

Kallie Braun/Brenna Habel

Customer Service Leads

Jana Beard/Adam Lewis

Office Manager

Lisa Pederson

Special Events Coordinator

Angela Mundis/Bryn Liffbrig/

Emily Prodinsky

Full-Time Shelter Staff

Bryn Liffbrig, Cassidy Morris

Part-Time Shelter Staff

Maggie Buchmann

Kaitlin Corcoran

Kayla Carry

Jacqueline Cross

Amber Deuel

Ella Edelbrock

Michael Fry

Kalynn Gray

McKenzie Gofta

Connor Jacobs

Ashley Johnson

Breanna Johnson

Kaylee Kivel

Kierah Kraemer

Sara Morales

Stephanie Otto

Becky Partch

Joy Schoenberg

Emily Schwintek

Hannah Smith

Taylor Scott

Tamara Vorachit

Cha Vue

Ava Zeppelin

Alan Zimmerman

Animal Statistics

Our Customer Service Leadership

4,499

Number of animals placed (it's a record!)
In 2020, it was 3,731.



From left: Customer Service Co-Lead Jana Beard; Customer Service Manager Anna Stratton; Customer Service Co-Lead Adam Lewis.

95%

Our placement rate, up 1 percentage point.



841

Number of dogs placed.
In 2020, it was 653.



1,673

Number of cats placed.
In 2020, it was 1,485.



1,467

Number of kittens placed.
In 2020, it was 1,202.



236

Number of puppies placed.
In 2020, it was 121.

281

Number of "others" placed.
In 2020, it was 270.

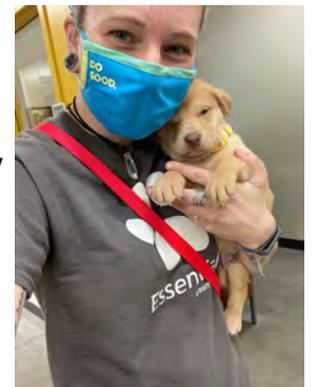
Animal intakes in 2021

Owner surrenders:
2,475 (Up 2.5%)

Strays/safekeeping/
quarantined:
1,495 (Up 24%)

Transfers in: 743

(Another record for us—up 150%)



Animal Care

With a record number of animals to care for, everyone at #TeamTCHS had a very busy year. (Total surgeries alone were up 30 percent!) We have expanded our animal care team, and we're looking forward to even more great milestones!

Our Animal Medical Care Team



From left: Animal Care Manger Laura Lund; Animal Care Technician Christina Hegstad, CVT; Foster Care Coordinator Brenna Habel; Animal Care Technician Kallie Braun; Surgical Technician Abrah Olson, CVT; Animal Care Technician Rose Hegerle, CVT; Animal Care Technician Sara Morales.

A Record-Breaking Year for Surgeries

3,099 Total surgeries

3,083 On-site surgeries

2,916 Spays and neuters



Our surgery team sterilized 2,373 cats/kittens, 482 dogs/puppies, 41 rabbits, and 1 rat. The team also did 19 cryptorchid neuters.

Non-spay and neuter surgeries: Dentals (66), eye removals (6), entropion eyelid repair (2), fracture repair (4), hernia repair (27), femoral head ostectomy (5), leg amputation (11), polyp removals (5), suture repair (9), toe amputation (2), foreign body removal (2), wound repair (23), tail amputation (13), bladder stone removal (1), splenectomy (1), mass removal (2), declaw salvage (1), skin tag removal (2), aural hematoma (1).

Our Surgery Team Members and Veterinary Partners



Abrah Olson, CVT
Surgery Technician



Dr. Anne Lottie
TCHS Veterinarian



Dr. Gina Kobluk
TCHS Veterinarian



Dr. Deanna Quade
TCHS Veterinarian

Volunteer Veterinarians

Dr. Danika Dickerson
Dr. Traci Diggs
Dr. Caylie Hake
Dr. Jennifer Holm
Dr. Cal Kobluk
Dr. Thomas Rohman
Dr. Jennifer Terhark

Partner clinics: Animal Haven, Little Falls; Boysen Animal Hospital, Waite Park.

Foster Care

117,405 Hours logged
by fosters in 2021!
(Based on 1 hour per animal per day)

Foster Care Coordinator



Brenna Habel

1,236 Number of animals who went to foster care, up 21% from 2020.

Foster care reasons: Adoption Ambassadors (27), foster to adopt (164), medical (116), nursing (325), pregnant (39), socialization (185), too small (114), too young (266).

Foster Animals, By the Numbers

957 Cats and kittens

213 Dogs and puppies

47 Rabbits

14 Guinea pigs

3 Bearded dragons

1 Rat

And **1** Tortoise!



Top Foster Homes for 2021

1. Cynthia Ryg, 26 animals.
 2. Trinette Sohlstrom, 25 animals.
 3. Paula and Brent Jacobs, 22 animals.
 4. Crystal Markfort, 21 animals.
 5. Alana Curtis, 20 animals.
- THANK YOU TO ALL FOSTERS!**

Volunteers

In 2021, hundreds gave their time and talents to help shelter animals!

Volunteer Contributions, By the Numbers

16,029 Number of total volunteer hours

In 2020, TCHS volunteers logged 10,870 hours; last year was a significant rebound and in the ballpark of our pre-COVID volunteer numbers.

2,553 Number of hours of dog walking

More dogs meant we had a bigger need for walkers—and the pups got their exercise!

1,232 Number of volunteer surgery hours

Most Volunteer Hours



Longtime Mentor Volunteer Pam Gacke put in more than 545 hours of service in 2021!

8,407

Hours volunteers worked in the shelter

Volunteer Coordinator



Kate Kompas, shortly before she promoted TCHS on The GOAT radio show.

Other volunteer hours highlights:

313: Photographing our animals

504: Time in Re-Tail Revisited

500: Office help

469: Cleaning

Volunteer Honors for 2021



Catherine Verrilli
Top Adult Volunteer

Catherine, a volunteer since 2020, has put in hundreds of hours as a surgery assistant and foster parent!



Shaylee Peacock
Top Jr. Volunteer

Shaylee, with us since 2017, does a little bit of everything, including dog walking and dirty cleanup jobs!



Kevin Woeste
Above and Beyond Award

Kevin, with us since 2020, walks all the dogs, takes them on field trips, and provides foster care!

Dedication Award

The following volunteers spend a LOT of time in our dishes room:

Carole Braun,
Marti Bunde,
Barb DuHamel, Pam Gacke, Olivia and Abigail Gielen, Cathy Jo Kiloran, Barb Kolbinger, Lois Larson, Becky Rossow, and Sarah Solinger.

Happy Tales

Tri-County Humane Society is proud to go **above and beyond** for the animals in our care. Here are just a few cases we're proud to share with you.

King Kane

Adopted in December 2021

This sweet dog arrived as a stray after being found tied up outside. He was underweight, nervous, and had some lameness. After much TLC and vet care, King Kane found a very loving family.



Mary

Adopted in August 2021

This dog underwent a surgical repair with an external fixator (hardware attached to bone fragments to allow for proper healing).

Ronald

Adopted in February 2021



This kitty arrived at TCHS after he was seized from a home. He was thin and covered in urine, leading us to believe it had been awhile since he received any care. TCHS' medical staff was unable to handle him for a few days because he was so afraid (and it turned out, he was in pain, too). With patience and stress management measures, staff was able to have Ronald examined by a vet who discovered Ronald had a fractured pelvis. Ronald then spent some time in foster care to heal, and eventually returned to the shelter where he was adopted.

Ash

Adopted in July 2021

Staff noticed this senior kitty, who had been adopted previously from TCHS, had lost significant weight and was suffering from painful dental disease. The veterinary team discovered he had hyperthyroidism (an over-active thyroid). They started him on medications and sent him to foster care. Ash's condition improved, he received much-needed dental care, and he found a home!



Fundraisers

While some events were still virtual due to COVID, our Companion Walk for Animals and Flower Fundraiser were in person again!

Wine, Kibbles & Bids

\$51,300

The virtual celebration included a supersized online silent auction as well as proceeds from “Bill’s Jars,” TCHS Board Member Bill Nelson’s collection efforts.

Bill also hosted an in-person Spay-ghetti and No (Meat) Balls dinner; in total, he brought in \$37,000.

Companion Walk

\$42,000

With a “Mardi Paws” theme, our Companion Walk for Animals returned to Wilson Park after a yearlong absence.



Santa Paws

\$6,625

The holiday tradition continued thanks to creative volunteers and generous sponsors.



Our Financial Team



From left: TCHS Manager of Fund Development Stacie Kuefler; Office Manager Lisa Pederson; Special Events Coordinator Emily Prodinsky.

Flower Fundraiser

\$3,000



Volunteers helped prep and deliver more than 200 orders around the area.



Give to the Max

\$20,000

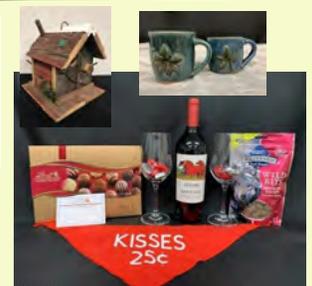
Coin Banks

\$14,000



Winter Wags 'N' Purrs Silent Auction

\$5,100



"You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you."

- John Bunyan

To Our Supporters: TCHS Thanks You!



*Executive
Director
Vicki Davis
and
Operations/
Human
Resources
Manager
Jon Rand.*

This annual report is full of news we're proud of—and we could not have accomplished what we did without our friends. That includes **YOU** — all of you who donated to us, shared our social media posts, bid in our silent auctions, volunteered or fostered, sponsored a kennel, shopped in our stores, or just generally cheered us on whether from near or far. 2021's highlights are **YOUR** good news to share, too.

For a complete donors list of 2021, visit www.tricountyhumansociety.org/donate.

Top Monetary Donors for 2021

Mary Moran Estate
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Warren Determan
Sheri Douvier
Marie Blomquist
Theresia Fisher & George Herzog Jr.
Dorein Johnson
Jim & Joanne Schultz
Melissa Griffin

Financials

TCHS is a 501©3 nonprofit animal shelter. Contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent as permitted by law.

Revenue

Contributions	\$809,341
Fundraising	\$190,110
Shelter/programs	\$864,820
TOTAL	\$1,864,271

Revenue includes but is not limited to events, adoption fees, stray contracts, and bequests.

Expenses

Programs	\$208,068
Fundraising/marketing	\$21,795
Operations	\$1,033,588
TOTAL	\$1,263,451

Expenses include veterinary costs, technology, building/liability insurance, costs of events, wages, health insurance, taxes, and utilities.

Total assets: \$6,600,780*

Total liabilities: Zero.

* *Checking/savings, buildings/property/equipment/investments*



Community Engagement

Number of Facebook followers **27,828**

www.facebook.com/tricountyhumanesociety

Number of Instagram followers **3,657**

www.instagram.com/tricountyhumanesociety

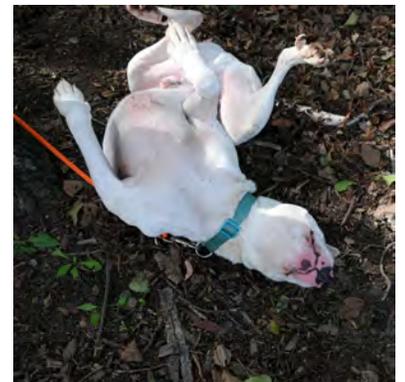
Number of people reached via Facebook on a single post (It was a video done for TikTok about cool dog treats in the summer!)

566,000

Follow TCHS on Facebook, Instagram, Linked In, and Twitter!

With COVID, TCHS hasn't been as active in some community events as we have been in the past. Luckily, to counter that, our online presence is still strong, with robust engagement and follower numbers.

Having really cute animal pictures to put on social media really helps, too!





2021 was a year of thousands of new beginnings (4,499 to be exact)

