



Tri-County Humane Society

2011 Annual Report



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Mission Statement

We believe in the human/animal bond and exist to support Central MN by practicing and promoting quality adoption services and education programs.



Help me if you can...



2011

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Shelter Mascot
WIBS
(Wish I'd Been Spayed)

Message from the Executive Director

Dear friend and animal lover,

Those of us who've ever experienced being "had" by a pet reflect to those pets we've owned every time we hear the term human/animal bond. Which makes me wonder, who really owns who? Technically, "own" describes something that belongs to oneself. I think it's safe to say when it comes to our pets, we own each other.



But what about those who are in between owners - both the pets and people yet to be owned or re-owned? Where do they go? Hopefully, they make it to Tri-County Humane Society.

We had a tremendous year of helping animals find the people who will love them in 2011 and you were the driving force in making that happen! Over 4,500 animals came to the shelter last year. I'm quite sure you don't have the resources or room in your basement to take in that many animals - nor would I want you to!

So if you are the kind of person who wants to help every stray animal that crosses your path, take comfort in knowing you actually *are*, by contributing to Tri-County Humane Society. Thank you for being a pushover for sad eyes, a wagging tail and the purring cat who brushes up against your leg. Thank you for caring and reaching out in whichever way you do. Leave the big numbers to us; we're better equipped to handle all those litter pans and let-outs!

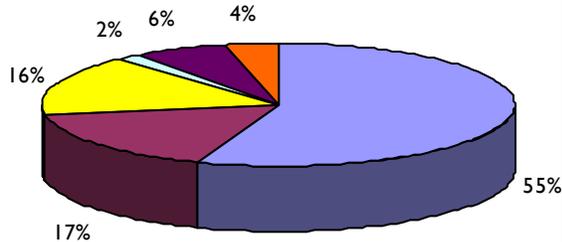
In summary, I don't really know if my dog believes she's on the other end of the leash to make sure I don't get lost, or if she rolls her eyes every time I throw the Frisbee away that she just brought to me. What I do know, is that she considers me her own. That's what I want for all the animals that come to the shelter and it's what they deserve. Please help me keep Tri-County Humane Society as Central Minnesota's favorite meeting grounds and continue to support the work we're grateful to do!

Vicki Davis, Certified Animal Welfare Administrator
Executive Director

2011 Financial Snapshot

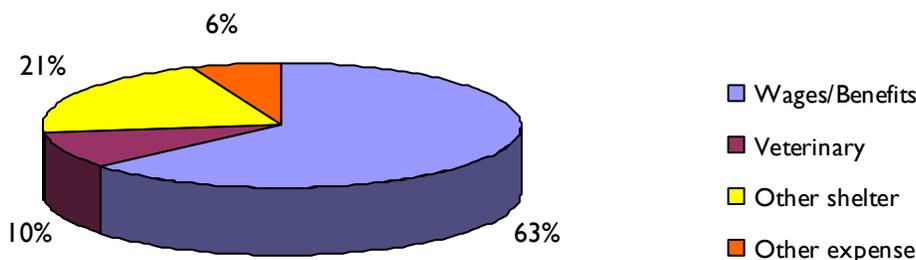
Sources of Funds

Shelter revenue	\$441,235
Donations	\$134,865
Fundraising	\$125,219
Grants	\$13,120
Other revenue	\$51,273
Budgeted reserve	<u>\$29,319</u>
Total Sources	\$795,031



Uses of Funds

Wages/Benefits	\$505,767
Veterinary	\$75,562
Other shelter	\$165,824
Other expense	<u>\$47,878</u>
Total Uses	\$795,031



Assets and Liabilities

Current assets	\$189,215	Current liabilities	\$0!
Properties & equipment	\$638,239	Long term liabilities	
Other assets	<u>\$948,192</u>		
Total Net Assets	\$1,775,646		



I have been involved with the Tri-County Humane Society in various capacities since its inception. It has been a very gratifying experience to witness how it has transcended in so many ways through the years. From the former small shelter on Lincoln Avenue to the beautifully designed and constructed shelter we have today along with a very professional staff. Many thanks to dedicated board members, staff and volunteers who so graciously give of themselves to help those who cannot help themselves. The organization has sustained a professional yet personal stance in our community. Love comes in many forms but none so unconditional as that of an animal.

Thank you,

Jan Ritsche,
Long time supporter,
former board member
and volunteer

I'm feeling down... 🎵



I do appreciate...

2011 Highlights

Companion Walk Woofstock: Over 400 walkers and 250 companion animals strolled along the 5k trek and then returned to Wilson Park to partake in the games, food, exhibitor booths, prizes, and silent auction. Congratulations to our dedicated Companion Walk committee and walkers for raising \$43,420.52!



I continue to assist and support the Tri-County Humane Society because I see the effectiveness of their efforts. They work hard to make every donated dollar go as far as possible to help companion animals and I am proud to be a small part of their many successes. The lives of countless animals and adopting families have been made better because of TCHS.

*Matthew Larson,
TCHS Board Treasurer*

206 volunteers participated in the 2011 gift wrapping fundraiser, raising a total of \$9,659.98. One fun team of volunteers even made their own t-shirts to wear during their shift that read "Wrapping for a good paws!"



Jodie Lieser, Sara Mezzano, Melissa King, Liz Goettsche



We brought adoptable kittens and a puppy to Wine, Kibbles & Bids and made the rounds through the crowd while auctioneer Col. Frank Imholte auctioned off spays and neuters for the shelter animals. \$6,400 was raised for the spay/neuter fund (at \$50 per spay), bringing the total to \$33,100, making this year's event the most successful to date!

Our amazing volunteers blessed us with the gift of 38,073 hours of time in 2011. 719 new volunteers were trained in 2011.

TCHS provided 218 humane education visits that reached 4744 people.

We gave 28 tours of the shelter and brought TCHS to 30 community events.

In the News....

Sale frees up some cat space at humane society

by Dennis Dalman
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Thanks to a Friday cat sale, as of Monday there was a bit more room in the cat-and-kitten quarters at the Tri-County Humane Society.

However, the overcrowding problem is bound to happen again unless people everywhere start learning the importance of spaying and neutering their cats.

This week some cats who were on a waiting list were finally able to move into the humane society's shelter, hopefully to be adopted. Before last Friday, there was no room whatsoever for cats at the shelter; it was plumb-full.

The Friday cat sale, the fourth in 2011, made cat adoptions available for only \$10 – a genuine bargain considering all cats sold were spayed and neutered. Friday, 15 cats found new homes, including some kittens that were sold for 50 percent off. Some people adopted two kittens at once for \$75. They, too, had been spayed and neutered.

"Spay-and-neuter" is a constant piece of advice from the staff of the Tri-County Humane Society – and with good reason. While the population of unwanted dogs remains fairly steady, that of cats and kittens continues to skyrocket out of control. That is because cats

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photo by Dennis Dalman

Kalley Benson, a volunteer, welcomes two of three sibling kittens (Buck, left; and Tiny T., right) to the Tri-County Humane Society. The two kittens, along with their male sibling, Shadow, were surrendered by their owner, who had to move to a place that won't accept pets. Benson, originally from Lakeville, is a student at St. Cloud State University.

Stolen pup back at humane society

By Amy Bowen

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Benton, the pit bull puppy reported missing Monday from the Tri-County Humane Society, has been found.

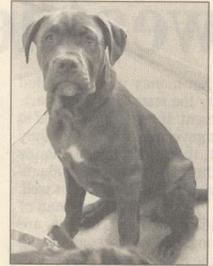
According to Vicki Davis, the humane society's executive director, St. Cloud police returned him Wednesday afternoon.

Tips from the public led authorities to the 43-pound dog at a home in rural Benton County, according to a police report. The family was given the dog by another person and was unaware that the dog was stolen.

Benton's identity was confirmed by his microchip.

"It was a very happy day," Davis said. "He's a little tired, but a happy, happy dog."

The police officer who returned Benton asked for Danielle Hyde, the shelter's front desk lead staff who discovered him missing Monday night. He brought her out to his car where she reunited with the dog. She gave Benton a belly rub and hugged him.



St. Cloud police returned Benton to the Tri-County Humane Society after the puppy was found Wednesday. PHOTO COURTESY OF TRI-COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

"We're very excited," she said. "We are very relieved. We would like to know who did this, but the main thing is that he's here."

The case is still being investigated by police. Anyone with information should call police at 251-1200.

Benton is ready for adoption, Hyde said. His adoption fee is \$200.



Times photos by Kimm Anderson, kanderson@stcloudtimes.com

Levi, an 11-year-old yellow Labrador owned by Lisa Pederson of Sartell, seems to take Elijah Fretty's reading to him as a bedtime story Saturday during the Paws to Read program at the St. Cloud Public Library. For a video with this story, go to www.sctimes.com.

PAWS-ITIVE LISTENERS

Event pairs youths with animals in reading event

By Ben Katzner
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When it comes to interactions between books and animals, the books sometimes come out worse for wear and the pets get a bad rap.

But at the St. Cloud Public Library on Saturday, children were invited to read their favorite stories to a handful of animals brought in by Tri-County Humane Society members as part of the inaugural Paws to Read event. "The idea behind the initiative is to help kids practice reading to an audience that might be less intimidating than reading to a person.

The event ran for two hours and in the first hour alone, more than 30 children sat down to read with a



Bandit, a 5-year-old border collie, seems to concentrate on being read to Saturday during the Paws to Read program.

SPACE IS GETTING TIGHT AT AREA HUMANE SOCIETIES

READY TO GO HOME

By Amy Bowen
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Local humane societies are dealing with an uptick in dogs.

The Tri-County Humane Society, St. Cloud, had 20 adoptable dogs and 17 puppies last week, and more are on the way.

The Morrison County Humane Society, Little Falls, had almost 20 puppies and dogs and another six or seven in foster care last week.

Neither shelter will euthanize canines because of space, but space is tight, said Vicki Davis, Tri-County's executive director, and Tammy Field, Morrison County's manager.

Now is the time to adopt a dog, Davis said.

"There is a really nice selection," Davis said. "There should be something for everybody."

The Tri-County Humane Society usually has between three and four puppies in its puppy room on any given day, Davis said.

The shelter received three large-number surrenders that contributed to the overload, Davis said. Tri-County transferred a litter of seven shepherd-mixed puppies from foster care to the adoption room. The puppies came from an animal rescue in southern Minnesota.

A retiring breeder then surrendered five American eskimo and samoyeds. He will surrender more dogs in upcoming weeks, Davis said. Another person surrendered three poodle mixes because of having too many dogs, Davis said.

Tri-County also expected to take in five dogs and puppies from other humane societies and rescues. It has one other puppy in foster care, Davis said.

As of Friday afternoon, the number was cut by about half. The shelter had eight puppies and 17 dogs. "I wasn't expecting it at all," Davis said of the large numbers. "But we'll take it as it comes."

Morrison County has 13 dog kennels and tries to limit the number of dogs to 10-12 kennels at any one time, Field said.

The high number of dogs doesn't surprise her, she said.

"It's people not being able to care for their animals," Field said. "It's people not getting what they expected."

The shelter received a 3-month-old Boston terrier because "it was too much for the people," Field said. Morrison County has several black dogs available.



Times photos by Jason Wachter, jwachter@stcloudtimes.com

Lucy sits in her kennel Thursday at the Tri-County Humane Society in Sauk Rapids, which is full of dogs and puppies.



A kennel of puppies relax as they wait for a new home Thursday at the Tri-County Humane Society.



Jared Michalski, a 12-year-old from South Haven, plays with Lucy at the Tri-County Humane Society.

"They're awesome," Field said. "They have nice mellow personalities."

Field said she hopes the uptick of dogs will not become worse. "I'm really hoping our Christ-

mas is done that we don't have a bunch of returned animals," she said. "That is really frustrating."

you being 'round....



Help me get my paws...

Success Story

JACK & JILL—THE PUGS' STORY

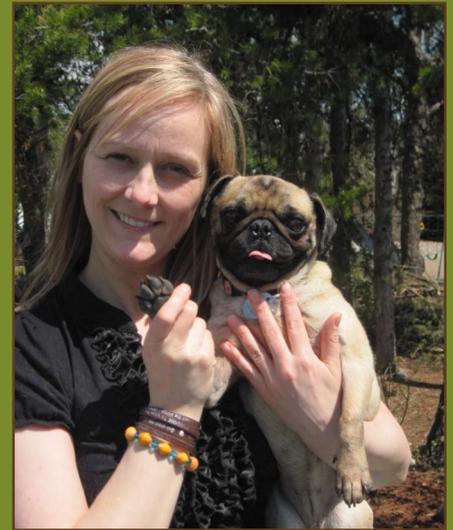
When these two dogs were brought to the Tri-County Humane Society they were emaciated, suffering from malnutrition, and showed signs of major neglect. It appeared they had been kenneled most of their lives, with relatively little contact with people. We know their purpose was for breeding, not companionship. With severe medical and behavioral issues, and not being house trained, their road back to health and adoptability wouldn't be easy. With loving care and attention of TCHS volunteers and many weeks of patience, Jack & Jill gained weight and have regained their trust in people. Though they'll always need extra patience and close supervision, they are now adopted and with the right human companions living a better life.



BEFORE



AFTER



TCHS is an open-admission shelter that accepts any animal brought to us, regardless of size, age, temperament or location from which it was found. Most of the animals we see are dogs and cats, but we do accept birds, ferrets, rabbits and other small animals. On an annual basis the shelter gives refuge to approximately 4,500 pets and indirectly serves over 65,000 animals and their owners from mostly the Central Minnesota area.

At the State Level



MnPAW (Minnesota Partnership in Animal Welfare)

Our mission is to encourage collaboration among Minnesota animal welfare organizations and engage the community to ensure a home for every companion animal in Minnesota and to advocate for responsible pet ownership.

A recap of MnPAW's focus in 2011:

- In May, a grassroots effort emerged to help the dogs at Leech Lake Reservation. Several MnPAW partners actively got involved to help and partnered with Leech Lake Legacy. Since this partnership, a total of 200 animals have been helped. Free spay/neuter clinics for Leech Lake residents were provided by some MnPAW partners and more are planned for 2012.
- The Great Minnesota Pet Together was MnPAW's 2nd super adoption event. Held on October 1st at the International Bazaar at the MN State Fairgrounds, 24 shelters and rescues from across the state participated. A total of 47 dogs and 31 cats were adopted.
- The 2nd Feline Fix event was held on Friday, Sept. 23rd. Several MnPAW members arranged to offer subsidized surgeries and vaccinations. Sterilizing 87 cats is another step in the right direction as members work together to reduce the numbers of animals surrendered to shelters and rescues in our state.
- North Minneapolis Spay Neuter Day. On July 29, MnPAW members collaborated to sponsor and host a free spay/neuter day in North Minneapolis. In total, 35 pets were spayed and neutered (8 dogs and 27 cats), micro-chipped and vaccinated ... with a few being treated for ear mites.

Vicki Davis finished her 2nd year as MnPAW President in 2011.



With the support of the community, TCHS works tirelessly to make the world a better place for animals in need, which in turn, makes the community a better place. We all can be proud to be part of such a strong and successful shelter.

Cydney Reuter,
TCHS Board President

10th Annual Minnesota Animal Welfare Conference, hosted by TCHS, was May 26th. Over 100 attendees from rescues and shelters gathered to learn how to save more lives. Nationally known speakers graced the podium offering insight on issues from fundraising to keeping pets in their home.



back on the ground... 🎵



Won't you please...

Surgery

- 617 Cat spays (520 in 2010)
 - 565 Cat neuters (501 in 2010)
 - 207 Dog spays (86 in 2010)
 - 226 Dog neuters (98 in 2010)
 - 18 Rabbit spays (7 in 2010)
 - 15 Rabbit neuters (12 in 2010)
 - 11 Hernia repairs (4 in 2010)
 - 11 Dentals (8 in 2010)
 - 4 Cherry eye removals
 - 2 Tumor removals
 - 1 Eye removal
 - 1 Fixed broken jaw
- A total of 1,678 surgeries (1,248 surgeries in 2010). In 2010, we were happy to report we added 3 volunteer veterinarians to our surgery room. Consider us ecstatic to report in 2011 our list of assisting veterinarians has grown to 19!



Dr. Lois Harmon, TCHS Veterinarian
Heidi Loch, TCHS Animal Care Technician

SHELTERS FACE BOOMING CAT POPULATIONS



Veterinarian Dr. Shayna Gotvaslee (right) and Veterinary Tech Melissa Hartung prep for a cryptorchid neuter surgery on Lil' Honey Boy, a Persian cat, on Thursday at the St. Joseph Veterinary Clinic. TIMES PHOTO BY KIMM ANDERSON, KANDERSON@STCLOUGTIMES.COM

NOT FIXING FELINES COSTLY, DANGEROUS

By Amy Bowen

Litters of kittens may seem cute, but experts worry about the long-term problems that can result from cat overpopulation.

Spaying and neutering are essential to curbing the exploding cat population. Many contend it can also help alleviate community, behavioral and medical issues. Yet, obstacles such as cost can deter people from altering felines.

An unaltered female can give birth to up to four litters of kittens a year. If each litter has 6-8 kittens, that means a female cat can produce up to 28-32 kittens a year, according to Kim Saunders, vice president of shelter outreach and public relations for the pet adoption website Petfinder.com.

As of Wednesday, Petfinder posted

143,925 cats ready for adoption from 13,498 adoption groups throughout the United States and Canada. That number will continue to climb as summer progresses and more litters are born, said Saunders of Union, N.J.

"It is one of the biggest issues shelters are facing," she said. "The cat problem is nowhere near under control."

The cost of altering a pet can be a problem.

MaPAW, a group of animal welfare organizations in the state, sponsored a Feline Fix clinic earlier this month at

the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley. The group offered free spays and neuters, and the appointments quickly filled.

Dr. Meghan Kruck, director and owner of the Kindest Cut, helped with the surgeries. She just opened the low-cost spay and neuter clinic May 1. Hers is one of three such clinics in the state, she said.

Kruck's mobile clinic serves cats, dogs and rabbits in the Twin Cities. It receives about 60 calls and 40 voice messages a day with inquiries, Kruck said. Clients must qualify as low-income to use the service.

Cat altering costs \$40 for males and \$50 for females, she said. Eventually, Kruck would like to expand her services.

See CATS, 6A

For the animals in our care we provide:

- Vaccinations, micro-chipping, de-worming, an overall health check and any required medication or surgery.
- Healthy food, water, a comfortable place to sleep, and toys.
- Enrichment opportunities such as love, walks, play time, and basic training.
- Grooming, baths, brushing, and bandanas.
- Behavior assessments on all dogs available for adoption.
- Advertising to promote those available for adoption.
- A website with photos of animals available for adoption.
- Foster care for animals in need.

In 2011...

4551 animals came to the shelter.

627 animals received care in foster homes.

363 dogs and 1468 cats were euthanized. For dogs, aggression is the most common reason for euthanasia. For cats, the most common reason is illness.

At the National Level

The National Federation of Humane Societies (NFHS) is a trade federation dedicated to representing and advocating for the interests of local animal welfare organizations, animal shelters, rescue groups and animal care and control agencies. The members truly believe this federation for the animal welfare community has tremendous potential to improve animal sheltering and make a real difference in the lives of companion animals. Vicki Davis is a member of the NFHS and works on the best practices committee.



A recap of the NFHS's focus in 2011:

- To lead the national animal welfare organizations in opening a dialogue with the Association of Shelter Veterinarians to discuss their *Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters* and eventually having the six national organizations endorse the Guidelines and begin to promote their adoption throughout our field.
- Work with several other national organizations on the creation of a national database initiative to collect shelter operational data from a broad base of sheltering organizations nationwide with the intent that having this data in a common format will enable our industry as well as the public to gauge the state of animal welfare and allow us to benchmark performance and raise the level of effectiveness again, nationwide. PetSmart Charities has been instrumental in organizing this effort which includes the NFHS, SAWA, HSUS, ASPCA, NACA, AHA, Best Friends and Maddie's Fund.

The Society of Animal Welfare Administrators (SAWA) is a non-profit individual membership organization of professionals in animal welfare, care and control, dedicated to the growth and prestige of our industry.

SAWA strives to advocate humane ideals through professional advancement of members. Animal welfare leaders network with peers, establish mentor relationships, share best practices, form successful collaborations, and advance the field.

SAWA members benefit from targeted education and professional certification. SAWA Certified Animal Welfare Administrators (CAWA) possess well rounded experience and unique animal welfare knowledge to support agency missions and long term growth. Vicki Davis is currently the only animal welfare administrator in MN to pass this certification.

SAWA members collaborate to rescue, shelter, rehabilitate and find good homes for animals.



The Tri County Humane Society represents the heart of Central Minnesota. I've always been impressed with their professionalism, accountability and how much they accomplish with such a small budget. I encourage everyone to volunteer time or contribute dollars. They will be thoughtfully grateful, all the helpless critters will be grateful, and you will feel a sense of pride with your support.

*Sandra Brakstad,
Long time supporter
and volunteer.*



please, help me



help me...

Volunteer Spotlight

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2011 Volunteer Appreciation Party:

Over 100 volunteers attended our volunteer appreciation party on April 18th, at which we honored all of the time, dedication and services donated by our volunteers in 2010.

2010 Above and Beyond Award:



Bob Erickson donated 155 hours of his time in 2010 doing a huge range of volunteer duties. Bob took our education animals for pet therapy visits, transported animals for spays and neuters at local vet clinics, MN School of Business, and as far as the University of MN. Bob also used his truck running a multitude of errands for the shelter. To make this even more impressive, Bob never asked for mileage reimbursement! When we started talking about who should be awarded the Above and Beyond Award, Bob's name was the first out of everyone's mouth!

Adult Volunteer of the Year Award:

Angela Mundis volunteered a total of 210 hours in 2010, assisting in a wide variety of areas. Angela also opened up her home to numerous foster animals (see pug story on page 6). Angela participated on the event committees and also volunteered at the events. She volunteered at the Foley parade, spring garage sale, brat sale, Crispin' Cider event, Benton County Fair, Santa Paws fundraiser, and gift wrapping fundraiser. She improved our offsite adoption events by putting together eye-catching educational material with different themes for each month. Angela has become an essential part of our team and we are lucky to have her on board as a dedicated volunteer!



Junior Volunteer of the Year Award:



Megan Lovitz volunteered a total of 106 hours in 2010 as an animal caregiver. Her dependability and willingness to do the less glamorous jobs, such as laundry and dishes, in addition to working with the animals did not go unnoticed. The demands of helping customers, cleaning animal cages, doing laundry and dishes, grooming, exercising, and socializing animals is no small task, and Megan does them all with a smile on her face and keeps coming back for more! We hope to see just as much of her in years to come!

Vision for the Future

2012...

- We want to bring low cost spay neuter to our community to assist people who would otherwise not be able to afford it.
- Concentrate on shortening an animal's length of stay, lowering euthanasia of treatable animals, and offering more enrichment during their shelter stay.
- Your gifts will help the goal achieved in 2011 of 100% animals being spayed or neutered before adoption to carry on in 2012. That's been on our bucket list for many years. Help us keep it off the list and we can begin another step of this fine organization's growth!



Reciprocal Advantage sums up the story of TCHS. Dogs and cats in need are connected with people who want to share their homes with these homeless animals. A WIN WIN arrangement, but only possible with steady, creative leadership, devoted volunteers and sufficient income.

As personal example, I needed a dog as a companion for my remaining dog and for myself. I selected, from TCHS, an older herding dog named Blue. He was aloof for a time but eventually Blue has become an inseparable pal. I am so glad to have him.

TCHS, through good days and through trying times, performs top calibre service in bringing together people and homeless dogs and cats.

Our lives are much better from the uniting.

Dee Whitlock, Long time supporter and adopter.



Help me, ooh...

Kennel Sponsorship...

Stepping through our kennel doors can be a frightening moment for the homeless animals. But it also signals the first step on their journey to a loving, permanent home.

Kennel sponsorship provides a great opportunity for individuals, families, communities, group organizations and companies to make sure our homeless animals have the best care and stay at the shelter. Sponsorships provide the shelter, handling, basic medical and vaccine expenses and kennel needs of our animals. Donations will directly benefit the animals.

A personalized plaque on a kennel displays the sponsorship and generosity for an entire year and also encourages others to consider their own sponsorship. It's a great way to publicly recognize a commitment from the community to helping homeless animals.

Sadie Traulich joined the Fund and Friend-raising Committee in 2011. She was the driving force behind the creation and launch of this kennel sponsorship program. It's been a great fundraiser and in its first year generated \$11,300!!

The Tri-County Humane Society has 17 large kennels and 36 small kennels, and the shelter could raise \$19,300 if all are sponsored.

SPONSORSHIPS OPEN DOORS

Humane Society puts donors' names on kennel plaques

By Amy Bowen

A new fundraising initiative is sparking intense interest among pet lovers.

The Tri-County Humane Society unveiled a kennel sponsorship program last month. Individuals and businesses can sponsor large dog kennels for \$500 a year, or small dog or cat kennels for \$200 a year.

The kennels already have been sponsored and have raised \$4,200, according to Vicki Davis, the humane society's executive director. Each sponsored kennel has a plaque showing the sponsorship.

The humane society has 17 large kennels and 36 small kennels, and the shelter could raise \$19,300 if all are sponsored.

The money will be used for operational costs. The humane society serves at least 4,000 animals a year, Davis said.

Sadie Traulich of St. Augustine suggested the humane society implement the program. Traulich adopted her dog, Rocky, from the shelter in 2006, and had heard of other shelters with similar programs.

Sharon Moon checked on the dogs and gave them water Monday at the Tri-County Humane Society. As part of a new sponsorship program, people, families or businesses can sponsor an animal kennel like this one sponsored by the Strommen Family. (PHOTOS BY JASON WICKHART, JAWOCHER@TCHSOCIETY.COM)

Businesses can place their names on the plaques.

The businesses can be seen in animal-friendly Davis said. Perian Strommen, St. Joseph, sponsored a dog kennel in honor of her two rescue dogs, Tucker Casey and Koolhaig-Mae.

Caring for animals are important parts of people's lives, Strommen said. The humane society helps people who cannot care for their pets, she said.

The sponsorships will provide people with a way to give back, Strommen said.

"I believe the humane society does good work," Strommen said.

Do you need anybody?



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They Found Love...



I need somebody to love!