



2025 Fall/Winter Newsletter

THE PAWGRESS REPORT

Five Years, Final Phase, and Finish Lines

—ANTHONY ANDERBERG, HMAS PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that it has been 5 years since we moved the shelter's cats to our new property. Remodeling the property's farmhouse for them in time to beat the county's end of 2020 deadline felt like an exhausting sprint, especially happening during the middle of COVID lock-down. With the loss in fundraising that year, and much of the next years that followed, went by in a blur too as we remodeled the property's old milking barns to host what would become our monthly rummage sale building. During that time we also started a longer marathon effort to create our new dog building: visiting other shelters to collect ideas, drawing up initial plans, talking to tradespeople about options - hundreds of hours were invested before dirt was moved. The saving grace for our dog building project has been, that without deadlines, we've had the luxury of time optimize quality while also keeping costs as low as possible.

In many ways our construction experiences mirror our larger mission: running a long marathon to reduce overpopulation and suffering through spaying, neutering, and education while also rushing to help animals in need right now: orphaned kittens, lost dogs, and injured animals of all kinds.

We are in the last phase of our dog building marathon now: as I write this we are finishing the inside kennels and outside runs before cold weather arrives. Our intention is to move the shelter's dogs to our new property in November, and it'll be wonderful to have all the shelter's volunteers and activities in one location again. The final phases of our outside play areas and walking paths can be finished in the spring, and then this race will be finished. Meanwhile the marathon effort to make sure every animal has a home is far from over - but with your help it is a race that can be won too.

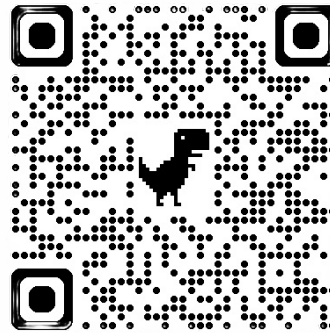
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Help us cover an anticipated budget deficit, for 2025, due to an increase in operating expenses.

Our Mission:

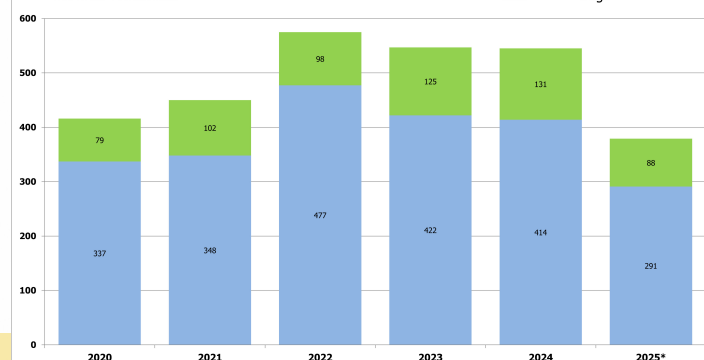
The Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter is passionately devoted to the care of animals in need, by providing rescue, shelter, adoption, and veterinary services in central Minnesota.

Here's a Snapshot of our efforts, as of mid-September. It looks to be a typical busy year again for our Team!

Planning
for your
next
furry
family
member?

Visit
The Heart of MN
Animal Shelter
Campus:
21918 180th St.
Hutchinson, MN 55350

HMAS Intakes



*as of Mid September

Adoption Hours: T: 5-7pm, TH: 5-7pm, Sat: 1-5pm

RAISE THE WOOF PROJECT UPDATE



You're Invited

**Open
House
@ the
NEW Dog
Facility**

**November 15th, 2025
1:00pm-4:00pm**

**HMAS Campus
21918 180th Street
Hutchinson, MN 55350**



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- Guided Tours
- Meet the Adoptables
- Grab a Snack
- Get on the WALL...the Donor Wall:)



26TH ANNUAL PAWS ON PARADE (HMAS PET WALK)

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SURGERY SUITE-NEW & OPERATIONAL...

Like many animal shelters and pet owners HMAS has been affected by inflation and other trends affecting vet clinic consolidation and ownership. As a result of these changes the shelter's costs have gradually increased and by 2024 our annual vet expenses had tripled from about \$40K/year to almost \$120K/year. Although in-house surgeries were not a specific design goal while planning for the new dog building, we had made the vet tech and community rooms larger than they otherwise needed to be so they could be used for surgery and recovery areas someday.

In late 2024 as work on our dog building progressed we realized that containing veterinary costs needed to be our primary focus for 2025, even if it meant slowing the completion of the rest of the building. To do this we have hired a Veterinarian and additional Vet Tech, and raised \$30K for the equipment and facility changes needed. Our goal is to do surgeries one day every other week, ramping up to 15-20 spays/neuters per surgery day. Some other occasional surgeries and procedures can be added at a later date.

Performing 17 spay/neuters per surgery day, 26 times per year we expect to spay/neuter about 450 animals per year saving HMAS over \$50K/year. To date the team has had six surgery days and altered almost 70 animals in-house. This is a major step for a shelter our size – and its success will be a major victory for our shelter and its community of animal lovers.



Donor	Contribution
St. Croix Valley Foundation/Valley Compassionate Animal Grant	\$3,000
I.J. Burich Family Foundation Grant	\$5,000
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CareVet Minnesota-Hutchinson Pet Hospital	\$1,000
Culver's of Hutchinson	\$275
Rebecca & Scott Lang	\$600
Connie & Larry Fraser	\$1,000
Joan & Larry Karg	\$3,500
Barb & Larry Sorensen	\$15,000
Total Project Cost	\$30,375

Year	Veterinary Expenses
2019	\$36,381
2020	\$32,115
2021	\$42,600
2022	\$65,367
2023	\$81,951
2024	\$115,538
2025*	\$125,000

*estimate based on first half of 2025

HAPPY TAILS

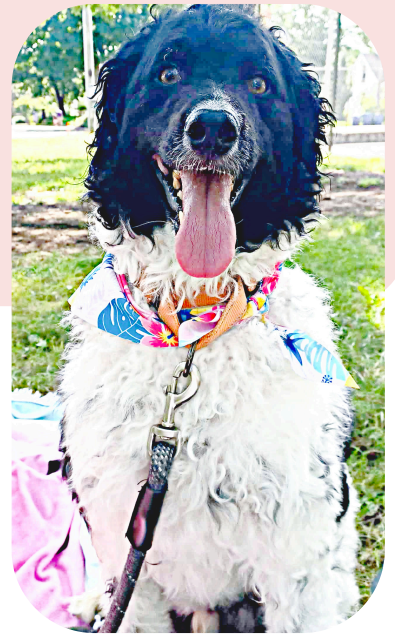


Oh (dearest) Henry !

Henry came to us as a stray tomcat who was largely distrustful of people and skilled on the streets. Living a life with no comforts or companionship. However, his new family reports that he enjoys snuggling with his dog friend and gentle petting from his favorite person - but is still mostly indifferent to the affection of others.

All in all they say he's doing well and getting more social as time goes on, learning that life is best shared. His new family loves having him as part of their crew while watching him come out of his shell a bit more each day.

We adopted Theo in early August and it's been amazing. We really can't understand why anyone would get rid of him. He's been around kids, lives with our 2 other dogs and 2 cats, our daughter, granddaughter half the time, and my husband and I. We were told he's afraid of men, but it took just a week and he is now my husband's best friend; not leaving his side and jumping and smiling when his car pulls up the driveway from work. He does that with me too! Although we were advised to wait a while until we let him sleep in our bed with us and our other dogs, he wanted to be near us and his new brother's Harvey and Norman; so by the 3rd night he was part of our cuddle crew. The ONLY hiccup was he was a bit stressed and anxious his first week as he adjusted to us and his new family routine. He adjusted quickly and fits right into our life perfectly. He is a strange but cute dog... he will hold on to you and not let go. It's so cute. We love him dearly and he fits right in with our dogs. Thanks for the opportunity to adopt him. We went there to look at another dog and it didn't work out but now we know why and that's because Theo belonged with us! His name is Mulder from the Xfiles, of course, & he caught onto his new name right away. ~The Daak Family



DID YOU KNOW?

CATS SPEND **70%**
OF THEIR LIVES SLEEPING



473

The number of taste buds on a cat's tongue!

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- Decreases their stress levels
- Improves behaviour
- It's their walk not yours



W.F.A

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Kim has been with the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter since August 8, 2025, and in just a short time she has already made an incredible impact. Her favorite memory so far has been seeing Obie—one of her favorites—find her forever home. Watching a dog she loved go to a new family truly filled her heart with joy.

Kim knows firsthand the deep bond that comes from loving an animal. She shared her life for over 17 years with a little white West Highland Terrier, her “soul dog.” Together with her husband, they planned countless road trips—journeying everywhere from Canada to Florida. Her favorite pastime was walking miles with her pup in a stroller, creating memories that will never be forgotten. Losing her soul dog left a huge void, and giving her heart to the shelter dogs has been her way of honoring that bond. Each time she sees a dog leave with their new family, it helps to fill that space with love and purpose.

Beyond her compassion, Kim is always ready to jump in wherever needed. From helping with fundraisers to pitching in on the practical tasks like unboxing cat litter and organizing supplies—she does it all with a smile. She is endlessly positive, and her loving spirit shines through in the way she treats every dog she meets.

We are so grateful to have Kim as part of the HMAS family.

Linda has been a dedicated Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter volunteer for almost three years, and her compassion shines in everything she does. She spends quality time with the cats and dogs, helps at rummage sales, and has even pitched in on the new dog walking trails as we prepare for the future shelter facility.

Some of Linda's favorite HMAS memories are seeing pets adopted into happy lives—and one of those stories is her own. She adopted her cat three years ago, when he was just over a year old. From the very first time they played together at the shelter, he had her wrapped around his paw.

Between Linda and her kids, they share their home with three dogs and five cats—all rescues. Her love for animals is also shared by her family and neighbors, who have adopted cats from HMAS as well. When she isn't volunteering, Linda enjoys time with her grandkids and stays busy with sewing, knitting, woodworking projects, camping, and enjoying the outdoors.

Linda is always positive and upbeat, bringing joy not only to the animals in our care but also to fellow volunteers. We're so grateful for the positivity and dedication she shares with our shelter family!



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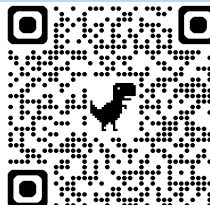
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