



2026 Spring/Summer Newsletter

THE PAWGRESS REPORT

Capacity for care is not just a trait, it's a focus

-ANTHONY ANDERBERG, HMAS PRESIDENT

We rightly celebrate the total number of animals and families we help each year but the number we focus on internally is the amount of time each animal stays with us. All our statistics are interdependent, but length of stay matters because our capacity for care is limited by the number of kennel spaces and people to provide care. Since we serve a large area and don't euthanize to open spaces we have intake waiting lists most of the time - and so for a given amount of space, we could roughly double the number of animals helped if we could halve the length of time each animal was with us. There is a lower limit: stray animals must be held to see if owners come forward, and all animals get routine vet care and spay/neuter surgeries as needed before adoption. Removing any additional wait times has been our focus the past several years - doing intake exams right away and our in-house surgery suite have allowed us to cut these built-in waiting periods considerably.

Providing love and attention are the enjoyable parts of the animal shelter, but our real work is keeping the animals in our care healthy. The shelter can be a stressful place and has unnaturally dense populations so minor conditions like upper respiratory infections and skin ailments can easily spread from new arrivals. Thoughtfully designed spaces and hard-working kennel staff are crucial for keeping animals healthy, but every extra day an animal stays with us is another chance that they could get sneezed on by a new neighbor or ingest something that will add days or weeks to their stay as they recover. With more than 50 animals on hand at any given time, the extra days and expense can add up quickly.

Of course, this isn't about the numbers themselves - they're just lines in a spreadsheet that help us track progress. Getting the most adoptable animals through the shelter as quickly and efficiently as possible allows us to not only help the maximum number of animals, those savings allow us the time and resources to help animals that need extra care too. Rambunctious juvenile dogs, shy black cats, and older animals of all kinds often stay with us ten times longer than their more attractive neighbors. Because of everyone's generous support we have the ability to give those animals the extra walks, toys, and love they need until their forever family comes to take them home. Because you never lose hope, they don't either.

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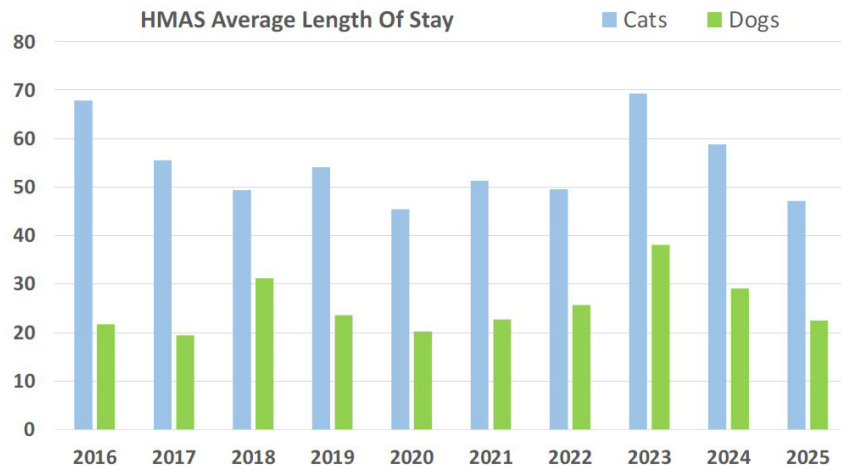
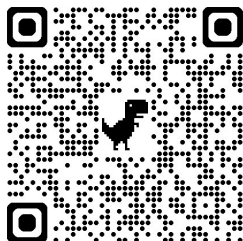
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Our Mission:

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.



Planning for your next furry family member?



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

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

May 16th PAWS ON PARADE PET WALK & Community Day

www.heartofminnesota.org events@heartofminnesota.org



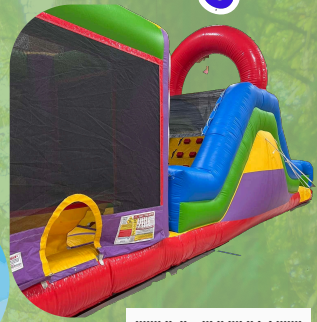
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- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

<i>Mocha Motion Coffee Truck:</i>	8am-12pm
<i>Rummage Sale:</i>	8am-4pm
<i>Pet Walk Registration Begins:</i>	9:00 am
<i>PET WALK Begins:</i>	10:00 am
<i>Squeels on Wheels Food Truck Opens</i>	10am -2pm
<i>Silent Auction</i>	10:00 am
<i>Pet Nail Trim- by Perfect Pooches</i>	Time-TBD
<i>Dog Grooming</i>	
<i>Agility & Obstacle Course</i>	All Day
<i>Games & Face Painting</i>	
<i>Bounce House</i>	
<i>Popcorn Machine</i>	
<i>Pet Temporary Tattoos</i>	
<i>Doggie Bone Bake Sale</i>	
<i>Beans the Clown</i>	
<i>Silent Auction Winner Announcements:</i>	1:30pm



NEW ACTIVITIES

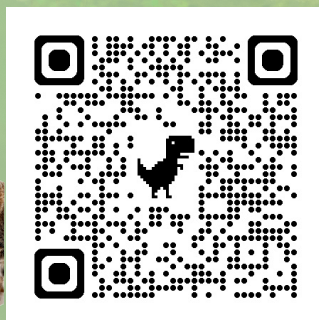


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IN THE FUN TOO!



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INTO
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OUR
TRAILS



WATCH FOR UPCOMING SPRING & SUMMER EVENTS

Next Clinic: June 27th
9am - 12pm

HMAS Campus: 21918
180th St. Hutchinson

CHIP \$25
CLIP \$15



Heart of Minnesota
ANIMAL SHELTER



5pm
to
8pm

HUTCHINSON



10% of Sales are Donated

2026
Dates:

- May 20th
- June 17th
- July 15th
- August 19th
- September 16th
- October 21st
- November 18th
- December 16th



NEW
EASY WAY TO
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RUMMAGE SALE
DATES 2026

May 15 & 16

June 12 & 13

July 17 & 18

August 14 & 15

September 18 & 19

October 16 & 17

November 6 & 7

**Volunteers
Needed**

Want to have
some fun
planning &
organizing events
& fundraisers to
help save & care
for area rescues &
strays?

Sign up
Today



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TELL YOUR MOTHER-IN-LAW THE GUEST ROOM IS TAKEN...

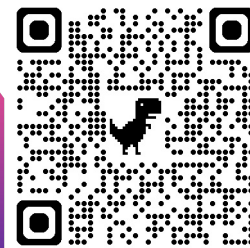
5 Reasons to Foster

- It's FREE! We provide all the supplies and medical care
- Fostering frees up a spot at HMAS so we can help more animals
- It helps dogs & cats that are overly stressed or need more socialization in a calm loving environment.
- Helps us learn more about the adoptable, through you, to find the best Forever Fit for our rescues
- It's flexible! Not sure you can commit to a pet long-term due to work or travel plans? Give them a temporary home.

Bonus... You might just find your new forever best friend!

and apply to be a Foster Family Today

Scan the code for the
Volunteer Application:
Indicated "Animal
Foster Care" and e-mail
to the address provided.



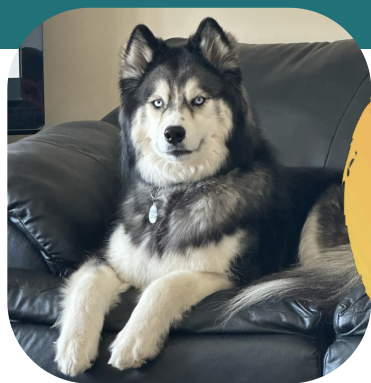
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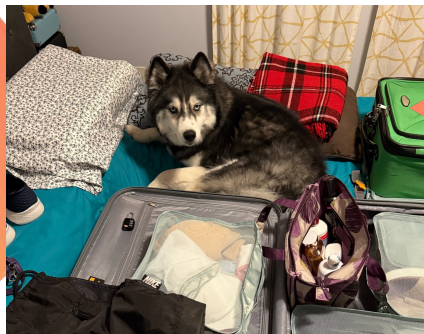
Luna

E-mail: contact@heartofminnesota.org

HAPPY TAILS-NALA



A Heart
for
Huskies



While packing for a trip to Japan, Nala proved to be a great assistant.

After losing their beloved husky Shea after 11 years, Kim & Pat knew it was time to give that loss over to love. So they began searching for another husky in need of a home. Then they saw Nala. After an initial meeting, they fell in love and knew she would be a perfect fit for their family and for their lab Cinder. Her name suited her, so Nala it stayed. Not without a little rebellious attitude and some fear-based destruction at first; it was a transition of understanding & patience while Nala learned to trust and become secure in knowing this was Home. Nala loves to play outside and show off her "zoomies" whenever the mood strikes her. Along with her typical husky traits of curiosity, high energy, & stubbornness; life is lived on her timetable-her terms. Peanut Butter and Squeaker toys are no match for Nala. Although not a big fan of toys, those squeaker toys...well they've met their match! Playing "keep away" with her sister Cinder keeps both girls busy, and when Nala wants Cinder's attention a "loving" leg nibble will do the trick. Creating a routine and secure environment, along with surrounding her with a family committed to her happiness, gave Nala a new beginning and a love-filled Furever.

Thank you Kim & Pat D. of Hutchinson!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT-APHRA

Caring for animals with love—that's how Aphra views her work. Providing comfort, food, clean spaces, and opportunities to socialize and find families is value driven work and Aphra is a valued member of our TEAM. It's difficult knowing she can't save every animal in need, but she knows her work helps give those, in the care of HMAS, the best chance at a loving future. She especially enjoys seeing dogs happy and relaxed outside on nice days playing in the big yard. After naming a sweet shy dog "Wanda", a special bond was formed. This bond allowed Wanda to come out of her shell to find joy and a furever family.

Aphra believes that coffee and your dog are essentials in life (*we couldn't agree more*)! Caring for animals with love, is a core value she is proud to pass onto her daughter.



Name That Litter- Lottery (May 1-31)

Let your imagination run wild...thinking of some sweet and fun names appropriate to welcome these new sweeties into the world.

Will you choose your favorite Book Characters, TV Show, Rock Band Members? Perhaps you'll be inspired by your favorite travel destinations or constellations in the heavens.

Want to Fill out a \$5 Lottery Entry. Stop by during adoption hours and enter the Lottery through the Month of May. (more details to come...)

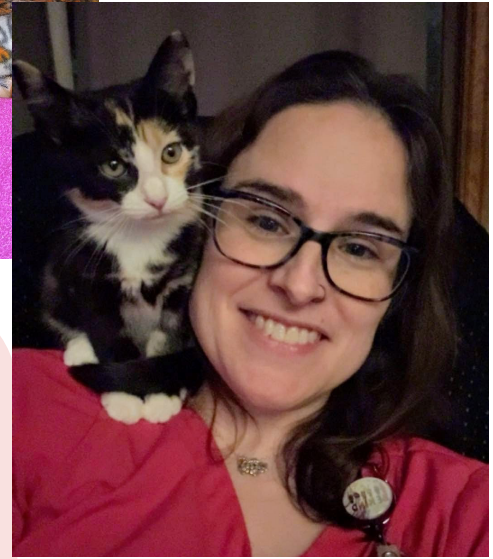
\$5.00 a
Lottery
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Much Love for Mochi



Little Decibel, along with her litter mates, were found protected inside a utility pedestal. But that protection would only last so long...with big trucks accessing the nearby landfill. So Shelter staff spent hours waiting for Momma cat to return, to ensure her safety, and the survival of her three kittens.



We had seen a posting of Decibel and her siblings and she just stole my heart right away, I knew I had to make the drive from Richfield to come and get her! We decided to name her Mochi, after Baymax's calico kitty on Big Hero 6. It's turned out very fitting for her.

She has the greatest loving, affectionate, but mischievous kitten personality. She loves hugs and cuddles. She is a shoulder sitter at times and will try to climb on me on occasion. She has really taken to one of our other cats and they take care of each other. She also plays with our big dogs. These are also the things I, and my daughters, love about her. She has made a place in all of our hearts. She is a silly girl, she loves to steal little bits of the dog's food if they drop it. She loves pipe cleaners and will carry them around in her mouth and bat them around. She likes to steal hair binders, she knocks them on the floor and I find them accumulated underneath the furniture.

We love her so very much, she is definitely a family member now. She sleeps at our feet every night and wakes you up playing with your feet. She has even gotten our 14 year old tabby to play a little, when she isn't annoyed. Haha! She is just such a sweet girl.

~ Melissa M. & Family



Coming in October for National Book Month

BLIND DATE W/ A BOOK (& A BUDDY)



GROW with LOVE Event at

May 6th: 3pm-7pm ONLY



Heart of Minnesota ANIMAL SHELTER

Questions? Email: events@heartofminnesota.org

Stockmen's GREENHOUSE & GARDEN CENTER of Hutchinson

Donation Coupon

Present at time of purchase & HMAS receives 30% of sale!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

“It is so rewarding to see the excitement the dogs have when you show up to walk them or just spend time with them. Good for the soul.”

September 2025, generously giving 3 to 8 hours of his time each week to care for our animals.

Steve and his wife, Kristin, share a special connection to our shelter. Ten years ago, they adopted their beloved black lab, Chloe—and now, volunteering is their way of giving back for all the love she has brought into their lives.

Steve has a natural way with the dogs, and they absolutely adore him. Whether he’s taking them out for walks, spending quiet time with them, or stepping up when extra help is needed, Steve is always there. After a recent big snowstorm, he went above and beyond—helping shovel out all the outdoor kennels so our dogs could safely enjoy time outside.

So why Volunteer?

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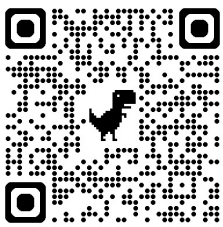
Volunteers like him make a lasting difference every single day & we are all so very grateful for his dedication to our adoptables (especially the pups)!



Membership News

Monthly Membership Meetings:
1st Monday/month

[Become a Member](#)



Get Involved & Shape our Future



Griz & Trinity hard @ work

Thank you EZ Obedience of Hutchinson



EZ Obedience has welcomed our staff, volunteers, and adoptables into their program to give some of our a pups an extra hand up!

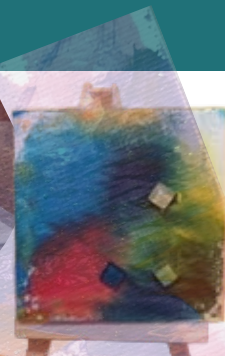
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Thank you to our Holiday Elves who spoiled our Adoptables as they waited for their deepest Hearts wish...A Home

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Lori & Mike Bruske

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Lori Dahlberg

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Kris Linkert

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Luanne Kroeger

Sabrina Bacher

Lynn Clark

Merle Larson

Jane Orvis

Muskrat Baby, Baby Girl,

Sister, & Shadow

Pamela Davis

Diane Betker

Donna Betker

Carole Hanschen

John & Bonnie Manthey

Roberta Schacht

Cynthia Schacht

Robert Sladek

Luanne Kroeger

Jane Orvis

Laura Beilke

Cheryl Beilke

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Adoption Hours

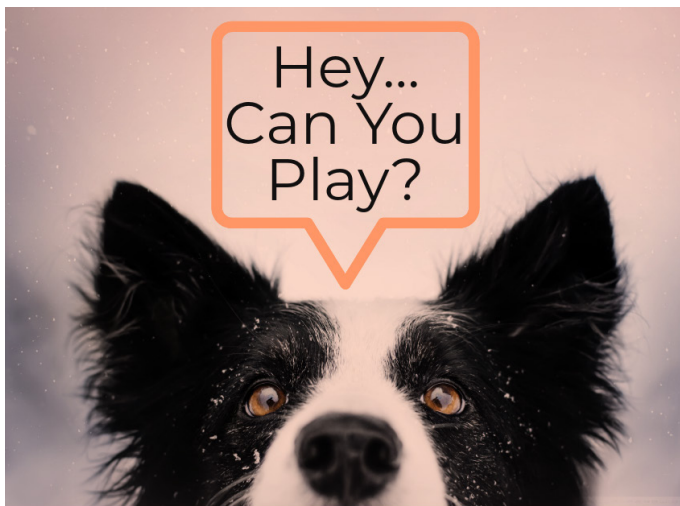
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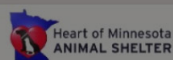


We need players to keep our pups busy during adoption hours & possibly on NON-Adoption Days. We are looking for people who LOVE dogs and can give a couple hours a week (or every other week), to spend some quality one-on-one time with our adoptable pups.

Volunteer Application MUST be submitted. Staff will review and training will be provided.
volunteers@heartofminnesota.onmicrosoft.com

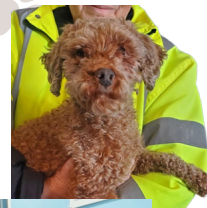
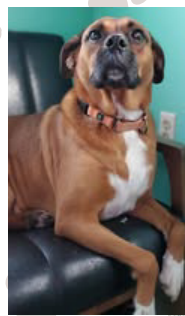
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Tuesdays 5:00-7:00
Thursdays 5:00-7:00
Saturdays 1:00-3:00
3:00-5:00



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a MEMORY

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to Charlie & Knight:
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our hearts.



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Our rescue & rehoming efforts rely on financial donations and gifts of needed supplies. To make a difference and assist our organization help as many companion animals as possible, please consider a financial gift, donation of supplies, or the gift of your time volunteering. Thank you for being a part of our supportive network of friends.