



# Second Chance Animal Rescue

Second Chance Animal Rescue is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) all-volunteer organization dedicated to rescuing, caring for and placing homeless dogs and cats into forever, loving homes. We educate the public on respect for all animal life, including the importance of spaying and neutering in order to reduce the number of animals euthanized.

## Thank You for Helping us Save Lives

This past year has been a more expensive year than the recent past for Second Chance. We took in many dogs, cats and kittens who needed more than the average veterinary work. Several animals needed to be seen at emergency vet clinics in order to save their lives (some staying for days), and many others needed surgeries or medical tests beyond the normal care. We want to thank all of those who contribute to our lifesaving efforts. Without donations we could not save these precious lives.

*"Life is life's greatest gift. Guard the life of another creature as you would your own because it is your own. On life's scale of values, the smallest is no less precious to the creature who owns it than the largest."*

— Lloyd Biggle Jr.

## Grant Helps Low-Income and More

In 2016, we provided another grant to Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program (MN SNAP) to help spay/neuter more animals of low-income people in Minnesota. We also provided financial assistance to many people whose dog or cat needed veterinary care that the owners could not afford. By helping people with financial assistance, we help their animals so they can stay in their homes and also receive the vet care they need.

## Charlotte's Story...We Wish We Knew

An older very matted black cat was waiting at animal control quite awhile for a rescue group to take her. We could tell she was uncomfortable with the tight mats all over her body. Luckily, we had a new foster who wanted to help her. So, we had her shaved, all our regular veterinary work done and added a dental cleaning and blood work to see how her body was doing after being out on her own for so long . . . and being an older gal. We named her Charlotte and she came through everything with flying colors. All her blood work was normal and she was the happiest cat now that she was free from all the mats. Charlotte purrs, plays and acts like a kitten. She is available for adoption.

*Fostering saves lives! 🐾*



## Ginger's Special Person



Second Chance received a call from a couple near Sandstone, MN, who had found a dog they could not keep. They had tried to find her owner but to no avail. The dog had an injury to her paw and was limping so we sent a volunteer to pick her up. She was a sweet, happy, affectionate Yellow Lab mix who we named Ginger. We immediately brought her to the vet and were very distressed to find out that the injury to her paw was much more serious. She was missing the front distal portion of her left front paw, consistent with a leghold trap injury when animals

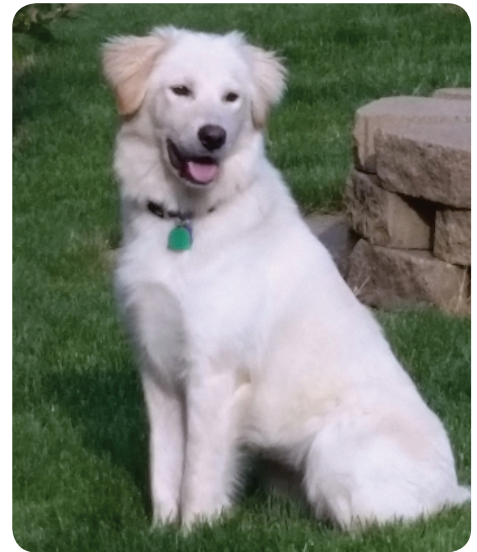
chew off their paw to escape, and she put very little, if any, weight on her injured paw.

An orthopedic surgeon performed a revision amputation on her paw to remove the sharp bones at the end of her paw and moved the paw pad down to the end of her paw for cushioning. Then Beth entered the picture. Beth is a dog lover and prosthetist who works with people needing prosthetic limbs. She made it her mission to fit Ginger with a prosthesis that would enable her to walk and run better. Over many months she worked to design a prosthetic that would work for Ginger. Happy ending - Ginger found her forever home with Beth, her family and a companion dog to play with. 🐾

# From Unclaimed Stray to Therapy Dog

Dakota came to Second Chance from a Reservation in South Dakota. There are a lot of dogs running loose on the Reservation and they are impounded by the Fish and Game Department where they are held for the required time to see if an owner claims them. If not claimed, they seek help from rescue groups. Dakota was one of these lucky pups - she came into our program in May of 2015. Dakota was a young Golden Retriever mix who was only about one year old, and it was apparent that she had never been in a home before as everything was new to her and scared her. Despite this she was friendly and had a sweet temperament. Within a few short days of being in the foster home, the foster family fell in love with her and decided to give her the forever home she had been waiting for.

When Dakota was out and about with her family, people were drawn to her - asking to pet her, commenting on how beautiful and patient she was. Dakota was found to be especially patient with children and individuals with disabilities; she seemed to "know" to be extra gentle. Dakota's mom saw the potential in Dakota. Dakota and her mom began obedience training in the late fall of 2015. Together, they completed three levels of obedience training, as well as a training program to prepare dogs and handlers for the pet therapy evaluation. In August 2016, Dakota and her mom completed the process of becoming a registered animal therapy team! As a therapy dog, Dakota helps to bring a little "furry love" to others and also helps others learn about the wonderful breed of dog known as "Rescue



Dog"! Dakota and her mom have already done presentations to approximately 100 school age children and staff, helping to teach others about rescue animals, obedience training and animal therapy! 🐾

## Children and Businesses Helping Second Chance

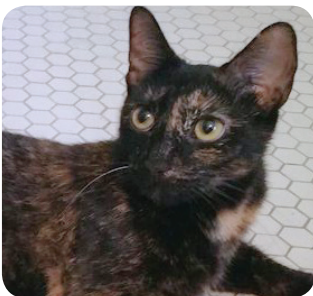


So many children and businesses helped Second Chance this year by holding fundraisers, fairs, information tables, and many other creative events. We were invited to participate at several business gatherings and Second Chance dogs made guest appearances at some of them. The most creative fundraiser was held by the 4th grade class at Highland Catholic School - a cardboard box arcade event! Thank You! 🐾

### Second Chance is in need of:

- Foster care volunteers
- Gift cards for Petco, Target, Office Depot, Fleet Farm, Chuck & Don's
- Gas cards
- Copy paper
- "Forever" postage stamps
- Bones (rawhides, knuckle bones, nylabones), Kongs
- Dog nylon buckle collars 8"-16" (not snap)
- Monetary donations

## Chloe's Rescue . . . Plus More



A woman heard about a cat that a realtor found abandoned in a filthy drug house, and she asked if we could take the cat into our program and she would foster her. No one knows how long the cat had been there without food or water but, by the looks of her (every rib was protruding and her hip bones were quite visible), it was too long. We named her Chloe and she was immediately taken to a vet for an exam and brought into a clean

home with good food and water. She was a pretty tortoiseshell who was thin, petite and very scared. Chloe did not want to eat and threw up any small amount of food she took in. A visit to the emergency vet, fluid therapy, x-rays and more TLC did not do the trick, but we did find out she had four kittens inside her who were alive. We really had to get her eating but her skinny and exhausted body couldn't do it. So, another emergency vet visit was required - more fluid therapy, blood work (results were good) and back home for more attempts at trying to get Chloe to eat (offering many types of dry and canned foods). Her foster spent hours with her petting her and coaxing her to eat . . . and patience paid off. Finally, Chloe decided

to eat! One week passed and the kittens were now moving around quite a bit inside her as Chloe kept eating and drinking. Two weeks after her rescue, Chloe had four babies; unfortunately, one died two days later at the emergency vet. The other three kittens were healthy and grew quickly.



*Fostering saves lives!* 🐾



# Memorials & Honorariums

Donations were made to Second Chance in memory of or in honor of the following human and animal friends:

## In Loving Memory

**John Colucci** by Jeanne Gelbmann  
**Debi Wobig** by Gloria Carlson  
**Donita Hiltunen** by Don & Bonnie Hiltunen  
**Margaret (Marty) Humphrey** by Kelly Humphrey  
**Dennis Gaiovnik** by Marilyn Gaiovnik  
**Mark Stabenow** by Tim & Linda Conely  
**Marilyn Broghamme** by Jane Martz  
**Lucilla Bien** by Mike & Sue Warner  
**Chelle Stone** by Clayton & Dorothy Pierce, Elizabeth DeLay, Marilyn Schroeder  
**Ellie Butle** by Jane Martz  
**Debra Durkopp** by Kristin Patterson, David Rogers, Carolyn Cleveland, Patricia & Murphy Wellsandt, Kevin FitzPatrick & Tina Blomer, Janet Lindquist, Kurt & Charmaine Gunderson, Donald & Beverly Patterson, Claudia & Mike Wondra, Patricia Bice, Beth Black, Jane Kretzmann, Margaret King, Diane Lowe, Janet Mergen, Marueen Cuddigan, Jon & Terri Hartwig  
**Lynn Victo** by anonymous  
**Dick Redpath** by Jane Martz  
**Karen Lampi** by Dianne & Dave Getsch  
**Anita Price** by Lynette Cleburn  
**Ray Mullner** by Tami Eichman  
**Sandi Gilbertson** by Jane Martz  
**All my cats & 'Cooke'** by Renee Pigeon  
**'Bear'** by Kristi Danielson  
**'Brandy', 'Cinnamon' & 'Zoey'** by Steve & Karen Keene  
**'Ellie' & 'Sherman'** by Heather Mittica  
**'Hayley' McGowan** by Mary Kozacz  
**'Josie'** by Christy Klatt  
**'Maddie Mae'** by Mary Beth Kensek  
**'Max S'** by anonymous  
**'Minnie'** by Julie Baker  
**'Pumpkin'** by Joe Cote  
**'Pumpkin'** by Crystal Turner  
**'Rufus'** by Kim Szatkowski  
**'Shelby'** by Glynis Hinschberger

## In Honor Of

**Dace Trenc** by Med-IQ  
**Claude Benavides'** birthday by Gail Stremel  
**Dace Trences'** birthday by Gail Stremel  
**Jessica Pearson and Tina Galvin** by Teresa Thompson  
**Nancy Minion** for all the work she does for animals by Bob Adolphson  
**Lynda Ahlgren** for all her hard work for the dogs by Cynthia Ojczyk  
**Nancy Minion, Lynda Ahlgren and the many volunteers** by Lynne Olson  
**Minda Bakken** by Kathleen Johnson  
**Nancy Lee** by anonymous  
**Myron & Army Haugen** by Nancy Haugen  
**Ann Hagestad** by Mary Lou & Ray Rasmussen  
**Gary & Mary Johnson** for Christmas by Vicky Rehak  
**Brian, Sonya, Parker & Logan** by Sherry Benkstein  
**Garrett & Alex Gosh** for Christmas by Brenda Roloff  
**Carolyn Fletcher** by Judy Fletcher  
**Susanne Weber** by Sarah Derdoski  
**Joan Styve** by "Buddy" McElderry  
**Mary Lou Rasmussen** by Ann Hagestad  
**Ronald Chlebeck** for Christmas by Donna Boreen, Denise Henderson  
**Nancy Haugen** by Carol Stabenow

**'Shelby'** by Mary Sandok  
**'Tatum'** by Annie Green  
**'Theo'** by Tracy Alba  
**'Buddy Bear Shad'** by Kristi Danielson  
**'Chloe Cakes'** by Jeffrey Huset  
**'Jozie', 'Nikki', 'Zorro' & 'Lito'** by Sue Kreiter  
**'Rodman'** by Patty Carlin  
**'Winnie' & 'Ella'** by Anna & John Martinez  
**'Misty'** by Linda & Michael Kriel  
**'Bear'** by Kristie & Bob Scofield  
**'Stan'** by Harry Simpkins  
**'Idgie'** by Caroline Gates  
**'Basil'** by Tamara Murray  
**'Chloe'** by Terry Doerr  
**'Copper'** by Mark & Ann Paparella  
**'Rocky'** by John & Kathy Kincaid  
**'Rusty'** by Marilyn & David Schroeder, Carol Stabenow  
**'Jingle'** by James Mihalek  
**'Sophie'** by Richard Christenson  
**'Winston'** by Steve Borsch & Michelle Lamb-Borsch  
**'Luke' & 'Shelby'** by Betsy Judkins  
**'Pepper', 'Ginger', 'Meg', 'Sam', 'Nikki', 'Maggie' & 'Abby'** by Clancy & Ruth Nelson  
**'Sherman' & 'Ellie'** by Bruce & Carol Horn  
**'Lacy' Ahlgren** by Carol Stabenow, Carol Maske, Peg Erpelding, Earl & Margie VanBerkom  
**'Yoda' Ward** by Gail Stremel  
**'Ozzy'** by Mary, Michael & Mitch Eastwood

**'Poikka' Maske** by Gail Stremel, Carol Stabenow, Colleen & Vernon Gauron, Elizabeth Senrick  
**'Bodhi' Baker** by Jane Martz  
**'Codybear'** by Lisa Vernick  
**'Taz'** by Mike & Shirley Seubert  
**'Kylø', 'Trudy' & 'Charlie'** by Christy Novak  
**'Bear' Oxborough** by Donna Westerling  
**'Ferris' Negaard-Burdick** by Traci Salzbrun  
**'Lilly' Sampair** by Jane Martz  
**'Duke' Palmquist** by Gini Reed  
**'Tuffy' Ward** by Megan Wright  
**'Gabby' Johnson** by Lisa Richardson  
**'Belle'** by James Mihalek  
**'Josie' & 'Shilo'** by Earl & Margie VanBerkom  
**'Spooky' Warner** by Jane Martz  
**'BeBe' Jahnke** by Gail Stremel  
**'Mojo' Wethe** by Gail Stremel  
**'Elaine' Decker** by Nancy Haugen  
**'Darby' Hibbs** by Barbara & Mike Lette  
**'Zack' Kluegel** by Jane Martz

*"True benevolence or compassion, extends itself through the whole of existence and sympathizes with the distress of every creature capable of sensation."*

— Joseph Addison



## In Memory of

In mid-February, Chelle Stone, a long term Second Chance dog foster, passed away suddenly. Chelle was a retired nurse who always had the dream of becoming a veterinarian. Instead, in her retirement, she was able to save the lives and provide loving care to over 60 dogs during her nine years of fostering with her granddaughter. She is deeply missed.

**Gail Stremel** by Bob Stanich & Jeanne Schleh, Samantha Gemberling, Jane Kip Kotewa  
**Nancy Haugen** by Carol Stabenow  
**Peg Erpelding** for Christmas by Martha Erpelding, Mary Erpelding, Amy Stoecker  
**Don Gemberling** by Jane Kip Kotewa  
**Heather Mittica** by Bruce & Carol Horn  
**Gail Stremel** by Don Gemberling, Lois Hammelman  
**Carol, Matt & Nate Stabenow** for Christmas by Susan & David Sumner  
**Nancy Haugen** for Christmas by Susan & David Sumner  
**Chris Bodell** for Christmas by Susan & David Sumner  
**Jesse Bodell, Jen & Jayda** for Christmas by Susan & David Sumner  
**Carol, Matt & Nate Stabenow** by Tim, Linda & the Conely Family  
**Chris Bodell** by Tim, Linda & the Conely Family  
**Jesse Bodell, Jena & Jayda** by Tim, Linda & the Conely Family  
**Gail Stremel** by Kevin Kotewa  
**Garrett & Alex** by Brenda Roloff  
**Michelle Basham** by David Casey

**Bella Kaplan's** Bat Mitzvah by Lee Silverstein  
**Sharon Lovo** by Kate Mura & Jim Neher  
**Gail Stremel** by Minneapolis Garage Builders  
**Rita, Sully's foster Mom**, by Mary Alden  
**Gail Stremel's** birthday by Sharon Lovo, Jane Kipp Kotewa  
**Don Gemberling's** birthday by Jane Kipp Kotewa  
**Judy Gilligan's** birthday by Fran Cory  
**Myron & Army Haugen** by Carol Stabenow  
**Carol Stabenow** by Nancy Haugen  
**Kalla Kalloway** by Roseanne & David Byrne, Kathy Halgren, Peg Zappen, Marge Loch-Wouters, Anne Fredericks, Mary Johnson, Jean Silverberg, Lori Veldhuis, Lynn Galbraith, Nicole Steffel, Maureen Cuddigan, Mary Wussow  
**Peg Erpelding's** birthday by Mary Erpelding, Amy Stoecker  
**Gary Johnson's** birthday by Vicky Rehak  
**Amy Erpelding's** birthday by Peg Erpelding  
**Ed Erpelding's** birthday by Peg Erpelding  
**Heather Mittica & Steven Lindseth's** marriage by Jan Filipiak  
**Stella's** first birthday by David and Kelly Backes



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**2017 Adoption Events**  
Saturdays 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Petco in Roseville

January 14	July 15
February 11	August 12
March 11	September 16
April 8	October 14
May 13	November 11
June 10	December 16

View animals available for adoption at:  
[www.secondchancerescue.org](http://www.secondchancerescue.org)

## A Big Thank You To:

- Our **adopters** who saved a life!
- All of our **individual contributors**
- All of our **volunteers** who foster, transport, solicit supplies, work at events, and more
- The **veterinarians** who work with our program: Hillcrest Animal Hospital, Hudson Road Animal Hospital, Life Care Animal Hospital, Mendakota Animal Hospital, Oak Grove Animal Hospital, Parkview Cat Clinic, South Shore Veterinary Hospital
- **Petco Foundation**
- **Margaret Rivers Fund**
- **Richard Newman Foundation**
- **F.R. Bigelow Foundation**
- The **First Impression Group** for generously donating the printing of our newsletter
- The **impound facilities** that allow us to rescue animals who otherwise would be euthanized
- **Petco** for donations and hosting our monthly adoption events
- The following companies for food and supplies: **Science Diet, Northland Natural Pet, Menard's, American Distribution & Manufacturing Company, Bentley's Pet Stuff**
- **Target Stores** in Cottage Grove, Fridley, North St. Paul, and Vadnais Heights for food and supplies
- **Top Line Clips** for dog grooming
- All the adults, children, groups and businesses that have made dog and cat toys and beds, raised money for the animals, and held food drives



Become a "FAN" of Second Chance Animal Rescue on Facebook

*Planning on Moving? Please send us a note with your new address so we can update our records.*

### Employer Giving Campaigns

Did you know that you can designate Second Chance Animal Rescue as a recipient of your donations if your work has a giving campaign? Just write in "Second Chance Animal Rescue" along with our address "P.O. Box 10533, White Bear Lake, MN 55110" as a designated organization, and your payroll deductions will come to us through that foundation. The majority of the foundations have places to write in your preferred nonprofit.

### Matching Gifts

If your employer has a matching gift program, you can designate Second Chance as the recipient if you make a donation (either monetary or hours of service) and they will match it.

### Amazon Smile

Shop at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase to Second Chance! Be sure to select Second Chance Animal Rescue, White Bear Lake, as the nonprofit.

**Thanks for considering Second Chance**