



Fall 2022

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.

They Live on in Spirit and are Deeply Missed

2022 was a sad and difficult year for Second Chance. We lost two very dedicated, caring, long-term volunteers who were also our friends. These two women changed the lives of so many animals and are deeply missed.

Gail Stremel

Gail joined Second Chance at the very beginning in 1994. Over the years, she fostered more than 125 dogs and she kept an illustrated scrapbook with a page for each dog. Her own dogs and cats were like her children and so were her foster dogs. Gail also helped us save lives by transporting animals from impound facilities to our veterinary clinics. Gail was a true humanitarian and along with her dog rescue and foster work she also volunteered with other non-profit charities and civic minded organizations.



Carol Maske

Carol was a long-time dog lover who, when teaching high school English, met one of our Board members who was a new employee at the school. When Carol learned about Second Chance and our rescue efforts, she was quick to volunteer. Over the years, Carol fostered dogs, adopted dogs, and helped with screening adoption calls and placing dogs into their forever homes. She became our dog phone coordinator, making sure our phones were always covered, scheduling and training volunteers to screen dog calls, and helping with the more difficult dog calls that came in. Her empathy, kindness, gentleness, and patience were reflected in all she did.



*"The soul is the same in all living creatures
... although the body of each is different."*

— Hippocrates

Tilly Adjusts to Losing a Leg

Tilly is a 6-month-old kitten who was found and brought into animal control. She had an injured front left leg and a wound on the knuckle. We took her into our program right away and brought her to one of our vet clinics for x-rays. Tilly clearly could not walk on the leg, it was just there. The x-rays showed the muscle in the

shoulder was almost destroyed so she would not be able to hold the useless leg up much longer, and the bone was not formed correctly. The decision by all involved was made

to amputate her leg. Tilly did wonderful after her surgery and was in less pain and got around so much better. It's amazing how resilient animals are. She now runs through the house and up and down the stairs with the foster's young cat.



Ozzie's Long Journey of Healing

Ozzie was sitting in an animal control facility, having been picked up on the street as an injured stray. He had been hit by a car and had multiple severe injuries to his hind quarters. After his stray hold was over and no one came to claim him, an urgent plea was sent out asking for a rescue to take him and get him medical care as soon as possible because he was in a lot of pain. Second Chance took him in and immediately got him into a veterinary hospital.

X-rays revealed Ozzie's right rear leg and pelvis were shattered and his left rear leg had hip and knee luxations. Due to the extent of the injury and nerve damage to his right leg, the vet recommended amputation. After the amputation, Ozzie needed two months of strict rest and limited activity in order for his pelvis to heal. After those two months, his pelvis was healed and strong enough so that he could stand and move around. But, now came the most difficult part, Ozzie needed surgery for his severely luxated left patella (knee surgery). With this type of surgery, dogs are not supposed to put weight on that leg while it's healing; most dogs can rely on the other leg during this time of healing



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Phoenix — From Near Death to Near Perfect

We originally named him Phoenix because he survived severe life-threatening injuries and turned out to be what his foster mom called a “perfect dog.” We don’t know much about his past other than he was an outdoor dog, probably a black Lab and Mastiff mix, who lived on a South Dakota Reservation. Last March, he was attacked by a pack of dogs and sustained severe injuries. Both his ear flaps were torn off, he suffered major bite wounds and deep scratches and punctures to his face, nose, throat, neck, legs and body, as well as a broken canine tooth. His left eye was so damaged we didn’t know if it could be saved. Unfortunately, his owners did not or could not provide



Despite his ordeal, Phoenix never stopped wagging his tail. He's friendly, gentle, good with other dogs, and loves people of all ages.

any medical or veterinary care for him and did not let him in the house even though it was very cold outside and there was a lot of snow still on the ground. A distant neighbor had been observing the situation and thought Phoenix would likely not survive these injuries. The neighbor could not afford vet care either, but he took Phoenix into his home to provide him with food, water, and a warm place to rest hoping he would survive and recover.

After two weeks, Phoenix was still alive so the neighbor contacted a person he knew in our rescue

network and Second Chance agreed to take him if the owners were willing to release him, which they were. When we got Phoenix, we immediately took him to the vet where his wounds were cleaned

and treated, he received a complete set of vaccinations, was wormed and heartworm tested and was placed on antibiotics. Then he went to his foster home to complete his recovery. We had Phoenix examined by an ophthalmologist who reported his left eye was blind but stable and it did not need to be removed.

Through this whole ordeal, Phoenix’s tail never stopped wagging! His foster called him a “perfect dog” – friendly, smart, gentle, loyal, trusting, playful, well-behaved, very loving and good with other dogs and people of all ages. It took awhile, probably due to his appearance, but Phoenix eventually found his forever home and has a Mastiff dog friend to keep him company.



Second Chance is in need of:

- Foster care volunteers
- Gift cards for Petco, Petsmart, Target, Office Depot, Fleet Farm, Chuck & Don's
- Gas gift cards (to help volunteers who drive to vets & impounds)
- Cat treats
- Dog treats (American made)
- Dog rawhides (American made)
- Kongs
- Monetary donations

“Until one has loved an animal a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.”

— Anatole France

Chester is Saved After a Horrible Injury



Chester was living on the streets where someone was feeding him for approximately one year.

One day the

woman noticed he was badly injured and she started trying to find a rescue. No rescues were responding so a wonderful woman volunteered to go trap him and get him to an emergency vet. Second Chance offered to pay the medical bill while we tried to find a foster in our program. It looked like Chester had been attacked by a large animal, and he had a long deep wound in his neck. The emergency clinic sedated him, cleaned

out the wound, put in three layers of stitches, neutered and vaccinated him and found out he was FIV positive. He also had a tooth that was broken. Luckily, we were successful in finding a great foster in our program to take in Chester through his recovery until he was ready to go up for adoption.

This beautiful green-eyed boy is affectionate and sweet, and he’s ready to go home with someone who loves to cuddle and snuggle as much as he does.



Chloe Delivers Her Kittens Safely

Chloe was found as a pregnant stray in a St. Paul neighborhood. Word was that people kicked her out and moved. A good samaritan took her in and contacted several rescues. Being summertime,



rescues were so full of kittens, pregnant cats and strays that it was hard finding a place for Chloe. We took Chloe into our program and within two hours of arriving in her foster home she delivered her kittens. She knew she was safe and her babies would be safe. Chloe is 2 years old and the sweetest cat who really loves people. She was a wonderful mother to her kittens, but now she is ready for her forever home.

There are so many pregnant strays trying to survive and have their kittens safely. Chloe is one of the lucky ones.

If you see a stray cat, please get it off the streets and into a safe place.

Contact animal control, shelters or rescues for assistance. **Cats aren't 'fine' living on the streets.** And, please, don't let your cat outside. The cat rescue stories in this newsletter are only three examples of the things that can happen to cats when let outside or abandoned. By keeping them inside (and getting them spayed or neutered), they live longer and healthier lives than cats who are allowed outside.

The stray cat and kitten population in Minnesota continues to rise. This past year, we and other rescues received hundreds of calls requesting help to save kittens found outside, pregnant cats wandering, hoarding situations, abandoned cats when people moved, impound facilities that were full, colonies of cats outside needing help, and sick or injured cats and kittens.

"Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature and its beauty."

— Albert Einstein

Rescue Costs Continue to Rise and the Need for Fosters is Urgent

Costs continue to rise in every aspect of animal rescue, including veterinary expenses, medications, dog and cat food, and our insurance premiums. (To help, see our list of donations needed.)

This year, we rescued more injured and sick dogs and cats who required more care and longer stays in foster homes — the need for more fosters never ends.

The stories in this newsletter are just a few of the lucky animals we were able to save because we had fosters to take them in. Just think, if no one was available to foster them, where would they be?

If you are able to foster a dog, cat or kitten, please contact us so we can save more lives. We provide the veterinary care and the supplies you will need to care for the foster animal. You provide the care and love.

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but Ozzie didn't have the other leg to rely on as that leg was gone. It took a lot of time and patience on the part of Ozzie and his foster mom to get through this difficult time. But, this brave little soul pulled through it all with his happy, tail-wagging disposition and positive spirit.

Healing took time and patience but now Ozzie is able to run joyfully and without pain.

When it finally came time to re-evaluate his left hip, x-rays were done and his physical movement was evaluated; the vet chose not to do the hip surgery as his hip had healed fairly well and Ozzie was able to move around and run joyfully without apparent pain.

Ozzie found his forever home with a retired occupational therapist who thinks he may have the temperament to be a therapy dog.

Second Chance Helps Low-Income and More

In 2022, we continued to provide grants to Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program (MN SNAP) to help spay/neuter more animals of low-income residents in Minnesota and to help with stray cat colonies and barn cats. And, we sponsored spay/neuter and wellness clinics for Red Lake Rosie's Rescue and for Leech Lake Reservation.

We also provided more financial assistance through our Community Outreach Program to people whose dog or cat needed veterinary care that the owners could not afford. By helping people financially, we help their animals stay in their homes and receive the veterinary care they need.

Memorials & Honorariums 2022



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

In Loving Memory of

Carol Maske by Fred Maske, Sarah & Chris Gauron, Kim Baugh & family, Lisa Richardson, Ann Wasson, Barb & Mike Amidon, Amy Betty, Lynda Ahlgren, Nancy Minion, Carol Stabenow, Dave & Marilyn Schroeder, Julie Watkin, Joan Hallen, Sarah Bofenkamp, Jodi Shepeck, Jillian Steigauf, June Berg, Karen Klein, Elizabeth Senrick, Joan Blake, Susan Stephenson, Bernadine McClurg, Marie Elverum, Barbara Leary, Barbara Baber, Lynda Anne Mallery, Vicky Hill-Rickey, Carol Saukkola, Lee Violet, Nancy Haugen

Gail Stremel by Don Gemberling, Jane Kotewa, Dace Trence, Sharon Lovo, Sean Deegan, Michelle Thom, Julie Robbins, Gary Thompson, Helen Burke, Jane Kirtley, Elaine Lee, Lee & John Mannillo, Mary & Jim Jahnke, Judy & Bob Reuss, Terri Fishel, Marjory Singher & Bob Lundgren, Gary Hill, Laura Secord & Mary Coyne, Bill Bushey, Judy Karon, Rick & Sue Cunningham, Nancy Herther, Jeanne Schleh & Bob Stanich, Marcia Hammelman, Nancy Radow, Gail, Klein, Sharon Schmickle & Pat Doyle, Erika Martin, Jillaine Nerhaugen, Marjorie Olmsted, Gregg, Susan & Downing Family, Marilyn & Richard Olson, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Costello, Steve & Mary Snyder, Karen Klein & Marlene Miller, Nancy & Bertil Erickson, David & Lois Johnson, Sharon Neuenfeld, Marsha Donnelly, Janet Anderson, Rebecca Stanich, John & Miriam Schulz, Nancy Minion, Lynda Ahlgren

Barb Short by Roberta Lamps

Brett Smith's dad by Jane Martz

Alisandra Johnson by Barbara Lindstrom

Anna Berget-Mingo by Jody McCormick

Dori by Susan Gagnier

Roger Thomas Ormand by Anonymous

Bev Buell by the Buell Family

Mark Stabenow's birthday by Nancy Haugen, Tim & Linda Conely & Family, Susan & Dave Sumner

Patsy Galatz by Jane Martz

Chelle Stone by Elizabeth DeLay

Pam Robb by Shari Johnson, Alberta Burns

Christopher Aliperto Dell by Lorelei Libra

Jim Neher by Lois Carolan, Susan Aura, Solfrid Ladstein, Jean Doane, James Farrell, Michelle Blaeser & Gene Bard, Marree Boland, Linda Crosby, Kathy Olson-Studler, Mary Kerres, Lois Yellowthunder

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Warren Porter by Mara Dresner

Mary Ann Anderson by Lin Brown

Norman Iverson by Kristie Scofield, Maxine Iverson, Gaye Frye, Dianna Dahl, Laura Gargaro, Cindy Thorson, Susan Fairman, anonymous

Eileen Ranalls by Kath Wicker, Janayah Bagurusi, Joan Schwan, Kenneth Paetzel, Gail Groothuis, Ben & Rachel Henry

Mary Featherstone by Emilie Walker

Alece Walker by Emilie Walker

Jerry & Joyce Winnick by Brenda Zelinka

Betty White by Brian Vetruba & Michael Getty, Peg Feirtag, Jill Benninghofen, Celeste Bowman, Carla Palmer, Leah Sullivan, JoAnn Tower, Sheryl Carter, Kim Phelps, Jared Skolnick, Mark Garrett-Kraft, Kimberly Deutsch, Jane Beebe, Sondra Koster, Kenneth Kixmoeller, Theresa Platt, Andy & Maruta Kancans, Billie Jo Lunder, Elizabeth Stimmler, Laurie Thorkelson, Glynis Hinschberger, Jodi Sarles, Andrea Kelly, Rachael Malin, Kris Dunlap, Cheryl Remhof, Steve & Anne Johnson, Kym Rudberg, Mary Yerks, Jeremy Grayson, Leslie Peterson, Ann Hennessy, Laurel Buhr, Heidi Morrison, Joshua Duke, Kim Szatkowski, James McNeal, Hallie Finucane, Kimberly Schulz, Kim Floyd, Neal Higgins, Kim Schiller, Susan Grieman, Sharolyn Hagen, Nancy Lee, Rebecca Bell, Suzy Sorensen, Cindy Haughey, Bob & Sarah Adolphson, Anne Marie Gillen, Jess Munn, Dennis Mruz, Julia Kancans, Karen Marrangoni, Darcie Conran, Matt Posey, Michelle Forde, Gail Angrimson, Bill and Milan Keichler, Lynne & Dave Wright, Julie & Steve Schultz, Rebecca Thomason, Cheryl Remhof, Kathleen Wilder, Amy Smalley, Susan Berkovitz, Bambi Davidson

Lee & Jane Triplitt by Cindy Numann

'Scooter' by Liz Cross

'Chloe' & 'Tory' by Kay Phillips & Jill Mortensen

'Abby' by Ruth Nelson

'Lily' & 'Maggie' by Colleen Gauron

'Sophie' by Richard Christenson

'Copper' by Ann Paparella

'Terry', 'Trudy', 'Kyle', 'Charlie',

'Honey' & 'Higgins' by Christy Novak

'Jack' by Judy Olausen

'Belle' by Tamara Murray

'Lexi' Johnson by Barbara Lindstrom

'Rocky', 'Theodore' & 'Buck' by John & Kathy Kincaid

'Gizmo' Sumner by Nancy Haugen

'Teddy' by Elizabeth Stockton

'Jingle' by James Mihalek

'Sophie' by Cathy Ribble

'Wanda', 'Whompus' & 'Kirby' by Therese Marso

'Prancer' by Curtis Broz

'Luna' by Anya Zalyba

'Darby' by Susan Hibbs

'Ellie' & 'Sherman' by Bruce & Carol Horn

'Dusty' by Robert Hathaway

'Sulley' by Mary & John Alden

'Bella' Beskar by Jane Martz

'Moose' by Kathy Larson

'Willow Bear' by Jackie Knapper

'Murray' by Jodi Sarles

'Cooper' by Vicki Linnell

'Riley' by Melanie Parske

'Monica' by Karen Marrangoni

'LouAnne' Decker by Carol Stabenow, Nancy Haugen, Susan & Dave Sumner

'Little Bear', 'Christa', 'Alli' &

'Oliver' by Patti Fastner

'Heidi' Watkin by Julie & Charles Watkin

'Yankee' Olson by Jane Martz

'Nakita' Hage by Kathy Korf

'Louis' Stellan by Ann Herrmann

'Belle' by James Mihalek

'Sydney' Gemberling-Guzman by Don Gemberling

'Finley' by Mary Ann Kastorff

'Frankie' Spalding-Kofuji by Gail, Chris & 'Oreo' Frethem, the Spalding Family

'Little Bear' by Patti Fastner

'Norman' Lindseth by Jennifer Weber

'Lola' Green by Sue Buck-Wischmeier

'Ava' by Judith Webster

'Rodman' by Patty Carlin

'Pivo' Triplitt by Cindy Numann

'Adele' Kurtenbach by Cindy Numann

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Gail Stremel's birthday by Judy Reuss,
Jane Kotewa, Samantha Gemberling, Don
Gemberling, Sharon Lovo

Mary, John & 'Ziva' Wagner by Mary
Graham

Carolyn Fletcher Brockman by Judith
Fletcher

**Carol Stabenow, Nancy Haugen, Linda
Conely, Patricia Gust, Susan Sumner** by
Irmy Haugen

Peg Erpelding by Martha Erpelding, Amy
Stoecker, Mary Erpelding

Don Gemberling by Jane Kotewa, Dace
Trence

Mary Lou Rasmussen by Ann Hagestad
Irmy Haugen by Tim & Linda Conely,
Nancy Haugen

Nancy Haugen & family by Carol
Stabenow, Tim & Linda Conely, Patricia &
Paul Gust, Susan & Dave Sumner

Carol Stabenow & family by Nancy
Haugen, Tim & Linda Conely, Patricia &
Paul Gust, Susan & Dave Sumner

Chris Bodell & 'Iggy Pop' by Tim &
Linda Conely, Dave & Susan Sumner

Jesse & Jayda Bodell by Tim & Linda
Conely, Dave & Susan Sumner

Jane Kotewa by Don Gemberling

JoNette, Brian, & 'Daisy' by Anonymous
Chase by Benjamin Wilke

Matt & 'Eleanor' Stabenow by Dave &
Susan Sumner

Nate Stabenow by Dave & Susan Sumner

Rae V. by Kristi Olness

Nancy Minion's birthday by Peg
Erpelding

The 52nd anniversary of **Nordic
Fiberglass and Irmy & Myron Haugen**
by Susan & Dave Sumner

Harold Kaplan by Lee Silverstein &
Loree Goldman

Jim Britton & all fosters by Patricia
Hinck

Irmy & Myron Haugen's anniversary by
Carol Stabenow, Nancy Haugen, Dave &
Susan Sumner, Tim & Linda Conely

Violet Meline's 5th birthday by Hanhan Li

**Regions Hospital Surgical/Trauma Care
Staff, West 3** for their wonderful care of
Gail Stremel by Don Gemberling
Kelly Rooney's Fall Festival by Robert
Tozzi

Second Chance Volunteers by Kalla
Kalloway

'Finley' by Mary Ann Kastorff

'Percy' by Julie & Paul Mattson

'Kirby' & 'Murphy' by Julie Watkin

'Sandi' by Bob Pozner

'Juno' by David & Barbara Klehr

'Gracie' by John & Kathy Kincaid

'Sam' by Betsy Judkins

'Chloe' by Kathleen & Paul Fick

'Dover' & 'Lily' Haugen by Dave &
Susan Sumner

'Teddy' by Elaine Lee

'Riley' by Laurie Benson

'Dakota' by Mary Yerks

'Milo' by Anonymous

'Trixie' & 'Phoebe' by Patti Fastner

'Mochi' by Aubre Suttle

'Phoebe Obie Sawdust' by Jan
Gianoulakis

Why I Foster

I started fostering nearly 20 years ago, and it's the easiest thing I've ever done. All I have to do is what I already do every day: feed, play, exercise, and love the animals in my home. When I first started fostering, I took care of momma cats and their litters, and it will always hold a special place in my heart because kittens are, quite frankly, hilarious. It's also an enormous privilege to socialize them during those crucial first weeks so they can blossom into confident, social lovebugs. Fostering a mom cat and her litter is how I met my soul cat. That's one of the perks of fostering. Not only do you get to meet and care for all sorts of wonderful cats and dogs, giving them a second (or first) chance, if you end up meeting your soul cat or dog, you get the first opportunity to adopt. I just adopted an adorable dog that I was fostering too! **Fostering saves lives and that's why I foster.**

Other Ways Ways You Can Help

Employer Giving Campaigns

Did you know that you can designate Second Chance Animal Rescue as a recipient of your donations if your employer 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 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.

GoodShop

Find your favorite store through GoodShop (they have over 7000 merchants) and almost every time you shop a donation will be given to Second Chance Animal Rescue.

<https://www.goodshop.com/>



**Thanks for considering
Second Chance!**



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Fostering Saves Lives

Are you on the fence about fostering?
“I would rather cry watching them leave
our home to live a life of happiness and
joy in a loving home rather than cry
because no one stepped up to help them
and they died alone, frightened and sad
in a shelter.”

Fostering Saves Lives.

Second Chance provides training and the
supplies you need to care for your foster
dog or cat. The animals will be vetted
prior to you taking them into your home.
Please call us if you are interested in
helping us save more lives.

A Big Thank You To:

- Our **adopters** who saved a life!
- All of our **contributors**
- All of our **volunteers** who foster, transport, solicit supplies, work at events, return and screen phone calls, and more
- The **veterinarians** who work with our program: Forest Lake Veterinary Hospital, Hudson Road Animal Hospital, Life Care Animal Hospital, Mendakota Animal Hospital, Oak Grove Animal Hospital, Parkview Cat Clinic, South Shore Animal Hospital
- **Northwoods Humane Society** for providing rescues with veterinary assistance
- 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
- **Target** for food and supplies and a local pet food warehouse for Science Diet and Nutro food
- **Max & Neo** for dog collars, leashes and other dog supplies
- 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

Dogs and Cats Available for Adoption

Go to our website under the “Pet List” tab to view our animals available for adoption. And, to see some of our animals who have found their forever homes, click on the “Happy Endings” tab.

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