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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.

30 Years of Saving Lives!

This May, Second Chance celebrated 30 years of working tirelessly to save the lives of dogs and cats who are at risk of euthanasia. We could not have reached this milestone without the help of our volunteers, adopters, and donors.

When we started Second Chance in 1994, we all agreed we would house animals in volunteer foster homes rather than in a shelter or facility so they can receive the much-needed love, care and training they deserve before going on to their forever homes. We do not have any paid staff – we are strictly volunteer operated so all donations go directly towards the care of the animals.

Please help Second Chance celebrate 30 years of saving lives by adopting, fostering, or donating.

Help Us Save More Lives

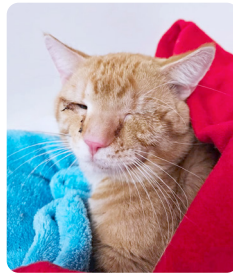
“Think occasionally of the suffering of which you spare yourself the sight.”

—Albert Schweitzer

Walter Can See Again

Walter was found abandoned in a park with another cat, Hank. A kind couple took both cats into their home and looked for vet care and a rescue. We don't

know how long they had been out there trying to survive but both of Walter's eyes were matted shut from infection and he could not see. Can you imagine the fear he felt abandoned outside! We took

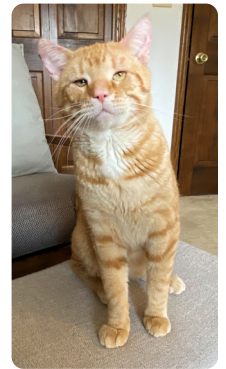


both cats into our program and got them care. Hank was in much better shape than Walter and was soon adopted into a great home.

Walter was another story. He had entropion of both

lower eyelids (a condition in which the eyelid turns inward so that the eyelashes and skin rub against the eye surface). Walter needed an eye specialist and surgery quickly on both eyelids. He was such a trooper

through all his eye medicines and vet visits. The surgeries were successful and Walter could see the world again and was so happy. Walter loves people and wants nothing more than to sit on a lap and purr. He, too, was adopted into a wonderful home.



“When I'm around animals, I don't pay attention to people.” — Betty White

From a Hard Life to a Good Life



Misty came to us late last fall from a rural area of South Dakota. We received an urgent call asking if we could help an injured, abandoned dog who was in very bad condition. Her owners had moved away, taking one dog with, and leaving her behind. For over two months, she was spotted wandering the area, looking for food, and people would try to catch her but she was

scared and would run away. Finally, someone was able to catch her as she was too weak to run anymore. She was skin and bones, limping, and had porcupine quills embedded in her face, head and mouth – one quill was in the corner of her eye. We asked that she be brought to the nearest vet where she was examined, sedated, and had many quills removed; she had ulcers in both eyes and was given antibiotics and medicated eye ointment. Two days later, she landed in her Second Chance foster home. We immediately brought her to a local vet where more quills that had worked their way to the

surface were removed. X-rays were taken of her left leg; she had a fractured elbow that had started to heal. Over the next six weeks, Misty made five more trips to the vet to have additional quills removed; at the end of the six weeks, her face, eyes, and broken elbow had healed and she could see out of both eyes! Throughout her ordeal, Misty was a sweet, happy, loving dog. And, she has found a forever home.





Lena Becomes Whole Again

Lena was picked up as an injured stray and brought to an impound. She had injuries consistent with being hit by a car. She had a torn ligament in her right knee which required surgery. Her left femur was broken, healed wrong, and bowed inward, turning her left rear foot outward 45° and her left patella was on the outside edge of her leg. After surgery on her right knee, she was given time to heal. Experts disagreed on whether to try to repair her left sided injuries as it would be a very difficult surgery, or to leave it as. However, Lena often limped after exercise and was unable to jump or scratch an itch with her rear leg. Thinking about the arthritis that would likely occur as she ages, we decided to try the surgery. We were referred to AERC in Oakdale. During the surgery, they rebroke and straightened her left femur and put her patella back in place. She was discharged with a bare left leg,

a 6-inch incision down her thigh held closed with staples, pins and a plate, and a long recovery ahead. Then the physical therapy began. Lena reluctantly attended hydrotherapy sessions twice a week. To make sure everyone knew how much she disliked hydrotherapy, she waited to shake off the excess water until she was in the waiting room, drenching as many people as possible. She also had chiropractic adjustments, stretching exercises, and at-home exercises. Walks were slow and short. Lena was not allowed to run, jump or play – any time outside was on a leash. She had countless pain meds, frequent recheck appointments, and physical restrictions for months. Six months after surgery, all restrictions were lifted. Lena is now able to run, walk longer distances without limping, jump, stretch, and scratch herself with her left foot. After nearly a year in foster, Lena found her forever home – with her foster!

“Until we have the courage to recognize cruelty for what it is—whether its victim is human or animal—we cannot expect things to be much better in this world. We cannot have peace among men whose hearts delight in killing any living creature.”

—Rachel Carson

Second Chance Helps

Low-Income and More

In 2024, we continued to provide grants to help spay/neuter surgeries for more animals of low-income residents in Minnesota and stray cat colonies and barn cats. And, we helped sponsor wellness and spay/neuter clinics for Reservation dogs and cats.

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.

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
- Copy paper
- Cat treat’s
- Dog treats (American made)
- Dog rawhides (American made)
- Kongs

Cosmo is Handsome and Happy

Cosmo was a stray picked up by a local animal control. He was severely matted, had a severe case of active ear mites and eggs impacted in his ears, conjunctivitis in his eye, and a hole from an injury on his toe pad. The first thing to do was to get this boy’s mats shaved out so his skin wasn’t pulling when he walked or moved. Then on to treating all

the others issues and having him neutered and vaccinated. After his fur was shaved, you could see several scars on his neck and back – the vet thought from other animals attacking him. Cosmo’s foster took very good care of him and taught him how to trust humans. His fur grew back nicely and he blossomed into a handsome, very sweet long hair cat. Cosmo found his loving forever home.



Dylan Recovers

Dylan came from a local impound facility where he had been picked up as a stray. He was injured so he had been immediately taken to an emergency vet to assess his badly injured paw. The vet wrapped the paw and Dylan went back to animal control where he sat for 17 days waiting for a rescue to take him. Luckily, one of our wonderful fosters offered to take him in. Dylan’s paw was

x-rayed and he was started on antibiotics and pain medicine. He had a deep laceration on his ankle and a chip wrist fracture. For a young, playful and affectionate kitten, he did not enjoy his cage rest for two weeks. He was slowly moved out of the kennel and into a bedroom, and then after he could run and play, he got to meet the other foster kittens. What fun to hang out with others his own size!



Memorials & Honorariums 2024

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

In loving memory of

Wilma Kosar by Tami Gregg
Art Resnick by Anya Zalyba
Ruth Nelson by Pam Nelson
Peter by Mary Sandok
Rita by David Jacobson
Mary Miller by Jane Martz, Marianne Shema
Peg Erpelding by Martha Erpelding, Amy Stoecker
Janice Rettman by Joyce Haselmann
Gail Stremel by Don Gemberling, Marcia Hammelman, Dace Trence
Mark Stabenow's birthday by Tim & Linda Conely & family, Dave & Susan Sumner
Checce Stone by Elizabeth DeLay
Mary Gray by Jane Martz
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Dottie by Joshua James
Amy Erpelding Stoecker by Nancy Minion
Joyce Fletcher by Susan Lenzo & Tim Fletcher
Mina Ingersoll by Brian Hammond
Alexandra Bushea Schroeder by Elena Ahasic
Norma Minor by Jane Martz
Lisa Shute by Melissa Lanz

In honor of

Bonnie by Andrew Kurpiewski
Carolyn Fletcher by Judith Fletcher
Irmy Haugen by Nordic Fiberglass Devils Lake Employees
Ann Hagestad by Mary Lou Rasmussen
Gail Henry by Barbara Kurowski
Mary Lou Rasmussen by Ann Hagestad
Monte Borowske by the Felhaber Larson Foundation
Jane Kotewa's birthday by Don Gemberling
Natalie's birthday by Andrew Cleland
Carol Stabenow & family by Patricia & Paul Gust, Susan & Dave Sumner, Nancy Haugen, Tim & Linda Conely
Nancy Haugen & family by Patricia & Paul Gust, Susan & Dave Sumner, Tim & Linda Conely
Irmy Haugen, 'Dover' & 'Lily' by Susan & Dave Sumner

'Teddy' by Elizabeth Stockton
'Cooper' by Annie Green
'Gus' & 'Dexter' by Sue Kreiter
'Rosie Eunice O'Donnell' & 'Aztec' by Michelle Basham
'Miley', 'Eddy' & 'Shelby' by Glynis Hinschberger
'Keebler' & all our beloved pets by Sue O'Brien
'Zeke' & 'Sophia Grace' by Anonymous
'Ellie', 'Sherman' & 'Norman' by Heather Lindseth, Carol & Bruce Horn
'Callie' by Nancy Lee
'Bella' by Michele Brauch
'Gizmo' by Fred Rengel
'Ellie' & 'Emma' by Stephen Johnson
'Harley', 'Sasha', 'Lola' & 'Herbie' by Kristie Ortloff
'Jesse', 'Shelby', 'Kirby', 'Cooper' & 'Poppy' by Mary Sandok
'Edison' by Audrie Rehard, Rachel Geiser
'Rocky', 'Teddy' & 'Buck' by John & Kathy Kincaid
'Chloe' by Kay Phillips & Jill Mortensen
'Sophie' by Richard Christenson
'Edgar' by Diane Bruns
'Sophie' & 'Max' by Cathy Ribble
'Twyla' LaChance by Christy, Deborah, Allie & Susan
'Saffron' by Karen & Dang Vancao

David Taylor by Gail Mercer
Bonnie & Steve Decker by Tim & Linda Conely
Don Gemberling's birthday by Dace Trence
Xander Corey's golden birthday by Carole Lawson
Irmy Haugen's birthday by Dave & Susan Sumner, Tim & Linda Conely, Carol Stabenow, Nancy Haugen
Irmy & Myron Haugen's anniversary by Nancy Haugen
Nancy Minion by Michelle Basham, Cindy Ojczyk
Lynda Ahlgren by Cindy Ojczyk
Nancy Minion, Lynda Ahlgren & Second Chance volunteers by Earl & Margie VanBerkom
All the Second Chance fosters by Kalla Kalloway
All the Second Chance volunteers by Randi Shapiro
The Marriage of Rachel Roy & Joel Moline by the Frankfield Family Fund

'Shelby' & 'Luke' by Betsy Judkins
'Copper' by Mark & Ann Paparella
'Terry', 'Trudy', 'Kyle', 'Charlie', 'Honey' & 'Higgins' by Christy Novak
'Basil' & 'Belle' by Tamara Murray
'Rex' by Julie & Chuck Watkin, Mary Wussow
'Max' Stabenow by Susan & Dave Sumner
'Tyson' by Rebecca Thomason
'Darby' by Susan Hibbs
'Jingle' & 'Belle' by James Mihalek
'Ernie' by Angela Morschen
'Ginger' Pearson by Laura Sorenson
'Tucker' & 'Shelby' by Liz DeLay
'Rowdy' Stanich by Don Gemberling
'Milo' by Theresa Gaylord
'Zipper' by Jane Martz
'Dano' by Sharilyn Claggett
'Shadow' Haglund by Jessica Pearson
'Guinness' by Darla Constable
'Christa', 'Alli', 'Oliver', 'Trixie', 'Phoebe' & 'Little Bear' by Patti Fastner
'Jukes' Newman by Jane Martz
'Nicky' England by Jane Martz
'Kacee' by Claudia & Allen Balay
'Henry' & 'Scruffy' by Kathy Avise

'Finley' by Mary Ann Kastorff
'Roxie' by Diane Christensen
'Mickey' by Anonymous
'Spencer' by Leslie Peterson
'Mickey' by Jeremy Grayson
'Sage' by Susan Sedro
'Teddy' & 'Coco' by Beth Brendler
'Zeus' by Eric & Gretchen Tuck
'Minnie' & 'Toby' Fosse by Anonymous
'My dog' by Janelle Swanson
'Gracie' by John & Kathy Kincaid
'Mini', 'Maxi' & 'Milo' by Mary Sandok
'Jade' Haugen by Carol Stabenow
'Beaux' by Doris Williams
'Rosie' by Susan Lenzo & Tim Fletcher
'Daisy' & 'Gus' by Patti Fastner
'Ruby Boo-boo' by Anonymous



Fostering Saves Lives

We are in desperate need of volunteer fosters so we can save more lives. We provide the veterinary care and the supplies you will need; you provide the care and love the animal needs. Here is what a few fosters have to say about why they foster:

“There is nothing more fulfilling than watching a frightened cat or kitten gain confidence and learn to trust humans again.”

—Kim F.

“We love seeing the personalities emerge as the dogs get comfortable and confident, and we like seeing peoples' eyes light up as they meet the dogs.”

—Joyce and Craig H.

“There are so many loving, adoptable cats and kittens needing homes, and this is a small way I can make a huge difference in an animal's life. Watching their little personalities blossom and then helping them to find their perfect forever homes where they will be loved in return is so rewarding!”

—Lisa V.

“I foster to make a difference in the lives of dogs. It is incredibly fulfilling to work on their social skills and, for some, have them experience living in a home for the first time.”

—Rita K.

“Each cat is so unique, and it is truly rewarding learning their personalities. I look forward to every new foster cat and get excited when they get adopted as that means we saved another cat's life.”

—Danika J.

“Fostering dogs has been one of the most rewarding experiences I have had. Depending on the dog, it can be very easy or somewhat challenging. However, Second Chance provides resources to answer questions and help with any situations that are new to me.”

—Julie W.

Please open your heart and home to save a life.



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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.”

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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: Hometown Vet Silver Lake, Life Care Animal Hospital, Mendakota Animal Hospital, Parkview Cat Clinic, Southview Animal Hospital, South Shore Animal Hospital, WellHaven Pet Health Minnetonka
- **Northwoods Humane Society** for providing veterinary services
- 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
- **Target, Petco, Fleet Farm, Feeding Furry Friends/Greater Good Charities** for food and supplies
- **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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