



Winter 2025

# 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.

## Ozzie's Near Death Story and Transformation

Last December, a pedestrian walking down the street in the evening came across what they thought was a small pile of old dirty rags and rugs laying on the side of a busy road. For some reason, they decided to look at the pile and discovered it was a little dog. The dog was not moving at all and the person called the police to report a dead dog; the police, in turn, called the local animal control to go pick up the dog. When animal control arrived on the scene, they immediately picked up the little dog and felt a weak heartbeat! They rushed him to the animal shelter which, luckily, had a veterinarian on call. The staff immediately started working on this little dog who they found to be a miniature Poodle mix. They also put out an urgent message to the rescues they work with asking for a rescue to take him after he was stabilized and ready to be moved. Second Chance responded, and we named him "Ozzie".



The following are the step-by-step treatments and progress that occurred at the shelter while trying to make sure Ozzie survived:

Day 1: Upon arrival at the shelter, he was extremely underweight at 7#. He couldn't raise

his head let alone sit or stand up. He lacked muscle tone and was extremely hypothermic – his temp was too low to read. He was severely matted and they shaved off his mats, placed him on two heating pads and put in an IV catheter with a 5% dextrose solution. In a little while, he started waking up and blinked but still could not raise his head or move on his own. But he did eat a very small amount of canned food.

Day 2: After being on heating pads, his temperature went up to 92.1, still low but improving. After several more hours, his

temperature reached 100.1. He remained on two heating pads overnight and ate ¼ can of food. He was starting to move his head and could sit up for a short time with assistance. And he has started to wag his tail when someone entered the room!

Day 4: Ozzie had been eating well but suddenly became uninterested in food and shortly after broke with bloody diarrhea. They continued IV fluids and started metronidazole, famotidine, and cerenia. Parvo test was negative.

Day 5: Diarrhea was improving, he was eating well, was able to hold his head up and sit up. He was ready to leave the shelter to go to his foster home. Ozzie still needed regular visits to the local vet clinic. His skin was ulcerated by the mats and needed continued treatment - organ function, electrolytes, and muscle development needed to be monitored. It

wasn't too long before this little miracle got a clean bill of health!

Happy ending: Ozzie has found a loving forever home and is doing great!



## Oliver Knew Where to Get Help



A tiny brown tiger kitten appeared to have been thrown from a moving vehicle. He had road rash and a

broken hind leg (later x-rays showed a broken tibia and broken fibula). Can you imagine the pain he was in while he limped to find help?! He ran up to a police officer who was on a traffic stop,

and that officer brought the injured kitten to an animal control facility. The impound facility posted a plea for urgent help for this kitten which is when Second Chance jumped into action. We immediately found a foster, transport and a veterinary appointment. We named him "Oliver" and he is the sweetest kitten who was aged at approx. 8-9 weeks old. Oliver needed his left hind leg amputated, and the surgery went great. He healed quickly and didn't miss a beat running and playing as though he always had three legs. Oliver found his wonderful forever home. Second Chance will go above and beyond to save the lives

of the ones in need, but this wouldn't be possible if we didn't have a foster willing to help Oliver. Please consider fostering – it definitely saves lives!

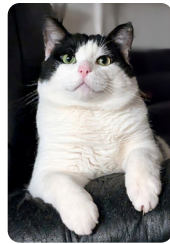


## The Overlooked Ones

Many cats get overlooked when potential adopters see their profiles online because the cats are described as shy. Or, they may go visit the cat but the cat is afraid of a stranger coming into their safe space. Here are four of our amazing and loving shy cats who just need someone to be patient and give them a chance.



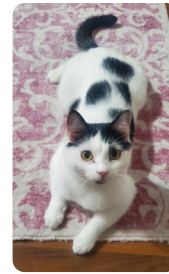
**Malcolm** and **Marnie** are brother and sister who came into our program over four years ago and are now 5 years old. They are sweet and playful cats who are best friends and must be adopted together. When called, Malcolm comes running for pets and attention. Marnie is very curious and needs to check out whatever anyone (human or cat) is doing. They both love playing with just about any toy.



**George** is black and white with lovely green eyes. He is 4.5 years old. Although shy of people at first, he quickly makes friends with other cats. George zooms around the house playing with his toy mouse and then curls up next to one of the other cats for a nap. He would like a home with a patient person and another friendly cat or two (he is in the same foster home as Riley).



**Riley** is a stunning brown, gray and black tiger with emerald green eyes who is 3.5 years old. She is hesitant of strangers but loves, loves her toys – her favorite is the ball that goes around in a ring. Riley likes to be brushed and petted but isn't a big cuddler yet; give her time to bond with you and you will see her blossom. She and George are in the same foster home and could be adopted together.



**Lealah** came from a hoarding situation and we can't figure out why she hasn't been adopted yet. Not only is she adorable with her black and white markings and expressive gold eyes, but she loves to play and has adjusted nicely into her foster home. She is very smart and has mastered a few cat puzzles. Lealah enjoys being close to her foster and getting head scratches.

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### Second Chance is in need of:

- Foster care volunteers
  - Dog treats (American made)
  - Dog rawhides (American made)
  - Gift cards for Petco, Target, Office Depot, Fleet Farm, Chuck & Don's
  - Kongs
  - Monetary donations
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## Second Chance Helps Low-Income and More

The need is great everywhere! All over the country it is the same – people losing their jobs and homes and wanting to keep their animals but they can't afford veterinary care. In 2025, we continued to provide grants to help even more spay/neuter

surgeries for 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 in this way, we help their animals stay in their homes and receive the veterinary care they need.

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## Saved From Ticks in the Nick of Time

At the end of May, we received a call that someone had dumped three German Shepherd puppies outside a store/gas station in rural MN. There were two puppies who were approx. five months old and the third was an adult female who had given birth to these puppies. A rescue person who took them in found fosters for the puppies but not the mom so we took her into our program and named her 'Greta.' She looked like a miniature German Shepherd

who weighed 35# - she was thin and bedraggled.

Upon examination, we found Greta was literally covered

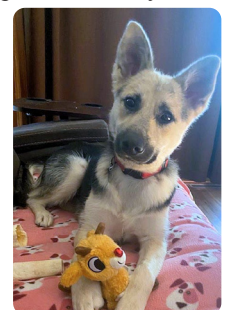


in ticks, everywhere on her body including her legs and tail. There were even ticks feeding off other ticks so that she had two layers of ticks on many areas of her torso, something we had never seen

before! After giving her oral flea and tick treatment, within the hour there were at least 200 ticks that had fallen off her. The next day she went to a vet and was given an antibiotic to prevent infection in her bloody open wounds and prednisone to help with her skin inflammation. It was recommended that she be shaved down so her skin could be more easily treated, and they prescribed a soothing, medicated bath to be given every three days.

As Greta's skin started to heal and she began to feel less pain, her true sweet and friendly

temperament started to show. She liked every person and dog she met. She was aged at about 1.5 years and was full grown. With good food and TLC from her foster, she recovered, gain some weight and still looked like a mini German Shepherd. Shortly after being put up for adoption, Greta found her well-deserved, loving forever home!





# Memorials & Honorariums 2025

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



## In loving memory of

**Ruth** by David Jacobson  
**Gail Stremel** by Samantha Gemberling, Don Gemberling, Dace Trencce, Robert Stanich, Marcia Hammelman  
**Thomas Panek** by Jane Martz  
**Peg & Cy Erpelding** by Martha Erpelding  
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**'Max' Stabenow** by Susan & Dave Sumner  
**'Tyson'** by Rebecca Thomason  
**'Darby'** by Susan Hibbs  
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**'Ginger' Pearson** by Laura Sorenson  
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**'Shadow' Haglund** by Jessica Pearson  
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**'Kacee'** by Claudia & Allen Balay  
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**'Libby'** by Julie & Chuck Watkin  
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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.”

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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.

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## 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: Animal Emergency & Referral Center, Bush Lake Pet Hospital, Hometown Vet Silver Lake, Lake Animal Hospital, Parkview Cat Clinic, South Shore Animal Hospital, Southfork Animal Hospital, Southview Animal Hospital, Vet Eye Pros, 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

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## 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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