



Spring/Summer 2020  
Newsletter



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## Greetings from the Fjoslien Animal Shelter

How are we going to care for animals as well as manage surrenders, strays, and adoptions during this coronavirus pandemic? With a dedicated staff, board, and long term volunteers, we rose to the challenge. Our animals are well cared for and, with surrenders and adoptions by appointment only, we have been able to find homes for many cats and dogs during this trying time. Check out some of our adoption stories inside, as well as browse pictures of our dogs and cats still waiting for their homes. We invite you to meet the staff featured on the next pages.

It is spring so kitties abound! We have many at the shelter right now. Unfortunately, we cannot take in every stray kitten or cat in the county, so please call the shelter first if you are thinking of bringing some in. We have only so much room, and no one lives at the shelter to give little ones round-the-clock care.

We are so grateful for all the donations we receive to help care for our animals. Some of you live near, and some far away; some of you have adopted animals from us, some of you just want to help all homeless dogs and cats; some of you give money, supplies, advertising, and other items like a desk and a tag making machine; some give of their time and expertise like the roof and fence fixes. How can we ever thank you enough?

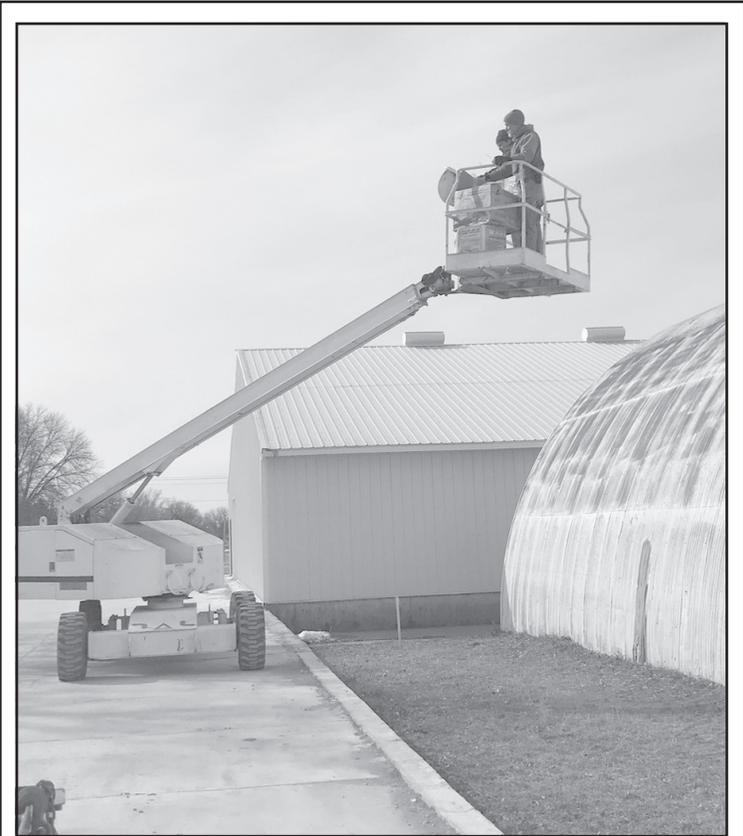
Speaking of roof fixes, we are in need of a new roof. Our metal quonset style roof has seen its better days, and we have put it off as long as we can. But we need to face the music and get it done. Unfortunately it is a large roof and our recent estimate to replace is \$26,000. We do have some money set aside, about \$7,000, with over half set aside a few years ago, but we now need to make a plea to help us out. We have not heard back on one large grant written for the project, but thankfully some local organizations and individuals have recently donated toward this project. We welcome any size contributions to our Roof Replacement Fund to keep all our animals and humans safe and dry. Thank you!

To see what cats and dogs we have at any time to adopt, check out our website, our Facebook page, or Petfinder.com. Thank you to all who provide caring homes for pets.



**THANKS FOR THESE DONATIONS  
TOWARD THE SHELTER'S NEW ROOF**

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**WE REALLY FEEL BLESSED** to have friends who will help us out at the drop of a hat when we are in need. One Saturday evening in March we discovered one of the whirlybird roof vent covers on the ground. With rain/snow forecast, we called on supporters and contractors Cari and Mark Zlotnick to see what they would suggest. They felt it was urgent to replace it and the next morning we had a new roof vent installed! It was a group effort on a difficult roof! Dan Denardo delivered two vents to choose from to the shelter Saturday night. Troy Rupp worked to get his big lift running after sitting all winter, hauled it over on a flat bed, and hoisted Mark to the top to replace the vent. So many local people generously donating their time and expertise is overwhelming. We are so appreciative.

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# SHOUT OUT TO OUR EMPLOYEES

**O**ur employees always make a difference, but it has been more of a challenge during this COVID -19 crisis. Even though we have been closed to visitors and new volunteers during these last few weeks, we still need to care for our animals. Each employee has played an essential part of maintaining the same excellent care of each and every animal that comes through our doors. With online adoption applications and adoption by appointment only with Joy, we have been able to find loving homes for many dogs and cats.

## Joy Van Daele

Joy Van Daele is our one full-time employee who has more than enough to do, with her dual jobs of office manager and kennel supervisor/animal caregiver. She's been a dedicated, dependable employee for over five years. Joy handles phone calls, emails, animal intake of strays and surrenders, scheduling vet care and getting our animals to their appointments, adoption applications and appointments, cleaning, feeding, and so much more at our very busy animal shelter. When asked what parts of the job she enjoys the most, she says "spending time with the animals and meeting people." Finding homes for our homeless animals is the most meaningful part of her job, and Joy says the most challenging part of the job is getting new cats and dogs to trust her as a new person in their lives, as well as watching certain cats and dogs stay here for long periods of time before being adopted. We are thankful Joy is part of our GCHS team, giving our animals the best we can.

Joy currently has three dogs at home: Cyndi Lou, a 14-year-old Chihuahua rescued in North

Carolina; Dottie, a 15-year-old Pomeranian/Papillon from GCHS; and Hercules, a three-year-old black mouth cur from GCHS; and previously Jack, a blue nose pit from GCHS.

"Dottie was surrendered and she wanted to be close to me. She was adopted out three times, but each time was brought back. Dottie ran right to me each time she was returned, so the Board told me Dottie had chosen me and to take her home! I've had her four years now and love her dearly."

"I had bonded with big Jack and when he was adopted I was broken hearted, but also happy for him. But his new owner was called back on the road for the railroad so he had to find a new home for Jack. He found a rescue in Iowa, but I said no way, I'm taking Jack home! When I went to pick him up, Jack came flying to me. Unfortunately Jack developed bone cancer in his right front leg and a torn ACL in his right rear leg. Broke my heart, but was told he'd never be able to heal if they amputated his front leg and fixed his ACL. I made the tough decision to have him euthanized. I loved him so much."

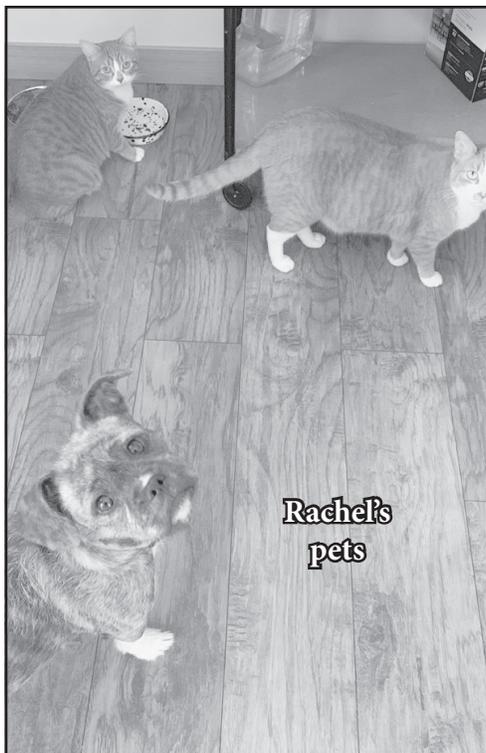


## Amber Schill and Reed Peterson

Amber Schill has been with the Grant County Humane Society for six years, and Reed Peterson has been with us for three. They both agree that one of the most meaningful parts of the job here is watching the animals that they have taken care of find forever homes. Amber enjoys snuggling with all of the animals while they are here and Reed loves all of the puppies. Both agree that one challenge of working here is when they get attached to the animals, but it always makes it easier seeing them go to loving homes. They currently have two pets, both adopted from the Grant County Humane Society. Hailey Ann, their 10-year-old dog, and May, their two-year-old feline leukemia kitty, are wonderful additions to their family. When asked if they have any favorite success stories from over the years, they agreed that seeing Nadia go home - who had been with us for 775 days - was one of the best. Another that Amber felt was one of her most memorable was when she was locked out of the ISO room due to the old door handle (which has since been replaced) and she had to climb over the fence into the dog yard to get back in. Both Reed and Amber are huge assets to the shelter and help truly make a difference with the work they do. As they have dealt with the different hurdles during the COVID-19 crisis, they have maintained the same excellent care of each and every animal that comes through our doors.

## Rachel Pikop

Rachel Pikop has been with the Grant County Humane Society for over six years. She started out as a volunteer and transitioned into an employee quickly, also serving time on the board. She is a huge cat person and one of her favorite jobs at the shelter is when she gets the opportunity to bottle feed the baby kitties. Rachel is a very dedicated worker and said that while the shelter has been closed to the public, nothing has changed with the animal care. She and the other workers have strived to maintain the high cleanliness and level of care that they always have, and continue to offer loving care to the cats and dogs that come through our doors. Those of you who follow us on Facebook get to enjoy Rachel's posts introducing our cats and dogs. Her knack for so accurately and creatively describing each animal in words, pictures, and video has led to many adoptions. She has three loving pets of her own at home, two cats and one dog. When asked if she has any favorite success stories from over the years, she said one would be "Little One," a cute senior dog who found her fur-ever home in Duluth, MN. Rachel is a huge asset to the shelter and always puts the needs of the animals above all. We are very fortunate to have her on our team.



## Dylan Goerdt

We welcome Dylan Goerdt, animal caregiver, as our newest part-time employee. The dogs eagerly greet him mornings when he comes to feed them and clean their kennels, but on the Saturdays he works, he also gets a chance to make friends with all the cats, as he cares for them in addition to the dogs. When Dylan was asked what parts of the job are the most meaningful to him, he answered "the excitement of seeing the dogs go to a good home." Dylan is a member of the Minnesota National Guard and has two dogs, a German Shepherd named Tank, and Taco, a 9 year old Chihuahua, at home to keep him busy. We are grateful that Dylan decided to join our team of caregivers who keep the shelter clean and care for the animals while they wait for their homes.



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DREW, ELLIE, AND LISSA dropped by the shelter before we closed to the public to bring toys and treats for our furry friends. Thanks from the kitties, cats, puppies, and dogs for thinking of their well-being. We appreciate your generous, caring spirit.



THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY of REA members participating in Operation Round Up, we received a much needed grant used for care of our dogs and cats and as starter money in our Replace the Roof project fund. GCHS Board members Robin McNamar and Sherry Tolar accept the check from Operation Round Up Board members Rod Borden and Janet Johnson. You have all made a difference in our animals' lives and for that we are so grateful.

# Adoption Success Stories



## Storm and Trixie

It's been almost 2 years since we adopted Storm and Trixie, and they are still doing so great! They love our newest addition to the family as well, and we catch them giving him a bath often. Thank you so much for letting us adopt them and letting us give them a warm and loving home.



## Nadia

Miss Nadia needed to tell me something, she MEOWED until I went to her, where she proudly showed me a mouse she had killed. After praise, lots of pets and treats, she napped.

Daisy is adjusting to house life very well, she and Nadia are working out seniority. Nadia also cuddles with Lizzie the lab and Bella the lab/husky.

**Rose Larson**



## Luca

My fiancé, Jesse, and I adopted Luca (formerly known as Donnie) on April 10. Since then, we've been getting to know our furry cuddle bug.

We wake up each morning to Luca cuddling our feet or meowing for food. After he eats, he purrs up a storm while he gets brushed.

Luca spends most of the afternoon napping under our bed or in the sun spots by our balcony door. He loves treats and will do just about anything to get them.

Of all the toys he has, the fishing rod with feathers on the end is his favorite.

Luca is very interested in his bunny siblings. He lays on his side and lets them come up to him and smell his belly.

Luca is incredibly happy in his new home. For the first few days, he purred almost constantly. We love him and all the fur he leaves behind.

**Thanks! Jenni Mann**



## Gabriel

We adopted Gabriel on Christmas Eve Day 2019 and he quickly became part of our family. We have never met a cat so confident, social, and vocal! Thank you Grant County Humane society!

**Gary & Georgia McCann**



## Khaleesi

I just wanted to email and say Thank you for choosing us to be Khaleesi's new family. She is doing well and we love her. She and Honey (our golden lab) are getting along well together. She was a perfect addition to our family. Thank you again so much!

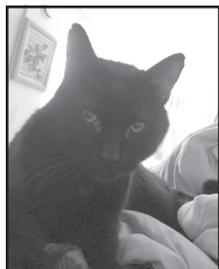
**Vicki & Peter Mandt**



# Adoption Success Stories

## Johnny

Hi there! I took Johnny in to share my new home with me a couple months ago. He's a very shy, but very sweet, guy. After just a few weeks he was coming around and now he's quite the cuddle bug.



He's begun warming up to me, and slept in the bed all night last night! Just wanted to say thanks again! I'm taking the best care of him, and earning his trust!

Loretta Steffen

## Update

I adopted Johnny back in December. I had just purchased my first house and was looking for a furry friend to share it with. Johnny was the perfect match. He had come from a hoarding situation, so coming to live with me gave him his own space. He spent the first week in the bathroom sink but it didn't take long before

he warmed up to me. He loves cuddles and food and playing with his squeaky mice. He digs his big cat tree from which he can rule his kingdom and it's subjects from a safe distance. He greets me with his sweet meows each evening when I return from work and he wakes me up early every morning for his breakfast. He is one spoiled, adorable, little, Johnny babe!

## Patches

We adopted Patches at the end of February and he is doing great! He is seriously the sweetest dog and such a cuddler. He has adjusted well and loves to spend his days outside exploring, chasing chipmunks, and playing fetch with his doggy

sister, Ruby. In the evening you'll find him curled up on the couch or snuggling with one of us. Our boys love him and we are very happy we decided to adopt! Thank you!

Dale & Paige Haberer



## Theo

We adopted the puppy Theo. He is still as sweet and mellow as can be. He loves socks, playing with other dogs, chasing birds and leaves, sneaking in the shower, all blankets, belly rubs, and humans, though he is definitely a mama's boy. He is spoiled and loved so much. We couldn't be more blessed to have such a smart little pup!

Bailey Grosser



## Karli

We are really enjoying Karli. She has made friends with our cat, Slick. The other two cats have learned not to run, but not the best of friends. She is very enthusiastic!



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# Adoption Success Stories

## Karen

**Update on the momma of the six 'Heinz 57' puppies from one of our dedicated employees and former board member:**

Karen (aka Dixie) has been with me for four months and I think she has finally realized she is home now. Now that Karen doesn't have any puppies to look after, she has taken over security detail

at my house. This includes: alerting me to visitors and or wildlife outside the window, daily yard clearing of all birds, bunnies, and squirrels (this is her favorite task), and moderating disputes between the resident cats (she hasn't quite mastered this yet). She loves her new job and I think she likes me a little bit, too. I'm usually a cat person, but Karen somehow won me over and has been a great addition to the household. Thanks to GCHS for all that you do!

**Janet, Jeff, Karen, and Rachel**



## Gucci

*Gucci was a special case. He lived at the shelter for a time and then spent time at Lake Region Vet Clinic as their resident office cat. He was a bit shy, but ended up falling in love with one of the pet owners who came into the clinic. The rest is history.*

I wanted to give you guys a Gucci update and send recent pics. He is doing great! He now gets to live with me and his sister Charlie, and his new cousin Tat! We are down in Byron, MN with my daughter and her husband. We will relocate back to Alexandria after this stuff passes. The kitties play like brothers and Charlie even gets involved, it's soooo cute. The boys nap together and enjoy chase time. Gucci just gets more and more loving all the time. He's my lap kitty and loves to go under covers in middle of the night to snuggle. He loves Maggie and Brandon, too. He keeps watch over Charlie and takes very good care of his big sister. Thank you again for being the best home for Gucci in the beginning. We love Grant County Humane Society and Lake Region Small Animal Vet.



## Facebook Fundraisers benefit the shelter

Thank you to all those who follow us on Facebook and have either hosted a fundraiser for the shelter or contributed to one. What a wonderful way to celebrate a milestone such as a birthday and help the animals at the same time!

From October 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020, a total of \$1,205 was raised!

Virginia Walck  
Rachel Pikop  
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**10 BENEFITS**  
of having a dog

By Shake Paws

- 1 Alarm clock
- 2 Bed warmer
- 3 House security system
- 4 Best friend for life
- 5 Door bell
- 6 Family
- 7 Cuddle buddy
- 8 Love
- 9 Happiness
- 10 Loyalty guaranteed

# Adoption Success Stories

## Rocky

When I saw Rocky's picture on Facebook, I immediately texted and said I would love to foster him. He was so tiny, and had been found wandering at the local lumber yard. He just never went back.

He and our yellow lab, Leo, have become great buddies and keep each other company all day while we're at work. They love snuggles during naps and Rocky thinks he's a dog. He sits when told and retrieves his toys when we throw them.

We're so happy he's come to stay with us and it's been great to watch him grow from such a tiny baby to the big boy he is now.

Sue Kulbeik



## Zelda

Zelda is a monster disguised as a princess; and she has been the perfect addition for us. She likes to get attention and cuddle during the day. At night she terrorizes the house with her new friends and will perch on anything she can. She even likes to open cupboard doors and drawers. Even though she terrorizes the house more than everyone else, she is a welcome addition to the family. She is loved and loves to be loved.

Nichole Oberg



## Thank you to Pedigree Foundation!



We are grateful to the Pedigree Foundation for the generous grant which we used to care for two different litters of puppies plus one mama. These little ones can steal our hearts, but their care can be overwhelming for a small shelter such as ours. Tests, vaccinations, spays and neuters, medicine, food, and general care all add up. Plus one of the puppies, River, had physical problems. We were able to consult with our veterinarian and an animal rehabilitation specialist who gave us special exercises to strengthen River's back legs and hips. One of our dedicated volunteers, Deb, came many days to work with River. The mama, her litter of six (including River) and another litter of four were all adopted! See more about River, and the four Dane cross puppies elsewhere in this newsletter.



## Dexter

Hi, my name is Dexter H.S. McGiggles! I was adopted in January. I am fitting in great in my new home and have become a beloved member of the family. I love my older brother Kimba, and we play together sometimes, but he is still learning to tolerate my youthful exuberance. I have a great time every day playing, cuddling, watching TV while curled up with Mom and Dad, and trying to eat anything and everything in sight!

Ronni



## Savannah

Savannah has really opened up since I've brought her home, she's gotten very playful and affectionate. She has a weird obsession with the bathtub and likes to cuddle with her favorite toys. She really likes enclosed spaces and ponytails. She always greets me at the door when I get home and it always puts a smile on my face no matter how hard the day. We're both very happy together.

Thank you for helping us come together,

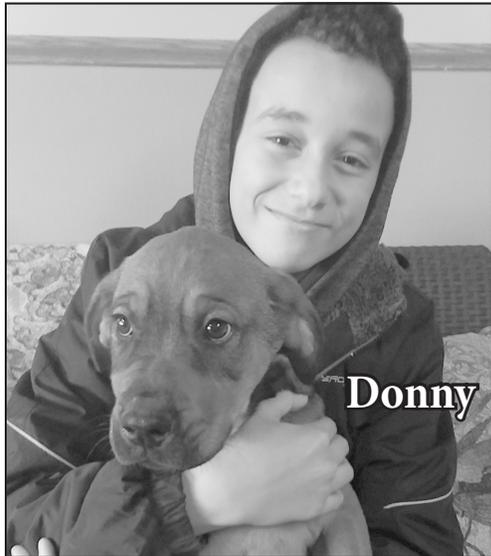
Kassie Kvern



# Update on Great Dane/ German Shepherd pups

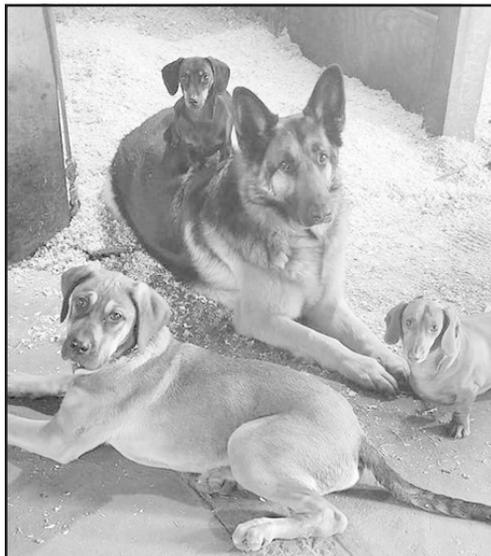
A local family had a litter of 10 puppies and decided to surrender four of them to GCHS. These puppies are Great Dane and German Shepherd cross, and were already 30 lbs. at three months old when they arrived at the shelter. We posted them to our normal adoption pages – Petfinder.com and Facebook. These four boys were very popular. They had over 72,000 views on our Facebook page, and within 36 hours we had 20+ applications for them. All four of these handsome boys found very loving forever homes – Donny to St. Paul, Mikey to Foley, Raphael to Hoffman, and Leo to Minneapolis. Here are the updates.

(We do not have an update on Donny. His adoption photo is below.)



## Mikey

Hello! I got Mikey from you guys at GCHS. Mikey loves the opportunity to meet new friends, help with chores, kids, naps, and car rides. Here is a picture of one of his adventures!



## Ralph (aka Raphael)

We have named our boy Ralph. He is loving his housemates of a feisty terrier and two standoffish cats. Ralph enjoys playing and wrestling, and being outside until he bangs on the door. He then likes to cuddle up with mom and dad, or other human housemates, and sleep the day away. He has responded well to basic training, and we are continuing to work with him.



## Leo

Leo, aka De-oh-gie (it's a play on the word Dog) is doing great. He answers to both names. He is potty trained, a few mistakes in the house, but that happens. He has learned to ring the bell to indicate he needs to go, but I think sometimes he rings it just to be ringing it. LOL.

He has grown since leaving your care, but he doesn't realize how big he is, as he wants to sit in my chair with me, so I just go with it. Leo enjoys going outside. In Uptown, there are a lot of things to do and explore and he has made quite the buzz for himself, everyone wants to meet him, pet him, and is in awe of his good behavior around people and other dogs.

He's also crate trained for the times I have to leave my home. He doesn't cry or bark, much; I listen outside the window to be sure.

He loves his housemate Momo, the cat, and she likes him, too. She's the queen of the house and he's ok with that. He follows her around the house until she's had enough.

With COVID, I'm glad he's here, or I would be one bored person.



# Deaf Catahoula Leopard Dog rescued

In late 2019, GCHS got word from a friend of the shelter that there was a breeder that was going to “dispose” of a puppy in a recent litter because that puppy was deaf. Thank goodness we were able to take in this sweet pup. We welcomed the deaf puppy, Tobias, a sweet little Catahoula Leopard Dog.

And, thank goodness we are very lucky to have so many kind people that support our cause at GCHS! Eric had adopted Edgar (now Pete), a deaf pit bull mix earlier in the year. Pete has become so well trained with hand signals, people don't even realize he can't hear. Eric fostered Tobias and trained him like he trained Pete, to get Tobias ready to find his forever family, too. We thank Eric from the bottom of our hearts.



Tobias with foster dad, Eric.



## January Adoption Update:

We adopted young Tobias over two weeks ago. He is a Catahoula Leopard Dog that is fully deaf. We could not be happier with our decision and are grateful to be selected for his adoption. He is doing so well at learning hand signals, it is simply amazing how fast he learns. He had an amazing foster dad before we adopted him, so that helped a lot! Just want to thank Grant County Humane Society for all the work they do, and share a couple of pictures.



Walter (formerly Tobias) with adoptive dad, Daniel.



## Recent Adoption Update:

We adopted Walter (formerly known as Tobias) back in January. He is around seven months old now and about 50 pounds, talk about a big boy! He absolutely loves his smaller but older doggo brother, Graham, and is such a gentle giant when they play, it can be pretty hilarious to watch. Walter is very curious and has to know what everything is, you know typical puppy behavior. He enjoys going on walks around our property, there are so many new scents to sniff with the weather warming up. We've built a huge run for him so he can run and explore more than ever before, and he is loving it.

Now for training, Walter is doing an excellent job with learning hand signals, so far he knows outside, sit, lay down, drop it, off, no, come, and wait. We've also recently started training with a vibrate collar to get his attention when he is not near us. We were in a puppy class, but due to the pandemic it was cancelled, so once things are back to normal we plan to continue classes, not only for instruction but for socialization with other dogs and people. Overall, Walter has made a wonderful addition to our family and we love him to pieces.

Daniel and Alyssa Jones



Dog brothers, Graham and Walter.



# Disabled puppy finds perfect home in Duluth

Sweet little River came to GCHS with a litter of 6 puppies and their mother. These pups were quite the Heinz 57 of breeds. Supposedly a mixture of Pit Bull, Pug, Chihuahua, Corgi, and Jack Russell. We discovered that River has a curvature of the spine where it was shaped like an “S” and would need physical therapy to overcome her disability and difficulty in walking. We took River to Four Paws Physical Therapy in Alexandria, MN for an assessment and they gave us a mix of exercises for River to go through. A dear friend of the shelter, Deb Janke, has experience in physical therapy and offered to come to the shelter on a daily basis for several weeks to work with River on her exercises until we found her a forever family. Thank you Deb for all your time and hard work with River. Watching River play with his mom and other siblings was evidence that your time with him was so worth it.

Another dear friend of the shelter, Lisa, has experience with disabled and special needs dogs. (Lisa is also behind Papparazzi Pet Photos that you often see on our Facebook page.) Lisa came all the way from Duluth to adopt sweet River, and River is now doing very well in her new home.

## Update

River isn't missing her mom and five siblings (that much). She's living in Duluth with two cat brothers, two dog brothers, and two dog sisters. She

and Elfi, a three-year-old Chihuahua rescued from Dallas, have become special rough-housing buddies and adore zoomies throughout the house and backyard. She has also found an adoptive father in Thomas, a big Russian blue cat, who is teaching her how to be a proper puppy and have nice manners. Duluth in March and April is no treat, but River has a lot of playmates and a nice fireplace to toast in front of when it's finally time to rest up for the next round of trouble-making. The ramp in the backyard was put in to help her brother with chondroplastic dwarfism, and her sister, injured in an attack, get up and down the back steps easily. Not only does she use that, she's making progress in learning steps, anyway!

Her new middle name is Rose, after a beloved sister who passed years ago and also had spinal issues. And even though she only got to attend one PAWS (Pet Away Stress) event at UMD before the coronavirus closed down the campus, she was a huge hit and really seemed to enjoy herself. It will be fun to see her at that event (we hope) in the fall. Although many plans for the summer are up in the air, a lot of time running and playing in the big backyard with her family is definitely on the schedule!

Lisa



Deb Janke and River working together on physical therapy.

## Special Thanks

- ★ All who adopt
- ★ All who donated their aluminum cans. We collected and sold 6,083 pounds of aluminum in 2019
- ★ Volunteer Mike who helps keep this place clean!
- ★ Dog walkers Dan and David
- ★ All who contribute to our donation boxes
- ★ Sue and Bob Kulbieck for the tag machine
- ★ Those who donate through Thrivent Choice and Amazon Smile
- ★ Jensen Salvage for staying on top of our aluminum can collections throughout the county
- ★ To all who donate time, expertise, money, supplies
- ★ To all who sent in donations during Give MN
- ★ Tom & Janice Amundson for the office desk

# Thanks for making a difference in an animal's life!

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Beth Palm  
Beth Pikop  
Bethlehem/West Elbow Lake Lutheran Women  
Bob Johnson  
Bonnie Harstad

Chris Barrows Farrier Service – Long Prairie  
Clara Germundson  
Dale Alstead  
Dale Ekdahl  
David & Barbara Hamre  
Diane Grout  
Donna Leis  
Donna Lindemeyer  
Duane McLevis  
George Christiansen  
Gladys Nelson  
Glenn & Paula Hjelle  
Greta Koch  
Gwen Brutlag  
Harold W. Peterson  
James & Charlene Nelson  
Janice Tolifson  
Jeff & Marlene Dreier  
Jeremiah Nelson & Lisa Strum  
Bullfrog Trucking, LLC  
Jana Tonsfeldt  
Jay & Robin McNamar  
Joel & Alica Houlton  
Karen & Gary Huebner  
Keith & Darla Christensen  
Kellie Turner  
Kelly & Ben Grout  
Kevin Erlandson  
James & Charlene Nelson  
Janet Vipond  
Jeff & Pam Holsen  
Jeffrey & Edith Gullickson  
Jeanette Huseh  
Jessica Mohagen  
Lakeside Lumber – Ashby  
Lee & Barbara Ackerson  
Linda & James Timm  
Lisa & Sea Twomey  
Lyle & Deb Krusemark  
Mark & Cari Zlotnick  
Mary Ann Crocker  
Mary Jo Knutson  
Matt & Carolina Brunkow  
Melanie Duenow-Ryan  
Michael Kniss  
Morgan Christenson  
Owen Peterson  
Paul & Elizabeth Blume  
Paul Brutlag  
Pomme De Terre Community Fund  
Prairie Fire Children's Theatre Company  
Radford & Diane Renstrom  
Richard & Val Olsen  
Rodney Casad  
Rory Oetomo  
Sam Kapphahn  
Sheila Goettle  
Steve Olson  
Steven & Vicki Renkert  
Steven Jarvi  
Sue Compton  
Susan Clark  
Susan Grasamke  
Ted & Rita Johnson  
Teresa Schecker  
Terry & Nancy Amundson  
Tim & Mary Frew  
Trumm Drug – Blue Jean Fund  
Wesley & Annette Maudal

West Central Area High School  
Pasta Breakfast  
William & Barbara Little

## GIVE TO THE MAX

### DONATIONS NOV. 14, 2019

Allen Anderson  
Andrea Derby Workman  
Beth Pikop  
Carla Broadland  
Chrissy Oachs  
Dustin Sperr  
Heather Brandborg  
Jean M. Zimmer  
Joan Melquist  
Kellie Turner  
Kendra Greiner  
Linda Lyons  
Lisa Sturm  
Lynn McGuire  
Mark & Cari Zlotnick  
Mary Chasteen  
Matthew Brenna  
Pam Holsen  
Patricia Castellano  
Rebecca Sumerfelt  
Robin & Jay McNamar  
Sara Strunk  
Sheila Goettle  
Sherlyn Anderson  
Valerie Ulrich  
John Zdrzil

## DECEMBER PAWTIQUE

Beth Pikop  
Bill Nelson  
Deb Emmel  
Gail & Jerry Larson  
Haily Loeks  
Jean Degier  
Johnson Secretarial Service  
Kellie Turner  
Leah's Sweet Addictions  
Linda Schmigdal  
Marita Rhude  
Paula Hjelle  
Rachel Pikop  
Robin McNamar  
Sherry Tolar  
Tammy Pattison  
John Zdrzil, gift wrapper  
KR Digital, picture taking  
Santa & Mrs. Claus

## DONATIONS OF SUPPLIES & SERVICES

### NOV. 2019 - MAY, 2020

Children from Head Start  
Andrea Smith  
Angi Jensen  
Ann Hudson  
Anne O'Flynn  
Ashley, Travis, Tristan, & Madison Fagre  
Audrey Sieben  
Bea Telford  
Beth Palm  
Betty Yelle  
Brad Larson  
Cari Zlotnick  
Claire & Addie Strom  
David Odens  
David & Bea Telford  
Dawn Baumgardener  
Delores Bertram  
Dollar General  
Dustin Sperr  
Erin Jopke  
George McCann  
Granite Falls Dog Pound  
Grant County Herald  
Jeff Gullickson  
Heather Alison  
Heather Rossum

Jana Tonsfeldt  
Janice & Tom Amundson  
Johnson Secretarial Service  
Joshua Peterson  
Kennady Skogaard  
Kenny Weigand  
Karen Alvstad  
Kelsey Ystebroe  
Kim Davis  
Kim Hanson  
Laurel Liebl  
Leroy Mude  
Lee & Barb Ackerson  
Linda Rupp  
Lisa Anteau  
Lucille Sumstad  
Luke Bolinski  
Nancy Dampier  
Pam Olson  
Penny & Doug Ostenson  
Robin & Jay McNamar  
Shannon Burns  
Shannon Burns  
Sue Compton  
Tammy Brown  
Theresa Lien  
Todd Champ  
Tracy Hedstrom  
Traci Hedlof  
(memory of Montana)  
Vicki Mandt  
Wal Mart – Fergus Falls  
Wyatt Halvorson

## GIVE AT HOME DONATIONS

### MAY 1 TO MAY 8, 2020

Angela Jensen  
Ashley Buehring  
Beth Pikop  
Betty Yelle  
Carla Broadland  
Dale and Kathy Alstead  
Dawn Rose  
DeAnna Hurley  
Heather Brandborg  
Jan Nelson  
Jessica Paler  
Kelly Gerber  
Lee Ackerson  
Lynn McGuire  
Megan Jensen  
Michael C. Nisse  
Monica Olson  
Nancy Conley  
Nicole Melaas  
Rachel Rollie  
Rachel Moe  
Rachel I. Pikop  
Robin & Jay McNamar  
Ruth Hubbard  
Sarah Irvin  
Stacy Hoyme  
Susan Grasamke  
Susan Uhren  
Vanessa McNamara  
Victoria Evens

## MEMORIALS GIVEN

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**Mildred Graf**  
Joan Melquist

**Sandi Paustian**  
Linda Folken

**Richard (Dick) Lohse**  
Daryl & Angie Jensen  
Jay & Robin McNamar  
Judy & Loren Hams  
Keith & Darla Christensen  
Keith & Debra Mickelson  
Shirley Lohse  
Todd & Deborah Lohse

**Great-Grandma Lois Perrin**  
Leif, Finn, Bella, & Torsten Ostenson

**Dale Champ**  
Pam & Jeff Holsen

**Joyce Przybyski**  
(who cherished her cats Gracie & Ginger)  
John Przybyski

**Mary Ellen Montoney**  
Dick & Shelby Stonestrom

**Noel Kjesbo**  
Jeff & Pam Holsen

**Marlene Deegan**  
Ron & Grace Trittin

**Kathleen Anderson**  
Chad & Gwendolyn Rollofson

**Minnie Neubaurer**  
Richard & Ruth Woessner

**James E. Smith**  
David & Nancy Flom  
David & Laurie Smith  
Shari Larson Clusiau

**Jack Peterson**  
William Nelson

**Ron Sebek**  
Jan Ellingson

## DONATION GIVEN

### IN HONOR OF:

**Pam Holsen**  
Anne O'Flynn

**All the deserving Animals**  
Pam Holsen

**Attu** (red Siberian husky adopted from GCHS)  
Susan Clark

## IN MEMORY OF

### BELOVED PETS

**Kali & Kirby**  
Lynn McGuire

**Betsy, Daisy, & the Grampa Dog**  
John Zdrzil  
Tamara & Jonathan Nelson

**Hank**  
Carla Broadland

**Katie the Dog**  
Clara & James Germundson  
Charles, Donna Dinsmore  
Debbie & Bruce & Angie Steffen

**Joe – Best Cat Ever**  
Joyce Hanson

**Toby the Dog** (Jan & Gary Nelson)  
Jon & Tammy Nelson

**Cali the Cat** (Larry & Heidi Grove)  
Jon & Tammy Nelson

**In Honor of Rio**  
Jodi Ehlenz

**Poncho**  
Melanie Kapphahn  
Diane Kapphahn

**Little One**  
Patricia Castellano

**The Grandpa Dog**  
John Zdrzil

**Little Lillie** (Bruce, Deb, & Angie Steffen)  
Charles & Donna Dinsmore

**Josie** (Clara Germundson)  
Charles & Donna Dinsmore

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# ADOPT ME • ADOPT ME • ADOPT ME • ADOPT ME



## Apricot

If you are looking for an outgoing kitty, I'm your girl. I can hunt and play with the best of them!



## Jupiter

If you are looking for a silly kitty with a little sass and good looks, pick me!



## Polly

I'm a sweet, shy little girl, but I would be the happiest if I could find a forever family to share my life.



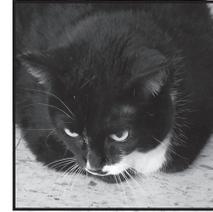
## Chucky

I've been called crazy, but I will love my human. My interests include photobombing other cat's pictures, shadowing humans, and hunting my very favorite mouse toys!



## Lucy

I'm a fun little lady looking for a home with lots of attention and treats



## Rizzo

I am quite a large kitty and I am in need of someone to help me get in shape. I'd love to chat about it. Be my friend?



## Clancy

I'm a happy cat who is not afraid to take on the world. I'm curious about everything and everyone and love to play with any and every toy!



## Myrtle

I would love to find my forever with a special human family that will give me plenty of time to nap and play. And of course snuggle.

## Becky

Becky is a terrier mix who came to GCHS as a stray. She was very scared the first few days and managed to escape the dog yard and was on a journey about town for a few days. Once she knows you, she will be glued to your side. She gets along with nearly anything and anyone, as long as you are patient with her. Becky prefers a home with a fenced yard.



## Dude

It takes me some time to warm up, but I would love to have a new best friend.



## Nellie

My ideal day would include bird watching, napping, chasing toys, and snuggling with my humans!



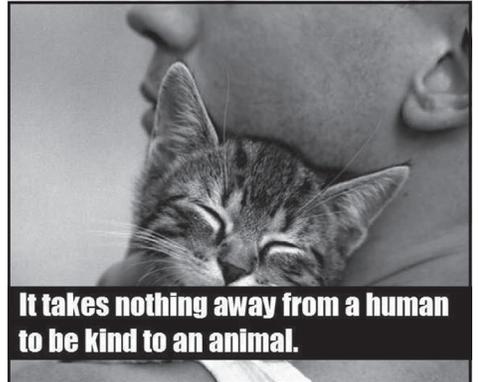
## James . . . James Bond

I am a funloving guy who would love an endless supply of food, petting, and treats. I am a stealth secret agent when it comes to hunting cat toys!



## Oscar

I'm a handsome boy who would love to have a family of my own with endless petting, toys, and treats!



**It takes nothing away from a human to be kind to an animal.**



We have three litters of kittens at the shelter. These two represent the Nature Kitties:

Sonny  
Twilight  
Cloudy  
Stormy  
Rainy



The Flintstone Kitties include:

Wilma  
Fred  
Bam Bam  
Dino  
Barney



The Toy Story Kitties include:

Buzz  
Jessie  
Bonnie  
Barbie  
Buttercup  
Bo Peep

# The many benefits of fostering for GCHS

I have been volunteering at the shelter for about five years now and one of the most important ways I help the shelter is by fostering! Initially I ran our Doggy Boot Camp but since adopting Jesse James, I've had to curtail that program, so I switched to kitties. In the past year I have fostered as many cats and kittens as I ever did in several years of fostering dogs! Recently I fostered 10 little kittens along with the help of one amazingly sweet mama kitty who had six of her own and accepted four more into her care.

There are multiple benefits to fostering. Primarily you are saving a life and helping a dog or cat have the best possible chance of living a happy, healthy life. Our shelter is small and we can only have a certain number of pets in our facility, our cat room is perpetually full. By fostering, we can save an animal's life until we can get them into the shelter.

People do ask me "How can you give them back?" I can because I love animals and know it wouldn't be prudent for me to keep all of them! Plus, I absolutely love watching them grow, adjust, develop, get healthy and socialized before I send them on their way to their forever homes.

*Kellie Turner*



## Spaying and neutering helps to curb pet overpopulation and make your pet healthier

The decision to spay or neuter your pet is an important one for pet owners. It can be the single best decision you make for their long-term welfare. By spaying and neutering your pet, you can be an important part of the solution. Getting your pets spayed/neutered will not change their fundamental personality, like their protective instinct. It can help curb bad behavior, though.

Unneutered dogs are much more assertive and prone to urine-marking (lifting their leg) than neutered dogs. Although it is most often associated with male dogs, females may do it, too. Spaying or neutering your dog should reduce urine-marking and may stop it altogether.

For cats, the urge to spray is extremely strong in an intact cat, and the simplest solution is to get yours neutered or spayed by four months of age before there's even a problem. Neutering solves 90 percent of all marking issues, even in cats that have been doing it for a while. It can also minimize howling, the urge to roam, and fighting with other males.

Contact your veterinarian today and be sure to let your family and friends know that they should do the same. All cats and dogs adopted through GCHS are spayed/neutered.

# Wine Tasting Fundraiser

We had a leaping good time at our 8th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction Fundraiser held at the Knotty Pine on Leap Day, February 29. Many folks came out to taste several wines from our wine experts and enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres. We had so many nice baskets and donations to bid on and a good time was had by all. Thanks to these businesses and individuals for their auction donations:

AJ's Gas Station  
Anne O'Flynn  
Bargain Bazaar  
Beth Pikop & Alan Williams  
Broken Paddle Bar & Grill  
Catlady Box  
Chewy.com  
Destiny Fitness  
Diane & Rad Renstrom  
Eagle View Winery  
Farmers Agency  
Grant County Herald  
Grant County Lumber  
Haily & Chase Loeks  
Hair Fusion, Val Ulrich  
Hair Your Way, Morgan Fagre  
Haley Oil  
Hedine Jewelers  
IDEXX Lab  
Jean Degier

Johnson Secretarial Services  
Kellie Turner  
Knotty Pine  
KR Digital  
Lake Country Technology  
Lake Region Small Animal  
Lavonne Hanson  
Lois Nelson  
Marita Rhude  
Midwest Machinery  
Midwest Vet Supply and Hills  
Rachel Pikop  
Roger Rhude  
Sara Strunk  
Swanky Paw Resort  
Tastefully Simple  
Vickie Olson

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# THANK YOU!

*Thank you to everyone who came out on Leap Day for our 8th Annual Wine Tasting and Silent Auction event!*



Thank you to all the individuals and businesses who donated auction items and those who bid on them.



Thank you to the wine guys Jason and Justin from Vinocopia and Breakthrough Beverage for their time and donation of wines to sample. A special thank you to Paul and the entire staff at Knotty Pine for hosting the event and for the delicious food and service.

We appreciate everyone's support so much. Hope to see you next year!



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**Our Mission**

Dedicated to providing a safe environment for domestic dogs and cats until a new home is found. We are committed to promoting responsible pet ownership.

**Board Members**

Haily Harstad	Sherry Tolar
Kellie Turner	Vickie Olson
Kelly Austin	Marita Johnson
Robin McNamar	

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**Our Hours:**

Monday-Friday . . . . . 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday . . . . . 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Sundays and Holidays: Closed

## Cash Box Donations

Thanks to all for dropping in your change when shopping at the following locations where we have donation boxes. From Oct 1, 2019 - April 30, 2020, we collected \$862!! It all adds up.

Ashby Hardware  
GCHS Shelter Box  
Sister's Beer, Wine, and Spirits  
Trumm Drug  
JC's Groceries, Ashby  
T & B's Short Stop  
Jim's Market  
Lake Region Small Animal

