

# TAIL'S TALES

News from the Nebraska Humane Society | Spring 2021

*Your Help  
Became Hope for  
Animals in Need.*



## Hilda and Helga's Escape

Held down by 15-pound tow chains, these sweet girls were found and brought to the Nebraska Humane Society where they are slowly learning to trust humans again.

Read about Hilda and Helga's road to freedom on page 4.

# A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

**Together, with your help, we are making a difference for abused, neglected and abandoned animals in our community.** This past year presented challenges no one could have imagined; the COVID-19 pandemic and safety concerns, adjustments we have all had to make in our daily routines and record-breaking cold temperatures. Despite all of this, your support and kindness have been unwavering.

Your generosity continues to make it possible for thousands of homeless, abused and neglected animals to be saved, giving them a new leash on life and a second chance to live safe and healthy lives in loving homes. **Because of you, 7,318 animals were adopted into their forever homes, 2,294 lost animals were reunited with their frantic owners and more than 13,000 medical diagnostic tests were conducted in 2020.** While COVID-19 impacted so much, with your help, it did not stop us from saving lives!

Since 1875, with your help, we have been giving animals second chances. Animals like Hilda and

Helga, Winston, along with Charlie, Maverick and Rasputin. All saved with your help.

As an open-entry shelter, our doors are open all day, every day to help the injured, neglected and homeless animals in our community.

**Your compassion, support and help give them hope. Thank you for standing by us, on the front lines, to ensure they receive the second chance they deserve.**

**Furever grateful,**



Nancy Hintz  
President & CEO  
Nebraska Humane Society



## You Helped Willy See His Purrfect Future

After eating or drinking, One Eyed Willy would appear distressed. He would sneeze and wheeze, and we knew something just was not quite right.

Through your generosity, the NHS veterinary team found a large opening between Willy's mouth and nasal cavity. If not fixed, this open cavity would make him more susceptible to infections and continue to make him uncomfortable.

**Luckily, donors like you, made it possible for him to get the surgery he needed.**

After some fancy needlework and a bunch of tiny stitches, Willy's gap was neatly and tightly closed. He was given pain medication and lots of snuggles until he felt better.

He still whistles a little, but it is only temporary as he recuperates. He's headed to foster care and, once he is fully healed, eating and drinking will be a more pleasant experience! Thank you for helping him see a brighter future!

# We're Better Together

## Your 2020 Impact

20,426

dogs, cats, horses and more found their way to the Nebraska Humane Society in 2020. That's an average of

393

animals per week



### Animal Welfare



2,294

Lost Animals Reunited With Owners



7,318

Animals Found Adoptive Homes



5,804

Wildlife Calls Answered & Coordinated with Wildlife Rescue Groups to Relocate/Release Animals as Needed



87

Strays Who Were Microchipped, Licensed & Current on Rabies Vaccinations Received a "Free Ride Home"

13,033

Diagnostic Tests

5,233

Animals Microchipped

4,715

Spay/Neuters on Adoptable Pets

1,598

Specialized Surgeries & Dental Care Procedures

### Community Services

5,206

Surgeries Were Completed at the NHS Low-Cost Spay & Neuter Center



5,196

Grieving Pet Owners Were Served by Rainbow Bridge After the Loss of Beloved Pets



616

People and

3,740

Pets Were

Provided Emergency Pet Food by NHS Pet Food Pantry



### Volunteers

463

Community Members Volunteered



35,734

Hours to the Care of NHS Animals

224

Foster Homes Cared for

1,604

Fragile Animals Until They Could be Adopted

### Animal Medical



### Humane Education

1,300

Children & Adults Attended School/Community Presentations or Shelter Tours



209

Youth Participated in Camp Kindness or Humane Hands Programs

64

Girl Scouts Earned Badges

### Training & Behavior

1,133

Calls Responded to by NHS Behavior Helpline



781

People Attended NHS Dog Training Classes

179

Fearful/Unruly Dogs Placed in NHS Molly Project (Behavior Modification Program) Were Adopted





## Hilda and Helga Find Freedom

(Continued from cover)

Imagine being left in a backyard with no food or water. You haven't seen anyone in at least a week. You also have a 15-pound chain keeping you tethered to a tree, with only a few feet of slack. That was reality for Hilda and Helga. **They needed help.**

They had learned to not trust humans and were apprehensive when Animal Control Officers arrived to rescue them. At the shelter, the girls were sedated, enabling the medical team to safely remove the massive chains from their necks and examine them for injuries. Thankfully, no medical injuries were found, however, it was apparent they suffered from psychological pain.

**Their first week at the shelter was hard.** They trembled in fear, would do their best to hide from people and shut down if anyone approached them. After several days, Helga, the more trusting of the two, began to approach staff and volunteers. This soon paved the way for Hilda to do the same.

*“When I first met Hilda and Helga, I had to spend time just sitting in their kennel for them to trust me enough to take them for a walk. After about two weeks, Helga would timidly approach me and take treats and Hilda would lean against me and snooze. It's not about getting them out for walks, sometimes its just about letting them learn to trust again.”*

— NHS Volunteer, Greg G.

Hilda and Helga were enrolled in the NHS Molly Project — a behavior training and modification program for fearful and anxious dogs. The NHS behavior team is skilled at working with fearful, timid and anxious dogs, helping them learn to trust again. Your gifts support this program and have saved the lives of more than 3,000 animals, just like Hilda and Helga, since 2010. These animals would have previously been considered unadoptable. Now, with your support, they receive the additional time and training they deserve, and the second chance they dream of.

Hilda and Helga may always be a little timid and fearful with unfamiliar people, but with the special training they are receiving in the Molly Project, they will have a second chance. **Thank you for believing in saving animals like Hilda and Helga and caring for not only their physical needs but also their mental wellbeing.**



*Your support gives them their best lives!*



## Charlie Gets His Sparkle Back

This poor kitty was found all alone in a barn. His fur seemed dusty, he had a limp and his eyes were dull. Animal Control Officers were called and rushed him to the shelter, where he was given pain medication and assessed by the NHS medical team.

His fur wasn't dusty, it was singed. His eyelashes and whiskers were gone, and his foot pads and ear tips were blistered and crusted over. His lungs were congested, he was dehydrated and losing fluids through his wounds. **Simply put, he was in bad shape.**

With your support, he was monitored, given IV fluids to help him rehydrate and antibiotics to fight infection. His little paws were wrapped to help dry out the scabs and protect the new skin.

Days later, our medical team heard meowing but did not know who it was coming from. The meows led to Charlie! He was awake, talking and demanding attention! **His eyes were bright and full of life.** His paws were pink and healthy. Though the skin around his eyes and ears needed more healing, he had turned a corner.

**Thank you for providing Charlie with the lifesaving care and love he needed and deserved.**

## Unleash the Power of Your Donor-Advised Fund



Will you help animals in need of a second chance at a happy, healthy life? Recommend a grant to NHS today to transform lives tomorrow.

Is your DAF with Fidelity Charitable, Schwab Charitable or BNY Mellon? Make a designation through the DafDirect at:

For more information on DAFs, or on making a grant, contact Jennifer Katz, Director of Legacy Giving, at 402-905-3486 or [jkatz@nehumanesociety.org](mailto:jkatz@nehumanesociety.org).



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## Don't Trade It – Donate It

**Transform your no-longer-needed vehicle into a lifesaving gift for the animals.**

Donating your vehicle is fast, free and easy! You could even fetch a tax-deduction!

We accept most vehicles, including cars, trucks, boats, RVs, motorcycles and more, regardless of condition. We transport it at no cost to you.

Remember, you're in the driver's seat!

For more information call 1-877-957-2277.





## Tiny and Mighty

Winston found his way to NHS in rough shape. He was itching from fleas, but more concerning was an injured back leg. He was limping and a wire was sticking out of his skin.

The NHS medical team examined him and determined he was suffering from a chronic right tibia fracture with a broken and infected implant, which was the wire sticking out of his leg. Long story short, he was in pain and needed help. **Because of you, he could receive the help he needed to heal and be pain free.**

First, he was provided medication to ease his pain. Then his fleas were treated. Once they had been taken care of, he underwent surgery to repair his leg and secure the wire internally. He came through the surgery swimmingly, however, he would require intensive physical and massage therapy, as well as regular pain medication and anti-inflammatories.

This sweet boy spent his time recuperating in an NHS foster home where his every need was met. Along the way, his foster family fell in love and adopted him! He is now living his best life, pain free and spoiled rotten!

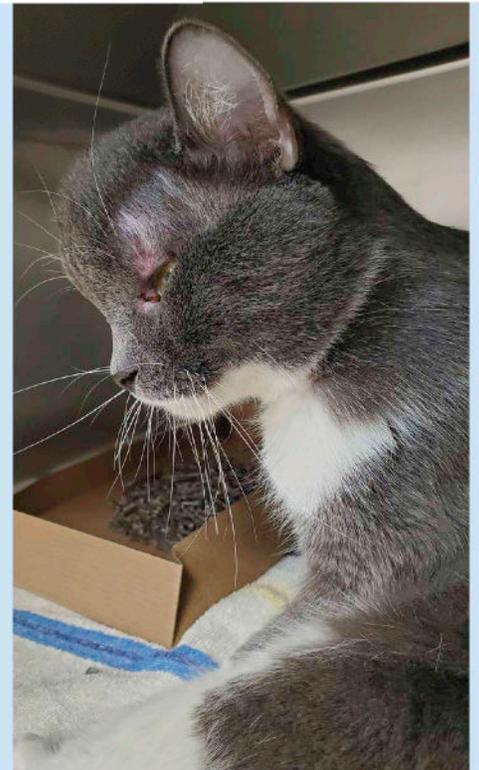
This tiny little Terrier is one tough guy! **Thank you for helping animals, like Winston, receive the medical care and second chance they need and deserve.**

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## Maverick's Big Transformation

When Maverick came to NHS, we learned this poor guy had swelling on the top of his head, which advanced to the point of causing his eyes to shut. He also had live fleas, likely causing the swelling to worsen as he scratched to stop the fleas from biting him. He had other issues too, indicating he may have had previous trauma. Though we will never know his full past, we knew he deserved a bright future. We also knew your support would ensure he would get his second chance.

With your help, Maverick was treated with pain medication and a flea bath. He underwent surgery to relieve the pressure on his eyes and empty the abscess. A surgical drain was placed to prevent fluid from building up again. Maverick is healing beautifully and his drainage tubes have been removed. **Because of you, we can now see his striking eyes and his wonderful personality.** He would probably blush knowing we said this about him, as he is quite the humble cat.



## Wrigley's Transformation

Six and a half pounds. That was the weight of the tumor Wrigley was carrying with him everywhere he went. He carried it with him to play, and he carried it with him through the doors of NHS. With your help, he would not carry it with him to his forever home!

Wrigley's tumor was so vascular and finicky it came out in pieces during surgery, leaving a large void in his abdomen. A drain apparatus was placed to ensure the now empty space would not fill with fluid and could heal properly.

Not a fan of a kennel, Wrigley is spending his recovery in the home of a loving foster family and receiving lots of TLC until he finds his forever home. Because of you, he is healing well and enjoying being tumor free. He is now moving around with ease, giving him a new leash on life!

**This sweet cattle dog needed help and you were there! Thank you for giving him a second chance!**



## Not a Moment Too Soon

Rasputin was running out of time. Temperatures were dropping, and he was stuck in a chain link fence. Without help, he would surely freeze. Did you know, when it's dangerously cold, NHS Animal Control Officers (ACOs) scour the streets and neighborhoods looking for animals in need of help and warmth? Thankfully, ACOs spotted Rasputin on one of their rounds and were able to cut through part of the fence to free him.



He was put in a warm kennel and rushed to VCA Emergency Vet to remove the remaining pieces of fence still constricting his neck. Rasputin headed off to surgery and is expected to make a full recovery. **Because of your generosity, this fluffy guy was rescued and will have another chance at a happy life in a warm home!**

ACOs rescue more than just pets! They also answer calls for many other animals, including birds of prey. This stately owl was suffering on the side of the road. It was suspected he had been hit by a car. He would have surely perished without help. He was transported to experts in raptor recovery to begin the healing process so he could be released back into the wild. **Your support creates a vital safety net for animals like these.**



# Save the Date



## Camp Kindness June – July 2021

Is your child between the ages of 6 – 13 and crazy about animals? If so, Camp Kindness is the summer camp for them! They will experience five days of fun guaranteed to get their tails wagging! Each session will provide plenty of hands-on experiences combined with interesting educational opportunities. Spaces fill up quickly!



Learn more and register at [www.nehumanesociety.org/campkindness](http://www.nehumanesociety.org/campkindness).

## Dining with Dogs Friday, June 11, 2021

Come, sit, stay and enjoy the evening with your pup. There will be no awkward silences or stilted conversation. There's usually someone in the crowd who whines a bit, sniffs a lot, maybe barks for a treat and then snores with satisfaction under the table. You and your pup will enjoy socializing, a silent auction and delicious dinner. Eat, drink and be hairy, all for a great cause! Learn more and purchase tickets at [www.nehumanesociety.org/diningwithdogs](http://www.nehumanesociety.org/diningwithdogs).



Contact Gordon Krentz at 402-905-3438 or [gkrentz@nehumanesociety.org](mailto:gkrentz@nehumanesociety.org) for sponsorship opportunities.

## Walk for the Animals Sunday, September 26, 2021

The Walk for the Animals is being planned as an in-person event this year with fun vendors, giveaways, activities, a beer garden, kid's zone, silent auction, rescue groups and more! Every dollar you raise will make a lifesaving difference for animals in need.



Registration is free at [www.nehumanesociety.org/walk](http://www.nehumanesociety.org/walk)! Form a Dog Pack or Cat Colony and start raising money today! Raise \$75 or more and earn an official Walk for the Animals T-shirt. The more money you raise, the more incentives you earn!

For more information or to become a sponsor, contact Gordon Krentz at 402-905-3438 or [gkrentz@nehumanesociety.org](mailto:gkrentz@nehumanesociety.org).

## You = Lifesaver

Change the lives of the homeless animals in your own backyard. We work locally in the neighborhoods you care about.



## Web & Social

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## Location & Hours

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### Adoption Hours:

Monday - Friday | 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Monday - Friday | 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
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