

TAIL'S TALES

News from the Nebraska Humane Society | Spring 2022

*Your Help
Became Hope for
Animals in Need.*



Maya Was Starving and Near Death, But You Gave Her Hope

Locked in a crate, all alone, barely able to move with no food or water.

Maya had been forgotten. She needed help soon or she wouldn't live.

Read inside, on page 4, how you helped Maya survive and thrive.

A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

While the world continues to face uncertainty, the lives of abused and neglected animals do not because of your dedicated support.

You have been the help, hope and healing for many — like a tiny kitten left in a trash can with frostbite and a broken leg, a starved dog near death, a severely neglected horse, a sweet mama dog tossed from a car with a belly full of babies and hundreds of birds and critters found in poor living conditions. **While their beginnings are truly heartbreaking, their endings are miraculously triumphant** — because of you!

Your compassion, kindness and generosity are reflected in the very lives you have saved and changed

forever. For this, we are forever grateful.

Thank you for entrusting the Nebraska Humane Society (NHS) with the important charge of rescuing, saving lives and giving second chances. And — thank you for loving the animals.

With gratitude,



Nancy Hintz
President & CEO
Nebraska Humane Society



You Saved Hundreds of Lives

In late December, during the bustle of the holiday season, we learned there were 600+ animals in a local house, in need of immediate help. Without hesitation, the most diverse rescue mission in NHS history began.

Once rescued, the number of animals in NHS's care doubled (from 600 to 1,200+). Stretched thin, NHS veterinarians teamed up with specialists from our community to triage all 600+ animals, with over 100 unique species identified.

These animals, many exotics, need specialized diets and require highly specific and controlled environments to survive. Setting up habitats for over 150 species, feeding, providing medical care and tending to their fragile mental state is a daunting task. But because of you, and other animal lovers, what seemed impossible is possible!

With the investigation still underway, details surrounding the confiscation cannot be released. As the legal case progresses, the animals will continue to be cared for by NHS until they can find their forever homes. **One day, this will be a distant memory for them, and they will get the life they deserve.**

Thank you for helping them on their way to their “one day.”



We're Better Together Your 2021 Impact

21,233

dogs, cats, horses and more found their way to the Nebraska Humane Society in 2021. That's an average of

408

animals per week.



Community Services

6,453

surgeries were completed at the NHS low-cost Spay & Neuter Center

5,806

grieving pet owners were served by Rainbow Bridge after the loss of beloved pets

683

people and

3,962

pets were provided food and care through Pet Food Pantry, Animeals and Project Pet Safe

Humane Education

967

children & adults attended school/community presentations or shelter tours



316

youth participated in Camp Kindness or Humane Hands programs

85

Girl Scouts earned badges

10

Eagle Scout projects

Animal Welfare



2,384

lost animals reunited with owners



8,269

animals found adoptive homes



5,399

wildlife calls answered & coordinated with wildlife rescue groups to relocate/release animals as needed



100

strays (licensed, microchipped and current on vaccinations) received a 'free ride home'

164,646

pets licensed

30,079

calls dispatched to Animal Control Officers

Volunteers

515

community members volunteered

49,940

hours to the care of NHS animals

216

foster homes cared for

1,690

fragile animals until they could be adopted



Training & Behavior

1,122

calls responded to by Behavior Helpline



894

people and their dogs attended dog training classes

225

dogs were saved through the Molly Project (behavior modification program for unruly/fearful dogs)

15,237

diagnostic tests

5,864

animals microchipped

5,268

spays/neuters on adoptable pets

970

specialized surgeries & dental care procedures

Animal Medical





Maya Was Starving and Near Death, But You Gave Her Hope

(Continued from cover)

Locked in a dog crate and forgotten. Every rib, hip bone and vertebrae was clearly defined under her skin. Maya was so malnourished, law enforcement thought she was dead when they found her, but then she moved. Somehow, despite it all, her eyes were filled with hope as she pleaded for help.

The officer who found Maya knew saving her was a long shot, but when she looked into her eyes, she knew she must try. This fragile, starving pup was rushed to the ER. Her prognosis was not good, but she was alive. After stabilizing Maya, she was transferred to the Nebraska Humane Society. Maya looked like a tiny bag of bones with patchy fur. Her throat muscles were so atrophied she couldn't keep food down. The NHS medical team was worried about complications with pneumonia. She had sores where her skin had split over her joints. She was given antibiotics, IV nutrition, and a host of other medications to help her weak body fight back. It was touch and go, but everyone was pulling for her.

This small, neglected body housed a huge heart. She fought to live with everything she had. Medical staff and volunteers hand-fed her once she could eat softened solid food and sat with her outside to bask in the sun. After three days, she struggled to her feet, determined to find the sun...and treats. Though she looked like a walking skeleton, the staff rejoiced because her steps were strides in the right direction. Maybe, just maybe, this little girl would live.

Day by day, Maya continues to get better with the loving care of an NHS foster family. After months of diagnostics, scans, medications and special nutrition, she is out of danger. She still has an uphill battle as she continues to recover, but because of your support, she is on the mend.

Maya has been given a second chance because of you!

Now when you look into her eyes, you see gratitude and her sweet personality. You see a fighter, who is determined to live. She knows she has been given a second chance because of you. Your help truly provides hope.



Vinny is Alive Because of Your Kindness

Just four months old, alone, and freezing in a trash can, little Vinny needed help. By the time a Good Samaritan found him, frostbite had already set in on his tail and ears. Sadly, it was evident he had been in pain for a while, as a splint made from a plastic spoon was wrapped around and supporting an injured leg.

This tiny kitten was pulled from the trash can and rushed to an emergency vet who then contacted the Nebraska Humane Society. They knew he would receive the help he needed at NHS, thanks to you! Upon his arrival, little Vinny quickly won over the hearts of the NHS medical team. His little meows shared his gratitude, but told them they needed to move fast. He was in pain and so cold.

After warming him up, he was assessed, and it was determined he had a broken jaw and leg in, addition to frostbite. His jaw was tended to, and his tiny leg was placed in a real cast to allow the fracture to heal. He was given pain medication and lots of TLC to comfort him. Not out of the woods just yet, a full examination revealed his tail and both ears were severely frostbitten. Unfortunately, there was necrotic tissue present and they would need to be amputated. Once Vinny's vitals stabilized, and it was safe to have the procedure, his ears and tail were removed. This will allow him to live a full and pain-free life!

Because of you, Vinny is receiving the lifesaving care he needs. Only with your compassion did this little fighter get the chance to heal and find his forever home. Thank you for all you do, and for loving the homeless animals in our community.

Thrown From a Car and Saved by Love

As if being pregnant isn't scary enough, imagine being thrown from a moving car. That was reality for little Boo, a young Chihuahua mix. Thankfully, a Good Samaritan scooped her up and rushed her to NHS.

Though scared, she was alert and just needed some love and reassurance, which the NHS team happily provided. After a more thorough examination, it was determined she was battling hookworms. She would need to be treated and closely monitored to ensure her health and that of her babies.

After a few days, an ultrasound indicated one of the puppies no longer had a heartbeat, and another's heartbeat was concerningly slow. An emergency cesarean section was performed, and five healthy puppies were born!

Boo and her babies are growing in strength and size at an NHS foster home. Because of you, once they are big enough, these babies, and Boo, will be off to their forever homes. **You gave Boo and her sweet babies all the medical care they needed. They wouldn't be here without you.**



Shawnee: Rescued and on the Road To Recovery



The Nebraska Humane Society received a call about a horse who appeared to be in poor health on the side of the road. When Animal Control Officers arrived, their hearts dropped. Shawnee could not tell them she needed help, but the look in her eyes said it all. **The 20-year-old mare was in the sun, with no access to food, water, shelter or shade. Her foot was tied to a tractor tire to keep her tethered. With a desperate desire to live, she had dragged the heavy tire close to the road, hoping to be noticed and saved.**

It was evident Shawnee had been denied even the most basic care for some time. She was extremely malnourished and in pain with open sores, multiple debilitating abscesses and Streptococcus Equi Infection causing enlarged cervical lymph nodes and upper airway issues. It was clear

Shawnee wanted to live, but it was touch and go for a while. Thanks to your help, she would receive the lifesaving care she so desperately needed.

This patient, tolerant mare weathered the discomfort of antibiotic shots, pain-relieving injections, anti-inflammatories, twice daily wound bathing, fly spray and other procedures with grace, all while nickering to NHS staff. She inhaled her food and gained twenty pounds the first week at NHS!

Shawnee is now on the road to recovery, thanks to you! After months in NHS care, her infection has been successfully treated, her wounds are healing and she is making daily progress. Your generosity ensured a second chance for this magnificent mare. Thank you for loving all animals, big and small!



*A Big Impact...
...without digging
into your savings.*

Did you know you can make a gift to the Nebraska Humane Society which costs you nothing during your lifetime?

Or, that you can take steps now to make a better future for animals in need, without reducing your cash flow?

You can! When you make the commitment to leave a little behind for the Nebraska Humane Society — by choosing to include NHS as a beneficiary of your will or trust — vulnerable animals will have the help they need for many tomorrows to come.

It's easier than you think! It's as simple as adding the following information to your will directly (or by adding an amendment to your will).

One Ornerly Kitten, Two Broken Legs and a New Family!

It was dire when tiny Nala arrived at NHS. She had puncture wounds on her neck and both of her right legs were broken. It is likely this 1 pound, 4-week-old kitten was attacked by another animal.

The NHS medical team knew she was at a critical growth time and the breaks were in bad places. For her to be mobile, they would need to save at least one of her legs but hoped to save both. The breaks in her little legs were set, and now sporting two teensy paw-print casts, Nala went to an experienced foster mom to heal in quiet comfort.



Round-the-clock feedings, pain medications and cast changes were her life. But this little warrior kitten was determined to grow. In no time at all, she was bothering the older resident cat, keeping him on his toes. Moving like a crab, Nala was running and playing as if nothing ever happened! Nothing could stop her — not even two casts (which she removed several times on her own!).

Full of love, this little furball would hug her foster mom's face and cuddle when she finally exhausted herself from playing. Because of you, Nala received everything she needed to heal properly.

Nala is just one of the hundreds of kittens who come through the doors of NHS every year. With your help, Nala and her kitten friends can receive the care they need to grow big and strong. Thanks to your compassion, their tiny paws are safe in our hands.

Update!

Nala has been adopted! She found herself a little human who she can curl up with and hug. We are told these two are the purr-fect match! We always love to see the next generation of cat-lovers in the making! Thank you for giving Nala her second chance for an amazing life!



Are you willing to leave a little behind? If so, contact Jennifer Katz, Director of Legacy Giving, at 402-905-3486 or jkatz@nehumanesociety.org to learn more. Your generosity and compassion will save lives for years to come!

Sample Language for your Will or Trust:

I give, bequeath and devise _____ percent (____%) of my estate, [or _____ and no/100 Dollars (\$ _____)], [or the residue thereof], to the NEBRASKA HUMANE SOCIETY (47-0378997), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation located at 8929 Fort St, Omaha, NE 68134. This gift shall be used for the benefit and support of the NEBRASKA HUMANE SOCIETY at the direction of the President and Chief Executive Officer of the NEBRASKA HUMANE SOCIETY or its designee.

Save the Date



Camp Kindness June - July 2022

Calling all animal loving kids, ages 6 - 13, for an amazing summer experience! At Camp Kindness, they will be immersed in five days of animal fun, guaranteed to get their tails wagging! Each session will provide plenty of hands-on experiences, combined with interesting animal educational opportunities. Spaces fill up quickly!



Learn more and register at www.nehumanesociety.org/campkindness.

Black Tie and Tails Friday, June 10, 2022

Ties and tails not required! Join us for an un-fur-gettable evening of dining, sipping, bidding and socializing! Where else can you toss a collar to win some hooch and raise the paw-dle to save the lives of homeless animals?! Tickets are limited so don't delay! Get yours at www.nehumanesociety.org/btt2022.



For more information, or to become a sponsor, contact Gordon at 402-905-3438 or gkrentz@nehumanesociety.org.

Walk for the Animals Sunday, September 25, 2022

Get those walking shoes ready! Grab that leash! The Walk for the Animals is just around the corner. Don't miss the oodles of giveaways, fun activities, beer garden, kid's zone, silent auction, rescue groups and more!

Form a Dog Pack or Cat Colony and raise money to earn great incentives, while saving the lives of homeless animals. Register now at www.nehumanesociety.org/walk, to qualify for the Early Bird special!

For more information, or to become a sponsor, contact Gordon at 402-905-3438 or 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.



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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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