

TAIL'S TALES

News from the Nebraska Humane Society | Spring 2023

Your Help Became Hope For this Blind Boy



Blind and in pain, this sweet four-year-old German Shepherd mix, Zoe, was taken to a local Veterinarian's office, out of compassion, as a euthanasia request. He was assessed, and aside from his eyes, he seemed in good health. The tending veterinarian determined he should have another chance at a happy, pain-free life, so she called the Nebraska Humane Society (NHS) in hopes he could be saved.

His eyes were damaged from Glaucoma. He would run into things, causing him further misery. But he was so friendly and loved people! He would sniff and wiggle when anyone gave him attention. We knew, if his pain could be relieved, he would have a good quality of life.

So, because of you, the NHS medical team got to work. They carefully removed the source of his

discomfort. Zoe was fitted with a 'halo' to help navigate obstacles and a cone to protect his face while the sutures healed.

This resilient boy is now comfortable and happy to be back to his social self. **Only with your help, can animals like Zoe get the second chance they need and deserve. Thank you for making miracles possible.**

Need training help?

Whether it's adjusting to a new life circumstance (like blindness), barking, basic obedience or learning new ways to challenge your pet's mind, NHS training classes have you covered! Learn more about private and group lessons today by visiting www.nehumanesociety.org/dogtraining.

A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

Shelters across the country are currently inundated with animals, facing overcrowding and struggling to stay afloat mainly due to the present economy and pandemic aftermath. NHS is no exception, yet we always find a way to persevere, BECAUSE OF YOU. Thanks to your ongoing generosity and support, we continue to provide expert life-saving care to animals who need us the most.

In this issue, you will read about Zoe, Belle, Bulla and Sabrina, and their incredible stories of survival and recovery, which were only possible with your help. While our primary focus is sheltering and caring for homeless animals, did you know we also provide services to help pet parents in need of assistance? The NHS Pet Food Pantry provides animal food and supplies to pet owners facing economic hardships. Our goal is quite simple — to keep beloved pets in their homes.

Your help continues to provide hope, healing and love

for thousands of animals. Thank you for entrusting NHS with the important duty of rescuing, saving lives, giving second chances and keeping families together.

With gratitude,



Nancy Hintz
President & CEO
Nebraska Humane Society



You Gave Bella a Ray of Hope

This sweet five-month-old kitten, Bella, arrived at NHS as a stray. She was limping and in pain from what appeared to be a broken back leg, which X-rays quickly confirmed. The NHS medical team got right to work.

This feisty little kitty wanted nothing to do with a cast. Only by utilizing sedation medication could her leg be set. Her purple cast was adorned with a bright yellow sun, to match her playful attitude. Bella was given pain medication and antibiotics to help her heal.

She would need several cast changes over the coming weeks, which she despised! But, with the love and help from you, and her foster mom, she was on the mend and would soon be prancing about. You are the reason Bella has been given a second chance at being the feisty, busy kitty she was meant to be!

Thank you for giving hope to all animals, like Bella, who need our help.

Bulla was Broken – But You Helped Her Heal

This sweet little Bull Terrier, Bulla, had been hit by a car. She was limping, bleeding, badly bruised and in pain. It was clear she needed immediate help. Thankfully, she was brought to NHS, where with your support, she would receive the lifesaving care she desperately needed.



X-rays showed her pelvis was fractured in multiple places, with an additional fracture in her right hind leg. Medical staff quickly provided her with pain medication and antibiotics before tending to a laceration on her hind leg. Thankfully, your support ensured she would get all the care she needed.

The NHS medical team worked tirelessly to monitor her in ICU, carefully rolling her over and providing a towel “hoist” so she could potty. One NHS employee fell in love with this sweet girl and decided to foster her thereby ensuring she would heal more comfortably.

With exercise restrictions for at least 12 weeks, she is learning to take it easy, which is hard for a 1 1/2-year-old pup. She is beginning to feel better, thanks to lots of love from her foster dad and physical therapy; evident by the fact she is becoming way too interested in the resident cats!

Bulla continues to rest, gain strength and heal. The look of despair she once had in her eyes has changed to a sparkle, thanks to the hope you have given her. **We know she will be running and romping like a young pup again soon, because of you!**

You Lifted Sabrina's Spirits

Each year, thousands of stray animals find their way to NHS. Sabrina, this 1-year-old cat, was no different. However, once she arrived, it was clear her case was far more complicated than most. She had an injury to her neck and was experiencing significant swelling which caused her left eye to squint. It would take a team effort, including you, to help her heal.

The NHS medical team provided her with pain medication and antibiotics. They created a treatment plan and sent her to a loving foster home in hopes she would heal. Once there, she settled in and began to relax, which helped the wound partially close. But it was so large, the tissue pulled and tightened the skin around her eye. Her chronic neck wound, stubbornly, would not close.

Sabrina required two surgeries to clean the wound and an ‘eye lift’ to ensure she would keep her eyesight. **She still squints a bit, but with your help, her spirits lifted, and she's on the road to recovery and her forever home.**



Keeping Pets at Home – Where they Belong!

Too often, members of our community are having to choose between their own basic needs and feeding their pets. This is an excruciating decision and a situation we don't want pet owners who have fallen on hard times. The NHS Pet Food Pantry provides short-term, supplemental support by distributing food, litter and other supplies to those in need. Every Friday from 2pm – 4pm, pet owners who have fallen on hard times can come to the shelter for assistance. No appointment is needed and food is distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. In 2022 alone, over 900 pet owners and 4,400 pets were helped through the distribution of more than 68,000 pounds of food.

Recently, a couple stopped into the shelter and shared their story about utilizing our Pet Food Pantry in their time of need.

“A couple of years ago, we needed help feeding our dogs. We learned about the NHS Pet Food Pantry, and it helped keep our fur kids fed and at home with us. We were so grateful! Now, we are back on our feet, and wanted to pay it back, so we just made a donation to the NHS Pet Food Pantry to help others!”
– Katie & John

Frequently Asked Questions

Does NHS accept open bags of food?

Yes! If the food is not expired and in its original packaging, it can be used.

How can I help?

You, your company or group can host a pet food drive to help stock the pantry. You can also make a monetary donation to our Pet Food Pantry to help buy food and supplies.

Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Contact Tyler Butler at 402-905-3481 with any questions about our Pet Food Pantry or any other NHS community program.

Save the Date

Dining with Dogs | Friday, June 9, 2023

Time to get Fifi and Fido all fluffy and dapper for dinner! Join us at this year's Dining with Dogs for a howling good time. Be prepared for a few attendees to whine a bit, sniff a lot and maybe bark for a treat or two. There will be socializing, a silent auction, a delicious dinner, and of course, doggie desserts!

Learn more and purchase tickets at www.nehumansociety.org/diningwithdogs.

Contact Gordon Krentz at 402-905-3438 or gkrentz@nehumansociety.org for sponsorship opportunities.



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