

# TAIL'S TALES

News from the Nebraska Humane Society | Summer 2021

*Your Help  
Became Hope for  
Animals in Need.*

## **You Took Away Their Hunger**

The lives of these babies  
were in jeopardy.

They needed help quickly  
to survive.

Read inside, on page 4, how  
you helped these sweet  
kittens in their time of need.



# A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

The Nebraska Humane Society has seen incredible stories of resilience and determination over the past few months. Because of you, animals were welcomed with open arms, regardless of their needs. Whether they were battling starvation, tumors, abandonment or tragic accidents, they did not face their journey alone. **You were there for them, ensuring they would have a second chance.**

**You have been their pillar, and for that, we are forever grateful!**

We are excited to announce, the shelter officially reopened to the public on July 1st, 2021! **If you have not stopped by to see the newly renovated Judy Varner Adoption and Education Center**

**in person, please come visit us.** You never know, you might find the perfect companion to take home with you!

**Thank you for caring for all animals, regardless of how big or small.**

With gratitude,



Nancy Hintz  
President & CEO  
Nebraska Humane Society



on Clyde. They felt this sweet boy had more life to live.

At 9 years old, Clyde had more than his share of lumps and bumps, including a large mass on his neck. In addition, he had chipped teeth and moderate dental disease. He needed surgery, and with your support, he got it!

## Your Trifecta for Clyde

First as a young pup, then as a teenager and now in his golden years, this beautiful husky has been at the shelter three times. Sadly, the most recent visit was much different than the first two.

You see, he was brought to the shelter with a request to be euthanized due to health issues. But the NHS medical team was not ready to give up

His masses were removed, and his teeth repaired. Biopsies were sent to pathology to determine if they were cancerous. Thankfully, they were all benign! The NHS medical team was right! Clyde is expected to make a full recovery and have yet another chance at a happy life!

**Thank you for providing Clyde with the hope this will be his last visit to the shelter. He has a third chance at his forever home, and we know he will find it, because of you.**

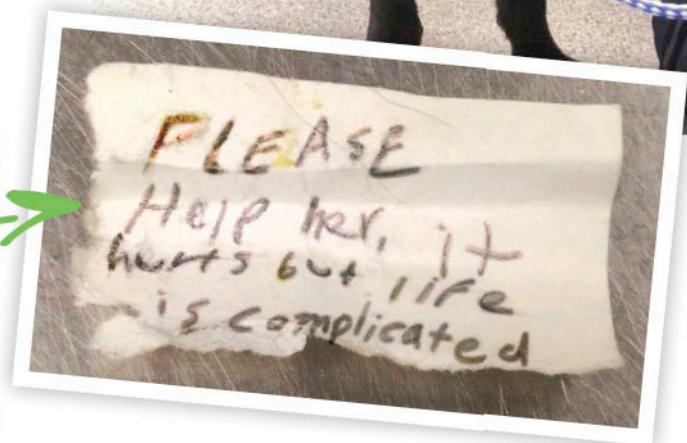
# Life is Complicated

Alone, separated from her puppies, terrified and hungry. Her eyes said it all. Laney, this 2-year-old Labrador mix, needed help.

She was found roaming near a busy Omaha street. Though terrified, she was eventually able to build up the courage to accept help from an NHS Animal Control Officer. Together, they frantically searched for her puppies, but her babies were nowhere to be found.

In addition to being scared, it was obvious Laney was in pain from infected mammary glands. She was brought to the shelter where she would receive the help and love she needed.

**Your caring hands were there with our NHS medical department as they examined Laney.** They discovered a small piece of paper tucked into her collar.



*Laney enjoying her second chance at life because of you!*

**Help is exactly what your support provided.** Laney was given antibiotics, pain medication, food and water. She was closely monitored and given lots of reassurance and TLC. After a couple of weeks on antibiotics, Laney's infection was successfully treated.

As her health improved, so did her demeanor. She started coming out of her shell and willingly approached staff and volunteers with a wagging tail. Her eyes went from dull to sparkly as she was given a second chance and new outlook on life.

She was cleared for adoption and is waiting for her forever home! **Thank you for providing this sweet mama with the help and hope she needed.**



## You Took Away Their Hunger

(Continued from cover)



Little mews, squirming and crying alerted their foster parent something was desperately wrong. **Vera had given birth to three tiny babies and they were visibly distressed. They needed help fast.** Their foster parent called the NHS emergency line to alert the medical team something was wrong, and she would be bringing Vera and her newborns to the shelter immediately for the lifesaving care they needed.

The NHS medical team determined Vera was unable to produce milk for the babies. Newborn kittens rely on the nutrient-rich colostrum from mom to get the maternal antibodies, proteins and minerals they need to thrive. **Without this vital source of nutrition, the lives of these tiny kittens were in jeopardy.**

**These babies were hungry and had already gone without any milk.** Something had to be done, and soon, or they wouldn't make it. NHS staff quickly began reaching out to partnering rescues to see if any of them had litters of newborn kittens these three littles could join. It's not uncommon for newborns to be "adopted" by other new moms in such instances.

**A miracle happened when the NHS foster care staff received a call from another foster parent.**

Her momma cat, April, had also given birth the night before and everyone was thriving! April's foster mom was asked to bring her and her four kittens to the shelter. Upon their arrival, Vera's three struggling kittens were placed with April.

NHS staff and foster parents quietly monitored the situation, hoping April would respond positively to the new kittens. **She embraced them wonderfully and immediately started caring for each one like they were her own.** April returned to her foster home with seven kittens in tow (now dubbed The Brady Bunch)! She is the best mama, ensuring all seven babies receive the nourishment they need.

Because of you, these little babies are being provided with the medical care, nutrition and attention they need while waiting for their forever homes. **Thank you for loving all animals, including those who just need more time!**



# On the Brink



The call no Humane Society wants to receive: three horses on the brink of death. Starving and sick, their eyes were filled with despair. **They needed us, they needed you.**

All three horses were in a rough state. **It was evident they were infested with parasites, both internally and externally.** Their coats were in dire shape, with bare skin showing from lice, lack of hygiene and poor nutrition.

Their hooves were in such terrible condition, every step was painful. Body Condition Score (BCS) is rated on a scale of 1-9.5, with 6 being “very healthy.” All three horses were determined to have a BCS of 2. **They had been starving for a long while and were running out of time.**

**Because of you, they would receive the care they desperately needed.** For four long weeks, staff of the NHS Star Equine Program carefully

and lovingly treated the thrush infections in their hooves. Once healed, their hooves were trimmed by a certified farrier to ensure proper balance and range of motion. After six weeks of antiparasitic treatments, their internal and external parasites were finally gone. And, after 12 weeks, thanks to a special diet, their BCS scores had improved to 5-6.

Though physically on the mend, their spirits were still broken. NHS Star Equine staff continued to work with them over many more months to rebuild their trust and show them love. **Though these horses still have healing to do, they only have the chance to live because of you.**

**These gentle giants are now on the brink of something better – good health and forever homes.** Thank you for caring for all creatures, big and small!



## Bowie's Big Owie

Accidents happen. Sometimes, accidents happen to cute, innocent kittens. **Little Bowie arrived at the shelter after having his foot caught in the box spring of a bed.** His back right paw was gone, and the tissue around the wound was already dying.

**At only 5 weeks old, Bowie was too small to undergo surgery.** Instead, the NHS medical team cleaned his wound, finalized his medication list and sent him to an experienced foster home for around-the-clock care. Once there, his foster family began fluid therapy and syringe feeding.

After a few days, Bowie began experiencing complications. Luckily, his foster parent knew just what to do! In addition to his oral medication, he was given medicated rinses twice a day. Within a week, Bowie's wound had once again started to heal.

Bowie is still in his foster home, gaining weight and getting stronger so he can safely handle the surgery ahead of him. **Your gifts provide the medicine, care and time Bowie needs to have a second chance at an amazing life.**



*Your support gives them their best lives!*



## Your Transformation of Treasure

At 10 years old, this matted, tangled ball of fur had been left by a trash can in front of the shelter. This little Shih Tzu, now named Treasure, had pounds of fur weighing him down and a mouthful of rotten teeth. We knew Treasure had a lot of years ahead of him, but he needed help and you were there.

The NHS medical miracle team removed his rotten teeth and, for the first time in years, he was able to eat pain-free. His matted fur was removed, and underneath was a bright-eyed boy with lots of love to give. He quickly won the hearts of staff and volunteers!

Thankfully, Treasure was brought to the Nebraska Humane Society where he would get the help and love he needed.

**Your support ensures we are here for animals, like Treasure.**



## Seeing is Believing

Sometimes, the eyes say more than the mouth. That was certainly the case for Martin, this sweet 11-month-old Boxer-Pit Bull mix who found his way to the shelter as a stray. **His barks told us he was hurting, but we could clearly see, by looking into his eyes, he was in pain.**

Martin was suffering from entropion, a condition that causes the eyelids to roll inward. This makes the eyelashes and other hair around the eyes rub on the cornea, causing significant pain and irritation. Typically, this only affects one lid, however, Martin's upper and lower lids on both eyes were rolling inward. **If left untreated, Martin would have suffered from repeat infections and possibly blindness. He needed help to see a brighter, pain-free future, and you were there!**

With your support, the medical team at NHS performed surgery to correct this painful condition. It required steady hands and a lot of sutures. After weeks of healing, the stitches dissolved and Martin could see, pain-free, for the first time in his life.

**Thank you for seeing the possibility for homeless animals, like Martin, to have better lives. Because of you, Martin can now see a brighter future.**

## Do Names Matter?

*More than you will ever know.*

When you name the Nebraska Humane Society (NHS) as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, trust, financial or retirement account, you save lives. You turn help into hope for vulnerable animals needing a second chance.



### It's easy to do.

1. Contact your plan administrator to complete a **Change of Beneficiary** form. Provide the following information:

**Beneficiary:**

**Nebraska Humane Society**

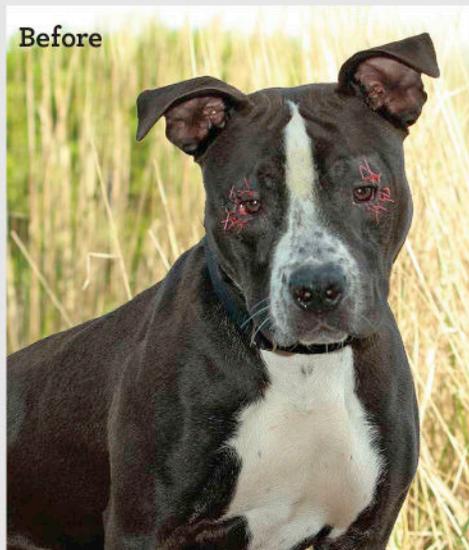
**Address:**

**8929 Fort St. Omaha, NE 68134**

**Relationship: 501(c)(3) Charity**

**Tax ID#/SSN: 47-0378997**

2. Join the **Legacy League for the Animals**, our honor society recognizing our most committed supporters who have named the Nebraska Humane Society as a beneficiary of a planned gift. You can join by contacting Jennifer Katz, Director of Legacy Giving, at 402-905-3486 or [jkatz@nehumanesociety.org](mailto:jkatz@nehumanesociety.org).



# Save the Date



## Walk for the Animals

Sunday, September 26, 2021 | 11am - 2pm

**Get those walking shoes ready!** The Walk for the Animals is back this year in-person, with an optional 5K with your K9, fun vendors, giveaways, activities, a beer garden, kids' 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)! **Don't miss the Early Bird discount! Raise \$50 or more and earn an official Walk for the Animals T-shirt (\$75 or more after September 1, 2021).** Form a Dog Pack or Cat Colony and start raising money today! 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).



## Get Your Licks on Route 66®

Saturday, October 9, 2021 | Time - TBA



The 13th Annual Cross-Country Pet Adoption Tour, Get Your Licks on Route 66®, presented by *FIDO Friendly* magazine, will make a special stop at NHS. In addition to fun activities, we will showcase adoptable dogs and cats for you to take home and love forever! Watch [www.nehumanesociety.org](http://www.nehumanesociety.org) and NHS social media outlets for more details.

## Whine Fest - Presented by BRIDGES | TRUST

November 13, 2021 | 1pm - 3pm

Join us and NHS Friends Forever as we raise a glass and whine about the year we lost to the pandemic! Fleming's Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar will provide a delicious tasting of premium wines and other libations, paired with light, savory hors d'oeuvres. Talk "wine" with knowledgeable sommeliers and bid on items at the silent auction, all to benefit homeless animals.

Purchase your tickets (\$75 each) today at [www.nehumanesociety.org/whinefest](http://www.nehumanesociety.org/whinefest).

*\*Capacity is limited!*



## 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

8929 Fort Street | Omaha, NE 68134  
Phone: 402-444-7800 | [nehumanesociety.org](http://nehumanesociety.org)

### Adoption Hours:

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

### Business Hours:

Monday - Friday | 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday | 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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