

TAIL'S TALES

News from the Nebraska Humane Society | Summer 2023



Your Help Became Hope
For this Injured Pup

A Village for Ralph

Ralph, an adorable Border Collie mix, arrived at the Nebraska Humane Society (NHS) after tragically being hit by a car. He was in a painful, desperate state and little did he know, just how many hands would help him!

A good Samaritan rushed him to Southpaw Veterinary Clinic, who then transferred him to NHS, knowing we would help. X-rays showed a dislocated hip and broken leg. Community partner, Sirius Veterinary Orthopedic Center,

came to the rescue, as they always do, and got him in right away for surgery! Two screws were placed in the broken leg to hold it together and his hip joint was realigned and stabilized.

Well, Ralph is now on the road to recovery and is currently being fostered by another community partner, the Omaha Correctional Center. Once he fully recovers, he will be on his way to his forever home!

Because of YOU and the resources YOU provide — Ralph survived! Thank you for your continued support.

A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

We at the Nebraska Humane Society (NHS) continue to see innocent animals coming into the shelter in broken states or with special needs, requiring immediate shelter, medical attention and care. Some of these animals happen to find themselves in very unusual circumstances. In this issue, you will read a few remarkable stories, like Ralph, who was saved by a village, and Solo who had a close encounter of the third kind. **These animals, along with countless others, survived and recovered BECAUSE OF YOU!**

Two days at NHS are never the same. We never know what animals will enter our doors, what their needs will be or what will be required of us. We do know, with **YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROUS HEARTS**, we can save lives.



Thank you for providing the hope, healing and love for thousands of animals in our community. And — thank you for loving the animals.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Hintz".

Nancy Hintz
President & CEO
Nebraska Humane Society



Solo – The Mightiest Warrior in the Galaxy



Meet (Han) Solo — a 4-year-old English Bulldog/Mastiff mix who had his own close encounter of the third kind. A run-in with a rabid raccoon in October of 2022 landed him in a required six-month quarantine stay at NHS. Knowing he would need special care and enrichment during this time, he was enrolled in the NHS **Molly Project Enrichment Program**.

YOUR generosity provides NHS with the resources to ensure dogs, like Solo, receive necessary support while at the shelter. What does that look like? Well, if you ask Solo, he will tell you he was able to watch his favorite galactic videos, practice Jedi tricks for yummy treats and play cosmic games that stimulated his mind and body. He has since finished his “solo” time, but is still receiving medical care at NHS. Once he receives a clean bill of health, he will be ready for adoption!

YOUR SUPPORT HELPED this shining star!

Sweetest Cookie in the Box!

Oreo, a young tabby, came to NHS with a fractured leg. While spending time with our Animal Medical Team, staff noticed he would lie in his litter box instead of a soft bed provided just for him. So, “thinking outside the box,” one of our veterinarians took a giant plastic litter box, put a comfy fleece blanket in it, and then gently plopped him in. As you can see from this photo, he loved it! Every day, he could be found lounging in comfort.

We are happy to report he is recovering nicely in his foster home. Because his foster family loves him so much, they plan on adopting him once he is medically cleared!



Thank you for saving
this sweet kitty's life!



Kaly's Nose Knows

Deaf and mostly blind since birth, 7-month-old Kaly, a bubbly, playful, energetic Border Collie puppy, was surrendered to NHS in hopes of being adopted into a home better prepared to offer her the fulfilling, adventurous and action-packed life she so clearly wants and deserves.

Through your generosity and compassion, Kaly's life has changed immensely for the better. While at NHS, Kaly joyfully participates in dog play groups, goes on exploratory walks with volunteers and plays and trains with humans to encourage her confidence and independence.

You have provided Kaly a safe and engaging environment where she can be active, explore and be the social butterfly she is by using her most reliable sense — her sense of smell!

It has been estimated a dog's sense of smell is 100,000 times more powerful than a human's and is also the sense that dogs most often reference. So, while Kaly may not see or hear well, her nose knows — people, places and things!

Because of you, Kaly is well on her way to finding a forever family that will not just help her survive, but truly thrive. Kaly is grateful and so are all of us at NHS! Smell you later!

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When Sherman's was Broken, *You Gave Him a Leg Up*

At nine weeks old, Sherman (pictured right) was found outside a Costco after a car collided with his one-and-a-half-pound body. A Good Samaritan gathered up Sherman and rushed him to NHS for help. Because of **YOU**, the NHS veterinary team immediately examined him to find fractures in his neck and leg. (Ouch!) With pain medications and TLC, he underwent needed surgery.

Sherman then completed his rehabilitation in a loving foster home, where he met another kitten, named Pretzel. Coincidentally, Pretzel was brought to NHS the same day as Sherman! It was in this very home that he and Pretzel (pictured left) instantly became best friends. The foster parent knew these buddies must stay together, so less than a month from first entering NHS's doors, Sherman and Pretzel were adopted together by a friend of the foster parent. They're now living their best kitten lives with their new mom!



Thank You for providing a lifeline for injured, orphaned and abandoned kittens to find their forever homes.

Save the Date

Margre Durham Walk & Dog Fest

Sunday, September 24, 2023 | 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Nebraska Humane Society Meadow

Get those walking shoes ready! Grab that leash! The Walk & Dog Fest 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 team (Dog Pack) and raise money to earn great incentives while saving the lives of homeless animals. **Register now at www.nehumanesociety.org/walk. For more information, or to become a sponsor, contact Gordon at 402-905-3438 or gkrentz@nehumanesociety.org.**

*Margre Durham
Walk & Dog Fest*



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