

TAIL'S TALES

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La Brea's Lifesaving Journey

La Brea, a spirited dog with a loving heart, faced a harrowing challenge upon her arrival at the Nebraska Humane Society. La Brea had accidentally ingested rat poison and was subsequently surrendered to the loving care of our NHS team. Realizing the urgency of the situation, our veterinary team sprang into action to administer a life-saving treatment: activated charcoal, which helps prevent the poison from being absorbed into the bloodstream. However, La Brea was initially reluctant to ingest the charcoal on her own.

Determined to save her, our dedicated and brave staff employed a syringe to carefully administer the charcoal directly, ensuring she received the necessary treatment despite her discomfort. It was a tense moment, requiring gentle yet firm restraint. Throughout the ordeal, La Brea's resilience shone through — she remained a sweet girl, leaning into the comforting embrace of the person holding her, showing trust and affection even in her vulnerable state.

Thanks to the quick actions and compassion of our team, La Brea's story didn't end in tragedy. After her recovery, her gentle nature and bravery touched the heart of a kind visitor, who decided to give her a forever home where she continues to thrive.

La Brea's journey is a testament to the courage of animals and the profound impact of the dedicated individuals at our shelter. Her story not only highlights the challenges we face but also the beautiful outcomes that your support helps make possible.

We are incredibly grateful to our community for enabling us to save lives like La Brea's every day.



A Message From the CEO

Dear Friends,

2024 has been challenging for our community. Early in the year, tornadoes and flooding took their toll on our area, damaging homes, totaling neighborhoods and forcing residents and their pets to find new housing. During the most violent storm, NHS Animal Control was on the front lines with first responders, rescuing dogs, cats and even reptiles who needed immediate help. They connected with residents to return lost pets right on the scene and offered other animals medical care and shelter until their owners could reclaim them.

In the days immediately following the devastating tornadoes, you, our community, united to offer what you could to those in need. Pet lovers arrived at NHS in cars, SUVs and trucks with gifts of food, litter, pet supplies and monetary donations. You made sure that our pantry was stocked for those who might need a little help. As the months went by and people waited for insurance settlements and new construction, the pantry continued to

support owners who had very little left, except their beloved pets.

Truly, your *Help has Become Hope* for so many pets and pet owners during these trying times. But your support makes a difference every day for lost, abused, injured and abandoned pets who have nowhere else to turn. Thank you for your constant love and compassion for the most vulnerable among us. We could not do what we do, without you!

With gratitude,



Pam Wiese
President & CEO



Surviving the Storm

At the end of April, a devastating tornado swept through Omaha, leaving destruction in its wake. Many, including Luna and her owner, were caught in their cars when the storm struck. They experienced a terrifying ordeal as their car was flipped off the side of the road. In the aftermath, while Luna's owner received immediate attention, Luna was brought to the Nebraska Humane Society for urgent care.



Our medical team quickly assessed and treated Luna for bruises, scratches, and shock. Her resilience shone through as she bravely endured her assessment and immediate

Can't Keep Baby Down



Arriving at the Nebraska Humane Society, a cat named Baby faced an uncertain future. She was in dire need of help, sporting a painfully swollen jaw that hinted at deeper troubles. A thorough medical examination revealed a heartbreaking diagnosis: her jaw was broken. Determined to help Baby, our skilled veterinarians performed a delicate surgery, placing an external fixation on her mandible to stabilize the injury.

As Baby began her recovery in the loving environment of a foster home, fate took an

unexpected turn. Her owners, who had been searching for their beloved pet, were reunited with her at the Nebraska Humane Society. Despite this joyful reunion, Baby's journey wasn't over. The initial healing process didn't proceed as hoped, and it became clear more specialized care was needed.

In collaboration with local veterinary clinics, our team decided that further surgery was essential to mend Baby's fragile jaw properly. Thanks to their expertise, Baby underwent a second surgery, offering her the best chance at a full recovery.

Today, she is back home with her owners, who are providing her with all the love and attention she needs as she recuperates. Baby's journey reminds us of the impact of compassion and the profound bond between pets and their families.

Your support makes these happy endings possible. Thank you for being a part of our community and for helping pets like Baby find their way home.

care. Once stabilized, Luna was transferred to her personal vet for additional monitoring and care, ensuring her full recovery.

Today, both Luna and her owner have fully recovered, and their bond is stronger than ever. They look forward to a bright future together, having weathered the storm with remarkable strength and resilience.

Luna's story highlights the critical role of timely and compassionate care in times of crisis. It's a reminder of the importance of community and the incredible resilience of our furry friends.

Thank you for your continued support, which enables us to provide life-saving care to pets like Luna in their time of need.



Mary Magdalene's Path to a Loving Home



Mary Magdalene, a gentle and affectionate stray, arrived at the Nebraska Humane Society in desperate need of care. She had significant skin problems and a condition known as entropion in both eyes, which required surgery to correct. Despite her health challenges,

Mary Magdalene's sweet and snuggly nature won the hearts of everyone she met.

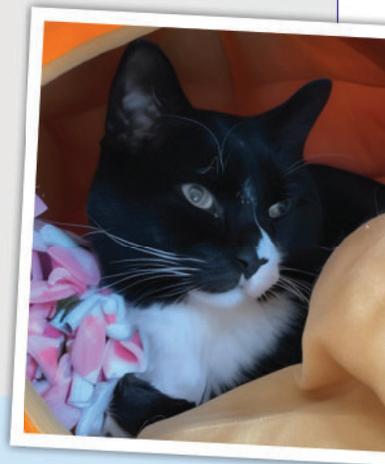
Our dedicated medical team promptly treated her skin issues and performed the necessary surgeries to fix her eyelids. Even though her journey to finding her forever home wasn't easy, Mary Magdalene's resilience and loving disposition never wavered. She eventually captured the heart of a compassionate individual who adopted Mary Magdalene, giving her the forever home she so richly deserved.

Bee Gee's Heartwarming Tale

In late 2023, Bee Gee came to the Nebraska Humane Society as a senior cat. Currently, older cats often experience lower adoption rates, but we knew Bee Gee had plenty of life and love left to give, so we were determined to find her the perfect match.

Enter a compassionate woman who had recently lost her husband of 61 years. Less than a month after her loss, she came in hoping to find a mature and snuggly feline companion to help fill the void in her heart. Bee Gee needed someone too and quickly settled into her new home, finding sunny spots to nap during the day and staying close to her owner at night. The once-empty space in both their hearts no longer feels so vacant because they have each other.

This story is a testament to the impact of your gracious support of NHS, giving Bee Gee the care she deserved, until her adopter came along.



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