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LAST HOPE



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SPRING 2024

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JENNIFER WILLIAMS

Happy Spring, everyone! I hope you are enjoying the warmer weather, the sunshine, and even the spring showers, which allow the flowers to bloom, the grass to grow, and us to be outside with our friends, family, and beloved pets!

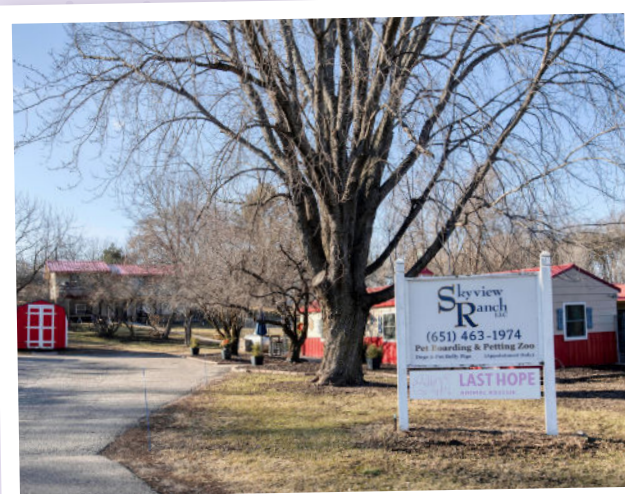
I am thrilled to share that Last Hope has a new location in Farmington! Last Hope is so thankful to Skyview Ranch Boarding Facility for opening their doors to a portion of their facility for our office. Farmington is where our organization began, so it means a great deal to us to partner with Skyview whose owners and staff understand rescue and want to do all they can to support our mission. We look forward to growing our partnership, and have exciting ideas about how we may expand our footprint and help more animals in the years ahead.

We are thrilled to invite all of you to our OPEN HOUSE at our new location! This is a momentous occasion for us, and we can't wait to share our joy and excitement with our supporters. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 8, between 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, and join us at our beautiful new location: 2314 210th Street East, Farmington, Minnesota. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at this event!

Spring is a joyous time of year for many, but it is also the season during which our rescue is flooded with calls regarding animals in need. Every Spring, we see numerous pregnant cats and litter after litter of kittens. This year, we have had a seven-kitten litter, a six-kitten litter, and a five-kitten litter born into our rescue in the same week. Of course, we also have an urgent need for puppy and dog fosters; this need never disappears. I urge all who read this to consider becoming a foster as it saves lives and allows animals in need to thrive, and eventually find their forever homes—fostering costs nothing as Last Hope provides the supplies you need to care for the animal(s) you are generously helping.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A FOSTER OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN THIS REWARDING ACT, please email us at mail@Last-Hope.org or call us at 651-463-8747.

Jenny Williams



OPEN HOUSE



JUNE 8, 12 - 4 PM
SKYVIEW RANCH
2413 210th Street East
Farmington, MN 55024

IN LOVING MEMORY

We want to extend our sincerest gratitude for your unwavering support and generosity. Your contributions have made a significant difference in the lives of animals in need, allowing us to continue our mission of providing them with love, care, and a chance for a better life.

Donation made in memory of Leon Orr from Charlie Fenick and Bennett Benson.

Donation made in memory of Leon Orr from Tracy and Lee Orr.

Donation made in honor of two animal lovers Julie Peterson and Anthony Donovan.

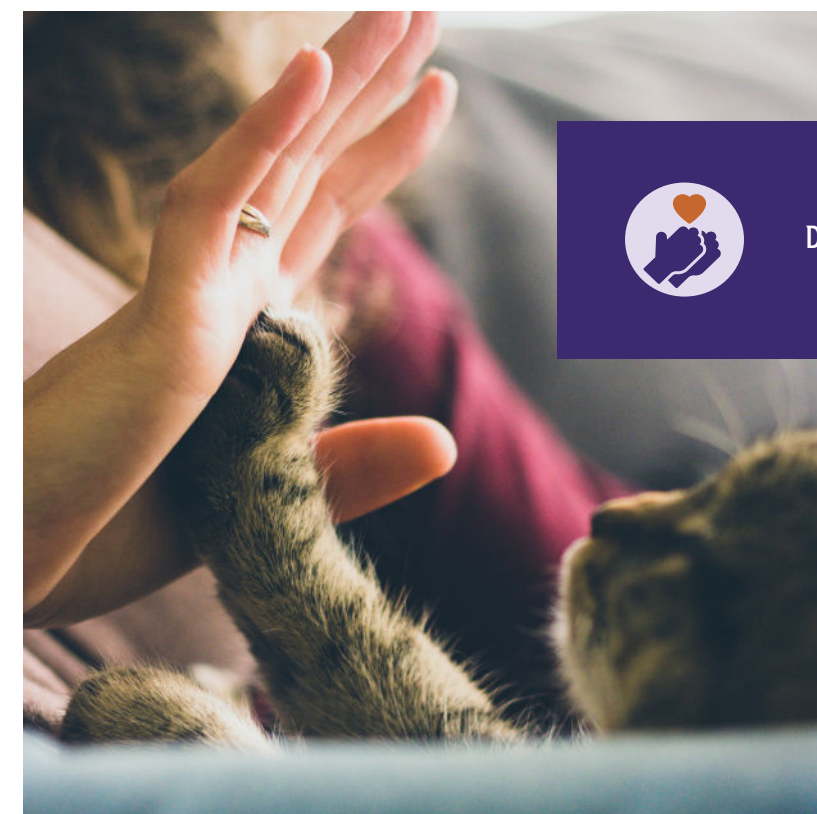
Donation made by Shirley Heurung in memory of Richard Heurung.

Donation made by Richard Rosso in memory of Waller Pamplin a lover of animals who raised two rescue dogs.

Donation made in memory of Ida Schebert from Wendy Ludwig, Bev Kimmes, and Jane Ludwig.

Donation made by Paul Deaven in memory of Catherine Ries, mother/ grandmother/ great grandmother who passed away at the age of 90.

Donation made by Sarah Johnson in memory of her husband who loved dogs. One of our dogs was a Last Hope rescue. Thank you for everything you do for pets.



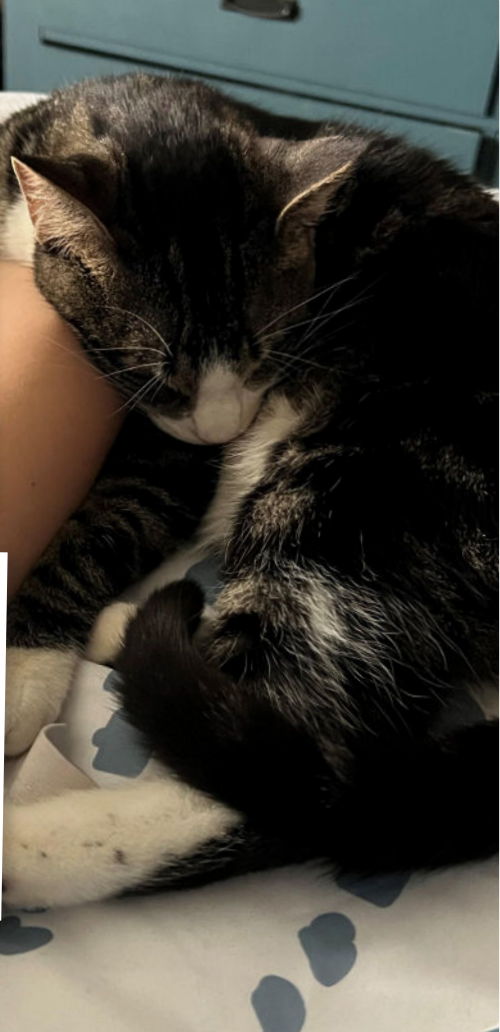
THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS AND DONORS! YOUR ASSISTANCE IS INSTRUMENTAL IN FURTHERING OUR MISSION!



PAW-SOME STORIES!

GOBLIN

Meet Goblin, a true survivor who faced adversity with unwavering courage. Born with a rare eye condition known as Eyelid Agenesis, Goblin experienced constant discomfort due to the absence of his upper lateral eyelids. Every blink caused him excruciating pain, and the condition posed a risk of permanent blindness. Determined to give Goblin the chance at a pain-free life, Last Hope Rescue sought treatment at The University of Minnesota Veterinary Center. Despite the risky surgery and months of intensive care, Goblin emerged victorious. Thanks to the successful procedure and ongoing veterinary support, Goblin found his forever home where he now thrives alongside his "brother," a bearded dragon, in a loving environment filled with endless pampering and affection.



CHEVY

Chevy stumbled upon her name in a twist of fate. Seeking warmth on a chilly January afternoon, she sought refuge under the hood of a truck. After driving for over an hour, the truck's owner was startled to hear faint cries coming from the engine. Upon investigation, he discovered a emaciated and filthy kitten under the hood. Fortunately, the truck belonged to the son of Last Hope's office manager, ensuring Chevy received immediate care and preparation for adoption. Today, Chevy thrives in her forever home, basking in health and happiness.



JAZZY

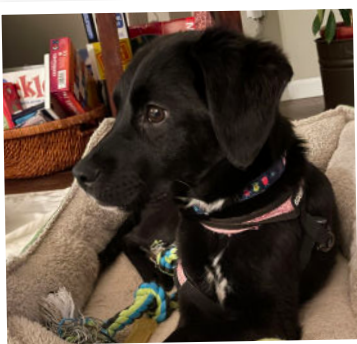
Jazzy, a young Doodle, came into the care of Last Hope under heartbreaking circumstances. Following the passing of her owner, Jazzy found herself without a home, as none of the family members were able to take her in. Upon her arrival at Last Hope, Jazzy appeared understandably depressed and shy. Recognizing her need for extra care and affection, our dedicated team made it their mission to shower Jazzy with love and attention.

Despite her initial shyness, Jazzy's resilient spirit began to shine through as she gradually opened up to the kindness around her. With patience and compassion, our staff worked tirelessly to help Jazzy overcome her grief and build trust in her new environment. Day by day, we witnessed her transformation from a timid soul into a playful and affectionate companion.

Now, with a newfound zest for life, Jazzy has found her happily ever after with her forever family. Surrounded by love and warmth, she has flourished into a beloved member of the household. Alongside her furry sibling, Jazzy enjoys endless playtime and cherished moments with her adoring family, reminding us all of the transformative power of love and compassion.



SKYVIEW RANCH



This heartwarming tale underscores the significance of Last Hope's newfound alliance with Skyview Ranch. When an urgent call came in to rescue a litter of four puppies, we were fortunate to have two dedicated fosters step up immediately to care for Bandit and Luke. With their help secured, we turned to our partnership with Skyview Ranch to provide shelter and play space for Wanda and Cosmo. Thanks to the combined efforts of our compassionate fosters and the supportive team at Skyview Ranch, all four puppies found safe and loving forever homes. This story is a testament to the power of collaboration in ensuring the well-being and happiness of our furry friends.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE FROM LYME DISEASE AND OTHER ILLNESSES DURING FLEA AND TICK SEASON

Warmer weather brings the return of fleas and ticks throughout the entire U.S.. Fortunately, keeping your pet safe from these tiny but troublesome pests can be as easy as taking a few simple precautions.

Ticks Can Cause Long-Lasting Health Problems

Ticks are opportunistic parasites, latching onto any warm body they encounter, including your pets. If they remain attached to the skin long enough, they'll release the *Borrelia burgdorferi* bacteria into your pet's body. Transmission of the bacteria can occur in as little as 24 hours. The bacteria causes Lyme disease, an illness responsible for joint inflammation, pain, swelling, stiffness, fever, lethargy, loss of appetite, and other symptoms. Depending on how quickly treatment begins, dogs may develop chronic health problems as a result of a Lyme disease infection. Cats can also develop Lyme disease, although infections have only occurred in cats in laboratory settings so far, according to Cornell Feline Health Center.

Ticks can also transmit diseases like Rocky Mountain spotted fever and tick paralysis, leading to various symptoms such as anemia and swollen lymph nodes. Be vigilant after outdoor excursions, checking your pet's fur for ticks, which tend to hide in hidden areas like between the toes and under collars.

Do You Know How to Spot Signs of Flea Infestations?

While flea bites are generally less severe than tick-borne illnesses, they can still cause discomfort for your pet. Fleas reproduce rapidly, leading to widespread scratching among pets and their owners. Additionally, fleas can affect small animals like rabbits and guinea pigs. Signs of flea infestations include excessive scratching, bald spots, and flea "dirt" in your pet's fur. Severe infestations or flea allergies can lead to anemia, characterized by pale gums, weakness, fatigue, and loss of appetite in pets.

How You Can Protect Your Pet

Flea and tick preventive medications are essential for protecting your pet's health. These treatments not only kill adult ticks and fleas but also prevent the development of larvae and eggs. They come in various forms such as spot treatments, collars, sprays, and shampoos. Before using any preventive medication, consult your pet's veterinarian to ensure its safety.

Take the following precautions to protect your pet:

- Apply flea and tick spray monthly to your yard's grasses, shrubs, and plants to eliminate pests before they can harm your pets.
- Keep your yard clean by removing brush and debris, as they provide ideal habitats for insects and pests.
- Maintain your lawn at a suitable length to prevent fleas and ticks from thriving.
- Install fencing around your yard to prevent wild animals from bringing fleas onto your property.
- Promptly remove ticks from your pet's body using tweezers, ensuring to grasp the tick's head and pull it straight out. Place the tick in a jar filled with alcohol after removal.



SOURCES:
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PAWS & PUZZLES

A CROSSWORD ADVENTURE IN SHELTER PETS

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HELP WANTED

Join Our Team and Make a Difference!

Vet Techs Wanted: We're seeking vet techs to assist with basic vetting and intake for our animals.

Transport Volunteers Needed: Enjoy driving? Help us transport cats and kittens to and from vet appointments.

If you are able to help, please email mail@Last-Hope.org or call 651-463-8747.



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ADOPTION EVENTS

Adoption Days are held on Saturday at PetCo in Apple Valley from:

11 AM - 2 PM

1st & 3rd Saturdays are Dogs

4th Saturdays are Cats

7590 150th St W, Apple Valley, MN 55124

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