

Tails of **LAST HOPE**



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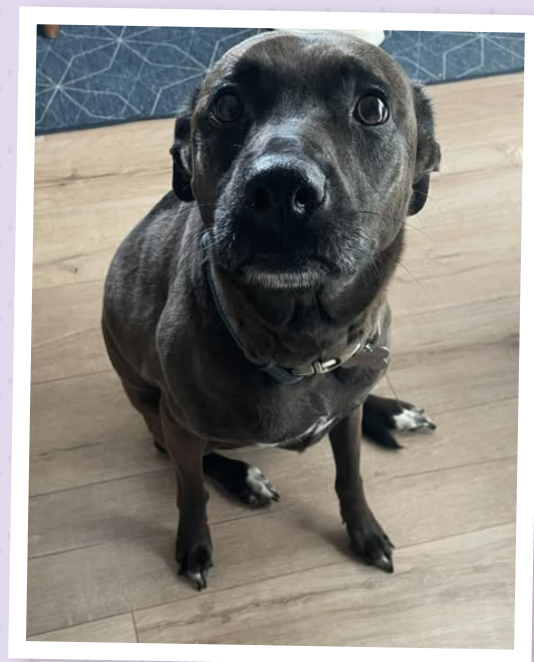
BETTY

Betty turned five this year! I bought a house a year and a half ago in South St. Paul, and she now has a big fenced backyard where she can chase balls and shoo away rabbits and squirrels to her heart's content. Truly the best girl.

She still uses her voice buttons daily—we've got about ten now! Her favorites are "treat," "outside," "love you," "walk," and "play." She's so smart!

Betty's still not a fan of water or car rides, although she's gotten a little better in the car. Water, however, is still a firm no!

Thank you for choosing us to be her family—we're so grateful for her.



TURTLE

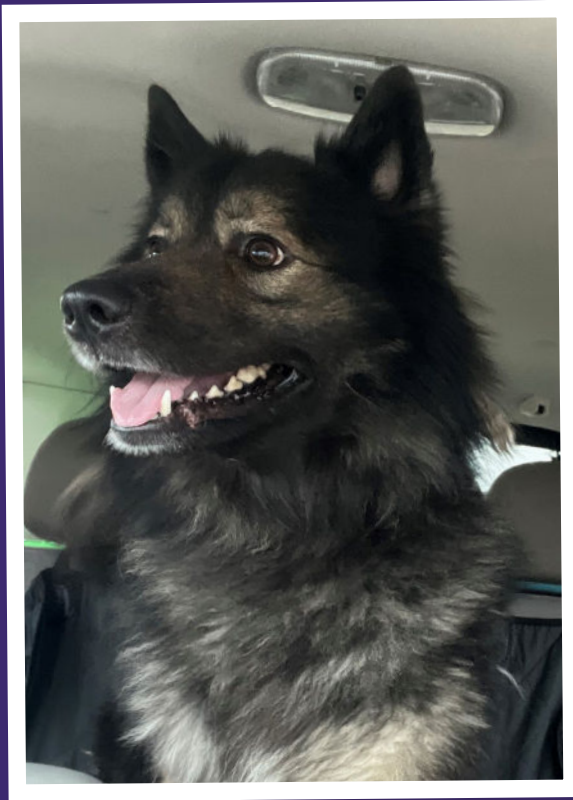
Turtle's first six months were anything but easy. At just eight weeks old, he was found abandoned on a highway—sick, scared, and struggling to breathe. What seemed like a routine infection turned out to be far more serious, damaging both his eyes and nasal passages.

He ultimately lost one eye and battled through multiple rounds of antibiotics for chronic rhinitis, a lifelong condition caused by the infection. But Turtle is a fighter. With help from Last Hope and a dedicated veterinary team, he pulled through—and has now found a loving home with someone who understands his needs.

Turtle's journey began with hardship, but his future is full of hope thanks to compassion and care.



BOOGEY



On Thursday, November 14, 2024, I headed to Burnsville Animal Control to pick up two dogs for Last Hope: Barry, a boxer puppy, and Rango, a young lab mix. As I was preparing for transport, an employee asked me to meet one more dog—an overlooked but well-behaved and intelligent pup named Boogey.

When Boogey's kennel door opened, a fluffy, tail-wagging boy greeted us with instant trust and perfect manners. I told the staff I'd see what I could do. After getting Barry and Rango to the vet and off to their foster homes, I couldn't stop thinking about Boogey. Thankfully, I found a foster and headed right back to get him out.

Boogey jumped into the car like he knew it was the beginning of his new life. He quickly settled into his foster home, winning hearts with his sparkly personality—and it wasn't long before he found his forever family.

From overlooked to overjoyed, Boogey finally got the second chance he deserved.

LULU

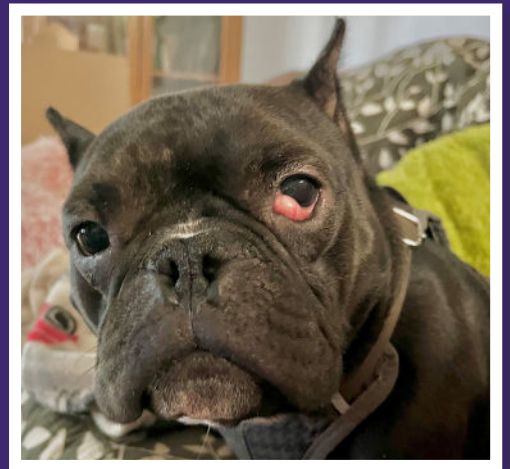
Foster Judy from Last Hope was contacted by a local animal control facility ("doggie jail") about a Bulldog named Lulu who needed rescue. On November 29, 2024, Judy met Lulu—and it was love at first sight. Lulu was quickly sprung from the shelter and taken to one of Last Hope's veterinary partners, where she received her vaccinations before heading home with Judy.

The vet later contacted Last Hope to report that Lulu would need several surgeries before being adopted. While we already knew she needed cherry eye surgery, we soon learned she also required surgery to open her nasal passages and help her breathe more easily.

Lulu underwent nasal surgery on January 2, 2025. The procedure made a big difference—her breathing became much quieter and more comfortable. After a few weeks of healing, she was cleared for eye surgery.

On February 6, Lulu had surgery on her right eye. However, complications with her left eye required an additional procedure first due to a rupture of the third eyelid. Unfortunately, the third lid ruptured again after surgery, so Lulu is now scheduled to see an ophthalmologist on March 21 to determine the next steps.

Foster Judy is relieved that none of Lulu's medical issues have caused her pain—and has made it clear that Lulu can stay as long as she needs. "She's a great foster," Judy says. "Lulu is sweet, loving, friendly with other dogs, adores people, and loves to cuddle."



COMPASSION IN ACTION

Community-powered stories of generosity, love, and second chances.



We're grateful to Raising Cane's for their generous support through the 2024 plush puppy promotion!

In December, Raising Cane's sold plush puppies and donated the net proceeds to Last Hope. Their kindness helps us continue our mission to rescue and care for animals in need.



Students at Valley Middle School in Apple Valley put their creativity and compassion to work by making and selling items to raise funds for Last Hope.

To show our appreciation, we stopped by with a special guest—Chopper!—to personally thank them for their kindness and hard work.



Each February, Blue Nose Coffee in Farmington brews up something special for Last Hope—a custom coffee blend available in light, medium, and dark roasts.

With every purchase, they donate 50% of the profits to support our rescue efforts. We're incredibly grateful to Blue Nose Coffee for their ongoing generosity and commitment to animals in need.



Every year, sisters Hadley and Laney celebrate their birthdays by giving back.

Instead of asking for gifts, they collect donations for the animals at Last Hope—they've been doing it for years! Their generosity and compassion mean the world to us and the animals we care for. Thank you, girls, for your amazing hearts and continued support!





Student Council Crafts Comfort for Rescue Animals

By Jacquelyn Faust

At Christina Huddleston Elementary School, 5th-grade teacher Mrs. Demma and the Student Council have again shown their commitment to making a difference in the community—this time with a heartwarming project aimed at rescue animals. The students rolled up their sleeves and got creative, handcrafting colorful tie blankets to comfort dogs and cats waiting for their forever homes here at Last Hope Animal Rescue.

A Heartfelt Initiative

The project idea originated from Mrs. Demma's desire to teach the importance of community outreach. So, the idea was brought to the Student Council: "I presented the idea for a community project to the Student Council, and then the students brainstormed ideas on projects they could accomplish. This was one of the projects discussed and eventually chosen! After learning about the needs of rescue animals, the students felt compelled to do something that would directly impact their lives while promoting compassion and kindness. The tie blankets, made with soft fleece fabric, are perfect for providing warmth and comfort to the furry residents at their foster homes, many of whom have experienced hardship or trauma before being rescued.

The Crafting Process

Making the tie blankets was no small feat, but the students enthusiastically embraced the task. The process was both educational and enjoyable, allowing them to work collaboratively while learning the importance of teamwork and giving back. Mrs. Demma and the Student Council cut and prepared all the blankets. Once they were ready with the tassels cut, the blankets were laid out in the media center for a week to allow the entire school to participate in the tying process!

A Lesson in Empathy

Beyond the blankets, the project taught the students valuable lessons in empathy, responsibility, and the importance of giving back to the community. They also learned to plan, execute, and reflect on long-term goals. By working on a project that had a direct, positive impact on the lives of animals, the students learned firsthand how their actions can make a difference in the world. The Student Council hopes their efforts will inspire other students and community members to get involved in charitable work and show kindness to all living creatures, whether they have two legs or four. As the blankets continue to provide warmth to animals in need, the Student Council at Christina Huddleston Elementary School can take pride in knowing they've made a lasting impact on the animals' lives and the community. This project was a perfect example of how young people can unite to make the world better—one blanket at a time.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your support has made a real difference in the lives of animals who need it most—helping us continue our mission to provide compassion, care, and hope for a better tomorrow.

We are honored to share the following donations, made in memory or in celebration of loved ones—both human and animal—who have left a lasting impact:

- * For Jean Tabor, who loved all animals, from her son, Jack Kleven.
- * For Debbie Newman, who loved Blake and cared about the well-being of all animals.
- * For 9-year-old Nova, AKA Squishy, from Heather Kambeitz.
- * For our dog, Wiggles, who passed away in January of 2024, from Elizabeth Hanson
- * For Debbie Newman from Jodie Applebourn and Zane Zumbahlen.
- * For Aunt Jan from Linda, Jack, Mary, Rita, George, and families.
- * For Lady, adopted from Last Hope in 2016 and passed in 2025, from Toni Knutson.
- * For Bernadine “Bernie” Cantin from Judeen Limbeck.
- * For my Dougie, adopted in 2009. He is the sweetest kitty, still going strong after 15 years. Love, Julie Brettne.
- * For Bernadine “Bernie” Cantin from Judeen Limbeck.
- * For Jody Mahle from Arjun Athreya.
- * For Huckle, our “Beagle-ish” fellow who passed away on December 18, from Terry Schreiber. He loved reading with students through Meadowview, and though we didn’t adopt him from Last Hope, we are grateful for all your work.
- * For Buddy. He was loved dearly and is missed by my friend Kris—donation made by Anita Troughton.
- * For Frankie from Kimberly Zillmer.
- * For Tiki, Pepper, Ann, Rudy, Mort, and Mourice, from Julie Bunde.
- * For Carol Trewartha from Sarah Johnson.
- * For Buddy, Belle, Bingo, Baily, and Michael. Love and miss them all, from Jane Hoffmann.
- * For Shasta from Kira Hoffmann.
- * For Stella and Chewy from Sarah Barrett Reiner.
- * For Sally Rae from Kenyon, mother to Deanna, Paul, and Tom Gard, from Vicki Manthey.
- * For Bill Orr from family friend Jennifer Washburn.
- * For Ron Gaard, a family member who loved dogs, from Stacy Fleener.
- * For Joey, a wonderful dog we adopted a few years ago. Donation made by Stacy Fleener.
- * Thank you for all you do. —The Metcalf family.
- * For my beautiful and amazing momma, Jackie Moneypenny, from Kristin Urberg.

- * For Laura Bloomquist from
 - * Donna Dasch
 - * Susan Shimitz
 - * John and Laura Clausen
 - * Mary Clausen
 - * Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Michaela and Jake, during this difficult time. With love, Auntie Leann and Uncle Tony.
 - * Our team at Rize Wealth Management. Laura was a wonderful light and a huge help to our team.
 - * Linda Stark
 - * Thomas Pink
 - * Nancy Nguyen
 - * Kathy and David Cooper
 - * Debra Woldum
 - * Marilyn and Thomas Carman
 - * Barbara Folz and Carol Hookom
 - * Jenny Budzeak
 - * Jake and Michaela Bloomquist.
 - * Travis Jensen and Katy Uapen. "Laura will be immensely missed at Wells Fargo."
 - * Tracy
 - * Francis and Colleen Roche
 - * Christopher Steffl and Amy Nesburg
 - * Jennifer Wesley
 - * We are donating on behalf of my sister's wish upon her recent passing. She welcomed one of your pups into her family and loved him to pieces; they are now reunited in heaven. Thank you for all you do. —The Metcalf family.





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KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS SPRING

As the weather warms up, be mindful of springtime dangers that could put your furry friends at risk.

1. Watch out for harmful products like fertilizers, toxic plants, and household chemicals.
2. Stay current on preventive care, including flea, tick, and heartworm medications.
3. Update safety info by checking ID tags, microchip details, and making sure pet-safe products are stored securely.

A little caution goes a long way in keeping your pets healthy and happy this season!



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11 AM - 2 PM

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