



Tails of
LAST HOPE



Making furever pawssible for over thirty-five years!

SUMMER 2024

A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JENNIFER WILLIAMS

"Kitten Season," as many rescues have come to refer to Spring and Summer, is a result of many factors, such as longer days, warmer weather, and more access to food. Spring offers an optimum environment not only for reproduction but also for animal survival rate. Cats are unique in that they can produce litter after litter within just a few weeks between birth and conception. Female cats can become pregnant at just five months of age and birth two to three litters a year, with each litter potentially producing eight kittens. One female cat and her offspring may produce between 100 and 400 cats in seven years.

As a Last Hope supporter, you play a crucial role in helping to control this dangerous situation. Here's what you can do:

1. An increased cat population means an increased need for supplies! Donations of hard and soft food, as well as clumping and non-clumping litter, are appreciated. Of course, monetary donations are also welcome and put to good use.
2. FOSTER! When the kittens start pouring in, they will need loving homes to grow before finding their forever homes.
3. If you have the knowledge and materials to do so, participate in trapping, neutering, and releasing feral cats in your community. This is a more involved form of supporting our fight against cat overpopulation, so questions regarding "TNR" may be directed to me at jenniferwill0512@gmail.com.

We deeply appreciate your potential support of our rescue.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Jenny Williams



NEW ADDRESS



SKYVIEW RANCH
2413 210th Street East
Farmington, MN 55024

IN LOVING MEMORY

We deeply appreciate your steadfast support and generosity. Your contributions have profoundly impacted the lives of animals in need, enabling us to persist in our mission of offering them love, care, and a brighter future.

In memory of Mary Ellan Daly, she lived 95 years and loved dogs, including her fur babies Jiggs and Starbaby—donation made by Richard Isachsen.

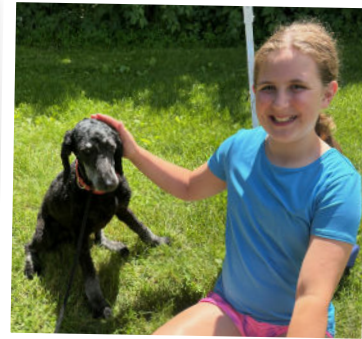
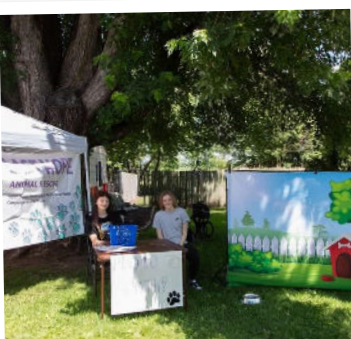
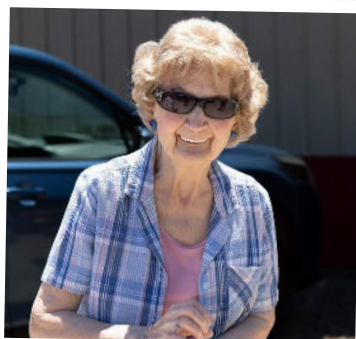
Donations made in memory of Calvin and Hobbs Bunde, two much-loved cats in the family, by Mindy Jining.

Donation made in memory of our beloved golden retriever Rowdy. For 12 ½ years, he was not just a pet, but a cherished family member. His unwavering loyalty and love enriched our lives and his memory will always be with us. Keith and Nancy Molnar.

Donations made in memory of Nala and Taeja by Lynette Wiegel.

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who attended the Last Hope Open House on June 8 at our new location, Skyview Ranch! We're incredibly grateful for the vendors and supporters who made the event a success.



PAW-SOME STORIES!

WILLOW

Hello. I am Willow, and mine is a different story than many of my fellow rescues at Last Hope. I have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge from the effects of old age and years of trauma and neglect. Still, I am thankful to the kind people at Last Hope who took an old lady like me in when I was discovered by animal control lying motionless on a woodpile.

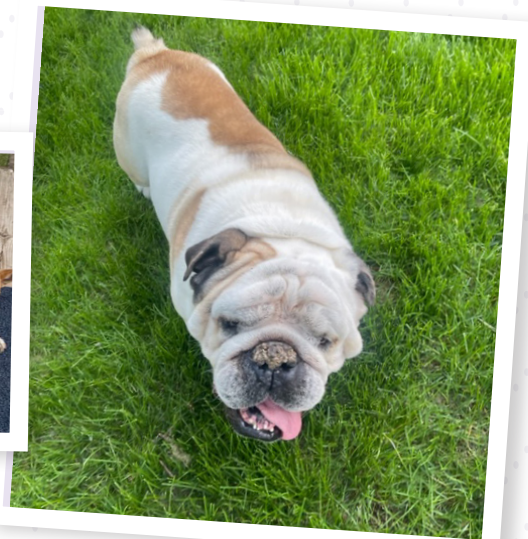
Despite my being a senior kitty who was blind, deaf, matted, and emaciated so that every bone in my body was protruding, Last Hope found me a loving foster home where my foster cared for and loved me until I passed on. Thanks to Last Hope Rescue, I was able to live out my final days with dignity in a comfortable and secure home.



PACO/WIMBLEDON

Hello, world! My name is Wimbledon, and I am a five-year-old English Bulldog. I used to be named Paco, but that name was given to me by the same people who neglected to care for me and ultimately left me alone outside when they moved away. When I arrived at Last Hope, I was in rough shape: my body was plagued by infection, and my eyelids, which were turned inward and required surgery, caused me constant, intense pain.

Lucky for me, the good people at Last Hope brought me to the University of Minnesota, where it was determined that my awesome Foster Mom would have to administer daily "Paco Spa Treatments" to fight my infections and get me in good enough shape for surgery. These days, I am pain-free and infection-free, and I live with my forever family, including my English Bulldog brother! Thanks to Last Hope and all of you who supported this incredible rescue. I have a great new name and a happy new life!



JUNO

Juno (formerly Josie) was born in December 2009 to a Border Collie mother and a German Short-haired Pointer father. As a puppy, she faced tough times, including homelessness, until Last Hope took her in. In May 2010, while staying with a foster family, Juno ran to the fence and locked eyes with a woman who had just arrived to meet her. In that moment, Juno knew she had found her new mom.

Juno moved to Rochester, MN, with her adoptive parents, Courtney and Jamie, where she quickly showcased her smarts by escaping her kennel, opening cabinets, and picking child locks. After relocating to Hayfield, MN, she used her parents' long commutes to master opening the food pantry and even helped herself to a four-pound pot roast from the Crock-Pot. In 2015, the family moved back to Rochester, and the next year they adopted an 8-week-old Australian Cattle Dog mix named Todd. Juno loved being a big sister and thanks to her guidance, Todd learned potty training and other key lessons.

In 2018, Juno, Todd, and Courtney faced a major life change when Juno's adoptive dad, Jamie, died unexpectedly during a separation. The family relocated, and Juno became a counselor, helping Courtney through the loss. To cope, Juno took up agility classes, excelling despite Courtney's limitations as a handler—a shortcoming Juno quickly forgave. However, when Nathan entered their lives, the sun shined again on Juno (and the rest of the family). The dogs quickly embraced him, and when Courtney worked late, Nathan would pick up Juno and Todd for dinner and a sleepover. Juno eagerly learned from Nathan, who taught her everything from table manners to yard maintenance.

In 2022, Juno fulfilled her retirement dream by moving to the shores of Lake Superior. She enjoyed swimming in the warmer months, being outdoors, and going for walks. Juno traveled to Colorado, Florida, and Michigan, even swimming in three Great Lakes in one day. Her favorite spot was Camp Grandma & Grandpa in Tecumseh, MI, where she enjoyed endless activities, treats, and affection.

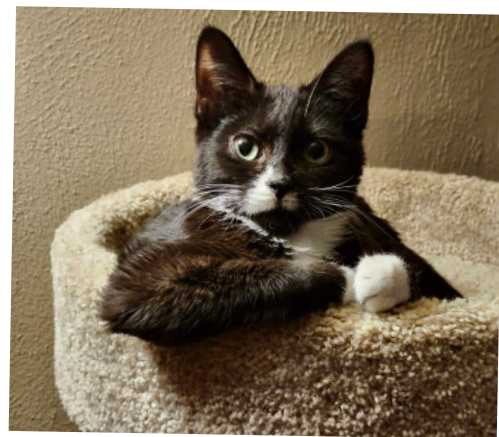
Juno was preceded in death by Barbara Peck, whose visits she adored, Muttley Lawson and Hudson Sykes. She is survived by her adoptive parents, Courtney Lawson & Nathan Hauber, brother Todd, grandparents Jim & Debbie Lawson, uncle and aunt Tate & Sam Lawson, and human siblings Callum Hauber, Chloe Hauber, and Georgia Hauber. The family also wants to thank Med City Animal Hospital and Ashland Area Veterinary Clinic, for their wonderful care during her life.

We will miss her terribly.



FIRE

Hi, my name is Fire. I don't know if the kind folks at Last Hope saw something in me when they first took my brothers and sisters and me in and named us, but I did fight mightily to live and I think my name is fitting because it would be fair to call me a "spit fire"! Every one of my siblings and I were extremely sick when we first arrived at Last Hope, and I was the runt of our litter, so I was struggling the most. Even when my sisters and brothers began to improve with medication, I could not grow or gain energy. Thankfully, one of the awesome veterinarians who donates her time to Last Hope discovered through x-rays that I had pneumonia. I owe so much to my Foster Mom who gave me my medicine, fluids, and lots of cuddles and pets, for helping me get healthy. I am now super happy and playful in my forever home!



HOW TO KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS SUMMER

Your cat or dog probably enjoys the beautiful summer weather as much as you do. Unfortunately, your pet's chance of developing a heat-related illness or injury rises with the temperature. Whether your furry friend enjoys romps in the park with you or never ventures beyond your backyard, these tips can help them stay safe this summer.

Limit Outdoor Time on Hot, Humid Days

Heat and humidity can greatly affect your pet's well-being. While some animals tolerate these conditions better than others, it's important to take precautions to prevent overheating. Limit outdoor play to cooler parts of the day, such as early morning or late evening, especially during excessive heat warnings. Long periods in the sun can be harmful, so keeping your pet indoors with air conditioning and fans is often more comfortable.

When your pet is outside, make sure they have access to plenty of fresh, cool water and a shady, well-ventilated resting area. While dog houses provide shade, they can also trap heat and become dangerously warm. Puppies, kittens, older pets, those with health conditions, or pets with short muzzles are especially susceptible to heat-related issues and may experience heat exhaustion or heatstroke more quickly.

It's crucial to monitor your pet carefully for signs of heatstroke. These signs include:

- Heavy Panting
- Rapid Heart Rate
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- Dry Nose
- Sunken Eyes
- Lack of Coordination
- Change in Tongue Color
- Drooling
- Vomiting or Diarrhea

Bring your pet inside immediately if you notice these symptoms. Use a washcloth soaked in cool, not cold, water to ease heatstroke symptoms, and call your pet's veterinarian immediately.

Protect Your Pet's Paws

Surfaces like concrete, sand, asphalt, wood, and metal can get dangerously hot after just a few hours of sun exposure. If you wouldn't walk barefoot on these surfaces, your pet shouldn't either. A few years ago, the Kansas City Star conducted a test to check the temperatures of various surfaces on a hot day. The infrared thermometer they used registered an uncomfortably high 144.6°F on asphalt, risking burns to paw pads in seconds. To keep your pet safe, avoid walks or play sessions during the hottest parts of the day. Early morning or evening are better, and grassy areas are cooler options. After outdoor time, check your pet's paw pads for burns, cuts, or trapped debris like sticks, stones, or glass.

Follow Car Safety Recommendations

Does your dog look forward to car rides to the local dog park? Door handles, dashboards, and even seat belts can also burn your pet. Seatbelt buckles registered temperatures of 130 degrees during the Kansas City Star's examination of summer temperature hazards. Prevent burns by turning on the air-conditioning a few minutes before you plan to leave and placing a blanket over the seats and seatbelt buckles. Never leave your pet in a car, even with the windows open. On a 70-degree day, temperatures inside a vehicle can increase to 89 degrees after 10 minutes and soar to 104 degrees after 30 minutes, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association. When the outside temperature is 80, those figures increase to 104 degrees after 10 minutes and 119 after 30 minutes.

Use Paw Protectors

Paw protectors help your pet avoid burns and cuts and offer extra cushioning and traction. Some protectors attach to pads with adhesive, while others slide over the feet and are held in place with straps. It may take a little while for your pet to get used to wearing protectors. If you choose products that fit, such as boots or socks, help your pet adjust to the footwear by gradually increasing wear time.

PAWS & PUZZLES

COMMUNITY CATS

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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.



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!
WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR YOU
ADVANCING OUR MISSION.

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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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