



April, 2017

Dear Friend,

The calendar says it is spring, which means the RCHS family is preparing for the busiest time of our year. We are already seeing an increase in the number of animals needing help.

Last year during kitten season (spring, summer and fall) we took in 461 kittens. All get their vaccinations, spayed or neutered, treated for parasites and other care. The youngest orphans need to be bottle fed with special formula. All this is done before they can be placed for adoption.

As we gear up for the busiest time of our year, we are asking you for your help. You are the ones who make it possible for these animals to get a chance to live a life full of love and care. You make sure our community can find the animals they want without resorting to puppy mills. You help us investigate, educate owners and when necessary take in animals who are abused or neglected.

RCHS was founded in 1958 and a lot has changed since then. We are always evaluating what is best for our animals and the people of our community and trying to improve our services. That's our job but it depends on generous and caring people to make it possible.

Thank those of you who made it possible for us to care for more than 1,425 animals in 2016 and to all of you who we hope will make it possible for this year's animals to get their chance for a new life.

Judy Taranovich

RCHS Board President

Gretchen Goodman

Executive Director

Where does the money go? Expenses for 2016 included:

- \$32,965 to spay/neuter shelter animals
- \$50,942 to purchase medicines, vaccines, testing supplies, flea and tick prevention and cleaning supplies
- \$7,835 to pay for veterinary care for ill or injured shelter animals – see the reverse side for 2 stories
- \$15,736 for heat and electricity to keep the animals comfortable

ZANE



This handsome boy, a big Cane Corso, came to us after a few weeks of worry about his safety. Zane was spotted running not far from the shelter by a concerned citizen. We believe his owners dropped him at the shelter in the outdoor pens and he escaped. The poor dog was scared and would not come to anyone so the kind person set up our humane trap. However, Zane wasn't interested in cooperating and many other calls came in from people worried about him.

Then one evening a call came in from the local Animal Control Officer. Zane had been hit by a car and was at a local veterinary clinic. He wasn't too badly injured but was limping, bruised and sore.

After treatment, Zane came to us. He was such a good boy and he let us work with him to restore his good health. When he was ready to be adopted, he would still limp but no problem was found. We realized it had become a habit. Staff worked on making him slow down and use that leg and he cooperated with some backsliding when he got excited or moved too fast.

None of that kept him from quickly being adopted and having his life become normal again.



Tinsel

We met Tinsel as a stray back in December. She was also hit by a car and her leg was broken. Tinsel spent a few weeks at the veterinary hospital where her leg was put in a splint. She spent several weeks at the hospital so her healing could be monitored.

She then came to RCHS for follow up rest.

In time this lovely lady fully recovered and moved to the adoption area. She found her forever home shortly thereafter.