

Mission

Promoting bonds between
pets and their people

Vision

We envision a community
that celebrates pets

Values

We are guided by
compassion, collaboration,
stewardship, leadership, and
excellence.

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RHHS COVID-19 Resources

We know this is a trying time for many of our community's pet owners. We are committing additional staff to our community resource programs to make sure pet owners have everything they need to prepare for and weather this pandemic.

- Low-Cost Vaccination Clinics.** Ensure your pets are up-to-date on vaccines in case they have to go into emergency boarding or foster care. Clinics are by appointment only, every other Sunday.
- Animal Resource Center - Pet Pantry.** Food and pet supplies for pet owners experiencing hardship. Delivery available.
- Animal Resource Center - Short-Term Boarding.** Emergency boarding for qualifying individuals in situations of short-term crisis.
- Cat & Dog Behavior Counseling.** Video or telephone consults to address problem pet behaviors. Free during stay-at-home orders.
- Companion Protect Pet Insurance.** Protect your pet (and your wallet!) from unforeseen medical emergencies. Get a quote at enroll. pet/YXBZJ6 and part of your fee comes back to RHHS.
- Grand Valley Emergency Pet Foster Network Facebook Page.** A community-based group to find longer-term temporary foster homes for people affected by the pandemic.
- RHHS Website & Social Media.** Follow us for info on COVID-19 and pets, things to do while isolating, cute videos, and more!

From the Executive Director's Desk

In early March, our incredible team sprang into action to implement phase one of the shelter's Emergency Plan. As the crisis unfolded throughout the country and in our own community, **we quickly adapted to constantly changing circumstances, statewide orders, and the needs of partner shelters, pet owners, and our community.**

Since then, we moved almost all our pets into homes—both foster and forever homes—to **free up space, staff, and resources for pets and pet owners affected by the pandemic.** We continue to serve you by appointment. Our staff has been creative in finding ways to help our community.

Animal shelters are considered a "critical" business, so our staff is still hard at work finding

forever homes for pets, delivering free critical resources to pet owners, and **making sure no pet in our community suffers in these uncertain times.** We are also still taking in pets and working daily with animals in our behavior programs. **The RHHS team has been an inspiration to me throughout all of this with their dedication, optimism, and agility in the face of uncertainty.**

I am humbled by the outpouring of support from our community—towards shelter pets and towards each other. Our volunteers were at the shelter unfailingly until we decided to suspend on-site volunteer activities for the safety of our community, and many continue to volunteer from home. More than 100 families offered to open their homes to our pets, too.



Executive Director Anna Stout & Rupert

I hear people talk about an eventual return to "normal" and after everything I've witnessed the past month, **I am hopeful we are creating something better to return to—at the shelter, in society, and in our individual lives.**

Thank you for your continued support. **Wishing you health, resilience, and a better normal.**

COVID Companions Foster Program

When you're doing your part to #stopthespread by staying at home, especially if you're on your umpteenth Netflix series, **you might as well share your couch with a furry friend in need!** That's the attitude of more than 100 Grand Valley residents who signed up for Roice-Hurst Humane Society's **COVID Companions Foster Program.**

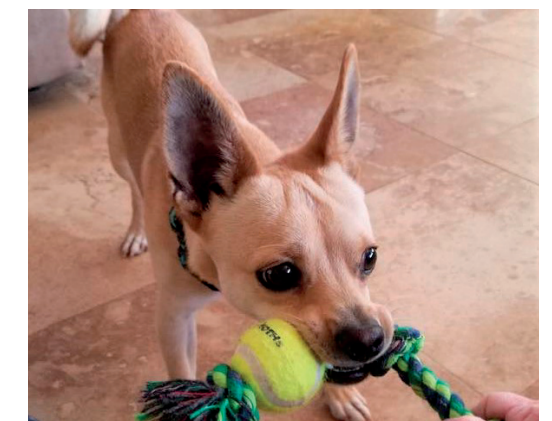
"We have always had dogs but lost ours a while back," Sally Ozbun said. **"The foster program fills the empty part in our heart."**

Sally and her husband are fostering Tagalong, a 2-year-old Chihuahua mix.

The couple are the busy owners

of a seasonal business, which makes it difficult to welcome a permanent dog into their life. For the Ozbuns, **fostering a dog was a great way to spend time with a homeless pup, lend a helping hand, and stay occupied during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

"Having Tagalong around is a great diversion from the troubles we see with COVID-19," Sally said. **"I would recommend fostering to anyone that is struggling with the anxiety of the news and daily upset of our lives now.** Taking him for walks has been my exercise program since the gym is closed. His little tail goes a mile a minute.



When you see that, it makes you realize that the world keeps turning. Maybe you'll even forget to turn the news on!"

If you have room in your home and heart and want the company of a COVID Companion, visit our website to fill out an application!

Find COVID-19 resources for pet owners, an emergency pet preparedness checklist, and how to DOUBLE your donation for mobile veterinary outreach inside...

