



# 2025 IMPACT REPORT



**TOWN AND COUNTRY  
ANIMAL RESCUE**

# OUR LEADERSHIP

Last fall, Town and Country welcomed two exceptional leaders. Their impact is already being felt across our organization and throughout the community. Their passion, expertise, and dedication are strengthening our mission in meaningful ways. We look forward to growing alongside them and building a brighter future together.



Keenan Inserra  
Board President

It's a privilege to serve as Board President and share this year's annual report with you all. I am deeply grateful for all of the supporters, volunteers, staff and partners who make our life-saving work possible.

My passion for animals is deeply personal. I have seen firsthand the impact this organization has on our community, and at home, my four rescued dogs are daily reminders of why this work matters. They represent the power of compassion and second chances.

I am committed to helping expand our impact, strengthen our community partnerships, and ensure that more animals find safety, care, and loving homes.

***Thank you for being a part of this important work.***

Six months ago, I stepped into my role at Town and Country, and it has been an honor to witness your impact every day.

When an injured dog receives urgent medical care, when a frightened animal finds a warm bed and time to heal, when we're able to say "yes" to one more life, it's because of you. Your generosity becomes vaccines, surgeries, safe shelter, and emergency repairs. It allows us to respond in moments of crisis while building a stronger future for the animals who depend on us.

I've always believed we don't just rescue these animals... they rescue us right back! Volunteers grow in compassion, staff pour their hearts into every life that enters our doors, and our community becomes stronger and more connected.

***Every life we save is possible because of you!***



Angela Heim  
Development Director

# OUR MISSION



## *Saving Lives, Connecting People and Pets*

Saving the lives of animals in need by operating as a no-time-limit rescue that provides safe, compassionate care until each pet finds a loving home.

Connecting people and pets by facilitating meaningful, lasting adoptions and offering guidance for those looking to adopt or rehome an animal.

Supporting the community through services like low-cost vaccines, a pet food pantry, and volunteer opportunities that strengthen animal welfare across eastern Nebraska and beyond

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Candid.**



# OUR PROGRAMS

## Adoptions - Building Families

Every adoption is a life transformed. When a pet finds a forever home, it's not simply a joyful moment. It's the beginning of a safer, healthier, more hopeful future. Each adoption reduces the number of animals living on our streets and strengthens our community by ensuring more pets are cared for, protected, and loved. Through thoughtful matchmaking, we connect animals with families who can meet their needs and give them the stability they deserve. These are not just placements, they are lasting bonds that change the lives of both people and pets, creating ripples of compassion that extend far beyond our rescue.

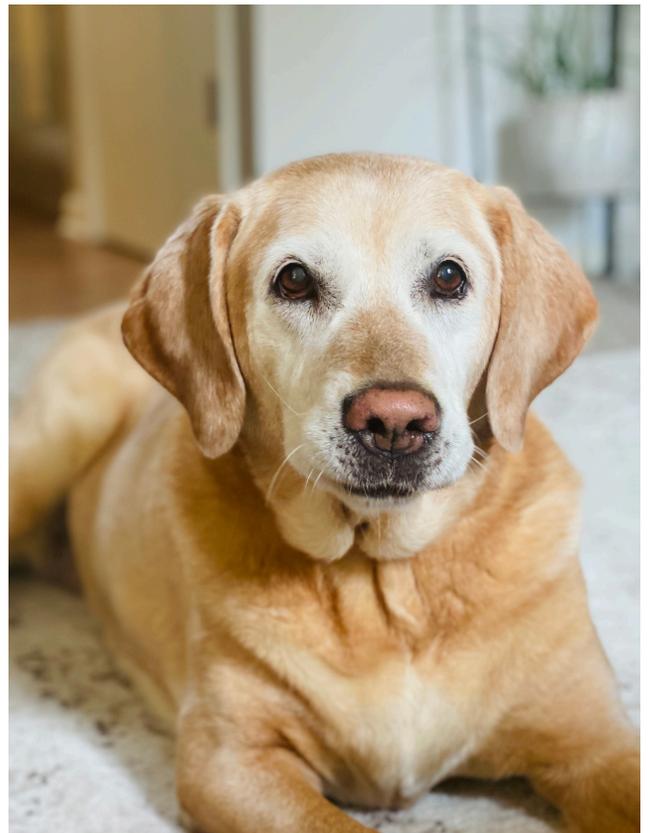
## Volunteers - Connecting Community

Our volunteers and animal fosters are the beating heart of Town & Country. Their compassion powers our mission and makes it possible for us to save and support more animals every single day. And the impact goes both ways — volunteers gain deep connection, a renewed sense of purpose, and meaningful boosts to their own well-being. When people come together to care for animals, everyone thrives. This community doesn't just change lives; it transforms them.

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## Animal Boarding

Our low-cost Town & Country boarding program is a service built for our community. By offering safe, reliable, and affordable care, we help local families keep their pets secure while they're away, removing stress and financial barriers that too often stand in the way. Every stay strengthens the network of support around our neighbors and their animals, while also providing steady revenue that helps us sustain essential services for the entire community.



# OUR OUTREACH

## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Through hands-on workshops, school visits, and community events, we empower individuals with the knowledge and compassion needed for responsible pet ownership. By teaching humane values and empathy, we help prevent pet abandonment and reduce the number of stray animals, creating safer, kinder communities. Every student and family we reach becomes an advocate for animals, helping build a world where humans and animals not only coexist, but thrive together.



## VACCINATION CLINICS

Our low-cost clinics provide essential services to pets in our community. By offering affordable microchipping, nail trims, and vaccinations, we help families keep their beloved pets safe, healthy, and at home where they belong. These clinics reduce the number of unvaccinated and unprotected animals in our area and remove financial barriers for pet owners.

## PET FOOD PANTRY

Twice a month, our Pet Food Pantry provides a lifeline to families across Sarpy, Douglas, Pottawattamie, and Cass counties, ensuring that pets never go hungry. Every bag of food we distribute keeps a beloved pet safe at home, out of a shelter, and close to the family that loves them.

For families facing financial hardship, it prevents heartbreaking choices between feeding their pets or feeding themselves, offering comfort and stability in difficult times. Our pantry strengthens communities, protects animals, and reinforces the human-animal bond that makes every home happier and healthier.

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# OUR TEAM



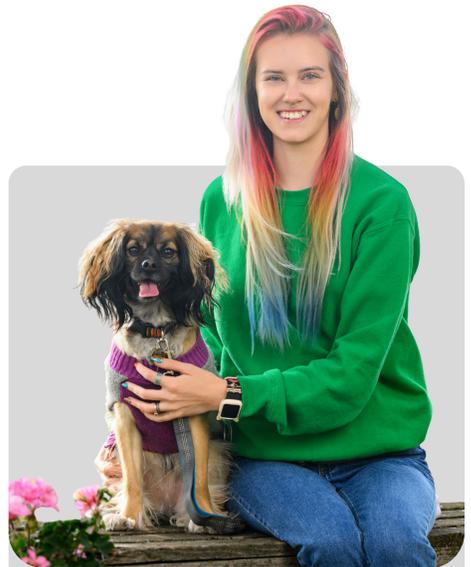
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VOLUNTEER MANAGER



**Jennifer McDonald**

CAT MANAGER

With just four full-time and eight part-time staff members, our organization runs on extraordinary heart. This small but dedicated team powers every part of our mission. From caring for animals to supporting families, they keep our programs moving forward with passion and commitment.

We're also lifted by an incredible community of volunteers who open their homes to animals and step in wherever help is needed. We couldn't do all that we do without their generosity and willingness to show up for our mission.

# PROGRAM IMPACT

From rescuing and rehabilitating animals to connecting families through adoption and educating our community, Town and Country Animal Rescue creates lasting impact every single day. Each adoption gives a second chance at life, each volunteer hour strengthens bonds between people and animals, and every outreach program fosters compassion, responsible care, and a sense of belonging. Together, we're building a community where animals thrive, people are inspired, and hope is at the heart of every story.



**Rescued & Loved**



**Keeping Families Together**



**Hearts in Action**

**306**

Last year, your support gave a second chance to **306 animals, a 27% increase from the prior year**. Each adoption represents more than a number. It is a life saved, a family made whole and a future filled with love.

**73**

**73 community events** helped educate our community and provide low cost pet services and free pet food to hundreds of individuals and families in need.

**7,240**

From cat care support to dog walkers, events assistance and admin helpers, volunteers logged 8,000 hours, an 18% increase from last year.

# SECOND CHANCES



When Blue arrived at Town and Country Animal Rescue, he carried a heart full of love, but also more medical challenges than anyone could see. **An enlarged heart, a mouth full of painful teeth, and later a stubborn UTI didn't stop him from greeting every volunteer with endless purrs and affection.**

Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, Blue received expert care: he saw a cardiologist, safely underwent dental surgery to remove seven problematic teeth, started thyroid medication, and transitioned to a kidney-support diet.

Today, Blue is not only healthy and thriving, he's officially adopted by his amazing foster family. His story is proof that every donation transforms lives, giving animals like Blue the chance to heal, flourish, and find their forever homes.

Before arriving at Town and Country, **Jimmy lived in a heartbreaking hoarding situation and suffered a severe, untreated femur injury**, leaving him in constant pain. Broken teeth made eating difficult, and when he arrived, he was frail, frightened, and broken.

Jimmy was welcomed into a loving foster home, received a dental procedure so he could eat comfortably, and underwent a life-changing orthopedic surgery to repair his leg. For the first time in a long time, he has hope of walking without pain. He's found his forever family and is living proof of the incredible difference compassion and generosity can make.



After his beloved human passed away, Rusty stayed faithfully on the porch of their home- waiting... hoping... refusing to give up. **By the time a kind-hearted soul found him, Rusty was worn thin, in pain, and suffering from severe mouth ulcers. Yet even then, he remained gentle.** Full of the quiet love that had carried him through the hardest days.

Because of supporters like you, Rusty received the urgent medical care and compassion he desperately needed. His mouth healed. His strength returned. And his unwavering spirit shone through every step of the way.

Today, Rusty is safe in his forever home, curled up for cozy naps, soaking in soft chin scratches, and finally surrounded by the love he never stopped believing in.



# Whiskers & Giving Gala (WAGG)

This year marked a major milestone as we hosted our inaugural Gala Fundraiser, an evening that brought our mission to life in a powerful new way.

Supporters, partners, and community leaders came together to celebrate our work and invest in our vision. Thanks to their generosity, the event raised critical funds that will help expand our programs and deepen our impact in the year ahead.

## Green Carpet Sponsors



## Black Tie Walk Sponsors



## Venue Sponsor



# THE FUTURE

In 2026, we will begin a \$1.2 million transformation of our aging adoption area into a safe, modern sanctuary that reflects the heart of our mission and the future we envision for the animals in our care.

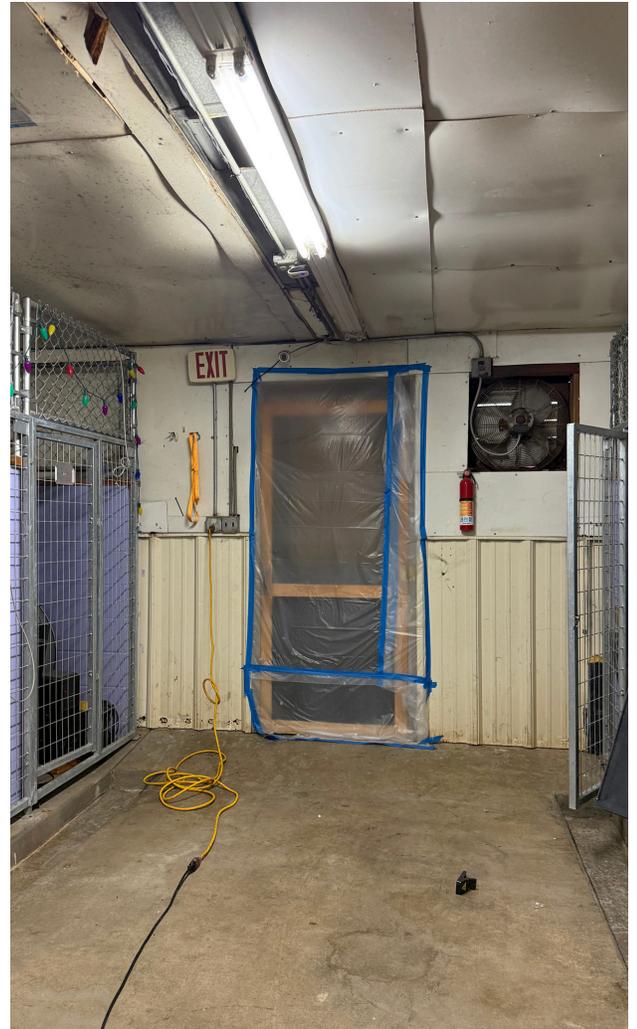
At the center of this vision is a new Kennel Facility, where frightened animals take their first steps toward healing, families meet the companions who will change their lives, volunteers serve with open hearts, and second chances begin every single day. This space will be designed not only for safety and efficiency, but for comfort, dignity, and hope.

This project is about more than construction. It's about building an environment that honors the resilience of the animals we rescue and the compassion of the community that stands beside them. Set on three beautiful acres, this rebuild marks the first phase of a larger vision to create a welcoming, accessible campus where animals heal, people connect, and kindness grows.

## **Funding Status**

Thanks to generous supporters, we have secured 60% of the funds needed to bring this project to life. We are now seeking partners to help us complete the remaining funding and open the doors to this new chapter!

Sponsorship opportunities are available! We invite you to be a part of this transformation and help build the future our animals and community deserves!



*Our current facility is in disrepair. Animals are being moved into temporary foster homes until our building is complete.*

*“Every animal deserves a space that nurtures their healing, and every family deserves a welcoming environment to begin a lifelong bond. This new facility will embody the love, dedication, and hope that defines everything we do.”*  
- Diana Briggs, Operations Director

# THANK YOU!!

This year, every tail wag, every purr, and every life saved was made possible because of you. Your generosity, compassion, and belief in our mission have given hope, health, and happiness to countless animals who needed it most. From medical care to loving foster homes, your support changes lives every single day.

## Help Keep the Momentum Going!

There are still so many animals waiting for a second chance, and they need you.

Join us in continuing this life-saving work: donate, volunteer, or spread the word. Every action, big or small, creates hope. Together, we can make sure no animal is left behind.

Custom sponsorship opportunities are available!

We welcome the opportunity to create a meaningful partnership.

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## HELP THEM ALL

Provide medical care, food, and shelter and keep families together in our community

[Townandcountryanimalrescue.org/donate](https://townandcountryanimalrescue.org/donate)

## NEW BUILDING FUND

Support our New Building Fund and help create a safe space for our shelter pets, staff, volunteers and community.

[givebutter.com/townandcountryanimalrescue](https://givebutter.com/townandcountryanimalrescue)

## LEGACY GIVING

Whether you're remembering a beloved pet or honoring a special person, your generosity helps us continue our mission.

[Townandcountryanimalrescue.org/legacy-giving](https://townandcountryanimalrescue.org/legacy-giving)

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