

Town and Country **HAPPY TAILS**

WINTER 2025



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WINTER ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES ARE GOOD FOR YOUR PETS MENTAL HEALTH

Winter can be a challenging time for pets, but there are plenty of indoor activities to keep them entertained and engaged. Here are some ideas:

For Dogs:

- Indoor Treasure Hunt: Hide treats or toys around the house and let your dog sniff them out.
- Interactive Toys: Invest in puzzle toys or treat-dispensing toys to challenge their minds.
- Training Sessions: Teach them new tricks or reinforce old ones. It's mentally stimulating and great bonding time.
- Tug-of-War: A good game of tug can be both fun and tiring for your pup.
- Indoor Fetch: Use a soft toy to play fetch in a safe area of your home.

For Cats:

- Laser Pointer Games: Cats love to chase the elusive red dot. End the session with a yummy treat or physical toy!
- Feather Wands: Engage them with feather wands or other dangly toys.

- Cat Trees and Shelves: Create vertical spaces for climbing and exploration.
- Puzzle Feeders: Make meal times more challenging and rewarding with puzzle feeders.
- Interactive Apps: There are apps designed for cats to play with on tablets or phones.

General Tips:

- Rotate Toys: Keep things fresh by rotating toys regularly.
- Safe Spaces: Make sure they have cozy and warm spots to rest and feel secure.
- Engage with Them: Spend quality time playing and interacting with your pets.

Indoor enrichment activities can be just as fulfilling as outdoor ones, keeping your pets happy and healthy during the colder months. How do you usually keep your pets entertained in the winter?

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Available Cat Spotlight LEIA

Leia originally found her way to Town and Country Animal Rescue as a small kitten with her littermates. After being raised in a foster home she was adopted. Unfortunately, through no fault of her own she came back to us to find a new home. This beautiful 3-year-old grey girl is the perfect mix of curiosity, fun, and cuddles. She loves being in the midst of the action, never hiding away. While she gets along well with other cats at the shelter, Leia may need a bit of time and a proper introduction to adjust to new housemates. She's also happy being the only pet in the home!

- Age: 3 years old
- Curious, fun and sweet
- Needs a proper introduction to new housemates

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Available Small Animal Spotlight BRUNO AND S'MORES

Bruno and S'mores are a pair of bonded male guinea pigs. S'mores is hard to catch (as are many guinea pigs!) but once you get a hold of him he loves to snuggle. He LOVES having a loft in his enclosure and his favorite veggies are celery and lettuce. Bruno is a little hard to catch but it is easy to hold him. He loves hidey huts and cucumbers and peppers.

Available Dog Spotlight

ROSIE RED

Rosie is an 8-year-old Dachshund mix, but don't let her hear you call her middle-aged! Rosie identifies as an Olympic athlete in training. She is reluctantly appreciative of healthier food and portion control in order to meet that goal. She will always choose the longer, hillier route on our walks. She came to us with bladder stones, but thankfully, those stones were removed, and she is learning to trust her bladder again. Rosie wouldn't mind having all your attention to herself. She really appreciates human contact, love, and attention. She would love to live out her best life in a compassionate home. If that is your home, come out and meet her.



Volunteer Spotlight

ERICA GJERSVIK



Erica began volunteering in the summer of 2016. Her goals were to improve her fitness with dog walking, model service to others for her teenagers, develop a meaningful hobby and fulfill her passion for serving animals in need. She calls herself part of the "Saturday Crew" dog walkers, but she does so much more! She has bonded with so many amazing dogs and developed friendships with staff and volunteers that have lifted her up through the ups and downs of life. T&C introduced her to what she calls her "spirit dog," Koda Bear in 2018. He was a flea bitten, parvo stricken one month old reservation puppy she opened her home and heart to foster. She and her husband John played a vital role in building the turfed play yard several years ago and they "are so appreciative of the work we were able to do with Town & Country." She says, "We are astonished by how much better the turfed yard makes play groups and dog intros. I reap the benefits every Saturday as I play with the dogs. We were delighted to be able to contribute in this way to Town & Country's powerful and impactful rescue mission." Recently, she partnered with her now close friend, Keeley, reviewing dog applications and posting social media reels! She says, "It's truly an honor to be part of this team. I'm so grateful!"

HAPPY TAILS FROM HOME

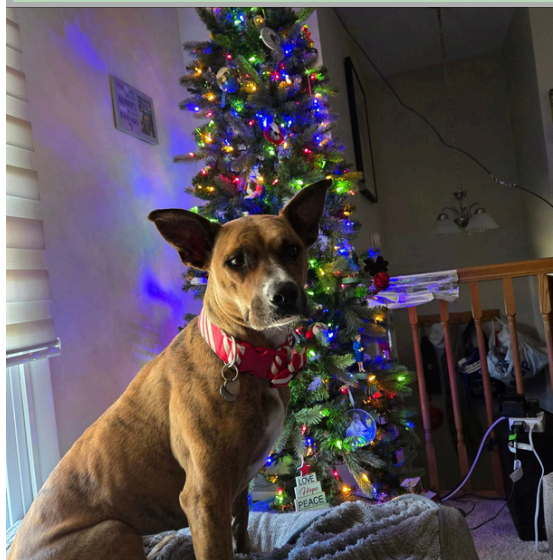


An update from Honey's adopters: "Happy New Year from Honey! Since we adopted her at the end of April 2024 she has been quite the traveler. So far she has been to Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Utah, and Arizona. We just returned from a trip to the Northeast, and although she had a cat sitter, she is very excited to have us home and has been like Velcro. Her adventures in 2025 will take her to California, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, and back to Arizona again for the winter. [#honeygoestohollywood](#)"



Lulu's Chiropractor family says, "3 days, 3 weeks, 3 months, 3 years. This is our third Christmas with Lulu and I am over the moon about her companionship. She is my best girl, I love having her with me while I am getting "cracked", doing Christmas shopping & just enjoying the season. Happy Holidays to everyone from us to you. May the kennels & staff/volunteers at T&C be blessed."

UPDATE ON NEMO
FROM HIS MOM:
"HE IS DOING
GREAT AND HAS A
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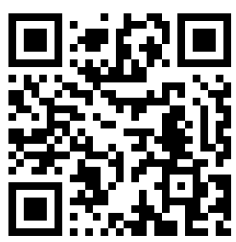


How can you help? Volunteer or Donate

Town and Country Animal Rescue is a "no-time limit" animal rescue organization. Our mission is to always serve the animals in our care by providing a safe, loving, home until they are adopted to their "forever" home. We operate primarily by volunteers and only a handful of staff members, so every donation makes the biggest difference to rehabilitate and rehome animals in need as well as be an educational source for the community. Town and Country Animal Rescue is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3)

How to donate:

- Make a one time or recurring donation through Paypal on our website:
<https://townandcountryanimalrescue.org/donate>
- Mail a check to: 14110 S. 84th Street, Papillion NE 68046
- Visit our Amazon Wish List: <https://townandcountryanimalrescue.org/donate>
- Drop off new and used items to our donation area located in our lower parking lot. Some of our most needed items are pet food and disinfectant supplies such as bleach and laundry soap.



How to Volunteer:

- We are always in need of office volunteers, event leaders, dog walkers and cat care team members. Fill out a volunteer application on our website
<https://townandcountryanimalrescue.org/>
- Head up a donation campaign to collect our most needed supplies at your place of employment, church or neighborhood.
- Foster: Our fosters play a vital roll in rehabilitating dogs, cats and small animals that need a little extra help. TCAR provides everything you need, including approved vet care. You supply the TLC! Fill out a foster application on our website
<https://townandcountryanimalrescue.org/>
- Food Pantry: TCAR runs a FREE food pantry for residents of Douglas and Sarpy County. Volunteer your time collecting and distributing pet food to our community members in need.



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