



*Who We Are*

- We are a small, but mighty, Non Profit 501c3 Rescue. We are a
- No-Kill dog and cat rescue organization in Central Minnesota. We
- rescue stray, neglected, abandoned, and surrendered dogs and
- cats as well as ferrets, guinea pigs and rabbits. We all work very
- hard to place them in new loving homes.

*By Choice*

We do not have a shelter. We are of the belief that a home environment is far more desirable than a shelter or kennel. So, we rely exclusively on homes like yours in which to place our pets until they find their forever home!

We work exclusively with a foster-care program where our pet lives with you, and we pay for or provide everything. A home environment is always the most desirable and with the endless supply of animals needing homes, we just never have enough lined up. Sometimes the foster lasts a week, sometimes several months. A dog or cat will do far better adjusting when they are sitting by your chair than stashed in a noisy kennel somewhere surrounded by sick and barking dogs.

*Vision Statement:*

We strive to educate the next generation to be responsible guardians for animals. We believe that every animal should have a chance to live a quality life.

*We can't take every animal*

Because we don't have a shelter, we can only take a new animal IF we have a vacant foster home for the pet to live while we seek a new forever home for him. Sadly, we are not able to assist every animal that crosses our path. There are just too many dogs & cats out there who need help.

*What Started Ruff Start Rescue? HOPE!*

Hope was brought to RSR in January 2010. She was sick with heartworm in a shelter in Ohio. She was almost out of time when Azure (the President of RSR) decided she could make a difference and went out on a limb and told the shelter she would take Hope to become part of a newly developing rescue. Azure contacted [www.pilotsnpaws.org](http://www.pilotsnpaws.org) and arranged ground transportation from Ohio to Illinois. Then a volunteer pilot and his wife flew Hope and 1 other rescue dog right into the Princeton, MN airport from Illinois. Hope arrived as a sick dog with good spirits. She was placed into a wonderful foster home that gave her the love and attention she needed and deserved. The fosters fell in love with Hope and decided to adopt her. Hope's story encouraged Azure to keep saving dogs all over the country. Below are some pictures of Hope from when she first became a part of Ruff Start Rescue and pictures of her at her forever home. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers and fosters that make this rescue possible.



## How Can the MNWT help Ruff Start Rescue?

This year we are going to collect and donate the supplies needed to stock the foster homes with everything these animals need until they find their forever homes! In addition we will sponsor fun fundraising contests to benefit their special programs and to help offset vetting costs.



### Items Needed:

- Wet & dry food (especially puppy food)
- Durable chew toys & bones
- Cat litter (clumping if possible)
- Treats
- Cat/Dog toys
- Crates of all sizes\*
- Frontline
- Collars/Harnesses\*
- Leashes\*
- Puppy Pads
- Dog/Cat beds\*
- Dog shampoo
- Greenies Pill Pockets
- Food/Water bowls\*
- Brushes/Grooming Tools
- Exercise pens (or play-pens)\*
- Gentle Leader Harness\*
- Large trash bags
- Cat litter boxes\*
- Thundershirts\*
- Cat scratching posts\*

*\*Marked items can be gently used, please ensure they are clean and in good condition!*



### Ideas for collecting items:

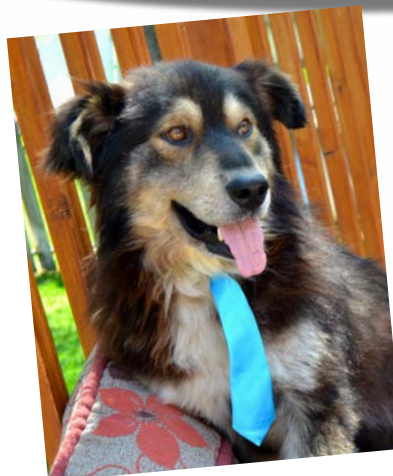
- Ask chapter members for donations
- See if local churches will promote and collect from their congregation members
- Partner with local boy/girl scout groups to collect donations
- See if local pet stores or other retail stores will let you leave a collection box for public donations
- Put an article in the newspaper asking for donations from the community
- Use coupons to get generic brands for little to nothing, especially in locations that accept double coupons
- Talk to your local school administrators about hosting a donation drive

### Other Ways to Support RSR

- Use the App: Wooftrax on your smart phone. This app tracks your mileage and makes a donation to Ruff Start for every mile you walk!



- Like Ruff Start Rescue on Facebook and share their posts with your friends!  
[www.fb.com/ruffstart](http://www.fb.com/ruffstart)



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