



Summer 2025 Edition

## Quarterly Report

### LEADING THE PACK: A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello, Reader –

Summer is in full swing, and with it comes a vibrant energy that brings our community together—from parades to meet-and-greets, and everything in between. These moments aren't just fun—they're meaningful connections that help us grow and deepen our impact.

Over the past quarter, a clear theme has emerged in our work: hope.

From animals experiencing homelessness to those facing serious medical challenges, we've seen time and again how hope fuels rescue, recovery, and second chances.

But none of this happens without you—our community.

Your involvement has been nothing short of powerful. Whether through fostering, donations, sharing our mission, or simply showing up, you help us help them. As a 100% foster-based and volunteer-run organization, your hands-on support means everything. The more people who come alongside us, the more animals we can reach.

Every dollar raised—whether through adoption fees, donations, or fundraising—is reinvested directly back into the mission. We're proud to say that this is a labor of love, powered entirely by compassion and community.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your presence and partnership are essential.

*With Gratitude—*

*Kristy*

### FEATURED FOSTER: FERGIE

This glamorous girl is the definition of a glow-up! Fergie went from rough beginnings to ruling her foster home like a queen. She's sweet, spunky, and full of personality, with a flair for drama and a heart of gold. If you're looking for a diva who loves attention (and deserves it), Fergie might just be your match.

Learn more about Fergie at [mendingspirits.org](http://mendingspirits.org)



*Scotch & Neo*

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

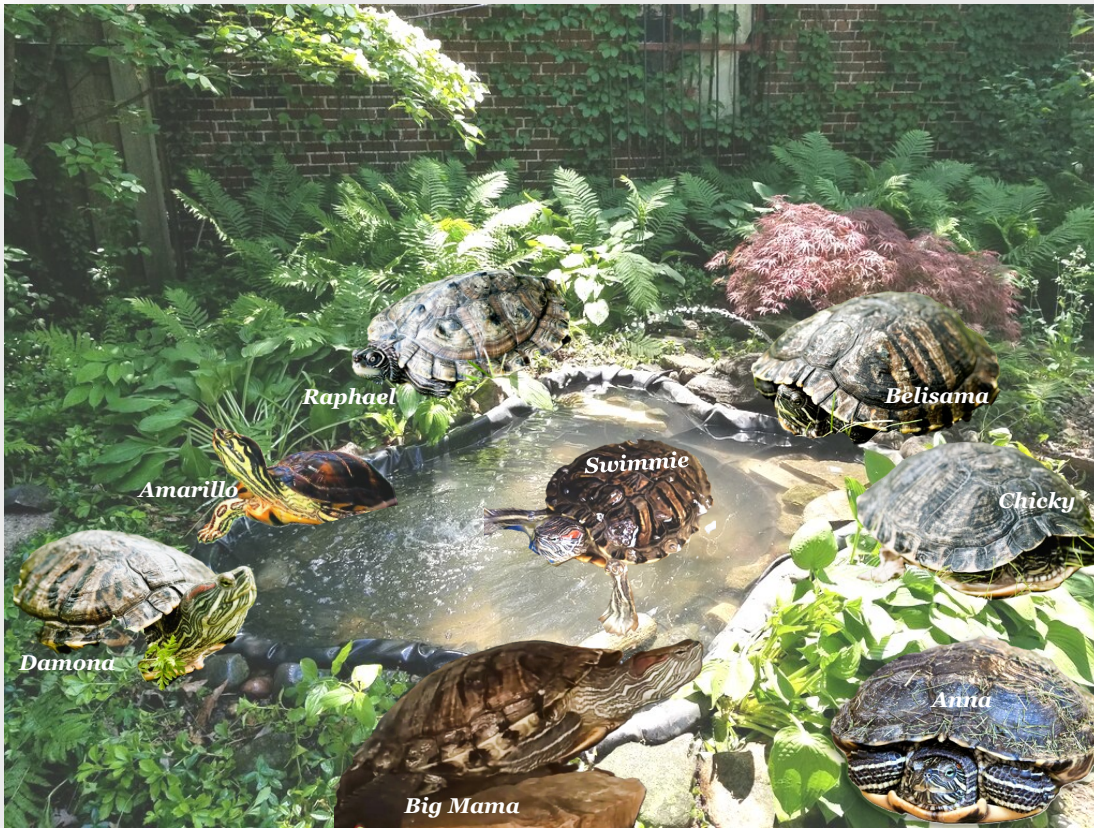
- All animals pictured in this newsletter are **available for adoption!**
- **Second Chance Prom:** Save the Date for our biggest fundraiser of the year!
- **Partnering for Pets!** MSAR donates microchip reader to OPD Animal Control



*Fergie*

# TURTLES IN THE GARDEN

## *Why Adoptable Turtles Make the Perfect Pond Companions*



**Pond Goals (But Not Quite Reality!)** - This highly dramatized pond party features all eight of our adoptable turtles — together in one totally unrealistic, but undeniably charming setting. While they won't all be sharing a lily pad in real life, each one is looking for their own perfect pond to call home!

**Looking to bring a little life and charm to your backyard pond?** Consider adopting a turtle! These shelled sweethearts aren't just fascinating to watch, they're low-maintenance, eco-friendly, and make wonderful additions to an outdoor water feature.

**Why Adopt?** Every year, countless turtles are surrendered or abandoned when they outgrow their tanks or when their novelty wears off. Rescues often have red-eared sliders, map turtles, and other pond-friendly species looking for a second chance at a forever home — ideally, one with fresh air and a little elbow room.

Turtles thrive in natural settings where they can bask in the sun, swim freely, and snack on aquatic plants or pond critters. If you have a well-maintained outdoor pond, a turtle can help keep mosquito larvae in check and add an enchanting element of wildlife to your landscape. Bonus: they love sunbathing on rocks, so you'll get plenty of adorable basking moments.

### **Things to Know Before You Shell-ter a Turtle:**

- **Make sure your pond is escape-proof** — turtles are curious explorers.
- **Include basking spots and shade** — they need both sun and cool-down zones.
- **Ensure water quality is high** — a filtration system helps keep things fresh.
- **Research your species** — different turtles have different needs!

Turtles can live for decades, so adopting one is a long-term commitment — but one that pays off with peaceful moments, quirky habits, and the satisfaction of giving a rescued animal a beautiful life.

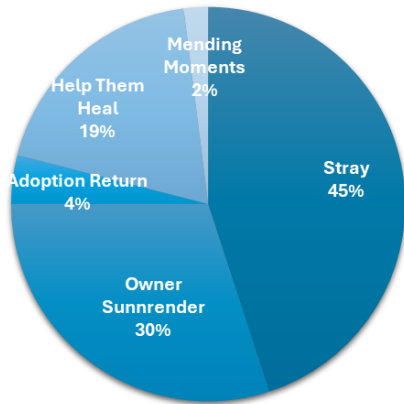
So if you're ready to add a little Zen (and a little zoom) to your garden, check out our [adoptable turtles!](#) Your pond might just be the sanctuary they've been waiting for.

# MENDING SPIRITS IN ACTION

In the second quarter of 2025, Mending Spirits welcomed 116 animals into our care and celebrated 100 adoptions. That brings our midyear totals to 223 intakes and 220 adoptions.

Of the animals taken in:

## MSAR SECOND QUARTER INTAKES



(Graph showing the type of animal intake in the first quarter)



SMALL ANIMALS – 18



CATS – 68



DOGS – 32

(Visual of the type of animal MSAR brought into care in the first quarter)

For comparison, at this time in 2024, we had taken in 308 animals and finalized 222 adoptions

While intakes are down compared to this time last year, our adoption rate is at an all-time high—99% of the animals we've welcomed in 2025 have already found loving homes. But with fewer intakes, we're reminded that **foster homes are key to saving more lives**. The more fosters we have, the more animals we can say yes to.

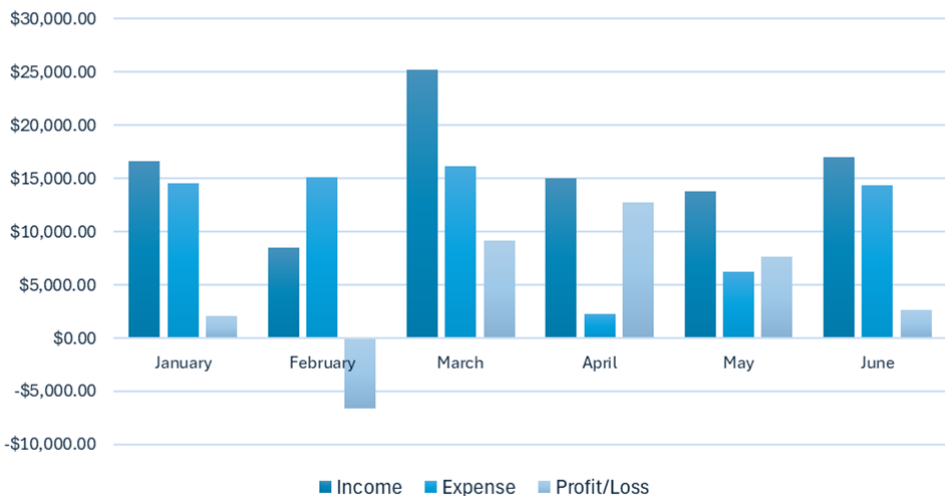
At the halfway mark of 2025, Mending Spirits is on solid financial footing—thanks to the continued support of our adopters, donors, and community partners.

Adoption fees remain our largest source of income, with additional funds coming from events, grants, monthly giving, and interest earned. Veterinary care continues to be our biggest expense, reflecting the high level of medical support our animals often need.

While we experienced a financial deficit in February, every other month has ended in the black, allowing us to build momentum and plan confidently for what's ahead.

As we look to the second half of the year, we remain committed to expanding fundraising and grant efforts to meet growing needs and ensure every animal receives the best care possible.

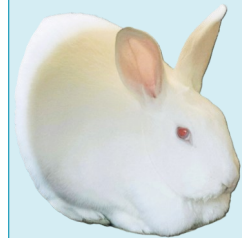
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## MENDING SPIRITS RESOURCES

Click on any of the links below for more information.

- [Pet Behavior Library](#)
- [Vetting Programs](#)
- [Surrender Process & Form](#)
- [Reporting Lost, Found, or Abused Animals](#)
- [MSAR Adoption Process](#)
- [Apply to Adopt](#)



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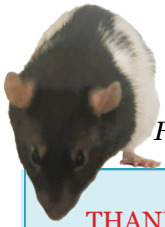
## MSAR PANTRY PROGRAM

The Pantry Program is here to help families keep their beloved pets fed during times of need. Whether you have hamsters, birds, cats, or dogs, we offer support to help meet your pets' dietary needs—because no one should have to choose between feeding their pet and feeding themselves.

Visit the [Pantry Program](#) to request assistance or make a donation.



Corn



*Fidget Flake*

**THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!**

***With gratitude for our 2nd quarter donors:***

- All American Trucks
- Allie Bigbee
- Amanda Reinarts
- Angela Anderson
- Angie Winch
- Anonymous
- Antje Meisner
- Autumn Perron
- Bake Sale donors, volunteers, & treat seekers
- Barbara Goelz
- Beth Jacqueline
- Bruce Prange
- Caitlin Albertson
- Callie Jones
- Cathy Rieff
- Charles Thompson
- Crystal Olson
- Dairy Queen East
- Dawn Doyle
- Deanna Hofmeister
- Dena Craig
- Desiree Berg
- Door Engineering
- Drew Jordan
- Emily Molenaar
- Emmy Forsyth
- Eric Miller
- Erin Christey
- Erin Wadekamper
- Etsy Cat Gift Box
- Garage Sale shoppers & volunteers
- Hanna Murphy
- Hannah Owens-Pike
- Heather Bogie
- Howard L. Rosten
- Jeff Allen
- Jennifer Brunz
- Jessica Evans
- John P Horton
- Joshua Deegan

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**SUNS OUT, SUPPLIES OUT!**

This season, your generosity makes summer a little sweeter for animals in need. Browse our Wishlist and send a little sunshine our way—every donation helps provide second chances!

- Martingale collars (small & medium)
- Small cat carriers
- Cat litter
- Non-rawhide dog chews
- Puppy pads
- Treats for our adoptable pocket pets
- PetSmart & Pet Expo Gift Cards: This helps us purchase bugs for our adoptable reptiles.
- Aldi Gift Cards: This helps us purchase produce for our pocket pets.
- Enrichment toys for all species
- Paper Towels

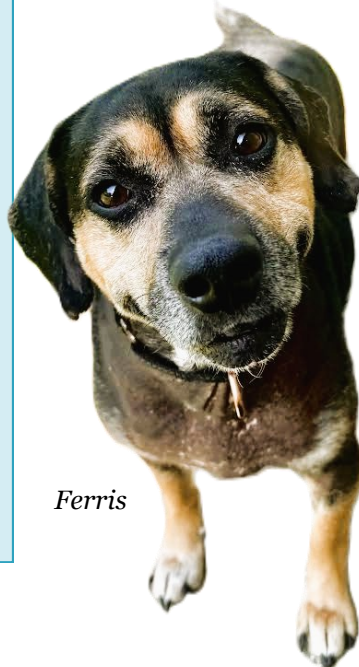


**Strengthening Community Partnerships—  
One Microchip Reader At a Time!**

Mending Spirits recently donated a universal microchip reader to the Owatonna Police Department’s Animal Control Team. This tool helps ensure that lost pets can be quickly identified and reunited with their families—regardless of which microchip brand was used.

By equipping our local partners with the tools they need, we’re not just supporting animals—we’re supporting the people who serve them. Collaborative efforts like this help build a stronger safety net for pets across our region, and we’re proud to stand shoulder to shoulder with OPD in this important work.

Whether it’s through microchips, fostering, or field support, we believe in showing up—together—for animals in need.!



*Ferris*



*Alvie*

Mending Spirits Animal Rescue Presents

# Second Chance Prom

Your Second Chance at Prom, Their Second Chance at Life

Thursday, October 2, 2025 | 6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Sky One Eleven | Mankato, MN



## Save the Date: Second Chance Prom

Join us for a night to remember at Mending Spirits Animal Rescue's **Second Chance Prom**—a uniquely fun and elegant fundraising event supporting animals in need.

Hosted at the stunning Sky One Eleven, this evening promises signature cocktails & mocktails, delicious hors d'oeuvres, great music, dancing, and the chance to compete for the coveted title of Prom Royalty—all while helping us give animals a second chance at life.

Scan the QR code to reserve your tickets, learn about sponsorships, or vote for and/or throw your name in the running for Prom Royalty.

*Your second chance at prom, their second chance at life.*

### THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS (CONTINUED)

Kathryn Spann  
Katia Ostermann  
Katie Ullrich  
Kelsey Janni  
Kris Nordgren  
Kristin Tiarks  
Lexie McElderry  
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Marcia McConville  
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Redemption Road  
Riley Janni  
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Shawn Stollenwerk  
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Tasha Oliver  
Terri Hanson  
Theresa Redenius  
ThrivantGrant  
Tina Albrecht  
Trisha Carstensen  
Whitney Buzick

### IN HONOR & MEMORIAM

Gina Sanders—In loving memory of Jack  
Paula Piper—  
In loving memory of Luna



Cinderella

# FOSTER | ADOPT | VOLUNTEER | DONATE



**Mending Spirits Animal Rescue** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, 100% volunteer-run, foster-based rescue serving Mankato, MN, and surrounding areas. Founded in October 2013, we are Southern Minnesota's only foster based rescue, dedicated to providing second chances to animals in need.

With a network of compassionate foster homes, we serve not only local communities but also extend our reach across Minnesota and beyond to help animals facing urgent circumstances.

Our mission is to be **"the bridge between"** for animals in need—ensuring that no animal is ever alone and that every pet finds a forever home.

While we are incredibly grateful for our 250+ volunteers, the demand for foster homes, fundraising support, and behind-the-scenes assistance continues to grow. The truth is, we can only save as many animals as we have volunteers to support them.

Right now, we urgently need more foster homes to provide care for dogs, cats, rabbits, and small animals. We also need volunteers to help with fundraising, transport, adoption events, and more.

**Can you help?** Even a few hours a month can make a huge difference! Whether you open your home to a foster pet, help drive an animal to safety, or lend your skills to fundraising, you become part of something life-changing.

Get Involved Today! Visit [MendingSpirits.org](http://MendingSpirits.org) to learn more!

A heartfelt thank you to the **North Mankato Activities & Business Association** for awarding us a grant in support of our Healing Heroes Program! Their generosity helps us continue connecting rescue animals with veterans, bringing healing and companionship to both.

Please visit our [Healing Heroes Program](#) page to donate and learn more about this work.

**\$1,000 GRANT RECEIVED**  
**THANK YOU**  
**North Mankato Activities & Business Association**  
for honoring veterans through our **Healing Heroes Program**

**HEALING HEROES PROGRAM**

**NORTH MANKATO ACTIVITIES & BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

*Cammie Bella*

Donate online by clicking or scanning your preferred method below! We also accept checks mailed to P.O. Box 475, Mankato, MN 56002.

*Every dollar brings us closer to giving each animal the love and care they deserve.*

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