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## Mending Spirits Spring 2026 Newsletter

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# Quarterly Report

## Spring 2026

What if the difference between life and loss... came down to a door opening?

Right now, as Mending Spirits Animal Rescue moves through the first months of 2026, we are facing one of the hardest truths of rescue: we cannot say “yes” without you. As a fully foster-based organization, every life we save depends entirely on someone choosing to open their home—even just temporarily. Without fosters, there is no rescue. There are only the animals we couldn’t reach in time.

That’s the weight of this moment. And it’s why we’re asking.

We know what holds people back. It’s the same thing that makes fostering so powerful in the first place: love. The fear of getting attached. The fear of goodbye. But ask any of our foster families, and they’ll tell you—fostering doesn’t end in heartbreak. It expands it. What begins as a temporary act of kindness often turns into something lasting and unexpectedly beautiful. Many of our fosters stay connected with adopters, watching the animals they loved continue to thrive, growing into lives they helped make possible. It’s not a goodbye—it’s a transformation. A handoff from one chapter of love to the next.

Fostering is not about perfection. It’s about presence. It’s about showing an animal what safety feels like, sometimes for the very first time. It’s about quiet moments, small victories, and the incredible privilege of watching fear turn into trust.

And right now, the need is urgent:

**Dogs**

We are in desperate need of fosters for dogs of all sizes, ages, and backgrounds. They don't need perfection—they need patience, consistency, and a place to land. Some need to learn the basics, some just need to exhale. Our most critical need is for whelping fosters and those able to care for mamas with puppies or entire litters. These are the moments where fostering quite literally saves multiple lives at once.

**Cats**

Our cats are critically waiting too. From tiny kittens to older souls, each one needs a safe space to rest and reset. We are especially in need of fosters willing to take in adult cats and those who need to be the only pet in the home—cats who are so often overlooked, but just as deserving of love and stability.

**Small Animals**

Our small animal program continues to grow, and with it, the need for compassionate fosters. We are currently seeking homes for all small animals with emphasis on rabbits and guinea pigs—gentle, often forgotten animals who rely on us just the same.

Every foster home creates space for another life to be saved. Every “yes” changes the outcome for an animal who otherwise wouldn't have had one.

You don't have to commit forever. You just have to begin.

**Here's where to begin:**

<https://www.mendingspirits.org/foster.html>

With heartfelt appreciation,

***Kristy***

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# MENDING SPIRITS RUMMAGE SALE!



**May 14-17**

**Thursday & Friday Noon-8pm**  
**Saturday & Sunday 8am-4pm**  
**½ Price Sunday Noon-4pm!**

**628 S Front St.  
 Mankato  
 Next door to  
 The Fillin' Station**



Mending Spirits Animal Rescue is a non-profit 501(c)(3)  
 100 percent volunteer foster based animal rescue in Mankato, MN and surrounding areas

## Shop to Save Lives!

Find amazing deals on clothing, home goods, and hidden treasures. Every dollar raised supports rescue, medical care, and second chances for animals in need.



### 🌷 Spring Pet Safety Tip 🌷

Spring planting season is here, but some common flowers and plants can be dangerous for pets. Check out the ASPCA's guide to toxic and non-toxic plants to help keep your furry family members safe this season.

[READ MORE](#)



### MSAR STATISTICS & FINANCIAL REPORT

Want a closer look at the impact your support is making? Check out our first quarter report for detailed intake, adoption, and fundraising numbers from January through March. Every number represents lives changed because of this community.

1st Quarter 2026



### Save the Date: A Curious Night Awaits!

Join us *down the rabbit hole* on **Friday, October 2, 2026, from 7–11 PM at Sky One Eleven**. Dress to impress, dance the night away, and enjoy a magical evening featuring a silent auction, Best Dressed Awards, and Prom Royalty—all to benefit Mending Spirits Animal Rescue.



#### Adopt

Looking for your next best friend? Browse our current adoptable animals and find your perfect match.

[ADOPT](#)



#### Donate

Support our rescue by scanning the QR code to give financially or click “Wishlist” to purchase essential supplies for the animals in our care.

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#### Upcoming Microchip Clinic

Help your pet find their way home. Stop by our Microchip Clinic on June 20th at Pet Expo—just \$25 per pet, no appointment needed.

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