





# Mission

Happy Tails' mission is to help sick, injured, abandoned and unwanted animals within the limits of our available resources; to seek suitable homes for animals without owners and to reunite lost animals with their owners; and to educate the community in the humane treatment of animals and prevent cruelty that may be inflicted upon them.

# Vision

Happy Tails Humane Society is guided by a humane ethic to build a community that universally values animals, understands their needs, and takes action to meet them.

Happy Tails will be a leader in working toward:

- Elimination of pet overpopulation and the euthanasia of adoptable animals.
- Providing quality temporary care to homeless animals then placing them in permanent loving homes.
- Educating the community on humane treatment and responsible guardianship of companion animals.
- Providing community outreach services to reduce shelter intake.

# Values

#### **Stewardship**

We manage and allocate all our resources to remain steadfast to our mission, to achieve the greatest good, and to ensure the future of our organization.

## **Quality of Care**

Our actions and decisions are based on providing the best medical care, shelter care, and services to the animals in our care. We respect the life of each individual animal, while focusing on the welfare of staff and volunteers, community, and the animal population as a whole.

### **Community Focus**

We enrich the Whiteside County area we serve by placing safe, healthy companion animals in responsible, loving homes.

### Respect

We treat all persons with dignity and respect in a nonjudgmental manner. The general public, our staff members and volunteers are all viewed as our partners in improving animal welfare and in fulfilling our mission.