



Be a Believer!

Join the Capital Campaign for Central Dakota Humane Society

A capital campaign to construct a new dog building and renovate our current building with the goal of rescuing more pets and serving more people.



Dear Friends of CDHS,

Central Dakota Humane Society has been helping stray, abandoned, neglected, and injured pets in the Bismarck-Mandan and central North Dakota area for more than 60 years. During that time, thousands of dogs and cats have been rescued, provided warm beds, nutritious food, a kind touch, socialization and training, and adopted into loving, forever homes.

Our capacity is taxed every day. We field phone calls from across North Dakota from folks who find stray pets, pet owners who want to relinquish their pets, other rescues, animal impound facilities, county sheriffs – and all want us to take in more pets that deserve another chance.

We are launching a capital campaign to build a new dog building and to renovate our current dog building to increase our capacity to help more pets in need. We are excited to get started on this worthy project that will allow us to rescue more pets and serve more people. This is the core of who we are and what we do – rescue and serve. We hope you'll join us as we build the future of CDHS together.

Working to help the pets in need,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerry Kemmet".

Jerry Kemmet, Board President

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Born at CDHS

Honorary Campaign Chair - BERK STROTHMAN

Berk Strothman has joined the movement as the honorary campaign chair. He has pledged a personal donation and encourages everyone to join together to Be A Believer in this needed campaign.

“I’m a Believer! For some 16 years my family and I have been fans and supporters of the Central Dakota Humane Society because of the very special community service that they provide through rescue, food, medical services, and safe sanctuary for all of our lovable pets. Incredibly, this service is all made possible by the volunteer Board of Directors, the Bismarck-Mandan community volunteers, and CDHS employees.

The CDHS campus continues to evolve and with that comes the need for a new dog shelter. The Board of Directors is responsibly managing this project, are proceeding with well thought out plans, and the fundraising is underway. They are seeking funds to make the dog shelter a reality.

**Be a believer. Feel good about giving!”
– Berk Strothman, Bismarck, N.D.**



Our Campaign Committee

Berk Strothman - Honorary Campaign Chair - 701-202-9933

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To donate or pledge, please contact one our Campaign Committee Members. Pledges can be paid over multiple years and naming opportunities can be customized.

Who is CDHS?

Central Dakota Humane Society is a private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, with oversight provided by a volunteer Board of Directors. CDHS receives no federal, state, or local funding. We are sustained by individual memberships, donations from community members, adoption fees, fundraising events, gifts from businesses, memorial donations, and foundation grants. We rely on our community to help us save and enrich the lives of the pets in our care.

Our humble roots grew out of the League for Animal Welfare, established in 1960. In 1994, we purchased our original building three miles north of Mandan and became Central Dakota Humane Society. Our current dog building was added in 2000. In 2017, our cat/administrative office building was constructed and we bid farewell to our original structure that was literally crumbling around us.

We serve Bismarck-Mandan and surrounding communities in a 100-mile radius. We work in conjunction with local animal impounds, county sheriffs, other shelters and rescues, and local veterinarians to help pets in need.

CDHS exists to save lives, provide education and assistance, and match pets with their forever families. We are a needed and essential part of our community. The need for our services has existed for the past 60-plus years and will most certainly continue long into the future.

Serving People

Beyond saving pets, one of our primary goals is to help prevent pets from entering the shelter/rescue system in the first place. We do this with two programs.

Buddy's Bowl Program helps to fill the bowls of pets in need. We work with businesses and donors to receive pet food and with human aid organizations where we distribute it to those who need it.

In 2024, we provided:

Dogs: 58,446 meals

Cats: 111,791 meals



Spay/Neuter Assistance Program: In 2024, we provided **1,115** SNAP coupons to people in central North Dakota. That means 1,115 cats and dogs did not reproduce. Overpopulation of pets continues to burden the animal shelter/rescue system and inundates local animal impound agencies.



Volunteers and visitors find solace at CDHS

CDHS is a destination. We are a place for visitors to take a breath and enjoy the peace and love that animals bring to our lives. Folks come here to volunteer, visit, socialize with staff and other volunteers, walk with a dog, snuggle with a kitten, and find their happy place.

Volunteers have many different reasons for offering their time to the animals and humans at the shelter. Some want exercise, some want the emotional boost that volunteering brings, some cannot have pets of their own and get their 'fur fix' by helping shelter critters. Many know the importance of giving back to their community and CDHS makes it easy to get involved.

During 2024, our amazing family of volunteers provided more than **10,500 hours!**

Not only do we offer volunteer opportunities, we also provide a place for community members to visit. We welcome school tours, people of all abilities, memory care outings, scouting groups looking for projects, and families who just want to spend some quality time together.



How can we help more pets?

CDHS is a final destination shelter, meaning that when we rescue an animal, it remains with us until it is adopted. We do not routinely transport pets to other rescues or shelters and we do not euthanize for space. This means we work within our shelter capacity, which is currently 32 dogs and 75 cats at any given time.

Constructing a new dog building and repurposing our old building will nearly double our capacity for dogs and provide additional quarantine space for cats, meaning we can save more kitties too.



Veterinary Care

Veterinary care is proving to be our number one hurdle in moving animals into their forever homes. Shelter pets must receive a rabies vaccine administered by a licensed vet and then be held for a 10-day quarantine hold. Area vet clinics are impossibly busy, with wait times for spay/neuters spanning four to six weeks.

Employing or contracting with a veterinarian for in-house services will allow CDHS to immediately provide rabies vaccinations and health checks, shorten our quarantine period, and more quickly spay and neuter the shelter pets. Shortened times will equal pets moving into homes faster, which will allow us to rescue more animals in need.

The proposed veterinary space in our new building will allow us to help more shelter animals and possibly offer discounted spaying/neutering services to other local rescues, allowing them to adopt out their pets more quickly as well.



THE FUTURE

In an effort to save more animals in need and address the overwhelming problem of homeless pets in our area, the Central Dakota Humane Society Board of Directors has elected to pursue a capital campaign to construct a new dog building with increased space and updated amenities.

We will:

- Increase capacity for rescued dogs
- Increase adoptions
- Increase capacity for quarantined and ill cats
- Reduce animal stress
- Reduce noise levels
- Improve safety for public viewing of dogs
- Build community engagement
- Recruit more volunteers

The capital campaign project has been seeded with funds from a few estate gifts, along with donations from other generous donors. These folks all had a deep love for pets and wanted to do something to help those less fortunate. We are working to fulfill their dreams.

We need YOU! Please join us as a believer of this important project as we rescue the pets in desperate need and set them on a path to their second chance. We are grateful for all gifts.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Forty larger sized dog kennels in a 16,000 square-foot building – along with 16 kennels in our current dog building that will be used for quarantine which will nearly double our capacity for dogs
- Acquaintance rooms where potential adopters can spend time getting to know their future pet (Room pods are joined by retractable walls so that the space can be opened up and used for volunteer classes, education programs, enrichment activities, group dog and puppy play time, tour presentations, and other events.)
- Accessible public and staff restrooms
- Inviting reception area that will funnel visitors to the dog kennel area where they can safely view the dogs
- Multi-purpose community room that can be used for training classes, children’s activities, and will be available for other organizations to use for meetings
- Laundry, dog wash/grooming, food preparation, indoor exercise space, and enrichment stations situated close to kennels to streamline operations
- Fire suppression system to ensure the safety of pets and people
- A dog wash/grooming area with a dog exercise slat mill, as well as an aqua treadmill for rehab therapy
- In-house veterinarian surgical suite, exam rooms, and recovery area used to provide routine medical care and spaying and neutering of CDHS animals and possibly animals from other rescues
- Whelping room for pregnant and nursing momma dogs
- Covered play yards to provide safe and temperate space for dog recreation
- Break room available to staff and volunteers for eating and recharging
- Industry-standard water access, drainage, flooring, sanitation, air handling systems, ventilation, acoustics, and daylighting to promote pet and staff wellness, reduce stress, and prevent the spread of disease
- Divided hallway sections with multiple air handling systems to prevent the spread of disease and reduce noise
- Remodel of current dog building to use for quarantined dogs with a separate quarantine and ventilated area for cats with ringworm and illnesses, allowing for an increased capacity of cats
- Space for retail sales, providing a convenience for visitors and adopters, and an income source for the shelter
- A public park space, east of the CDHS shelter, with walking trails, benches, and beautification that can be used by CDHS volunteers and the general public



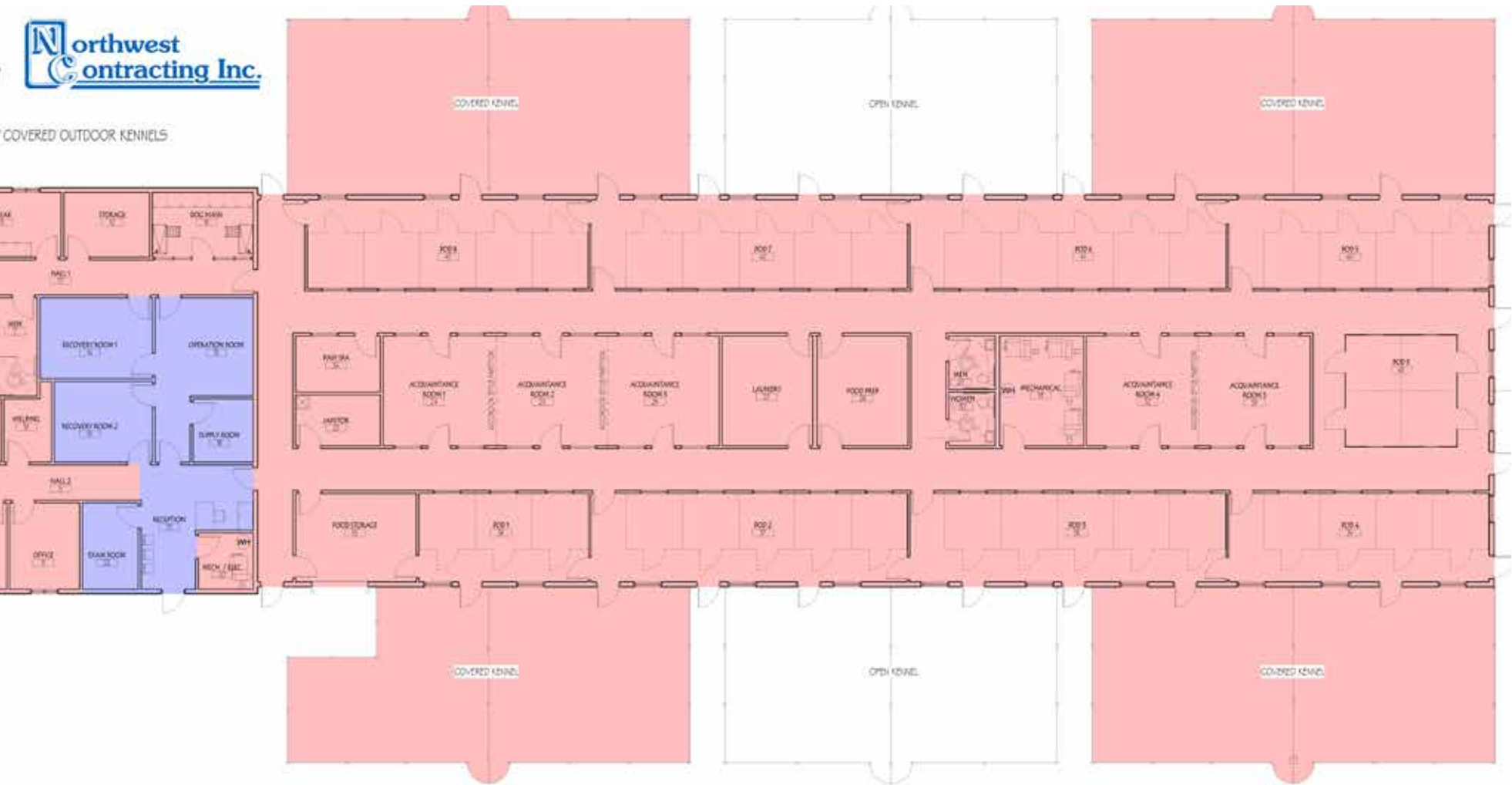
LEGEND:

PHASE 1 - OFFICE / KENNEL BUILDING

PHASE 2 - VETERINARIAN OFFICE



COVERED OUTDOOR KENNELS



PHASE 1: \$3.5M

Completion of Building, Dog Spaces, and People Spaces

PHASE 2: \$500K

Veterinarian Space and Equipment

PHASE 3: \$500K

Park, Walking Paths, and Beautification of Property

TOTAL = \$4.5M



LOBBY



ENLARGED KENNEL



OUTDOOR PLAY YARDS



SHELTER DOG WASH



ACQUAINTANCE ROOMS



SURGICAL SUITE

BE A BELIEVER!

This campaign will raise the \$4.5 million needed to translate our dreams into reality. The campaign is an extraordinary opportunity to celebrate the animals that enrich our lives every day. Our future will be built with gifts from generous people like you who understand and want to support the needs of stray, abandoned, and neglected pets. You can help us save lives and leave a legacy.

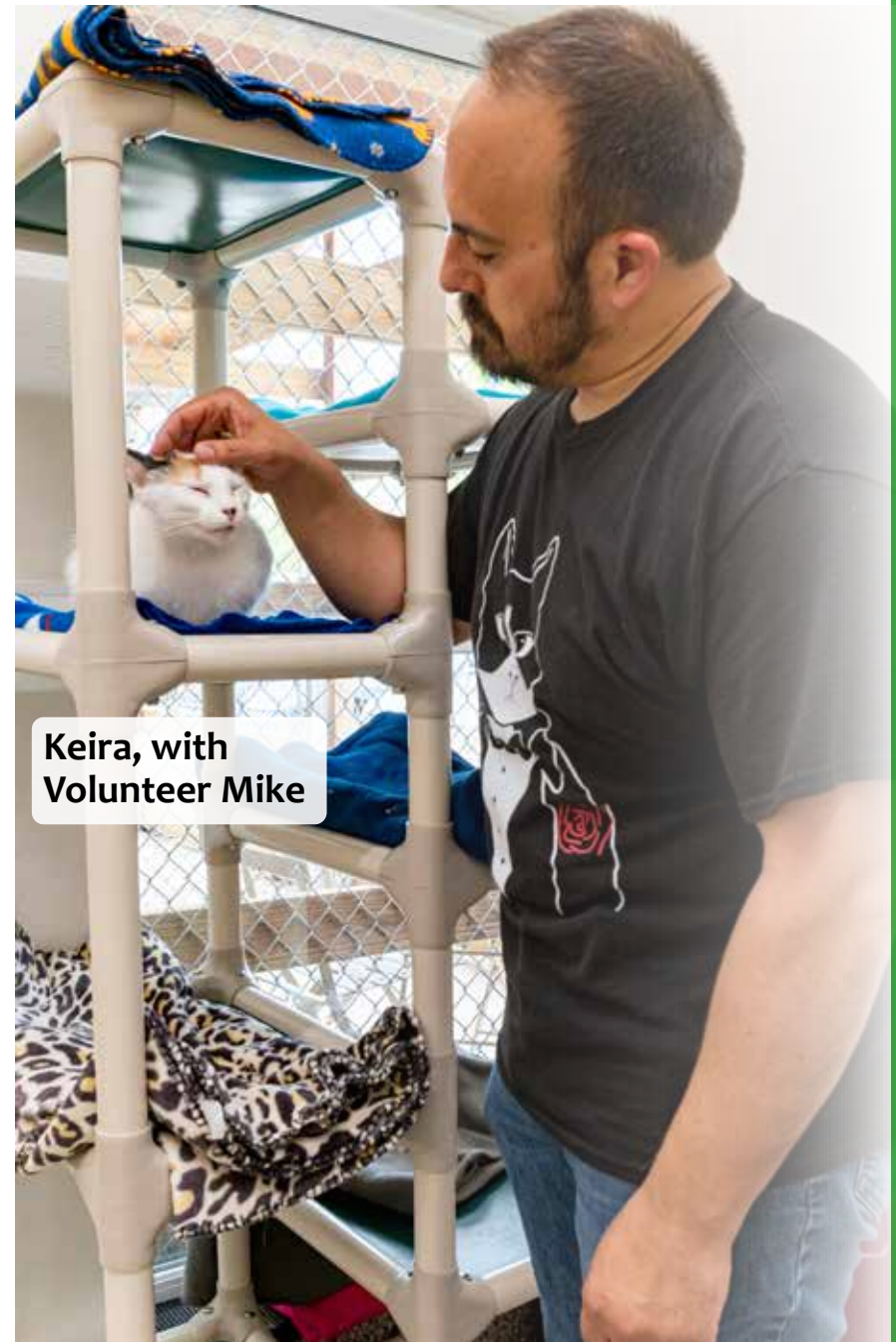
Naming Opportunities

Shelter Building	\$1,000,000
Veterinary Clinic Surgical and Recovery Suite.....	\$500,000
Lobby (Fulfilled)	\$250,000
Community Room (Fulfilled)	\$250,000
Gift Shop (Fulfilled)	\$150,000
Park (Fulfilled)	\$150,000
Walking Paths (5 sections)	\$10,000 each
Memorial Benches (10)	\$5,000 each
Memorial Trees (50).....	\$1,500 each
Quarantine Building Remodel (Fulfilled).....	\$100,000
Acquaintance Rooms (5)	\$20,000 each
Covered Dog Play Yards (4).....	\$20,000 each
Individual Dog Kennels (40)	\$3,000 each

Any donor who contributes to the items above or gives a general donation will be added to the

Donor Appreciation Wall in the following categories:

\$250,000 and above	\$5,000 to \$9,999
\$100,000 to \$249,999	\$2,500 to \$4,999
\$50,000 to \$99,999	Electronic recognition:
\$25,000 to \$49,999	\$1,000 to \$2,499
\$10,000 to \$24,999	\$500 to \$999
	\$250 to \$499



Keira, with
Volunteer Mike



Dorothy, with
Volunteer Michelle