

Annual Report of Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc.



Reporting Period: August 23rd – December 31st 2021 (Post-Incorporation)

And

February 2020 – August 23rd 2021 (Pre-Incorporation)

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Scope of This Report

In the 2021 Calendar Year, Lucky Penny Rescue Network formalized into a not-for-profit small business registered in Texas and began taking steps towards Federal 501(c)(3) status. On August 23rd 2021, Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. established a Non-Profit Small Business Bank Account with IBC Bank in Laredo Texas. After that date, all financial transactions have been conducted via the official IBC Bank account.

As part of our goal for transparency, Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. will produce annual reports detailing all activities within the calendar year of January 1st – December 31st. All reports will be made publicly available on our website once approved by the Board of Directors for public release. This first report will follow a slightly different format to subsequent reports, primarily focusing on a smaller period of time from August 23rd – December 31st 2021, which is the period of time covering all financial transactions conducted after incorporation as a not-for-profit small business in Texas and via the official not-for-profit bank account. However, records will also be provided for the time prior to incorporation as part of our aim to have complete transparency around our operations.

For any questions about this report, please send an email to the report author, President, Co-Founder and Director of Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. Kate A. Houston-Powers at LPRN.Laredo@gmail.com.

Overview of Activities

In February of 2020 we rescued our first dog in collaboration with Companion Pets of Cleveland, a 501(c)(3) registered organization in Cleveland, Ohio. Companion Pets of Cleveland wanted to tag a dog from the Laredo City Shelter, however the dog needed a quarantine period prior to transport and required foster care. This was the beginning of a relationship that, almost one year later, provided the catalyst for Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. to form. Companion Pets of Cleveland have continued as our rescue partner with our two organizations working together to identify dogs on the euthanasia list at the Laredo City Shelter. Once released from the shelter, Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. fosters the dog, ensures they receive any immediate medical treatment that they need, and stabilizes them after release from the shelter. Typically, the dogs we release are malnourished and have parasites, so Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. fosters them while they are undergoing veterinary care and socialization. Once the dog is medically cleared for transport by the veterinary clinic we work with, we start to work with a volunteer transport network who transport the dog from Texas up to Ohio over the course of 3 days. Once in Ohio, the dog is sterilized, any required behavioral training is completed, and the dog is put up for adoption.

In 2021, after 1 year of operation, we took steps to legally formalize Lucky Penny Rescue Network: we registered as a not-for-profit small business in the State of Texas and became Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. Shortly after receiving approvals for not-for-profit status in Texas we began the process of applying for federal 501(c)(3) status. At the time of writing this report, all paperwork has been submitted to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status and we are awaiting a determination.

In 2020, our first year, we rescued eight dogs from the euthanasia list at the Laredo City Shelter, with Companion Pets of Cleveland. In 2021, our second year of operation, we rescued 13 dogs with Companion Pets of Cleveland. Between the months of August and December 2021, with August marking

the start of incorporation and the non-for-profit bank account, we rescued four of those 13 dogs. It should be noted that while the official bank account was opened in August of 2021, we did not rescue our first dog post-incorporation until September 2021. Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. is a small-volume dog rescue, we rescue one dog at a time, we typically foster each dog for 4-6 weeks until they are medically cleared for transport, and we have an annual income below \$10,000. We do not pay salaries or benefits to any member of the Board of Directors or volunteers.

Financial Costs, Categories of Expenses and Donations

Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc.'s first official expense after incorporation in August of 2021, was on September 13th 2021, and it was an intake medical exam for Daisy, which involved examination, fecal test, and medication. The last transaction of the year occurred on December 28th 2021, and it was for a blood-work re-check for Pierre. A breakdown of expenses can be found below:

Total Expenses Between September 13th – December 28th 2021: \$2,073.18

Categories of Expenses:

- Of the \$2,073.18 in total expenses, \$1,996.52 was spent on veterinary services for the dogs in our rescue. Those services begin with intake processing which is typically a hands-on exam and fecal test with de-wormer medication if needed. All dogs then have a second examination the week before transport, which involves a hands-on exam, checking of vaccine status, confirmation of microchip and confirmation that any medical issues the dog is being treated for have been resolved. After a successful exam, a health certificate is issued for each dog stating they are fully vaccinated at levels required for their age and are free of infectious diseases. The health certificate then accompanies the dog on transport to their receiving rescue, Companion Pets of Cleveland. While exams and de-wormer are our usual veterinary expenses, we also have non-standard expenses depending on what the dog requires, such as puppy series vaccinations, emergency c-section surgery, and/or hospitalization.
- The remaining \$76.66 in expenses was spent on name tags, collars, harnesses, leashes, and dog food purchases.

Total Donations Between August 23rd – December 24th 2021: \$1968.54

Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. received its first donation after incorporation on August 23rd 2021 via personal check of \$100, which was a required opening transaction for the official not-for-profit bank account. The last donation was received via PayPal on December 24th 2021. A breakdown of the companies used to collect donations to Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. can be found below along with total donations received from each:

PayPal: \$684.78

VENMO: \$278.99

Go Fund Me: \$904.77

Personal Check: \$100

Salaries, Wages, Benefits, Compensation

Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. does not pay salaries, wages or benefits to its Directors or volunteers. No form of compensation is paid to the Board of Directors, volunteers or anyone associated with our rescue operations.

All donations made to Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. go directly to the costs associated with operating the rescue.

Table 1: Finances Prior to Incorporation (Before Inc.) and After Incorporation (After Inc.)

	Year		
	2020 Before Inc.	2021 Before Inc.	2021 After Inc.
Donations In (\$)	2,708.10	2383.99	1968.54
Expenses Out (\$)	2361.18	2586.00	2073.18
Rollover Funds (\$)	346.18	346.18	144.17
Deficit (\$)	0	202.01	104.64
Funds Remaining (\$)	346.18	144.17	39.53

Table 1. outlines the financial operations of Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. before and after incorporation. Table 1. displays the total amount, in dollars, of donations received and expenses paid out across the operating periods. Table 1. also details if there was a deficit (meaning expenses paid out were higher than donations coming in) and whether any funds were left over at the end of the reporting period and were thus rolled over into the next reporting period. Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. is not-for-profit organization. With that in mind, our organization operates on a small budget: when we have the finances, we rescue a dog from the shelter and spend as much time and money as we need to rehabilitate that dog before transport to the dog’s receiving rescue. Therefore, we operate on small margins and do not leave money to accumulate in our bank account. This philosophy is evident in our financial records, with a very small financial cushion in our rescue bank account at the end of each reporting period.

The Dogs of Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc.

Below is a brief summary of the dogs we have rescued from the euthanasia list at the Laredo City Shelter within the reporting period. Due to the unique nature of this report, which covers the two time periods of after incorporation and before, information on the dogs rescued will be presented in the same manner.

Dogs Rescued After Incorporation: August 23rd – December 2022.

Daisy: September - October 2021



Daisy was the first dog we rescued after formal incorporation and opening of the official bank accounts at the end of August 2021. Daisy is a 5-year-old Corgi Mix.

When she first came to us on September 13th, 2021, Daisy was a little shy and nervous. But, after taking some time to adjust to life outside the shelter she blossomed into a fun-loving little lady. Daisy is great around children, has a healthy avoidance approach to cats, is house trained, spayed and fully vaccinated. In other words, we think she is pretty much the perfect dog.

On October 16th 2021, just over a month after she came to us, Daisy went on transport up to Ohio and Companion Pets of Cleveland, where she was adopted into a wonderful home. We are so happy and excited for sweet Daisy to start her new life.

Captain Jack and Pepper: September – December 2021



Captain Jack (back, male) and Pepper (front, female) are two Labrador-mix puppies who we rescued from the euthanasia list at our city shelter on September 29th, 2021.

When they first came to us, Captain Jack and Pepper were 2 months old, around 8lbs each, and had bloated bellies full of worms. After a regimen of de-wormer, and a lot of clean up and laundry, they got rid of those pesky parasites and went from strength to strength.

Captain Jack and Pepper stayed with us until they were 5 months old, they more than tripled in size, and became fit, healthy, mayhem-causing Labrador puppies. Captain Jack loves to snuggle up on the couch and have his ears rubbed. Pepper loves belly rubs but is happiest laying at your feet, chewing on a chew toy and keeping a close eye on everything.

Captain Jack and Pepper traveled to Ohio and the wonderful Companion Pets of Cleveland in early December 2021. They both went home on foster-to-adopt contracts until they were spayed/neutered. After they were sterilized their adoption contracts finalized. They are both in wonderful homes and we are so happy for them.

We loved our time with these two, and while their training needs to be continued by their new families, we have no doubt that given how smart and attentive they are, these former stray street dogs will have no trouble finishing their "puppy education" in their new homes.

Pierre: October 2021 – January 2022



When we rescued Pierre, we believed him to be a young (around 1-2-years-old), toy poodle. Pierre came into our rescue from the euthanasia list on October 19th, 2021. When Pierre first came into rescue, he had some medical needs stemming from neglect which needed to be addressed - his coat was overgrown and matted, he had an infection from an open wound, and he had broken teeth as well as a crooked jaw. We took Pierre straight to our vet who recommended crate rest and started him on pain medications and antibiotics. We shaved down his coat and gave Pierre time for rest and recuperation. Happily, Pierre's broken teeth did not cause him any problems and gave him a beautiful, unique smile. After being in foster care for 5 weeks, Pierre was finally healthy and confident enough for a professional groom, which revealed the fun, happy little dog in this photo.

Pierre's personality transformed, from the sad dog who wouldn't look at us when we first rescued him, into a little goofball who will bring all of his toys and lay them in a pile at our feet for playtime, with his tail wagging so strongly that his whole body wags with it. Unfortunately, the very morning that Pierre was due to have his pre-transport health check on December 10th, 2021, 6 weeks after being released from the shelter, Pierre collapsed. We rushed him to our veterinary clinic where he was hospitalized immediately. Pierre's body was in crisis and he required 4 days of hospitalization. Pierre survived that crisis, and while an exact diagnosis is still somewhat elusive, we believe Pierre had an autoimmune reaction to Tick Disease, which subsequently caused his own immune system to attack his red and white blood cells and platelets. In the weeks after his hospitalization, Pierre continued to be under close medical care of our veterinary clinic, on regular medication and with regular bloodwork. His blood cell counts remained low however, and we struggled to get him to a point where we could call him stabilized and fully recovered. In early January 2022, after realizing how happy Pierre was in his current foster home, and how well integrated he had become with the resident "pack", one of the co-founders of Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. who was fostering Pierre, decided to formally adopt him. His current home is experienced with hospice care for medically challenging dogs, and this way Pierre would not have to go through the stress of transport, a new foster home, and then a new adoptive home while still medically unstable. At all levels of both Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. and our rescue partner Companion Pets of Cleveland, there was overwhelming support for this decision. Adopting Pierre into his foster home would also allow Pierre to continue to receive medical care from the veterinarians who have been managing his medical issues since they first surfaced. Also, by this point, we were completely in love with this little medical mystery box of a dog. Since being formally adopted, Pierre has continued to receive regular medical treatment, with frequent vet visits. He has experienced 2 seizure events, has been hospitalized twice, and due to more in-depth diagnostic testing we have discovered that he is an elderly fellow at around 10 years old.

Dogs of Lucky Penny Rescue Pre-Incorporation (February 2020 – August 2021)

Jewels: February – March 2020



Jewels was our first dog - at 1-year-old this Husky/Collie cross found herself on the euthanasia list. We called her our "Hollie Dog".

We named Jewels after our friend who saw Jewels' photo on our Facebook feed and shared it with her mom, who fosters for Companion Pets of Cleveland. Shortly afterwards, we got a note saying, "hey, we can take that dog!" and off we went. Jewels was successfully adopted through Companion Pets of Cleveland to a wonderful home and enjoys many outdoor adventures with her new human.

Rocky: March 2020



Rocky is a boxer/bulldog cross who was estimated to be 1-year-old. Rocky was labelled as aggressive and found himself on the euthanasia list. Charlene, Co-Founder of Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc., took one look at him and fell in love. Luckily for Rocky, Charlene has lots of experience with big, powerful dogs and requested video footage of Rocky from the shelter. After reviewing the footage, she decided he wasn't aggressive; rather, he was just very excited and had no manners. So, we took a chance and got Rocky out. Charlene fostered him and taught him some good behavior. Rocky never showed one hint of aggression and was a happy, goofy, big boy who simply needed someone to tell him how to behave. Rocky was adopted through Companion Pets of Cleveland into a wonderful family and has a long and happy life full of love ahead of him.

Rhona: July – August 2020



Rhona showed up on the doorstep of our Co-Founder Charlene's home. Rhona was matted, thin, and had patches of fur missing. She also had a feisty attitude that made us fall in love with her instantly.

Rhona had no collar and no microchip. After spending weeks exhausting all avenues to try and find her original humans, Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. officially took Rhona in. Rhona had some medical issues we had to overcome, but once we were through those Companion Pets of Cleveland found Rhona the perfect home, with doggie siblings she can boss around to her heart's content. All hail Princess Rhona, the most wonderful, scrappy little dog.

Bindi: August – October 2020

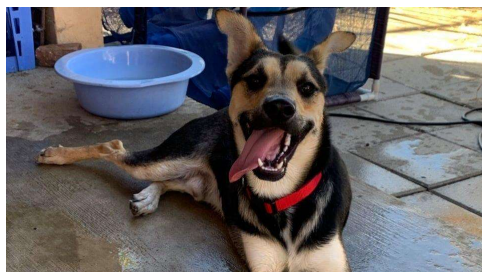


Bindi was a 9-year-old Aussie Shepherd who was surrendered by her owners to the city shelter. Shortly thereafter she found herself on the euthanasia list.

We don't know what circumstances led to Bindi being at the shelter, but when she came to us, she was emaciated and terrified. We named her Bindi, a popular Aussie name that means Butterfly, which we hoped would be a good symbol of transformation for this wonderful dog.

After having the time to decompress here at Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. for a couple of months, and getting the medical care she needed, Bindi made her way up to Ohio. Companion Pets of Cleveland found her a wonderful home to see out her golden years. Six months after rescue Bindi suffered from kidney failure that was sadly catastrophic, and 10 months after arriving in her wonderful forever home Bindi crossed the rainbow bridge. We are so glad that Bindi knew such a kind and loving home, and that she was surrounded by people who she loved and who loved her in her final moments.

Bruce: November 2020



Bruce is a 1-year-old German Shepherd Mix who was surrendered to the city shelter by a landlord after his owner died and there was no one else to look after him. After around 3 weeks at the shelter with no adoption interest, Bruce found himself on the euthanasia list.

Bruce is a happy, goofy, sociable and high energy dog. Bruce has a lot of love to give and needed a forever home who can drain his energy with long walks and lots of activity.

Bruce was tagged by Companion Pets of Cleveland and, once he passed his quarantine period and was checked over by our vets, he made his way up to Ohio. The vet tech who assisted on his neuter surgery fell in love with his goofy ears and ended up adopting him. Bruce has a ranch to run on and a Pointer doggy brother who matches his energy levels to play with. He is extremely happy in his new home.

Dasher and Dancer: December 2020 – January 2021



Dasher and Dancer are Red-Heeler mix puppies who were picked up by Animal Control as strays when they were around 6 weeks old.

They came to us with little to no socialization, and they were full of worms. Chew toys were key to teaching them manners. Both boys are high-energy and even after an intense play session, would run around with the zoomies before falling asleep wherever they were.

They are also incredibly smart and love having a job – we made that job “training”. By time they left us, they understood the basics of house training and only had a few accidents a week, and they knew their names as well as "Sit" "Shake" "Down" and "Place" (to go to his kennel at the end of the day to sleep). Stay was a work in progress as they would get so excited and want to run up to us for praise. Dasher and Dancer were adopted into wonderful forever homes and live out their best lives in Ohio thanks to Companion Pets of Cleveland.

Blitzen: December 2020 – January 2021



Blitzen is a red heeler mix who we tagged from the city shelter as part of our “Save a dog for Christmas” drive in 2020. Blitzen was approximately 1-and-a-half-years-old when we tagged him. Blitzen had been picked up as a stray by Animal Control with Dasher and Dancer. At first Blitzen was labelled as female by the city shelter, and so we thought he might be Mama to Dasher and Dancer since they were picked up together and so we tagged him, as we couldn’t bear the thought that we had taken the puppies and left Mama behind. However, when we picked Blitzen up from the shelter we discovered that he is a male dog. It did not matter to us though and we took him into foster care.

Blitzen was scared when he first came into our care. He would jump and shake uncontrollably at doors or sudden noises, he refused to go anywhere near the kitchen for a first few days in his foster home, and sudden movements sent him running into the corner of the room to hide. Happily, after a

month of decompression time, Blitzen started to shine. He grew in confidence, worked out what a couch was and how wonderful they are to snuggle on, and the rest is history! Blitzen is a high energy dog who really benefitted from the structure of a routine and being able to anticipate his environment. Blitzen needed a home which could offer him the time and patience to finish decompressing from his previous life (which can take many months).

After arriving in Ohio with Companion Pets of Cleveland, being neutered and then adopted, Blitzen started to exhibit behavioral issues – he began to guard his food, and growl at his new humans. The family who had adopted Blitzen realized they could not offer him the home he needed, and fortunately they reached out to Companion Pets of Cleveland, who took Blitzen back in immediately. After a few months working with an animal behaviorist and a trainer, Blitzen was adopted by a retired police dog handler, which was perfect for him. Blitzen went into his new home with behavioral and training support provided by Companion Pets of Cleveland, and he flourished in his new environment.

Neo: February – March 2021



Neo is an approximately 2-year-old Heeler mix who we think he has some Pointer in him. Neo was very scared at the shelter and spent most of his time there hiding in the back of his kennel. Unfortunately, this meant that Neo was constantly overlooked when it came to adoptions, and so he found himself on the euthanasia list.

We picked Neo up in February of 2021, just as a severe winter storm hit Texas. After a week in foster care our timid, scared boy relaxed and transformed into a wonderful, goofy, playful and affectionate dog.

Neo went on volunteer transport up to Ohio in early March 2021 and was adopted into a wonderful forever home of a family of four, with two children who adore Neo and play games with him constantly. We could not be happier for Neo and the wonderful life that he is now living.

Ziggy: February – March 2021



Ziggy is a 2-year-old pug who we rescued from the high-kill city shelter here in Laredo in February of 2021. Ziggy had chronic ear infections when he joined our rescue, but after a few weeks of treatment we were able to overcome them and restore Ziggy to being a happy, healthy, goofy young dog, who was ready for transport to Companion Pets of Cleveland in March of 2021. Ziggy's foster home in Ohio fell in love with him just as much as we did, and they decided to formally adopt him. We are so excited for sweet Ziggy and for all the brilliant adventures which are ahead for him.

Stella: May – June 2021



Stella is a 3.5-year-old Maltese/Poodle mix who was picked up by animal control as a stray on April 22nd 2021. Stella had a microchip but when animal control attempted to use the information on the chip, they found out that the phone number was disconnected, and the address had not been lived in for some time. Once Stella's microchip hold of 3 weeks had expired, she was tagged by a different Texas rescue but, sadly, their transport filled up faster than they anticipated, and they were unable to take Stella at the last minute.

All of this sadness has a happy ending, however, as it meant that we had the great fortune of meeting this wonderful, lovely, very good girl. We tagged Stella from the euthanasia list, and she came home with us in the middle of May after being at the Shelter for almost a month. Stella had some minor health issues: a large scab on her chest from an old wound and some conjunctivitis. However, after receiving excellent care from the wonderful vets here in Laredo, she healed up nicely. Stella left Laredo for Companion Pets of Cleveland in early June. Stella's forever home had fallen in love with her before they even met and eagerly entered into a foster-to-adopt contract with Stella upon her arrival in Ohio. This kind of contract finalizes after the animal has been sterilized. Stella settled in her new home as if she had always been there. Once she had been spayed, her adoption was finalized. Stella lives a very spoiled life now, and we are so happy for her.

Pixie: May – August 2021, Frank & Nara: June – August 2021.



Pixie: Pixie is a small terrier mix who is somewhere in the 12-18 months age range. Pixie and Stella were kennel mates at the city shelter here in Laredo, and we picked them up together in May

2021. Unfortunately, their original rescue tag fell through, but luckily for us their tag fell through on the exact same day we were in contact with the shelter about going to walk the kennels to find our next rescue dog. The shelter asked if instead, we could help Stella or Pixie since they were suddenly without a tag and thus were suddenly scheduled for euthanasia. We couldn't choose between them, so we took both!

We jokingly refer to Pixie as our “dog smuggler in chief” because, unbeknownst to us, Pixie was pregnant when we rescued her. We discovered Pixie’s pregnancy thanks to our rescue intake vet check. Around 3 weeks after coming into our rescue, Pixie delivered 2 beautiful puppies (with the help of our amazing vet and vet team who performed an emergency c-section). Pixie was spayed during her emergency c-section and, once her babies were 13 weeks old and weaned, she left our care and travelled to Ohio and Companion Pets of Cleveland. Pixie was adopted into a wonderful home by people who love her very much.

Frank and Nara: Frank and Nara are Pixie’s puppies and were the first puppies to be born into Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. Frank and Nara who were born on June 10th 2021 and had a rather dramatic entrance into this world after Pixie went into pre-term labor and was unable to birth them on her own due to their size. Thanks to the incredible, life-saving skills of our wonderful veterinary team, both Pixie and the puppies came through the experience alive and well. However, after the emergency C-Section, Mama Pixie was completely overwhelmed and needed us to step in and care for the puppies for the first 3 days of their lives. Once everything settled down again Pixie gradually took over more and more of the parenting and within 2 weeks she was caring for these little ones 100% of the time.

Frank and Nara thrived under Pixie’s care and developed completely different personalities - Frank (lighter coat) became adventurous, fearless and eternally curious - he was the first to leave the whelping box, the first to bark, the first to climb up onto the couch (and the first to jump off it).

Nara, (darker coat) is our snuggler - he’s happiest crawling into your lap, squeezing his head into the crook of your arm, and taking a nap. Nara became a follower and would constantly watching what Frank was doing. Nara was incredibly smart and picked up on training extremely quickly. He was the first puppy to learn his name and come when called, and he was the first to learn that hands are not teething toys.

Frank and Nara travelled to Companion Pets of Cleveland in Ohio with Mama Pixie when they were 13 weeks old. Companion Pets of Cleveland found them wonderful forever homes that perfectly matched their individual personalities. Due to their age, Frank and Nara were on foster-to-adopt contracts for quite a few months until they were old enough to be sterilized. Foster-to-adopt contracts allow their new families to experience all the joys of puppyhood and allow Frank and Nara to grow up with their families, learning all the important training lessons they need to become happy, healthy, balanced dogs, while they wait to be sterilized. Once sterilized their foster-to-adopt contacts finalized and they officially joined their forever homes.

Report Conclusion

This is the first annual report of Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. a not-for-profit small business in Texas. At the time of submitting this report, Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. has submitted all required documentation for review to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status. In our efforts to achieve transparency

of our operations, we will produce annual reports for each year of operations (each year runs from January 1st – December 31st). This first report is unique, in that it presents not only the information from our initial period of operations after incorporation as a not-for-profit small business in Texas, but it also presents the information on our operations before that period of incorporation.

This report was reviewed by all members of the Board of Directors for Lucky Penny Rescue Network Inc. and was approved for public release at a Board Meeting on April 27th 2022.

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