



Paws to Read

May 2014

Dear Friends of the Humane Society of Portage County,

What have we been doing to improve the services we provide to our animals?

Shelter animals arrive as strays or are surrendered by their current owners. Many of these animals have pre-existing dental problems that can include teeth being loose, discolored, tartar coated, painful or sensitive to the touch. These problems are identified during the intake exam by our certified veterinarian technicians. Our veterinary staff anesthetizes and performs the necessary dental procedures. After the procedures, pictures and graphics are posted on the animals' cage that explain the improvements.

In 2013 we used donations to acquire the equipment needed to do teeth cleaning for our adoptable animals. Animal dental work can be expensive so having the cleaning done provides an excellent start for a new adoption family and their pet.

Our animal care staff have improved our canine feeding system. Dogs of different ages and weights require different types of food. The weight and age of each dog is matched to a feeding chart that ensures the correct quantity and food type is dispensed. The system helps to prevent over feeding.

To improve our animal care practices, the veterinary staff have begun to use an assessment tool designed by the University of California - Davis. This tool allows the veterinary team members to compare our process to established guidelines. The results provide indicators of "Good Practices" or "Risk Alerts". The areas that are being examined include:

- Feline Enrichment and Behavior – helps to determine the shelter environment needed for cats to stay healthier, mentally and physically.
- Feline and Canine Vaccines – helps to ensure the right kind of vaccine is used, handled in the right way, and given at the right time, helps to eliminate some severe diseases and reduces the frequency and severity of others.
- Vaccine Handling – the way vaccines are handled can be just as important to animal health as how the vaccines are administered.
- Monitoring and Response – helps identify needs or problems early, as they begin to develop, so interventions can happen while things are still manageable.

Our adoption staff have improved adoption processes. These changes have been successful in increasing our adoption rates. Pictures and information about the adoptive animals are on display and as adoption applications are received and approved, the animals' status gets updated with "I have an application" or "I'm being adopted" stickers.

We love the animals we serve. This update gives you a glimpse of the efforts we are making to give our sheltered animals the best possible care. Each dollar you donate and each volunteer hour you invest helps to achieve our mission *"to prevent cruelty, abuse, neglect and overpopulation of companion animals while seeking adoption of these animals into compatible homes, and teaching humans awareness and respect for all life thus helping to build a better community."*

Ron Blaha, Executive Director



Our Wish List

Our special needs are:

7 foot animal trailer (needed to transport larger animals and farm animals)

Lockable storage space (approx. 12 foot by 20 foot to store disaster recovery materials – minimum of 5 miles away from our Humane Society)

Two sections of chain link fence to connect our building to our outdoor kennels

Wall mountable cupboards so we can store towels above our stray kennels. They must be plastic so they can be washed and sterilized.

Our medical needs are:

Dental Extraction Equipment

Dental / surgical drill

Centrifuge

Surgery packs

Our everyday needs are:

Canned dog food

Adult and kitten dry food (urgent need)

(Iams, Royal Canin, Purina Pro Plan)

Canned cat food (urgent need)

(Fancy Feast classic, Friskies pate)

Cat toys

Dog toys

KMR Kitten Milk Replacer

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to prevent cruelty, abuse, neglect and overpopulation of companion animals while seeking adoption of these animals into compatible homes, and teaching humans awareness and respect for all life thus helping to build a better community.

New Volunteer Opportunity

Shary Walkush and Janet Blaha (HSPC volunteers and retired teachers) have been helping us to develop training programs and lesson plans that we can have available for teachers/students and children's organizations who request educational classes. PowerPoint presentations that provide visual overviews of various animal awareness topics have been developed by HSPC staff.

The following lesson plans and presentations are available:

For Pre-K/Kindergarten: Pet Care; For grade 1: Good Training = Good Pets; For grade 2: Keep Your Pets Safe; For grade 3: Basic Pet Care/Responsibilities; For grade 4: Approaching Dogs Safely; For grade 5: Dog Safety and You.

The following PowerPoint presentations are available:

Pet Care for Children; Animal Care in the Shelter; Dog Safety and You; Approaching Dogs Safely; Explaining Animal Control to Children; Humane Officers and Animal Care; Overview of the Humane Society of Portage County.

We have several teachers and staff members who are available to be presenters. We would like to have a larger pool of presenters available so that we can offer a well organized educational program and structure for our community members.

Hours of operation

Monday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

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Holidays

CLOSED

If you are interested in being a presenter, to help educate children about animal awareness topics, or would like a presentation please contact Ron Blaha at executive.director@hspcwi.org or call 715-344-6012.



Top Dog - 2014 Stevens Point Canine Mayor



The Human Society of Portage County is proud to showcase the twenty candidates for a new fundraiser – **Top Dog: 2014 Stevens Point's Canine Mayor**.

During the month of April, individuals nominated their furry friends to be named Stevens Point's first-ever canine mayor.

During the month of May, the twenty "**canine-dates**" are on the campaign trail to get to know their constituents and promote their platforms. The community will be able to show their support by voting for their favorite "**canine-date**" during the month of June. Each vote is a \$1 donation to the Humane Society of Portage County.

The inaugural mayoral canine will appear in the Stevens Point 4th of July Parade, have a photo op with Mayor Halverson and will receive various Top Dog accolades.

All proceeds will benefit the Humane Society of Portage County. Voting will take place online at <http://hspcwi.org> and at the "Walk for Wags" event at Pfiffner Park Sunday June 22 11:00 A.M to 2:00 P.M.

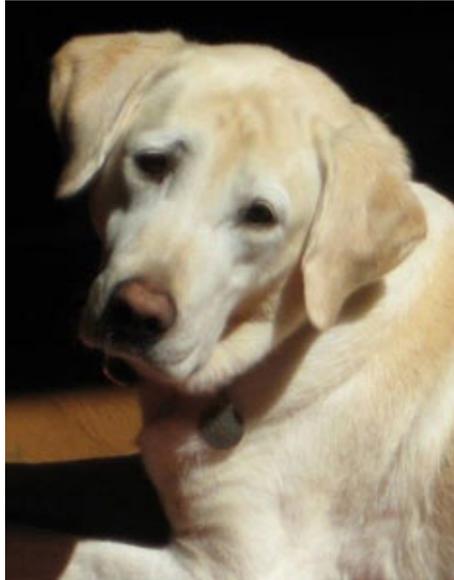
**Get Ready to Vote
for Stevens Point's
First-ever
Canine Mayor**

**Voting Begins
June 1 at
<http://HSPCWI.org>**

Our Canine-dates are:

Abby

BREED: Labrador Retriever
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs:
Every dog deserves a home.

Special Talents & Tricks: Abby is able to make food disappear from countertops.

Ajax Gulan

BREED: Australian Shepherd
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI

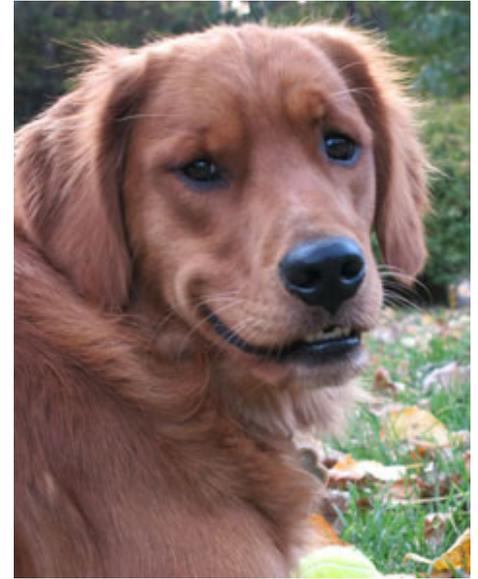


Political Beliefs: "I may be blind, but I have a vision for the animals of Stevens Point."

Special Talents & Tricks: Fantastic personality, Stunning handsomeness, Excellent kisser, Exceptionally silky, soft fur.

Avery

BREED: Golden Retriever
HOMETOWN: Plover, WI

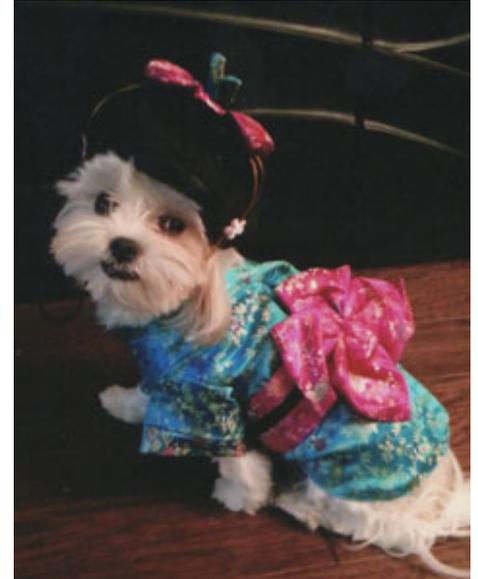


Political Beliefs: Adoptable pet awareness. Every dog and cat deserves a forever home and I will work to bring awareness to the needs of adoptable cats and dogs at local shelters and rescue organizations.

Special Talents & Tricks: Ability to bring a smile to the face of everyone who meets him.

Beans

BREED: Mixed
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI

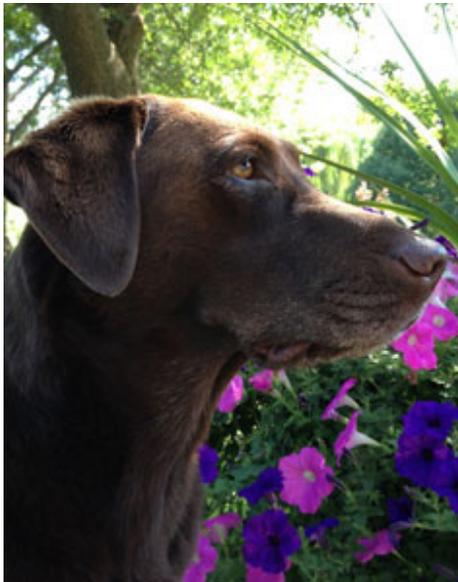


Political Beliefs: Bringing diversity to Stevens Point.

Special Talents & Tricks: Great kisser.

Belle Sanders

BREED: Chocolate Labrador Retriever
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs: As the new girl in town, my mayoral campaign platform will be to ask the voters "what can brown do for you?"

Special Talents & Tricks: Belle smiles better than any other dog. Belle melts hearts with her sweet chocolate personality.

Carbon

BREED: Labrador Retriever
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs: Carbon is a young dog, smart and everyone's best friend. What he lacks in experience he makes up in energy and high spirits. He would happily pull the entire county into prosperity and happiness.

Special Talents & Tricks: Chases balls, sits nice, and loves learning flyball and agility.

Cedar

BREED: Labrador Retriever
HOMETOWN: Custer, WI



Political Beliefs: While the field for canine mayor may seem crowded, Cedar's inspiring ideas for leading our area into a new era make him the clear choice. Cedar has spent more than half his life in the Point area and feels passionate about helping his fellow canine, and even occasional feline, citizens.

If elected canine mayor, Cedar would initiate the "Path to Pawsperity" program. This multi-faceted plan would provide increased services to all canines while holding a firm line on license fees. Cedar enjoys wide community support including endorsements from local veterinarians, groomers, and even the railroad. Cedar looks forward to the opportunity of serving all canine citizens of our great city.

Special Talents & Tricks: Canine Good Citizen and registered member of Therapy Dogs International, participates in canine tutors program through TDI with second graders at Madison Elementary. Visits numerous nursing homes, hospice throughout Portage County.

Chance

BREED: German Shepherd Mix
HOMETOWN: Marshfield, WI



Political Beliefs: Having been homeless on the streets of Marshfield as a young pup, Mayoral Candidate Chance primary platform is "A dog in every home, a home for every dog." His early experience has taught him compassion. He gives back to the community, volunteering as a therapy dog at the local hospital, at Occupational Development Center and anywhere else he is needed.

Chance lives in a diverse household, with 3 canine sisters, 3 feline brothers and sisters, 5 ovine (sheep) brothers and 1 equine sister. He firmly believes in tolerance for all species (even cats) and is vocal for animal rights.

As a German shepherd mix, Chance is tough on crime. He vows to crack down on nut-stealing squirrels and other various varmints. He will also increase police dog presence within the community.

Other initiatives he intends to enact are: increased access for pets public areas in town, free pet exercise programs to decrease obesity in pets and their humans, and special education sessions in schools about bite prevention.

Special Talents & Tricks: Mayoral Candidate Chance shakes paws and gives kisses like the best politician. He is photogenic, charismatic, loves walking in parades. He is a member of the local kennel club, and frequents local dog parks, including the Stevens Point dog park and Standing Rock. He is also a member of the Stevens Point Dog Scout Troop. He has earned several awards from the American Kennel Club for his agility ability. As mentioned above, he is a certified therapy dog. He has his own entourage / wait staff, and looks forward to diving into his mayoral responsibilities.

Cowboy

BREED: Pekingese Pomeranian Mix
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs: Advocate for fostering and/or adopting from a shelter.

Finn O'Malley

BREED: Shih Tzu mix

HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs: Finn began life as an abused dog from a puppy mill. He would like to bring awareness to the importance of finding loving homes for all shelter pets.

Heathcliffy Dog

BREED: Black

HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs:

His life is a mystery prior to Heathcliffy's application to the HSPC for a human to assist him with his needs. He has been very patient in his training of his human. She has needed retraining in organization and scheduling of each day and night. He gives gentle feedback when she fails to meet his goals. His life's mission is to be of service to others, with and without fur. Heathcliffy's world experience makes him an asset in the political arena.

Special Talents & Tricks: Awareness of the value of positive feedback and rewards; recognizes the importance of diversity in the

workplace; accepts opposing points of view with appreciation; Promotes team work, healthy living with lots of snacks, naps, and exercise.

India Ellingson

BREED: Cavalier King Charles Spaniel

HOMETOWN: Plover, WI



Political Beliefs: Bubbles in every dog park. Kisses for all, not just babies. Deaf to special interest groups. Promises daily street patrols.

Special Talents & Tricks: In the spirit of full disclosure - I can't hold my licker.

Jackson Andrew

BREED: German Shepherd

HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



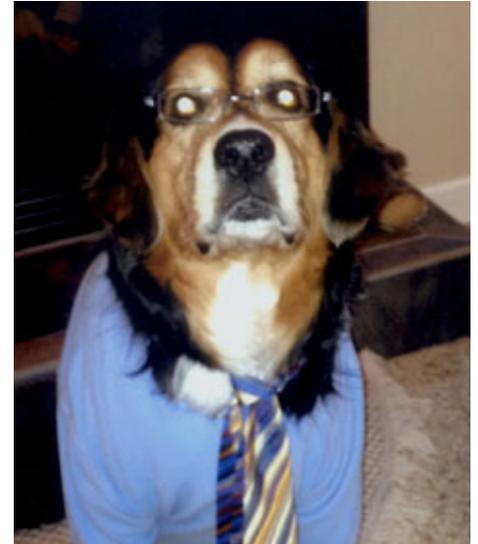
Political Beliefs: 1. Free treats in all drive-thrus for my canine citizens. 2. Free tours on the Trolley on Saturdays. 3. Movies at the Fox theater. 4. Develop a canine baseball team. 5. Canine bidders in all parks. 6. A community / play center for canines to develop social skills.

Special Talents & Tricks: Sings well to the emergency siren. Comes from a political family. Named after the 7th President of the United States. A protective family dog.

Lambo

BREED: Mixed

HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs: Lambo was born in Stevens Point and surrendered to the Humane Society along with his 11 siblings at the age of 6 weeks. He found his forever home immediately. He is an Australian Shepherd / Gordon Setter mix. He is extremely loving and a very good listener. Lambo has walked all over Stevens Point in his 8 years. He is an ambassador for the city. He promotes responsible pet ownership as a healthy life style. He is always extremely happy.

Special Talents & Tricks: Lambo can walk without a leash and not leave my side. He can sit, shake with both hands, rollover, play dead, sit pretty as well as other tricks. His talent is that he often times will talk when spoken to.

Logan

BREED: Mixed

HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs:

Although Logan was not born in Stevens Point he moved here at the young age of 6 weeks. He is the most outgoing and personable dog. Everyone that meets him immediately falls in love with hm. Logan has walked all over

Stevens Point. He turns heads and people stop to ask what kind of dog he is because he is so unique. He loves life and lives it to the fullest. His greatest joy is laying outside, especially in the snow. He is an ambassador of good will.

Special Talents & Tricks: Logan can sit, shake with both hands, rollover, play dead, sit pretty, speak as well as other tricks. Despite his being older he still tries to complete all of his tricks although it is more difficult these days.

Louie V Anderson

BREED: Teddy Bear
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs: Dogs are man's best friend (and woman's too!) And as a best friend, it's time to give back. That's my political belief. If you elect me as Stevens Point's first-ever canine mayor I will continue to play hard, but will also work hard for our community. By providing monthly acts of kindness to those in need in Stevens Point, I believe that even at 12 pounds, I can make a difference!

Special Talents & Tricks: Even though I may be a bit timid, I'm a pretty handsome young man.

Meya Jeske

BREED: Boxer Mix
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI



Political Beliefs:

Meya may be the middle child but she is the Top Dog in our house, so why not be the Top Dog in her town!

Special Talents & Tricks: Being a diva.

O2

BREED: Airedale Terrier
HOMETOWN: Plover, WI



Political Beliefs: O2 has a strong background focused on Airedale Terrier Rescue and Adoption and is no stranger to breed prejudice. See O2 is a rare all black Airedale not recognized by the American Kennel Club typically pulled from breeder stock and euthanized because of the color of his fur. Fortunately, O2 was saved from certain death and made his way cross country from Colorado to Wisconsin.

O2 has been a great companion, teacher and instigator to various Airedales of all ages and conditions which have come from all over the United States to their (dare I say it) "fur"ever home.

O2 prefers long walks on the Green Circle, extended ball throwing in the backyard and lengthy naps curled up in the chair, but most of all O2 is pro cat. O2 is all about recognizing animals' individuality, but celebrates the ability to live in harmony while respecting differences.

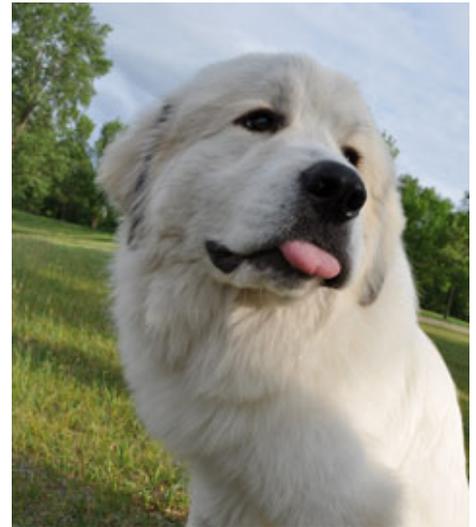
O2 also wants you to pick up your crap and not ruin it for others enjoying our beautiful area.

Special Talents & Tricks: Cairing for others.

Yeti Bumble

BREED: Great Pyrenees
HOMETOWN: Stevens Point, WI

Political Beliefs: Yeti wants to serve as a model for how a dog should live, not spoiled but simply having everything a dog could want. This includes two to three daily walks, nutritious food, comprehensive veterinary care, regular visits to The Companion Shop and LOTS of love. Yeti believes that every dog deserves a comfortable bed, good food and a loving home. She wants people to cooperate with her vision to see the City of Stevens Point be free of poop on the ground so that a dog can always find a clean space to "go". Yeti promises to hold regular listening/petting sessions in a variety of settings (city hall, schools, nursing homes, etc.) so that



she can better understand the needs of her constituents. She says these sessions can also serve a therapeutic purpose for people who can not afford either the time or money that it takes to own a dog, because everyone needs a little puppy love!

Special Talents & Tricks: Impressions; Wagon Pullin; Certified TDI Therapy Dog; Finding the most comfortable spot in any location; Locating objects underground better than a metal detector and then digging for them; Accepting petting for as long as any human desires; Finding the exact center of a bed in order to have as much human contact as possible.

Zeke (Ezekiel Blue Me Away)

BREED: Belgian Malinois
HOMETOWN: Amherst, WI



Political Beliefs: If elected I will kiss everyone I meet. I can also be wild and crazy, but that's what you want in a politician. I will promote rescue and adoption of homeless dogs - even homeless cats, if I must. My slogan is "The Humane Society of Portage County ROCKS!"
SPECIAL TALENTS & TRICKS: I am a Canine Good Citizen and I have trained in Obedience. I am currently in training to perform in AKC Agility Trials. I love to play and am a very active fellow.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2014

Join us for a fun day of activities at Walk For Wags!
at Pfiffner Pioneer Park from 11 AM - 2 PM.

Schedule of Events:

Dogs and their owners are invited to participate in WALK FOR WAGS.

- 10:30 a.m. — Registration for walkers and their dogs
- 11 a.m. — 1.5-mile walk begins
- 12:30 p.m. — Pet fashion and costume contest and throughout the day
- Kids games
- Win great prizes and baskets with raffle tickets and games
- Dog treat table with “Guess the number of Biscuits” contest
- Vendors will display pet products and services
- Music
- Fly Ball demonstrations –(team invited)
- Learn basic obedience training tips and fun dog tricks
- All-Paws-on-Deck for the Splish-Splash-Bath
- Food and beverages available for purchase or included if registered for the walk
- Search and Rescue demonstration (based on availability)
- HSPC logo wear to purchase



- Affordable micro-chip clinic
- Walk held rain or shine
- Walk with or without a pet!
- Dogs must be on a leash and current on vaccinations
- Collect pledges and win great prizes!

Raise Money & Win Great Prizes:

Ask friends, family, coworkers and neighbors to pledge money to help you raise money to register for the walk and win prizes. All pledges as well as personal and corporate donations are tax deductible. Turn in your pledges at the event and pick up your incentive items

IMAGES OF PRIZES ON REVERSE SIDE

\$30 | Advance registration prior to June 22: T-shirt and Lunch from Subway

\$35 | Onsite registration: T-shirt and lunch

\$100 | T-shirt, lunch and tote bag

\$250 | T-shirt, lunch, tote bag and water bottle

\$500 | T-shirt, lunch, tote bag and water bottle and zip hoodie

\$750 | iPod® Shuffle

\$1,000 | Kindle® Fire HD

\$2,000 | iPad®

Incentive items will not be available prior to the event day. Be sure your name is on all pledge forms and checks so you receive credit for your pledges. All prizes will be awarded based on money turned in on or before June 22, 2014.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY

For more information please go to hspcwi.org or email us at fundraising@hspcwi.org | HSPC is a 501(c)(3) charity





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Easy Ways to Sign Up | 6-22-2014

- OPTION 1:** Go to our website at www.hspcwi.org and print the brochure and registration/pledge form
- OPTION 2:** Come to the Humane Society Shelter at 3200 Iber Lane and Register
- OPTION 3:** Show up on the day of WALK FOR WAGS, Sunday, June 22 at Pfiffner Pioneer Park Please register in advance for \$30 and let us know your t-shirt size. Save \$5! Questions? Call 715-344-6012.

Registration

Sunday, June 22, 2014 | 11AM-2PM, Pfiffner Pioneer Park

Walker _____
 Address _____
 City | State | Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 T-shirt size _____
 (comes with minimum pledge of \$35 or \$30 if registering in advance)

Waiver: In consideration of my signing this agreement, I hereby for myself, my pet, my heir and administrators assume any and all risks associated with the Walk for Wags. I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages which I may have against the organizers, The Humane Society of Portage County, Inc. and any others connected with this event, their representatives, successors and assigns for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me or my pet as a result of taking part in the Walk for Wags and any related activities.

Signature _____
 Date _____
 Parent of Guardian's Signature (If under 18) _____
 Age (if under 18) _____

Pledges – Walk for Wags

Sunday, June 22, 2014 | 11AM-2PM, Pfiffner Pioneer Park

Name _____	Phone _____	\$ Pledge _____	\$ Received _____
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Thank you for supporting the Humane Society of Portage County!

TOTAL \$ _____



HUMANE SOCIETY
OF PORTAGE COUNTY



JULY 19
Wisconsin River
Golf Course

Join Us, Support the HSPC



DATE: July 19, 2014

PLACE: Wisconsin River Golf Club

18 Hole—4 Person Scramble—Shotgun start at 1PM | Registration takes place at 11:30 - 12PM

COST: \$80 per golfer includes 18 holes with carts and dinner

DINNER ONLY: \$20 or more donation for non-golfers

Make checks payable to: Humane Society of Portage County (HSPC)

Send to: HSPC, 3200 Iber Lane, Plover, WI 54467

*Your spot is only guaranteed when your reservation form and payment is received (space is limited).
Checks will be returned if tournament is filled. No phone reservations accepted.*



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JULY 19, 2014
Golfer Registration Information

GOLFER #1

Name _____
Address _____
City / State / ZIP _____
Phone _____
Email _____

GOLFER #2

Name _____
Address _____
City / State / ZIP _____
Phone _____
Email _____

GOLFER #3

Name _____
Address _____
City / State / ZIP _____
Phone _____
Email _____

GOLFER #4

Name _____
Address _____
City / State / ZIP _____
Phone _____
Email _____

QUESTIONS?

Contact Eugene Mancl 715.459.8466
fundraising@hspcwi.org
HSPC is a 501(c)(3) charity

*Thank you for supporting the
Humane Society of Portage County!*

Sponsorship Levels

Please fill in any that apply

Single hole sponsorship \$200 = _____

Number of Golfers with Dinner ____ @ \$80 = _____

Dinner Only ____ @ \$20 = _____

I/We don't golf but we wish to support HSPC with a tax deductible donation of \$80 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

HOLE SPONSORS

please send name & logo to
fundraising@hspcwi.org before July 8, 2014

Contact Information

Team Captain _____

Payment Information

Payment must be received by July 17, 2014
send registration form and payment to

Humane Society of Portage County
3200 Iber Ln
Plover, WI 54467

Credit Cards are also accepted

Visa or Mastercard
Number _____
Expiration date MM/YYYY _____
CCV (on back of card) _____

Happy Tails - stories about adopted animals and shelter visitors



Here is an update on Sasha. WHAT A DOLL!!! She has won our hearts along with all our friends hearts. The first night we brought her home she was the most obnoxious dog I have ever met. I was thinking she was all shy and quiet at the shelter just so she could get out of there.

Sasha's first day was spent running in the house, going thru the kitchen, running into the living room, jumping onto the back of the couch and then jumping onto the back of the loveseat! On the second day I started training. Sasha has learned to gently get on the couch and lay down. She no longer jumps on new people when they come over, she sits by her bowl waiting to be fed. She is very smart and a very fast learner-thank goodness.

We found out she does not like joggers or bikers. I am working with a trainer and she gave me some tips on how to work with this behavior.

Sasha loves playing ball and going for walks, but she also appreciates naps!! I can't wait to get her up north this summer and introduce her to "Fly Ball"

Thank You for all your help and allowing me to adopt Sasha.



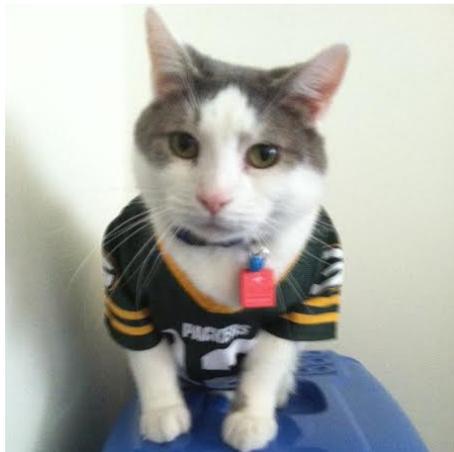
Once known as Brett when he was there, now he goes by the name Licorice Kashmir Coconut.



Merry Christmas to my shelter friends from Sophie (aka Celia). My first Christmas was spent in the shelter with all of you. This is going to be my 2nd Christmas in my forever family home and I couldn't be happier! We hope many of your furry friends there find a home for the holidays.



We adopted this gal from this humane society a year ago, previously named Nevada, now her name is Mika. She is such a character, we are so glad she is in our pack!



Mom and Dad took me home in the beginning of September. I was initially very scared and curious, and I think that they

were too. But they were nice and I always made sure that they pet me every day! My favorite day was when they FINALLY let me go into their room and even sleep in their bed (and now I never leave if I have the choice!) I'm not as afraid of water as I used to be, and I ABSOLUTELY love dairy products (my favorite is Culver's frozen custard or cereal milk as Dad is trying to eat his breakfast.) I love waking up Mom and Dad very early so we have as much time as possible to spend time with each other (and so they feed me!) I'm very glad that Mom and Dad decided to adopt me a few months ago, and have allowed me to become the king of the house!



We had been without a dog for 11 months (having lost ours to cancer in Jan 2013). When I saw Maebly at the PCHS while volunteering I knew immediately that she was supposed to be part of our family. My daughter's friend (who had never been to our house when we had a dog) visited and met Maebly. He said "This is what your house needed. It seemed like something was missing and I didn't even realize it until now". I was right....she was a part of our family & I just didn't know it until I met her. Thank you PCHS.



I just wanted to thank you for the 2 kittens we got from you. They bring so much JOY to us. God Bless you all!

HSPC Loves Their Volunteers!

Each month HSPC volunteers contribute more than 1,000 hours of their time to help us with a variety of tasks ranging from dog walking & cat socialization to classroom presentations, fund raising and support services.

**Volunteers,
don't necessarily
have the time,
they just have the
heart!**

Volunteers are the lifeblood of HSPC. There will never be enough staff, never enough dollars to hire more staff, and always more needs than paid human resources. That is where volunteers come in and make the difference between success and failure and, for the animals, life and death. HSPC takes a team approach to sheltering. There is no "I" in team, whether you are an employee, volunteer, or board member, each is a member of the team. We're all in this together. All volunteers must participate in Volunteer Orientation and Animal Handling Training prior to assignment. All staff members get intensive training in their respective areas and the board members have a training session each month.

Our animals count on all three groups to be successful and to help them find their forever home.

Some questions we frequently answer about our volunteer opportunities are:

Where can I find more information about volunteering?

Go to our website, www.hspcwi.org, go to the **How To Help** tab, choose **Become a Volunteer**.

There you will find all of the information about the various volunteer positions we have available.

I am not 18, can I still volunteer?

We welcome anyone 18 years or older who would like to volunteer their time and is interested in making a difference. Persons under the age of 18 can volunteer if accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.

When is the next orientation?

Volunteer orientation is held every third Thursday of the month from 5:00 to 6:30

but we also offer classes at different times. Once you sign up as a volunteer you will receive emails regarding these other classes. The best way to stay up to date is to follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/hspcwi/events as they are announced there first.

Do I have to commit to a certain number of hours to volunteer?

Because of the time involved in training and the fast paced environment at the shelter, we ask that volunteers be able to commit to 4 hours of service per month for a 3 month commitment to the shelter. A 3 month commitment can take on many forms and we will work with interested individuals to develop a schedule that works for both parties. Current volunteers average 4 hours per month and shifts are available every day.

When can I volunteer?

Shifts are offered daily 8:00-5:00 PM & 7:00-9:00PM or Saturdays and Sundays 8:00-3:00 PM.

I was a volunteer before, but I haven't volunteered in a while. Do I have to go through orientation again?

Yes. Everyday volunteers help improve the lives of animals at HSPC! Each volunteer plays a vital role in the success of our shelter. Due to the time involved in training and continual changes that happen at the shelter, we ask that volunteers commit to at least 4 hours a month for 3 months to stay an active volunteer. Volunteers who do not meet this requirement will need to re-attend orientation and any other training that had been obtained to become an active volunteer again.

Meet some of our volunteers



Andy Ruediger has been a volunteer since October 2012. Andy helps on a very frequent basis with our laundry. He is a member of our safety committee and helps present hazardous material training

to new staff members and volunteers. Andy's career includes time spent as a cheese maker for three years and service in a paper mill for nine years. Andy enjoys hunting and is an avid motor cyclist. Andy is a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) and is presently building a plane.



Beth Gardner (Seen here at the shelter working with Price) began volunteering in January 2014. Beth's connection to HSPC and her passion for animals goes back many years. In May of 2011, Beth and Bill adopted the runt of a litter of harlequin Great Danes. Hennesy (also known as Hennie) was almost completely white, with only a paw shaped black spot on her butt. As is the case with harlequin Great Danes, when there is no color around the eyes or in the ears, Hennie was born totally deaf and almost completely blind.

Hennie quickly learned her way around the house. She enjoys riding in the car especially if there is a Dairy Queen stop along the way. Her favorite game is "tug" preferably while standing on you so she knows where you are. When adopted, Hennie was extremely thin. In her first year, she added nearly 30% of her body weight. Now weighing a healthy 90 pounds, Hennie is considered small for a 'Dane.

Since Hennie became a "Gardner" Beth and Bill have needed to upgrade to a king size bed (you know where she sleeps!), a larger vehicle, and their vacation plans are based around hotels that will allow a dog of her size. They can't imagine going anywhere without her. Hennie has the sweetest personality, loves meeting new people, and is a world-class "snuggler". What seemed like a tough decision at first, is now considered by Beth to be one of their best decisions. Beth says "It's the best decision we have ever made and we have never regretted a moment of the time she shares with us"

The story does not end here. HSPC recently received a special needs mixed breed hound dog. Named after Helen Keller, our Helen is deaf and very limited vision. Beth and Bill, with their unique set of qualifications, have welcomed Helen into their home as her foster parents.

Fostering cats and dogs of all ages and needs is one of the many ways volunteers help HSPC. If you have an interest in becoming a foster please contact Amanda Tucker, our adoption coordinator.



Donna Smith, one of our Lead Volunteers, began volunteering at HSPC in April 2009 and is frequently found working with our cats and kittens, Donna helps with many different tasks at the shelter. When not at the shelter, Donna enjoys gardening, reading and hiking. Donna is a member of the Master Gardeners and the Wild Ones wild plant rescue group.



Kimberly Hackbarth became a volunteer in 2013. Kimberly has been educating us about bunnies. Kimberly has been working with Teller one of our Giant Flemish rabbits. Some of the lessons we have learned are: Bunnies need cages that are large

enough for them to stand on their back legs; Bunnies can be litter trained. They learn where to go by leaving (or relocating) their pellets to the litter tray. The litter tray cannot be changed until the bunny learns why it is there; Bunnies enjoy toys to toss around; Bunnies need an unlimited supply of food pellets and hay.



Garrett Ryan has been a volunteer since September 2012. In addition to helping walk dogs, Garrett has provided his services as a graphics designer. The HSPC website and Fur Ball materials are samples of his creativity. Garrett and his wife Lindsey have a dog, cat, fish and four bunnies.



Ginny Ellingson (Seen here at the shelter with Dude aka Dudems) began volunteering 4 years ago. Ginny is one of our lead volunteers working with cats. Ginny takes photos of the shelter cats and maintains their profiles in www.petfinder.com. Ginny helps organize other volunteers into a group that regularly meets to trim the nails of our feline residents.

At home, Ginny has pet cats and a dog. Ginny enjoys acting as a surrogate mom

for kittens as a foster care provider.

Ginny is a retired elementary school teacher and her past experiences provide the shelter with many good ideas.

Ginny is the matriarch of three generations of HSPC volunteers. Ginny's daughter Lara and her two granddaughters are all regular volunteers at the shelter.



Jenny Knutson (Seen here with Hercules) began volunteering in January 2014 as part of a New Year's resolution. Jenny was involved in the Ignite organization project to build trails at the shelter but she wanted more direct involvement with the animals.

Jenny was born and raised in Portage County. Jenny and her husband Brian have two dogs, Chyna and Sugar, five fish and a salamander. Jenny is also the foster parent for an HSPC Cat named Smokey. Jenny works for Blenker Companies in Amherst and enjoys traveling, fishing, boating, gardening and running. Most of all, Jenny enjoys her furry friends and critters.

When asked "Why do you volunteer?" Jenny responds "I love walking and working with the dogs. Even if my day isn't going as well as expected, the dogs always cheer me up. I really enjoy working with the great people who volunteer at HSPC, as well as the caring staff. I have learned so much, and continue to learn about dog behavior and other shelter duties since volunteering here. I recently joined the fundraising and volunteering committees. I look forward to helping HSPC in many ways now and in the future"

Dog Training now available at the Humane Society of Portage County



Joan Simon

Classes start every few weeks

Meet the Trainer - Joan's personal dogs (border collies, golden retrievers, and mixed breeds) have won many nationally prestigious awards that have involved obedience and agility, experiencing placements in the top 10. Also, Joan has appeared with her dogs on national TV including "That's My Dog" and "Pet Star" on the Animal Planet network.

Joan comments: "My passion is dogs and my goal is to have people live in "harmony" with their pets. There is nothing you can tell me about your dog that will surprise me. I know your frustration and I can help you. If you are willing to work through your problems with your dog, I will give you the results you are dreaming to happen. Dog training is a language barrier—the dog speaks DOG and you speak ENGLISH—so basically, I'll teach your dog ENGLISH."

Basic Manners Class—\$75 for five 50 min. sessions

- * Dog will come to you on first call
- * Walk by your side without pulling
- * Sit, Down and Stay

- * Manners around other dogs
- * Safety game to play in case of fire
- * Kids learn how to approach a strange dog
- * Stop dog from bolting out of open

Advanced Manners—\$75 for five 50 min. sessions

How to control the leash / How to create verbal control / How to heal off leash

The Advance Manners class offers much more fun with expanding the elements learned in basics

Tricks —\$50 for two 60 min. sessions

Learn up to 30 tricks - Pick and choose the tricks you and your dog would like to master.

Visit our website at www.hspcwi.org for additional details and application forms

HSPC Garden Brick Patio

Are you looking for a lasting way to honor or memorialize your loved ones, whether two-legged animal lovers or your four-legged family members? You can engrave your love in stone while supporting HSPC's mission by purchasing a commemorative brick, to be placed in our brick patio outside the shelter facility. Simply complete the on-line application and mail it with your payment, or visit us for a view of the patio and make your decision at that time. We look forward to adding your loved ones to our special brick patio.



Spay and Neuter Sponsorship

Top 3 Reasons to Spay and Neuter

1. It helps to reduce companion animal overpopulation.
2. Sterilizing your cats and dogs increases their chance of a longer and healthier life.
3. Sterilizing your cats and dogs makes them better pets, reducing their urge to roam and decreasing the risk of contracting diseases or getting hurt as they roam.

Donating to the Spay/Neuter Program will help us defray the cost of our spay and neuter surgeries for our dogs and cats waiting for new homes.

Cute but potent

Sexual maturity comes to kittens at 4 months and puppies as young as 6 months.

Unplanned litters can and do occur.



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Paws to Read
MARCH 2014

THE SUN SHINES OVER THE HSPC
The humane society of Plover County is an "adoption" center. We're here to help you find the perfect pet for your family. We have a variety of animals available for adoption. We're here to help you find the perfect pet for your family. We're here to help you find the perfect pet for your family.

NUMBER OF DAYS TO ADOPTION

307 DAYS CHARLOTTE	311 DAYS MIMI	313 DAYS DOLCE	314 DAYS DIESE	377 DAYS MURRY	427 DAYS BROOKER
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WE HAVE SIX MORE PRECIOUS ANIMALS WAITING

402 DAYS MIMI	407 DAYS MIMI	339 DAYS MIMI	360 DAYS MIMI	354 DAYS MIMI	277 DAYS MIMI
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Update!

Paws to Read March 2014
The bottom row of pictures on our cover page identified our six longest term residents.

We celebrated when Marley, Oreo, Susie & Boomer found forever homes.

Princess (575 days) and Pica (447 days) are still waiting for their future families to come and adopt them.



Pica 447 days



Princess 575 days

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- April-June Canine Mayoral Contest
Vote online or
at Walk for Wags
- June 22 Walk for Wags
Piffner Pioneer Park
11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
- July 4 4th of July Parade
Stevens Point
- July 19 HSPC Open (Golf)
Wisconsin River County Club
Shotgun start 1P.M.
- October 17 Fur Ball - a night of casual
fun for the entire family
Stevens Point Holiday Inn 6 P.M - 10 P.M.



Fur Ball - October 17



Walk for Wags - June 22



HSPC Open - July 19



4th of July Parade - July 4

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