HUMANE SOCIETY of Portage County

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March 2015

What does the Humane Society of Portage County mean to me?

This will be my last cover letter I write to our loyal supporters. At the end of April, I will be retiring. Three years ago, I remember saying to everyone I talked to that I was amazed by the passion people had for their pets. This observation meant a lot to me because it was a solid cornerstone to build upon as we moved forward. Tony Robbins, an American life coach says: "There is no greatness without passion!" How true!

With our supporters' passion, we moved forward. We built workable systems for each of the areas of our operation. We found a group of staff members who worked together so diligently that everyday brought a new beginning. We followed Lowe's Home Improvement slogan: "Never Stop Improving."

My first official assignment was to light up our sign at the entrance to our shelter. Looking back at that moment, it became the symbol for us to light up the fire of our passion and move in the same direction.

We performed an audit of our shelter using the "Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters." The audit gave us insights on what was expected in all areas. The standards provided us with sound guidelines to follow.

If we look around our building and grounds, we see what our passion has brought us. A roof built over the outdoor kennels (labor donated and grant money provided). Our back woods was cleared of dead wood and replaced with a trail of wood chips to create dog walking paths (possible with the work of volunteers). Two Eagle Scout candidates added benches and exercise equipment. An extended parking lot was added (with the help of a major contributor). A play yard for dogs, security fencing around the back of our building and outdoor lights were installed (from volunteer ideas, with help from a rummage sale, a matching gift that doubled the proceeds, and a grant). A community grant made it possible to upgrade our building's outdated heating and cooling controls. Volunteers helped to recondition the cat circle room by placing metal protectors on doors and window sills.

A volunteer provided computer support, making it possible for us to have new computers and systems which help us to track volunteer services and gifts from our donors. Other volunteers improved our website and helped us and our friends on Facebook live the passion every day. Our volunteer community has grown. We now have more than 300 active volunteers who provide more than 1,000 hours of help a month.

Our Board of Directors is comprised of volunteers who oversee our operations and manage the demands of 8 committees. They also give many hours of their time ensuring events like Walk for Wags, the Golf Outing, and Fur Ball are possible. This past year, the Top Dog - Canine Mayoral Contest was an added feature. Our "Fill the Van" events, spearheaded by a volunteer, make it possible for us to receive much needed animal food and supplies.

"Never Stop Improving!" In 2014 a full-time Veterinarian, Certified Veterinary Technician, and a Veterinary Assistant joined our staff. Currently we are busy rearranging our medical facilities to improve the quality of animal care. When the dust settles, our services will be expanded to help animals in need.

I feel honored and humbled to have been part of an organization that has people live their passion to help sheltered animals. The existence of our humane society is only possible with the help of our staff and volunteers and the financial support from our donors.

These past three years have been a blessing. I am especially grateful for our great staff – their commitment and dedication is second to none! They represent what our mission is all about! Thank you to everyone who has shared their talents and passion to make the HSPC the great organization it is today.

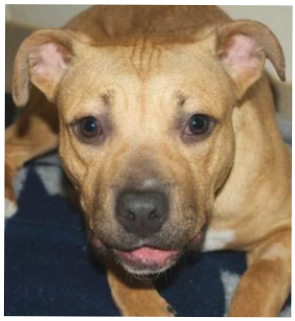
Ron Blaha, Executive Director

Here are five of our residents that have been waiting very patiently for a loving home. Please stop in to meet them. They all desperately want a forever home! Might you be the answer to their wish?

153 Days

Mr Bones

62 Days



Ethel

237 Days

Precious

274 Days

Pam

90 Days

Mama Pumpkin

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)

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:
Anesthesia monitor that measures CO2 (carbon dioxide)
BiteNot post surgery collars (these are less scary and more comfortable than plastic cones)
Hot water patient warmer used during surgeries & dentals
Doppler to read blood pressure
Additional sets of surgical tools used for spay/neuter surgery
Orthopedic surgery tools/pins/wire
X-ray equipment
Blood analysis equipment
Donations for medications - heartworm preventative & long-acting ear treatments

Our everyday needs are:
Canned dog food
Adult and kitten dry food (Iams, Royal Canin, Purina Pro Plan)
Canned cat food (Fancy Feast classic, Friskies pate)
Cat toys - Dog toys - KMR Kitten Milk Replacer

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A special need!

ProCollars for use after animal surgeries
An Elizabethan collar (also known as an E-collar) is a plastic hood or cone that helps protect injuries or wounds from further damage. These collars prevent a cat or dog from licking or chewing at an injury on its body, or from scratching or pawing at its face or head. The collar's primary purpose is to prevent the animal from directly traumatizing a surgical site or injured area of the body.

The old style collars (lower left) are not comfortable and are more restrictive than the new BiteNot collars (lower right). BiteNot collars range in price from $20 for a small collar to $30 for a large collar. We are soliciting donations to raise $500 to acquire a collection of sizes.

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.

Hours of operation

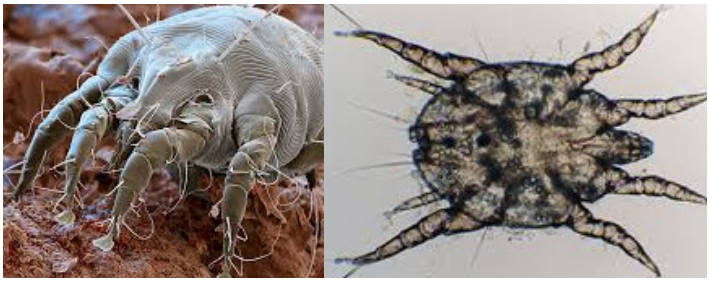
Monday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays & Holidays CLOSED

An Earful….

by Kim Peacock, DVM

Ear infections can be a recurrent problem for many pets. In cats, the most common instigating factor that I see at the shelter is ear mite (Otodectes cynotis) infection. The mites are not visible to the naked eye, but the vast quantity of brown, crumbly, coffee ground-like debris that results certainly is.



Ear Mite (Otodectes cynotis)

Your vet can suggest a topical medication to put on your pet's back that helps prevent the mites getting established in your pets ear's, or can help kill the hatched adults. However, further treatment is needed to ensure that future hatches are unable to infest your pet since the medications do not kill eggs. A careful cleaning of the environment is also needed. If your affected kitty goes outdoors, for example, cleaning all of the kitty hangouts may not be feasible, but monthly preventative certainly is. Mites cause intense itching and due to the accumulation of debris in the ear canal, can also lead to secondary infection by yeast (Malasezzia) or various bacteria, all of which can be very painful and damaging if left untreated. Though ear mites of cats do not generally like living in human ears, they are willing to infest most of the other mammalian pets in the house.

brown, crumbly, coffee ground-like debris
a symptom of ear mites

Though dogs do get ear mites, it is not as common as in cats, and generally occurs most frequently in puppies. Our canine companions are usually the victims of malasezzia yeast or bacteria directly. Why do these organisms tend to grow in a dog's ear? There are various instigating factors. Yeast tend to like a waxy ear and cause intense itchiness. Bacteria tend to like moist dirty ears. They cause not only pruritus (itchiness), but pain and can lead to what I call "sewer ear", which is filled with pus, blood, and smells terrible…..and is REALLY painful. If infection gets beyond the eardrum, your pet may exhibit a tilted head, difficulty walking, or nausea. Hearing loss can occur, and may be permanent. If you think your pet ignores your commands now, try ignoring an ear infection and see what happens!

Kim Peacock, DVM

In dogs, ear problems (and paw licking) are frequently caused by an allergy. You may see the pup scratching a red, inflamed ear without much exudate (discharge) at first. Allergies can be to anything in the environment, may be only seasonal, or may be food related. Food, by the way is a much less common cause than people think. Dermatology veterinarians state it accounts for only about 10% of allergies. A vet can assist with controlling other causes, and help you try a good food trial. Another cause of ear infection in dogs that is very controllable is wet ears. After being in wet conditions, be it a bath, rain, or duck hunting, remember to dry your friend's ears! Long eared dogs, such as bassets and cocker spaniels, can be prone to ear infection because that adorable droopy ear helps keep an ear moist. Frequent cleaning with an appropriate pet ear cleaner also helps. Ask your vet how to best clean an ear. Your pet's ears are built differently than ours, having an "L" shaped canal leading to the eardrum rather than a straight shot like a human's. Also, be sure to use medications as prescribed for the whole duration of treatment. It is very easy to create resistant strains of bacteria in the ear through inappropriate antibiotic use.

Whatever your pet is, if you fail to maintain their ears, or let them have frequent or untreated ear infections, the sequelae (consequences) for you and your pet can be awful. Inflammation in the ear canal, over time, causes the tissues to thicken, closing the canal. We recently had a cat whose canals were so thickened a cotton swab could not be inserted. HSPC currently has a dog who I could barely get a swab into his ear upon intake, but there was no room to adequately clean it. I have treated the infection for awhile, and though I can almost get in there to clean, I do not think he can be taken care of without intense commitment to avoid infection. At this point, a surgery can be performed to open the vertical ear canal by removing the outer wall. This best succeeds if underlying issues are under control. If the damage is severe, your pet may need a specialist surgeon to do a TECA (total ear canal ablation), which gets rid of all structures associated with the canal. However, good cleaning and prompt treatment of ear infections is much more affordable and less painful to your pet!

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40% Our Goal $18,000

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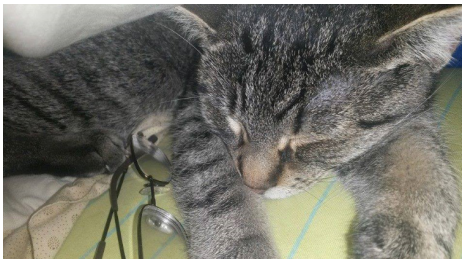
Happy Tails - stories about adopted animals and shelter visitors



Our beautiful kitten Adina (ya'll called her Rita) snuggled under the covers with me while I was browsing on my phone. She is the snuggliest kitty we have ever met, and everyone here is in love with her. Thanks for letting us give her a forever home. Angela Stoker

Here is a picture of Mia and Murphy. They are so much fun and have really fit into the family. I wouldn't have done it any other way. They are best buddies. Mia is in the back. And Murphy is up front. Mary Slicer

Recently, we adopted a wonderful cat named Slippers. (We call her Minerva) I just now paused while writing this because she jumped up on me to cuddle. She likes to climb up on our chests while we're reading or watching tv. She has a lovely disposition. She's purring right now and nudging her head against my chin. Thank you very much. Laura Faulkner-Becker

We want to tell you that Darci, who is now officially renamed Winnie, is doing really well. She and our other dog have become better friends and Winnie is as spoiled as

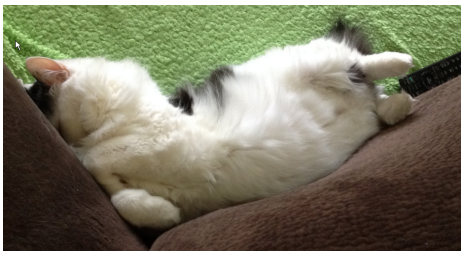
ever. She is having fun playing with all her new toys and she is really well behaved. We are so happy with her. The Cordovas

Here is Babe. We changed her name to Bee. My cockatoo has learned to call out "Bee". It is funny when Bee stares at the bird with a quizical look "Why are you talking to me?" Bee barks and all feathers go up and the bird says "Bee Stop it!" Linda K Collett

Millie wanted to let everyone know she is doing just fine. She recently discovered her bark again and likes to use it when it's time to go outside for her walk. Pete Grefe

We adopted Nadine (who is now called Chloe). She is doing awesome! We adopted another kitten so she would have a companion. They LOVE each other. They play and cuddle all day. Chloe is very relaxed and loving. She purrs constantly. She gets tons of cuddles. She also loves to chase toys on strings and jump after them.

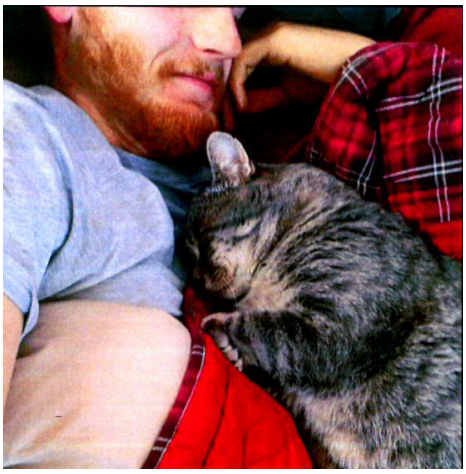
She is very curious at times and loves to explore our house and climb on her cat furniture. She makes a little squeaking noise when she plays, which is very adorable. She has made friends with our dogs and is even winning over our old grumpy cat. She is very healthy and happy. Our vet loves her too! Thank you so much for letting us adopt her, and for your support through our long efforts to grow our pet family. She is a wonderful addition to our family and we are all very happy.
Kristi Roth



Bogie was one of the cats in the back office. He loves to sleep with his nose tucked away and plays with his brother Forrest and sister Daisy (both from the shelter) when he isn't sleeping.
Jessica Eisenhauer

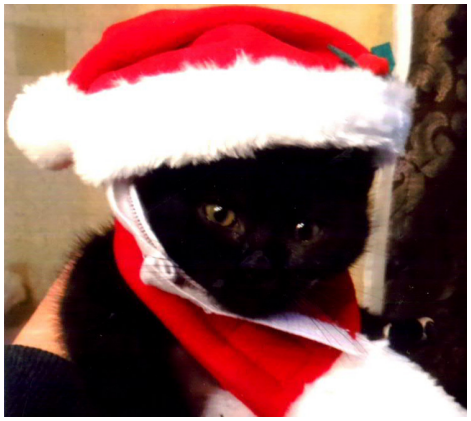
Matt Davis worked hard to make rainbow loom bracelets. He sold the braclets to friends and family to raise money for the animals at the Humane Society.

A group of young friends gathered for a Christmas celebration. They made tie blankets for the kittens and delivered them to the shelter. Girls In the picture are: Amelia Beyer, Ava Boettcher, Aly Wierzba, Megan Stremer, Maija Salienko, Maddie Moyer, Brooke Beyer and Bella Nimm.



Tundra (previously "Stormy") was adopted in July 2014. He still has a voracious appetite and loves to talk. Tundra loves to cuddle and has turned his first-time cat owner into a cat photographer.

It has been six months since Prince moved in. Things have worked well both of us. I got a good friend and he now has a home where he is wanted and loved. Earl.



Cub (aka Prince Bolognese) at 1 and 1/2 pounds. He is enjoying his first Christmas celebration.

This is Chester - We adopted him two years ago. He had spent almost a year at the Humane Society waiting for us. He is a great and loving cat. He treats his two sisters like his babies. Marion Parker

In February 2014 we saw a picture of Jack and we fell in love with him. We made him part of our family on Valentines Day. Jack has fit in perfectly with our fun & crazy family. Here is Jake in one of his favorite spots. We are so happy we adopted Jake from you. Cindy, Brooke, Hailey & Kimba.

Martha Skierka and her son donated the commissions from a thirty-one party along with a goody basket. Ron Blaha, Executive Director, accepted Martha's gift.

Just before Christmas, and before the onslaught of this winters bone-chilling weather, we received a most thoughtful and caring donation! Nicole and Kathy Hellenbrand donated "Adopt Me" coats for all of our adoptable dogs at the shelter. They donated a total of 20 coats ranging from small to XL and multiple colors. This very generous donation came at the perfect time, now when our dogs are outside for walks they can be stylish and warm! Also pictured is lead volunteer, Dan Hellenbrand, and Marsha, an HSPC alumni, modeling the outfit.

Thanks to the River Valley Riders 4H Club for bringing donations of food and laundry supplies to HSPC. We hope they enjoyed the tour of the shelter and will come back to see us again!

Thank you Crystal Ice Figure Skating Club - Beginner Synchronized Skating Team for hanging our winter decorations and transforming HSPC into a winter wonderland!

Fur Ball **was a great success!**

Thank you to all who participated, donated, and volunteered with this event. It helped us raise funds to care for our pets in need, find homes for our residents, and teach and educate humane awareness to members in our community. More than 600 people attended making this our best fundraiser in 2015. A special thank you goes to our sponsor, NRG Media (103.3 WGLX, Y106.5 Today's Country, Hot 96.7 & Big Cheese 107.9).

In 2015 "Fur Ball" is being renamed to "Fur Fest". Fur Fest more closely describes the event's theme. Fur Fest will be held at the Stevens Point Holiday Inn convention center on Friday October 16 from 6PM to 10PM.

Thank you for supporting the Humane Society of Portage County at Fur Ball 2014!

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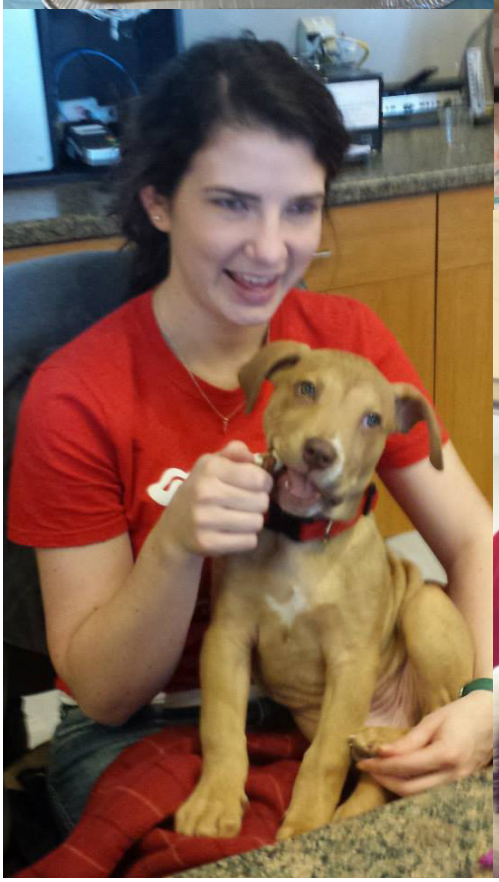
Everyone has fun at Santa Paws

Each December HSPC holds an open house. Our friends, volunteers, past and future adopters visit us to enjoy snacks and activities. Richard Koehler, an HSPC volunteer, transforms into Santa Paws and with help from Rheanna Lynn Photography provides an opportunity to have your pet's picture taken with Santa. Thank You Jay-Mar, Lyne Kawleski & Gail Colrud for raffle prize donations. The 2015 Santa Paws open house will be held on December 5.



What is behind that door? A behind the scenes photo tour at HSPC

By: Brett Jarman

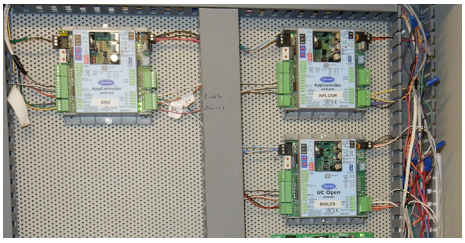
On busy days at the shelter, we have more than 100 visitors or volunteers pass through our doors. The purpose of their visit is to see or help the many adoptable animals in our care. Very few of these visitors give any thought to what is behind the doors labeled Employees Only.

One of the first comments we get is that our shelter smells clean. This compliment is the result of the animal care staff keeping the animal areas clean and the heating and air conditioning system doing its job.

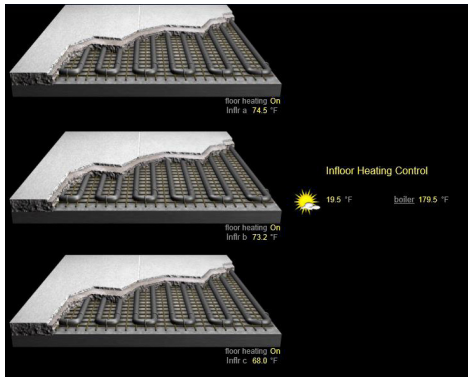
Fresh air is essential for the maintenance of good health and limiting the spread of infectious diseases. Proper ventilation removes dampness, odor, airborne microbes and pollutant gases. Our shelter exchanges air 30 to 50 times more frequently than a home does. To accomplish this at a reasonable cost the shelter uses an industrial sized air exchange device (6 ft x 6ft x 10 ft) which causes the exhaust air to heat (or cool) the incoming air.

Air Exchange Unit 6x6x10 ft

The shelter uses forced air furnaces, a boiler to power in floor heat and electric radiant heat to keep the building and its animals comfortable. A year ago, with the help of a grant from the Community Foundation of Portage County and partners at Ron's Refrigeration the building's controls were modernized to more accurately control temperatures and reduce costs.



Digital equipment controls



Computer interface shows in-floor heating status and outdoor temps

In 2014 Kim Peacock, DVM, was hired as our shelter veterinarian. To accomodate an increase in our capacity to provide animal services several of our back office rooms have been rearranged and updated. The surgery room is now located adjacent to our medical prep room. With spring only a few weeks away these rooms are ready to handle the expected increased volume of spay and neuter surgeries. In March, Dr. Kim will be attending the Humane Alliance in Asheville, NC for a hands-on educational program that will provide training in high-volume, high-quality spay/ neuter operations.

Dr Kim in remodeled office / laboratory / pharmacy room

Remodeled medical prep room

Remodeled Surgery Room

When animals arrive at the shelter they are placed into an intake room where they receive a series of vaccinations and examinations to ensure they are healthy before they are allowed to be placed near healthy animals. Animals that are ill are moved to an isolation room while healthy animals move to dog or cat holding rooms. After animals have passed their required holding period they receive behavior or termperament tests before moving to adoptable cages, kennels or group rooms.

One of our animal rooms

During the year our animal population ranges from a low of 60 animals to over 200 animals. As our population grows the demands on two of our rooms grow. The critter kitchen provides storage space for all of our wet canned food. A small quantity of bagged dry food and treats are stored in the kitchen with the remainder in our garage. During the day the kitchen is used for food preparation and the cleaning of animal utensils. Our partners at VanDreel Plumbing help keep our industrial sink and cleaning operation flowing smoothly.

Kitchen & industrial sink

High pressure sterilizer

Food storage

Keeping animals happy, warm and dry requires an incredibly large quantity of soft fuzzy blankets and towels. The task of changing the animal bedding is handled by our animal care staff. Keeping the bedding clean, dry and organized is an activity that is performed throughout the day. The laundry room's success and organization can be attributed to Andy Ruediger. Andy has a pasion for laundry and safety. Andy provides some of our OSHA training and keeps the laundry room under control. Bob Hanson, our laundry equipment repair man, keeps our industrial washers and driers humming. Later this year we have plans to improve our chemical control and staff saftey by installing chemical injectors on the washing machines.

Laundry storage

Commercial Dryers

Commercial washing machines

There isn't enough space to talk about all of the interesting facilities, tools and equipment that it takes to keep the shelter humming. Discussions about surgery dog kennels, fire control equipment, fire detection electronics, telephone and computer systems could easily add several additional pages.

In-floor waste disposal system

Annie Wierchowski, animal care staff, with a floor scrubber

Surgery Dog Kennels

Fire Control System

Two final items help us control odors. Our in-floor waste grates help us flush away smelly substances. Our dedicated animal care staff work hard to provide for the animals in our care and to keep the building clean and tidy.

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Adoption Updates! In the "Paws to Read" October 2014 edition, the bottom row of pictures on our cover page identified our five longest term residents. We celebrated when Fireball, Charlie, Darci & Chaps found forever homes. **Their Dreams Came True!**

Fireball
adopted 9/24/14

Charlie
adopted 10/14/14

Darci
adopted 11/28

Chaps
adopted 12/11/14

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.

Garden Bricks are $100 each

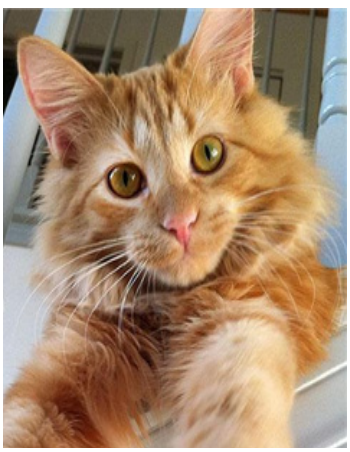
Spay and Neuter Sponsorship

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.

Sponsor a dog for $75 or a cat for $50



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Calendar of Events

March 19	Volunteer Orientation HSPC Shelter 5 P.M.
April 16	Volunteer Orientation HSPC Shelter 5 P.M.
May 21	Volunteer Orientation HSPC Shelter 5 P.M.
June 28	Walk for Wags Pfiffner Pioneer Park 11 A.M. - 2 P.M.
July 14	HSPC Open (Golf) Sentryworld
October 16	Fur Fest (formally known as Fur Ball) a night of casual fun for the entire family live auction, basket raffle, silent auction, music, kid games, food, beverages and more Stevens Point Holiday Inn 6 P.M - 10 P.M

Fur Fest - October 16, 2015

Walk for Wags - June 28, 2015

HSPC Open - July 14, 2015

Lots of Volunteer Opportunities

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