



Paws to Read

May 2015
\$5.00

Greetings supporters of HSPC,

My name is Chris Langenfeld and it is an honor to introduce myself as the new HSPC Executive Director.

The torch was officially passed to me on May 1st. However, I have had the pleasure of working side by side with Executive Director Ron Blaha during the month of April. During this time I have been fortunate enough to also shadow the staff members and meet several volunteers. This has provided me the opportunity to see the excellent work that happens behind the scenes.

Everyone that I have met cares a great deal for our sheltered animals and has made me feel welcome. It will be my pleasure to work with our dedicated staff and volunteers to provide a safe and caring facility to help homeless pets find their forever homes.

I look forward to meeting everyone as you visit HSPC and attend our outreach events. In the mean time, I thought sharing a few things about me would help us to get to know each other.

I have been involved with animals and animal education most of my life. My childhood was consumed by playing in the woods and running through the fields with the family pets. Being involved in 4-H and growing up on a small hobby farm helped to develop my love of nature and all animals. Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to have

several rescue dogs and cats become a loving part of my family.

I am married and met my wife Gwen while attending UWSP. I have three boys (ages 13, 15 & 17), three dogs and one cat! Over the years, our family has included up to five dogs, two cats, two goats, several chickens and a handful of ducks. I am excited to be at HSPC since this will give me the opportunity to help families find their next loving family member!

My interests include camping, hiking, fishing, construction projects, old tools, environmental education and art. Prior to joining HSPC, I worked in both profit and not for profit organizations. I learned that no matter the goal of the organization, it always comes back to community and caring.

One of my favorite sayings is everything is connected to everything else... whether we like it or not! This is true for families, communities and the environment. Once we accept this, we tend to look at things a little differently. At that point, it becomes easier to see why so many of us care so deeply for the pets we bring into our families. They become our confidants, our counselors, our friends.

Chris Langenfeld, Executive Director



HSPC Executive Director
Chris Langenfeld



Chris and the Langenfeld pets

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?

45 Days

70 Days

195 Days

47 Days

182 Days



Jake



Busta Rhymes



Herbert



Mindy



Lilly

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:

Spay / Neuter sponsors

Additional sets of surgical tools used for spay/neuter surgery

Orthopedic surgery tools/pins/wire

Surgery light for the surgical prep room

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

Dawn dish soap (the blue bottle)

Mr Clean liquid cleaner

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A special need!

EXTREEM Kong toys and Plastic kiddie pools for doggie summer fun and cooling

As the weather warms up dogs that are spending time at the shelter enjoy playing and laying in kiddie pools. They also enjoy chewing. We are soliciting donations to raise \$500 to allow us to provide kiddie pools in outdoor kennels and play areas and to get a collection of the nearly indestructible EXTREEM Kong toys. Kongs come in a variety of sizes and shapes and they cost about \$10 each. Pools are acquired locally and cost about \$10 each.

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



Flu for Fido

by Kim Peacock, DVM

Since the beginning of April 2015, there have been over a thousand cases of canine influenza virus (CIV) reported in the Midwest, mostly in the Chicago region, but one confirmed case was identified in Madison, WI, and one case was suspected in the Portage county region in a dog that had recently traveled to Chicago. Given our beautiful location along a main highway and the number of Illinois tourists who frequent Wisconsin, their favorite 'state park,' residents should be cautious until the frequency of disease reports dwindles.

Canine flu is not new to the US. A strain of CIV, H3N8, was initially reported in the US in 2004 in greyhounds from a racetrack in Florida. It was an equine strain that adapted to infect canines instead. There is a vaccine that was developed to reduce virus shedding and clinical signs of disease for H3N8 in dogs. The H3N8 strain does not affect other species.

The current strain of CIV, however, is H3N2. It has been reported in Thailand, China, and Korea since 2007. H3N2 is an avian strain that made the leap to dogs from the live bird markets. Since dogs and fowl are eaten in those countries, the constant proximity of food species to each other in a marketplace environment makes the jump understandable. With the new Midwestern strain cats can also be infected. There is even speculation that it might infect ferrets and guinea pigs.

Human flu viruses also come from avian species. Ducks are housed over pigs, the living test tube, in China. Recombination occurs in the swine of the avian disease to produce the different strains of flu that infect humans. The 'H' and the 'N' refer to different viral variations of what are known as virulence factors that the influenza virus employs to attack the host organism's cells. Though there is a human H3N2 virus, it is different than the dog one and the canine version cannot infect people.

The current Midwest CIV is a different strain (H3N2) than the old racetrack CIV (H3N8). There is NOT a vaccine that is specific to the new canine flu. At least not yet. The vaccine manufacturer is working on producing a specific version for the new strain. Along with other facilities, HSPC was contacted and asked to provide samples if a case appears in our shelter, which we would of course do. We strive to provide assistance to research and scholarly functions whenever ethically possible.

Is the currently available vaccine useful in reducing the signs of illness caused by the new flu strain? Maybe. There hasn't been time to test it yet. Consider the human flu vaccine developed every year. Sometimes it works perfectly, sometimes it only helps a little, or perhaps not at all. Because the shelter is a high risk environment for the spread of contagious disease, HSPC has opted to vaccinate all of our dogs for CIV

that arrive for the duration of the outbreak. Strays are also held for one week, so during that time we would have the opportunity to observe the development of respiratory illness. We also have implemented additional questions for people wishing to bring their animals to the shelter to meet a potential adoptee so that we can avoid high risk situations.



Kim Peacock, DVM

What are the clinical signs of CIV? In the mild presentation of the disease a persistent cough develops for ten to thirty days. Other signs include fever, sneezing, lethargy, and ocular or nasal discharge. In the severe form, dogs develop a high fever (104-106F) and have signs of pneumonia such as increased respiratory rate and effort. As with human flu, young, old, pregnant, or immunocompromised individuals are at higher risk. The treatment, like for all viruses, is supportive care. Tender loving care, fluids if dehydrated, and possibly hospitalization if your pet is severely debilitated. Only if there are secondary bacterial infection are antibiotics warranted. These infections happen because tissue damaged by the viruses is easy for bacteria to invade. Though there are many reasons for a dog to cough, a frequent cough should be investigated by your veterinarian.

Most dogs recover from the illness in 2-3 weeks. The death rate from CIV H3N2 is less than 10%. Since this is a new disease, no dogs have any immunity to it. However, only 80% of dogs show clinical signs of illness. Regardless of whether they look sick or not, the highest level of infectious viral shedding occurs two to four days after initial exposure to the virus. Clinical signs often do not develop until day 5 and experimentally infected animals quit shedding virus by day seven, even though they are still clinically sick.

How can a pet owner reduce the risk to their own pet? I think the best thing you can do during any infectious disease outbreak is avoid high risk areas. Avoid dog parks, pet stores, boarding, training, and grooming facilities. Be cautious at your veterinarian's office. Coughing dogs should be waiting outside. If you are adopting a pet, getting your own pet's vaccines updated first might be prudent. As a shelter veterinarian I come in contact with lots of new animals, so I vaccinated my dogs even though there is no evidence one way or the other regarding its efficacy. It is easy to carry the virus on your clothes or body home to your pet, though washing of your clothes and hands is very effective at eliminating the risk.

We are looking for a few good fosters!



After a quiet winter at the HSPC, we are gearing up for kitten season! We are seeking foster caregivers who are willing to open their homes and hearts to foster kittens until they are ready for adoption.



FOSTERING – the most rewarding kind of investment.

Mother SNOWFLAKE arrived at the shelter pregnant, and delivered four kittens. The new little family was cared for in a foster home until the kittens were old enough to be adopted. Two of the kittens, Dalilah and Dyna, were adopted so quickly that we didn't get pictures taken. Doogie (lower left) and Dahlia (upper right) were adopted within a few days. Snowflake is still looking for her forever home!

IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE about fostering cats or kittens for HSPC, here is information from Kari, a seasoned foster mom, who is organizing the recruitment and training of foster parents.

We are strengthening, building, organizing, and preparing the Foster Program for the kitten season that is quickly approaching.

Have you ever thought about being a kitten/cat foster caregiver? Are you interested, but need more information?

We have an information / training session on Saturday, June 6 at 10am being held at the Humane Society of Portage County 3200 Iber Ln, Plover, WI 54467

If you know that you would like to be a Foster Caregiver, please complete the

FOSTER CAREGIVER APPLICATION at <http://www.hspcwi.org/foster-care-giver.html> before coming to a training session.

Regardless of whether you become a Foster Caregiver or not, feel free to "like" our new Facebook page "Foster Care for the Humane Society of Portage County."

You can join in on the conversations, lend suggestions, keep current on adorable litters, or just silently watch the activity of our Caregivers and their litters.

Thanks... Kari



Here is the picture the adopters sent of Snowflake's other 2 kittens Dalilah and Dyna. Adopter Nicole Konopacky Schlice says "Sniper and Caliber (formerly known as Dalilah and Dyna) are getting used to their new home and are doing great!"

HSPC provides support to foster families. We want our fosters to be successful so we a kit that contains nearly everything you will need. You will go home with a supply kit that contains food, litter, a warming pad, feeding tools, towels and blankets, and a scale so you can track the weight of your kittens. The most valuable part of the kit is a 40 page Foster Care Manual that covers advice on many foster topics and information about who and when to call for help.



Three teams are ready to help. The adoption and veterinary teams are shelter based and the coordination team is operated by volunteers. The coordination team has established a Facebook site where help is provided and stories are shared.

Frequently asked questions about fostering

Q: How do I apply?

A: The foster caregiver application can be found on our webpage at www.hspcwi.org, or you can get an application at the shelter during regular business hours.

Q: How do you determine what animals need to be fostered?

A: Kittens that are under 8 weeks of age need to be fostered until they are old enough to be adopted. When the shelter receives kittens under the age of 8 weeks old, are not social, or are sick or injured we will place them in a foster home until they are ready to be adopted. We also will place nursing mothers in foster homes.

Q: Do I have to be a volunteer to foster animals?

A: You do not have to be a volunteer with the shelter to foster, however we encourage fosters to attend orientation and be involved with the volunteer program.

Q: What if I'm called to foster, but I have plans or a vacation planned?

A: If you are called to foster and are unable, we completely understand. Let us know that it's not a good time and we will move on to another foster caregiver.

Q: What if I can't foster the whole duration of time the kittens need to be in a foster home?

A: We prefer that once kittens are placed in a foster home they do not move from home to home or have to return to the shelter before they are old enough. We encourage foster caregivers to notify us as soon as possible if they are unable to foster kittens so another foster caregiver can be arranged.

Q: Do I have to purchase supplies to foster kittens?

A: The shelter tries to provide supplies to foster caregivers, however donations are always appreciated.

Q: When is the next training class?

A: We invite you to join our Kitten Foster Caregiver training class on Saturday, June 6th at 10 am in the Education Room at the shelter. (3200 Iber Ln, Plover)

Q: What if I have more questions?

A: If you have any additional questions, please contact the Adoption Coordinator at 715-344-6012 ext. 308 or email us at adoption@hspcwi.org



Fostering can take on many faces. Alicia, Daisy, and Diego arrived at the shelter unaccustomed to human contact and just old enough to be past the age of easy adjustment to people. They needed more consistent and dedicated socialization than was available in the shelter environment. After being in a foster home for several weeks, they were doing great. Then we were lucky enough to find families who were willing to work through a second phase of socialization as each kitten adjusted to its new home.



Adopter Carolyn Hansen Woods says "Cleo (Previously Alicia on left) has been with us for 2 weeks now. Today she finally found my lap and stole the dog's bed! We think she likes it here!"

The Sternweis family says "Just wanted to let you know that Daisy is doing great in her new home! She loves to play at all hours of the day, watch birds from the window, and loves to cuddle on our laps! We can hardly walk sometimes because she's constantly rubbing on our legs, she surely wants all the attention she can get! Funny how such a shy little kitten can turn into such an attention loving and curious cat in just 2 weeks!"

Louisa, one of our volunteers, knows Diego's family. While we don't have a picture, we have received reports of his adventures and know he is doing well.

Interested in becoming a foster?
*Join us for an information / training session
on Saturday, June 6 at 10AM
at the Humane Society of Portage County,
3200 Iber Ln, Plover, WI 54467*

Please Consider a Planned Gift

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." --Ghandi

Planned Giving

Your pets are part of the family! They bring meaning to your life with unconditional love and valuable lessons that have affected you in wondrous, magical ways. They make a deep impact in your life and you want to make an impact in theirs. Consider including the Humane Society of Portage County (HSPC) in your final giving plans. You and your heirs will enjoy charitable gift benefits while you make a powerful statement about your deep commitment to the care and welfare of animals. Your planned gift to HSPC can ensure a healthy financial future for homeless, abused and neglected companion animals in Portage County. Remembering us in your Will, Trust or other estate plans will be an investment that allows for us to continue our dedicated mission of respect for all life, making a difference in the lives of animals and people of this community, well into the future!

What is Planned Charitable Giving?

Planned charitable giving is when you, as a donor, make a purposeful charitable gift of your estate assets to one (or more) nonprofit organizations. It takes forethought to consider the personal goals or objectives you may want to accomplish through your gift for the greatest meaning and impact.

Benefits for You:

- Save or protect current income through eligible and sometimes substantial tax deduction benefits.
- Reduce federal estate taxes and probate expenses for your heirs.
- Establish a living memorial or scholarship fund for yourself or in the name of a special loved one.
- Provide a lasting tribute to the ideals and beliefs held passionately by you or in honor of an exceptional animal lover.
- The amazing good feeling of making the significant dream gift that was not possible or practical during your life.
- The satisfaction of leaving a life-saving legacy that will extend your support many years and make the community a better place.

Benefits for Humane Society of Portage County:

- Result in a larger gift to be able to do more to support and further our mission.
- Build an endowment to help fund growth development and expansion of service to the animals and community.
- Secure our organization's operations by helping to stabilize budgets through any conditions or circumstances.
- Assure that homeless or unwanted animals will continue to receive an opportunity for a second chance.
- Provide the security, satisfaction and peace of mind that the animals will be taken care of in rough financial times or if there should be a catastrophe or unforeseen crisis.
- Allow for the ability to work harder making a difference directly in the lives of companion animals.

Types of Planned Charitable Gifts

Bequest

As a donor, you can include a provision in your will or living trust to make a bequest to a charity of your choice. A planned gift in a will or living trust can be cash, securities (stocks, bonds, IRAs, or other qualified retirement plan, etc.), real estate, personal property (like a vehicle, trailer, artworks, jewelry, etc.) or even a percentage of your estate. If you currently have a will, you can make arrangements for a planned gift by adding the gift through a simple provision.

Appreciated Property

This is a donor gift of securities, real or personal property held long-term which has increased in value since the date of its acquisition.

Life Insurance

As a donor, you may wish to name HSPC as the beneficiary of an existing policy which is no longer needed for its original purpose (or for your family/heir's purpose). You can also choose to add HSPC as a partial beneficiary with a specific percentage or amount.

Annuities and Charitable Trusts

Both provide income to the donor (or someone else named) for a period of time. After the gift-deferral period, the remaining amount in the fund is transferred to HSPC.

There are several ways and other types of planned charitable giving. We suggest that you always consult with an attorney or financial advisor/planner when making arrangements. Estate planning is an important step to assure your final wishes will be honored. The goal for any planned giving is to help donors plan their estates and charitable giving in ways that benefit both the donor and the charitable cause.

The programs and work we do are made possible through the generosity and commitment of people like you. Considering including HSPC in your final giving plans.

A heart felt thank you goes out to those who have included HSPC in their Wills. Your planned giving has made a huge impact on the animals that we care for.

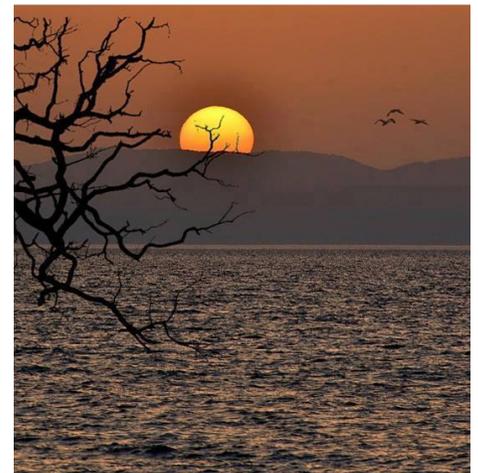
2009 - Patrick P & Betty C

2011 - David M

2013 - Helen B, Karen N & Janet S

2014 - Bessie J, Harriet F, Charlie J & Stella F

2015 - Ethel H



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SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2015
Register Online at HSPCWI.ORG/Walk2015

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

HUMANE SOCIETY
OF PORTAGE COUNTY



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
- 11:00 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
- 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
- Walk held rain or shine
- Walk with or without a pet!
- Dogs must be on a leash and current on vaccinations

Our Goal
\$25,000

20%



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

OPTION 1: Register online at HSPCWI.ORG/Walk2015 and print your 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 28 at Pfiffner Pioneer Park. Please register in advance for \$35 and include your t-shirt size. **Save \$10!** Questions? Call 715-344-6012.

THE LAST DAY FOR EARLY REGISTRATION IS JUNE 7, 2015

Registration

Sunday, June 28, 2015 | 11AM-2PM, Pfiffner Pioneer Park

Walker _____

Address _____

City | State | Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

T-shirt size _____

(comes with minimum pledge of \$45 or \$35 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 28, 2015 | 11AM-2PM, Pfiffner Pioneer Park

Name _____	Phone _____	\$ Pledge _____	\$ Received _____
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TOTAL \$ _____

Thank you for supporting
the Humane Society of Portage County!



JULY 14
— 2015 —



DATE: July 14, 2015

PLACE: SentryWorld

18 Hole - 4 Person Scramble - Shotgun start at 11AM | Registration opens at 10AM

COST: \$125 per golfer includes 18 holes with carts and dinner

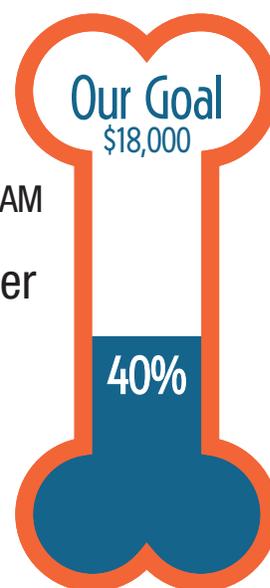
DINNER ONLY: \$30 or more donation for non-golfers

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.



REMEMBER TO REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.HSPCWI.ORG/GOLF2015



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JULY 14



SENTRYWORLD

REGISTRATION FORM

Golfer Registration Information

Number of Golfers with Dinner ___ @ \$125 = ___

Dinner Only ___ @ \$30 = ___

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

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 _____

Thank you for supporting the Humane Society of Portage County!

Sponsorship Levels

Please fill in any that apply

Single hole sponsorship \$200 = _____

Register (4) golfers and receive Discounted hole sponsorship \$150 = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

HOLE SPONSORS

please send name & logo to fundraising@hspcwi.org before July 8, 2015

Contact Information

Team Captain _____

Payment Information

Payment must be received by July 1, 2015
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) _____

QUESTIONS?

Contact Jenny Knutson 715.340.6316
fundraising@hspcwi.org
HSPC is a 501(c)(3) charity

Humane Officers help with animal problems

Humane Officers are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As the warmer weather approaches, people and pets will spend more time outside and there will be an increase in calls to Humane Officers asking for help. This article will provide some information to help you understand animal related problems and the steps you can take to help us resolve some of the issues you might be having.

During a recent month our Animal Control Officers received 109 calls for service. The calls included 52 animals running at large complaints, 11 barking dog complaints, 9 dog bite cases, 7 calls about the mistreatment of animals, 2 animal rescue requests, 13 requests to pick-up stray animals, 2 vicious dogs complaints and 13 other miscellaneous requests.



Most of our calls involve two parties, the person calling for our help, the complainant, and the person whose animal is the subject of the complaint, the owner.

When a call is made to the Humane Society, we gather the relevant details and pass the information on to a Humane Officer. We are interested in determining:

- Who - is calling, their name, address & phone number
- What - the problem is (dog barking, running at large, etc)
- Where - is the animal located or last seen
- When - did the barking or running at large occur
- Who - is the animal's owner (if known), their name & address



The information we collect is confidential and we never reveal who called us. No one should feel like they are "tattling" on a neighbor. Too often people wait until the situation has escalated and then it is much harder to resolve. For most barking dogs and running at large calls, we mail a reminder to the animal's owner explaining what is acceptable animal behavior.

If the problems continue, we may ask the complainant to keep a log of when they witness an animal running at large or when they hear a barking dog. When appropriate and safe, we may suggest taking pictures or a video recording to supplement the log. Recording the date and time and what was witnessed on the log will help us resolve the problem.

For some calls, a humane officer will be dispatched to visit the animal's owner. If the owner is available, we may attempt to explain what is and isn't acceptable. If the owner is unavailable, we leave a call slip asking the owner to call us within 24 hours.

Our Humane Officers strive for stress free resolutions for all parties involved. It is our goal to make our community a more safe and happy place and to be able to live in harmony with pets of all kinds and our fellow neighbors.

Dog licenses help reunite lost pets with their owners

Along with warmer weather and the enjoyment of outside activities with our canine companions also comes a spike in reports of lost and stray dogs.

Just a friendly reminder, that all dogs within Portage County must be licensed. Not only is this a county ordinance, it also makes reuniting you and your furry family member much easier. With our ability to track down current license numbers, pet owners are located in less time and often with low or no fees involved. We all know the horrible feeling when we realize our pet is missing. A few simple steps to make it less stressful are to call immediately to report your pet lost. You are welcomed to visit our website <http://www.hspcwi.org> and log your pet as lost. You have the ability to add pictures and contact information. Social media, such as Facebook, also aids in the return of many lost dogs.

Let's keep families together during 2015.



Happy Tails - stories about adopted animals and shelter visitors



Festus is living the good life after being rescued in February 2013. He is our first pet and it's difficult to imagine our home without him. A feisty cuddler and 11 pounds of pure energy, Festus never has a bad day. Festus is waiting for his next brushing session. Thankfully I am a hairdresser. Don & Lorelei Wiza



Brent Catman (shelter name was Dexter) is hard at work playing tonight. Meagan Hoffmann



Khryse Reed Flugaur shared this picture of Barneby in honor of National Adopt a Shelter Pet Day (April 30th).



Rachel Galecke, Dream Girls USA National Supreme Cover Model, recently visited the shelter and made a donation of pet food and supplies.



Here's a picture we received from Ethel's new family. Her new brother is Yari and they love each other! She is doing very well.



I adopted my Gracie from HSPC 5 years ago! Thank you HSPC for finding me my Amazing Grace! Jamy Klopotic



We love our Claire. Adopted 5 months now. She is so sweet and fun and a joy to have in our home. Penny Quirk



The focus in the picture may be a little fuzzy, but we want to make the recognition clear. HSPC is very grateful to Hope and Vince Peplinski, farmers in Amherst Junction, for nominating HSPC for Monsanto Company's "American Farmers Grow Communities" fund. HSPC was selected and awarded \$2,500! The photo shows Vince and Hope Peplinski smiling as John Lefever from Monsanto Company presents a check to Ron Blaha, Executive Director of HSPC.



As you can see from Bianca Patino's Girl Scout sash, this member of Girl Scout Troop 6043 is a dedicated scout. Bianca is working on her Bronze Award, and she made and donated a bucket of homemade natural dog treats. The shelter pooches heartily approve of her project! Bianca is pictured with Sunny, a French Bull Dog.



A huge THANK YOU to Troop 6149 who brought us a table full of donations on April 18! The troop was able to see some of our adoptable animals and were a great audience for a presentation given by HSPC's new Executive Director Chris Langenfeld.



Today I am celebrating my 4th birthday with my forever family, thank you for letting me live with them, you are the best HSPC! Love, Sophie (aka Celia)
Amy Prael on behalf of Sophie



Thank you to the Humane Society of Portage County for our wonderful new little girl "Peaches." (Shelter name Infinity) A perfect snuggler! Darlene Antoniewicz



Carson Kaminsky, a young artist and philanthropist, sent this picture of Grumpy Cat and a donation to HSPC. Thank you Carson!

We are always interested in hearing from the folks who are providing forever homes to pets or helping make life better for animals at the shelter. The best photos and stories are used here in "Paws to Read" and on our facebook site www.facebook.com/HSPCWI



To all the wonderful staff and volunteers, Thank you so much for taking such good care of me and helping me find my forever home! Love, Kloe
Irene Arranz on behalf of Kloe



The HSPC Board of Directors, Staff, Volunteers and many members of the Portage County community helped us celebrate Ron Blaha's retirement on April 29.

Ron joined HSPC in May 2012 as the Executive Director. Under Ron's leadership HSPC has achieved many successes. Some can be seen like an outdoor dog play area, wooded trails, the roof over the outdoor dog pens, and the parking lot expansion. Some of the successes were behind the scenes like increased transparency, additional staff and volunteer training, community outreach and improved staff morale.

The plaque on the clock is inscribed with:

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Garden Bricks are \$100 each



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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.

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Sexual maturity
comes to
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**Sponsor
a dog for \$75 or
a cat for \$50**



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

Thank you for your donations to help purchase spay / neuter collars



In our March 2015 edition, we asked for your help to acquire collars that protect animals from licking and damaging their incisions after they have had surgery. Your response was wonderful. We have acquired a set of the collars. Previously we had used cones which most animals were not happy with. To the right, Leo is modeling one of the new collars while Amanda Tucker, our adoption coordinator, gives him a treat



Adoption Updates! In the "Paws to Read" March 2015 edition, the bottom row of pictures on our cover page identified our five longest term residents. We celebrated when all five of our long term residents found forever homes. **Their Dreams Came True!**

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Paws to Read
March 2015

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There are five of our residents that have been waiting very patiently for a loving home. Please stop in to meet them. They are absolutely sweet and would be a joy to have in their lives!

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Precious
Pam
Mama Pumpkin



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- May 21 Volunteer Orientation
HSPC Shelter 5 P.M.
- June 6 Bug-In car show
Plover NAPA 9 A.M.
- June 6 Kitten Foster Orientation
HSPC Shelter 10 A.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
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Fur Fest - October 16, 2015



Walk for Wags - June 28, 2015



HSPC Open - July 14, 2015



Lots of Volunteer Opportunities

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