



# Paws To Read

The Quarterly Newsletter of the HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY

Spring 2005

From the Desk of the Operations Manager,

Spring is here and the puppies and kittens won't be far behind. Once again we will keep our fingers crossed and our eyes wide open looking for signs of illness among our population. With the endless numbers of strays we will take in over the next several months the chances of disease outbreaks increases. Most animals that enter the shelter have never had a vaccination nor seen a vet before coming here. We do our best to screen for their immediate medical needs when they arrive and provide them with basic vaccinations to keep them safe, but close quarters and a dilapidated building do nothing to improve the situation.

The need for a new facility is ever apparent during the spring and summer season. There are some days when we will take in as many as 15 cats and 2 or 3 dogs and have "no more room in the inn". When this happens some tough decisions face the staff as we run out of both kennel and cage space.

Euthanasia is a reality for most facilities that provide full sheltering services and as the number of 'no' kill facilities increases. As long as people continue not to spay or neuter and allow their pets to run free, pet overpopulation will continue to keep shelters everywhere filled to capacity. We do our best to work with breed rescues, foster families, and shelter exchanges, but these too are often full to their limits.

The first line of defense against the needless killing of adoptable pets is for owners to make sure their pets are not a contributing factor. ***Please spay and neuter your animals and take an active roll in a spay/neuter program at your local shelter.*** Shelters are not filled with people waiting to euthanize animals; we are in this to help stop the cycle. We are here to make a difference and to help as many adoptable pets as we can. Our goal is for a 100% success rate in placing all adoptable pets in a timely manner, what are you willing to do to help us reach that goal? Call me at 344-6012 let's talk.

Nancy Butterfield

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## SOMEONE HELP ME, I NEED A HOME....PLEASE!



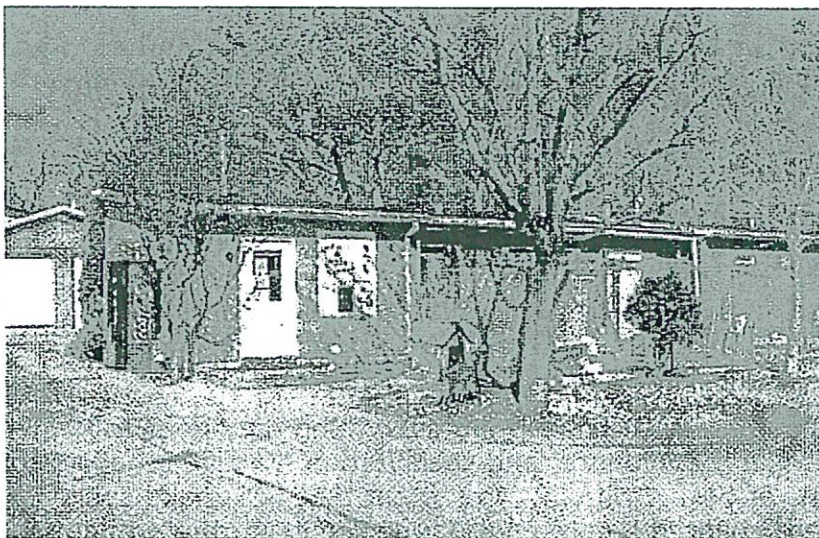
My name is Buddy and I am a 10-month-old lab mix. I am black and white and out of sight to be with. I know how to sit, lay and stay and I try very hard to obey, but I really like to run and play. I have been in the shelter since February 15<sup>th</sup> and that is far too long. I tend to turn adopters off because I jump at my kennel door and bark to get people's attention when they come by my cage. I just want someone to love me, but sometimes my enthusiasm gets the better of me. I need someone that is willing to spend time with me and train and teach me how to behave properly. I am very athletic and you could take me for long walks or running or jogging. I love to jump and chase things. I would be great at Frisbee catching or fly ball. I wish someone would give me a chance I don't want to die.

Please call Nancy at the shelter at 344-6012 and just come and visit me and give me a chance to love you.

Buddy







## OPEN HOUSE

*You are cordially invited...*

*To the Open House at the Humane Society of Portage County*

*Where: Our Shelter in Bukolt Park*

*When: Sunday – June 12, 2004*

*Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM*

*The Humane Society is celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> year of service to the communities in Portage County. Get a first hand look at what is happening at the shelter. Meet the staff, volunteers and especially the companion animals we care for.*

*You are invited to tour our current facility and see for yourself why we do desperately need a new home.*

*Sketches of the new building will be on display.*

*Cookies, juice, information and smiles will be served.*

### ANIMAL ABUSE – NO ONE LIKES TO HEAR ABOUT IT, BUT IT DOES EXIST!

Ida is a beautiful malamute shepherd mix who came to the shelter with gunshot wounds to the neck and hind leg. A dispute with a neighbor over the dog running loose resulted in the needless injury of this sweet, kind dog. When she arrived at the shelter she was treated for her injuries by the vets and staff at Stevens Point Animal Hospital, her prognosis was good. In the weeks to follow she was nursed back to health by our vet tech Linda and the other caregivers at the shelter. Her personality blossomed and she soon became a favorite of both staff and volunteers. Ida soon caught the eye of her new family. She met and approved of the other family pet and went to her new home shortly after. Ida's story has a happy ending and we are so happy for her and her new family. Many animals are not this fortunate. If you suspect or see animal abuse please contact the proper authorities.

**To Say Nothing, To Do Nothing, Stops Nothing – Report Animal Cruelty!**



## I FOUND A BABY WILD ANIMAL ...

### Now what should I do?



People who find a baby wild animal often think that the animal needs help and they usually want to take it to take it home or take it to a wildlife rehabilitation center. Most of these babies are under the watchful eyes of their parents and often should be left alone. It is important to realize that a baby animal's best chance for survival is to be raised by its natural parents.

Only the parents can teach their offspring everything they need to know about food selection, predator avoidance, and socialization. Wildlife rehabilitators can only approximate these conditions at best. It is VERY important that you make every effort to reunite the parents with their wayward children before considering removing the orphan from the wild. Do not attempt to raise an orphaned wild animal by yourself. Please call your nearest wildlife rehabilitation center for advice before picking up a baby wild animal.

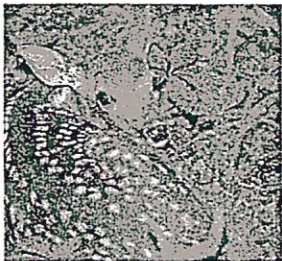
As with baby birds, baby mammals often appear to be orphaned when in fact they are not. Many species of mammals will leave their babies safely hidden while they are out looking for food nearby. As with baby birds, the first thing to do when you suspect a baby mammal is orphaned is to patiently and unobtrusively observe it in an effort to determine if it truly needs help.

If the baby has its eyes open, is fully furred, and is walking around, then it probably has just become temporarily separated from its mother while she is out looking for food. Sometimes the mother may have been chased away by some threat, but she will come back, retrieve her baby and carry it to safety. If the baby is not completely furred or is too young to walk with good balance call your nearest wildlife rehabilitation center and they will help you.

Remember that the parents will not reject their babies just because you have touched them. They may, however, abandon the babies if you remain too close or keep them away too long. So whatever you do, do it quickly.

If the baby is obviously injured, is cold to the touch, or is lethargic, then it probably needs a wildlife rehabilitator. If this is the case, place the baby in a cardboard box with a hot water bottle wrapped in a soft towel. Place the box in a quiet, dark place away from children and pets and call your wildlife rehabilitation center. Do not hold the baby or attempt to feed it. Baby mammals have very specific dietary needs and often are very difficult to feed. You can do more harm than good by trying to feed it. Warmth and quiet are much more important.

### FAWNS:



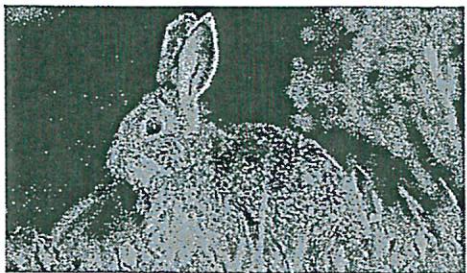
Baby deer are susceptible to well intentioned but misguided "rescues" by people. Fawns are cute and look vulnerable when they are found alone in the woods but they are in fact quite safe if left alone.

Deer have developed biological and physiological mechanisms that improve their ability to survive in the wild. The mother deer will routinely hide her defenseless babies in brush or tall grass while she moves away to find food. This behavior reduces the chance that her activities will attract a predator to her baby. She will return to the fawn only a few times during the day to nurse it. Fawns can remain totally motionless for extended periods of time, and essentially give off no odor at this stage of their development. A predator can walk right by such hidden fawns without detecting their presence.



If you come across a fawn, do not touch it unless it is obviously injured or if you know that the mother is dead. The mother will almost always be nearby watching you, although you may not see her. Call a wildlife rehabilitator for advice before taking any action. You may be asked to go back and check on the fawn after several hours. If it is still in the same spot, it may need to be helped. Fawns that have been "rescued" can be successfully reunited with their mother up to eight hours after they have been removed. The mother will remain in the area looking for her baby during that time. Only as a last resort should fawns be brought into a rehabilitation center. Bottle-fed babies are susceptible to imprinting or to becoming too tame to be released, and require specialized conditions to be raised successfully.

## **BUNNIES:**



Cottontail and brush rabbits make their nests in shallow depressions in the grass. The nest is lined with fur and loosely covered with grass. Rabbits have evolved to have a stomach capacity larger than other mammals, and so are able to hold a great deal of milk. As a result, the mothers only visit the nest twice a day (early morning and dusk) to feed the babies, thus reducing the chances of attracting predators to the nest. Baby rabbits are often found when people disturb the nests while mowing the grass. If this happens to you, do the following:

- Make sure that the babies are not injured.
- Place the babies back into the nest and cover it loosely with grass.
- To be sure that the mother has come back to the nest, place several strands of string or yarn over the nest. If the string has not been moved by morning, then the mother has probably not returned and you should call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Often people find infant rabbits that appear to be too small to be on their own. The rule-of-thumb is that if the rabbits are over five-inches long or larger, then they are old enough to be on their own and should be released where they were found.

Baby rabbits should be picked up only as a last resort, such as when you know that the parents are dead or injured. Young rabbits are difficult to rehabilitate and more often than not, do not survive the stress of being handled. Absolutely do not attempt to take care of baby rabbits yourself! They require special conditions, diets, and antibiotics that only a trained rehabilitator can provide.

### **WILDLIFE REHABILITATORS**

- **Northwoods Wildlife Center, Minocqua - 715/356-7400**
  - Mark Naniot, Director of Rehabilitation
  - Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
  - They accept all legal animals in state of Wisconsin except skunks, which are not legal. You will need to bring the animal to them, as they do not have a pick up service.
- **Susie Hoffman, Shawano DNR – 715/526-7525 or 715/787-4150 after 4:30 pm**
  - Leave a message and she will get back to you immediately.
  - They accept small animals only (specialty squirrels, rabbits, birds)
- **Wind River Wildlife Rehabilitation New London – 920/982-6825**
  - Randie Segal
  - She takes only birds of prey, but will be happy to give you information.
- **The Feather Rehabilitation Center – New London - 920/982-6578**
  - They accept birds of prey, waterfowl, whitetail deer, sandhill cranes, and all other birds.
- **Wildlife of Wisconsin, Manitowoc Area Rehabilitators – 920/323-5609**
  - They accept all species of animal.
- **Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary – Green Bay – 920/499-4823**
  - They accept cottontail rabbits and squirrels.
  - They offer domestic rabbit fostering for wild rabbits.



## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WILD BABY BIRDS

I have found a baby bird, can you tell me how to take care of it?



Baby Robin in Nest

The very best thing to do when you find a baby bird on the ground is to do nothing. **Leave it alone.** The parents are probably nearby and are feeding it. Many baby birds are found by people and taken in to be cared for. People believe the baby bird is rejected by its parents, lost, or cannot get back into the nest. The fatality rate of baby birds that are taken in by kind-hearted individuals is very high. Handling a baby bird will not cause the parents to abandon it. Almost all birds have a very poor sense of smell, but raccoons, foxes, and other predators have a very good sense of smell. You may be leaving a trail directly to the nest for these hungry animals.

We know you want to take the baby birds inside, put them in a warm box, feed them milk and bread with an eye-dropper and watch them grow up. Mother Nature and the U.S. Government don't want you to do this. **It is illegal (really!).** Only licensed wildlife rehabilitators are authorized to handle wild birds.

Quite often young birds will leave the nest before they can fly. This is normal. These birds often end up on the ground. The baby bird can still move around and it can let its parents know where it is.

In fact, many birds are capable of walking and staying close to their mother almost from the moment they hatch. These species are called "precocial." They hatch with their eyes open and are down-covered. Quail, grouse, ducks, gulls, terns and shorebirds are precocial.

The opposite of precocial is altricial. These birds hatch in a helpless condition and depend on their parents. Robins, cardinals, bluebirds and most songbirds are altricial. These are the birds we usually discover on the ground.

Many fledglings are scruffy looking and look like they are unable to be on their own. They may leave the nest, scurry on the ground, etc., looking like a lost baby bird. The parents care for these fledglings and keep track where they are until the fledglings can live on their own. So, the baby bird you see may be a fledgling that is still being taken care of by its parents.

If the baby is NOT fully feathered and has fallen from its nest, the very best thing is to put the baby back into the nest. Remember, depending on the age and species, a baby bird may need to eat every 20 minutes during daylight hours. The parents can take care of it so much better than you can, no matter how hard you try.

If the nest has blown out of a tree, you can nail or wire it back into the tree. If you cannot find the nest but know the general area the nest was located, you can take an empty margarine tub or something similar, put some dry grass or a bit of material in it, nail the new "nest" to the tree, and put the baby or eggs back into it. Then leave the baby and nest alone so the parents will come back and take care of it.

DO NOT put the baby or eggs into a new birdhouse and hang it up. If the parents built the original nest in a tree or shrubs, they are not cavity-dwellers and will never find the baby in a birdhouse.



## LEAVING YOUR PET IN A PARKED VEHICLE MAY COST THEM THEIR LIFE!

You've probably heard news reports of dogs suffocating inside cars on warm days. Here are suggestions for educating people about leaving pets in cars, and what to do if you see a pet in distress.

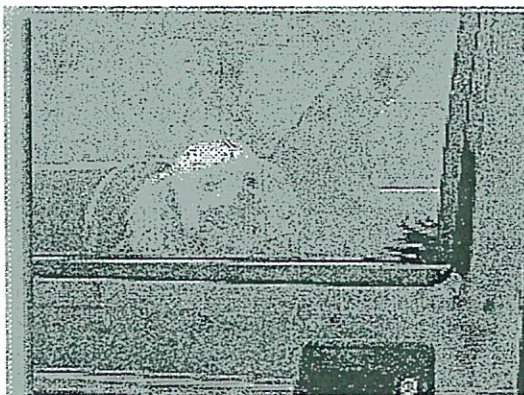
### The dangers:

It takes only minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation. Most people don't realize how hot it can get in a parked car on a balmy day. However, on a 78-degree day, temperatures in a car parked in the shade can exceed 90 degrees, and hit a scorching 160 degrees if parked in the sun!

Even when the outside air temperature is in the 60s, temperatures inside some vehicles can reach the danger zone on bright, sunny days. So many experts recommend not leaving pets or children in parked cars even for short periods if the temperature is in the 60s or higher.

Rolling down a window or guarantee protection, since the danger zone. Also, if the sufficiently, the pet can claim they were bitten pet owner would be liable.

What about leaving the dog conditioning running? Many strike - and it has. For Texas died after the air-down and began blowing hot kicked off because the including modern models with computerized functions, are prone to the same problem. In August 2004, a North Carolina couple lost two of their beloved dogs, and nearly lost their third dogs, as result of a similar failure. They had left bowls of water and ice in the car, and the air-conditioning on, during their shopping trip of less than 30 minutes.



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Animals are not able to sweat like humans do. Dogs cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paws. If they have only overheated air to breathe, animals can collapse, suffer brain damage and potentially die of heatstroke. Just 15 minutes can be enough for an animal's body temperature to climb from a normal 102.5 to deadly levels that will damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems, often leaving the animal comatose, dehydrated and at risk of permanent impairment or death.

### Precautions:

- \* Leave your dog at home on warm days.
- \* On trips with your pet, bring plenty of fresh drinking water and bowl.
- \* Don't let dogs ride loose in pick-up truck beds. The hot metal can burn a dog's paws, the sun and flying debris can hurt the dog. They dog can accidentally be thrown out of the truck if the brakes are suddenly applied, and the dog can jump out if scared or upon seeing something interesting to chase. Instead, use a crate to create a safer space for the dog if you can't fit the dog inside the truck cab.
- \* Take the dog into the shade, an air conditioned area, or to the vet if you see signs of heat exhaustion, which include restlessness, excessive thirst, heavy panting, lethargy, dark tongue, rapid pulse, fever, vomiting, glazed eyes, dizziness, or lack of coordination. To lower body temperature gradually, give the animal water to drink, place a cold towel or ice pack on the head, neck and chest, and/or immerse the dog in cool (not cold) water. Call your veterinarian.

### If you see a pet in a vehicle on a hot day, take immediate action:

- \* Note the car make, model, color and tag number, then go to the nearest stores and ask the managers to page the owner.
- \* Call the police, which usually can respond much faster than can animal control departments. The police have the capability to enter the vehicle and rescue the pet.



## CARING FOR PETS WHEN YOU TRAVEL



This summer when you're planning your vacation, remember to plan for your pet too! If you are thinking of bringing your dog or cat with you, there are a few things to consider:

1. Some animals do not have the right temperament for travel. Does your pet get car-sick? Will they bark in a hotel, or nip at strange children?
2. Is your pet healthy enough to handle a trip? If you are unsure, check with your veterinarian.
3. If you decide to take your pet with you on your trip, you will need to pack the supplies you will need to care for your pet, like food, bowls, baggies to pick up after them, toys and a bed. You will also need to research any restrictions or requirements imposed by airlines, destination countries or states, hotels, etc.
4. If you decide that your pet should not travel, decide who will care for your pet while you are away. You can ask a reliable friend to look after your pet, board your animal, or hire a pet sitter.
5. If you chose to have a friend take care of your pet, ask if your pet can stay at their home. Animals can get lonely if they are left at home alone. Be sure that your pet is comfortable with your friend, and with any pets they may have.
6. If you choose to board your pet, ask around to see what other people have thought of the establishment. If you don't know anyone to ask, you can always ask your veterinarian for a recommendation.
7. If you decide to hire a pet sitter, it is best to chose someone that is bonded, and that has references you can check. A pet sitter is a good choice if your pet is timid or elderly, and needs the comfort of home while you are away.
8. Whatever option you chose, be sure that your pet is up-to-date on all vaccinations before your trip. If you decide to leave you pet behind, provide the caretaker with the telephone number where you can be reached, the name and telephone number of your veterinarian, and your pet's medical or dietary needs.

## PETS AND CAR SICKNESS



Does a short car trip feel more like a roller coaster ride for your dog? If the jingle of the car keys signals motion sickness for your canine and messy

clean-up for you, don't despair. There are steps you can take to make your animal companion as comfortable as possible when traveling in an automobile.

Many dogs suffer from car sickness, especially when they're young. Some outgrow it, but in the meantime, you may want to make sure your dog has an empty stomach whenever it's time to hit the road. Don't give him any food 3 to 4 hours prior to travel. Do make sure he's had water.

Dramamine may also help prevent car sickness, although medication for motion sickness is not recommended for dogs with bladder disorders or glaucoma.

If you know your dog is prone to car sickness, be sure to take it slow, and be extra careful around sharp curves or up and down hills. Fast stops and starts are rough on upset stomachs. ASPCA experts recommend that you open the window a bit - fresh air does wonders for animals that have a tendency to get car sick. Take note of the temperature; dogs cannot regulate their body temperatures as efficiently as humans can, so make sure it isn't too hot or too cold in the car.

Looking out the window can bring on nausea in many dogs, so keep your pet safe and secure in a covered kennel, or get him to lay down on the floor. Some dogs do well wearing a specially constructed canine seatbelt.

For some canines, the fear and anxiety attached to automobile travel are the cause of nausea. You can help calm your pet by getting him used to riding in a car. Begin by simply sitting in the car, without turning the engine on. Be sure to praise him. Do this on several occasions, and when he seems comfortable, turn on the engine. Again, heap on the praise, and slowly work up to short trips around the block.

Finally, when you and your pet start taking long trips together, it's a good idea to hit a rest stop every hour. Give him time enough for a quick stretch, a short walk and a drink of fresh water.



# Animal Safety During Tornado Season



As we look forward to the warm days and fun of the spring & summer months, there is one thing no one enjoys planning for: **tornado warnings.**

We may know what to do for ourselves during a tornado or tornado warning, but have you thought of how to properly care for your pet? Here are a few steps to ensure the safety of your family's pets during a potential disaster.

## 1. Have a Safe Place to Take Your Pets

In the event of an evacuation; many disaster shelters will only accept humans and service animals. Have you thought of where your pets will go? Do you have a basement or secure room in your house or on your property that could provide adequate shelter? If not, is there a neighbor you could ask for help? Prepare a list of boarding facilities, hotels and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency, including 24-hour phone numbers. **Do a trial run of your evacuation plan ahead of time with your entire family and pets to ensure effectiveness.**

## 2. Assemble a Portable Pet Disaster Kit

Keep the following items in an accessible place and store them in sturdy containers that can be carried easily. If you seek shelter in your basement, or have a tornado shelter, keep your disaster kit there. If not, keep handy so you can load it into your car if you need to evacuate quickly. Your kit should include:

- Medications and medical records (stored in a waterproof container)
- First aid kit.
- Sturdy leashes, harnesses, and carriers to transport pets safely.
- Current photos of your pets in case they get lost.
- Food, portable water, bowls, cat litter/pan, and can opener.
- Information on feeding schedules, behavior problems, and the name and number of your veterinarian in case you have to foster or board your pets.
- Pet beds and toys, if easily transportable.

## 3. What To Do As a Tornado Approaches

Bring all pets into the house so that you won't have to search for them. Decide in which order you will take them to the disaster shelter/basement, and how you will ensure that they do not escape. (Cats can be very quick in running back up basement steps, or back through kitty doors!) You may not be home when the warning is issued. Find out if a trusted neighbor would be willing to take your pets and meet you at a prearranged location. This person should be comfortable with your pets, know where your animals are likely to be, know where your pet disaster kit is kept, and have a key to your home. If you use a pet-sitting service, they may be available to help, but discuss the possibility well in advance.

## 4. Caring for different types of animals in an Emergency

**Birds:** Transport your bird in a secure travel cage or carrier. Larger birds can be transported in small bird cages. If you are seeking shelter in a cold environment, wrap a blanket over the carrier, or be sure to warm up your car before placing birds inside. During warm weather, carry a plant mister to mist the birds' feathers periodically. Provide a few slices of fresh fruits and vegetables with high water content. Try to keep the carrier in a quiet area. Do not let the bird out of the cage or carrier.

**Reptiles:** Snakes can be transported in a pillowcase, but they must be transferred to more secure housing when they reach the shelter site. If your snakes require frequent feedings, carry food with you. Take a water bowl large enough for soaking as well as a heating pad. When transporting house lizards, follow the same directions as for birds.

**Small Mammals:** Transport them in secure carriers suitable for maintaining the animals while sheltered. Take bedding materials, food bowls, and water bottles.

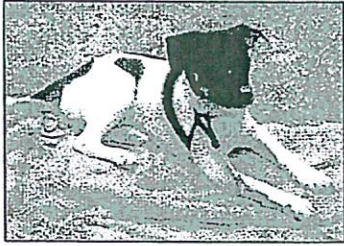
**Microchipping:** If you are separated from your pet during a tornado, having them microchipped will help you locate them through a national database. If you are interested in having your pet microchipped, talk with your vet, or call the Humane Society of Portage County at 715/344-6012 for more information.

*(Information for this article was obtained from personal experience, The Humane Society of the United States, and The American Veterinary Medical Association.)*



# HAPPY TAILS . . . . .

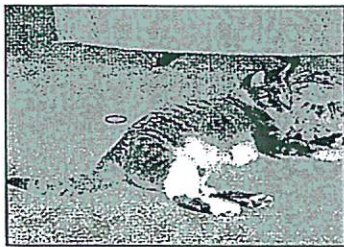
## HAPPY TAILS



Milo, a lovable rat terrier mix, was returned twice to the Humane Society, we think because of his un-descended testicles and legendary terrier energy. The third adoption was a charm. Milo's new owner took him to the vet, got him all fixed up, and he is now living the good life on a horse farm, with squirrels to chase, and horses to go on long walks with. His new owner had needed a friend for her young rat terrier, Bubba. Milo and Bubba became fast friends, and are now inseparable. He loves to keep his new

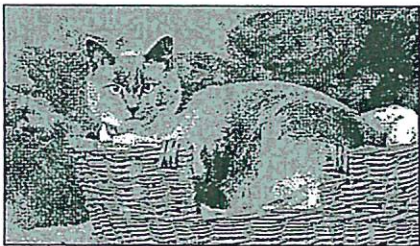
mom company at night, when he sleeps on her pillow. Milo is a bit of a hero, because recently there was a fire in their house, and Milo woke her, making sure she and Bubba were not hurt.

—Steph Stokes



The early part of November, our son lost his cat who was sixteen years old. The house was just too empty and sad without a cat to love. My daughter sent me to Andie at the Companion Shop – she helps the Humane Society find homes for cats. There was a darling cat that looked almost like the one we just lost. We brought her home, named her **Cindy**, and she turned out to be a loving cat that never can get enough playing. She also talks to us all day! She is friendly with everyone that comes to our house. Cindy is missing a lot of her teeth, even though she was a young cat. It haunts me now to think of how that might have happened to her. As a result of missing teeth, her little red tongue sticks out of her mouth, and makes her look like she's smiling. She needed a loving home, and she found one. She is a typical girl – she likes the men the most!

—Mary Otte



Nine years ago, our Chocolate Siamese died and for six months we did not have a cat after having three over a span of 35 years. I had been watching the Humane Society TV show and saw this gray Siamese. I wasn't sure if I liked a gray cat but went to look at him anyway. That's all it took. We didn't pick him up for three days but have enjoyed his company ever since. We named him **Chumlee**. He has the prettiest blue eyes and his personality is just great. The vet figured he was about 8-9 months old when we got him. He now weighs about 18 pounds, isn't fat but quite long. He loves to travel in the motor home. A state trooper found him sitting at the DB exit on 51 North and called the Humane Society. He was neutered but not declawed. Most cats dash out when a door is opened, but not Chum. You can have a door open and he just sits and waits until someone closes it. When we first got him, he was always hungry so I taught him to sit and shake paw. Most people are amazed at this. I recently had a chance to check some cat magazines and found that he is a Tonkenese, a mix of Burmese and Siamese. We have had Chum 10 years as of March 31<sup>st</sup> of this year and we certainly love him.

—Lorraine Van Asten

### REMEMBER SHADOW & KENNY? A HAPPY ENDING!!

Shadow & Kenny were the two cats whose sad story was printed in the Winter 2005 newsletter. They were asking someone to please rescue them and keep them together as they were life-long friends. Shadow & Kenny were abandoned by their owners when they moved and left behind with no food and water. The landlord found them and brought them to the Humane Society and they were put up for adoption. No one wanted them and they were going to be euthanized until we shared their story with you. We received lots of phone calls and a new loving family adopted Shadow and Kenny and they got to stay with each other like they wanted.

Thanks to all that expressed interest in Shadow & Kenny & a special thank you to the family who adopted them!!





# Kid's Helping Animals

From big kids to little kids we enjoy all of our opportunities to meet with groups across the county. This area of the newsletter will bring information and pictures of what the youth of Portage County are doing for their local shelter and what their shelter is doing for them. Parents....please give the shelter a call and talk to Nancy (715-344-6012) about our programs and what the humane society can offer you, your children, school, church or organization.

We also invite all of the "kids" to send in their stories and/or pictures about the pet that their family adopted from the Humane Society of Portage County. We would love to hear "how things are going" and we will include your article and picture in this section of the newsletter. Please remember that photos will not be returned.

## A VISIT FROM NOEL LEARNING CENTER STUDENTS:

On April 1<sup>st</sup> our shelter animals had a special visit from 20 little boys and girls and their teachers. The students were very surprised at how many dogs and cats we had. After their tour Nancy and her dog Hannah returned to the Noel Learning Center with the group. Nancy then gave three presentations: the correct ways to care for their animals, details and the importance of bite prevention and the very important job the humane society shelter does for our community. Everybody had a fun time learning about these important matters.



## ANIMAL SAYINGS



Try this quiz of animal sayings. Fill in the blanks with the animal that fits the sayings. Example: Quick as a Bunny.



1. Quick as a B U N N Y
2. Sly as a \_\_\_\_\_
3. Wise as an \_\_\_\_\_
4. Quiet as a \_\_\_\_\_
5. Silly as a \_\_\_\_\_
6. Strong as an \_\_\_\_\_
7. Busy as a \_\_\_\_\_
8. Cross as a \_\_\_\_\_
9. Stubborn as a \_\_\_\_\_
10. Happy as a \_\_\_\_\_
11. Slippery as an \_\_\_\_\_
12. Gentle as a \_\_\_\_\_
13. Mad as a \_\_\_\_\_

### ANSWERS:

1. bunny; 2. fox; 3. owl; 4. mouse; 5. snake; 6. ox; 7. bee; 8. bear; 9. mule; 10. lamb; 11. cat; 12. lamb; 13. wet hen.



Turn your printed page upsidedown for the correct answers.



AUXILIARY TO THE AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

## Kids...Want to Help the Animals?

How about an aluminum can drive at your school, scout group, church group or neighborhood? All proceeds go to help the animals at the shelter. If you are interested call Nancy at the shelter at 344-6012.





## MORE WAYS TO HELP THE ANIMALS

### CONTRIBUTE TO THE SPAY AND NEUTER FUND BY..



Making a statement and dressing up your vehicle! Our blue and white ribbons are not only attractive and are magnetic, making them more convenient for you to put them onto any metal surface. Stop in at the shelter, The Companion Shop, Jay-Mar or Muckamoor Kennels and purchase a ribbon for \$5.00. All proceeds go to our SPAY & NEUTER FUND.

### MAY IS "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" MONTH



May 1<sup>st</sup> is the kick-off of "BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK" and our second PAWS fundraising campaign. These PAWS will be available at many businesses, veterinary clinics and schools within Portage County. As you

can see from the picture (reduced size) you can check the amount of your donation and fill in your name as a proud supporter of the Humane Society shelter. With your support we can not only help thousands of abused, neglected and homeless animals but also instruct children and adults in our community of the importance of kindness and respect for life, starting with our companion animals. Due to popular demand we will be running this fundraiser the whole month of May. If your business, school or clinic would like to help, please call the shelter at 344-3412 and we will provide you with all materials. The PAWS are usually displayed at your check out counter. Please help us to make a difference in and for our community.

### MICROCHIPPING CLINICS A SUCCESS



We would like to thank everyone who attended our rabies and microchipping clinics in March. The first was held at the shelter on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 32 rabies vaccinations were given by Dr. Nikki Wills. The second

was at the Town of Hull municipal building on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 17 vaccines were administered by Dr. Paul Cooper. We hope to have many more clinics in the future to encourage vaccinating and licensing of your companion animals.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### MAY

#### BE KIND TO ANIMALS MONTH



May 11<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm is the  
**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
at The County Annex Building

### JUNE

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MONTH

June 12<sup>th</sup> – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm is  
**OPEN HOUSE** at our Bukolt Park  
Shelter – Please Stop In!



June 12<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am is our Annual  
**WALK FOR THE ANIMALS** at  
Pfißner Park – join in the fun!

### OCTOBER

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



October 21<sup>st</sup> – **FUR BALL**  
This year it will be held at  
Memories Banquet Hall in Plover

#### DON'T FORGET TO SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS.

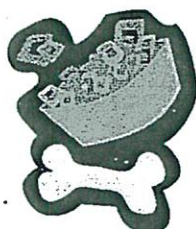


There are two drop off sites for your cans – County Market and Jay-Mar. The proceeds from the cans go to help the animals at the Humane Society. We appreciate your support.



# You Can Help!

Our day to day operations at the Humane Society of Portage County requires unbelievable quantities of supplies for feeding, cleaning and our day-to-day office operations. You can help by donating the following items at any time.



## ITEMS NEEDED:

toilet paper	kitten chow	blankets & flat sheets
paper towels	dog treats	copy paper
powdered laundry detergent	rawhides	35 mm film
bleach	pigs ears	Polaroid 600 film
Clorox spray cleaner	peanut butter	all-in-one cameras
409 cleaner	cat & dog toys	kitchen trash bags
Jungle Jake	Kong toys	33 gallon trash cans with lids
dish washing liquid	stuffed animals	33 gallon trash bags clear or black
small bags for picking up dog poop		
donations for new cat condos/houses (prices range from \$1,200.00 - \$2,200.00 each.)		

## Another Way To Make Your Donations Count

### Education:

Produce one weekly TV show	\$ 40.00
Purchase "Kind News" for one elementary classroom	\$ 25.00
Pay for paper of one quarterly newsletter "Paws to Read"	\$150.00

### Medical Costs:

One week's veterinary expense	\$ 75.00
One week's supply of medical supplies	\$ 65.00
One week's supply of rabies vaccine	\$ 45.00

### Neuter/Spay (Average Cost):

Neuter one cat	\$ 60.00
Spay one cat	\$105.00
Neuter one dog	\$105.00
Spay one dog	\$145.00

### Shelter Expenses:

One week's telephone cost	\$ 40.00
One week's utilities (heat/air/electricity)	\$ 80.00
One week's water bill	\$ 40.00
One week's general supplies	\$ 95.00

If you would like to know exactly where your cash donation is being used, we have a new idea that may help you in your decision. Each donor that covers one or part of any of these areas for a month will have their name mentioned on our weekly TV program, *"Pets & Personalities On Parade"*.

Make your check payable to the Humane Society of Portage County and send to P.O. Box 512, Stevens Point, WI 54481. Make sure that you note on your check or include a note with check specifying what you are helping to sponsor.

## Foster Homes

We are always in need of foster homes for our adoptable pets that are in need of a little extra TLC. This may include moms with litters, recovering animals and those pets in need of a little extra training. If you think you would make a good foster parent and would like to volunteer, please stop by the shelter and fill out an application.



## Volunteers

Have a little extra time? Need a walking partner? Want a pet, but can't have one? Love to do fundraising or bulk mailings? Stop down at the shelter and pick up a Volunteer Application and get started right away. An orientation and three-month commitment are required. Call Nancy at 715/344-6012.



# Many Thanks!

## AND THE WINNER IS.....

Laurie Mjelde was the lucky winner of our first annual *Puppy Love Valentine Raffle*. Not only was this raffle a great success, we raised \$4,000.00 for the Humane Society. Many people are looking forward for a chance to win next year. We are so very grateful to our 'sweetheart' donors who made this event possible:

Thomas Dailing Designs & Lee Ayers Jewelers donated a 14K yellow gold heart necklace w/diamond accent & chain.

The Wellness Spa donated a fantastic massage for two.

Zurawski's Floral donated one dozen long stem roses.

Roberts Irrigation donated a \$75 Portage Co. gift certificate.

*We thank these gracious donors for their great support.*



## SHINDIG FOR THE SHELTER



Music, food and fun was had by all who attended this great evening at Clark Place. There was music by Mark Little, Granddad & Friends and The M.A.H.P along with comedy improve by The Dons. Thank you so very much to **Jen Senn, Mary Kay Representative** and **Andi & Rick Opperman**, owners of **The Companion Shop** for donating all of the proceeds from this event to the shelter.

Once again we thank Nancy Dolce of Dolce Imaging & Printing, 23 Park Ridge Drive, Stevens Point, WI for printing our newsletter. Without Nancy's generous gift of printing this newsletter would no be possible.

THANKS DOLCE PRINTING!

## Gifts - Honorariums - Memorials

### Gifts

Mary Adamczak  
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## **Spay & Neuter Sponsors**

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## **Honorariums**

Mary Fehrenbach in honor of Deanna Adams

Roland and Kay Juhnke in honor of Ruth Vorpall.

Kevin Raflik Drywall in honor of Emily Erler's birthday.

Michael and Jill Williams in honor of Sammy Kay's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

An unknown donation in honor of Emily Erler's birthday.

## **Memorials**

Minnie Boardman in memory of Frank Snow from 'Ma'

Carol and Roger Turner in memory of Frank Snow, an animal lover from North Carolina

Mary and Bradley Hutnik in memory of Mary Louise Wanichuk

Sentry Insurance in memory of Shirley Buchanan

Anita Daniels in memory of Helen Morton of Stevens Point

Patricia Dawson in memory of Helen Morton of Stevens Point

P.C. and J.J. Haberstick in memory of Helen Morton of Stevens Point

Lolita Engebretson in memory of Bernice Farnsworth

Carl Farnsworth in memory of his loving wife Bernice Farnsworth

Roland and Kay Juhnke in memory of Bea Farnsworth

David Krommenacker in memory of Bernice Farnsworth

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Lorene Nienke Trust in memory of Bernice Farnsworth

Robert Winn in memory of Bernice Farnsworth

Patricia Woodka in memory of Bernice Farnsworth

An unknown donation in memory of Bernice Farnsworth

Patrick and Joyce Mackay in memory of Tasha Barta

Janet Riebe of Woodhaven Animal Health on behalf of Terese Barta and Jim Sobaskie  
in memory of their dog Tasha

Chet and Marcia Meshak in loving memory of their dog Dingo, who passed away January 10, 2005.

Jeannette Schwerbel in memory of Dingo

Dawn Roberts in memory of Leo

Brett and Darcy Jarman in memory of Sweetie

Michael Breitner in memory of his cat Magoo

In memory of Prosper Gosh



## HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY

### Shelter Facilities

P.O. Box 512 - 100 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Bukolt Park

Stevens Point, WI 54481

Phone: 715-344-6012 or Fax: 715-344-5954

You can contact the Shelter at [www.nancy@hspcwi.org](mailto:www.nancy@hspcwi.org)

### NEW SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

**MONDAY – 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM office only**

Tuesday: 12:00 noon – 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**HOLIDAYS - CLOSED**

Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**SUNDAY - CLOSED**

### 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 humane awareness and respect for all life thus helping to build a better community.*

### HSPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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