



Paws To Read

The Quarterly Newsletter of the HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY

Summer 2005

WALK FOR THE ANIMALS Held on JUNE 25, 2005

The morning was overcast and drizzly but the walkers came. Minutes before the walk started the sun came out and the enjoyment began. This year we had a two phase walk, a one mile social walk or a four mile, for the more serious walker. Afterwards registered walkers were treated to a lunch, along with fun and educational demonstrations. There were door prizes, largest pledge prizes, and fun raffles. This event could not be possible without our **Major Sponsors: Associated Bank, The Companion Shop, Jay-Mar, Little Caesar's Pizza, Muckamoor Kennels, NutroMax, Peaceful Pines Pet Memorials, Portesi Frozen Pizza, The Wellness Spa, Woodhaven Animal Hospital, and 1010 WSPT.**

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Also our big thanks go out to all the walkers who participated, the generous pledgers and our volunteers who worked so hard behind the scenes to put together this great event.



From the Desk of the Operations Manager:



Another spring slips into summer and once again we have no shortage of kittens. Some come in as strays found in boxes, left on our doorstep or worse yet dropped on the side of the road. The others come in with their owners who assure us we will have no problems finding homes, as they are so cute. All kittens are cute, even the ugly ones. If finding homes were not a problem, would these people not have taken the time to place their own kittens? The truth is that there are not enough homes to go around for all the cute kittens born every day. The fact is many of these kittens will die in shelters, on farms, on the streets, and from poor nutrition and health. That is why humane societies everywhere preach the importance of spaying and neutering your family pets. It is not the shelters that kill, but the owners who refuse to be responsible for their own animals and allow them to multiply.

Spaying and neutering is the only way that pet overpopulation can be brought under control and the deaths of so many adoptable pets can be brought to an end. This is not the job of your local shelter, but of each and every person who chooses to own an animal. Take the time to speak with a veterinarian about having your pet altered. They can go over the different costs and options as well as the benefits of the surgery for your companion animal. We, as a shelter do our part by sterilizing all adopted pets from our facility to assure no further unwanted animals are born. We rely on fundraisers and private donations to help us keep our mission alive. Please help us in our efforts by sending a donation earmarked for our spay/neuter fund. Many thanks to Dr. Paul Cooper and all the donors who give unselfishly to our cause on a regular basis, we cannot do it alone.

Be A Responsible Pet Owner

When it comes to your pet, what's the best way to practice preventive medicine? Have your pet spayed or neutered. These routine operations halt the production of hormones that govern an animal's sex drive and help prevent the suffering and death of millions of dogs and cats every year who are euthanized because of pet overpopulation.

Intact female cats can go into heat repeatedly for four or five days every three weeks. When in heat they yowl and urinate more frequently, and can attract un-neutered males, who will spray urine around the females' homes. Female dogs go into heat two times a year, for approximately 3 weeks, and have a bloody discharge for about one week of that time. The process of giving birth also can take its toll on a female's health.

But removing the ovaries and uterus of a female—otherwise known as spaying—will stop this behavior and help prevent pyometra and breast cancer. Pyometra is an infection of the uterus that may require emergency hospitalization, and in some cases, surgical removal of the uterus. An animal spayed before she reaches sexual maturity at 6 to 9 months has one-seventh the risk that an intact female has of developing breast cancer.

Un-neutered males mark their territory by spraying strong-smelling urine. Indoors, dogs may mount furniture and human leg. Outdoor cats, heeding the call to breed, will roam and fight with other males. Experts believe that neutering a male, or removing his testicles, by the age of six months, can avoid many aggression problems. The surgery also prevents testicular cancer, prostate disease and hernias. No longer preoccupied with the search for a mate, neutered cats and dogs focus their attention on their human families. And contrary to what you may have heard, neutering does not cause an animal to become fat and lazy, lack of exercise and overfeeding do! If you provide ample exercise and monitor the food intake of your neutered animal, he or she will not gain weight.

The only side effects of spaying and neutering are positive ones. A cat or dog that has babies, and whose babies have babies, can be responsible for the birth of 50 to 200 kittens or puppies in just one year. With never enough homes for these unfortunate animals, millions of cats and dogs are euthanized annually or lead short, painful lives as strays. Think of all the suffering just one neutered animal can save!

Ticks & Lyme Disease



When a tick hops onto your dog or cat, it's dinnertime for this nasty parasite. The tick will bury its mouth in your pet's skin, and can swell to 50 times its normal size, becoming engorged as it feeds on your pet's blood. Heavy infestation may cause anemia, especially in cats. There are some ticks that transmit serious infections, including Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichia and babesia.

Successful tick control starts with prevention. Make your lawn unwelcoming to these parasites by mowing the grass regularly. Trim any weeds, as ticks favor vegetation as high as several feet off the ground. And as smaller ticks feed on smaller mammals, be sure your yard isn't a playground for rats and mice. Keep the lids securely on your garbage cans, and consider relocating your bird feeders if they're accessible to rodents.

Before a walk in the woods or other habitat frequented by ticks, arm your dog with protection. Try a spray or powder that's made with an appropriate insecticide. Your veterinarian can recommend the right product for your pet. Avoid walking in very thick underbrush and long grass, and be sure to check your dog when you get home. Ticks may be hard to spot, so go slow, and pay extra attention to your pet's ears, skull, feet and around the anus, these are perfect parasite hiding places. Also, check between the toes (including dewclaws) and underneath the paws, between the pads.

If you do find a tick on your pet, you'll need to remove it right away. First, wipe the tick and the surrounding area with rubbing alcohol. Grasp the tick with a pair of tweezers and, with a rotating action, gently pull the mouthpiece from your pet's skin. Never grasp a tick between your bare fingers. If an infected tick bursts during removal, you could be exposed to any disease it may be carrying. It's important that you remove the tick's mouth as well as its bloated body, any parts that remain behind could lead to an abscess or infection. And remember, throwing the tick in the garbage or flushing it down the toilet will not kill it. ASPCA experts recommend dropping the parasite into a small jar filled half-way with alcohol. Not only does this kill the tick, it preserves it. Should you suspect your pet has a tick-related infection, you can bring the specimen to your veterinarian for examination.

One word of advice - Never use the old remedy of applying heat (such as a match head or a cigarette) to a tick to get it to release. Researchers have found that ticks treated this manner will frequently spit up before they release, thereby transferring any pathogens they may be carrying into the host. The whole purpose of removing the tick is to prevent this from happening, so don't use heat under any circumstances. It's better to leave the tick where it is for a short while, until you can remove the tick properly.

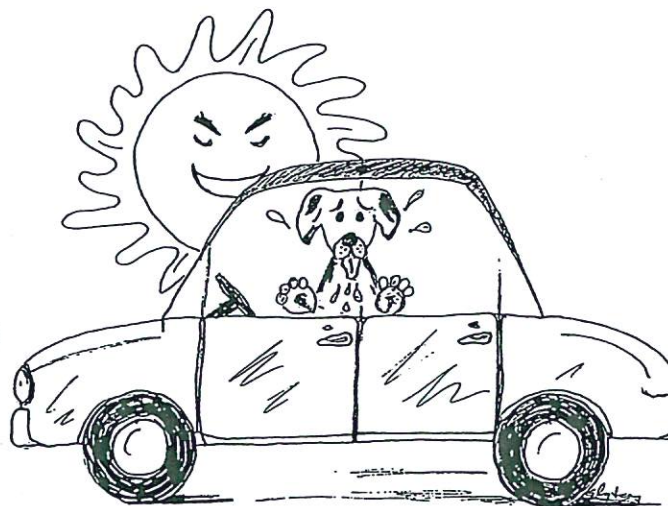
Depending on the part of the country you live in, you'll need to be extra-alert for any signs that your dog or cat has contracted a tick-borne infection. Lyme disease is common in pets and people in the Northeastern United States, especially in Connecticut, where it was first identified. Babesia is more common in warm, humid areas of the South. Ehrlichia can be found throughout the United States, but it is most common in the south. And the tick that causes Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, which is not limited to western and mountain states, can cause disease in humans also. If your pet develops a bleeding disorder, sores, fever or diarrhea after exposure to ticks, or has lost his appetite or seems a bit stiff in the joints, contact your veterinarian.

A vaccine is now available for protecting dogs against Lyme Disease. This vaccine is initially given twice, at two week intervals. Annual revaccination is also necessary to maintain immunity. The vaccine has been shown to be safe and very effective. It is recommend for any dog that has exposure to ticks.

HEAT KILLS !

With summer just starting we are already getting many calls about animals in locked cars. We know many pets love to go places with you but during warm weather please stop and think about these points. Your mistake can cost your pet its life!

- In 15 minutes the interior of your vehicle can reach 160 degrees, even with the windows rolled down.
- That is hot enough for any animal to suffer heat stroke.
- Within moments your pet could sustain permanent brain damage.
- Without emergency care, your pet could die.
- Leave your pet at home on warm days.



The Dog Days of Summer



Dogs and cats can suffer from the same problems that humans do in hot weather. These health concerns include overheating, dehydration and even sunburn. By taking some simple precautions, you can keep your animal companions healthy and happy in higher temperatures.

Your pet may slow down when the weather heats up, so the best time for exercise is in the early morning or evening, but never when it's especially hot or humid. Take care not to let your dog stand on hot asphalt, his body can heat up quickly and his sensitive paw pads can easily burn. Owners of canines with heavy coats can help prevent them from overheating by cutting the hair to a one-inch length. Never trim your pet's coat to the skin, which can rob your dog of his protection from the sun.

Always provide plenty of shade and cool, clean water for animals kept outdoors. A properly constructed doghouse is a must if your dog lives outdoors. Bring your cat or dog inside during the hottest part of the day. Let him rest in a cool part of the house, but first make sure there are no unscreened windows or open doors in your home through which dogs and cats can fall or escape.

When traveling with your pet during hot weather, make it a habit to carry a gallon-size thermos of water. Never leave your animal alone in a vehicle. Overheating can be fatal. Even with the windows open, a parked automobile can quickly become a furnace.

And summer is the time when gardens, lawns and trees are sprayed with insecticides, so avoid walking your dog in suspect areas. If you think that your animal has been exposed to dangerous chemicals or coolant leaking from an automobile, call your veterinarian immediately.

Some animals will need extra special care in hot weather, especially those who are old and overweight or have heart or lung disease. Certain breeds of dogs, including Pugs, Bulldogs, Boston Terriers, Lhasa Apsos and Shihtzus, also need extra attention on hot days. If your pet is showing signs of heat stroke or exhaustion, take him to the veterinarian immediately.

Your Healthy Pet....

FAT CATS AND PUDGY POOCHES

They may be fat and happy, but they may also be in danger.



It's the picture of contentment . . . your favorite furry four-legged companion, curled up on the floor in a patch of warm sunlight, snoozing with a belly full of the steak scraps left over from last night's dinner. Oh yes, he's content. But is he healthy? Not likely. Ensuring your pet's health goes beyond resisting the sad eyes and whimpers that plead for leftovers. Ignoring the content of your pet's food and his need for exercise can lead to dangerous health habits that may haunt both you and your pet in the future.

Improper diet for your pets can lead to health problems serious enough to endanger their lives. Diarrhea can result from allergic reactions to foods, sudden changes in diet, sickness, or dietary indiscretions (such as eating trash). If not treated, these reactions can lead to dehydration and weight loss. Extra pounds on an overweight dog can be associated with heart and respiratory ailments and skeletal stress, and obese dogs and cats are more prone to diabetes. A poor diet in your cat can result in urinary tract infections, which can block the ability to urinate. As a result, your cat could become critically ill within as little as 24 hours. And just one treatment to clear a cat's urinary tract can cost several hundred dollars.

Controlling Fluffy and Fido's diet and being aware of what to look for in the food you buy is as important for your pets as it is for your two-legged family members. As many as 89 percent of dog and cat owners feed their animals table scraps occasionally, according to a study done by the American Animal Hospital Association (AAHA). But unfortunately, not only is people food often too high in fat for an animal to appropriately metabolize, but your pet may become a more finicky eater, refusing healthier pet food when the table scraps are gone.

But table scraps are not the only pitfall when it comes to nourishing those four-legged friends of ours. Many pet foods also have a high fat content, which, of course, Fluffy and Fido love. The more they eat it, the more they love it, and many eventually refuse to eat anything else.

So what *should* the concerned pet owner look for in buying acceptable food for pets? High fiber foods, often made with finely ground peanut hulls, are nutritionally balanced and complete. It usually takes a 10 to 20 percent fiber diet to change the weight of an obese pet. But a lower-fat food will probably not taste as good to your pet as his regular, fatty canned food, and he may refuse to eat it at first. Gradually changing finicky Fido's diet over a few weeks should solve the problem.

But eating a healthy diet is only half the battle for you and your pet. Exercise is also an important tool to help keep your furry friends in shape.

You Know You Are A dog Person When

- You remove all the seats from the van except the two in the front so you have room for crates.
- You cringe at the price of food in the grocery store but think nothing of the cost of dog food or treats.
- When you get your latest roll of film and there isn't a single picture of a person in it.
- You shovel a zigzag path in the back yard snow so your dog can reach all her favorite spots.
- You can't see out the passenger side of the windshield because there are nose-prints all over the inside.
- You put an extra blanket on the bed so your dog can be comfortable.

ENDURING YOUR DOG'S ADOLESCENCE

All shapes, sizes and colors of dogs, male and female, purebred and mixed breeds occupy the cages at your local animal shelter. If you investigate a little closer, you will probably see that these orphans have one thing in common, many are adolescents. For dogs, that can be anywhere from age five months to two or three years.



The reason the shelter contains few puppies is obvious; most puppies are adorable. They not only look cute and act cute, but typical puppies follow their owners everywhere as well. They learn quickly and respond to praise. They hardly bark at all.



Then, like a lighting bolt, puberty strikes. The pup starts to feel independent. He begins noticing things in life that might be more interesting than pleasing mom and dad. He ignores orders, unless they are accompanied by treats. It's as if he has gone deaf overnight, frustrated owners complain. He'll bark, not only at strangers, but even at friends who you've welcomed into your home. Couches, wallpaper and drapes may fall to his teeth and paws – and now he's big and strong enough to do far more damage than he could as a puppy. Most embarrassing of all, he or she may even begin to mount family members.

In short, your sweet fluff ball has turned into a teenage werewolf. No wonder so many adolescent dogs end up at shelters. Here are some important steps to help ensure the easiest possible teen years for your dog.

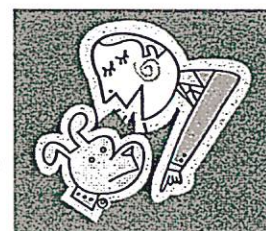
1. Neuter your pet. At puberty, puppies are bombarded with a surge of sex hormones that dramatically affect behavior. Testosterone makes males territorial and makes them want to mark their special places in their surroundings, which may include landmarks in your home, like the couch.



Males become sexually active. Male dogs also start to jump fences in search of new females and territory to conquer. Instead of playing with other dogs, they may now try to dominate them.

For females, there are also behavior problems linked to the estrogen surge at puberty. It brings on estrus, or heat, the only time that a female will accept a male to breed. To advertise availability, females urinate more frequently, often in the house. Some become nervous and irritable, whine or even mount other dogs or their owners. After estrus, if a female dog is not pregnant, she may go into false pregnancy, when she aggressively guards objects as if they were puppies. You can minimize these behaviors by neutering your dog before puberty. Since the exact age of puberty's onset depends on size (later for bigger breeds), check with your vet about the best time to neuter. There are no medical benefits to waiting to spay a female until after her first heat.

2. Don't expect a "free lunch". Right from the beginning, it is important to structure your dog's life so that you gain his respect. Before you do anything for your dog, ask him to do something for you. Ask him to sit or lie down before you greet him, pet him, feed him, open a door for him, put his leash on or play. In this way he'll learn that you are his leader.



3. Maximize praise. Physical punishment is not necessary and often backfires. It often makes dogs aggressive or fearful. Deal with misbehavior with a firm "no"; then show the correct way and offer praise when it is done right. If you don't want Brandy on the furniture, praise him for sitting on the floor. If she attempts to climb up, say "no" and remove her. Then place her on the floor and praise her.

4. Take him to school. Ideally, obedience training should begin in puppyhood, but it's never too late. Obedience classes can't cure your dog immediately, but they can provide the tools you need to take control. Look for a class that emphasizes praise and reward rather than punishment.



5. Offer chew toys. Chewing is the way dogs explore things. First they sniff something, then they hold it in their mouth, then they eat or shred it. This play and investigative behavior can worsen with puberty. If you dog starts directing it toward the furnishings, keep him away from problem areas until he learns to control to control himself – for example, confine him to the kitchen when you're not in the house. Spraying the object of his desire with a bitter-flavored spray, available in pet stores, can be effective.

But it is also important to provide your dog with chewy alternatives. Good chewies include rawhide strips or pressed rawhide, Nylabones, rope toys, fleece toys and dried hooves and ears. Every time you dog chews on her toy, praise her. If she begins to chew on something that's not hers, replace it with her toy, and praise her again for chewing on the toy.

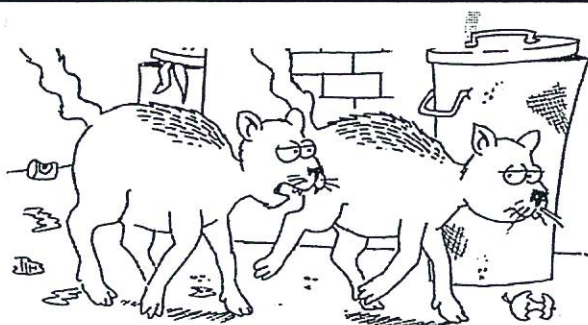
6. Don't reward aggression. Sometimes after puberty, the puppy that once loved everyone now becomes suspicious, even of your friends. Territorial aggression is natural in both male and female dogs. Owners usually like the fact that their dog barks when they see a stranger at the door. But it's a mistake to praise aggression. He'll bark whether you praise him or not. When it gets out of hand, let him know that he has gone too far by saying, "that's enough" and calling him away. Put him in a sit-stay position and praise him. By the way, yelling at your dog while he's barking at the door often makes it worse because he thinks you are joining in with him.

7. Play, play, play. A mentally and physically tired adolescent is a happy adolescent. Remember, dogs were bred to work alongside humans. They crave stimulation and exercise. Out-of-control behavior can bet he result of living a dull life. So play interesting games with your dog, games such as Hide-and-Seek, fetch and Frisbee. If there's an agility course nearby (a dog obstacle course), being Fido to try it. Try to walk in the woods every so often, so your dog can run and play and sniff as he pleases.

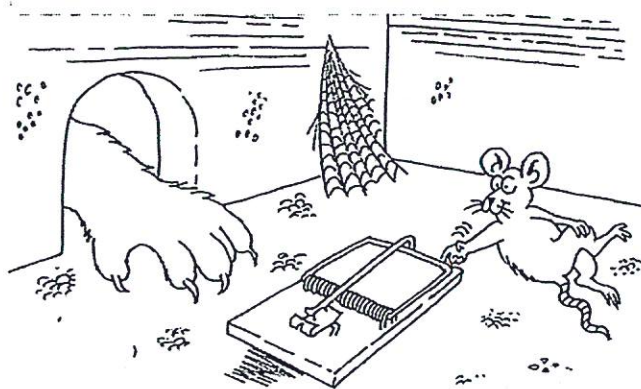


And if possible, arrange for your dog to pay with other dogs, it's the best exercise of an adolescent. If you bring your dog to a playground or park at prime dog-walking hours (early morning or after work), you'll not only have a more tired and happy dog, but you'll make friends with dog owners too.

Above all, remember what your parents went through when you were a teenager. Be patient and kind. Adult dogs do slow down and mellow out. Until then, try to admire you teen for his or her energy and exuberance. The best is yet to come.

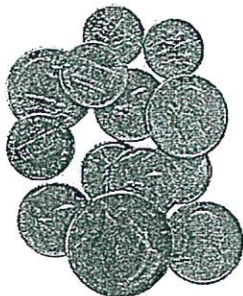


"When they first got me, they called me 'Fluffy', but now they changed my name to 'GET OFF THE COUCH'!"



COIN CAN PROGRAM

Not everyone likes "change". That's not true of those participating merchants in the HSPC Coin Can Program. You may have noticed, sitting on the counters of area businesses, cans with pictures of homeless puppies and kittens taped to them. These cans are just one more way our community has chipped in to help with the cost of caring for homeless animals.



There are currently eight volunteers in the coin can program. Each person is assigned a coin can route - a few of these volunteers actually do more than one route! They are in charge of making sure full coin cans are picked up, and that empty cans are left to replace them. These volunteers turn the full cans in to the coin can coordinator to count, track and deposit the money in the bank. Not all of these coin cans are big moneymakers, but they also serve as a reminder that there are pets in our community that need help.

If you are interested in having a coin can at your business location, or would like to volunteer to do a coin can route, please contact Stephanie, our Coin Can Program coordinator at 715-345-1841. We would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to the businesses listed below for their participation in this important program.

All donations to the coin cans are greatly appreciated and we hope that this will make more people aware of these cans and the opportunity to help the shelter and the homeless animals in our community.

COIN CANS ARE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING MERCHANTS

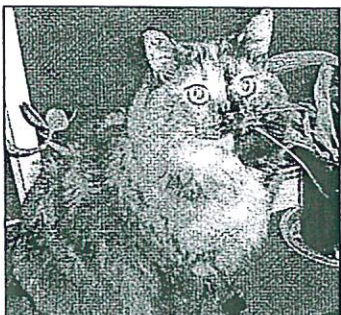
A Growing Desire
Amherst Coffee Company
Amherst Veterinary Hospital
Arby's Stevens Point
Arby's Bancroft
Citgo
Ben Franklin
Big Apple Bagels
Blue Top Restaurant
Book World
Bookfinders
BP Gas Station
Buyers Guide
Car Quest
Central Camera
Charlie's Liquor Store
Chef Chu's
Colligan's Bakery & Gas Station
County Market
Cozy Kitchen
D & S Cones
Dairy Queen
Dan's Liquor
Dive Point
Dollar Discount
Dream Weavers
Erbert & Gerbert's
F & M Bank

Fantastic Sam's
Fashion Bug
Frank's Hardware
Frontier Restaurant
Glacier Bay
Heaven in a Handbasket
Hilltop Restaurant
Holiday Gas
Hostel Shop
Jay-Mar Inc.
Jo Jo's
Joe Mama's
JR Liquor
Koerten Gallery
Kristin's Square Wheel
M & I Bank
McDonald's
Midas Muffler Shop
Mission Coffee House
Mobil Gas Station
Moto Mart Gas
Napa Auto
Nice as New
Norm's Amoco
Oakview Animal Hospital
Olympic Restaurant
Pamela's Salon
Park Ridge Café

Dolce Printing
Pizza Hut
Plover Express Drive Thru
Plover/Whiting Credit Union
Shell Gas Station
Shippy Shoes
Shopko Pharmacy
Sorenson's Floral
Stevens Point Co-Op
Stevens Point Journal
Sunshine Restaurant Point
Sunshine Restaurant Amherst
Temptations of the Hearth
The Bamboo House
The Companion Shop
The Difference Salon
Tobacco Outlet
Victoria's Ladle
Visitor and Convention Center
Walgreens
Wal-mart
Wee Bee CD's
Winslow's
Wooden Chair
Woodhaven Animal Health
Zurawski's Floral
Community Animal Hospital
Stevens Point Animal Hospital

HAPPY TAILS

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My name is Lilly. I was adopted from the Humane Society by Cris Harris because I was the cutest kitten ever. Now I live with Simba. He sometimes hisses at me, but I know he likes me. When I'm not sitting in my favorite window I like to play with pens and pencils and anything else I can knock on the floor. When playtime is over we help Cris run Cat Town Sitter Service. While Cris is out walking dogs and feeding other cats, we answer the phone, unless it's time for a catnap, then we let the voice mail answer.. (It's always a good time for a cat nap.)



A few months ago I stopped by the Shelter to drop off some cat food. A friend that works there asked if I would like to see some of the new kittens that were born. As we were oohing and aahing over the new kitties, I noticed a tiny little dog looking at me with the saddest eyes I think I've ever seen. I asked about him, and she said his days were numbered. He had been surrendered a few months earlier, and no one had expressed interest in adopting him. They seemed to feel that since he was eight years old, that he was too old to adopt.

Most people were looking for puppies. I asked if I could pet him. As soon as I met the little guy I knew he had to come home with me. I had originally planned to foster him while looking for a new home for him, but once I got him home, I knew he was going to stay with me. I renamed him Peanut, and he is my new best friend. He is a dachshund-beagle mix, and just wants to be loved. He loves to sit on my lap at night and watch TV. If I stop petting him he immediately bumps my hand with his little snout to get me started again. I'll never understand why someone else didn't snatch him up right away, but I am glad he was waiting there for me.



Hi Everyone,

I was adopted June 22, 2005 and I'm enjoying my new home with my new owner Laura, her mom, and her cat Pete. At night I get to sleep on the bed with Laura. On the third day I was living with Laura, she took me to her friend's house where I met his collie. Then I went swimming with Laura and her friend in the river behind his house and I got to watch ducks swim and fly by. I had a lot of fun swimming. I have started to learn some basics to duck and pheasant hunting. I can't wait until I get to go hunting because I get to do two of my favorite things, swimming and retrieving. On July 4th, I went to the Riverfront Rendezvous. I met many new people and dogs. I got to watch the fireworks. They were amazing. I got a lot of attention

afterwards since I behaved so well and wasn't scared by the loud noises. I love my new owner; I think I will keep her.

Love,
Cassie (formerly known as Chica the black lab puppy)

PS: Laura is a dedicated volunteer at the shelter and we were so excited for her when she found and adopted Cassie.



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.

Tours and presentations for April-June were given at the following facilities: Noel Learning Center, Head Start, Tiger Scouts, Rosholt Elementary School, St. Paul's Lutheran Pre-School, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Girl Scouts, Madison Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, The Post Office, Ben Franklin School, and McKinley Elementary School.



Thanks to Madison Elementary School students for once again going above and beyond in their Penny Wars. This year they raised \$1,118.00 to help the animals at the shelter. Every year the amount goes up as these dedicated students collect spare change for a worthy cause. Sunshine (yellow lab), Nancy and Jenny went for a visit on June 1st and accepted the check on the behalf of the Humane Society of Portage County.

Also many thanks go out to St. Paul's Lutheran Vacation Bible School for naming the humane society as their charity this summer. The theme for VBS was 'Safari Adventure' and the children collected \$400.51 and many needed supplies for the animals.



Unscramble the Animal Names

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_____ odg	folw	_____
_____ ridb	kudc	_____
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_____ ofx	krash	_____
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bird, cat, dog, duck, fish, fox, lion, mice, otter, rat, seal, shark, tiger, wolf

Puzzle Word Search

BIRD	S	J	S	R	I	S	A	M	I	P	F	P
CARE	Q	L	H	S	E	P	S	H	A	Y	Q	Z
CAT	U	R	O	X	X	X	J	M	Y	E	I	U
DOG	W	B	I	U	B	I	R	D	X	R	W	L
FEED	Q	J	B	U	E	B	D	O	G	Y	E	D
FISH	Q	X	F	N	O	N	T	U	W	C	K	E
LOVE	R	Z	I	N	T	B	T	R	I	M	S	E
MICE	J	I	S	G	H	G	E	M	B	E	U	F
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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 - \$2,200 a piece.)		

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.



Cans Piling Up?

Please take your aluminum cans to County Market or Jay-Mar. Put your cans to work for us. We are in need of a drop site on Hwy. 10 East. Is there any business out there that can help us. Please call 344-6014 for more information.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

FUR BALL OCTOBER 21, 2005

This year the Fur Ball will be held at Memories Banquet Hall in Plover.

Volunteers Make A Difference



The Humane Society would never be able to operate without the help of our dedicated volunteers. Those of you who give

countless hours, your treasures and talents are our heroes! Whether you serve on committees, spend time at the shelter, collect coin cans, visit nursing homes, or help with publications, you are truly invaluable to us.

We are always in need of more volunteers especially on our fundraising committee. If you are interested in volunteering to help the Humane Society in any way please give us a call at 344-3412.

My sincere thanks to all of you who truly make a difference!

Dolores Glytas
President, HSPC

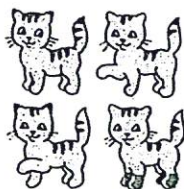
Some articles and information in this newsletter have been obtained from various sources and are solely used for information and educational purposes for our membership and readers.

Contribute to the Spay and Neuter Fund....



Make a statement and dress up your vehicle! Our blue and white ribbons are not only attractive and are magnetic, making them convenient for you to put on 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.

Ninety-Three and Counting!!



That is how many kittens have found homes thanks to our good friend Andy Opperman, owner of *The Companion Shop*.

Besides having everything you can imagine for your furry friends

and gifts for humans that love them, you can always find several of our adoptable kittens running around the shop. With Andy's help our kittens learn social skills and are able to go to loving homes faster.

Thank you Andy for all you do to help us and most of all thanks for helping the kittens! You are simply purrrfect!

Please stop in at The Companion Shop and see the kittens!

Jodi Flatoff Has Done It Again!



Every year Forthcoming Danspace holds a weekend full of marvelous dancing! During these dance recitals Jodi's students get to dazzle us with their fantastic talents. The students and instructors work hard all year long to prepare for these wonderful shows. Jodi has a love of dance and a love for companion animals. It is because of this she donates all the proceeds from the dance recitals to our shelter. We all thank you Jodi for your very generous donation!

Gifts

*Arkansas Community Foundation
Associated Bank Advisory Committee – Casual for a Cause
Aurora Health Care's Employee Partnership Campaign
Ben Franklin Junior High School's Teen Living Skills Class
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Tom and Shelley Strojny
Tony Bronk
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Honorariums

Chad Aldrich – Penford Corporation's Circle of Excellence Award Recipient in honor of Chad, Cody and Dakota Aldrich

Marti and Gregory Sowka in honor of their loving dog Mac

Beverly Schroeder in honor of Terry Kolesar's birthday

David Garber in honor of Terry Kolesar's birthday

Jennifer Culver in honor of Terry Kolesar's birthday

Julie Patzke in honor of Terry Kolesar's birthday

Sandra Robinson in honor of Terry Kolesar's birthday

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Margaret Wyszynski

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Mid-State Technical College – Student Activities Board

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Robert and Lorna Winn in memory of Carl Farnsworth

Unknown donors in memory of Carl Farnsworth

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Marilyn Opyd in memory of Kay Blocher

Ronald Deffner in memory of Kay Blocher

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

~ Gandhi

Alan and Tammy Jankowski in memory of Sylvia Schabow
American Legion in memory of Sylvia Schabow
Arnold and Mary Ann Skibba in memory of Sylvia Schabow
Gerald and Louise Olesen in memory of Sylvia Schabow
Joanne Lefevre in memory of Sylvia Schabow
Kathy Skibba Family and Friends in loving memory of Sylvia Schabow
Ken and Lois Kosinski in memory of Sylvia Schabow
Paul Ziemann and Cheryl Cynor-Ziemann in memory of Sylvia Schabow
Robert and Roberta Ruef in memory of Sylvia Schabow
Robert Piotrowski in memory of Sylvia Schabow

James and Mary Ellen Hardin in memory of Tasha, the loving pet of Terese Barta
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Terese Barta in memory of her pet Tasha

Bonnie Stroik in memory of her dear friend Karen Lasecke
Dorothy Wolloch in memory of Josephine Trebe
Lucas Wolloch in memory of Barney Wolloch
Sarah Lind in memory of Claus
Tom and Ann Barrett in memory of Lily Heyen Withrow

Practical Estate Planning Seminar

Thursday, October 6, 2005 ♦ 6:30 – 9:00 pm ♦ Sentry Theater

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – FREE OF CHARGE
REFRESHMENTS AND SUPPORT MATERIAL PROVIDED**

Topics include Basic Explanations of: Wills and Probate, Federal and Wisconsin Estate Taxes, Financial Power of Attorney and Health Care Power of Attorney.
Questions and Answers following the seminar.

**Sponsored By: Anderson, O'Brien, Bertz, Skrenes & Golla and
Planned Giving for Portage County**

To register for the seminar, please call 715-344-0890 or email carole@andlaw.com

**The Humane Society will have an information booth!
Stop by and see us!**

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY

Shelter Facilities

P.O. Box 512 - 100 6th 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

NEW SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - 12:00 noon - 5:00 PM

Tuesday: 12:00 noon - 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 8:00 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.

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