



Paws To Read

The Quarterly Newsletter of the HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY

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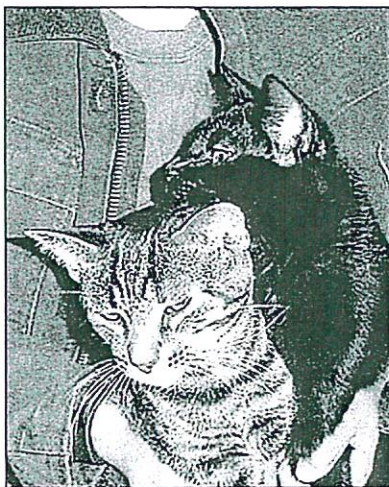
From the Desk of the Operations Manager

*A New Year, 2005, what will it bring, what new friends will we meet and what shall we accomplish? Every year most of us ask these same questions without realizing that the only one in control of the answers is the one asking the questions. Maybe we would be better off asking what will we give of ourselves in 2005. So, what will we bring to 2005, what people will we embrace and what tasks will we set out to complete? I think I can safely say for both the staff and Board of the Humane Society of Portage County a new shelter for the animals will guide our answers for 2005. I reach out to each and every person who reads this newsletter, who loves animals and who has a desire to find a home for all adoptable pets, to help us reach our goal and **build that shelter**.*

My personal goals are as follows; lose weight or grow taller, start my pet poetry book, continue to meet more wonderful people and never stop looking for ways to help the animals. 2004 made it very apparent why a new shelter with proper areas for stray and sick animals is desperately needed. We lost 64 cats and kittens to distemper, not because the staff did anything wrong, but because we take in cast off animals with no medical history or vaccinations. A litter of kittens brought this disease to our shelter and with no area to separate the newcomers a disaster was eminent. As anyone who runs a shelter for either people or animals know, when you open your doors to all, many other things besides the person or pet can enter. With a proper shelter, with proper ventilation and with separate areas for stray, sick and adoptable pets even more can be saved. Please help me make 2005 a remarkable year for the animals of Portage County.



Nancy Butterfield



PLEASE – Help Us Find A Home...SOON!

Our names are Shadow and Kenny and our owners, the people that we thought loved us, left us all alone with no food and water and moved away. Luckily the landlord found us before we died and brought us to the Humane Society where we were fed and cared for. We received all of our shots and were spayed and neutered and are now ready for adoption. We are extremely sweet with shorthair and love to be kissed and hugged. I'm Shadow, a black spayed female and Kenny; my friend is a brown tabby neutered male. We are still very young and would like very much to stay together. The people at the shelter said they would give the person who wanted to take us home a special price of \$50.00 if we can stay together. Our time is running out – won't you take us home and love us? Please don't take us away from each other we are best of friends.



OUR "TAILS" ARE WAGGIN' FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Humane Society of Portage County is a non-profit organization, funded by donations from people like you. The welfare of our animals and the future of our organization depends on you. Show your support and become a member today!

HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

- _____ JUNIOR (\$10)
_____ REGULAR (\$20)
_____ SUPPORTING (\$50)
_____ PATRON (\$100)
_____ LIFE (\$250)

☐ Payment Enclosed - *Please Make Check Payable to: Humane Society of Portage County*

☐ Please Bill My: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Please contact me about:

- ☐ Including HSPC in my will
☐ Becoming a HSPC Volunteer

- ☐ How to donate gifts of Securities, Stocks, Bonds, Etc.
☐ How to donate items, goods or services

All Donations are Tax Deductible.

THANK YOU!

The Humane Society of Portage County is dedicated to the humane care of all warm-blooded animals surrendered within the boundaries of Portage County. This includes placement of all adoptable animals through the use of private adoptions, breed rescues, fellow sheltering groups and a foster care program. Those animals found to be unsuitable for placement due to health or temperament issues will be humanely euthanised. No animal with a bite history will be placed.

Animal Control services are provided to those municipalities who contract with the humane society. Contact us at 715-344-6012 to see if we service your area.

SURRENDER FEES

Starting January 1, 2005 we will charge a surrender fee of \$15.00 per animal or \$25.00 per litter. Out of county surrender fee will remain \$65.00. These charges are necessary to keep up with the rising cost of animal care. Please help us to do the best for all the animals. Also remember that appointments are required when surrendering your pet.

NEW ADOPTION POLICY FOR OUT OF COUNTY ADOPTIONS

To help us keep the cost of our adoptions down and to better budget our spay/neuter program those adopters from out of county will be provided with a voucher towards their spay and neuter cost. Cat adopters will receive a voucher for \$50.00 and dog adopters a \$75.00 voucher. When you have had the surgery completed on your adopted pet the voucher along with the surgery certificate are returned to the Humane Society of Portage County and a refund check is sent to you for the amount on the voucher.



RABIES AND MICROCHIP CLINICS



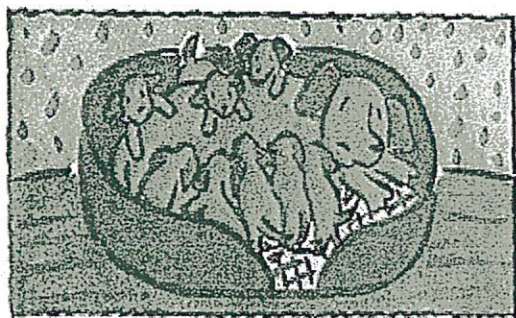
We are planning to have at least two clinics to provide rabies shots, county licensing and microchips for Portage County residents. Times and locations to be announced, but our plans are for March and early April. Please keep an eye open for an announcement in your local newspapers or give us a call at the shelter in early February. Remember that the law states that all dogs must have a current rabies vaccination and Portage County license or costly citations may be issued. Cats in Stevens Point and the Village of Whiting must also have a current rabies vaccination and license. The microchip is a rice-sized chip inserted into the muscle of your pet to help identify him if he is lost. A scanner that picks up the ID number on the chip gathers owner information. All animals adopted from the shelter come with a microchip as part of the adoption.

WAYS TO PREVENT OR FIND LOST PETS

- A lost pet's ticket home is an identification tag with your dog or cat's name, as well as your name and phone number. The identification tag, rabies vaccination tag, and their license tag should be attached to your pet's collar.
- Cats should wear a "break-away" collar to prevent them from getting tangled. Check your pet's collar, especially as it grows, to make sure it hasn't gotten too tight or worn out.
- Always keep a current picture of your pet. This will help a great deal in case it becomes lost.
- Walking your dog or cat on a leash will help ensure that it never gets lost. Portage County has leash laws, which means that a dog must be on a leash at all times if it's not in its home or yard.
- If you lose your pet, you need to start searching your neighborhood right away. Ask your neighbors to keep an eye out for it, and your mail person, as well. Post signs with your pet's picture and your phone number in your area. Place "lost ads" in the newspapers, and start reading the "found ads". Visit every shelter right away. Animals can wander far away, or may be picked up by a kind person and taken to their shelter, which may be far from your home. Do not just call the shelters; you will need to visit each one.
- If you find a lost animal, do not try to approach it. If you are a child, tell an adult, and they can carefully approach it to see if it is wearing any identification tags. **USE EXTREME CAUTION** – because a lost or frightened animal can bite. If you can approach the animal and it does have tags, call the owner and have them pick up their pet. If it only has a license or rabies tag, call your local humane society, and they can match the tag with the owner. If there are no tags, leave a report with all the shelters in your area. Place a found ad in the newspaper and look at the lost ads. Post notices in your area, and contact your neighbors to see if they have lost a pet or recognize the animal. Please don't let the pet wander around with no food or water. If the animal is safe to approach take him to your local humane society and they will care for the animal and will try and find the owner or if the owner can't be found, put it up for adoption.



SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PET!



The cages are filled, as they almost always are, with dogs and puppies nervously barking, cats and kittens plaintively meowing. They come in with names like Toto, Angel and Sam, though many are known only by a number. Most will never leave.

There is a growing trend to abandon animals -- unwanted litters, outgrown pets, mixed breeds or purebreds -- thousands of animals are discarded each year when the novelty wears off -- victims of a throw-away society. We toss them away just like unwanted garbage -- leave them to fend for themselves -- who cares if they live or die they are just an animal.

Unwanted cat litters create feral colonies of cats. There's no such thing as a *stray* cat, any more than there are *native* ferals -- ferals are simply unwanted, abandoned domesticated house cats. The stray cats were once owned by human beings. Those newborn kittens belong to humans who dumped them because they "could not stand the thought of them being euthanized if taken to a humane society or shelter", or it was easier to leave them on a roadside than make a trip to the humane society or because they were moving, or determined they were allergic to cats or the new boy/girl friend didn't like cats, or a human baby was on the way, or a thousand other excuses.

In the meantime the unwanted cats or dogs have grown to love and trust their human caregiver, depending on them for their very lives. The human turned deaf ears to the pleas of spay/neuter -- because Tiger needs to be a "man" or Princess is so lovely -- just think how adorable her babies will be. And the vicious cruel fate of pain, hunger, homelessness and illness that these pets are now experiencing since being dumped is passed on to their tiny, helpless offspring. The ludicrous idea that cats, kittens, dogs and puppies can survive on the streets is better than taking them to a shelter or humane society for adoption or euthanization is simply unbelievable.

As a nation, we claim to love cats and dogs. Millions of households have pets, and billions of dollars are spent yearly on pet supplies and food. But as a nation, we should take a hard, sobering look at a different annual statistics. There are millions of dogs and cats given up to shelters or left to die on the streets and the numbers tell only half the story.

Did you know that each year thousands and thousands of cats, kittens, dogs and puppies are euthanized (killed) due to overpopulation? Seventy thousand (70,000) kittens and puppies are born every day just in the United States. Statistics show that 10-12 million pets are euthanized annually in the United States. Using the lower figure of 10 million, that's 192,308 a week or 27,473 pets, euthanized every 24 hours or 1,145 animals every hour, 365 days a year. Did you know that **within 7 years, 1 female cat can produce 420,000 offspring, while 1 female dog can produce 67,000 offspring?**

Every cat or dog who dies as a result of pet overpopulation--whether humanely in a shelter or by injury, disease, or neglect--is an animal who, more often than not, would have made a wonderful companion, if given the chance. Tremendous as the problem of pet over population is, it can be solved if each of us takes just one small step, starting with not allowing our animals to breed. **Spaying and neutering is the first step to the solution.**

As the numbers above show, each year, millions of unwanted dogs and cats are euthanized at shelters across the country. Although pet behavioral problems are the main reason animals are given to shelters, many orphans are the result of accidental breeding by free-roaming, unaltered pets (throw-away pets). The more pets that are spayed or neutered results in fewer dogs and cats that have to be destroyed. Some people think that neutering their pet may hurt them, actually it is the opposite. Let's take a look at the reasons and benefits of spaying or neutering your pet.

SPAYING AND NEUTERING IS GOOD FOR YOU, GOOD FOR YOUR PET AND GOOD FOR THE COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS SPAYING & NEUTERING?

Spaying (ovario-hysterectomy) is the surgical removal of the reproductive organs (ovaries, uterus, fallopian tubes) of the female animal. **Neutering** (orchectomy or castration) is the surgical removal of the reproductive glands (testes) of the male animal. The outer is left, only the testes are removed. Females and males should be spayed or neutered by 6 months of age. Currently some clinics are performing surgeries on animals as young as 8 weeks of age. As this procedure becomes more common, perhaps it will be available in all areas. Older animals can be done as long as they are in good health. A licensed veterinarian performs all sterilization surgery under general anesthesia.

Female dogs and cats can be spayed when in heat or pregnant. This can usually be done up until a few days before delivery. These surgeries can take longer, and can therefore cost more. Spaying before having a first litter or heat cycle is usually a simpler procedure. The heat cycle for dogs is once or twice a year starting as early as 6 months of age. Duration is 3 weeks. Heat cycles in cats start as early as 6 months and occur every 3-4 weeks during spring through early fall. The gestation period for both dogs and cats is 63 days. Female cats can become pregnant again as soon as 10 days after giving birth (while still nursing the first litter).

HEALTH BENEFITS OF SPAYING AND NEUTERING:

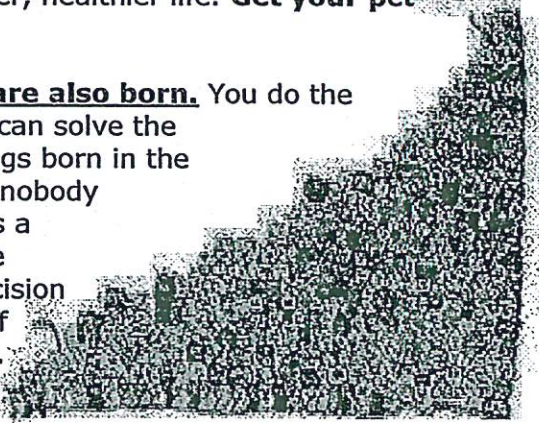
- Neutering your male dog or cat prevents testicular tumors and may prevent prostate problems. Neutering also decreases the possibility of perianal tumors and hernias, which are commonly observed in older, unaltered dogs. Because neutered cats are less likely to roam, the threat of abscesses caused by bites and diseases transmitted by fighting are greatly reduced. Males neutered early in life become more affectionate, are less aggressive toward other males and are not distracted by females in heat. Therefore, a neutered male will be less tempted to leave your property and cross that dangerous street or highway searching for a mate. Neutered males also are less likely to mark every one of your (or your neighbor's) expensive shrubs with his urine as well as inside the house.
- In females, spaying your pet before her first estrous cycle (that is, before she reaches sexual maturity) greatly reduces her chances of developing breast cancer (the rate goes down to almost zero if the spaying is done before the first heat cycle) and completely eliminates the threat of uterine and ovarian cancer and a potentially fatal infection of the uterus experienced by many mature unsprayed animals (pyometra).
- Spay surgery also eliminates the heat cycle (which can last twenty-one days, twice a year, in dogs, and anywhere from three to fifteen days, three or more times a year, in cats) and associated mood swings and undesirable behaviors. Because female dogs pass bloody fluid as a part of their estrous cycle, constant care must be taken to avoid carpet stains in homes with such animals. Spaying your female pet eliminates the problem of stray males camping in your yard and decreases her desire to roam and breed. No family wants to cope with an unwanted pregnancy. Female cats in heat often cry incessantly, show nervous behavior, and attract unwanted male animals.
- The idea that pets become fat or lazy when they are spayed or neutered is a MYTH!
- Spaying or neutering increases your pet's chances for a longer, healthier life and is a better pet for your family.
- Don't use your cats and dogs to teach your children about the birds and the bees. Between 10-12 million companion animals are killed each year in America due to lack of homes. Don't let your pet have even one litter.

Many cat lovers feel it is kinder for Kitty to be allowed outdoors. Statistics show that 90% of the millions of cats killed on our roads each year are unsterilized. Fertile cats tend to get into fights and wander more. so, please, if you must let Kitty go out, make sure he or she is fixed or kept on a leash!

Why did Spot cross the road? He loved the ladies. Unfortunately, his latest girlfriend lived on the far side of the highway. Spot never made it to the other side. About 80% of dogs hit by vehicles each year are un-neutered males. Fixing your pet decreases the urge to wander and increases his chances of living a longer, healthier life. **Get your pet fixed.**



For every person that is born, 15 dogs and 45 cats are also born. You do the numbers ... There aren't enough homes for them all. You can solve the problem. **Spay or neuter today.** Only 1 in 9 cats and dogs born in the U.S. will find a home. The rest will be destroyed because nobody wants them. Could **you** choose which animal will live? It's a choice no one should have to make. But the people at the Humane Society of Portage County have to make this decision every day. It is no easier for them to look into the eyes of an animal just before it is "put to sleep" than it is for you. You can help stop the killing. **Spay or neuter your pet.**



FOR THE LOVE OF HOPE

By Nancy Butterfield

A couple driving down a country road spotted a German Shepherd who was in need of help. She was extremely thin and having great difficulty standing on her own. They loaded her in their car and drove her straight to the Humane Society of Portage County for help. She was gently carried in and placed on blankets on the floor of the office while her condition was assessed. When the exact pick-up location was

determined it revealed the dog's location to have been in Buena Vista, a municipality that does not contract with our humane society for animal control. The couple that brought the dog to us was unaware of this and we were not about to punish them for their act of kindness. Immediate care was sought for the dog and the battle to save her life was set in motion.

After a visit to the vet on call and some initial instructions for care, the Shepherd returned to the shelter for the weekend and our staff tended to her needs. On Monday morning her case was referred to Dr. Janet Riebe at Woodhaven Animal Health. The vets and staff worked diligently over the next week and a half to save the gentle soul they had come to call **Woodhaven's Hope**. Numerous tests were run and treatments delivered as each new piece of the puzzle was revealed. Some days Hope appeared to be improving and the staff was elated, yet others seemed to see little or no change and a gray cloud hung over the clinic.

Hope finally succumbed to what Dr. Riebe and her staff now know to be complications of the disease blastomycosis. Although a call was made to the chairman of Buena Vista and a message left concerning the dog found in his municipality, no response ever came. For the couple who picked Hope up and brought her to the shelter, for the shelter staff who cared for her and most importantly to the dedicated staff and vets at Woodhaven Animal Health we are grateful that Hope died among those who genuinely loved and cared for her and not alone in a field with no one to help.

This case is a shining example of why a unified Animal Control Program is essential in Portage County. Innocent people who stop to help an animal should not have to guess about who they should call for help, yet it happens much too often. Not all municipalities that choose not to contract with the Humane Society make it clear to their residents what they should do when finding an animal that is stray or in need of help. Our humane society often is criticized because the public does not understand that a Humane Officer may not enter a non-contracting municipality by law. Please take the time to attend your municipal meetings and let your voice be heard concerning Animal Control, for those who are intended to be helped by such a program, the animals, have no voice.

PROGRAMS OFFERED BY YOUR HUMANE SOCIETY



Bite Prevention Education- A program for both young and old that gives useful tips and information on how to avoid being bitten by a dog or cat. Great idea for schools, churches, daycares and other child centered groups.

Animal Care Education- How and what to do to care for your pet. We will cover feeding, exercise, grooming, identification and licensing, and veterinary care and vaccinations. This program can be done at your facility or ours.

PAWS Reading Program- This program is done in conjunction with the Lincoln Center. Volunteers take an approved pet to an area elementary school and have the pet listen to stories read by the students. This program works wonders for the children because the animals do not judge when errors are made; they simply enjoy the story.

Foster Care for Shelter Animals- Homes are selected from approved applications. Shelter animals in need of additional TLC or medical care are placed in home settings where they can receive around the clock attention. This may include puppies or kittens without moms, nursing moms, recovering animals or young dogs that could use some extra training. Foster homes are always needed.

Pet Therapy- Take a shelter pet and visit a nursing home, residential facility, or other group who would like to cuddle with a cat or pet a dog. This program reaps rewards for all who take part.

UWSP Work-Study- Students interested in working with animals can apply for a work-study position and learn while they earn.



Projects for Pets- If you would like an ongoing project for your students or group to do for the animals, give us a call and we will set one up tailored for your needs. Some of the projects from the past have been 'penny wars', aluminum can collecting, poster making, newspaper collecting, collecting needed donations and survey taking.

SAFER Testing- This is behavior testing performed on all dogs at the shelter to determine if they are adoptable. If they attempt to bite or fail a section of the test they are not placed for adoption. It is important to remember that the test is a tool not a guarantee of an animal's behavior in all situations.



Food for the Animals- Lost your job, unexpected bills, just moved and can't quite make ends meet, give us a call and we will try to help with a bag of food for your dog or cat until things get better. Please call ahead to assure availability of food.

Aid for Elderly Pet Owners- This program is done in conjunction with the Lincoln Center to aid elderly pet owners with needed food and or placement of a beloved pet.

Information Booth and Tours- We can provide an information booth at your event or provide a tour of our facility for your group. Please call ahead for an appointment.

Pets and Personalities on Parade- Our weekly TV program that airs 8 times during the week on Channel 3. The show features all of the animals at the shelter that are strays or up for adoption. We also invite people to be guests on our show, so give us a call and be a star.

Pet of the Week- Tuesday mornings on 106.5 Lite FM Mike Austin and Nancy present poems for the pets to promote adoption of shelter animals.

SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS BEGIN WITH YOU!

Provide a loving home by adopting a pet.

Become a member of the Humane Society of Portage County.

Become a volunteer or make a donation.



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.



Bannach Elementary School



Washington Elementary School

Dear Portage County Humane Society,

Thank you for coming to our school and talking about pets and what they do. The dog and cat that you brought were neat to see and pet. We really learned a lot from you. Some of the things that we learned are: never look a dog in the eye, always ask the owner if you can pet the dog first, and approach a dog with your fist out. We also learned that if a dog is starting to attack that you should lie on the ground and cover your neck with your arms.

We would like to give you these dog biscuits that we made in our cooking class. We had a lot of fun making them. We mixed all of the ingredients together and cut the dog bone shapes out. After that we had to cook them in the oven. Hopefully your dogs will enjoy them!

We hope to see you again! Let us know if the dogs liked the treats and we could make more for them. Thank you again for all of your valuable information.

The Kindergarten Classes at Washington Elementary School



We wish to thank the students and teachers at the following schools who took the time and effort to help the animals at the shelter by giving graciously this Christmas season; UWSP Pre-vet Society, Bannach Elementary School, Washington Elementary School, Roosevelt School, Rosholt School, McKinley School Student Council, McDill Elementary Pet Patrol and Forthcoming Danspace.

These schools collected money and items from our *Wish List*. If you or your school would like to help the animals at the humane society please contact Nancy Butterfield at 344-6012 to request programs and to find out what the shelter needs at any given time.

HAPPY TAILS

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Biscuit is a Brittany mix that we adopted in September 1998, when she was about 1 year old. She is well loved by both her family and friends due to her friendly, loving nature and spunky attitude. She is a smart dog who has managed to wrap her "mommy" and "daddy" around her little paw. She loves getting hugs, going for walks, chasing rabbits and squirrels, riding in the truck and eating "greenies".

Nancy & Fred Hausman

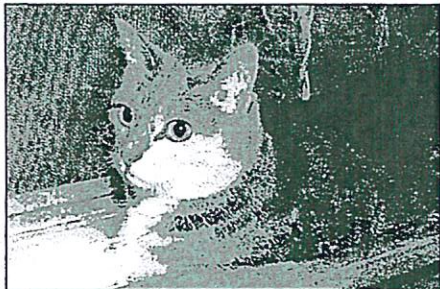


Hi Everyone,

When my mom saw me behind those bars, I howled the loudest, gave my saddest look and wagged my tail with pride. I took mom for a walk and 45 minutes later with my great looks and charm we were homeward bound. She called me Lucky but by the time we got home I nuzzled into her heart so she called me **Buddy** and that's my name. I will not let mom out of the house without me. I am able to run the yard freely (with the help of a Petsafe Fence) whenever I want. I also get a hotdog daily -Mom thinks that I rollover, dance, stay or shake hands for it. Boy did I train her right or

what! Mom gives me hugs, kisses, praise and lots of love and I get to a great nights sleep under the covers on mom's bed. Thanks mom!

I Love You Mom! **Buddy Beagle** Adopted 11-20-03



Diary of "T" (Tammy) Who Was Adopted from PCHS by Katy Riley in 1990

June 30, 1990 – Dear Diary, today a lady came to the PCHS because she needed a friend. There were lots of baby kittens and I was afraid she would pick one of them like everybody else had done. (I am 3 months old.) But she picked me! I went home with "the Lady" and met her Sheltie, Molly and I feel so happy. The "Lady's" daughter named me Tammy.

February 1993 – Molly and I are now friends. We chase each other and jump on each other. Molly hates it when I jump on her from the pool table!

March 1995 – It's just the "Lady", Molly and me now, and I have a middle name! I feel very awesome with a name like Tammy Angela. But everybody calls me "T" and I like that best. I like to go to the cottage in Door County too, and visit Grandma in Mequon. I "sing" in the car!

December 1996 – Dear Diary, I'm not a "lovey" kind of cat; you know? I like people who like the "Lady" but I don't socialize much. After all, I'm in charge around here. I've got lots of work to do. (But don't tell anyone that I sleep with the "Lady".)

November 2001 – I'm more adaptable, as I get older. Good thing, because we have 3 other rescued cats; one of them wins ribbons at cat shows. Whoopee Do! But I don't really care, as long as the "Lady" is fine. However, I do NOT understand her need for all these creatures) there is a bunny, guinea pig and fish too) when she has ME, ME, ME!

April 2003 – Now my friend Molly the Sheltie is gone and you won't believe this, Dear Diary, but the "Lady" got us a Newfie! BRIGID! Yes, a great, big, monster from the black lagoon. Sheesh! But here I am, doing fine, and still in charge. (What would you expect?)

October 2003 – Lady's friend Deb has moved in with us. This if fine, but Dear Diary, she has 4 cats! And 3 birds! But, you know what? I feel good and I'M in control of things at this Creature Cottage! And I give hugs now, to the "Lady" and once in a while to Deb.

January 2005 – You know, Dear Diary, I'm almost 15 years old, and I'm still grateful for our PCHS and those nice people there, every single day. And so is the "Lady". Now, if only I could convince her to "donate" all these other CATS and CREATURES to the PCHS, I'd really have it made! (Not really. I'd miss them all.)

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.



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 Thank You's!

Much thanks to **Focus Point Photography** for donating all proceeds from the "Pictures With Santa" this year. One learns very quickly that patience really counts when taking good pictures of animals. We so appreciate your time, expertise and donation!

We also thank Rick and Andi of the **Companion Shop** for hosting the picture taking and getting Santa to come and pose. The Companion Shop is always so generous to us, and last year (2004) they helped us place over 74 cats into loving homes! Thank you Rick and Andi for being surrogate parents and for all you do!



I would also like to thank everyone in and around our community who donated both money and items for our shelter during this Christmas Season. Whether it was large or small - your donations make a big difference in the life of the animals we care for.

Good News - in the near future we will be printing a newsletter devoted to the updated planning and development of our new shelter building campaign. We know this has been a long time coming and we still have a lot of work to do.

For now I wish you all a most happy, healthy and safe New Year!

Sincerely,
Dolores Glytas, Board President

Gifts - Honorariums - Memorials

Gifts

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Honorariums

Jan & Jeffrey Dawson in honor of Ken Dawson's birthday
Maryann Lubinski in honor of Whispering Pines
Sig & Mary Ann Sandstrom in honor of Penney & Tina
Owner in honor of Buddy
Jocelyn Reid in honor of Robert & Vicki Floody
Bonita Jarvis in honor of Paul Duquette's birthday
Win & Nedra Difford in honor of Dandy
Jennifer Morse in honor of Judy Albertson
Kathie Grill in honor of Sully
Mary Murphy in honor of Annie and Bops
Gamma Phi Delta in honor of caring for abused and homeless animals
Nancy Konopacki in honor of Peanut, our adopted cat
Beth & Chris Knotts in honor of Richard & Helene Greenwood
Owner in honor of my adopted cat
Tom & Jane Nevins in honor of cats, Banjo & Taffy

Memorials



Brian Liedtke in memory of Deanna Juhnke
David & Pauline Pray in memory of Boswell
Chris Czenczek in memory of Rowdy and Paul Dieterich
John & Betty Barnes in memory Deanna Juhnke
Robert & Sally Freckman in memory of Deanna Juhnke

James & Nancy Lamar in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Jerry Weldy in memory of Deanna Juhnke
John, Catherine, Mary & Thomas Freeman in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Allen & Adeline in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Michael & Melba Sullivan in memory of Deanna Juhnke

Central Wisconsin Rose Society in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Neil & Karen Davies in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Ronald & Kimberly Strege in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Jean Schwerel in memory of Irene Tuthille & Albert Harris
Justus & Barbara Paul in memory of Deanna Juhnke

Sara Gerson in memory of Bozley, loving pet of Judy Albertson
Roland Juhnke in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Helen Ruth Godfrey in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Doris Berdan in memory of Marion Welke
Jill Lansing in memory of Marion Welke

Kathleen Riley in memory of Molly and Happy W.Woof
Brenda Breitner in memory of Binky
Suzette Johnson in memory of Leone Funke
Kathy Konopacky in memory of Beamer & Dominoe
Bette Vogel in memory of Gordon & Muriel Schaftner

Carol Sniadajewski in memory of Chief & Coach
Rick & Lynelle Okray in memory of Willy, the Chocolate Lab
Carol Schlaefer in memory of Ambush
Dick Berndt in memory of Bear & Bobby, American Water Spaniels
Paul & Shelby Czarniecki in memory of Kitzie

Jon Cronce in memory of Alger F. Cronce
Roberta Stokes in memory of Bob, Jack & Dewey
Scott & Dawn Wiza in memory of Sheik, Sheba, Rosie, Stripe and Nikko (aka Shorty)
Frank & Eva Richter in memory of Deanna Juhnke
Douglas & Melinda House in memory of Sienna

Diane Kizewski in memory of Trapper
Daniel Iwinski in memory of Sniezyca
Barbara Friedrich in memory of Betsy, Gracie, Coot and Widgy
Susan & Michael Bongard in memory of Stanley Lewandowski and Elizabeth Bongard
Diane Jaworski in memory of Gertie

Dennis & Pat Saari in memory of Lola our Airedale
Jennifer Morse in memory of Bozley

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Tuesday: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Saturday: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Wednesday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

SUNDAY - CLOSED

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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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