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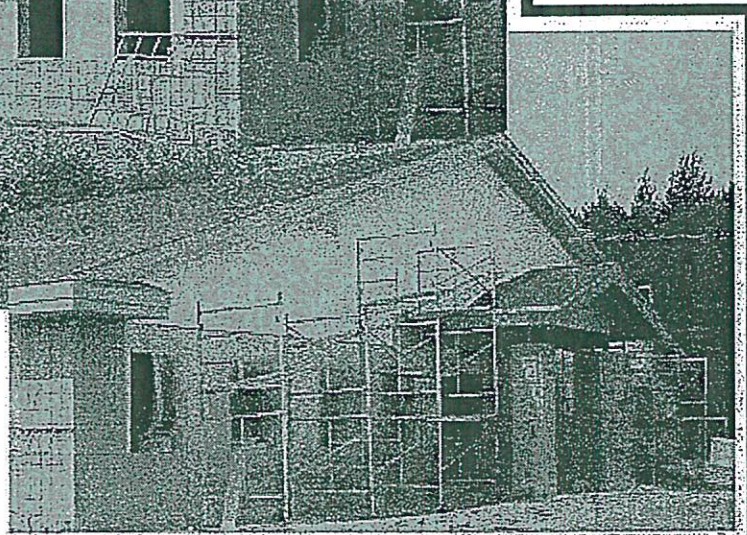
The Quarterly Newsletter of the HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY

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UNLEASHING THE FUTURE



These are not drawings of the new building anymore these are the actual pictures of our dream developing! We hope to be celebrating Christmas in our new shelter. BUT we still desperately need your help! Right now donations towards our capital campaign come up to approximately 73% of our goal. We need to finish the building, landscaping and build a garage. We are so very grateful to all those who know how very important this project is to our community and have shown this by their donations.

With the opening of our new shelter we can finally have the space to conduct education programs for area students. Have training sessions for pets and their owners. Have a safer and healthier environment for our pets and our staff. Offer help to families in crisis. Be an animal resource center for the community. And finally have a warm and inviting space for the community to enjoy and hopefully bring home a new family member. **Please help us Unleash the Future! Send in your donation along with the form on pg.6.**

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NOT ALL HEROES ARE PEOPLE ~

James Crane worked on the 101st floor of Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. He is blind and has a golden retriever named Daisy. After the plane hit 20 stories below, James knew that he was doomed, so he let Daisy go, out of an act of love. She darted away into the darkened hallway. Choking on the fumes of the jet fuel and the smoke, James was just waiting to die. About 30 minutes later, Daisy came back along with James' boss, who Daisy just happened to pick up on floor 112.

On her first run of the building, she led James, James' boss, and about 300 more people out of the doomed building. But she wasn't through yet; she knew there were others who were trapped. So, against James' wishes she ran back in the building.



On her second run, she saved 392 lives. Again she went back in.



During this run, the building collapsed. When James hears about this he fell on his knees in tears. Against all odds, Daisy made it out alive, but this time she was carried by a firefighter. "She led us right to the people, before she got injured," the fireman explained.

Her final run saved another 273 lives. She suffered acute smoke inhalation, severe burns on all four paws, and a broken leg, but she saved 967 lives.

The next week, Mayor Guilaini rewarded Daisy with the Canine medal of Honor of New York.

Daisy is the first civilian Canine to win such an honor.

Kevin P. Ford Memorial Golf Outing



For the past eight years the family of Kevin P. Ford has held a memorial golf outing to celebrate Kevin's life. This is a time to reflect on Kevin's vibrant life and to carry on his wishes of helping the animals in our community. This year the weather was perfect and everyone had a wonderful time. Half of all the proceeds from the outing are donated to our new building fund in Kevin's name. Julie and John Ford have always worked very hard getting business donations and putting this day together. We are so very grateful to Kevin's family and friends for this most generous donation. Our thoughts and prayers are always with you at this time.

Jodi Flatoff – Our Dancing Angel

Each year Forthcoming Danspace's teachers and students hold a recital and each year the



performances keep getting better. We just marvel at the wonderful talent that is demonstrated during these shows. Jodi Flatoff, owner and head instructor, is so truly dedicated to helping develop this talent in her students. Lucky for us Jodi is also dedicated to the welfare of companion animals! Each year Jodi donates all the proceeds from the dance recitals to the operation of our shelter! THANK YOU so very much Jodi for helping us to help all the needy pets in our care.



Emy Janssen and Maggie Meadows

Both Emy and Maggie Meadows are two young girls who realized how much our pets need help in being cared for. They both worked together to raise \$30 for our shelter. Thank you so much girls!

If you or your business, classroom or community group would like to help raise donations for our shelter please give us a call and we can help with ideas. Please remember we are solely funded by the generous donations and support of our community.



The FUR BALL is coming!!!
Friday, November 3rd
Memories Banquet Hall, Plover
7:00 – 11:00 PM

Mark your calendars for a casual fun filled night !
If you have never come to the Fur Ball don't miss your chance this year!

FREE Admission – Silent Auction – Games –
and our Fantastic Prize Raffle
Our Famous Bountiful Theme Basket Raffle
This year over 45 baskets

Silent Auction includes PACKER SKY BOX TICKETS

A sampling of the PRIZE RAFFLE

- 1ST Prize: 2 Associated Bank Luxury Box tickets
Packers vs NYJets – Sunday, December 3rd
Includes food & refreshments (\$1,000 value)
- 2nd Prize: 1 year YMCA Family Membership (\$600 value)
- 3rd Prize: Wellness Spa, 'Totally Pampered Goddess' Package (\$360 value)
- 4th Prize: 19" Color TV, DVD & Pizza Certificates (\$160 value)

and more...

Cash Bar
Food available to purchase from Michele's Catering
Come have a ball at the FUR BALL!



I / We wish to help the Humane Society UNLEASH THE FUTURE with a gift of \$ _____

- ☐ My entire pledge is enclosed.
- ☐ My Pledge will be paid in installments of \$ _____ (circle one)
Annually Semiannually Quarterly Monthly
Over 1 2 3 years(s) starting in _____
(circle one) (month & year)
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Payment of your pledge may be made by check or in securities. Please make check payable to the HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY.
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**Your prompt
response will
enable us to bre
ground this
summer.**



Your best friend is only a shelter away!

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Lonely Cat

One may be the loneliest number for cats too. A survey of veterinarians suggests that single cats suffer from separation anxiety syndrome. The vets think a solitary life results in behavioral problems for cats—even depression—and that many cats prefer feline companionship. No word on what happens if you bring home a dog.

Looking for a friend.



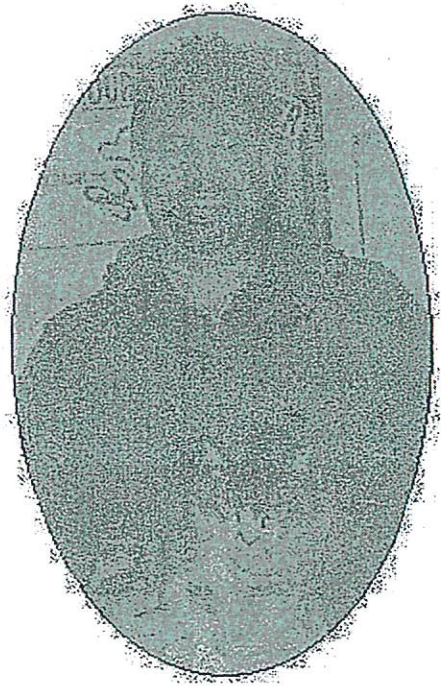
*"The greatest of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
— Mohandas Gandhi*



Reunited after 2 1/2 years...

In May a lady called the Humane Society to report a stray cat in her yard. She said the cat has been hanging around for months and she felt sorry for it so she kept food outside for him. Eventually she felt the need to do the right thing and call the shelter so the cat could get a good home.

The Humane Officer on duty picked up the cat and was delighted to see a tag on the cat's collar with the owner's information. He called the number and the owner was astonished to hear that his cat 'Sassy' was found after it had been missing for 2 1/2 years!



Scott and Glenda Fenske, of Plover, came down to the shelter with their children to see if this was really their boy, Sassy. They were apprehensive to believe the pet they thought was forever gone was finally found. Slowly walking up to the cage they saw Sassy and immediately recognized him. They could not believe their eyes! The overwhelming surprise showed on Sassy as much as it did his owners. He rolled on his back and started to purr. Sassy was very upset when he was first brought in and this sudden change absolutely showed he recognized his family!



Noel Learning Center

Recently a charming group of young girls from the Noel Learning Center came to visit our shelter pets. Everyone listened carefully as we instructed them not to put little fingers in the cages, although it's very tempting! Both the girls and the animals were enjoying looking at each other and the girls learned about some of the pets we care for. In our new home's education room we will be able to conduct actual fun education programs for our young visitors.



What Mews?? When a stranger comes home...

Just imagine... your "significant other" brings home a complete stranger and expects the two of you to get along, right from the start. You have to share all of your resources (food, water, cat tree, etc.), including the bathroom!! And, oh, by the way, the stranger is STAYING....

You've brought home a feline friend for Fluffy, but Fluffy isn't amused. She is not the least bit interested in the little ball of fur who keeps trying to terrorize her every time she dares to come out of the bedroom. In fact, you might even be worried about how aggressively Fluffy is reacting to the new addition to the household. It doesn't matter if the new addition is a kitten or an adult cat – often the response is the same. Fluffy is letting you know on no uncertain terms that she is not pleased. Don't lose hope....

Judging by the amount of calls and emails we receive, this is not uncommon. We can almost always solve this problem IF you are willing to invest the time and effort. Certified Applied Animal Behaviorist, Patricia McConnell, Ph.D, often mentions a time frame of about six months to get the introduction fully accomplished. Ready to get started?

Rule #1 is never, ever punish either cat for aggressive behavior. She will learn to associate the punishment with the other cat and our goal is to have her make only positive associations with the new cat.

Rule #2 is to let the cats determine how fast the introductions can go. Learn to "read" your cat's body language. Watch for signs that the cats are relaxed – calm facial expression, able to eat or play or lie down in a relaxed posture, relaxed walk, usually with a happy tail, versus a crouched posture, tail down or bushy, large pupils, licking lips and looking like the slightest sound will send her running to the next county. Recognizing when the cats are relaxed around each other will cue you in to moving on to the next step. You cannot go TOO slowly. But, going too fast will backfire.

Start with setting up a "safe room" where the new cat will live for however long is necessary. This should be a comfortable room with a window and perch, litter box, food, water, bedding, toys, maybe some cardboard boxes to hide or play in, and a radio to leave on for company. Bring the new cat directly to this room when you arrive home. Do not stop and let the cats see each other. Their own sense of smell will let them know something is up.

Now is the time to use bribery. Find yummy treats – canned chicken cut up in very small kibble-size pieces works nicely, but you can use deli turkey or ham, tiny pieces of cheese or any treat that your cat really wants. Enlist the help of a friend or family member and on opposite sides of the safe room door, give treats to both cats if they are calm.

Next, use timesharing – put the resident cat away for a while and let the new cat come out and explore. You can also put the resident cat in the safe room to check out scents of the new cat. You can also swap bedding for scent exchanges.

When the cats are ready, crack the safe room door open just enough for them to see each other - maybe fi inch. Reward the cats with treats for being calm. After several days of relaxed behavior at this level, try a baby gate (or two, stacked) in the doorway. Some people might even put a screen door up to allow them to see each other, but not have any contact. Some cats will try to climb the baby gates so you may need to place one cat in a carrier so they can get closer but still not have complete contact. Reward with treats if the cats are calm. Keep these sessions very short

and always stop BEFORE the cats hiss or growl.

When they can be calm face-to-face, they can be out together for very brief periods of time, but only when supervised. Again, your goal is to have the cats in the same room and reward them

for being calm. (Time for more treats!) Gradually extend the period of time as long as the cats remain relaxed. An occasional hiss or growl is to be expected, but anything more means they aren't ready for this much contact yet.

Some additional hints: Try a product called "Feliway" or "Comfort Zone" to help ease the transition. It's a synthetic form of natural scent that cats leave behind when they rub their faces on furniture or your legs and is available through your veterinarian or the pet store. Play is a great stress reliever so play with your cats daily to ease the tension a bit. There are also some herbal remedies that may help, so talk to your veterinarian.

Remember...let the cats determine how fast to go. You want them to be buddies for many years to come so a few weeks or months to do a proper introduction is worth your time.

Vonnie Keebaugh, CVT

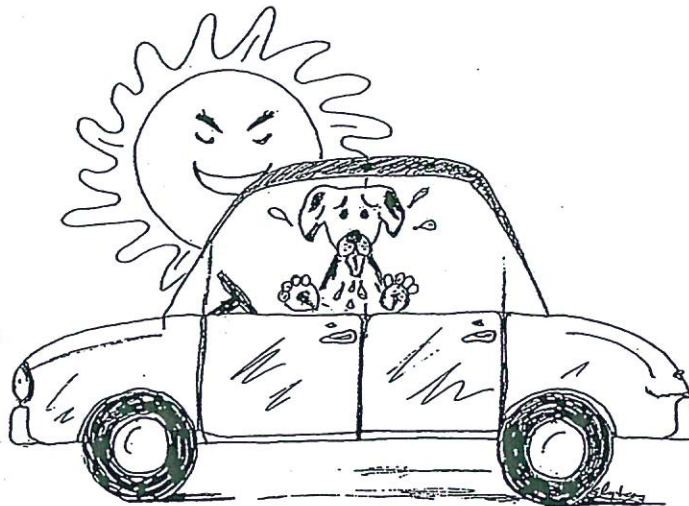
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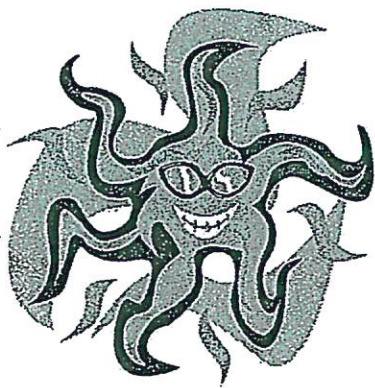
HEAT KILLS !

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.

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
Paper Towels	Dog Treats	Copy Paper
Powdered Laundry Detergent	Rawhides	Milk replacer
Bleach	Pigs Ears	Polaroid 600 Film
Clorox Spray Cleaner	Peanut Butter	All In One Cameras
Color copy paper	Cat & Dog Toys	Kitchen Trash Bags
Jungle Jake	Kong Toys	Dish Washing Liquid
Monetary Donations	Towels	39 Gallon Trash Bags Clear or Black
Small Bags for Picking Up Dog Poop		

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.



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 info@hspcwi.org

NEW HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM
Tuesday: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM
Wednesday: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM
Thursday: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM

Friday: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM
Saturday: 12 Noon – 6:00 PM
SUNDAY - CLOSED
HOLIDAYS - 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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