

Paws To Read

The Quarterly Newsletter of the HUMANE SOCIETY OF PORTAGE COUNTY

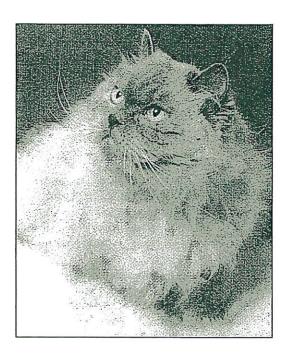
Winter 2006

Goodbye To An Old Friend....

On February 5, 2003 our humane officer brought in a big, old Himalayan cat that was left in the cold to face the winter elements. The poor boy was in ghastly shape with almost no body fat and his long fur was painfully matted down to his skin. We nursed him, shaved his matted hair, dressed him in a warm sweater and named him Bubba.

Realizing what a sweetie Bubba was we moved him to the front office at the shelter. Bubba became our social greeter and enjoyed the attention. He especially loved to clean and mother our kittens.

Bubba loved people and became a therapy cat volunteer. He happily went to nursing homes and schools for presentations and was always a gentleman with the children. Bubba especially loved having the children read to him. On a whim, an employee took Bubba to a cat show after his beautiful hair grew back. Wouldn't you know, he won Best of Show bringing home two ribbons and a large trophy.



This past fall we noticed Bubba was slowing down and was loosing a significant amount of weight. After an exam and x-rays Bubba was diagnosed with cancer. A previous employee who was especially close to Bubba took him home to make him comfortable during his last days. Sadly, on Christmas Eve Bubba passed away (12-24-05).

We will never forget our boy here at the shelter, always ready to greet everyone who came in the door, helping to educate children and visit and spend time with anyone who would pet him and give him attention. Always gentle, patient and loving, he touched our hearts and will be missed.

Your Best Friend is Just a Shelter Away



On behalf of the Humane Society of Portage County and the animals we care for, we would like to say *THANK YOU* and a round of "*APAWS*" to the following donors of this year's Fur Ball. *THANK YOU* to all of our dedicated volunteers who contributed countless hours to help put this evening together.

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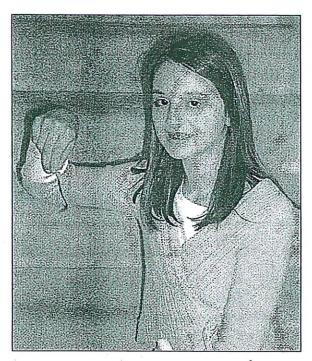
HANDS HELPING PAWS

People often ask of ways to help the funding of the shelter. Here are a few recent innovative ideas.

Jay-Mar Inc. did a Christmas campaign from Dec. 15-31st by asking customers to round their purchase totals to the next dollar. Jay-Mar's customers raised a total of \$203.25, proving that a little change can go a long way!

Andi at *The Companion Shop* will cut your pet's nails for a donation to the shelter. Not only does she make your pets look spiffy, but this year \$960 was given to our pets.

The Companion Shop and Jen Senn will also be sponsoring the "Shindig for the Shelter" a fun night held on February 18th at Clark Place, staring at 7:00PM. Live acts include: Hayward Williams, Lindsay Mac and Bascom Hill. The fun includes: door prizes, food and a 50/50 raffle. \$10 advanced tickets can be purchased at The Companion Shop or \$12 at Clark Place door. Set the date for an evening of entertainment!



Shelby Cronce, a 6th grader at Bannach School, designed and made keys chains. Shelby then sold these key chains as a fundraiser to benefit the shelter animals. Who doesn't need a key chain?

The **Noel Group Signal department** collected a whole bunch of necessities for the shelter.

McDill school 6th grade class donated \$71.55 they collected from their Economics Bazaar.

The **Department of Health and Human** Services took up a Christmas collection for our orphan pets.

If you or your business would like to raise money for us like these, or like **Sherry Lau** who asked friends to give a donation to the Portage County Humane Society instead of birthday presents, please give us a call and maybe we can help. We thank all of you for the support you give to the shelter. We receive no other funding but from you our generous and thoughtful supporters.



LAPPY TAILS



A Joyful Reunion! By Humane Officer Traci Walter

December 4, 2005 was a typical workday for me, but later it turned out to be one of the most memorable days of working at the HSPC. I received a call in the morning about a dog that was found in a Plover greenhouse. The people that called stated that the dog had a collar and tags, and a leash attached. The dog had apparently been in the greenhouse for about a week; because that was the last time it was unlocked. They transported the dog up to the shelter. I looked at the tags, she had a dog license on, and a rabies tag, on the back was the name "Anna" with a

phone number. I felt that the dog had been gone from their house for a little longer than a week. I called the number and told them that I had their dog Anna. I then asked how long she had been missing. The reply was "4 months". I had to ask again to make sure I was hearing things correctly, and it was indeed since July that the dog had been missing. They came down immediately to pick up their long lost family member. It was without a doubt the best reunion I have witnessed. The Kinney's came in and I went in back to get Anna. Immediately Anna knew exactly who they were, even after all that time. I asked if the leash Anna had on was theirs, and it was not. I believe Anna was living with someone else for that time.

I spoke with Jason and Joni Kinney and they had told me the story of how Anna came to be lost. Joni had given birth to Cheyenne on July 20th, and because everyone was at the hospital, Joni's parents went to let Anna out to go to the bathroom. Anna snuck out the door and was gone. That night there were several sightings of Anna, and Greta who was working, went out to try to help find her with Jason. They never ended up finding her. Jason and Joni never gave up hope, checking our website weekly for any dog that matched her description. Joni and Jason came in on December 1st because a stray heeler mix was posted on our site, but it was not Anna. Only 3 days later, she was found. The Kinney's in that time had also adopted another cat in addition to the one they already had, both adopted from the HSPC. I spoke with Jason a few weeks after they took Anna back home, I'm happy to report the whole family is doing great! The moral of the story is, always keep tags on your animal, always report stray animals, and never give up hope if they go missing. Miracles can happen.



While visiting the shelter a few weeks ago I saw a cute, peach-colored kitten names "Austin" sitting in the office. He appeared to have something wrong with his eyes and Jenny, one of the humane officers, told me that they were infected when he was brought into the shelter. Unfortunately, the infection was so severe that his eyes were permanently damages and he has limited eyesight. I decided right then to bring him home and after conferring with my husband and filling out the necessary paperwork we gladly adopted Austin the day after Thanksgiving.

Once we got him home you would not have known that he could not see very well because he immediately started running around the house at 100 miles per hour chasing all of our adult cats and figuring out where t

All things of importance to him were located (cat box, food, toys, and a good place to take a nap). Austin's favorite playmate is our 15-pound Maine Coon cat, Felix, who also comes from the shelter. Five pound Austin thinks northing of jumping on Felix's back and starting a good wrestling match. When he is not playing with Felix, his favorite thing to do is climb the Christmas tree, so we're hoping he will outgrow that habit by next Christmas!

Austin's a sweet and lovable guy, and even though his eyes are a little cloudy, we wouldn't trade him for the world. Thanks for taking such good care of him at the shelter until e could become a part of our family.

Carol Duquette

Staff and Volunteer Spotlight



Greta Ladenthin – I started working at the shelter in the fall of 2002 as a part-time Animal Caregiver while attending college. I loved the job form the start because I was working for a good cause making a difference one animal at a time. I graduated from UWSP in December of 2004 with a Bachelor Degree in Geography. I still didn't know what I wanted to do with my major, so I accepted a full-time position as Kennel Manager here at the shelter. I took the job knowing that I loved this type of work. Some of the various daily duties are filled with over all cleaning of all cages and kennel runs, meals for the animals, laundry and dishes, checking the health of all the animals, exercising the dogs along with helping future adopters throughout the day. We are very proud of the clean

and sanitary conditions we work so hard to maintain. I am currently the Foster Care Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator. We are always in need of good foster homes as shelfer space is so limited. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent please contact me. We have so many wonderful people who devote a lot of time to the animals here. Everyday I learn and experience new things. Working at the shelter is the hardest job I ever had in my life, but at the same time it is the most rewarding.

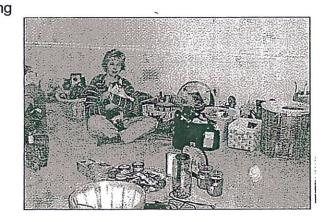




<u>Laura Polum</u> is one of our most dedicated volunteers the shelter has lucky to be blessed with and she shares that same dedication with her husband Mike. For many years Laura and Mike helped in the back kennels cleaning and socializing with the animals. Then Laura moved into high gear and joined the fundraising committee. Immediately, her hard work and strong organization skills brought a great amount of success to our fundraising events. Both Laura and Mike possess

a love for all animals so volunteering at the Humane Society was a natural choice. Laura is current

organizing and working on grants for the shelter. Laura and Mike are proud parents of two wonderful Sons and several adopted pets of their own. Laura and Mike are just two of the outstanding, dedicated volunteers who make such a difference in the lives of the pets who are waiting to be adopted.



Without our dedicated staff and volunteers such as these we could never have such a quality run Shelter serving our community and adoptable. I proudly start this spotlight page to recognize these dedicated volunteers and employees. Please consider joining our volunteers and making a difference one paw at a time.

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.



Kitten Chow	Blankets & Flat Sheets
Dog Treats	Copy Paper
Rawhides	35 mm Film
Pigs Ears	Polaroid 600 Film
Peanut Butter	All In One Cameras
Cat & Dog Toys	Kitchen Trash Bags
Kong Toys	33 Gallon Trash CANS with LIDS
Stuffed Animals	33 Gallon Trash Bags Clear or Black
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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.



Gifts

Robert and Bernice Kranski Emily Betinis Stevens Point Old Car Club Marcia Meshak Sarah Wallner Lindsy Colby Marjorie Langton Vicky Calawerts Judith Vlosak Holly Smith

Marianne Dudley, who adopted the kitten 'Scully'

Paul and Carol Duquette

UWSP Sorority

Craig and Catherine Flagel

Dorothy Coats

Sharon Morell

David Ross

Mary Miller

Patricia Burnett

Duayne Domke

Josh Hurning

Barry Winrich

William Anderson towards anything Rex needs

Sandra Lozier towards the adoption dog Molly from McKenzie, and dog Bella from Taylor

Michael and Susan Bongard Paul and Shelbly Czarniecki Jane Hendricks

William and Mary Mullins

William Cable

Sandra Knoll

Nancy Zahn

David Colrud gave for medical supplies

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Scott Bruecker

Brenda Breitner

Holly Smith

Paul and Charlene Smuda

Diane Blomfelt

Jan and Bruce Pierson

Jason and Jill Sopa

Donaldson Recycling Team

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Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club

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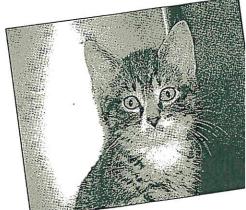
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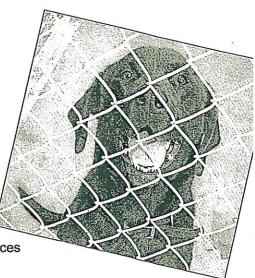
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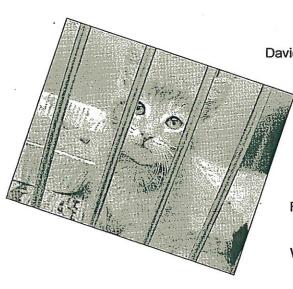
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Gabby Larson







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Nick Larson **Bud Boyden** Joyce and Cinde Croft

In Honor of

Lilly Mott in honor of Cuddles and Buttons Joan Edens in honor of Sadie Dick Berndt in honor of Ester Berndt Heidi Grimm in honor of Zoev, who they adopted last year Bonita Jarvis, of Jarvis Farm in honor of Paul Duquette Becky Becker in honor of Button John and Carol Gardner in honor of Nisse Carl and Angela Steevens in honor of Annie and Elwood Joyce Prasalowicz in honor of Kira and Molly Mary Murphy in honor of Molly

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Tom and Jane Nevins in honor of Banjo and Taffy, their cats adopted from the Humane Society Nancy Konopacki in honor of Peanut

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Thomas Westrick in honor of Roman Cooper

Timothy and Kelly Nevins in honor of Tom and Jane Nevins

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Nancy Lisack in honor of John Wiskerchen to be used towards a cat and dog adoption fee

Celeste Osowski in honor of Beth and Lisa

Josef Dercastillo in honor of his 6th grade teacher at Plover Whiting Elementary School, Jenny Graboski Brian, Sharon and Tesse Gulke in honor of Miss Kamin, a 4th grade teacher at Bannach Elementary School

Ken and Barbara Dawson in honor of Jef and Jan Dawson Traci Adams in honor of Tabitha Adams' teacher Kris Hesch Dolores Glytas in honor of John Seramur

In Memroy of

Joan Edens in memory of Sundance Kathleen Riley in memory of Figler, Lois Lawler's wonderful friend Mary Buzza in memory of Cricket Lorie Nienke in memory of Jerry Nienke

Kathy Smoker in memory of her cat Peeper Smoker, adopted at HSPC in 1987

Lorri G. Nandrea in memory of Jasmin Hal Roberts in memory of Nancy Roberts

Yvonne Stroik in memory of Ernest Stroik

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Sharon LaBrie in memory of her parents Hal and Ethel Smith

Mel Bernay in memory of Schnecken

Patricia Okray in memory of Kelly

Vicki Hintz in memory of Victor D. Pundjack

Jim and Nancy LaMar in memory of Laurie Potocki

Bill and Pam Allmann in memory of Pete their golden retriever

Cris Harris in memory of Cricket, Clarabelle, Boomer, Zooey, Kochka, Yoda, Berry, Lyndsey, Calli, Theodore, Mystery, Lucy and Kich

Gina Fenoglio in memory of Frankie the cat

In Memroy of continued.....

Mary Ford in memory of Jacob, Axel and Bocephus
Gene Walczak in memory of Bubba
Terese Barta in memory of Tasha, adopted September, 1997
Beth and Chris Knotts in memory of Laurie Potocki
Ken and Bette Vogel in memory of Sammy and Murphy
Daniel Berdan in memory of his mother's five dogs that she raised and adored
John and Lois Van Wagenen in memory of Michelle and Fritz
Barbara Friedrich in memory of Zoey, Betsy, Gracie, Coot and Widgeon
Sherrilee Wallerman in memory of Kitty, Jasmine and Carissa
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Colleen Ottum in memory of Michael 'Mickey' Stevens and his dog Chuck Linda Sook & Lloyd Havitz in memory of George Zissis, father of Kathy & Adeline Toftum, & mother of Terry Toftum Patricia Woodka in memory of Roman Cooper

Stevens Point Animal Hospital in memory of the following pets: Sabby Sadler, Suzy Camlek, Lillie Enders, Floyd Krogman, Mitzi Kraft, Lucy Kedrowicz, Zoe Walkush, Sassy Johnson, Maggie Dominick, Maggie and Rudy Loy, Cricket

Borchert, Misty Whalen, Abby Sindorf, and Lambeau Witt Cap Services in memory of Laurie Potocki

Nancy and Thomas Thiede in memory of Laurie Potocki

Carol Kirsch in memory of Raymond Kirsch, D.D.S.

S.K. Beveridge in memory of Laurie Potocki

Mick and Carla Kluz in memory of Laurie Potocki

Nancy Lopatin-Lummis in memory of Boots the cat

Dennis and Kathy Schouten in memory of Laurie Potocki

Nancy and Chris Lummis-Lopatin in memory of their cat Oliver

Bill Murat in memory of Roman Cooper

Cheryl Gagas and Sheila Raikowski in memory of their sister Shirley Busa

Corinne and John Owens in memory of George Moffat

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Courtney, Rafiki and Ross in memory of Old Toby

Barb Neubauer in memory of her little dog Ebony

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You can contact the Shelter at info@hspcwi.org

NEW FALL & WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Tuesday: 12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM Wednesday: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Thursday: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Friday: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Saturday: 12 Noon – 6:00 PM SUNDAY - CLOSED HOLIDAYS - CLOSED

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