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#267328

Arianna's Wheels



Forward Custom Design:
Traidan, Terry, and Mike (with
Schnauzer-friend Birgitta)



Arianna originally came to the shelter as a stray in March of 2012. We quickly discovered that she had a congenital defect where her spine is curved under itself, causing her to have a very unusual, constant squatting-like gait. When she originally came in she could get around quite well, even in that state and was adopted out. Fast forward to March of this year, the family who had adopted her brought her back. She had put on a considerable amount of weight to go along with the years. Now 7 years old, she acts much older because she can't easily walk anymore. Her mobility had been reduced so much so that we often had to carry her outside just to go potty.

Thanks to some good media coverage, we heard of Forward Custom Design, an orthotics company specializing in custom-made pet mobility solutions. Their custom projects included braces for dogs with MCL/ACL tears, prosthetic legs for dogs, and mobility carts. Arianna's unusual condition provided some unique challenges, but the inventive team at Forward Custom Design was up to the task.

After a few prototype fittings and adjustments, Arianna received her mobility cart in September. Seeing her move in the cart for the first time was really quiet amazing. After only a week of working with her, we saw Arianna RUN for the first time in her life! (*see our Facebook page for videos*)

Thanks to the innovative engineering of our friends at Forward Custom Design, Arianna's quality of life has gone up exponentially. We are continuing to work with her and are looking forward to her losing some weight and being happy. By the way, Arianna is looking for her forever home!

Mission Statement

The Dunn County Humane Society (DCHS) is dedicated to improving the lives of companion animals in our community and finding permanent and loving adoptive homes for the animals in our care. DCHS promotes the humane treatment of animals and operates as a no-kill facility, a philosophy that has been with the organization from the beginning. We do not forfeit the life of one animal to make space for another. All incoming animals are evaluated, medically treated and rehabilitated when possible. DCHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that relies on the good will and generosity of individuals and corporations.

Which to Adopt, a Dog or Cat? by Marsha Biggs

For some of us, the question of whether to adopt a dog or cat is pretty straightforward since many of us are already predisposed to liking one species of animal over the other. However, that should not be the only question we ask ourselves before adopting an animal from a shelter or rescue organization. There are many other factors and considerations you will need to think about before taking that next step and starting the adoption process. Along with the physical and emotional bonds of love that a new pet can bring to you and your family, your new pet also deserves a firm commitment from you to be treated as a member of the family and be assured that they will live with you for the remainder of their lives. If you are willing to accept that major commitment for your new pet, please read on to review other considerations. Questions to consider if you choose a dog:

- What type of living accommodations will you have available for your new dog?
- Do you have an outdoor kennel or fenced in yard so they are safe when they need to go outside to potty or play?
- Where will your dog sleep in the house, on a dog bed, on yours or a child's bed, or will they be sleeping in a crate? Have they already been crate trained or will this require a transition process?
- Who is able to let your dog outside if you are working long hours? How long would your dog be home alone before someone is home to care for them?
- Do you have other animals in your household that your new dog as well as your other animals need to adapt to?
- What if your dog becomes ill and needs medical attention, do you already have an established veterinarian or would you need to seek one out?
- Do you have the necessary funds for your dog's annual checkups, vaccinations, or medications should an illness arise?
- If there are other family members in your household, is everyone in agreement with bringing a new dog into the family right now, and do they agree to help care for them?

Questions to consider if you choose a cat:

- Have you considered all the necessary accommodations that are needed for your new cat such as where their litter box(s) be located, will they be accessible, and who will be cleaning them daily?
- Do you have other animals that your new cat will need to get to know or even be separated from until they are settled in and become comfortable with their surroundings?
- Do you have any household members that will need to take more care when opening and closing exterior doors to ensure your cat does not escape to the outside world?
- Will your cat have lots of toys to play with during the day when you're gone, and have the use of a scratching post, cat tree for climbing, or kennel/room to sleep in?
- Do you have a cat carrier to use should you need to take your cat to a vet, or need to travel with them to another destination? Are they familiar with a carrier and would be comfortable in one?
- Do you have the necessary funds for your cat's annual checkups, vaccinations, or medications should your cat become ill?
- Do any of your family members have allergies that would prohibit adopting or be more pronounced if you get a cat?
- Is everyone in your household in agreement with adopting a cat, and helping to clean out feces from a litter pan or cleaning up litter from tile or carpeting?

Adopting a dog or cat should not be a decision to be taken lightly. They depend on you for their very existence, health, and happiness so the least they deserve from you is your devotion to them. If you treat your new pet with the love and respect they deserve, they will demonstrate that back to you ten-fold in the years to come.

DCHS would like to thank you for giving our animals a loving and forever home.

The Board Blog



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Thank you
"Guardian Angel" Member:
Judy Schindler

Memberships & Renewals (6/24/16 - 9/10/16)

64 Membership Renewals & 6 New members
Welcome to our new members:

Lynn Halverson, Carol Kaszubowski, Gail E. Johnson, Heather Pearson, Roxie Till

If you received this newsletter, but are not currently a member, please use the membership form on page 3 to join the DCHS team.

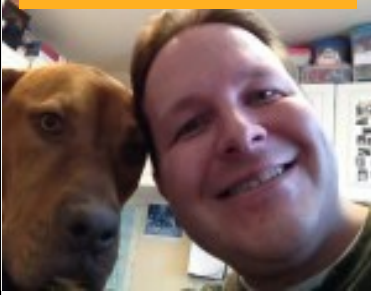
Please pass the word on to family and friends and encourage them to become members as well.

Members please note: you will be sent a membership renewal notice in the mail to notify you when your membership is due.

Thank you "Pick of the Litter" Members: **Dave & Jane Amble**



**The Director's Desk
By Josh Dalton**



A Safe Harbor

As animal lovers, it is sometimes incredibly difficult to fathom the horrible things that happen to pets. What makes it even worse is that people who abuse animals, often will continue on to people. It's a hard subject to think about, let alone talk about, but that doesn't make it go away.

Thankfully in Dunn County, we have the Bridge to Hope. They provide advocacy services for victims and survivors of domestic abuse and sexual abuse and human

trafficking. Often-times this includes providing shelter for individuals and families fleeing these horrible situations. When pets are involved, victims and advocates are provided with a unique set of challenges because often the pet(s) has no place to go.

For these reasons, we have started a collaborative effort with the Bridge to Hope where we will help them when they are confronted with a situation where pets are involved. This could mean temporarily housing the animals (either at the shelter or in a foster home), providing food and veterinary care, or even providing permanent placement for the pet(s).

To do this, we'll need your help. We are starting a special fund called the "Safe Harbor" Fund. Donations to this fund will be used exclusively for these types of situations. No matter the size of donation, anything will help. Also, because the pet(s) coming from these situations will likely be under stress, the shelter environment may not be the ideal place for them. If you are willing to provide a foster home for these situations, that would be a huge help.

We applaud the efforts of the Bridge to Hope and are thankful that they are here to help people who are in these situations. By creating this new program, we're hoping to make that a little easier for both human and furry victims affected.



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Join or renew today!

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**Dunn County Humane Society
Membership/Donation Form**

302 Brickyard Road, Menomonie, WI 54751

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Membership Levels

- ☐ \$15 Senior (62+)
- ☐ \$25 Senior Couple (62+)
- ☐ \$30 Individual
- ☐ \$50 Family
- ☐ \$75 Animal Lover
- ☐ \$100 Sustainer
- ☐ \$100 Business (non-voting)
- ☐ \$250 Pick of the Litter
- ☐ \$500 Top Dog/Cat
- ☐ \$1000 Guardian Angel

Additional Donations

\$_____ Spay/Neuter Fund
 \$_____ Lizzie Fund (special medical needs)
 \$_____ General Operating Fund
 \$_____ *Safe Harbor for At-Risk Pets Fund*
 \$_____ In honor of _____
 \$_____ In memory of _____

Total amount enclosed: \$_____

If you would like a receipt please check here ☐

New and renewing members receive a punch card for three free dog/cat nail trims or dog/cat washes and an engraved pet tag. Please check if interested.

Dog/Cat nail trim/wash punch card ☐

Engraved Pet Tag ☐

DCHS Board Meetings are held at 6 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Menomonie Senior Center.



Cash & Other Donations (6/16/2016 - 9/15/2016)

Ranae Aasen
John Backaus
Barb Bowlin
Amy Buvala
Richard & Mary Carlson
Steve & Vicki Cole
Sandra Dewitz
Kim & Karl Dicks
Lisa Drenckhahn
Alice Droske
Meridith Drzakowski
Kimberly Durland
Diane Engeldinger
Fairmount Minerals
Todd Fellman
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Megan Hagedorn
Thomas Hallgren
Rae Hayden
Jo Hayes
Steven Haynes
Barb Herman
Debra Hoage
Brett Holle
Harriet Horwath
Martha & Jon Hove
Georgette & Peter Hovind
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Vanessa Husby
David Jenson

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Carol Klapste
Mary Jo Lechner
Kay & Donald Lentz
Jack Liedl
Barry & Pat Marlett
Bruce Mataczynski
Don Mathieu
Sandra Meier
Stephanie Melton
Dick Morrison
Lucille Mounce
Nancy Moynihan
Amy Jo Ojibway
Jackie Pederson
Curtis Peterson
Mitchel Peterson
Peter Photopoulos
Kevin & Jane Pierzina
Luanne & Ron Prochnow
Nicole Schoeder
Lois Schultz
Carol & Jodi Seaborn
Paul & Kim Scott
Ken & Jean Simpson
David & Amy Sonnabend
James & Beverly Spagnoletti
Janet Spina
Cara (Ella) Syth
Laura Thalacker
Linda Fremouw
Mykenzie Krueger

Catherine Erickson
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Dorian Spielman
St. Joseph's PCCW
Traci Sullivan
Jon Kroening
Stephanie & Kurt Kazmarek
Roxie Till
Lori Turcotte

Ken Vanderwerker
& Christine Oest
Vets Plus Inc
Terry & Sherri Vodinelich
Barbara Voss
Katherine Walters
LuAnn Warner
Kathy Wayne
Matt Wegenke
Roger Wieland
Mandy Wolbert
Connie Young



Memorials & Honorariums (6/16/2016 - 9/15/2016)

Jerry & Katy Post
Ann & Douglas Larson
Sandra & Mike Levy Lindow
Anonymous
Theresa Bils-Kraft

Martha Wallen
Santee Elkins
Richard & Katherine Benjamin
Cecelia Cooper
Patricia Chamberlain
Anonymous
Anonymous
Ann & Douglas Larson
Patricia Chamberlain
Anonymous
Marlys Husby
Julie & Daryl Garnett & Family
Anonymous
Anonymous
Anonymous
Gail & Steven Kothlow
Daniel & Kathryn Werner
Gail & Steven Kothlow
John & Linda Lenz
Connie Thompson
Anonymous

In Honor of Steve & Vicki Cole's 50th
Wedding Anniversary
In Honor of Callie
In Honor of Kelly McCullough
In Honor of Lucky Charm
In Honor of Nancy Kraft for
her 80th Birthday
In Honor of Sue Ystenes
In Honor of Zorro
In Memory of Abby
In Memory of Amelia Morehouse
In Memory of Anita Radle
In Memory of Atticus
In Memory of Auggie
In Memory of Bo
In Memory of Bob Radle
In Memory of Buddy
In Memory of Dianne Husby
In Memory of Erika Linberg
In Memory of Jackson
In Memory of Carmine
In Memory of Buddy
In Memory of Eugene Kraemer
In Memory of Eugene Kraemer
In Memory of Galen Burton
In Memory of Gilbert Christianson
In Memory of Glen Thompson
In Memory of Harley, beloved cat
of Bruce & Shelley
In Memory of Josie
In Memory of Kathy Pecha

Judy Evenson
Kay & Donald Lentz
Anonymous
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Susan Bauer
of Joe & Peg
Ingrid & Norman Rockwell
Anonymous
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Coleen Simpson
Jerry & Jan Traxler
Jim Hintzman
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Patricia Spinosa
Paul & Mary Stauffacher
Anonymous
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Anonymous
Amy Alpine
Diane Lund
Marsha Biggs
Margaret Johnson
Anonymous
Sue Bauer & Brian Johnson

In Memory of Kerri J.
Moegenburg
In Memory of Lentz Pets
In Memory of Lizzie
In Memory of Cocoa
In Memory of Erie
In Memory of Raider
In Memory of Lucy, belovedpet
In Memory of Marion DeHoff
In Memory of Momma Kitty
In Memory of Shadow
In Memory of Molly
In Memory of Marlys Husby
In Memory of Marlys Husby
In Memory of Milo
In Memory of Mitzi
In Memory of Molly
In Memory of Peter Holliday
In Memory of Remy
In Memory of Sardge
In Memory of Stella
In Memory of Tatum
In Memory of Terry Durland
In Memory of Wayne Polden
In Memory of Wes Johnson
In Memory of Wes Johnson
In Memory of Wilson
In Memory of Zoey, beloved
dog of the Boos Family



Anonymous
Christara Hormann

NOW OPEN:

....our "Pet Stop" Pet Shop.

Right in the lobby of the shelter is a fun assortment of toys, Jen's Homemade Pup Treats, and various other fun items for sale!



Did you know?

You can now make a lost or found pet report on our website? It's easy and you can even upload a picture! Please spread the word - thanks!



Report a Lost Pet

AFTER



A sweet male orange tabby was found in June wandering South Broadway Street. A concerned citizen brought him in to us and we named him Murdock. It was obvious something was wrong with his eyes but, we were stumped as to what. The exterior of the eye was clouded over with a kind of white plaque. He was a sweet guy, but obviously couldn't see. The condition turned out to be a difficult one to diagnose without a veterinarian specializing in ophthalmology. However...Dr. Willer from Country Doctors recognized this case as being something they had encountered before at their practice. So she took some samples and sure enough, she was able to confirm that he had something called Proliferative Keratoconjunctivitis (Eosinophilic Keratitis) - a mouthful of a diagnosis and something we had never seen here at our shelter. After the diagnosis, we were able to start treating him and as you can see, the results are astonishing! **Kudos to Dr. Willer and Country Doctors for diagnosing this and providing the treatment Murdock needed.** He is currently up for

Shelter Stats

We are always in need of bleach, but especially now as we have been running low!



DCHS Shelter Statistics Jun 16-Aug 16

Cats

Dogs

		Current	%	Current	%
Intake	Strays	133	86%	65	81%
	Returned	8	5%	5	6%
	Surrendered	10	6%	4	5%
	Born	4	3%	6	8%
Outcome	<i>Onsite Adopted</i>	62	71%	15	100%
	<i>Offsite Adopted</i>	25	29%	0	0%
	Total Adopted	87	75%	15	22%
	Claimed	5	4%	50	72%
	Euthanized	8	7%	3	4%
	Transferred	1	1%	0	0%
	Released (Ferals)	7	6%		
	Died in Care	7	6%	1	1%
	Dead on Arrival	1	1%	0	0%

Tails of Success

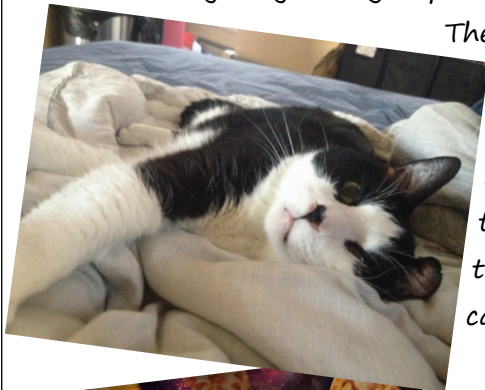


Hello!
I apologize for not being able to take the phone calls regarding an update on Warwick. We have had a crazy, but exciting, last two weeks! I think he adjusted quite well, and seems to always be at my side. He does a great job at keeping me company throughout the day, and always greets me at the door when I come home from work.

I'm emailing you because I couldn't be more proud of him considering he took first blue ribbon and then grand champion at the Taylor County Fair this last Sunday! I took Warwick with me to visit my family over in Medford since the fair was a few days. My little sisters fell in love with him! One of them enrolled in the cat show last minute and miraculously blew the competition away! The judge said he won due to his unique stature, cleanliness, and easy-going personality. He is back home with me today in Menomonie a happily spoiled grand champ. Just thought you'd all like to see his accomplishments and to update you on his job well done.

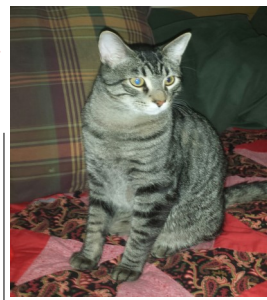
- Kylee S.

We are coming up on the one year adoption of George Michael (formally known as Seth) and thought we'd share some fun pictures and moments over the past year. He's been very busy taking naps and eating and snuggling.



The staff and volunteers at Dunn County Humane Society are amazing at socializing and caring for the animals. We are so thankful for the sweetest cat we could ever ask for.

-Erik & Hayleigh



I am sorry this has taken so long. I just wanted you to know that Gibson and I are doing amazing. He has become the love of my life. I am allergic to cats. However, each cat has a different dandruff, as you know, and I am not allergic to him. Turns out Mr. Gibson (which is referred to as our home) is part Bengal. He has the markings on his underside with the strips and spots.

When I first decided to get a pet, I did not want a cat. Dogs are my pet of choice. However, the community I live at, at the time, did not allow for dogs. So I "settled" for a cat. I had no idea at the time, how very much I would grow to love Gibson so much. He is the best pet I ever had, and so unlike any cat I have ever met. It was love from the second I first held him and I learn more and more about his personality that makes me love him more.

He loves taking walks on a leash and he has helped me loose close to 35 lbs. He sits for hours in a tree while I garden. He comes just like a well trained canine when I call him. He is the most social being I have ever met. He talks to everyone and never runs and hide. He loves high spaces and has found many places to sit and watch the world happening in my home. His meow carries like a loud song through out my home. The neighbor kids come and visit him often, he has stolen their hearts as well. And, talk about a world traveler. He loves to go for rides in the car. He finds his nice, neat padded bed on the floor and [takes] a nap. No fuss, no muss. When I grab the car keys he sits by the door waiting for his harness and away we go. When it comes to nail trimming, he just sits and watches. He never pulls away. I have a double sink in my bathroom and he as claimed one of those as his own. As I ready myself for bed, he waits patiently to get his routine brushing nightly and in the morning when he again waits to be brushed for the day. Gibson never goes on any furniture, which is nothing I taught him. He will sit on your lap in short intervals, but prefers to be sprawled on the floor claiming his spots, or on top of the refrigerator. He has 2 window seats in the house, which to my amazement he realized those are his spots. I don't know how. He is just that smart. He loves to play and yes, he does fetch. Unlike most cats, he insists that his litter box be changed daily. He will meow and paw at me until I do it. He is so funny. He has a personality that is unique and unlike any cat I have known. He is also a life saver.

Two weeks ago, in the middle of night when I [was] sleeping, Gibson jumped on top of me. He meowed in an almost screaming tone as if he were yelling at me. He pounded at my face until I opened my eyes to realize someone was breaking into my home. I immediately got up and with Mr. Gibson by my feet, we turned the lights on in the house and the person breaking in ran from my home. He did not have a chance with Gibson on duty!

My home was empty and lonely before Mr. Gibson came to be as my only son and wife live in South Carolina. I am sure there is no other cat "canine" like him! I am also sure that anyone who loves their 4-legged feline as much as I do would say the same. Mr. Gibson is not just a pet to me, he is my friend, my companion, and I love him with all my heart. My 28 year old son teases me that he has been replaced by a cat.

Thank you so much for giving me another chance at life. I am sure you think that you are giving these animals another chance, but it is I who has benefited from Gibson letting me be his family. I am sure his old family must have loved him, because he so precious, it must have caused them great pain to give him up. If you could please let them know how much is adored and treasured, I am sure they would appreciate it and I would appreciate it as well. Sincerely - Nancy C



Dunn County Humane Society Programs & Services Guide

IDENTIFICATION IS YOUR PET'S TICKET HOME

3 great services to get your pet home should they ever become lost!

Low-cost Clinics held in the spring and fall at Keyes Chevytown in Menomonie

At Clinics, Pay Just \$10 to Microchip Your Cat or Dog! No appointment necessary.

Fee Includes Microchip Injection and entry into the National Pet Registry

Next clinic is Saturday, October 15 from 9 am to 2 pm - Clinics held in the fall and spring of each year

Funding for this program provided by your Community Foundation of Dunn County

The animal shelter also sells custom-engraved pet tags for just \$7!

Large Selection of Tag Colors and Sizes Available

New designer tags now available for only \$10!

Funding for the pet tag engraver provided by the Bissell Pet Foundation

City of Menomonie Pet Licenses and Dog Park Passes Available at the Animal Shelter

PETS for SENIORS & VETS Program

For Senior Citizens (aged 65+) and/or U.S. Veterans

One \$50 pet adoption discount per year!

These adoptions subsidized by the Menomonie Lion's Club & the Walmart Foundation

(cannot be combined with other offers or discounts)

FELINE LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER Program

Spay/neuter vouchers available to assist needy cat owners pay for surgical fees

Vouchers range from \$65 to \$100, plus a discount from the vets!

Participants must reside within Dunn County

Participating vet clinics include:

Brakken Vet Clinic, Colfax Animal Hospital, Country Doctors and Hoof & Paw!

Funding for this program provided by your Community Foundation of Dunn County & the Greg Biffle Foundation

BULLY BREED LOW-COST SPAY/NEUTER Program

Spay/neuter vouchers available to assist Pit Bull or American Staffordshire Terrier breed owners pay for surgical fees

Vouchers range from \$100 to \$170!

Participants must reside within Dunn County

Participating vet clinics include:

Brakken Vet Clinic, Colfax Animal Hospital, Country Doctors and Hoof & Paw!

Funding for this program provided by the DJ&T Foundation

For more information or to apply for vouchers, please contact

Josh Dalton, Executive Director at the Dunn County Humane Society

(715) 232-9790 or director@dunncountyhumanesociety.org

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Upcoming Events

October 13 - Dollar Dazzle, Stout Ale House - 5 pm
October 15 - Low-cost Microchip Clinic, Keyes Chevytown - 9 am to 2 pm
November 8 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 6 pm
Mid-November - Stuff the Truck, Menomonie Walmart
Starting Late November - Paws for a Cause Ornaments - Various Businesses in Dunn & Surrounding Counties
December 13 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 6 pm

Winter Animal Viewing Hours

Tues, Thurs-Sun: 1-6 pm
Mon, Wed: Closed



Winter Volunteer Hours

Mon-Tues, Thurs-Sun: 10-7 pm*
Wed: 2-7 pm*
**dog walkers due back by dusk*

Promoting the Humane Treatment of Animals

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