# Dunn County Humane Society Paw Prints

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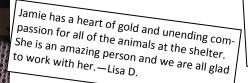
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Celebrating 10 Years

Being a volunteer and a DCHS Board Member I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jaime for the past 10 years. Jamie is a perfect representative of the Dunn County Humane Society. It is rare that one person makes such an impact for the good. Her insight into the animals is exceeded only by her dedication to them. The service she provides to our shelter is priceless, and the compassion she gives to each and every animal that comes through the doors of DCHS is unwavering. Jamie does not work at this shelter to increase her personal wealth. We could never pay her what she is worth. This is not "just a job" for Jamie, but a lifestyle. Not only is she exceptional with the animals but Jamie has many other talents also. She will step up to help in any way she can, from shoveling rock, replacing fencing, painting walls and volunteering at our many fundraisers. She also has a very artistic and creative flare. We often ask her to create our many fund-

raising and adoption specials posters and she is always very willing to help out.

Jamie continues to be the voice of those who cannot speak and each day witnesses the gifts that animals offer her in return. I not only can call her the best Shelter Manager around but I can also call her my friend. Love ya, girl.

Jackie Greene, DCHS Board Member

Jamie thank you for being so committed to the animals for the past ten years. Your dedication to this cause does not go unnoticed, and I hope you always know how much your appreciated. I feel blessed to work with you and call you my friend. – Michele R.

Jamie is an exceptional person and asset to our shelter and the animals here. She always goes above and beyond to accomplish our goals and find the animals homes. – Ashley Z.



Your ten-year commitment to the animals of our shelter has been extraordinary, Jamie, and we are so grateful! Happy Anniversary! – Vicki C.

"Until one has loved

an animal, a part of

one's soul remains

unawakened."

**Anatole Franc** 

Jamie, thank you for

being their crusader and

champion for the past

10 years. -Prudy S.

Thanks for always being there for the animals, the shelter, the staff, and for me. You set an example for all of us to follow.—Josh D.

Thank you Jamie for being such a passionate animal lover! I respect you for the professional that you are and I'm proud to call you my friend. – Kim G.

the dogs and cats they care for.—Jim N.

Thank you Jamie for all your help with the animals...and

#### **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.

#### The Board Blog

#### Winter Wonderland: Keeping your Pets Safe in this Beautiful Season (by Kim Gerth)

Winter in western Wisconsin can be beautiful and fun! Fresh fallen snow can make the world appear as a winter wonderland; however, there are hidden dangers for our 4-legged friends as well as us. Ice covered sidewalks, chemicals scattered in our driveways and walkways. These can present dangers to our pets. Chemicals that melt ice or simply help our human feet grip the ground can irritate our dog's and cat's skin and get into small abrasions on their paws. If they then lick their paws, they run the risk of ingesting these chemicals, which can cause stomach and intestinal problems. There are pet friendly products out there that are relatively safe for animals; but remember you may be aware and use those products, but not everyone does! Therefore it is a good idea to make a habit of checking your dog's or cat's feet on a regular basis after they come in from outside; to be sure their paws are free from abrasions and to wipe clean any nasty chemical residue.

Our pets may not complain about the cold and probably have a blast playing in the snow...but, just like us, animals don't always know that their skin may be running the risk of frost bite! As a body's temperature decreases in response to the outdoor temperature, blood is diverted to the body's core systems, leaving the skin at risk of freezing. Skin that has been frozen will have a burning feeling in the affected area. Areas at highest risk for frost bite would be our pet's paws, nose, ear tips, and tails. Early signs of frostbite include pale, hard skin that remains very cold even after being inside. Never apply direct heat, water or otherwise, to the affected skin. Only tepid to warm water should be used or a non-electric blanket as a cover. Always consult your veterinarian if you're concerned the condition may be severe.

Winter pet concerns don't only apply to the chilly outdoors. Indoor winter plants like holly and mistletoe, even our festive Christmas tree, pose a potential danger to our pets. Holly and mistletoe have a greater toxicity level than a well know danger...the poinsettia plant! In addition to symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, excessive drooling, and abdominal pain from ingesting these plants; the oils produced by fir trees (common Christmas tree) can irritate our pet's mouth and stomach, while swallowing the needles may cause intestinal obstructions or punctures. The danger doesn't stop there...if your pets are like a couple of mine, they will drink the water from the tree stand. This water can contain bacteria, molds, and fertilizers which may cause your pet to become extremely sick with only a few laps! If your dogs or cats do manage to ingest any parts of these winter beauties; call your veterinarian or pet poison helpline (1-844-685-9184) to find out what you should do to minimize the potential damage.

Being aware of potential dangers to our pets during the cold weather season will assure that we can truly enjoy both our pets and this beautiful season we call winter.



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Call (715) 598–3818 or visit them at:

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Mark your calendars and think of DCHS while cleaning out your closets. Our upcoming annual Rummage & Bake Sale will be held on:

Friday, April 22nd and Saturday, April 23rd

Donation drop off date will be Wednesday, April 20th

Memberships & Renewals (9/16/15 - 12/15/15)

Your Membership is important!

67 Membership Renewals & 4 New Memberships
Welcome to our new members:

Douglas Holden, Markie & Lief Blumer, Rae Hayden, Graydon Richartz

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 the mail to notify you when your membership is due.

Special thanks to Heartland Financial Associates & Fairmount Santrol for renewing their business sponsorships with us!

Business Sponsors provide financial support for the shelter.

Please thank and support the businesses that support us.



Jon Kroening & Pam Brekke of Heartland Financial Associates accept their platinum corporate sponsor award from Josh



Josh presents Lauren Evens of Fairmount Santrol, their silver corporate sponsor award

## THANK YOU!

#### A New Chapter

As I walk in to the shelter, I almost don't recognize it. What used to be the front door is now a window. The new front door is part of the new vestibule area. As you walk into the 'old' shelter, you're standing in our new lobby, which a few short weeks ago,



served as the office for Jamie and myself. Our 'main' cat room no longer has cats in it...or walls! It is in the middle of becoming the new office. In the new lobby (which is twice as large as the old one), there is a room where potential adopters can meet with dogs and/or complete their adoption applications in privacy. Now what I'm describing so far is just what has happened to the old part of the shelter! On the western wall of the existing shelter, nearly 1,400 square feet of additional space has been created. This includes multiple cat socialization rooms where potential adopters and volunteers will be able to visit with a cat at length and in comfort. There are also two cat colony rooms where some of our residents will be able to stay with us cage-free, until they find their forever home. And all of these new rooms, pale in comparison to the expansive space we'll have for our feline friends in the new, vaulted-ceiling main area of the addition.

Can you tell I'm a little excited? Well I certainly am and I know many of you are as well. This expansion has been a long time coming and many of you have poured your financial and moral support into the project right along with us. We're so appreciative of that and with the end in sight, we look forward to a new chapter in our Society's history. One where we will have adequate space to better serve our residents. This is all thanks to you!

As of this writing, I don't have a final date of completion, but we are planning on having an open house in a few months. Keep a look out for more information on this, as we'd love to have you come out and see what you have helped build. (See pictures of the progress on page 7)

#### Join or renew today!

□ New

□ Renewal

#### Dunn County Humane Society Membership/Donation Form 302 Brickyard Road, Menomonie, WI 54751

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Membership Levels	
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	\$25 Senior Couple (62+)
	\$30 Individual
	\$50 Family
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three free dog/cat nail trims or dog/cat washes and an engraved pet tag. Please check if interested.

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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 (9/16/2015 - 12/15/2015)

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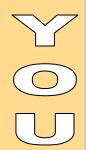
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Any errors or omissions are completely unintentional. If we missed you or someone you know, please contact us so we can include them in our next newsletter.

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Mike, we will all miss you and cherish the time we got to spend together.

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In Memory of Tequilla

In Memory of Thelma Kistner

In Memory of Thor Edgeberg

In Memory of Thor Edgeberg

In Memory of Tim Schneider (building fund)

In Memory of Vivian Ostenson



#### We could use your help!

A large portion of the funds we use to care for the shelter animals comes from various fundraising activities throughout the year. These events are a lot of fun, but also a lot of hard work! We are in need of animalloving individuals to help us by sitting on different event committees.

No experience necessary!

If interested, please contact Josh at 715-232-9790 or email him at: director@dunncountyhumanesociety.org

Looking for more?

#### Tails of Success



Just an update, I adopted Riddick a few weeks ago and attached some photos of him in his new home. He adjusted so quickly! Using his litter box the first night, no problem eating (of course!), and still having a lot of fun exploring our house and getting into trouble. It's been fun watching him discover every new texture he can, he loves it. He gets along great with all the people he's met, and one cat friend. Luckily having 4 people in the house has been a good thing, not a minute goes by where he isn't trying to play or cuddle. He doesn't ever bite or scratch or cause much trouble, just a bit clumsy and excited!

He wasted no time becoming the head of household. Turns out he's quite the fancy cat. He enforced a

strict lights out policy, and insists on being under the blanket, with his head on a pillow, being petted until he falls asleep. Otherwise he'll stand, stare at you nose

to nose and lay a gentle paw on your face or on the blanket he wants to be under. He does not condone any cell phone use after lights off either which is probably good for me. Thanks, Alex.

I just wanted to send you an update on Bayleigh, who now goes by Nova! She has adjusted wonderfully and is now the "annoying little sister" to Odin, and the best pal my little girls could have asked for. She loves a good car ride and seems to enjoy our long car rides to visit family too! It turns out that she is NOT a fan of the cold weather and even less of a fan of going to the groomer, but she tolerated her first trip well and we are hopeful that it is something she will get used to over time. We are working on her training and she's doing well with her manners too, if only the little girls would resist her cuteness and stop slipping her treats! (she really loves crunchy cereal! Who knew!) We thank you so much for allowing us to bring this sweet girl home to be a part of our family. She has blended in seamlessly and we can't imagine it any other way! Here she is, sunning herself in the peace and quiet



Kitty Blackjack with his new sibling!



# SPAY-ghetti SPAY-ghetti Report No Balls Fundraiser Dinner

Join the Dunn County Humane Society in celebrating World Spay Day!

Tuesday, February 23rd

4pm - 7pm

Christ Lutheran Church

(corner of Wilcox St & Elm Ave E)

1306 Wilcox Street

Menomonie, WI 54751

Only \$8 to enjoy a hearty plate of spaghetti, with a salad, garlic bread and dessert!

Kids 4-12 yrs old eat for only \$4 Kids 3yr & under eat for free

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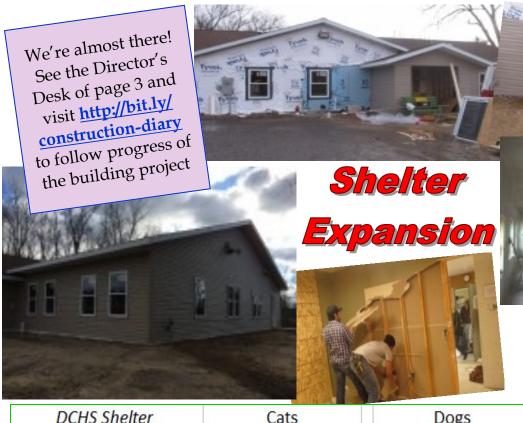
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Pet over-population is a big problem in our community. All proceeds from this fundraiser help offset costs of spaying and neutering the hundreds of unaltered strays that are brought to DCHS each year.









Cats Dogs Statistics Sep-Nov 2015 Current % Current % Strays 209 96% 58 89% n Returned 8 4% 4 6% a Surrendered 0 0% 3 5% k 0% 0 0% 0 Born Onsite Adopted 99 22 86% 100% 0 Offsite Adopted 16 14% 0 0% u **Total Adopted** 115 56% 22 34% t Claimed 7 3% 40 63% C Euthanized 7 3% 3% 2 0 Transfered 0 20 10% 0% m Released (Ferals) 28 14% 0% e Died in Care 28 14% 0 0% S Dead on Arrival 0 0% 0%

Animals in our care as of 12/21/15 Cats: 128 Dogs: 15

Thank you Dunn Energy Cooperative for awarding us an Operation Roundup Grant to purchase solar lighting tubes for our building addition.



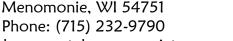


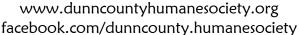


We're excited to share that we have had 4 winners so far this football season! Thanks again to all who supported our building campaign by purchasing these tickets. The winners so far: Week 2 - Julie S. of Menomonie \$25, Week 11 - William K. of Menomonie \$400, Week 14 - Jon K. of Menomonie \$50, Week 14 - Dori G. of Wheeler \$250. Congratulations winners!!

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#### **Upcoming Events**

January 12 - DCHS Annual Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 6 pm\* \*regular monthly board meeting to immediately follow February 9 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 6 pm February 23 - Spay-ghetti & No Balls Dinner, Christ Lutheran Church - 4 to 7 pm March 8 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 6 pm April 22-23 - Rummage & Bake Sale, Menomonie Veteran's Center (donation drop-off 4/20) May 21 (tentative) - Mutt Strut N' Tabby Trot Walk & 5K Fun Run - Dunn Co. Rec Park June 2-4 (tentative) - Plant Sale - Small Animal Building, Dunn County Fairgrounds (tentative)

#### **Animal Viewing Hours**

Tuesday, Thursday - Sunday 1 - 5 pm [Closed Monday & Wednesday]



#### Volunteer Hours

Thursday - Tuesday: 10 - 7 pm\* Wednesdays: 2 - 7 pm\* \*dog walkers back by dusk

#### Promoting the Humane Treatment of Animals

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