

# Dunn County Humane Society

# Paw Prints



Apr - Jun 2016



## Open House

## June 23, 4-7 pm

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is a 501(c)(3) Charitable  
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*Watch the mail for your  
invitation and RSVP info*

It's been about a year since we first shared that we would be working with the UW-Stout Student Construction Association (SCA) on our building expansion project. We are excited to share that we are *finally* done! It has been quite a lengthy process to complete this major project, and it is with your support that it was made possible. With the hard work of the SCA and trade contractors, understanding from customers, staff and our furry residents, we can now stand back and take a big sigh of relief. The temporary home for stray animals in our community sure has come along way since the original 'pound' that was located on Gilbert Creek Road (pictured below).



We're already seeing some happier kitties as we have our cat community rooms open (above right). With these rooms, some of our residents will be able to live cage-free while they are with us. Many of you have stopped by and have seen the progress, but we will be sending out invitations to you, our members, very soon, so please save the date. We'll have a small ribbon-cutting ceremony, tours, and some food. We really hope you can make it!



### 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



## *Life With a Blind Dog by Marsha Biggs*

Dogs have various reactions to going blind, as do people. Like people, dogs are individuals and will react to losing their sight differently based on age, personality, previous life experiences, and how they are perceived by both humans and other canines. In general, the dogs that tend to make an easier adjustment are dogs that go blind early in life before they've become highly dependent on what they can see, or those who have lost their sight gradually over time and have become more dependent on smell and hearing versus their sight. It might also be more difficult for dogs who had assumed the role of "pack leader" within their pack, whether it be animal or human, as their status and perception by the pack, might change. How you and the other pack members

react to your dog's physical changes is paramount to helping your dog move forward on both an emotional and psychological level. Developing a positive attitude about your dog's physical change is very important because this will allow them to become more self-confident and secure about their changed abilities.

I know that maintaining a positive attitude is easier said than done because we own a dog who went blind at 1.5 years of age from PRA, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, which is a genetic disorder from birth. From the moment my male German Shepherd started bumping into things, to the PRA diagnosis, I struggled to stay positive and thought this dog would become a burden who could no longer do the things we wanted to do with him together. I'm happy to report that this 'assumption' couldn't have been more wrong! After he was diagnosed, my husband and I decided to get another German Shepherd, one that would be sighted and could help guide him along paths that we could not. We had adopted both our dogs from Rescue organizations, and they seemed to be compatible from the start. However, it was important for us to maintain our blind dog's hierarchal status so that our new sighted dog would learn that she must respect him in every way possible in order to keep the balance of power between them. As our blind dog became accustomed to his new condition (note I did not say disability because he did not see it as such due to the way we all treated him), he became more confident, inquisitive, loving, and outgoing. His other keen senses kicked in quickly like; smell, sound, touch, and his sense of where he was in the world whether it was going up and down stairs, moving through doorways, navigating the yard or dog park, riding in the truck, or when meeting familiar and strange people or canines. Although he could no longer get visual cues about a canine or persons body language, he became more in tune with the energy given off by the essence of that being.

As we watch him navigate the world in darkness with his tail wagging, we do not feel sorry for him but rather celebrate with him because he's taught us so much about what happiness really means. So if you are lucky enough to be able to share your life with a dog, cat, or other animal that others think has a disability, don't believe it because they will come to share something with you that is more important, which is their courage and strength of heart to deal with what life has thrown them. You will feel grateful every single day because having them in your life is truly a blessing :)

Thank you  
"Guardian Angel"  
Member:  
**Ellen Berscheid**

## Memberships & Renewals (12/16/15 - 3/15/16)

62 Membership Renewals & 6 New members  
**Welcome to our new members:**

Melinda Cossin, Charleen Johnson, John & Barbara Kirk,  
Jeff & Toni Oas, Joseph & Mary Sekelsky, Sunshine Learning Center

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.



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# OAS-UM DRYWALL & Painting

## 715-556-1918

New construction? Remodeling? Oas-um did the drywall & painting here at the shelter and we can tell you first hand that they do fantastic work!  
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memorial wall  
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your pet(s). Stop  
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online at: <http://bit.ly/happy-tails>

Thank you  
"Top Dog/Cat" Members:  
**Marv Lansing  
& Nancy Kraft**  
**Vets Plus**



We have a lot of info for this month's newsletter and not much space, so I'll be brief. Early in March, Governor Walker signed Act 233 into law. This Act updated many animal-related state statutes, chief among them is the hold period. Whenever a dog or cat enters a shelter, the rightful owner used to have 7 days to claim their animal. Now that time has been reduced to 4 days. This has been quite a polarizing change. Proponents of this reduction say it helps with crowded shelters by getting more pets up for adoption sooner. Opponents say 4 days is simply not enough time to be reunited. Whether or not we agree though, it is now the law, so please be aware and share with friends and family. We did a press release with more details and you can find that here:

<http://bit.ly/hold-law>.

#### Microchip Clinic

We're again holding our bi-annual low-cost microchip clinic. For only \$10 (+ tax), you can get your pet(s) chipped. With the hold law changing, it is more important than ever to ID your pets with either a collar and tags or microchips. Make sure to tell your friends! See the poster on page 7 for more information.

#### The Rummage and Bake Sale

See the poster on page 7 for the details and keep us in mind as you do your spring cleaning. This event has grown year after year and we could use help, so if you have time please contact Jackie at 715-556-4117. If you would like to contribute some baked goods, please contact Michele at 715-505-3191.

#### The Mutt Strut & Tabby Trot

Last year we added the 5K and it was a great addition! If you've never done a 5K before, but always wanted to do one, this is a great event to get your feet wet. See pages 5 & 6 for the informational brochure and the pledge form. This year, we've added online registration for those of you not collecting pledges. Also, our friends at TV18 are back and this time as title sponsors! Go to <http://bit.ly/DCHSMuttStrut> to register today!

DCHS Shelter		Cats		Dogs	
Statistics Dec '15-Feb '16		Current	%	Current	%
In t a k e	<b>Strays</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>80%</b>
	Returned	6	9%	6	13%
	Surrendered	1	2%	3	7%
	Born	0	0%	0	0%
O u t c o m e s	Onsite Adopted	65	63%	20	100%
	Offsite Adopted	38	37%	0	0%
	<b>Total Adopted</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39%</b>
	<b>Claimed</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>53%</b>
	Euthanized	3	2%	2	4%
	Transferred	26	17%	2	4%
	Released (Ferals)	6	4%		
	Died in Care	8	5%	0	0%
	Dead on Arrival	0	0%	0	0%

**Special thanks to Oas-um Drywall & Painting for becoming a business sponsor!**

**Business Sponsors provide financial support for the shelter. Please thank and support the businesses that support us.**



## The Director's Desk By Josh Dalton

**Join or reNew today!**

☐ New ☐ Renewal

**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  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ General Operating Fund  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Building 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 (12/16/2015 - 3/15/2016)

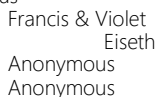
Holly Sweeney  
Toni Tetzelaß  
Tricia & Pete Thompson  
Mildred Timm  
Shelly Torgerson  
Jerry & Jan Traxler  
John & Debbie Van Hove  
Ken Vanderwerker & Christine Oest  
Terry & Sherri Vodinelich  
John Wagner  
Jennifer & Jim Wander  
Kenton Whitman  
Allen Wojcik  
Joe Woodford & Torri Clark  
Connie Young

Amy & Doug Prochnow	Building Fund
Barbara & John Kirk	Building Fund
Beth Ford	Building Fund
DCHS Board of Directors	In Memory of Babs Dimberio
Evelyn Hofland	Building Fund
Georgette & Peter Hovind	Building Fund
Jeff Oas & DJ Oas	Floor removal labor (thanks for all your hard work!)
Jo Dunbar	Building Fund
Joseph & Mary Sekelsky	Building Fund
Ken & Jean Simpson	Building Fund
Kyle & Janet Lawler	Building Fund
Marsha Biggs	Donation of cat condos & seating
Mary Allison	Building Fund
Nancy Dimberio	For open sign & freezer
Nancy Dimberio	For cat condos & cat Trees
Petco Foundation	Grant for Pet Grooming Area
Sallie & Sarah Ward	In Honor of BJ & Jen Andrade-Ward
Sallie & Sarah Ward	In Honor of Loretta & Dale Brian's 35th Anniversary
Sallie & Sarah Ward	In Memory of Dorothy Blakeley
Sallie & Sarah Ward	In Memory of Lavern Forster
Sandy Haesly	In Memory of Clarice Haesly
Scotty & Bernice Sutliff	Building Fund
Susan Ystenes	Building Fund
The Brunning Foundation	Building Fund
Tom L. Harris	Building Fund

## Memorials & Honorariums (12/16/2015 - 3/15/2016)

In Memory of Mike Kapszukiewicz  
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In Memory of Molly, Tom,  
Butch & Snowball  
In Memory of Ozzy  
In Memory of Peter Schumacher  
In Memory of Rusty  
In Memory of Squirt  
In Memory of Sunny  
In Memory of Sweet Pepper  
In Memory of Tigger  
In Memory of Tinker  
In Memory of Wayne Holland

Peggy & Steve Kraemer  
Carl & Sue Snow  
Sikandar & Aisha Bashir  
Terry & Beth Ford  
Gail & Albert Brown  
Peggy McLean  
Dennis & Julie Stratton  
Kyle Stratton  
Doug & Melanie Mensing  
Danielle Mensing  
Georgie Miller  
Vicky Glampe  
Gary & Ramona Thorson  
Winnie Wolf  
Merna Frank



*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.*





Enjoy a casual walk with your pet or an invigorating 5K run. Visit with a variety of vendors, enjoy a delicious lunch, participate in the silent auction, raffles, & so much more! Everyone is encouraged to attend & all proceeds benefit the

Dunn County Humane Society!

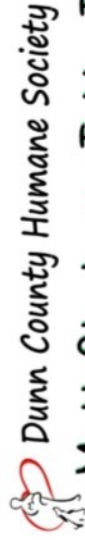


### What is the Mutt Strut N' Tabby Trot?

The Mutt Strut N' Tabby Trot is a pet walk & 5K fun run fundraiser to benefit the Dunn County Humane Society. Formerly known as the Walk for Paws, this pet walk has grown to include a 5K fun run. Being DCHS's largest fundraiser of the year (& quite possibly the most fun), you won't want to miss out of this fantastic event!

### How can I get involved?

Collecting pledges from family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. is the best way to get involved! If you collect \$50 or more in pledges, your registration fee is waived and you get a free Mutt Strut N' Tabby Trot t-shirt! With your fee waived, you can save your money to spend on the fantastic basket raffles, silent auction, food & other goodies.



**Mutt Strut N' Tabby Trot**  
**Saturday**  
**May 21st**  
**2016**  
 at the  
 Dunn Co. Rec Park



Pet Walk  
 &  
 5K Fun Run  
 Walk or Run... Just Come For The Fun!

### Prizes for the Youth & Adult categories

#### Youth (ages 14 & under):

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** PlayStation Vita



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Dragon Touch A1X



#### Adult (ages 15+):

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize:** Kayak



**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize:** Garmin Vivofit 2



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**Mutt Strut N' Tabby Trot**



**Saturday**  
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**2016**  
 at the  
 Dunn Co. Rec Park

**Pet Walk & 5K Fun Run**  
 Walk or Run... Just Come For The Fun!  
 Registration at 10am  
 Walk & 5K Begins at 11am



**Not a runner or a walker? NOT A PROBLEM!**  
 There is something for everyone!

Raffles <small>(1:45 final drawing)</small>	Games
Silent Auction	Concessions
Dunk Tank	& so much more!

## Trot 2016 Pledge Form

Pet's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Youth (ages 14 & under)

☐ Youth (ages 14 & under)

*\* There will be fantastic prizes for the adult and youth who raise the most amount of pledges! \**

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if participant is under 18)

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## Total Pledges Raised

Questions? E-mail: [Director@dunncountyhumansociety.org](mailto:Director@dunncountyhumansociety.org)

Collect the most pledges in your category (adult or youth) & get a great prize!

- Raise \$50 or more in pledges, your registration fee is waived & receive a free t-shirt! (Adult Size \_\_\_\_\_ or Youth Size \_\_\_\_\_)

**Pre-registration by noon on May 9th is strongly encouraged for participants not raising pledges.**

**Pre-Registration deadline is May 9th @ noon**

*Pre-Register online at <http://bit.ly/DCHSmuttstrut>*

(Adult Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_ or Youth Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_)

- Day-of Registration - \$25 per person or \$50 registration fee for families of 2 or more. (t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 at the event while supplies last)

- 🐾 The first 100 pets receive a free goodie bag.
- 🐾 All pets must be up to date with Rabies vaccination. A current distemper-parvo vaccination is strongly encouraged for dogs.
- 🐾 All dogs must be on a 6 foot or shorter leash at all times & all cats safely contained in a carrier or pet stroller.



Upcoming Dunn County Humane Society Fundraisers:



# Rummage/Bake Sale

April 22, 9 am—6 pm & April 23, 9 am—3 pm

## Menomonie Veteran's Center

E4710 County Trunk BB/Hwy.25 North, Menomonie

Clothing 🐾 Books 🐾 Games 🐾 Collectibles 🐾 Furniture 🐾 Toys  
Kitchenware 🐾 Sporting Goods 🐾 Lawn/Garden Equipment  
Tapes/DVDs/CDs 🐾 Glassware 🐾 Pictures 🐾 Tools 🐾 Baked Goods  
Shoes 🐾 Crafts 🐾 Domestics 🐾 Treasures Galore!

**Donation Drop Off Day: Donations may be dropped off  
9am —7 pm, Wednesday, April 20 at the Veteran's Center**

We're sorry we cannot accept large exercise equipment, mattresses, big appliances, outdated electronics, air conditioners or TVs.  
PLEASE CALL 715-556-4117 or 715-962-9176 for further information or to volunteer.

# Low Cost Microchipping Clinic

Hosted by: **KEYES**  (303 Oak Avenue, Menomonie)  
CHEVYTOWNUSA.COM

**Saturday, April 16th, 9am - 2pm**

Microchips are a simple way for you to ensure your pet is returned to you if they ever get lost or run off!

**Only \$10!**  
plus tax

**No appointment necessary!**

## Personalized Pet Tags!

Don't allow your pet to go 'naked' one more day!  
Stop by the Low Cost Microchip Clinic on April 16th, or  
DCHS any day, to have their tag engraved in minutes!

**Only \$7**



*For safety reasons, please have all dogs on a leash and all cats in a carrier*





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### Upcoming Events

April 12 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 6 pm  
April 9 - Stuff the Truck Donation Drive, Menomonie Walmart - 9 am to 4 pm  
April 16 - Low-cost Microchip Clinic, Keyes Chevytown in Menomonie - 9 am to 2 pm  
April 22-23 - Rummage & Bake Sale, Menomonie Veteran's Center (donation drop-off 4/20)  
May 10 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 6 pm  
May 21 - Mutt Strut N' Tabby Trot Walk & 5K Fun Run - Dunn Co. Rec Park  
June 2-4 - Plant Sale - Small Animal Building, Dunn County Fairgrounds  
June 14 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 6 pm  
June 23 - DCHS Open House, 302 Brickyard Road, Menomonie - 4 to 7 pm

### Animal Viewing Hours

Tues, Thurs-Sat: 1-7 pm  
Sun: 1-5 pm  
Mon, Wed: Closed

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### Volunteer Hours

Thurs - Tues: 10 - 7 pm  
Wednesdays: 2 - 7 pm

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