

Dunn County Humane Society

Paw Prints



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*What greater gift than the love
of a cat.*

~Charles Dickens

Bitter-sweet Beginnings



One of the most rewarding parts of what we do is seeing animals in our care go into a loving home. This could be back to their original home when they are lost and come to us, or being adopted after staying with us for a bit of time.

For whatever reason, sometimes there are dogs or cats that are overlooked in our shelter for several months, even years. Sometimes these animals are a bit 'rough around the edges.' Sometimes they are not good with other animals. And sometimes they have long-term ailments or a special dietary need. Because we are a no-kill facility, this can mean long stays for animals with these issues. Some would argue that two years in a kennel at a shelter is a worse fate than euthanasia. Of course, we don't agree and need to look no further than the two heart-warming cases below. There have been several others over the years, but these two are the most recent and keep us going on the hard days.

Buchanan + Tasha

949 days in our shelter before military veteran Rob came along and adopted him. A Pets for Seniors and Vets Program success story that gave Buchanan his happily fur-ever after.

856 days in our shelter before Jonathan & Julia of Eau Claire saw Tasha online and came in specifically to meet her. They fell in love and as you can see, Tasha is loving her new home!



Left: Buchanan on adoption day with his dad Rob
Right: Buchanan out for a nature walk with his dad Rob



Left: Tasha with her dad Jonathan on adoption day - Upper Right:
Tasha at home being goofy
Lower Right: Tasha posing for a painting of her done early in her 2nd
year at the shelter

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.

Halloween

Halloween is the first holiday of the winter holiday season, and with that brings additional holiday hazards. Here are some tips and ideas for keeping your pets safe through the fall and winter holidays and seasons. Halloween is a fun-filled holiday for children and adults; however, the scary creatures, silly costumes, decorations and treats can be frightening and even dangerous for dogs and cats.

- ⇒ Keep Halloween candy out of pet's reach. Chocolate is toxic to pets and a lot of the candy can be harmful and make pets sick.
- ⇒ Who doesn't love a pet in costume? You may, but your pet may feel differently. If your pet seems stressed by the costume, remove it for their own safety. If they do wear a costume make sure it's comfortable and doesn't obstruct vision, hearing, or restrict movement. Avoid tying anything around your pet's neck to prevent choking or strangling. Add reflective tape to your pet's costume if they will be out after dark.
- ⇒ Although we want our pets everywhere with us, it may be best to leave them at home when trick-or-treating. All the stimulation, noise, lights and children can easily overstimulate and cause fear-reactions in even the best trained pet.
- ⇒ Be alert when opening the door for trick-or-treaters. Make sure your pet doesn't dart out the front door. Consider keeping them in a room separate or blocked off from the trick-or-treaters. This will prevent them from becoming frightened and threatened by noisy children in costumes. Too many strangers can overwhelm a pet and cause them to be unusually protective or aggressive.
- ⇒ Decorations such as jack-o-lanterns can be dangerous to pets with wagging tails or curious noses. Avoid house fires and injured pets by keeping candles out of reach or by using a low-heat, battery operated light instead.

Fall/Winter weather

As the days get shorter and dusk comes sooner don't forget the reflective collars and gear.

- ⇒ Even in very small amounts, anti-freeze can kill your pet. Symptoms may not show up for a few days and then it may be too late. Store anti-freeze in tightly closed containers and in a place pets can't reach. Always clean up any spills immediately and thoroughly. Consider switching to a safer Propylene Glycol product.
- ⇒ Ice melt can irritate your pet's sensitive skin. Wipe their paws and for those small pets who are close to the ground, their bellies too.
- ⇒ Don't leave your dog outside in the cold for long periods of time. Wind chill makes days colder than actual temperature readings. Be attentive to your dog's body temperature and limit its time outdoors.
- ⇒ Be extra careful when walking or playing with your dog near frozen lakes, rivers or ponds. Your dog could slip or jump in and get seriously injured.
- ⇒ Be very careful of supplemental heat sources. Fireplaces and portable heaters can severely burn your dog. Make sure all fireplaces have screen, and keep portable heaters out of reach.

Winter Holidays

Many holiday plants can lead to health problems in dogs and cats. Among the plants to keep out of reach are holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and lilies.

- ⇒ Anchor Christmas trees to the ceiling/wall to keep it from falling on pets.
- ⇒ Pets, particularly cats, can be tempted to eat tinsel which can block the intestines. Hang tinsel high and securely to keep it out of reach of pets. Glass ornaments, spray-on snow, ribbons, wrapping or anything a pet can swallow is also dangerous. Try to hide electric cords to prevent pets from chewing on them. Also, do not tie ribbons around your pet's neck or limbs.
- ⇒ Prevent ingestion of tree water. It often contains preservatives which are sugar based and very inviting to pets as well as other toxic chemicals (fertilizers, insecticides and flame retardants) that were used on the tree.
- ⇒ The holidays are both a wonderful and a stressful time. The constant stream of visitors, parties and traveling can take a toll on both you and your pet. Make sure to spend quality time alone with your pet. This will allow you to observe your pet for any unusual behavior or symptoms, as well as to enjoy the tranquility the season can bring.

Memberships & Renewals (6/16/17 - 9/15/17)

66 Membership Renewals & 23 New members

Welcome to our new members:

Scott Carlson; Alicia Cosgrove; Corey & Emily Dahl; Dan & Brenda Dahl; Doug & Jodi Dahl; Aaron Frederick; Blake, Karla, & Chase Friedli; Wesley & Debra Friedli; Sandy Hall; Chris & Angie Harmon; Mark & Julie Harmon; Marty & Missy Harmon; Arthur Lauer; Marcia Mason; Pam Reinhardt; Lori Ross; Janet Ross-Pilla; Kristin Rubenzer; Gwen Snyder; Amber Svihorec; Samantha Wagner; Sarah Wood; Marvin & Brenda Young

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 for being a member and giving your continued support. We can't do this without you!

Thank you

"Guardian Angel" Members:

Joe Woodford & Torri Clark

"Top Dog/Cat" Members:

Ruth & Darryl Hofland
Luanne Prochnow
John & Terri Wagner

"Pick of the Litter" Members:

David & Jane Amble

Directors' Desk - Cats in Our Community, How YOU Can Help!

As of this writing, we have 210 cats in our care. Historically, October is our highest intake month of the year for cats. October of 2016 saw 75 cats and kittens brought to us as strays and October of 2015 saw 109 stray cats & kittens brought in. Our adoption numbers are high, but our intake has been higher, meaning if we see 80-110 cats come in this month, the cats may be running the shelter by the end of the month! In all seriousness though, we will work through it as always, but this issue has brought something to mind that I wanted to share.

A lot of times we receive calls from nice people who find stray cats coming around their homes. Often times, they'll provide food, shelter, and water because they feel bad about them being left to their own devices. Sometimes this goes on for several weeks or even months. Then something happens that makes the situation change and become hard to deal with...usually a litter of kittens, but sometimes a sickness or injury. Then, these nice people call us and want us to take the cat (or usually numerous cats). That creates a problem for us, as we are then stuck with the increased responsibility both medically and financially.

The problem with "I felt bad so I've been caring for it" mentality, is that with food, shelter, and water, you're only really going about a quarter of the way to what is actually needed. What is really needed is for the cat to be spayed or neutered. What is really needed is veterinary care and treatment for the worms, parasites, fleas, broken tails, ringworm, demodex mange, broken teeth, injured eyes, and the countless other ailments a cat without sustained care can easily have. What is really needed is for this cat to be placed in a home that can provide permanent care and forever love.

Food, water, and shelter is simply not enough. In fact, I am arguing for you to NOT simply feed these cats because you may feel bad. I am arguing for you to immediately call us for assistance. If you reside in a municipality that does not contract with us to take their stray animals, we will be able to provide you with the phone number of someone who will be able to help you. If you reside in a municipality that contracts with us for stray services, we will advise you to bring the stray cat to us. Allow us to take care of all of their needs while doing the most important things: breaking the cycle of reproduction and disease.

With so many cats in our care right now, you may be thinking I'm a little crazy to ask for more...but how do you think we got so many in the first place? The more we can get these stray cats off the streets, out of the sheds, and off the farm equipment, the less there are to reproduce and spread disease. These sustained efforts, will produce results if we can help others learn what to do.

If you really want to help with this problem, when you see a stray cat, catch it (safely of course) and call us immediately. When you hear of a friend or relative who is feeding stray cats, educate them about how this really just perpetuates the problem. And support and donate us in our efforts when you can! =)

DCHS Shelter
Statistics Jun '17-Aug '17

		Cats		Dogs	
		Current	%	Current	%
I n t a k e	Strays	214	95%	65	79%
	Returned	5	2%	7	9%
	Surrendered	2	1%	10	12%
	Born	4	2%	0	0%

O u t c o m e s	<i>Onsite Adopted</i>	70	81%	39	100%
	<i>Offsite Adopted</i>	16	19%	0	0%
	Total Adopted	86	67%	39	46%
	Claimed	10	8%	36	43%
	Euthanized	9	7%	0	0%
	Transferred	-1	-1%	7	8%
	Released (Ferals)	13	10%		
	Died in Care	10	8%	2	2%
	Dead on Arrival	2	2%	0	0%

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 (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 5:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each
month at the Menomonie Senior Center.*



Cash & Other Donations (6/16 - 9/15/17)

Robert Amick	Chyi-shyang Lin
Cindy & Steve Bates	Tom Loken
Barb Burkholder	Barry & Pat Marlett
Kristine Buxrude	Mecca Kennels
Willie Camp	Sandra Meier
Simon Cavanagh	Dick Morrison
Steve & Vicki Cole	Paul & Pam Orth
Nancy & Brent Creaser	John & Florence Perri
Meridith Drzakowski	Kevin & Christine Peterson
Dunn County Transfer Station	Chad & Jodi Preston
Sandee Elkins	Red Wing Shoe Co. Foundation
Kenneth Everson	Michele & John Register
First Congregational U.C.C.	Royal Hybrids
Barb Gort	Lois Schultz
Sheryl E. Grant	Simone
Dennis & Jane Griffiths	Ken & Jean Simpson
Ann Hanson	Martha Stewart
Steven Haynes	Scotty Sutliff
Barb Herman	The Brunning Foundation
Hill's Pet Nutrition Inc	Connie Thompson
Brett Holle	Tricia & Pete Thompson
Linda Hop	Thrivent Choice Dollars
Stephanie Hotujec	Bill Tice
Martha & Jon Hove	Truist
Julia Hydukovich	United Way of Central Ohio
Stefanie Jax	Ken Vanderwerker & Christine Oest
Robert Kaake	Terry & Sherri Vodinelich
Lanelle Klinner	Walmart
Keith Knoke	Katherine Walters
Barb Krause	Wells Fargo Community Support
Faye Laforte	Arlene Willis
Jessica Lain	Meg Wittenmyer
Kay & Donald Lentz	LaMoine & Ethel Zielieke
	Todd Zimmerman

Memorials & Honorariums (6/16 - 9/15/17)

Alice Droske	In memory of Bobbi, the bobtail cat
Judith Kirk	In memory of Brad Isaacson
Lynn Miller	In memory of Brandon Miller
Paul & Mary Stauffacher	In memory of Brazil
Anonymous	In memory of Buddy
Anonymous	In memory of Cody
Holly Barrett	In memory of Corey Jevne
Roger Jevne	In memory of Corey Jevne
Marilyn & Ronald Robelia	In memory of Corey Jevne
Jean Davis	In Memory of Corinne Wold
Anonymous	In memory of Cubby
Mary Weber	In Memory of Dallas Bradshaw
Anonymous	In memory of Gator & Gemini
John & Linda Lenz	In memory of Jerome Evenson
Judy Evenson	In memory of Joan Lysaker
Peggy & Steve Kraemer	In Memory of Ken Knocke
Anonymous	In memory of Maisy
Kristen Johnson	In Memory of Marie Brogger
Anonymous	In memory of Moody
Robert & Luanne Delong	In memory of Packard, for Pam & Paul Orth
Anonymous	In memory of Rascal
David & Gloria Buss	In memory of Ray Behling & Fritz
Anonymous	In memory of Red
Anonymous	In memory of Rose
Anonymous	In memory of Sadie
Anonymous	In memory of Samantha
Anonymous	In memory of Scrappy
Kathy & Doug Hinzman	In memory of Sharon Hasse
Anonymous	In memory of Sidney
Craig & Mary Louise Olson	In Memory of Siri
Anonymous	In memory of Tank
Anonymous	In memory of Teddy
Anonymous	In memory of Tiger

Anonymous
Diane & Marlin Bird
Anonymous

In memory of Vittles
In Memory of Whiskers
In memory of Zoey



Rebecca 'Becky' Harmon
12/16/49 - 6/17/17

Jamie Ackerslund & Larry Knudson
Marsha Biggs
Lary & Janet Birkholz
David & Gloria Buss
Cascades Tissue Employees
Andrea Christopherson & Family
Debra & Michael Christopherson
John, Chuck, Jason & Shirley Christopherson & Family
Commercial Testing Lab
Charlie & Patty Cramer
Cory & Emily Dahl
Daniel & Brenda Dahl
Doug & Jodi Dahl
Karen & Steve Dahl
Dean & Sue's Bar
Nancy Dimberio
Tom, Kathy & Mike Dunbar
Elk Point Women's Pool League
Karen & Robert Falk
Richard & Judy Frank
Blake, Karla & Chase Friedli
Wesley & Debra Friedli
Jackie & Steve Greene
Gary & Nataya Gunderson
Sandy Haesly
Rog & Donna Hainstock
Lynn Halverson
Chris & Angie Harmon
Mark & Julie Harmon
Marty & Missy Harmon
Lynn Harvey
Jackie Hasse
David & Rhonda Hayden
Jeff Hedler & Davina Brenden
Frances Hinzman
Jane Horn
Alan & Donna Johnson
Judith & Allen Johnson
Beverly Kantorowicz
Michelle & Troy Knutson
Dean & Sue Lecheler
Lori Lechner
Barbara Lorenz-Harms
Fred & Cindy Maki
Allen & Linda McIntyre
Susan & Phillip Medure
Tom & Joyce Michels
Ruthie Mickelson
Tom & Audrey Mickelson
Sharon Mork
Gary & Karla Natysin
Marcia Oas
Tammi Palmquist & Craig Gibson
Craig & Terri Peterson
Jeff & Kaaren Peterson
Debra Piper
Kathy Preusse
Ray's Metal Works
Michele & John Register
Peter & Cindy Rentmeester
Janet Roshar
Dan & Cindy Schauer
Mike & Linda Schindler
Cookie Schleuter
Pat & Jen Schuch
Gary & Cheryl Stene
Martha Stewart
Jon & Eve Suckow
Carla Topper
Dick & Kathy VanDaalwyk
Deb & Chuck Vind
Kenny & Nancy Wittmer



Marcia Oas
10/27/43 - 8/16/17

Bonnie Anderson
James & Mary Ann Bilse
Tim & Cari Brahmer
Sybil Buckley
Tray & Heather Buckley
David & Gloria Buss
Daniel & Brenda Dahl
Nancy Dimberio
Karen & Robert Falk
Darlene Frank
Debora Freely
Jackie & Steve Greene
Lynn Halverson
Adrianne Harmston
Steve Harvey
Gordie & Sandy Holzhueter
Susan Hoyt
Mary Jo Lechner
Barbara Lorenz-Harms
Randall & Sandra Marlett
Allen & Linda McIntyre
Susan & Phillip Medure
Offices of Stout Online/
Continuing Education &
Graduate School
Janet Pelke
Kay & Peter Pershern
Terry Petrie
Debra Piper
Kathy Preusse
Michele & John Register
Janet Roshar
Harry & Barbara Stai
Doug & Sandy Stevens
Rena Wagner
Sheila Williams

In Our Hearts

We thought of you today.
But that is nothing new.
We thought about you yesterday.
And days before that too.
We think of you in silence.
We often speak your name.
Now all we have are memories.
And your picture in a frame.
Your memory is our keepsake.
With which we'll never part.
God has you in his keeping.
We have you in our heart.

Author: Unknown

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.



'Fall-In-Love' Adoption Promotion!

Adopt 2 cats/kittens for only 1 adoption fee! Double the love and double the fun!

Adopt any 2 Cats or Kittens for only \$80

This special includes on-site (at the shelter) cat adoptions only.

Hyde & Kelso are just 2 of the
DOZENS of wonderful little
'punkins' available for adoption
at our 'punkin patch'!



All adoptable animals can be viewed at www.DunnCountyHumaneSociety.org



Dunn County Humane Society's
**Low Cost
Microchipping Clinic**

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

CHEVYTOWNUSA.COM

SATURDAY, OCT 21, 9AM-2PM

No appointment necessary!

Only \$10!
Plus tax



There are many people that help us all year round. Although we like to say thanks when it happens we felt some extra special gratitude this month.

So...thank you:

Angel Duratti (Angels' Pet World) - for your extra special care of our cats at your store

Gary Hinrichs - for caring for our lawn all season

Karlyn Davis (Tabby's Catfé) - for being so great to work with and taking such good care of our cats

Carol Janecke - for all the mice you make and donate so that adopted cats have a toy to take home

Dan Drenckhahn - for being Mr. Fix-it here at the shelter!



Hand-painted memorial wall plaques like this one are available! Customized to your pet(s). Stop in or call us for more info. Only \$50 each.

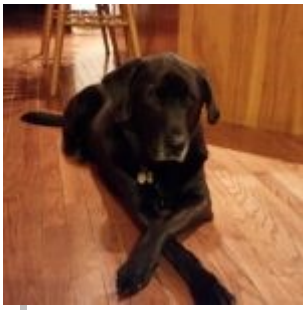


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In September 2008 we adopted a young lab mix(DJ). We named him Rocky and he was to be a hunting companion for our son. His fear of gun shots and later the sight of a gun changed his title to family dog and he has filled that role perfectly! He would spend hours chasing a ball or Frisbee thrown his way. (I cringe

at the hundreds of dollars we must have spent on these toys before we found one he is unable to chew up in a week). He loved going to the lake and would jump in after his toy endlessly. Cats just seem to love him and he is polite and tolerates them. Now 9 years later, he still chases the ball but we no longer wear our arms out throwing it for him and after two jumps in the lake he takes a break. He still has his fun personality and spins circles when you ask him if he wants to go for a ride. He loves us and we love him. Thank you DCHS staff, volunteers and board for the hard work and dedication you do to find forever homes for the animals that come to you. You are appreciated!! ~Rocky's family



GLZMO"totally completes our little family and we couldn't be happier! It was truly meant to be and I have referred others out your way in hopes of similar results!

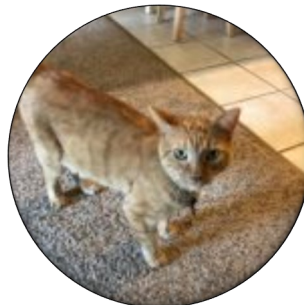


Heather and Aiden



Joel and I are SO happy to care for and love Freda and Max. These beloved dogs both bring us joy and love every day, whether it's cruising around the fenced backyard or napping curled up on our lap. These two "siblings" are cherished furry babes!" ~Heidi

I just wanted to take a minute and let you know that Tucker is adjusting to home life beautifully! He loves pets and scratches, is very vocal when it's time to eat, and loves to see the birds out the window. I don't think he's stopped purring!

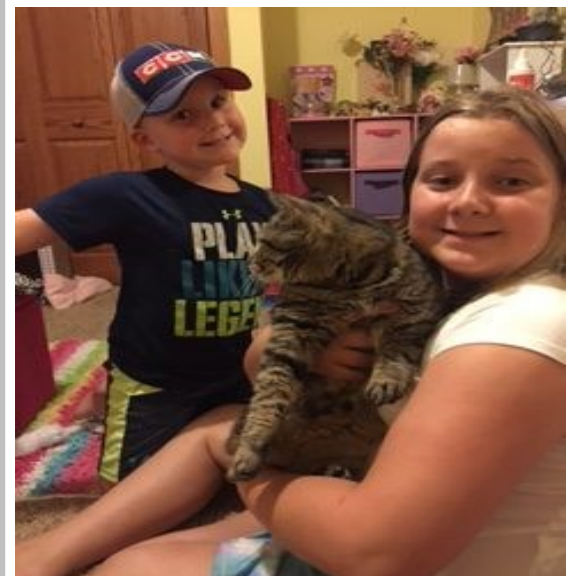


Thank you so much for the opportunity to give him a home!

Rachel



Hi Dunn County Humane Society, I wanted to let you know Wubby is doing great. She is more on the shy side, but is coming out of her shell and is seeking out attention. She's done great with the kids and is fitting in nicely. I've attached a picture of her with my kids. Thanks again, Janelle





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Upcoming Events

October 10 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 5:30 pm
October 13-14 - Rummage & Bake Sale, Menomonie Veteran's Center (donation drop-off 10/12)
October 21 - Low-Cost Microchip Clinic, Keyes Chevytown - 9 am to 2 pm
October 28 - Stuff the Truck, Menomonie Walmart - 9 am to 3 pm
November 14 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 5:30 pm
Starting late November through the end of December - Christmas Paws for a Cause Ornament Sale
December 12 - DCHS Board Meeting, Menomonie Leisure Center - 5:30 pm

Animal Viewing Hours

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



Volunteer Hours

Mon-Tues, Thurs-Sun: 10-7 pm
Wed: 2-7 pm
dogs due in by dusk

Promoting the Humane Treatment of Animals

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