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Identification is Your Pet's Ticket Home

Here at the Dunn County Humane Society, we know that when properly identified, lost cats and dogs have a much greater chance of being returned home when safe guards are taken by pet owners.

Research indicates that approximately 22% of lost dogs that enter animal shelters are reunited with their families and, when properly identified, the return-to-owner rate is 52%. In contrast, less than 2% of lost sheltered cats are reunited with their owners. When cats are identifiable, the return-to-owner rate is dramatically higher at over 38%.

DCHS offers three types of identification for pets. They include:

Low Cost Microchip Clinics twice a year. A microchip is an identification tag that can't be removed. It is a little transmitter about the size of a grain of rice that is injected with



a needle under the pet's skin between the shoulder blades. Each microchip contains data about the pet (such as name, owner, home address, veterinarian's name) and this information is entered into the national pet registry. Animal shelters, veterinarians, and animal control officers routinely scan for microchips and when the scanner detects the microchip number, contact is made with the national pet registry to locate the pet's owner.

At our Low Cost Microchip Clinics pet owners are charged only \$11 per microchip (including entry into the national pet registry). Microchips are also available throughout the year at DCHS for just \$30 (members receive a 1/2 price discount at the shelter). Initial funding for these clinics provided by the Community Foundation of Dunn County.

The Dunn County Humane Society also has a pet tag engraver on site. There are a variety of tag sizes and colors available to choose from and the process takes only a

few minutes to complete. Pet tags are just \$8 and are an affordable means to identify your pet. Funding for our pet tag engraver was paid for through a generous grant from the Bissell Pet Foundation.

We also serve as a satellite location for City of Menomonie residents to obrain their pet licenses each year. This service provides convenience for working pet owners as the shelter is available for licenses evening and weekend hours.

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.



Declawing Cats - The Painful Truth

Declawing is a question that is on our application and something we are passionate about not doing to any cat. I know a decade or two ago it was something we did because that is just "what you did" to cats that would be living indoors. As the years

and decades have gone by, we have learned that this "simple and harmless" procedure is anything but. In fact, when declawed cats are surrendered or

returned to DCHS it is almost always due to issues known to stem from the procedure. In the US it is

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currently illegal in
Maryland and California
along with many cities across
the country, and there are
many veterinarians who
simply will not do the
procedure any longer.

It is becoming less common,

but we do still receive adoption applications from people who intend to declaw for a variety of reasons. I have to believe if they really knew how it was done they would not consider doing it to their cat. The Cliff's Notes version is that declawing is an actual amputation of the first knuckle of

the cat's foot, a functional and important part of their foot. Yes, I said amputation. Can you imagine? In order to declaw, the sensory and motor nerves in the cat's paw are cut along with ligaments and tendons. Recovery

with ligaments and tendons. Recovery can be slow and there can be many long term effects such as litterbox issues, biting, phantom pain and arthritis.

Then how do I keep my cat from

scratching my furniture, you may ask. There are many alternatives to declawing, the simplest being nail trims and

scratching posts. Trimming a cat's nails every week or two keeps them short and blunt, and scratching posts give an appropriate place for their natural stretch and scratch instinct (at the shelter we notice that sisal rope posts and cardboard scratchers are feline favorites) - there is even catnip spray available that you can use to attract them to these. "Soft Paws" or nail caps that go over your cats nails with adhesive are also available, and you can even get them in fun colors! If you find that your cat is scratching where you would prefer they do not, double sided tape works quite well to deter scratching there



X-ray of alumni Gomer's paws He was returned to DCHS after being declawed and exhibiting litterbox and pain issues.

More great resources on declawing and humane alternatives can be found at bit.ly/declawinfo1, bit.ly/declawinfo2 and pawproject.org.

Memberships & Renewals 6/16/22 to 9/15/22

THANK YOU

"Guardian Angel" Member:
 Judy Schindler

"Top Dog/Cat" Members:
Dan & Mary Schneider and
Teresa & John Wagner

46 Membership Renewals & **15** New Members

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

THANK YOU DCHS GEMs:

Barb Gort, Lori Koehler, Sandra Meier, Melanie Sikeveland, Mary Thatcher, Tricia & Pete Thompson, Gretta Van Bree and Meridith Wentz

London Ahlert, Jennifer & Joe Bartz, Ladan Brewe, Matthew Friemoth, Dan & Marsha Harbin Neal Kingsley, Diane Light, Cheryl Matthews, Kendall McClung, Amanda McCutchin, Sandra Meier, Linda Nystrom, Sandy Salmon, Gloria Schmitz and John Trigg

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



Have a Healthy, Happy toliday with Your Pets

If your furry companions are joining your holiday festivities, here's how you can celebrate safely.

Holly, Jolly, and Safe!

While most pet owners are aware of the dangers of chocolate and candles, many other holiday items and products brought by guests can also be perilous for pets, including tinsel, medications, salt dough ornaments, xylitol, and alcoholic beverages.











Party Time Precautions

Just like people, some pets are introverts and some are extroverts! A shy pet may benefit from a quiet place away from the party, and an excitable pet will be better behaved with some exercise before the celebrations begin. With guests entering and exiting, it can also be easier for pets to escape out the door. Always ensure your pet has a personalized ID tag with your name and phone number, and an up-to-date microchip.









Travel Tips for Happy Tails

If you're hitting the road for the holidays, get your pet used to traveling in the car ahead of time. Tire out high-energy dogs before the ride, and give animals a toy or treat to help keep them occupied during the trip. A block of ice in a bowl can be a great alternative to a water bowl to keep your pet hydrated and reduce spills.









For safety info on-the-go, download the APCC Mobile App at ASPCA.org/apcc-app to help keep your pets safe at the holidays and all year long.



Join or Renew Today!

Dunn County Humane Society Membership/Donation Form 302 Brickyard Road, Menomonie, WI 54751 715-232-9790

Name					
Address					
City/State/Zip					
Phone					
E-mail					
Are you a new or renewing member?					
Would you like a receipt?					
Membership Levels					
G.E.M. (Giving Every Month)					
Sign up at bit.Ly/dchsgem					
□ \$20 Senior (62+)					
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□ \$35 Individual					
☐ \$55 Family					
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☐ \$110 Sustainer					
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□ \$250 Pick of the Litter					
\$500 Top Dog/Cat					
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Your membership card and shareable coupons will be mailed to you at the address provided.

Thank you for being a member!!

Total amount enclosed: \$





Cash & Other Donations (6/16/22 - 9/15/22)

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Special Note:

Thank you everyone who has given so generously! We do our absolute best to share the names of all those who do so, but it is increasingly complex to do so given the numerous different donation sources.

If we missed you or someone you know, please understand that it is completely unintentional. Please contact us if you wish to confirm receipt of a donation.

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Our 2023 Brewery Dogs of Menomonie calendars are complete, printed and ready for purchase! This project was so much fun to put together - so many adorable dogs that we had the priveledge to photograph. The top 12 photos were chosen by online and in person voting and those 12 are featured each month, but there were so many great pictures that we included everyone throughout the calendar!

If you would like to purchase a 2023 calendar (or 2 or 3!), you can find them here at DCHS, Brewery Nonic, Zymurgy Brewing Company, 6th Avenue Cidery, Tom and Jo's Bar, Hoof & Paw, Brakken Veterinary Clinic, Waggin' Tails and Golden Leaf Cafe here in Menomonie.

If you had pictures taken and have not yet had a chance to download them, you can still find the links for each photo day at bit.ly/brewdogpics. Photos will stay up until October 29th.

We are already looking into the 2024 calendar, so keep an eye out for information in the spring!





DCHS Shelter Statistics June 16- Sept 15, 2022		Cats		Dogs	
		Current	%	Current	%
I n t a k e	Strays	150	81%	21	39%
	Returned	12	6%	20	37%
	Surrendered	24	13%	12	22%
	Transferred In	0	0%	1	2%
	Born	0	0%	0	0%
O u t c o m e s	Onsite Adopted	104	88%	36	100%
	Offsite Adopted	14	12%	0	0%
	Total Adopted	118	79%	36	64%
	Claimed	5	3%	20	36%
	Euthanized	3	2%	0	0%
	Transferred	0	0%	0	0%
	Released (Ferals)	13	9%		
	Died in Care	10	7%	0	0%
	Dead on Arrival	0	0%	0	0%

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Join us at the Haunted Hillside for Halloween Fun!

Kayla Waterhouse started a Haunted Trail through the woods around her property in Menomonie around 2013 for friends and family to share some Halloween fun. In 2019 she opened it up to the public, asking for donations for DCHS instead of an entry fee. Food and a few vendors were added last year, and the Halloween fun continues to grow! It is now called The Haunted Hillside, and raises a lot of money and supplies for our shelter throughout the month of October. Check out The Haunted Hillside on Facebook for more details.





N5041 610th Street-Menomonie, WI

October 7th, 8th & 14th 6pm-9pm—Experience the trail without people jumping out to scare you

October 15th Gpm-9pm—Expect to be spooked!

October 21sta 22nd6pm-9pm—Expect to be spooked!

October 28th & 29th 6pm-9pm—Expect to be spooked!

Saturdays: October 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th

Noon to 4PM—Bring the kids to walk through the trail in daylight hours without people jumping out to scare them... Halloween fun for the whole family!

Please bring a donation for the Dunn County Humane Society! Most needed items are: Money, Paper Towels, Liquid Fabric Softener, Dog Food & Cat Food

This trail is set up with spooky props and animatronics. After 6pm costumed 'actors' will scare without physical contact.

Small groups (less than 10 per group) will be allowed through the trail at one time.

Follow us at- https://www.facebook.com/TheHauntedHillsideMenomonieWI

Special Note on Memorials and Honorariums: Thank you everyone who has given so generously in memory or honor of a person or pet. We do our absolute best to accurately share the names of all those who do so, but it is increasingly complex to do so given the numerous different donation sources. If we missed you or someone you know, please understand that it is completely unintentional.

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Get to Know the DCHS Staff!

Our featured staff member for this issue is Brianna Gruenstern! She has been with us since June and is loving working here. Read on for her answers to our "get to know you" questionnaire!

What is your favorite part of working at DCHS? Learning new things and being a part of intakes, vaccinations and medications

If you were an animal, what would you be and why? *Probably a snake - I will take any chance to eat, don't like the* cold too much and love to sleep!

Favorite color? Blue

Favorite food? Chicken & Chicken Alfredo Does pineapple belong on pizza? *Depends on the other* toppings, but yes

How many pets do you have?

2 gerbils (Wallace & Grommit), a rabbit (Brownie), many fish, 4 snakes (Creed, Pretzel, Valentine & Aurora.

> What type of book do you enjoy reading most? *Mystery and who did it type stories*

What is your favorite movie of all time and why? The Outsiders or Dirty Dancing - who doesn't love those??

Who is your favorite actor/actress?

Adam Sandler How do you spend your down time? Either painting or with my animals...they're my life! Favorite type of music, Favorite group/singer, song? *A mix of everything, but*

mostly rock Favorite childhood TV show? SpongeBob Favorite TV series you have binge watched? The Office

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Upcoming Events

Weekends October 7-29th: Haunted Hillside (see flyer for more info!)
October 11:- DCHS Board Meeting, Shirley Doane Senior Center - 6:00 pm
November 8: DCHS Board Meeting, Shirley Doane Senior Center - 6:00 pm
December 9-11: Online Holiday Basket Auction
December 10: Volunteer Appreciation Lunch, Dean and Sue's - 12:00 pm
February 4: Bowling for Paws, Viking Bowl in Colfax





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