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Dunn County Humane Society

October 1 - December 18, 2023

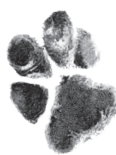
From Stray to Star

Hi everyone, I'm **Rocky**, and I've got to share my incredible 'rags to riches' journey with you! I arrived at the Dunn County Humane Society on November 20th, after being found as a stray. Some believed I wasn't adoptable and insisted I should be put down, but the DCHS staff saw beyond appearances and advocated for me. When I arrived, I had scorched fur on both sides of my body, my teeth were in desperate need of dental care, my ears were terribly deformed from some old injuries, and I was congested, underweight, and dehydrated. In all honesty... I was a bit rough around the edges.

However, thanks to the care of the DCHS team, I quickly rebounded. Antibiotics cleared my congestion, fluids rehydrated me, and a nutritious diet provided the calories I needed. Despite my rough exterior, the staff couldn't resist praising my adorable and sweet personality – *if cats could blush, I'd have been bright red!* Colfax Animal Hospital gave me a dental cleaning, extracted my troublesome teeth, and by mid-December, I was healthy enough to officially go up for adoption! I saw all the fluffy kittens around me and thought that I would be at the shelter for a long time. Instead, within just a week, my new family fell in love with me, and on December 14th, 2023, they took me to my new forever home. My incredible journey is a true testament to the transformative power of care and compassion, and now I get to spend the holidays surrounded by people who love me.

Cheers to second chances and
a wonderful New Year!

Rocky



This Quarter at DCHS

The numbers from October 1 - December 18, 2023

Count in Shelter 10/1

Dogs	Cats
14	57

Count in Shelter 12/18

Dogs	Cats
10	61

Intakes

	Dogs	Cats
Stray/At Large	26	94
Surrendered	6	17
Adoption Returns	3	0
Other Intakes	9	4
TOTALS	44	115

Outcomes

	Dogs	Cats
Adoption	20	103
Owner Claims	27	4
Returned to Field	0	10
Died in Care	0	1
TOTALS	47	118



You can make a difference

Make a Donation

Your financial contribution directly supports our operations and helps to provide essential resources such as pet food, medicines, veterinary care, as well as utilities, cleaning supplies, and staff salaries.

Advocate for Responsible Ownership

Be an ambassador for responsible pet ownership in your neighborhood. Help us create a world where every animal is cherished by reminding others that owning a pet is a significant responsibility.

Spread the Word

Share our mission with your friends, family, and colleagues. Encourage them to adopt one of our unhomed pets, volunteer their time, and share our posts of lost and available pets on social media to expedite their journey home.

Volunteer

Contribute your time to the animals in our care. Socialize and play with the cats, take the dogs for walks, lend a hand with building maintenance, or speak to your local government leaders.

This Quarter's Donors

Donations received October 1st through December 15th

A Gentle Dental Center	Holly Doud	Scott Kapszukiewicz	Janeen Ellen Rosas
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American Luthern Home Fund	Glen Edberg	Anita & Roger Klamm	Stefan Savic
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Thomas Bonnett	Dan & Marsha Harbin	Randy & Lisa Mickelson	Aneta Spielman
Emily Bowe	Jennifer Harmon	John & Janell Miersch	St. Joseph's Catholic School
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Juanita Cecil	Steven Haynes	Lois Oberle	Ruth Van Blaricom
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Sheri Debates	Jennifer Hudson	Rebecca Quilling	Sharon Wold
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Janet Doelle	Shirley A Jones	Rock Falls Rockets	Joe & Torri Clark Woodford
	Celayne Jones	Cathy Roe	Connie Young

New Members & Renewals

Memberships received October 1st through December 15th

Special Recognition for our
Guardian Angel member James Messerschmidt

&

Top Dog/Cat members

John Backhaus, Christara Hormann, Carol Lansing, and Thomas Leventhal

Welcome to the Family to our 20 New Members:

Janessa Cabak, John Carpenter, Marissa Cyrus, Ed Donicht, Holly Haglund, Jean Hartung, Caden Hoffman, Vickie Husby, Beverly Kuhnly, Frankie Larson, Thomas Leventhal, Peggy Mahnken, Ted Mannes, Linda Nygren, Donald & Diane Peavey, Myra Salzgeber, Madelyn Shea, Christi & Rob Skamfer, Eric & Tracey Sorenson, and Anissa Wallin

And A Huge Thanks to our 87 Renewing Members!

This Quarter's Memorials & Honoraria

Donations received October 1st through December 15th

Adams, Andrew	In Honor of Beaver Adams	Kothlow, Gail	In Memory of Maxine Hintzman
Amble, David & Jane	In Memory of Shelby and Jaylee	Kothlow, Gail	In Memory of Randy Miller
Anonymous	In Memory of John Hassemer	Kraemer, Peggy & Steve	In Memory of John Miller
Anonymous	In Honor of Gracie Bloom's 10th Birthday	Kuenzi, Mary	In Memory of Mary Louise Orfield
Baruch, Heidi	In Memory of John Miller	Lake, Lynnea	In Memory of Mary Louise Orfield
Baskin, Peggy	In Memory of Gloria Miller	Lange, Nancy	In Honor of Heather's "Luna"
Baskin, Trudy	In Memory of Mary Louise Orfield	Leipnitz, Todd & Dana	In Memory of John Miller
Binford, Kathleen & Pat	In Memory of Mary Louise Orfield	Lenz, John & Linda	In Memory of Maxine Hintzman
Boerner, Donna	In Memory of John Miller	Lenz, John & Linda	In Memory of Gloria Miller
Bowe, Emily	In Memory of Skipper	Luedtke, Raegan	In Memory of Chloe
Brandly, Martha	In Honor of Martha Wallen	Mahnken, Peggy	In Honor of Raene
Brantner, Lynn and Steven	In Memory of Darryl Knospe	Mannes, Ted	In Memory of Vicki Mannes
Brindle, Laurie, Troy, & Stephanie	In Memory of John Miller	Miller, Cathryn	In Honor of Sarah L. Sweeney
Cardwell, Sara	In Memory of Ryan Josephson	Miller, Lynn	In Memory of Ryan Josephson
Chamberlain, Patricia	In Memory of John Miller	Mullin, John & Ellen Whyte	In Memory of Mary Orfield
Dahlquist, Jessica	In Memory of River & Skylar	Nabbefeld, Arthur & Jean	In Memory of Our 4 Retrievers
DeAtley, Tim & Lynda Stewart	In Memory of Norman Rockwell	Nelson, James Perry	In Memory of Ryan Josephson
DeHoff, Bonnie & Bill	In Memory of Norman Rockwell	O'Connell, Linda	In Memory of Jan Jordan
Doane, Sofi	In Memory of Norman Rockwell	Olson, Karen & Richard	In Memory of Jack Ubel
Dodge, Susan	In Honor of Lynda & Dan Paulson	Olson, Michael & Heidi	In Memory of John Miller
Droske, Alice	In Honor of Beauty	Ondrus, Martin & Eldora	In Memory of Mary Louise Orfield
Evenson, Judy	In Memory of John Miller	Orfield, Ken & Lynda	In Memory of Mary Orfield
Fiege, Julie & Mike	In Memory of John Miller	Orfield, Mary & Bernie	In Memory of Mary Louise Orfield
Field, Kelly	In Memory of Marilyn Taylor	Palmisano, Gail	In Memory of John R. Miller
Fogard, Kristin	In Memory of Norman Rockwell	Palmisano, Gail	In Memory of Chris Hovind
Frank, Leonard & Merna	In Memory of John Miller	Palmisano, Gail	In Memory of Karen Kuester
Freyberger, Penne	In Honor of Haven	Price, Donna	In Memory of Ryan Josephson
Fronk, Mary	In Memory of John Miller	Price, Donna	In Memory of Cookie
Gane, Pam & Doug	In Memory of Virginia Grohn	Pritchard, Patricia	In Memory of Levi Pritchard
Gangl, Megan	In Memory of Marj Tschida	Rachlin, Julie	In Honor of Jenny Wander
Gosai, Robin	In Memory of Cedar	Register, John	In Memory of Sharon Register
Greenway, Timothy & Rebecca	Memory of Jake Greenway	Register, John	In Honor of Michele Register
Haesly, Sandy	In Memory of Ryan Josephson	Riddle-Swanson, Amy	In Memory of Norman Rockwell
Haesly, Sandy	In Memory of Jack Ubel	Salman, Safa	In Memory of Kutput
Harbin, Marsha	In Memory of Mary Louise Orfield	Schmelzle, Thomas	In Memory of Barb Schmelzle
Harmon, Bill	In Memory of John Miller	Schofield, Ken	In Memory of Nancy Schofield
Hayden, Steve & Kris	In Memory of Molly and Cubby	Schuknecht, Julie	In Memory of John and Barb Deutscher
Hellem, Lisa	In Honor of Spring Nelson	Severson, Carol	In Memory of Josh
Hern, Jessica	In Memory of Norman Rockwell	Shay, Prudy	In Honor of Mary Louise Olson
Hestekin, Renae	In Memory of Maxine Hintzman	Sieracki, Ray	In Honor of Snowball & Molly
Hill, Cynthia	In Memory of Ina & Mary	Skaggs, Madison	In Honor of Pat Bensing
Hilson, Eldon	In Honor of Gracie Bloom's 10th Birthday	Smith, Mary Frances	In Memory of Nia
Hofland, Brian & Carla	In Memory of Marie Van Blaricom	St. Croix County Trail Riders	In Memory of Ronald Stave
Hormann, Christara	In Memory of Kathy Pecha	Swenson, Karen & James	In Memory of Gary Faulkner
Hove, Martha & Jon	In Memory of John Miller	The Family	In Memory of Dominic "Nick" Howard
Hove, Martha & Jon	In Memory of Lonna Leidal	Traxler, Jerry & Jan	In Memory of Norman Rockwell
Hove, Martha & Jon	In Memory of Jan Jordan	Usborne, Catherine	In Honor of Brenda Harrison
Hove, Martha & Jon	In Memory of Bunny Kinney	Vainshtein, Allen	In Memory of Jake Greenway
Hudson, Wendy	In Honor of Bruce and Shirley Lloyd	Van Blaricom, Ruth	In Honor of Angie Wolbert
Johnson, Heather	In Honor of Luna Tuna	Van Blaricom, Ruth	In Honor of Carla Hofland
Josephson, Steve & Diane	In Memory of Ryan Josephson	Van Blaricom, Ruth	In Memory of Marie Van Blaricom
Kane, Mason	In Memory of Marie da Funky Feline	Varsho, Maria & Ralph	In Memory of John Miller
Keck, Sonya	In Memory of Norman Rockwell	Villars Gerber, Mary	In Memory of Norman Rockwell
Kell, Pat	In Memory of John Miller	Vogler, John & Paula	In Memory of Gracie
Kirk, Judith	In Memory of John Miller	Wagenius, Allen	In Memory of Jack Janecke
Kistner, Mildred & Roland	In Memory of Scott Kistner	Wall, Karen & Ronald	In Memory of Norman Rockwell
Kistner, Mildred & Roland	In Memory of Mary Louise Orfield	Wander, Jennifer & Jim	In Memory of Chesty
Klamm, Anita & Roger	In Memory of John Miller	Weber, Randy & Nancy	In Memory of Tony Sinz
Kolch, Sharon	In Honor of Alex & Mikey	White, Sandra	In Memory of John Miller
Kopec, Teresa	In Memory of Bear	Workman, Deborah	In Memory of Fatz
Kothlow, Gail	In Memory of Ryan Josephson		

Discover a new way to make every step count for our furry friends!

WoofTrax, a fantastic app established in 2013, operates on a simple yet powerful concept—start a walk in the app and watch donations roll in with every mile you cover. If you don't have a canine companion, no worries! You can virtually walk with a dog of your choosing.

Are you a dedicated volunteer already taking our shelter dogs for strolls? Elevate your impact by signing up with WoofTrax and turn your walks into donations.

Get started by setting up your profile at wooftrax.com, choose the Dunn County Humane Society as your beneficiary, and let your walks, runs, and bike rides make a real difference for Dunn County pets!



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Membership Levels

☐ \$20 Senior (62+) ☐ \$30 Senior Couple (62+)

☐ \$35 Individual ☐ \$55 Family

☐ \$85 Animal Lover ☐ \$110 Sustainer

☐ \$250 Pick of the Litter ☐ \$500 Top Dog/Cat

☐ \$1000 Guardian Angel

Additional Donations

\$_____ General Operating Fund

\$_____ Building & Equipment Maintenance Fund

\$_____ Spay & Neuter Fund *for community cats*

\$_____ Lizzie Fund *for severely injured pets*

\$_____ Pet Dental Fund *for extractions*

\$_____ Safe Harbor Fund *for pets at Bridge to Hope*

\$_____ In honor of _____

\$_____ In memory of _____

Total amount enclosed: \$

Your receipt will be emailed to you, and your membership card will be mailed to the address provided as soon as we can.

Dunn County Humane Society

302 Brickyard Road, Menomonie, WI 54751

715-232-9790

Mark your Calendars!

Member's General Meeting
January 9th at 6pm

The Shirley Doane Senior Center, Menomonie

5th Annual Paws 9 Pin
February 3rd at 11am & 5pm

Viking Bowl and Catering, Colfax

Spay-ghetti & No Balls
Fundraiser Dinner
February 27th from 4pm to 7pm

Christ Lutheran Church, Menomonie

Low-Cost Microchip Clinic
March 9th from 9am to 1pm

Markquart Motors, Menomonie

Spring Rummage Sale
Fundraiser

April 16th to 20th

Dunn County Ice Arena

Want to lend a hand with our events?

Email volunteer@dunncountyhumanesociety.org
to get involved and help make these events a success!

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Sunshine Learning Center

www.SunshineLearning.net
Phone: 715-231-KIDS (5437)
Email: info@sunshinelearning.net



At Sunshine Learning Center, kids learn through play, hands-on activities, and discovery. Using the natural curiosity, creativity and imagination of each child, putting it to work for problem solving, investigating and making discoveries. Sunshine Learning places a strong emphasis on nature, providing children with experiences in caring for and learning about plants and animals.

Community Intakes

SHELTER ANIMALS COUNT 2023 Q3 REPORT

Overall intake for dogs in Q3 2023 is

↑ **2.5%**
FROM 2022

+14.2% FROM 2021



New Challenges for Animal Welfare in 2024

As we navigate the challenging landscape of a **national crisis in animal welfare**, the US Humane Society and the Bissell Pet Foundation paint a dire picture: our beloved animal companions face unprecedented challenges in the coming year. Animal shelters across the US are grappling with a **sudden influx of pet surrenders**—with the COVID eviction freeze lifted, **11 million pets** find themselves newly at risk. Since 2021, there has been a 22.4% increase in dog seizures by law enforcement and an **8% rise in owner surrenders of dogs and cats**, and these numbers are expected to rise even further in 2024.

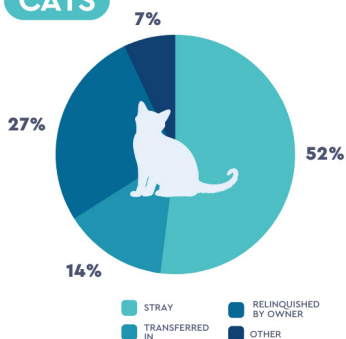
Our no-kill shelter is a local beacon of compassion in Dunn County, but we have not been immune to the challenges posed by this crisis, and like 88% of shelters nationally, we've had to cut public visiting hours, scale down some of our outreach programs, and turn away both pets and pet owners in need of our help due to a lack of staff and resources.

But at DCHS we believe **no challenge is too big for community action**. By adopting, fostering, donating, volunteering, and promoting responsible pet ownership, you can continue to make a positive impact on our DCHS mission: to ensure that **no matter the odds, every Dunn County animal will have the chance at a loving home**. As we look toward the new year, we hope you'll join us this holiday season in making a meaningful impact on the lives of pets, neighbors in our community.

Community Intakes

SHELTER ANIMALS COUNT 2023 Q3 REPORT

CATS



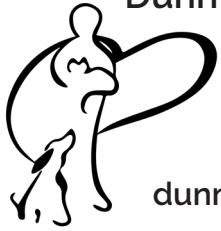
WHAT WE'RE SEEING:

More cats are entering animal welfare organizations as strays (+9% from 2021).

Thank you!

As a member, your unwavering support has been the heartbeat of our mission, **creating a haven for animals in need**. Your kindness has not only transformed the lives of countless furry companions but has also strengthened the bonds that make our community a compassionate force.

Every wagging tail, every purr of contentment, and every furry friend finding a loving forever home is a testament to your generosity and the love you've shared with our cause. Once again, **thank you from the depths of our hearts** for being the driving force behind the warmth and care that defines our shelter family.



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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 & corporations.



Promoting the Humane Treatment of Animals

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