



Missaukee

HUMANE SOCIETY

JUNE 2015

5310 W. Houghton Lake Road • Box D • Lake City, MI 49651 • (231) 839-3800
info@mhspets.org • www.mhspets.org • A NO-KILL Shelter • Open 7 days a week

SINCE APRIL 1...

ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN THE SHELTER

13 Dogs 0 Puppies
18 Cats 12 Kittens

ADOPTIONS

12 Dogs 8 Puppies
19 Cats 14 Kittens

INTAKES

16 Dogs 8 Puppies
22 Cats 25 Kittens

RETURNED TO OWNER

2 Dogs 1 Cat



Spaghetti & No Balls

Dinner with Live Auction

Thursday, July 2, 2015

5 to 7 pm

Hosted by the

Lake City Eagles

E. M55 • Lake City

Suggested Donation

\$7 Adults

\$4 Kids 6-11

FREE for Kids 5 & younger

Dear Friends & Supporters,



Even though we haven't had much of a spring, summer is just around the corner. We will have a busy summer ahead.

We have some plans in the works which I'll pass on as we get them finalized. One that I'd like to share now is a cargo van. I'd like to start a fund. We are at the point in our growth where we need to have our own vehicle for fund raisers, adoption events, and transportation to and from the vet. When the police show up at my door or the phone rings in the middle of the night with an animal emergency, we need to have an appropriate, marked vehicle to go get them and see to their needs.

Our surgical center, 95% complete, now has the badly needed surgical light. We want to get an autoclave so we can be independent, but even a used one is a staggering \$25,000. A cargo van would be a much better use of our funds at this time.

The surgical clinic is a tremendous success. We conduct spay/neuter clinics for pets from across northern Michigan. We just passed our 1 year anniversary and have we spayed or neutered more than 300 community

cats from low-income pet owners. We are now able to offer these services for dogs in low income households. Our clinic is open to anyone from any area in Michigan.

When we started the clinic, I hoped that the number of kitten and puppy intakes would drop. They have. Dramatically. So far this spring kitten season only two litters have found their way to our doors.

I do have more exciting announcements. We are partnering with Petsmart Charities and will soon have Missaukee Humane Society cats up for adoption in local Petsmart stores. We have done very well this year finding forever homes for our cats. Some of our wonderful volunteers will also be at Tractor Supply and Family Farm and Home stores for adoptions every Saturday and Sunday. With these partnerships and help from our community, we expect good results with cat adoptions.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and are able to attend the upcoming scheduled events. I want you to know, that without YOU none of this would be possible. We are able to do this work because of YOUR help. Without you these animals would not have us at Missaukee Humane Society to rescue them. You are their champions.

Sincerely,

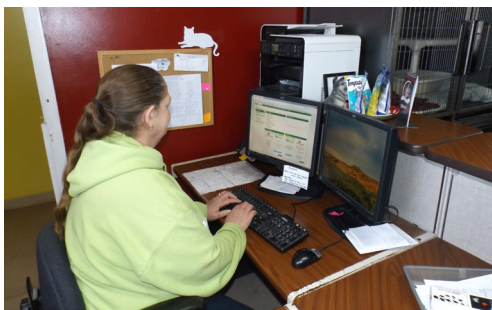
Kyle Musselman

Shelter Director

Rescue Waggin' Fundraiser

MHS is in need of its own transportation. With a cargo van, MHS will be able to take more animals to offsite events and ready the call when we have a rescue with multiple animals.





All our records are now electronic. Here is Nellie processing an intake and inputting medical history. Robin received a call on a found pet with a MHS microchip. She searched database for the owner's information.

MHS is open 7 days a week. 9 am to 4 pm daily.

Tip To Help Raise Dollars For MHS

Smile.Amazon.com

Do you shop at Amazon.com? I certainly do. Amazon Smile is a new program that enables Amazon shoppers to easily donate 0.5% of their purchases.

Kyle reports he gets checks regularly from those of us who use Smile. Amazon.com.

It is SO easy to sign up for Smile.Amazon.com.

Visit smile.amazon.com and login to your regular Amazon account.

Search for and select Missaukee Humane Society

That's it. Whenever you shop, just go to Smile.Amazon.com. I have that site in my favorites. On the odd chance that I forget, Amazon.com reminds me to go to Smile.Amazon.com.

Amazon takes care of the rest. You pay NOTHING for it. Last year the person who donated our digital microscope did it on Smile.Amazon.com. We got a microscope AND some money, too.

Give it a try. You have nothing to lose and we have so much to gain!

Carolyn- your emailer



You Donations Help Animals Like Little "Goober"

After his mother was hit by a car, this little orphan was transferred to Missaukee Humane Society from the Roscommon County Animal Shelter.

CURRENT NEEDS:

- Kitten Milk Formula
- Kitten Chow
- Scoopable Cat Litter

Donations may be mailed to: MHS, POBox D, Lake City, MI 49651 or made online at www.mhspets.org



5TH ANNUAL
**NOVELTY
DOG SHOW**

July 3rd, 2015 • City Stage
Lake City Park

Registration at 9:30 awm
Show begins at 10 am

Prizes for:

- Best Condition
- Most Attractive Markings
- Terrific Trick
- Most Mixed Up Breed
- Best Golden Oldie (7+ years)
- Most Adorable
- Best Behaved
- Happiest Dog
- Best Vocal Performance
- Best Celebrity Look-A-Like

ONLY HEALTHY, VACCINATED &
NON-AGGRESSIVE DOGS MAY ENTER

Also watch for our
Annual MHS Yard Sale
August 29, 2015

hosted by

Patches & Petals Quilt Shop
11978 W. Watergate Road (M-55)
Cadillac, MI 49601

If you are looking for a
way to help, our wish list
can be found online at
www.mhspets.org

The Five Oprhans

On Sunday, March 29, 2015, the Missaukee County Sheriff's Department visited me at my home. This was a day off for me, but there was a situation that needed my help.

I was told that a man died and left five dogs that needed rescue. Missaukee County currently does not have an animal control officer or vehicle to transport animals. The job comes down to me and my personal vehicle. The sheriff's deputy followed me to the shelter to gather carriers and leashes. We left the MHS shelter and headed to the residence, which is in Norwich Township, 15-20 miles away.

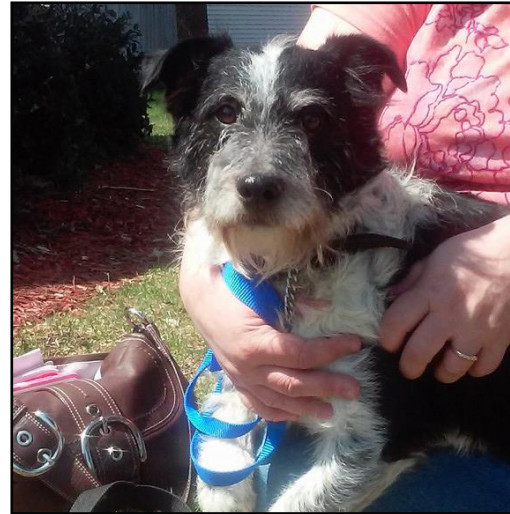
Of the five dogs, four were contained. Three were tied to their plastic barrel doghouses and in very rough shape.

The dog I had to catch is a very sweet Plott hound. We now call her "Angel." She was very thin, weighing only 39.5 lbs. The second dog, a small terrier, was in the front seat of his owner's pickup truck. He is blind and was terrified.

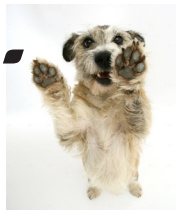
The next dog, tethered to a barrel, is a black and white heeler/border collie mix. This dog is also blind. You can imagine the transition has been hardest for those who can hear and smell, but cannot see any of their new surroundings.

A small beagle mix, was chained to her plastic doghouse. Lulu weighed only 14 pounds.

One dog remained. I set a live trap. The terrier was caught a day later. This has been a huge transition for the dogs. In only 2 weeks Angel, the Plott hound, has gained 10 pounds and Lulu has gained 5! Lulu and Stevie tested positive for heart-worm and are in treatment.



TWO PAWS UP TO...

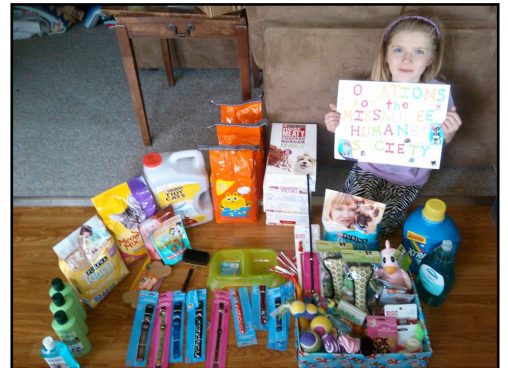


Troop 48 Boy Scouts for helping create paths for volunteers and potential adopters to walk our dogs and enjoy nature!

Lillian, age 9, right, requested that instead of gifts for herself, she wanted items to donate to the animal shelter. Happy Birthday!



Volunteers from Northview Seventh Day Adventist Christian School came to help at the shelter one afternoon. They brought Supplies and a \$50 donation!



Your Donations at Work.....



Flo the cat, was found in front of the shelter's doorstep in a taped shut cardboard box. She needed urgent medical attention.

Rhino was brought to the shelter as a stray. His facebook page had over 155 shares and 9,000 views. No owner claimed him. He suffered from a severe urinary tract infection.

We rely solely on donations. We do not receive any funds from any national organization. Please..

DONATE TODAY
www.mhspets.org

How You Can Help the Missaukee Humane Society

Besides charitable donations there are many other ways you can help the Missaukee Humane Society.

- Stock or real estate. The IRS allows you to deduct the full market value of your assets at the time you make the donation.
- Wills and bequests. By naming Missaukee Humane Society as a beneficiary of your estate your goodwill for animals can go on beyond your lifetime.
- Life Insurance. You can also name Missaukee Humane Society as a full or partial beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
- Trusts. Various trust arrangements enable you to transfer your assets into an irrevocable trust, take advantage of tax deductions, and still allow you to earn income from these assets during your lifetime.

To all my animal loving friends.

Thank you to our friends and patrons who have continued to support the Missaukee Humane Society. Many of you have stepped forward and donated towards the equipment necessary for our surgical suite but, we still are in desperate need of an autoclave. If you can find it in your heart to donate toward its purchase we have an anonymous donor who will match all donations. Being able to sterilize on-site would be so much easier for everyone. We have been holding surgical clinics on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month and have spayed or neutered over 200 community pets. We couldn't have done this without YOU!

We ask LORD to bless all of you.

Ernie LeDoux, Founder & President