



MISSAUKEE HUMANE SOCIETY

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From the Shelter Manager:

March 2015



Kyle

Dear Friends and Supporters,
Well, the groundhog predicted six more weeks of winter. I guess by biting the weatherman's ear, he gave a little insight of how bitter it was going to be! I've been counting the days until spring and summer before the autumn leaves started falling. Hopefully, by the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have a little more warmer weather.

The year 2014 is behind us. We completed many building repairs and improvements. Last May we opened our on-site surgical clinic. For the majority of its operation, we've had to rely on the equipment of the attending veterinarian. Thanks to donations made to the clinic and a grant through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development – we were able to purchase more needed equipment.. We continue raising funds for the autoclave (sterilizer) which was quoted \$20-25,000. We are gaining on our goal of independence.

The on-site surgery clinic has shown its significance many times. Not having to transport all the animals or their tests saves time and transportation costs.

After being asked to intervene in a cat hoarding situation in a trailer, we removed 18 of the 28 cats. All suffered from severe respiratory infections. Sixteen were kittens from 3 days old to 10 weeks old and two mother cats. One mother cat was so malnourished and parasite ridden that she no longer had a supply of milk for her kittens. After a plea for kitten formula on our Facebook page, supporters came through with the supplies we needed. Ultimately, the other mother cat took on all the cats and had no problem either physically or mentally handling the task. What a great momma! We also took in two

young female cats, 7-8 months old. Both were dehydrated and needed sub-q fluids. As you can see, they were unable to walk or barely stand on their own.



It was touch and go with both. We did not expect them to survive. We were determined and they both proved to be very strong and determined to live!

Our cat population was at our maximum average of 60 cats. We could only bring in those cats that were in critical need. We provided the owner with food and supplies to hold them over until we were

able to admit the rest. Fortunately our surgery clinic (held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month) was the following week. We brought all the remaining cats, all adults, in the day before the clinic. All were spayed or neutered and treated for parasite infestations.

As the weeks went by, the two juvenile cats became stronger and stronger. They are now doing very well and will soon be scheduled to be spayed so that they can be put up for adoption.

To date, over 200 community pets have been spayed or neutered through our clinic.

Some 2014 Figures:

- Veterinarian Expenses: (spay/neuter, other surgeries, etc): \$32,292.61
- Pet Feed: \$1,522.30 – thanks to donations we haven't had to purchase feed!
- Office Supplies: \$3,416.15
- Microchips: \$2,450.29
- Medical Supplies (HW tests, etc): \$3,626.55



Thanks to Grant from Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development - we were able to purchase this brand new JorVet Easy Flow Anesthesia Machine and Jorgenson Isoflorane Vaporizer Tech III.

In December 2014, a mobile veterinarian who covered the Grand Traverse area to the Petoskey area retired. Because our services are not limited to Missaukee County residents, we anticipate an increase in demand for our services now that the mobile vet is no longer available. We offer our services to any low-income cat owners! At this time we only spay/neuter dogs belonging to low income citizens of Missaukee County.

LIVE On The Air!

Saturday, February 21st, MHS shelter manager Kyle was live on their air with 98.5 UPS and 92.1 The Twister with DJ Tammy Thompson! They spoke about the shelter, what the shelter currently needs in donations, and how people can sign up to volunteer. Thanks to our sponsors for making this possible: Lake City & Marion Lumber, Lake City Outdoor Power Equipment, Knitters Nest, Patches & Petals Quilt Shop, The Merritt Corner Restaurant, Reliable Solar, L&J Meat Market Missing one?

2nd Spaghetti & No Balls Dinner Great Success!

We held the 2nd dinner on February 28 at the Lake City Eagles and it was a great success. Many thanks to our volunteers: Wendy (event coordinator), Jim, Cylee, Dylan, Sheryl, Shelley and Paul who all helped out tremendously at the event. Staff members who also helped out were Robin, Nellie and her a husband volunteer Alex. Thank you all so much. The event raised \$3,026.27!!

We plan hold another dinner later this year. Stay tuned for announcement.

With Special Thanks To:

A huge thank you to our donors for your continued support. Whether it be money or supplies. Know that you are truly appreciated!

And thanks to all our volunteers for their hard work and dedication to our shelter. Without you, so many things could not be accomplished. You are our warriors!

To the shakers and bakers who provided desserts, they were delicious.

Marilyn Keelean – Words cannot express the gratitude and heartfelt thanks for all you have done for our shelter and staff. You are a real treasure.

In Loving Memory:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of:

Mrs. Shirley Armstead

Mr. Michael Nolan

Mr. Arthur Schneider

Mr & Mrs. Smith on the loss of their beloved dog.

As you know we put your donations to good use. We continue to move forward and provide the best possible care to those at the shelter. Without you, none of this would be possible. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Kyle Musselman

Shelter manager

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*Photos: Top, one of the delicious desserts
Center: the crowd settles in for the auction
Bottom: Our three auction assistants*



Greetings.

I hope everyone had a terrific holiday season & a great start to the new year. Is everyone staying warm with these freezing temps? Let me shed some insight on a few of our dogs here at the shelter that are sure to warm your hearts.

First, we have Mama Cass. She is a black & white pitbull mix. She came to us as a transfer from another shelter due to lack of space. She is 8 years old, but don't let her age fool you.



Mamma Cass

She still loves to run and play with all her canine and human friends. She is very gentle in nature and gets along with everyone. Her only requests is that she gets a blanket on her bed and hugs and kisses. She is housebroken, up to date on shots, spayed, and waiting on her forever home. Mama Cass has a lot of love to give to your family.

Second, we have Beth. Beth is a 4 year old Beagle/ American Foxhound mix. She was an owner surrender due to no fault of her own. Beth gets along great with all of the other dogs currently here, and loves to have the time to go outside and play with them. She is up to date on shots, housebroken, spayed, and a joy to be around. Beth would be a great addition to any family setting, and would love to be an additional family member to yours.

Third, we have Alysha, who is a almost 2 year old Hound

mix. Alysha came to us as a stray that was not claimed by her owner. Alysha also does good with other dogs, and who loves attention and someone to share bonding time with. She has yet to be spayed before she could be adopted. Alysha would work best in a home setting that has a fenced in yard as to the fact sometimes that nose of hers gets



Gizmo



Lexi

her curiosity stirred. Come and visit Alysha today.

Next we have Lexi. She is a 1 1/2 year old brindle Greyhound mix. She came to us as an owner surrender due to no fault of her own. Lexi loves to run and play outside with all the other dogs. She would make a great addition to almost any family. She is house-

broken, up to date on shots, and spayed. She is just waiting to share all her love and devotion with you.

Lastly we have Gizmo. Gizmo is an almost 2 year old Plott Hound mix. Gizmo came to us as a stray who was not claimed by his owner. When he came to us He was skinny, but when he regained his weight, he also gained his love and compassion in us. Gizmo would work best as the only pet in the home, as he craves attention for himself, but has a lot to give. He is already neutered, housebroken, up to date on shots. He is just hoping today is the day he becomes part of your family.

Hopefully, in the next issue, we will have much warmer temperatures. Until next time, stay safe & warm everyone.

Nellie

The crew from Culver's of Cadillac helped out one day at the the shelter.

Thanks guys it was very much appreciated.





Hello Everyone,

Well I'm hoping that spring is right around the corner. That means we should see a jump in the Cat population but we are seeing it now. I have to say people are really using our low cost Spay and Neuter Clinic which is great, but there are so many cats out there that will not be brought in. Which means we will be full of cats and kittens. We have a large number of cats and a few kittens but at least they are not out in the cold. Have to tell you about a mother cat and her babies

we took in. They were about 2 weeks old and very sick with upper respiratory and eyes full of infection. Every day, we took a warm washcloth and wiped their eyes and put medicine in. You should see them now, can't keep them down! They are all over the place which makes us all laugh. You'll look over at their cat "cave" and the look on their mom's face is priceless... like help me, these kittens are crazy! To see these kittens make a complete turn around is great. Soon they will be big enough to be spayed and neutered and ready for their spot out front for all to see, and find their forever homes.

OK lets talk about the cat room, lots of cats – about forty or so to chose from!

Merlin is a black and white cat that will follow you around and get a hold of your hand with his paw and make you pet on him. He is so full of love that he can hardly handle it. He would make a great addition to any ones home.

Big Guy another tuxedo boy were have,. He's great, he'll be walking around and plop, he's down got to rest a while.

I could go on forever each cat in the cat room has their own funny way about them. They just want their forever homes and it may take awhile but the right person will come along and until then we will take care of them. I love each and everyone of them and try to show them that everyday that I am there.

Coming to work everyday at the shelter is the most rewarding and heartwarming feeling in the world. I love them and



Merlin



Big Guy

they love me 10 times more. I thank each and everyone of you for your support, if not for you this would not be.

Thank you!

Robin

To all my animal loving friends.

Once again, thank you to our friends and patrons who have continued to support the Missaukee Humane Society. As we enter 2015 our mission continues as well as our continued financial challenges. In 2014 we made many repairs and improvements to our building, including the addition of new on-site surgery room. Many of you have stepped forward and donated towards the equipment necessary for this room but, we still are in desperate need of an autoclave if you can find it in your heart to donate toward its purchase. Right now the visiting veterinarians are bringing their own sterilized instruments and 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



Mamma Cat with Kittens



Paula's Pets

As spring approaches I'm sure we will be taking in many cats, kittens, and puppies. Any and all donations of kitten milk formula and kitten chow would be extremely appreciated. I'm glad we are able to help these wonderful creatures. Each one that we encounter has a story of some sort, yet each being totally unique.

We currently have a cat at the Humane Society. "Spot" that has been with us for some time now. Spot has been here since she was very small and has grown into a loving and beautiful cat. Spot has irritable bowel disease. She's been on several different medications, in hopes of finding the right treatment. All the antibiotics have been very hard on her system, but is currently on a treatment that appears to be helping maintain her health. If she sees you approaching her with the medicine, she tries to hide in the corner of her kennel. It's no easy task getting her to take it, but despite everything she's undergone she still remains a very happy and playful cat.

We never know what each day has in store for us here at the Humane Society, but we are ready able to handle whatever and whomever comes to us in need.

- Paula

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www.kuranda.com/donate/1897

A round of thanks also goes to the Career Technical Center Agri-Science students for re-painting our cat room. Many of the murals were hand-painted!

We have had so many compliments on our "famous" cat room.



CAUTION

ADOPTABLE PETS-TOO CUTE TO RESIST!



Bambi



Blue



Britt



Chewy



Cora



Duke



Gizmo



Haley



Hazel



Moe



Mamma Cass



Princess



Red



Willow



Duke

Every Dollar Donated Helps To Save Their Lives & Give Them A Second Chance

ATTENTION!

The Michigan Humane Society, Humane Society of the United States, and the ASPCA, are not umbrella organizations. If you give to them, your donations are not distributed to Missaukee Humane Society. We urge you to donate directly to Missaukee Humane Society.

Know where your donations go.

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The daily breakfast buffet at the shelter





Rachel's Pet Corner

Hi, friends! This is Rachel Van Dyke, with the latest news about the kitties! They are still enjoying the story "Nightmare Academy" by Frank Peretti. We are at the part where Elijah Springfield is being tortured in the "mind maze," and the adults at the Knight-Moore Academy are about to explode the entire campus and kill all the students.

Just at the right time, Nate and Sarah Springfield (Elijah and Elisha's parents) find the academy and rescue all the young people, creating a happy ending. After this story I plan to read "The Chosen" by Chaim Potok to the cats. I highly recommend this book for those who appreciate Judaism. More specifically, "The Chosen" is about the struggles the Jews had in America during and after World War II. It is a wonderful story about perseverance and friendship.

Speaking of friendship, we have a very friendly cat in office named Hopper. She is an adult white and gray cat. She always greets people who come into the shelter, and loves attention. The sad part of her life is she had to have one leg removed. However, she gets around well and is very loving. Hopper is so adorable!

Margo is another greeter at our shelter. He is a beautiful black and white cat. Margo is in the cat room where he can roam freely and receive a lot of attention. He relaxes to music and enjoys being petted. He will make one owner or family very happy.

Tic is another black and white cat in the cat room. Usually he is quiet and relaxed, but he has been playful lately. He loves to chase laser beams around the cat room, and it is fun to watch. He gets his exercise that way. He is definitely a cat worth getting to know.

Phoebe is another friendly cat we have here at the Missaukee Humane Society. She loves people and is looking forward to a loving home. However, she gets nervous around little children. Perhaps she just needs to gradually warm up to them. She is quite special and will make a home more cheery. She is a very nice cat.

Please stop by and visit us any time we are open. Our animals love visitors, and we all appreciate your support. With your help, we can ensure that these animals get loving and forever homes.

Rachel

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appointment.
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Tic



Margo



Phoebe

Some

HAPPY TAILS

Returned to owner!



Taz, adopted by Yorch family 10 years ago

Mickey, adopted by Dinkel family



Jane



Baby, adopted by Swist family

Adam



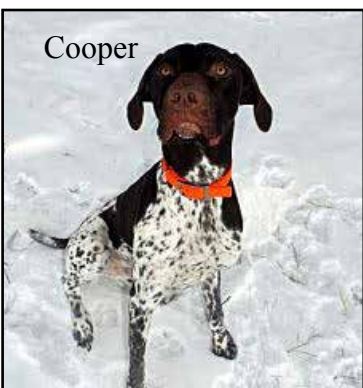
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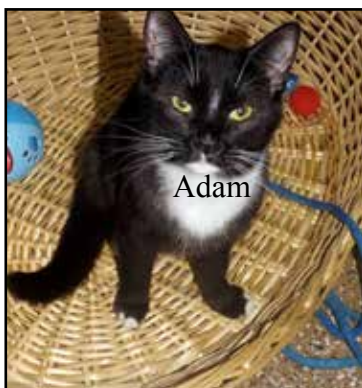
Lucy



Coffee



Cooper



Adam



Brother & Sister, adopted by Nair family