



# Missaukee

## HUMANE SOCIETY

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### Dear Friends,

Another year is coming closer to an end. What a good year it has been for our organization and for the animals we save. All because of YOU! Your continued support means so much to our mission of saving animals. We have some exciting news and updates in this edition.

Dependably, exploding kitten season arrived with the spring and summer. We receive kittens in all shapes, sizes, and condi-

tions. Sadly, some kittens are left at our doorstep or someone else's. While we are thankful they bring them to us, we would hope they could bring them during business hours. Regardless, the animals we receive are given needed medical attention and showered with love from staff and volunteers as long as they are here.

More often than not the kittens MHS takes in are battling some form of upper respiratory infection. These three babies were left at the MHS front door – taped in a Pampers diaper box. Their eyes completely closed and full of infection.

Our staff cleaned the babies and they can finally see! They are being medicated and monitored by our wonderful staff and volunteers. Soon they will go to a foster home until old enough to be spayed or neutered and put up for adoption.



In June someone brought a stray dog with a broken leg to us. We immediately posted the dog to social media hoping to locate the owner. Thankfully, laws governing animal shelters allow the shelter and its veterinarians to make health-based decisions for an animal in distress. No owner came forward to claim him.

The Vet did Blood-work, x-rays, and put a cast on the dog. We called him "Sammy." Sadly the leg did not heal and was amputated. His veterinary care cost \$1300. We cannot thank those who have donated towards his care enough. You all are the reason these animals receive the care they need.

**Happy Tails Update:** While visiting his mother, Michael, who lives in San Diego, California came to the shelter with his mom and met Sammy, who was waiting to find the perfect home. Michael and "Sammy" now known as "Tripp" like to frequent the beach as often as possible! He is living the life in southern California!



**Another Happy Tail Update:** Remember "Kane" the beautiful Shepherd mix with the severe skin allergies/conditions? Well, he was finally cleared for adoption by veterinary staff and found his forever home! What a great match it is!





Adoption Process

We get asked about our adoption process. I thought it would be a good time explain it. We have an online adoption application that asks about the prospective adopter's home environment, whether they have a fenced yard or not, if they own or rent. If renting, we require landlord's permission in writing. We ask about the last several pets the applicant owned. We require a vet reference. MHS employees call the listed veterinary clinic to verify the reference. Prior to adoption all our animals are spayed or neutered, micro-chipped, vaccinated (rabies if old enough), heart-worm tested or FIV/Feline leukemia tested, fecal checks for intestinal parasites, and flea preventative started.

As exciting as it is for the new pet parent, it is scary for the new pet who doesn't understand what is happening. We want to make sure that the animal gets the best fit possible for its new "forever" home.



Upcoming Event:

We have a date change for the Annual Spaghetti & No Balls event. See enclosed flyer with this newsletter for more information and how to get tickets. **Credit Cards Now Accepted!!**



This beautiful stray cat was found with his head caught in a empty can. Once vetted, he will soon be up for adoption if not claimed by an owner.

What is happening at the Shelter:

Through generous grants from the Noble Family Foundation and another foundation that wishes to remain anonymous, we were able to enlarge our clinic and its services! This means we can increase services to those who cannot afford regular veterinary care for their animals.

Because of our low cost spay/neuter clinic, the problem of stray animals in Missaukee County has virtually disappeared. Our services are not limited to Missaukee County residents. Anyone can make an appointment. This benefits other areas that are struggling to curtail their stray animal populations and improves the health of animals brought to us for care.



Early next year, you will receive a completely new style of newsletter from MHS. We have found a cost saving way to keep you informed with even more news from Missaukee Humane Society. We try to squeeze everything we can out of the monies we receive. After all, the more we can save on expenses, the more we can devote to helping all the animals who cannot help themselves. I want to personally thank Loraine Zielinski for all she and Jackpine Business Center has done on the MHS newsletters in the past. I have worked with Loraine on the newsletters for the past 15+ years. Thank you again Loraine for all you have done!

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