



HOPEFUL TIMES

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF EYES OF HOPE SHELTER

WINTER 2012

WINTER WONDERLAND

Our Wisconsin winter has been exceptionally mild. Did you miss the snow?! I know most children and winter sports fans did, but it has been nice not to shovel! The dogs are happy no matter what the weather, but did enjoy getting outside a little more when it was balmy. Of course, they love playing in the snow, also! Please pay our shelter a visit and we will show you what we do, what our volunteers do, how to become a volunteer and how to adopt if that is what you are planning. Believe me, our dogs will make you feel welcome!

There were 35 adoptions during the fall quarter October 1 through December 31. That's impressive! In the year 2011, 105 unique animals left their temporary home. This is quite an accomplishment for Eyes of Hope Shelter and especially wonderful for all the special animals who found a forever home with their new families.

FEATURED PET



Lincoln was surrendered due to family allergies. He is so happy and bouncy. He does the cutest dance when it's time to eat. He trots in place. Adorable. Lincoln gets along with dogs and all people he's met. He has a very sweet lovable temperament. It is the previous owner's vet's opinion that his misshapen eye is due to an early injury from his mother. It makes him distinctively different and even more lovable. We all love Lincoln here at the shelter, but wish him a chance at true happiness in a forever home. He has seen many of his roommates come and then go home with new families. He is patiently waiting for his turn. Lincoln has been neutered, is up-to-date with his routine shots and has been house trained. He is brown or chocolate Labrador retriever.

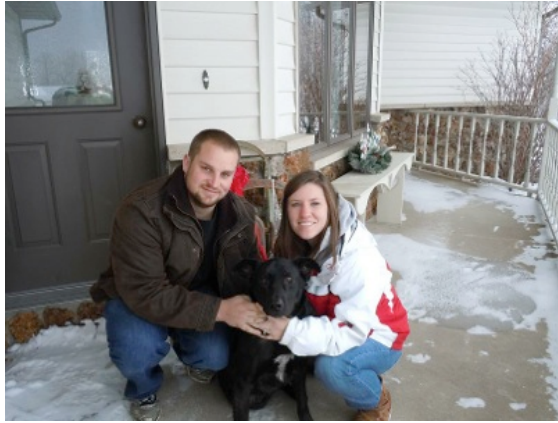
LINCOLN

CAN'T ADOPT? BE A SPONSOR

For \$25 you can sponsor a dog for its entire stay. This means you will be registered as the sponsor on the web site, on Petfinder and on its kennel door. The fee will help provide for care and medical needs.

SUCCESS STORIES

BROWNIE



MEGAN, CORY & BROWNIE

Just wanted to give you an update on Brownie:) He is doing wonderful! You were right, he learns very quickly! He was house-trained after the first night, without a crate! We didn't even really have to "teach" him; he just caught on! He knows to bark now if he has to go out. We always have family time before we go to bed and he never passes up a good belly rub! On the warm days, he loves to sit at the top of the hill that our house sits on and watch the traffic. He's still not so sure what to think about the Amish buggies that pass. Yesterday he fell asleep next to me on the front porch sprawled out in the warm sun! He is so thankful to whoever taught him to fetch at the shelter. We play at least twice a day. He loves to follow Cory out to the shop and watch him work on the equipment. He's not so sure about other male humans; at first he get's a little skittish, but he warms up quickly...especially if they have treats:) He knew his boundaries at the house after the first couple days and never wanders out of eye sight...even when his nose may want to lead him elsewhere. On walks he is always right by our side, eager to please. He had a blast surfing through the big snow drifts of this last snow! When Cory goes plowing in the morning, Brownie always wants to go with. He sits in the seat watching the snow fly with what looks to be a big smile on his face! We cannot thank you and everyone at the shelter enough for saving Brownie. Please tell everyone there he says, "Hi". We could not have asked for a more perfect companion! Megan, Cory & Brownie

HATTER

Hatter has spent a few hours at the "spa" today and is making himself at home here. He is fitting in very well, very comfortable here with us and Charlie. He is a charmer. He feels so much better with his new hair cut and his self-esteem is 100% better. His appetite was not affected by the move to our house; he is a chow hound! He likes rawhide chew sticks...after his spa treatment we were wandering around Petco and that is what he picked out. He shows no interest in toys, but he liked his chew stick. Thank you so much again; we are blessed to have him join our family! Have a wonderful 2012 and we'll keep you posted on the two Eyes of Hope boys!! Liz, John, Charlie & Hatter

HATTER, FORMERLY SANTA

UPDATE: (Hatter) continues to amaze and amuse us and is such a cuddler! Can I ask that you mention that older dogs are a joy to adopt? We had our Jude for two years before he passed....he was nine when we adopted him they were two wonderful years. Liz and John

OUR REPLY: We love seniors, too! There is usually at least one at the shelter. They are generally well trained and much more mellow than a young dog which can make the transition to their new home so much smoother. And, look at what they teach us! They enjoy every single day, love and trust unconditionally, and show us how to age and die with dignity. Please refer to Kris's article in the Autumn Newsletter titled "Old or Gold?"

NEWSFLASH! ADAMS COUNTY AND EYES OF HOPE

By Kris Steffens, President

Eyes of Hope entered into an agreement with Adams County for 2012 to handle their stray dogs and puppies. This is an incredible opportunity for us and we are very excited and honored to be chosen for this relationship.

The first dog who came to stay with us arrived on December 24, 2011. Wendy is a senior English Springer Spaniel who has been treated for lyme disease and is now waiting for her very own home. Her adoption fee is \$50.

When strays come in from Adams, we treat them with bordetella vaccine (to prevent kennel cough) and flea/tick preventative and care for them while they wait for their family to come and take them home. If a stray stays with us at Eyes of Hope for more than 7 days, we spay/neuter, vaccinate, microchip, test for heartworm and lyme disease, give them heartworm preventative, and provide them with any additional medical care they may need. Then they are put up for adoption so that they get a second chance at a perfect loving home. So far we have taken in fifteen strays and one surrender. None were adopted in January, but we are hopeful.

In February Chumley came to us. A concerned citizen found him standing in the road, and he took Chumley to the vet where we picked him up. He is a basset/bullmastiff mix and one of the most unusual-looking dogs we've had the opportunity to care for. Chumley has passed his stray hold period and now he is part of the Eyes of Hope family and adoptable. Chumley has a tumor on his eyelid that should have been treated long ago, and we are very happy Chumley found his way to us so that we can give him the help he needs. If you would like to contribute to Chumley's medical care, please consider donating to our Cranberry Care Fund through our website. Watch for our next newsletter for pictures of our big walrus-looking sweetie.

VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER - Howard Bloyer

HOWARD



MATT BEFORE GROOMING



MATT AFTER GROOMING



KRIS SAYS:

The Bloyer family has been volunteering with Eyes of Hope for several years. They attend our pet expos with us and also are wonderful foster parents. Howard is so quick to pick up his clippers for us when we have dogs that come in with horrible coats filled with mats and some things we don't want to know what they are. There are many dogs whose aid Howard has come to. He has so much kind patience with his little charges. Some of them take HOURS to groom. Howard has to use scissors, shears, and a TON of patience to find the dogs within the messes. One of our little dogs, Matt, was so badly matted they were attached to his skin. Howard took that little guy home with him so that he could work on him in shifts. Matt was a good little guy. So good in fact, that he stayed with Barb and Howard as a

foster boy until he was soon adopted. We are so thankful for Barb and Howard and all of our volunteers and foster families.

HOWARD SAYS:

Volunteering at EOH means I have a chance to give a little back to all of the wonderful, loving companions I have had the pleasure of sharing my life with. While most of them are no longer with us I feel I am in some way repaying them for what they gave me. They affected me so much that since I can't do anything for them I choose to do a little for their fellow dogs who deserve better than they have received so far in their lives

DOGTOBERFEST 2011 PHOTOS



This is such a fun event for the whole family including your dog! Please join us for Dogtoberfest 2012 on October 20.

HANDS FOR HOPE

The purpose of Hands for Hope is to help support, promote and raise funds for our dogs and the shelter, provide education regarding them and current accepted care practices, as well as to have a positive impact on and relationship with our community. This group is for those who cannot volunteer on a weekly or permanent basis, but can help by providing their expertise or assistance occasionally or by helping with financial support. There are adult and junior divisions. Think of all those hidden talents you have and how they could help the animals. Membership is \$10 per year for an individual or \$20 a year for a family with a Hands for Hope window cling as a thank-you gift. Please consider joining and lending us a helping hand in some capacity. The application is on the Eyes of Hope website: click on Hands for Hope, then Hands for Hope application if you would like to join or need to renew your previous one. We look forward to spring when we will start to work on the dog park beginning with the planting of trees. If you would

like to plant a tree in honor or memory of a special pet, please let us know in early spring. We will post the cost at that time if you wish us to purchase it. You may bring your own special marker, or we will provide a small one for you. The recommended trees per a local greenhouse are autumn blaze maples, silver maples, sugar maples and Norway maples. We need lots of help with fund-raising, planning, implementation, procurement of materials (we still need posts for the fencing) and construction. Can you assist us in any way?

HANDS FOR HOPE JUNIOR GROUP SECTION

The first full week in December 2011 the Juniors held a Hands for Hope Drive at Westfield High School. They set up a table and easel every day with information about Eyes of Hope and Hands for Hope. We want to thank them for all their hard work. Though there wasn't a large response, they certainly elevated the awareness level of what the shelter does. I'm sure some of the teens will think of us at the time they want a new dog or wish to volunteer for a worthwhile cause.

FUR YOUR INFORMATION

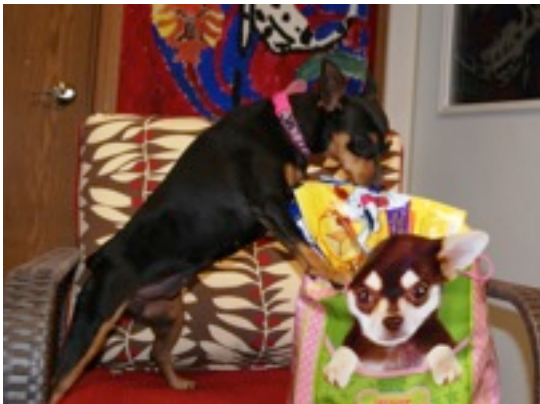
Warm weather is just around the corner. Now is a great time to get your pets checked over and have their vaccinations updated for the new year. Spring is the time we recommend having the 4DX test which will test for Heartworm, Lyme, Anaplasmosis, & Ehrlichiosis. These are four diseases that are important to test for yearly. They can affect your animal with symptoms such as fatigue, weight loss, and chronic cough and if left untreated severe cases can result in death. Also by having this test done yearly you can purchase your heartguard so you can prevent heartworm. We recommend that you start your pets on heartguard and flea/tick control products in March through November. A few more critical vaccines that you should have updated once a year for your dog is DHLPP (Distemper). This can be first given to puppies at 12 weeks of age; adult dogs should have it administered yearly. Our distemper vaccine is a combination vaccine including (Distemper, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Corona virus, Parvovirus, & Parainfluenza). Distemper affects the respiratory and nervous system causing fever, lethargy, coughing, vomiting, diarrhea, seizures, and eventually death. This is highly contagious to other dogs. Hepatitis affects the liver with symptoms of fever, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain which can lead to severe kidney damage. Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that is carried by many wild animals, which can affect dogs of all ages but is most severe in puppies and is also highly contagious. Parvovirus is most common in puppies however dogs of any age are susceptible to it. Contaminated feces are the most common form of transmittal from one dog to another. This virus can be carried on their hair and feet of dogs as well as on contaminated cages, shoes and other objects. Parainfluenza is a virus that causes chronic respiratory disease. This is highly contagious and more severe when combined with other infections. These entire viruses are very costly when having to treat and may not be treatable depending on how severe the virus is. Rabies vaccine is another vaccine that should be kept up to date on both cats and dogs. This is a fatal viral disease that can affect all warm-blooded animals which attacks the brain. Dogs and cats are exposed to rabies by bites from wild animals, particularly skunks, raccoons, bats and foxes. If a dog or cat bites a human and they are not up to date on their rabies vaccine then they will have to be quarantine for 10 days at a facility under supervision. Dogs and cats that are up to date on their vaccines have to have three visits to their veterinarian for bite checks with the first one being the day of or after the bite, second visit somewhere in between the ten days and then the third and final check being done on the tenth day. Bordetella vaccine is most commonly known as kennel cough. This is highly contagious with severe coughing spells sometimes followed by vomiting and gagging. This vaccine is recommended for dogs being boarded, attending training classes and visits to pet parks. If this vaccine has never been given before it needs to be boosted in 3-4 weeks after the initial vaccine. For both dogs and cats it is recommended to have a stool sample checked once a year to protect both you and your pet. Sometimes parasites can be seen and diagnosis by the naked eye, but most of the time needs to be diagnosed with the use of a microscopic exam. Proper sanitation can minimize the spread of parasites. As for cats two critical vaccines that they should have yearly is FVRCP (distemper). Feline distemper vaccine is also a combination vaccine including

Rhinotracheitis, Calici virus, Panleukopenia, & Chlamydia. Panleukopenia also known as feline distemper occurs most often in kittens under six months of age. The death rate is highest in young kittens and old cats. Severe diarrhea is the most common symptom. Rhinotracheitis is caused by a herpes virus that attacks eyes, nasal passage, and trachea of cats. Once infected a cat shows respiratory signs such as sneezing, coughing, and runny eyes and nose. Infection is spread by contact with discharges. Calci virus causes mild to severe respiratory illness. Early signs included runny eyes and nose, sneezing, depression and poor appetite. Ulcers may develop on the tongue and hard palate, and most infected cats drool heavily. Chlamydia is a microscopic organism affecting the eyes. Small blisters develop usually first in the one eye and then the other. People can be affected by this, thus always wash your hands after handling and treating infected cats. The other critical vaccine that a cat should have yearly is feline Leukemia. It is necessary vaccination if your cat is outdoors or comes in contact with other cats of unknown vaccination history. This is highly contagious and spread primarily by saliva during cat fights, mating, or sneezing. There is no single group of signs or characteristic of infection for this virus. The virus tends to damage the body in one of three ways; an uncontrolled increase in bone marrow cells; destruction of blood cells; and dysfunction of the immune system resulting in life-threatening infections. If you have any other questions about vaccines or other health issues your pet may be experiencing. Please give us a call and our doctors would be glad to see you and examine your pets. Enjoy the spring and nice weather to come.

Submitted by Adams-Marquette Veterinary Service, Oxford, WI 53952, 608-586-5768

THANK YOU TO:

* Kathleen McGwin from Marquette County Tribune for attending Dogtoberfest 2011 and featuring us in the 10/27/11 issue with captioned photos of EOH alumni and their owners Buddy with George Raymond and Whisper with Brilyn Junk, Oxford Firefighters with Lulu, and our volunteers Marcela and Angie Reuter with Foxy and Emma Nem.



All of you who chose an adoptable dog picture ornament on the Shelter Wishing Tree during the Christmas season and brought gifts for that particular dog. You are special; and you made your chosen dog feel special. We are overwhelmed by your generosity.

BAM BAM CHECKING OUT HIS GIFTS

*Megan Platz who for her birthday party requested that her friends bring donations for the shelter in lieu of gifts. She and her family delivered a trunk full of food, toys, treats, etc. What a wonderful idea.

TWO PAWS UP

Recommended Reading: A DOG'S PURPOSE by W. Bruce Cameron

If anyone has a book about dogs they would like to recommend we would be happy to include it this section in the future. Reviews and/or a brief synopsis would be welcome, too!

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Shelter maintenance person to help with minor repairs and chores

Dog walkers and runners

Dog bathers and/or groomers

WISH LIST

Eyes of Hope accepts all donations and is in particular need of blankets, food (we only need canned for adult or puppies at this time), Vitamin C 250 or 500 mg, rugged and durable toys, bleach, laundry detergent, antibacterial dish soap, paper towels, copy paper and 13 gallon garbage bags. All monetary donations are tax deductible.

THE SHELTER SHOP

Eyes of Hope T-shirts	Sizes: Child S-M-L	Pink or Light Blue	\$15.00
	Adult S-XXL	Pink or Light Blue	\$15.00
Eyes of Hope Sweatshirts	Sizes: Child S-M-L	Pink or Light Blue	\$25.00
	Adult S-XXL		
Hands for Hope T-shirts	Sizes: Youth S-M-L	2 Designs/Colors	\$15.00
	Adult S-XL	3 Designs/Colors	\$15.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Eyes of Hope Shelter is collaborating with the Marquette County Ice Age Trail to hold a "Hike with your Dog" fundraiser from Underhill Cemetery to Packwaukee Park this summer. Watch for more information on this event. Is there anyone that would be able to help with it's coordination or volunteer to walk a dog? Let me know at ejg@maqs.net. June 2, 2012

Mounds Dog Fest at Angell Park in Sun Prairie June 10, 2012

Dogtoberfest 2012 October 20, 2012

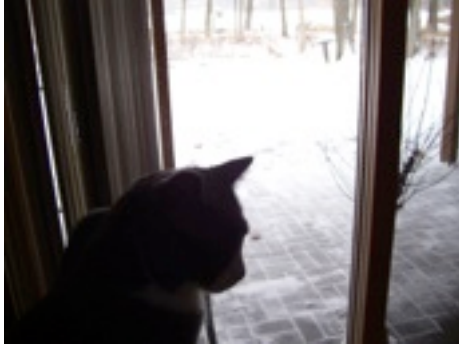
KINDNESS AND COMPASSION ONE ANIMAL AT A TIME

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James, roving reporter, takes a much needed break from his duties, while Oscar, editor-in-chief, watches for a breaking story. They can't decide who has the better "nose" for news.