



HOPEFUL TIMES

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF EYES OF HOPE SHELTER

SPRING 2013

FINALLY, SPRING!!

Wow, it was a long time coming! I think we all appreciate it more, including the dogs, since it took so long to get here. Everything looks so lush now with green trees and all the spring blooms. The dogs have lots of energy saved up and “spring” in their steps and love their walks with the volunteers. By the way, we can always use some more helpers; you will get instant gratification for helping us as the pups will personally thank you with enthusiasm.

Winter adoptions from January 1st through March 31st numbered 21: from inception through December 31 they numbered 477. Will we hit 500 soon? Congratulations to all the adoptees and their new families. What a wonderful way to start the new year!

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BREAKING NEWS

We have a new Facebook page! The first name is “Eyes”; last name is “OfHope”. Please join us. We try to post daily.

“In the PupLight” replaces “Volunteer of the Quarter” so we may highlight additional members of the Eyes of Hope family. We hope you enjoy it

FEATURED PET

Captain is our big cuddly teddy bear. He's a big happy boy and loves everyone he meets. His tail never stops wagging. Captain is 9 years old and house trained. He is a mixed-breed Rottweiler, black and orange and as you can see very charismatic! His vaccinations and heartworm pills are all up to date. Wouldn't you like a date with him?



SUCCESS STORY Miranda

Hi, My name is Miranda . I was adopted June 2009, to Ron & Penny.
Just wanted to say "Hi", and Thank you again. I am a very happy little girl.

She is doing great, has a mini Rat terrier next door called Lucy that she gets to play with.

Just wanted to let you know..

Thanks for the chance to give her a home.

Penny

How wonderful to get an update four years after an adoption! Thank you, Penny.



SENIOR PET UPDATE With an article by Kris Steffens, President

Now that Grampa Otis has been with us for a few months, I wanted to send you another update!



Otis is such an incredible dog and I find it so hard to believe that he was ever a stray, or that he ever went a day lost and unloved. He's so loving and sweet and it almost feels like he's just been here with us forever. He's bonded with everyone in our family and the kids always say that they can't imagine a day when he wasn't a part of our family. He sleeps with one of our older kids every single night, and they sometimes argue over who will get to sleep with him - even though he's a huge bed hog. :) During the day he follows me around the house, laying down next to me whenever I sit down, or resting his head in my lap waiting to be petted. He lets our youngest, Allison, feed him every day and we've even taught him to take treats gently - so no more alligator snapping! He seems especially taken with Mike, my husband, and greets him at the door

when he comes home from work. He even climbs up in the recliner with him, like he thinks he's a small puppy! He just loves to be around people. When we play board games at the table, we bring his bed into the dining room so that he can be with us. Now that the
is warming up, we've started taking him for more walks, and even though he can't go too far before tuckering out, he seems to enjoy them. When the kids are outside playing or we're grilling out, he likes to just lay in the grass next to us, watching and smelling the air.

I do worry about him sometimes, but just knowing that he's happy here with us and that we'll be able to give him some dignity in his last years soothes my heart. He is such a wonderful, wonderful dog and it seems like we were all just waiting to find each other. He is so loved and we thank you for helping us bring him home. When I saw his picture on your website, he melted my heart, and he still does. He's such a good sweet boy and we're so glad he's part of our family.

Ashley & Family

Magic or Miracle

There are so many things that have happened here at Eyes of Hope that don't seem to have explanation.

It all started with the long journey and tears shed that led us to this site in Oxford. The months of trials and tribulations at our previous property ended with us relocating to a place where all of the chips just seemed to fall into place. Magic or miracle?

There was the Friday the 13th that started with a tragedy and the loss of life of one of our dogs and so much pain and sorrow that I decided to lock the doors of Eyes of Hope and walk away from rescue. 2 minutes after I made that decision, on a day when we were closed and I was leaving, a van full of children was waiting outside. They had handmade toys and treats and they had all the innocence children carry, and we spent the afternoon playing with puppies and talking about the shelter and rescue. I decided maybe I could do this one more day.... Magic or miracle?

There was our wonderful old, old dog, Sammi, who had been saved by a special lady and brought to us. We loved her and cared for her, but she was so old and was becoming so frail. We had finally decided to let Sammi move on so she wouldn't waste away in a kennel. She was saved by a phone call from a very special couple literally minutes before her appointment. They came from hours away just to make Sammi a part of their family. You have met Sammi in previous newsletters and now she has such a special, perfect life. Magic or miracle?

There are so many more things that have happened here that amaze me, but it would take so long to tell them all.

March brought the latest story. We took in a very old boxer/pittie mix as a stray in October 2012. He had to be 10 or more years old. He could barely hear and he seemed so sad. We had to name him Grampa. Grampa stayed in his kennel and spent most of his time sleeping on his blanket in the sun and continuing to look so sad. Staff and volunteers would often sit with him. He is such a gentle soul. Finally we moved Grampa out into the lobby to be with us full time. Grampa never needed a kennel after that and was our official "Walmart greeter" (and treat eater). Of course we knew that Grampa would never find a home at his age but we loved him enough right here. One day we received an email inquiring about Grampa. We corresponded back and forth, and on a Saturday in March, a family walked in. I found myself in the presence of a calm love that I know I will never feel again. It felt as though I could almost touch it. Grampa's new family walked in and sat on the floor with him and spent so much time sharing their love and just sitting with him, and petting him and telling him what a wonderful boy he is. Words cannot express what our kennel felt like on that Saturday afternoon. Grampa's angels came to take him home, based only on a picture, from 2 hours away. We received this update on Grampa this week, which I have asked to share, and I can only say the feeling I had on that Saturday afternoon flooded back in and brought me to tears in its strength. Our Grampa - From old and forgotten to an incredibly loving home.....magic or miracle?

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 website, on Petfinder and on its kennel door. The fee will help provide for care and medical needs for a deserving dog till he goes to his forever home.

IN THE PUPLIGHT

We thought it would be a great idea to have the PupLight on Dale this newsletter. Dale has been a part of our family since the beginning of 2012, when Eyes of Hope began working with Adams County.

It's a great idea to feature Dale, but it's much harder when we try to put into words what Dale means to us here. Dale is the Adams County Animal Control Officer. This translates to "dogcatcher" (dogs for us, but all domestic animals really), caretaker, animal advocate, counselor, administrator, negotiator.... Dale does so much and it seems he does it 24/7. The care that he has for the animals is without equal.

Here at Eyes of Hope, Dale means all the above, with the addition of coach, mentor, foster dad, dog buddy, adopter, and most importantly, friend. Dale made the transition of the stray facility so much easier than we ever would have thought and there is just no way that we could have handled the change without him. He also brings the manager stray puppies when she's in need of puppy therapy, always just in time, like magic.

Again – there aren't words and we just hope that Dale knows what he means to us here. In May Dale became Foster Dad to Georgia, our Shih Tzu/Lhasa, and her newborn pups. We couldn't have asked for a better place for "the chunky ones" to be. Here he is, the proud Grandpa, bringing in his charges for a visit. KS



GREAT LAKES PET EXPO - February 2, 2013

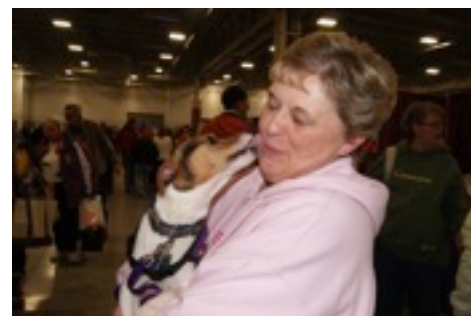
The main purpose of this venue is to raise funds for local animal rescue organizations, but includes many vendors, doggy speed-dating, demonstrations including agility, dog free-style dancing and so much more. It is a wonderful family event. This year Chris, Gwen, Nicholas, Noah, Samuel, Karol, Barb, Howard, Vickie, Rachel and Corey all joined Kris and Dan to show our available dogs. Eyes of Hope had a high-traffic corner booth this year and did great. Karol was in charge of "Pick an Egg"; the prizes were baskets she had made. Chris was in charge of "Pick a Cup" for various prizes. These two games raised more funds than ever before at this venue. There were five adoptions as a result of this event - Leona, Steele, Blondie, Cleo and Scooter! JG



Nicolas with Leona & Cleo



Chris & the "Pick a Cup" Game



Barb & Scooter



Karol & Tequila



Bob and Steele



Vickie and Tequila

TAIL WAGGIN' TRAIL TRAMP

An Upcoming Event for you and your dog!

This fun fundraiser will be held on June 15 for the second year to benefit Eyes of Hope Shelter, Marquette County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail and the Packwaukee Historical Society. It begins at the Underhill Cemetery At the intersection of County Roads K and D east of Packwaukee with registration between 9 & 10 AM and ends at Washington Park in Packwaukee between 10 AM and 12:30 PM. Or, just join us at the park where there will be food and fun available. All dogs receive a colorful bandana. For additional information please see our website. Don't let your dog miss out on this party!

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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. For example, we always need help with events and fundraisers. 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 under Events if you would like to join or need to renew your membership. Please renew now; we need you!

IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Would you like to honor a loved one with one of our trees or pick out your own for planting? We have 5 silver maples available at \$14.40 each and 2 autumn blaze maples at \$36.90. This was our cost. The sugar maples are spoken for. You may bring your own special marker or we will provide a simple one. Two ideas we had was to paint the desired words on a rock, seal it and place it at the base of the tree or hang a personalized wind chime in it. Here a two websites that provide markers: Exterior-Accents.com & afamilytree.com.

THE FUTURE EYES OF HOPE SHELTER DOG PARK - WE HAVE NEWS!

Kris and Dan no longer have any horses and they have decided to use the horse pasture for the dog park. It is about 2 acres, the fence posts are in, the barn will be available for shade and posting of information and there is water. What more do we need?! Well, we need help with fund-raising, planning, implementation, procurement of materials and construction. The area currently allocated for the dog park with the trees we planted last year will become the Small Dog Park. Can you assist us in any way or do you know of someone who can? Our

current and future needs include: posts for the present fencing we have for the small park as well more fencing and materials for a shade shelter and fencing for the small park. Let me know if you can help establish this wonderful addition to our community.

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HANDS FOR HOPE JUNIOR GROUP SECTION

The teens are busy every Thursday night at the shelter walking dogs, cleaning, preparing food, grooming and shampooing and other projects as needed. Their help and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated. They are planning their Third Annual Dogwash for Saturday, August 3, 2013. So bring your furry friend in for a makeover! All proceeds go to the shelter for the care and feeding of our dogs.

FUR YOUR INFORMATION

Now that warm weather is just around the corner don't forget it is a great time to get outside and enjoy the weather with your pets. On the same note please keep in mind the dangers of overheated pets. It is always good to get them their exercise and ours but dogs and cats cool themselves down different then yourself. Dogs and cats do not sweat; they excrete heat to cool their bodies through the pads of their feet and by panting. It is very unusual to see a cat pant—a veterinarian should be notified. Dogs on the other hand should have plenty of water offered to them and cool shaded place to lie. There are also other things you can do for outside pets like soak a rope toy with water and then freeze it in the freezer. Also placing peanut butter in a Kong and freezing that. Another thing we would suggest is freezing a pail of water with toys in it and possibly some flavoring (beef/ chicken). After frozen solid loosing from pail and let sit out for the dog(s) to lick and chew on. This will give them water consumption and will entertain them for multiple hours. On very hot days if your dog(s) like the water there are also lots of other ideas. Spray them down with the hose so that they can cool down. Take them to a lake to go swimming. {Be careful on swimming dogs on hot days even though they are in cool water they can still over exert themselves and get heat stroke} Also buying a kiddy pool and filling with a few inches of cool water for them to play in is a great idea.



As for taking dogs for car rides on hot days they're risks. You may not think it is that hot out and that if you crack the window or leave it down a few inches they will be ok. But remember dogs excrete heat through the pads of their feet and panting. If they pant so much that they have no more moisture to excrete they start becoming dehydrated very fast. They can raise their temperature to 107.0 within minutes.



Some people let their dogs ride in the back of their trucks beds and that is your choice but things to think about are as follow; the dog jumping out of the bed of the truck if it gets a scent of something to chance/wants. Or another car driving pass and throws a rock up from the road and hits them in the eye. There are lots of things that can go wrong just like in any situation those are a few things we have seen at the Adams Marquette Veterinary service over the years.

Also it is the time of year we recommend you having your dog on heartworm preventative and a flea and tick preventive products. We have several different products for flea and tick preventative at the clinic, call and we can get you a product that best suits your needs. Also we do require a Heartworm test prior to selling a heartworm preventative so make sure your dog is up to date so they can start today if you have not already. It is crucial that you treat with both preventatives the months April through November but you can treat year round. There are benefits to treating year round with both products. There are special deals on these products so please call or stop in and we can get you the best cost, even better than 1-800 pet meds.

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

THANK YOU TO:

Jessica from Adams Marquette Veterinary Service for her latest article.

All the Great Lakes Expo volunteers. You are the best!

TWO PAWS UP - recommended reading

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!

A DOG'S JOURNEY

By W. Bruce Cameron

Given two thumbs up by Kris and Donna

A moving story of unwavering loyalty and a love that crosses all barriers.

MERLE'S DOOR

By Ted Kerasote

Given two thumbs up by Ed

This book explores the issues that all animals and their human companions face as their lives intertwine.

THE SHELTER SHOP

ALL profits go directly to the shelter. Please help our deserving animals and get something for yourself or others, too.

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

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Shelter maintenance person to help with minor repairs and chores

Dog walkers and runners

Dog bathers and/or groomers

Eyes of Hope Shelter Dog Park helpers.

WISH LIST

Eyes of Hope accepts all donations and is in particular need of blankets, dry and canned food (we currently are using almost 50# of dry food daily), peanut butter, Vitamin C 250 or 500mg, Fish Oil 1000mg, rugged and durable toys. bleach, antibacterial dish soap, paper towels, copy paper and 13 gallon garbage bags. All monetary donations are tax deductible.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MOUNDS DOG FEST Angell Park, Sun Prairie		Sunday, June 9, 2013
TAIL WAGGIN' TRAIL TRAMP	(See above article)	Saturday, June 15, 2013
EYES OF HOPE DOG WASH At the Shelter	(See more under Junior Hands for Hope)	Saturday, August 3, 2013 10 AM-3PM
DOGTOBERFEST		Saturday, October 19, 2013)

KINDNESS AND COMPASSION ONE ANIMAL AT A TIME

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Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 5 to 7 PM

Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM, Closed Sunday and Tuesday

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Altercation at the Hopeful Times office!
Oscar D Cat, Editor in Chief, speaking to
James D Dog, Roving Reporter about his
late assignments was physically attacked.
Both are well following the minor skirmish.
After being put in his place, James apologized.
He is on probation and his yummy allowance
has been reduced till further review.

