



HOPEFUL TIMES

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF EYES OF HOPE SHELTER

WINTER 2011

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

We hope to provide you with information and anecdotes about our adoptable and adopted animals, upcoming events, current and future projects, volunteers, volunteer needs, sponsorships, past accomplishments, education and whatever else seems interesting or newsworthy! Please enjoy and feel free to share our newsletter with others.

2010 AT THE SHELTER

Last year flew by and we are now in our third year of providing shelter for these special dogs and a giving them a chance to find their forever home. As this is a no-kill shelter some of them are with us for a quite a long time. 122 dogs were adopted in 2010 with a total of 277 adoptions since our inception. Think of all those happy pets and families out there!

We built a new addition this year and will soon have the ability to keep our boarding guests separate from our shelter guests. We will then be able to house 10 additional homeless dogs looking for their forever homes.



Dogtoberfest is a celebration of family and community and we invite all of our formerly adopted dogs with their new families to attend. The Community is also invited to our celebration. If you bring a pet food item to donate, you will receive a free beverage!

Dogtoberfest 2011



Dogtoberfest 2010 was a beautiful fall day. We all had fun...the visitors, the volunteers and most of all the dogs! There were games, including a tennis ball bob for the dogs, a raffle for prizes, lots of good food and the Oxford Fire Department was there with our very own Whisper for photo opportunities. Of course, Critterrman was a highlight of the day for the kids.

Mark your calendar for Dogtoberfest 2011 on Saturday, October 15, 2011. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers and contributors. Your support and generosity this past year meant so much to us and the dogs. We couldn't have done it without you!

FEATURED PET

AQUARIUS



Black Labrador Retriever/Pit Bull Terrier
Medium Size • Young • Female

Aquarius is a very loving little girl. Aquarius came in as a puppy and has celebrated her first birthday here with the people who love her. Aquarius has a lot of energy and loves to play. Aquarius adores children and is even good with cats! She likes to play with other dogs with her same energy level but she doesn't like to share her bones or treats with them. Aquarius plays with our dog Butters almost every day and she is our special "lobby queen" when we are at the kennel. Aquarius would make such a wonderful family dog and she would return all the love she receives one hundred times over with her hugs and kisses.

CAN'T ADOPT? BE A SPONSOR!

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

SUCCESS STORIES



WB PUGSLEY

Just wanted to let you know that our little furbaby is doing just wonderful. He's so smart! Thank you very much.

Mat & Amy

ROMEO



I wanted to let you know that the little guy is doing great! He is soooo sweet. He was great in the car ride home, and he had 2 friends waiting to greet him and they all liked each other and he wasn't afraid or anything---got right in there and played. He is adorable, and I'm so glad I got him! Thank you again---we went on a couple field trips to show him off---brought him to my work and to a friend's house and everyone just loves him. Last night he slept with me. Just wanted you to know how he's doing!

Cathy

*Cathy rescued Mittens on Valentine's Day, thus the name Romeo! He starts puppy classes soon.

Do you have a story about your adopted dog and what he/she has brought to your life that you would like to share? If so, e-mail Jan at ejg@maqs.net. We will feature two stories with one picture each per quarter under "Success Stories". They will be chosen at random and the remaining stories and/or pictures will be posted on the bulletin board at the shelter.

JOIN HANDS FOR HOPE

(formerly Friends of Eyes of Hope Shelter)

The purpose of Hands for Hope is to help support, promote and raise funds for our animals and 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 new group is for those who cannot volunteer on a weekly or permanent basis, but can help by providing their expertise or assistance occasionally or help with financial support. There will be an adult and junior division. 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 per year for a family. We are working on a group logo, and when completed, each member will have a choice of a "Hands for Hope" car magnet or window cling.

Our first project was the newsletter.

A dog park is in the early planning stages. Talk about reaching out to the community! Can you give us the benefit of your experience and talents to help out with the planning, implementation, procurement of materials or construction? If so please let us know.

HANDS FOR HOPE JUNIOR GROUP SECTION

EYES OF HOPE

By: Colleen Lewis (as submitted to her school paper)

Have you ever seen those animal abuse commercials – the ones with the sad songs that make your eyes water? Have you ever wanted to help and just can't afford to? Well I know a way you can help with no money necessary. Eyes of Hope is a NO kill local dog shelter in Oxford. It rescues and adopts dogs almost everyday. Eyes of Hope is owned and run by a woman who has a heart full of warmth and love for each animal who enters there. Kris is an amazing person with an amazing and heart-warming goal to give every animal the love he or she deserves till they are adopted. But she can't give them all the attention they deserve at once. She needs help and you can be that help and give love by volunteering or adopting sweet, cuddly, cute friends.

The Junior Group is planning a fundraiser for the summer. It will be a Dog Wash. How much fun will that be?!

OUR VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER

THE LANGENFELD FAMILY

Kris Says



Nicolas, Noah, Samuel, Gwen, Chris

The Langenfeld family – Gwen, Chris, Noah, Samuel, and Nicolas have been giving their time to Eyes of Hope practically since our inception. The value of their time, advice, friendship, and ideas are priceless to us. EOH would not be the shelter it is without the Langenfelds' input. And without Critterrrrrman, what would our annual Dogtoberfest be? Stay tuned for more on Critterrrrrman in a future newsletter.

Gwen Says

The boys enjoy spending time with the dogs and helping Kris with her projects. Chris and I like being able to lend a hand to someone who makes sacrifices to help others and the dogs. We also enjoy seeing the dogs going to their forever homes in the arms of their happy new owners.

FUR YOUR INFURMATION

SPRING IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

As submitted by the Adams-Marquette Veterinary Service, Oxford, WI
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Spring is just around the corner are you & your pets ready? Now is the time to check with your veterinarian that your dog is up to date on his/her 4DX blood test. The 4DX blood test, tests for four important diseases. The three tick borne diseases which are lyme, anaplasmosis & ehrlichiosis Heartworm is transmitted by mosquitoes. It is very important to have your dog or cat tested for heartworm before starting them on any heartworm preventive. Even if the animal has been on the preventative all year round it is recommended you still test once a year. Giving heartworm preventative to an animal that is positive could be critical to their health. Check your supply of heartworm, flea & tick preventatives to ensure you have product on hand to start in the spring. It is recommended to start these preventatives in April & continue through to November. Do not forget about getting tick & flea preventatives for your cat. Now there is also heartworm preventative for cats. There are many different types of both preventatives. Please contact your veterinarian for their supply of preventatives & what will work best for your pets needs.

SCENTSY FUNDRAISER

Scentsy is a warmer that is a safer, wickless alternative to scented candles. If you participate in the Scentsy Fundraiser, you will not only help us, but receive an attractive product. There will be an open-house party at the shelter on 3/12/2011 between 10 am and 2 pm (refreshments will be served), or you may go to the website now at <https://jennymillard.scentsy.us> and explore the possibilities. To order, click My Open Parties, Eyes of Hope Animal Shelter, Buy from party. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Handyman
Dog walkers
Dog bathers and/or groomers

WISH LIST

Eyes of Hope accepts all donations, and is in particular need of blankets, food (dry and canned for adult or puppy), Vitamin C 250 or 500mg, rugged & 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 SHOPPE

Eyes of Hope T-shirts	Sizes: Child S-M-L	Pink or Light Blue	\$15.00
Eyes of Hope Sweatshirts	Sizes: Adult S-XXL	Pink or Light Blue	\$25.00



\$3.00 From Every Leash sold goes to Eyes of Hope Shelter
See Our Website www.eyesofhopeshelter.com
For Ordering Details

CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 12, 2011	10 AM to 2 PM	Scentsy Party
March 18, 2011		PTO Fish Fry @ Oxford Elementary School We will be there! Stop by and see what we are about and meet some of our wonderful dogs. We will have the game Pick-A-Duck for a prize!
June 12, 2011	10 AM to 4 PM	Dogfest 2011 @ Angell Park Speedway, Sun Prairie
October 15, 2011	10 AM to 3 PM	Dogtoberfest @ the Shelter

Kindness & compassion one animal at a time

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