



HOPEFUL TIMES

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF EYES OF HOPE SHELTER

SPRING 2011

HAPPY SPRING!

I am sure we have all been glad to see longer days, melting snow, warmer temperatures and emerging plant life. What better way to enjoy these days than exploring with your faithful companion. What! Don't have one! If you would like to volunteer as a dog walker or better yet adopt, please call or come see us. We would be happy to meet with you and show you around, and the dogs would be thrilled!

THE WINTER QUARTER

Last year there were 32 adoptions during the period from 1/1 to 3/31/10. Unfortunately, there were only 20 adoptions for the same period this year. This can be partially attributed to the current economic situation and to the long, cold winter, but let's hope things improve now that spring is here.



Starburst and Cocoa at Expo



Tabetha and Whisper



Kris and Dan

On February 5, 2011 Kris and Dan and 9 volunteers traveled with six special dogs to the Great Lakes Pet Expo in Milwaukee. This is a family friendly event put on by the Alliance of Wisconsin Animal Rehoming Efforts (AWARE). It is a wonderful venue where you can get information on pet training and day care, attend seminars and demonstrations, ask questions of a veterinarian, meet many of the state's shelter and rescue organizations and their pets and of course, SHOP for many pet and pet-related items. The dogs were very well-behaved and hammed it up for the crowd. This expo allowed exposure to a wealth of dog-lovers

for Eyes of Hope Shelter and at least one dog was adopted as a result of that day. We also gained a pup named Vinnie at the Expo; he is currently in foster care.

We wish to thank all those who participated in the Scentsy fundraiser in March. We are grateful for your support and are sure that you are enjoying your new fragrant and attractive purchases.

The PTO fish fry at Oxford Elementary School was on March 18 and Eyes of Hope volunteers were there with Adriana and Starburst, but Starburst didn't behave very well and had to stay in the car. We all have our good and bad days, I guess! This outing generated some volunteer interest and a new Hands for Hope volunteer.

FEATURED PET

ELLIOTT



Elliott is a Pit Bull Terrier/Border Collie Mix who is a year and a half old. He is very energetic and would be a great companion for an active adult home. He is very intelligent and has attended obedience classes. Loyalty is his middle name! His favorite things are playing catch/fetch with a tennis ball, running, going for long walks and cuddling. He is good with cats, but may play a little rough at times. Elliott is a good boy who needs an outlet for his endless energy. Elliott is sponsored and his adoption fee will be reduced by \$50.

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 its kennel door. The fee will help provide for its care and medical needs.

SUCCESS STORY



Just wanted to give you an update on Zeke. He is doing very well, the warm weather has allowed us to get him outside to practice his fetching skills. He is a little rusty but picking it up very fast. We are very pleased to have him with us. Our cat and him are best friends, they sleep and even drink water together. He use to sleep with us but now he has claimed our couch as his own domain. He works very well with other dogs and we have only heard him bark a few times at the mail man. I just wanted to thank you for helping us make Zeke a part of our family. We have been telling everyone about your shelter, and hopefully when we move to a house and get a yard we can adopt a companion for Zeke. Once again Kris Thank you and I hope all is well.

Thanks, Natalie

HANDS FOR HOPE

The purpose of Hands for Hope is to help support, promote and raise funds for our animals 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 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 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 per year for a family with a “Hands for Hope” window cling given as a thank you gift. Please consider joining and lending us a helping hand in some capacity. The first ten new members will soon be receiving a dog toy and a bottle of bio-soap made by Westfield High School as well as the window cling. The application is on the Eyes of Hope website: click on Hands for Hope, then Hands for Hope Application.

We have our new group logo and some additional designs for t-shirts, window clings, etc. which we are in the process of procuring. These designs were conceived by the Montello High School Art Class taught by Diane Sagunsky. They all worked hard and were so creative. We can't thank them enough. We wish we could have used all the designs!

We are currently in the process of doing a “Spring Spruce-up” at the shelter. We have volunteers who will be doing painting in the lobby and kennels and staining the porch. However, we could always use more help!

A dog park is in the early planning stages. 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

Hi. My name is Melissa. I have been a volunteer at Eyes of Hope Shelter and have been just absolutely enjoying myself so much. We take the dogs for walks, clean their kennels, feed them supper and give them their treats. All of the dogs are just absolutely amazing and beautiful in their own ways. One specific dog has the most beautiful eyes; they're silverfish-bluish. They are just gorgeous. I have not been doing this much, but look forward to doing this much longer. I am honestly not an animal person, but when you see these dogs that have been abused, abandoned and even left for dead, it's just heartbreaking.

Hi. My name is Nathan. I have been helping out at Eyes of Hope Shelter and have enjoyed it very much. I have been volunteering here for a few months now, and it's really fun. These dogs are my friends. Every Thursday after school when I come to the shelter, they all start to bark and can't wait until I get to play and walk them. These dogs are very well-mannered and waiting to be adopted into a good home.

The Junior Group is planning a fundraiser for the summer. It will be a Dog Wash. How much fun will that be?! Let us know if you would like to help!

OUR VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER - THE REUTER FAMILY



Angie, Marcela & Robert

KRIS SAYS

Marcela, Robert and Angie Reuter volunteer every Monday, all year long. They walk and feed the dogs, and I know that the shelter is always taken of on Mondays. Marcela is also an Eyes of Hope employee. She cleans the kennels twice a week and the kennel hasn't been this clean since it opened. I feel like I need to clean as well as I can on my days so that I don't disappoint Marcela! The Reuters showed us what good friends they are when Dan went into the hospital. They took care of the kennel on Mondays and Tuesdays and I was able to spend time with Dan knowing that our dogs were in good hands. Friends like the Reuters are so valuable to us and we can't thank them enough.

THE REUTERS SAY

We enjoy spending family time walking dogs for "Eyes of Hope". Dan and Kris are fun to work with.

FUR YOUR INFORMATION

CANINE INFLUENZA VIRUS

Canine influenza virus (CIV) is a relatively new virus that is easily transmitted from dog to dog. It can infect dogs at any time of the year it is not a seasonal virus like most human viruses. First recognize outbreak of CIV occurred in racing greyhounds in 2004 on the track in Florida. Since then CIV has been documented in 30 states. At this time, CIV is very prevalent in areas of Colorado, Florida, New York, and Pennsylvania. CIV is spread via aerosolized respiratory secretions and contaminated objects (kennel surfaces, food and water bowls, collars, and leashes) and people moving between infected and uninfected dogs. The virus can remain viable (alive and able to infect) on surfaces for up to 48 hours, on clothing for 24 hours, and on hands for 12 hours. The majority of infected dogs exhibit the mild form of CIV. In the mild form, the most common clinical sign is a cough that persists for 10-21 days despite treatment with antibiotics and cough suppressants. Most dogs have a soft, moist cough, whereas other have a dry cough that is similar to bordetella. Many dogs have a purulent nasal discharge and low-grade fever (normal temperature for dogs is 101.5-102.5°F). The severely affected cases have clinical signs of pneumonia, and a high-grade fever (104.0-106.0°F) increased respiratory rate and effort. Thoracic radiography (chest x-rays) may reveal consolidation of long lobes. In veterinary, boarding and shelter facilities, the CIV appears to be easily killed by disinfectants such as quaternary ammonium compounds and bleach solutions. Establishing thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting of cages, bowls, and other surfaces between uses is the best way to ensure not to spreading the virus. It is important to wash your hands with soap and water: before and after handling each dog, after coming into contact with dogs' saliva, urine, feces, or blood, after cleaning cages, and upon arriving at and before leaving the facility. In 2009 the USDA approved the first influenza vaccine for dogs developed by Intravet/Schering Plough Animal Health Corporation. The vaccine is an inactivated whole virus it is intended as an aid in the control of the disease. Although the vaccine may not prevent infection altogether, efficacy trails show that the vaccination may significantly reduce the severity and duration of the clinical illness including the incidence and severity of damage to the lungs. The canine influenza vaccine is a

“lifestyle” vaccine, and is not recommended for every dog. In general, the vaccine is intended for dogs that participate in activities with many other dogs or are housed in communal facilities (ie. Kennels). Please consult with your veterinarian to determine whether your dog’s lifestyle includes these risks for exposure to the CIV and if the vaccine is appropriate for your dog.

Information provided by Adams Marquette Veterinary Clinic, Oxford, WI, 608-586-5768, with the resources of the American Veterinary Medical Association AVMA.

Note: All Eyes of Hope Shelter dogs are vaccinated before they are adopted into the community.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Handyman
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 (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
Only available until June 1

CALENDER OF EVENTS

June 12, 2011 Summer 2011	10 AM to 4 PM	Dogfest 2011 @Angell Park Speedway, Sun Prairie Junior Hands for Hope Dog Wash – date and time to be announced
October 15, 2011	10 AM to 3 PM	Dogtoberfest @ the Shelter

Kindness & compassion one animal at a time

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