



HOPEFUL TIMES

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF EYES OF HOPE SHELTER

SUMMER 2011

SUMMERTIME

Summer finally arrived in all its glory. The weather is warm, the landscape is lush and the children are out of school. Our dogs are delighted to spend more times outdoors. It is a wonderful time to adopt; the weather allows us more outdoor time to help transition an adoptee to their new forever home. Come visit us or call if you are interested in adopting, volunteering or just want to see what we are all about.

There were 22 adoptions during the spring quarter from April 1 to June 30. This is up two from the last quarter. The summer quarter so far is looking better.

FEATURED PET



Abby is a beautiful seven-year old English Pointer. She has a gorgeous gait and is very sweet. She was the baby of the house her whole life. When the human baby came, the family tried the best they could to get Abby to adjust, but now that the little one is walking, she is very uncomfortable. Abby is a very energetic wonderful girl who would love to become part of a family with no very small children. We don't know if you can teach an older dog to hunt, but Abby sure is into birds and small animals! There is no fee. ABBY IS SPONSORED BY PAT SCHROEDER

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 STORIES



Hi!

Just a 2nd year adoption anniversary update. Louie is extremely happy and well adjusted!). This pic is of him in a fort that my 6 and 8 year old daughters made for him this morning. His favorite activities these days include following his human pack around the yard and sunbathing. He also loves napping, rough housing with his dad, and chasing birds.

A million thanks for this wonderful little guy!

JoAnna



I think it's been roughly six months since I last gave an update on Red (originally known as Hank). Just thought I would send a couple of updated pictures. Red is extremely active and healthy. He is a big baby and gets along with any new people and other dogs. I still can't believe how big he has gotten when I look back at puppy pictures from the day I first brought him home!

Hope all is well!
Nicole

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 next three new members will receive 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.

Our current project is cleaning up the meeting room and getting some new furniture. Come see our new look. We also will be staining the porch.

A dog park is in the early planning stages and we need help! Can you give us the benefit of your experience and talents to help out with the fund-raising, planning, implementation, procurement of materials or construction? If so please let us know. Even the smallest bit of support would help in a big way. Think of how much it would mean to our community.

On June 7 Ed and Jan Goralski picked up Shelter Ambassador for the Day James the Bichon and took him to Montello High School where we met Michelle Prellwitz, Youth Mentor and Junior Hands for Hope coordinator. Michelle gave a speech thanking teacher Diane Sagunsky and the art class for all their hard work in creating the logos for Hands for Hope. T-shirts with the “Hero” logo donated by Kris and Dan Steffens were presented to all in appreciation of their efforts. James was an excellent ambassador and enjoyed posing for pictures. After the presentation, we decided to take him home for a few hours since he was so sweet. Guess what? He is still here!



Scott, the student who designed the “Hero” logo wrote a paragraph for us about his insight into its creation: “Hands for Hope is an organization that I personally have heard many positive things from. I know how wonderful the staff is, and how great of a program Hands for Hope really is. The tee shirt was very dear to my heart because I have two rescue dogs myself. My two dogs are so cheerful and loving and it is hard to imagine my life without them. It is so horrible to think that so many dogs are without families. That's why I am so glad that there is an organization like Hands for Hope. The tee shirt that I designed came to me because dogs are such superheroes! I think that they are wonderful and I wanted to show that through my design. I feel so honored to have my design showcased and excited to hear the positive stories coming from Hands for Hope.”

HANDS FOR HOPE JUNIOR GROUP SECTION

The DOG WASH on Saturday, July 16, sponsored by the Juniors was a lot of fun for all. We had great weather and the dogs were very cooperative! Lauren’s puppies made their debut that day, also; you can view them on the website. We gave baths, cut nails, sold t-shirts, had some donations and one new membership, and netted approximately \$265 for the shelter. Thank you to all who helped to make the day a success!



OUR VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER – Michelle Prellwitz & Her Mentees: Collen Lewis, Robert Lewis, Jessica Streblow, Melissa Roberts, Jennifer Walters, Summer Schumann, Branden Shultis, Brandon Roller, Dylan Bortz, Nathan Albright, Patrick Schaefer

Kris Says:

When Michelle brings her mentees to our shelter there is never a dull moment – dogs going in and out for their walks, things being cleaned and fixed, the dogs getting dinner – it's great to see all of these young people working together and lending a hand. Michelle is really dedicated to "her" kids and she's got the energy to keep up with them! The Marquette mentor group is also behind the junior division of Hands for Hope. Last month they held a dog wash – it was lots of fun. The faces change from week to week but our Thursday team is here almost every week and they really take care of business.



Michelle Says:

Volunteering at Eyes of Hope has opened my eyes to the wonderful world of dogs. I have always been a dog owner, yet never realized the amount of love and compassion a person can express for their deserving animals. When I volunteer with the teens that I supervise I see teamwork and determination to help support the dogs until they are adopted into loving and caring homes. What a wonderful experience to have and share with others. Please talk to family and friends about the rewards and benefits of adopting a companion for life.

Jessica Says:

What it means to me to volunteer at Eyes of Hope animal shelter is that it makes me feel good because I'm helping the dogs out by walking them and caring for them. When I'm caring for the dogs and I see how happy it makes them it's all worth coming out and volunteering. When I go home afterwards, I always feel really good.

Dylan Says:

A dog's life is like my life; it's rough. Working and learning at Eyes of Hope has been the best experience. I have love for every animal that I have helped. This gives me an opportunity to see different dogs and to help the ones in need.

FUR YOUR INFORMATION

The hot summer is here and there are a few things that pet owners should be aware of concerning their pets. One is acute moist dermatitis (hot spots). Hot spots can occur anywhere on the body and most often in more than one spot. Hot spots occur most often in breeds with heavy coats, and tend to appear just before shedding, when the moist dead hair is trapped next to the skin. Fleas, mites, other skin parasites, skin allergies, irritant skin diseases, ear/anal gland infections, and neglected grooming are other factors that can initiate the itch-scratch-itch cycle that generate hot spots. Hot spots are extremely painful. It can consist of an area of swollen pain of skin that exudes pus and gives off a foul odor. Hair in the area is rapidly lost and infection progresses when the dog licks and chews at the site. Hot spots should be seen by a veterinarian immediately so they can be cleaned and animal placed on antibiotics to prevent a secondary infection. In hot humid weather, always be sure to dry heavy-coated dogs thoroughly after bathing or swimming.

Another condition pet owners should be aware of is a parasite called Cuterebra. Adult Cuterebra flies are large and bee-like and do not feed or bite. Females deposit eggs around the openings of animal nests, burrows, on stones, or vegetation in these areas. Animals become infested as they pass through contaminated areas the eggs hatch in response to heat from a nearby host. The larvae enter the body through the mouth or nostrils during grooming or less commonly through open wounds. After penetration, the larvae migrate to the subcutaneous location on the body where they develop and communicate with the air through a breathing pore. Owners usually notice a small lesion that is swollen and has an opening ~1cm in diameter. The hair around the opening is usually wet and matted. Purulent material may exude from the lesion and cats often groom the area aggressively. Pain at the site is variable and usually associated with secondary infections. This is another condition that should be seen by your veterinarian immediately so he/she can remove the foreign body and place the animal on antibiotics.

Also, a reminder that this is flea season. If your animal has fleas please contact your veterinarian for information on how to treat your animal and housing.

*Information provided by Adams Marquette Veterinary Clinic, Oxford, WI, 608-586-5768

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

CALENDER OF EVENTS

October 1, 2011	Time TBA	Come see our pups in Oxford! Professional fishermen Kevin Carstenson and Dan Steffens will be doing a fishing seminar and are allowing us to set up a booth there also.
October 15, 2011	10 AM to 3 PM	Dogtoberfest @ the Shelter – Come join the fun!

Kindness & Compassion One Animal at a Time

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