



HOPEFUL TIMES

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF EYES OF HOPE SHELTER

SPRING

SPRING HAS SPRUNG

And what a spring it is! Everything is early this year after the super warm start....flowers, trees, baby birds and animals. Our dogs have their noses in the air and on the ground inhaling all the wonderful (and not so wonderful) smells. Come visit us to find out what we do and meet our dogs who are eager to meet their new families and go to their forever homes.

For the winter quarter from January 1st thru March 31st there were 23 adoptions....398 from inception thru 6/2/12. Congratulations to the happy chosen dogs and the special people who took them into their homes. Also, all five of our "Featured Pets" in our newsletters have been adopted. We hope to continue this trend into the future!

Speaking of spring.....it was tree planting time at the planned dog park in May.....5 silver maples, 2 sugar maples, 1 fall festival sugar maple and 2 autumn blaze maples. Would you like to honor a loved one with the gift of a tree? See the "Hands for Hope" section for more information.

FEATURED PET



YOKO

Yoko is a super-sweet senior female beagle looking for a loving home. Yoko is very happy and friendly and loves cuddling and attention. Come meet her and you'll fall in love! Yoko is our "June Bug" and there is no adoption fee for her.

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

SUCCESS STORIES



TOSH

I have been intending to send you a photo of Tosh for some time. Hard to believe that we have had him almost 2 years. He has become a very beloved member of our family. We do take him regularly to the County Dog Park that is 63 acres large so that he can run. He still runs like the wind!

Like you told us, he is scent driven and never wants to make trouble. He is a very loyal dog and has become much more docile over time. He is very responsive to commands while in the house. He does not appear to respond to whistles when he is out in the field. Then, all of the sudden, he runs up to us from seemingly out of nowhere. Even though we do not always know where he is, he knows where we are. We call him the "stealth dog".

He likes to go for a walk nightly in our neighborhood after dinner with me. It took us a while to housebreak him fully, but he rarely makes a mistake now. He does not like to be confined, but is not destructive if we give him the run of the house.

As you know, he is a very handsome dog and well liked for his gentle and affectionate demeanor by friends and family. Just thought you'd want to know how much we appreciate having him as our loyal companion. Thanks for saving him!

Carolyn

SAMMI



Our grandson, Quinn has fallen in love with Sammi...when she stands up, he stands beside her with his arm draped across her back or if she's on the sofa, he'll try to lay with his head on her...

She's doing wonderfully, we have a prairie meadow across the street which she loves. We take her over there on a horse lunge line so she can wander a bit...at the moment, she and the other two dogs are in the office with us...

Nancy

[Sammi] is a delight and one spry old lady. Every day we are thankful we found her and were able to help her. Of course, we have learned that she likes to snarf food off the counter after everyone else has gone to bed.... I've included a photo of Sammi with Quinn, our grandson. His expression captures the effect she has had upon us all.

Tom

Note: Sammi is a senior German shorthair that had multiple health problems which Nancy and Tom addressed when they adopted her. You can see how well she is doing. We love happy endings.....or beginnings!

GREAT LAKES PET EXPO 2/4/12

This is a wonderful venue to showcase our shelter dogs! The crowd was huge this year and we generated a lot of interest. There was so much going on.....many Wisconsin animal rescue and shelter organizations, vendors with just about anything you can think of for pets and some things you would probably never think of! Kris and Dan were joined by ten volunteers for this year's event: Chris, Gwen, Nicolas, Noah and Samuel; Vicki; Barb and Howard and Jan and Ed. Tiki got an application as a result of the event. See Tiki below.



This is TIKI, one of the dogs fostered by Barb and Howard Bloyer. Isn't she sweet? She is now happy in her forever home.

KRIS SAYS

Last newsletter we mentioned that Howard was one of an Eyes of Hope rescue couple. Barb is the other half of the wonderful couple. Barb is an awesome foster mom, an extremely kind-hearted person, and a very good friend to me. There is rarely a day that goes by that Barb is not doing for others, either her family, a friend, or a lucky charity. When our foster dogs go to Barb and Howard's we know that they are very, very lucky "kids". They get a ton of love and lots of healthy snacks. Barb and Howard treat our dogs as their own and include them as part of their family. It breaks

my heart for the Bloyers when a dog leaves them, because they have such a loving home, but we all know that another Eyes of Hope dog has found a new permanent home, and there is room for another of our needful pups to live the good life as a Bloyer foster. We are so very thankful to have Barb and Howard as friends to both us and our rescue dogs.

BARB SAYS

I volunteer mainly because we have adopted 5 dogs from shelters over the years, as well as fostering 4 dogs for Eyes of Hope Shelter over the last 2 years. I can't even begin to tell you how everyone of them has touched my heart. Just imagine knowing when you come home everyday that there is someone there who's only mission in life is to please you. Wouldn't that be awesome if we all had that? The only way to get the word out is help out, that's why I volunteer. I know Kris will say I do a lot, but, I don't believe I could ever do enough to repay what I have already been given in return.

AFTER ABUSE - THE JOURNEY

BY MARILYN BIGNELL



When I first met Penny, aka Penguin, my heart broke with the sight before me. A frightened, terrified little Black Lab lay on the floor tucked into herself so just maybe no one would notice her. She was tucked in so tight, it was if she wasn't breathing. Kris said she would not be adoptable due to the extent of the abuse she went through. Kris saw something in Penguin and as she talked, I realized it wasn't a coincidence that I was there on that particular day. I had lost both Sam (Beagle) and Lakota (Wolf/mix) within 3 weeks of one another, and I simply wasn't ready for another dog. It doesn't matter why I was at Eyes of Hope; I was meant to be there. God has granted me the gift of being a Healing Touch Practitioner for animals and people. So, how could I walk away from this little spirit in need?

I wish I could take you step by step through this past year; you would be astounded. When she came home with me on a trial basis, she hid in my bedroom and would come out only on a leash. She was afraid to go to the bathroom if I was in sight; she jumped at every sound; she shook when I walked toward her and would eat only when the lights went out at night. I learned not to slam door or get up fast or talk too loud. We had many sessions of Healing Touch and a whole lot of patience and TLC. "You are strong, brave and courageous," was my mantra to her every day.

She is a new lady today. When I tell her she is strong, brave and courageous, she looks me right in the face. No more shifting of eyes. She plays with Attie (cat) and runs like the wind through the house. She plays with other dogs, loves long walks and teasing me and Attie. She greets people instead of hiding. Sometimes she has memories of the past. They sneak up on her, and she probably always will have them. Dogs that are so abused need constant reminders that they are safe. She can be completely relaxed one minute and stiff the next minute. Our goal is that one day she will ride in the car (big time fear), lay down in the same room I am in, eat when I am present and not be scared when I get up in the night.

So Kris, Penny thanks you for believing in her, for giving her a chance when others didn't, for letting mom take her home and for letting her be adopted.

From the Bignell home to Kris and Staff of Eyes of Hope --- "Keep up the good work."

Marilyn, Attie and Penny

*Marilyn Bignell is the owner of White Wolf Pet Sitting Service and Healing Touch for Animals. You may contact her at 608-369 2336.

TAIL WAGGIN' TRAIL TRAMP - JUNE 2, 2012



On June 2, 2012 the first Tail Waggin' Trail Tramp was held by the Marquette County Ice Age Trail, Eyes of Hope Shelter, aided by Karen and Pam and the Packwaukee Historical Society with support from Little Orphans Animal Rescue and LeRoy and Dala Hengen, face painters. The dogs wore bright yellow bandanas and the dog walkers wore buttons provided by the "Tramp". All enjoyed their day. The historical society sold hot dogs and bratwurst, and, of course, there were treats and water for the dogs. The event was a success with 20 registered walkers and will be held again next year. We will keep you apprised.

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.

FUNDRAISER

Our Community Days fundraiser in conjunction with Bon-Ton Stores was very successful and raised a significant amount for money for Eyes of Hope Shelter Dog Park. We will partner with them again in November for their fall event. Hopefully, it will be an even bigger success! This fundraiser is a win-win situation for everyone, so please participate by purchasing booklets or by helping to sell them. Some of the money that was raised was used to purchase trees for the future dog park.

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 are two websites that provide markers: Exterior-Accents.com & afamilytree.com.

THE FUTURE DOG PARK - PLEASE HELP!

We need lots of help with fund-raising, planning, implementation, procurement of materials and construction for the 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, more fencing, materials for a shade shelter, a structure for the posting of information and more! Let me know if you can help..... ejg@maqs.net.

HANDS FOR HOPE JUNIOR GROUP SECTION

The Juniors are planning their Second Annual Dog Wash at the shelter on Saturday, July 28, 2012 from 10 am to 3pm. It is a fun event for all and a good way for to cool off on a hot day. The cost remains the same: small dogs \$5, medium dogs \$6 and large dogs \$7. Nail clipping is also available. Watch for our flyers around town closer to the event.

FUR YOUR INFORMATION

With the summer here and as we all want to enjoy the sunshine and warm weather, your pets are at more risk for heat stroke. Heat stroke in animals is a very common thing seen at veterinary clinics during the summertime when we have temperatures in the 80-90 degree range. Reasons animals may suffer from heat stroke are but not limited to: animals left in cars, greenhouses or or similar hot environments and over-exercised dogs, even dogs that go swimming in water over 75 degrees. Animals will not over exert themselves on hot days like most people; they try to find a cool place and relax. A fact some may not realize is that a parked car on a day that is 78 degrees can reach 100-120 degrees in just minute; when it is 90 degrees the car can reach 160 degrees in less than 10 minutes. In these temperatures it does not take long for dogs or cats internal temperatures to start increasing to unsafe temperatures where brain damage can start to take place. Even if you roll down the window and inch or two it is not enough to exchange the temperature of the car to be cool enough for the animal. Dogs and cats do not sweat; they excrete their heat through the pads on their feet. The signs of heat exhaustion that you will notice are, but not limited to: heavy panting, hyperventilation (shallow short

breathes, increase of salivation, confusion or inattention, vomiting or diarrhea, pale gums, seizures and/or coma. A temperature of 105 degrees is a very dangerous temperature for a dog. If you have the ability to take a rectal temperature the normal should be 101.5 to 102.5 degrees. Now that you know the facts I am sure you want to know ways to prevent heat stroke. First and foremost two things you can always do is provide fresh water and a shady or cool place to get out of the sun. Extra things you can do are to provide a small shallow pool of water for them to go through or play in, allow the dogs to go swimming but make sure not to allow them to over-exercise, and freeze water bottles and allow them to lick the bottle or lay by it to keep cool.

*Information provided by ADAMS MARQUETTE VETERINARY SERVICE, Oxford, WI 608-586-5768

THANK YOU TO:

The Great Lakes Pet Expo volunteers.

Jean, Kris, Monica, Barb, Diane, Jan, Michelle and the Hands for Hope Juniors for your help with the Community Days fundraiser. It was well worth the time and effort.

Kathleen McGwin for all her efforts for the Tail Waggin' Trail Tramp and for sharing her information.

Blackburn's Greenhouse, W8610 Blackburn Court, Oxford, for Giving Eyes of Hope Shelter a discount on the trees for the dog park. It was so nice to work so well with someone in the community! We will definitely return for future landscape needs.

Jessica from Adams Marquette Veterinary Service for writing all the knowledgable and pertinent articles for "Fur Your Infurmination".

Marilyn Bignell for her wonderful article on "Penny".

Monica for organizing the garage sale and donating the proceeds to Eyes of Hope Shelter. What a great idea!

TWO PAWS UP

(Recommended Reading)

*THE DOG NEXT DOOR - a collection of short stories. Kris particularly recommends the story "Share the Wealth" by Sherri Gallagher.

*SHOW DOG by Josh Dean - Meet champion Australian shepherd Jack and his canine and human friends and learn about the dog show world.

Note: May was National Pet Month and Penguin Group (USA) joined the fight against animal cruelty by donating \$25,000 to The Humane Society of the United States' Animal Rescue Team. Look for the "Read Humane" seal on books. Here are three titles: THE SEARCH by Nora Roberts, BEAGLEMANIA by Linda O. Johnston and PUG HILL by Alison Pace.

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

Eyes of Hope Shelter Dog Park helpers.

WISH LIST

Eyes of Hope accepts all donations and is in particular need of blankets, food (dry and canned), peanut butter, 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

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

There are a number of other items also for sale at the shelter including leashes, collars, grooming tools and more.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Junior Hands for Hope Dog Wash	10 am to 3 pm	July 28, 2012
Dogtoberfest 2012		October 20, 2012

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Oscar, Editor-in-Chief, informs James, Roving Reporter, of his next assignment and his expectations for same. Also mentioned was the problem with his expense report.....\$5 for a gourmet lunch at the Doggie Barkery. C'mon! James is all ears.