



HOPEFUL TIMES

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF EYES OF HOPE SHELTER WINTER 2013

WISCONSIN WINTER

Tired of being cooped up this winter? Need a loving companion? Come visit us and meet our furry friends, see our facility and find out what we are up to in the cold weather. Our dogs would love to meet you; they will make you and yours feel special and would appreciate some extra attention themselves. We have all shapes and sizes and ages looking for their forever home so you should be able to find the right one for you to cuddle up with this winter and spring and summer and fall.....

Fall adoptions from October 1 through December 31st numbered 27: from inception through December 31 they numbered 456. What positive numbers for a small Wisconsin shelter.

Be sure to read the news about the Eyes of Hope Shelter Dog Park in the Hands for Hope section!

This issue is dedicated to our senior dogs. They make such wonderful, devoted companions, are through the “puppy stage”, house-trained, calmer and so appreciative of their new home. Specifically, I want to mention Fred, a big, old hound dog who crossed the rainbow bridge a short time ago. His last month was filled with all that Eyes of Hope has to offer; most importantly, he was lavished with love and attention and surely felt special.

SUCCESS STORY

Zoey



I just wanted to send a couple of pictures to see how Minnie, now known as Zoey, is doing with her new big brother. They play together all the time. Gus is so much calmer now that he has a playmate! As you can see, they also enjoy nap time.

I took Zoey to meet the vet, and he said that she’s healthy and doing well. She’ll be going for her rabies shot in a few weeks. Thank you for the work you do! Zoey is wearing us all out (just normal puppy training stuff), but she’s a wonderful addition to our home.

Karen

FYI: Zoey is the black puppy with her older brother Gus.

UPDATED SENIOR SUCCESS STORY

Sammi



Sammi was originally featured in our Spring 2012 newsletter. Her story is amazing.....

Thought I'd bring you up to date on Sammi. She's doing great. We go about every 5 weeks for her aquapressure work. She gets B12 injected at the acupuncture sites and it really helps her discomfort from all the arthritis and conformational issues. She is also on Arthritisgold, MSM, Vitamin E and Fresh Factors (these are supplements to mainly help her joints).

As we know, Sammi is not just a senior (can you believe she'll be 15 this year?), she has serious deformity issues. One of the two vets who teaches animal chiropractic to vets worldwide has photographed her and is using her story to show what chiropractic and acupuncture can do to relieve issues and allow a good quality of life.

Her nose works great; she takes Tom on walks over by the pond and when she's ready, she turns for home. She can also gallop, sort of, for fifty yards or so. She thinks the master bed is hers, and would rather not share it with either of the humans in the house. She says the sofa is hers, too.

She and Grandson Quinn are still best friends. Three dogs here and he always says, "Where's Sammi?" Then sits down beside her or just walks along with her with his arm draped over her back.

Sammi, she's still nosey and bossy, curious and elegant. She hops up on the sofa, settles in, puts that big nose up in the air and surveys the rest of us.

Who knows what winter will bring? Yet, the girl you thought was a hospice case is enjoying her days. Thanks for taking her in and taking care of her!

Nancy and Tom

FEATURED PET

Grampa

Grampa is looking for a buddy to hang with. He is friendly and cute and very lovable. He is about 8 years old and looking for a nice home in which to retire. As you can see he loves couches! How can you resist that face?!

He is a male, neutered boxer/mix who is up-to-date on his medications and vaccinations and is house-trained.



VOLUNTEER OF THE QUARTER- JEAN STARAL WITH JASPER



Kris Says:

Jean has such a warm heart for animals. She adopted a cute little dog named Palooza from Eyes of Hope 3 years ago, and although he needed a little work, Jean had the gentle hand and patience to help him along. Palooza came to us with only a tag with his name and nothing else. Jean found him here, fell in love, changed his name to Jasper and gave him a whole new life filled with love.

Jean is a generous donor to Eyes of Hope - particularly with her time. Jean and Jan have been doing the Bon Ton Community Days fundraisers for 2 years and have made hundreds of dollars for the Hands for Hope Support group. Hands for Hope will be using this money toward the dog park. Jean and Jan both spend hours coordinating Community Days and selling coupon books for these fundraisers, both on their own and in the stores.

Jean has been a supporter of Eyes of Hope since 2009, and we are very grateful to her, for both the time and financial support she gives to us and for opening her heart to an Eyes of Hope adoptable.

Jan Says:

Jean is our resident Madison volunteer who has logged hours and hours at the Boston Store in East Towne Mall selling Community Days booklets. Her warmth, compassion and friendliness make her a wonderful representative for Eyes of Hope. She is so easy to work with, and it is great to have a friend in Madison!

Jean Says:

Volunteering for EOH allows me to give back some of the unconditional love I receive from Jasper. It helps me remember how much I have and how good it feels to share. We might not be able to change the world but we certainly can change the world for a dog or two. Jasper is proof of that and worth every bit of effort.

Jean Says about Jasper:

I got Jasper when he was six and he is nine now. He was housebroken and fine with a crate, good on a leash. There is less training with an adult dog and there is as much bonding as with a puppy. Jasper was so happy to get in a car and home; he spun circles the first time I got his leash out.

Kris said she was meeting a van to get a labrador from another shelter, and they asked if she'd take Jasper, too. He had run out of time and "was going to be euthanized on return". She didn't really have room, but took him anyway, got him through kennel cough and neutering. I really don't think anything I do will ever repay her for that kindness. Eyes of Hope does that for every dog that comes through and you make that possible --how can I not pitch in?

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

DOGTOBERFEST 2012

October 20, 2012 turned out to be a beautiful fall day for our Fourth Annual Dogtoberfest...perfect for visitors (some who brought their dogs), us and, of course, our dogs. We had games with prizes (the corral was a big hit!), face painting, food (the chili was a big hit!), a 50/50 raffle and an hourly raffle with prizes provided by our generous Oxford merchants and friends. Our volunteers walked around introducing our guests to our furry friends, took care of the food service, managed the games, did the raffle and much more. Some guests visited with a dog of their choice in the meeting room. And the dogs, they loved all the attention they got and showed

their appreciation with much exuberance. We also did tours of the shelter and answered questions. A



significant amount of money was raised for the shelter. We hope you all enjoyed the day as much as we did.

Thank you to our Oxford merchants for their donations to our raffle: Borud's Hardware, Maggie Mae's, Marquette-Adams Telephone Co-op, Expressions in Bloom, Sky Blue Dreams, Oxford Fuel and Food, Royal Bank, Trend Setter Hair Salon, Chateau Tavern, Harvest Market and County Line Pet Grooming.

A big thank you, also, to the Marquette County 4-H Club for making the dog biscuit jars, Kathy for making a basket for the raffle and, of course, our volunteers who make all this possible. If anyone would like to help this year, just let us know.

Please join us this year on October 19, and bring your family, friends and, yes, your dog! It is especially fun to see our alumni. We hope the fire department will be able to make it once again, and we will also have music in some form. Every year we try to make additions and improvements for everyone's enjoyment.

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. October is the renewal time for all present members, as it took so long for us to get started.

FUNDRAISER

We are doing the spring Community Days fundraiser in conjunction with Bon-Ton Stores as we have done before. Both were very successful and raised a significant amount for money for Eyes of Hope Dog Park. This fundraiser is a win-win situation for everyone, so please participate by purchasing booklets or by helping to sell them. Community Days will be on March 1 and March 2, 2013. I have booklets now for \$5 each and you immediately have a coupon for \$10 plus a lot more including internet only bargains. The entire booklet is worth up to \$400. We get to keep the \$5 for the dog park and you get great discounts. Call or e-mail Jan Goralski @ 608-586-4442, ejg@maqs.net, let me know how many you would like, and I will see that you receive them. You can also get them online now. They will mail your booklets directly to you at no cost to you or us. Remember, the dog park will be for you and will help support the shelter.

Here is the link: <http://bit.ly/VVyiQm>

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 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..... ejg@maqs.net

FUR YOUR INFORMATION

Winter sometimes is a very hard season for the animal to get through. Not only is it cold, but with the cold it is hard for us to get outside and be active with our pets to burn off their daily energy. Some dogs that do not get the chance can start showing signs of anxiety. Lately we have been seeing a large amount of cases of pets with anxiety problems, mostly separation anxiety. Dogs are social animals and by nature, prefer the company of people or animals to solitude. Even dogs that appear independent, perhaps spending hours napping in a distant bedroom, base their independence on the fact that owners are not far away.

As many of us know, there is a world of difference between dogs who wander to a quiet spot in the house and those who are left alone for hours as owners go to work, run errands or participate in social activities. Some dogs seem deeply indifferent about human comings and goings; others, while not entirely indifferent, resign themselves to the inevitable and sleep through the day. There is a problem, though, when dogs left alone are significantly distressed. Sometimes shelter animals can show signs of separation anxiety after being abandoned and could have a higher risk of anxiety. Other animals that can show a higher risk of separation anxiety are dogs that have a significant perturbation of daily schedule (ie, owner left the dog with a house sitter for a month while traveling or has a new job after being home and unemployed for some period). Young puppies do exhibit distress in their new homes, often the first time they are separated from their littermates or mother, but are not considered to have clinical separation anxiety unless distress persists beyond early puppyhood.

Separation anxiety is diagnosed to a variety of behavioral issues that have one thing in common: the dog is “left behind” by its human. It can be presented in several different ways with a range of intensities. Some signs of distress are destructive chewing often of windows, doors and other exit points and digging. Urination and defecation in inappropriate places and persistent vocalization are other signs. However, if there is no “evidence” left behind, owners might be completely unaware of their pets’ distress.

First step you should do if any of these things sound familiar to you or if you think your dog is showing any of these signs of distress.....call your veterinary and set up a consultation appointment. There are many different behavioral corrections and also medications to help calm/relax your pet to help it deal with everyday stresses. One thing with this disease is that it can be very discouraging, so you have to give it time to work and go through the motions of recovery. One thing you can start right away is allowing your pet to have a place that is safe to them. This could include a kitchen, crate or doggy bed. This would be a place they can go to enjoy a treat or a new toy while you are home, but can never be a place used for punishment. Also the owner can make arrangements so that the dog does not have to be left home alone (ie, doggy daycare, take to work, or leave home with a neighbor, relative or friends). Also on a side note even though we are almost through the cold winter months, please do not forget to provide outside pets with unfrozen water, an ample amount of food and quality shelter. The shelter should consist of straw/wood shavings or blankets for insulation and a way the animal can completely get out of the elements. Providing more food than normal is important especially on cold days as animals use food as their source of energy; think of their food as their source of fuel that keeps the body going. It is always a good thing to have a quality food that will supply them with the proper nutrients to keep them healthy for their activity level.

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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.

THANK YOU TO:

Jessica from Adams Marquette Veterinary Service for her latest article.

All the volunteers who helped make Dogtoberfest a success; see the Dogtoberfest article.

All the businesses who contributed to our Dogtoberfest raffle; see the Dogtoberfest article.

TWO PAWS UP

(Recommended Reading)

THE LIVING WELL GUIDE FOR SENIOR DOGS: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY COMPANION by Diane Morgan

The title says it all! This is a comprehensive guide to understanding the special needs of your senior dog. With proper care and information, you can ensure happiness, vitality and longevity during the latter part of your dog's life.

OOGY: the dog only a family could love by Larry Levin

A wonderful story of an abused puppy, the animal hospital staff that saved him and the special relationship he has with his family. You will love Oogy's spirit.

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!

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.

