



# Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) Newsletter

## PawPrints March 2017

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**A Letter From The Editor...** Congratulations! We survived another Wisconsin winter! I am not sure if I really know what a ‘Wisconsin winter’ is, but it’s early March so I think it’s safe to say that we survived. We did experience a little bit of everything in southern Wisconsin over the past few months. We had lots of above average temperatures and a fair amount of snow early in the season. Other than that larger storm in mid-January (I had 8-9 inches) snow was scarce. We did have a fair amount of ice, a couple of thunderstorms and lots of wind and fog. Oh, there was that 2-3 weeks without much sunshine – that was kind of a drag! But spring is on the way – so much to look forward to. Most of my seeds have been sown and I am now transplanting. I actually have begonias blooming and some of the impatiens have buds. That, of course, is both good and bad. It is always exciting to see my plants start to bloom but the downside is the ICHS plant fundraiser is still two months away... **As you read this letter it is important to remember that I am a volunteer and these are MY thoughts.**



As I start my 15th year of volunteering at ICHS, I have seen a lot of animals come and go. As you can imagine, it is easy to get ‘attached’ to some of them. It is a relief when they are adopted so you no longer have to figure out how to sneak one more into the house without anyone noticing. But every once in a while there is that “special” one that you just can’t ignore and I am referring to the “little monster man” – Cyrus (see the January 2017 *PawPrints* as well as the picture). Cyrus was doing well in Larry’s Living Room – BIG Uncle Noah was keeping him in line (or at least trying to). However Cyrus refused to accept a new cat,

Bear, which was placed in the room. The staff tried to be patient with him but Cyrus would have no part of it and so what to do? [Angel’s Wish](#) had come out to pick up a couple of other cats and they agreed to take Cyrus. So, he’s out of my life which is good – even though I was ‘devastated’ 😊 at the time! I think most people acquainted with Cyrus also thought that he was “one of a kind”. I hope that he gets a forever home soon and that [Angel’s Wish](#) sends an update.

Speaking of updates – Buzz and Petey were recently adopted. Both of them were favorites with the staff and volunteers but because of their FIV+ status, there was not a lot of interest in them. How exciting that they were recently adopted together. I hope to have an update on them in a future newsletter.



It’s that time of year again! ICHS will be holding the Spring 2017 Canine Good Citizen class. This class is for both dogs and handlers. It teaches basic obedience, good manners and social interactions including sit, down, come, stay, allowing handling, walking quietly on a leash and interacting politely with dogs and strangers when out in public. The classes will be held on the first four Saturdays of April (4/1, 4/8, 4/15, and 4/22). The classes will be every Saturday of the month from 1PM to 3PM with the certification test on the last Saturday (4/22). For more information call or email the front office (608-935-1381) to sign up now. Spots are limited and fill up fast! **If you have any suggestions or ideas about the content of ICHS PAWPRINTS, please contact me, Terri Davis at [roadhogbiker@gmail.com](mailto:roadhogbiker@gmail.com)**

## Upcoming Fundraising Events and Volunteer Needs

Just a reminder that ICHS is always looking for volunteers to help with the planning and implementation of our fundraisers. Our goal is to have enough volunteers so that each individual would only have to help plan and/or work at one event per year. So...if you would like to get involved with the planning and organizing of 2017's fundraisers, please contact the shelter for more details. We hope to hear from you!!!

**April 13 - ICHS Paint Your Pet Night Fundraiser** at the Firehouse in Mt. Horeb, from 6:30-9:30pm. Professional artists will walk you through painting your own animal- No experience needed! Tickets are \$60, more information can be found at [www.ichs.net](http://www.ichs.net).

**April 21 and 22- ICHS Annual Garage Sale Fundraiser** at the shelter from 8-2pm each day. We'll have tons of great deals on new and lightly used animal items (dog & cat crates, toys, bowls, beds, collars, etc.), as well as everything else you'd expect at a garage sale! Have items to contribute? Donations can be dropped off at the ICHS Society during our open hours. Please bring only items in decent, re-sellable condition. No clothes or broken items please. If you have any questions on whether or not your items are appropriate, please email [outreach@ichs.net](mailto:outreach@ichs.net) or call (608) 935-1381. Thank you!!

**May 20 and 27- ICHS Annual Plant Sale Fundraiser**, 8:30am-12pm both days. The plant sale will feature a large variety of both annuals and perennials.

## January & February Adoptions

January				February			
Cats		Dogs		Cats		Dogs	
Smokey	Eevee+	Chickorita+	Tidus	Buddha	Chocolate Chip	Zander	Freckles 😊
Denali	Boo	Firefly+	Bella	Rocky	Blackberry	Opal+	Molly
Marsala	Jazlyn+	Buzz 😊😊	Buttercup	Layla	Ophelia 😊+	Cosmo	Kate
Ixion	Kiwi 😊+	Petey 😊😊	Uly	Jane+	Chester 😊+	Addy	Mickey
Steve	Quinten+	Klondike+	Gypsy 😊	Dizzy+	Kansas 😊+	Ava	
Rambo	Casey+	Potato	Lucky	JoJo	Butternut+		
Nicholas	Romeo+	Goblin	Regina	Aria	Whiskey		
Litten+	Bernie+	Havarti		Jinx+	Fireball+		
MJ+	Obie+	The Avengers Piper's 4 Kittens+		Onyx+	Professor Moody 😊+		
Piplup+	Runt+			Turkey+			

\* - kitten  
😊 - denotes animal has been at ICHS for over a year/has special needs/or is elderly  
+ - Transferred to Angel's Wish

## Special Pets

We all know that all animals are 'special' but the animals featured in this section are indeed special. These are 'special needs' animals. The special person/family who adopts one of these animals knows that this may/may not be the long-term relationship which we hope for when we open our hearts and homes to a new family member. These animals 'forever homes' with us may be just for a short time before they move on...But, nevertheless, these animals need a home and a loving family just as we all do. Are you possibly the family that could provide a home for one of these animals? If not, do you know of a family who could provide a loving home for these animals? If so, please come out to ICHS and find out more about these animals from the ICHS staff.

## Bandit, Piper & Gaston – FIV Kitties



Bandit, Piper and Gaston are “normal” cats – it’s just that they have the FIV virus which affects their immune systems – but slowly – over a period of years! They should live long and normal lives!

**Bandit** is a young guy who came in with an apparent reaction to fleas and has significant hair loss. His hair is slowly growing back. He is a sweet

cat and loves attention. **Piper** is also a young kitty with a tremendous amount of energy. She came to the shelter with four kittens. She is very playful and also loves attention. Bandit and Piper are housed together in *Chuck’s Tree House*. They are not actually “best buds” but they do tolerate each other. They don’t need to be adopted together but could be. **Gaston** is about three years old and is a short, stocky kind of guy. He had the opportunity to be in the room with Bandit and Piper but he didn’t think much of that arrangement so he is in a cage just waiting for YOU!

Although we call FIV cats “special”, there really are no special considerations when adopting any of these three kitties. If it wasn’t for the FIV+ sign on their cages, you wouldn’t have a clue that they have FIV!

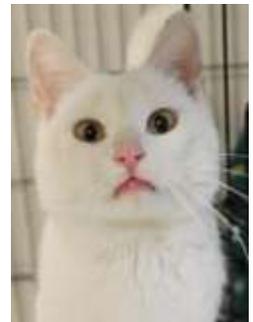
They must be kept indoors. They may live with other indoor cats since FIV is not easily passed between cats (it would be best if your other cat(s) are good-natured and amicable to a new pal). FIV is primarily spread by serious bite wounds so if you have other cats, it is important to properly introduce FIV cats to the others (but you would do that with any cat that you bring home). It is also important to keep them free from stress so a quiet home would be best. So...Bandit, Piper and Gaston need a home.



## Cleo & Cheerio - FeLV Kitty

Cleo is about a year old and has been at ICHS a few months. She is extremely playful but also loves to cuddle. This little girl is one of those whom I would bring home “in a heartbeat” if I could. But because of her FeLV status she can’t live with other cats (unless they are also FeLV) which means that I can’t have her – however if YOU are currently ‘catless’, YOU should get to know this little “love bug”! Now it may be easy to overlook her as she appears to be “kind of ordinary”. She doesn’t stand out – until you get to know her. Look at her closely. A quick glance and she appears to be “just a tabby” but you will

notice that her coloring is unusual and BEAUTIFUL. She is a very petite kitty so she may have some more growing to do or perhaps she will always be petite – either way she is a little bundle of joy! **Cheerio** has only been at ICHS for a short time as well. He is white with a very pink nose. He is a nice little guy with lots of energy. He is not quite the ‘cuddler’ that Cleo is and he can be a bit squirmy when you pick him up. Cheerio is about the same age as Cleo. Cheerio and Cleo are ‘roommates’ so if YOU are looking for a pair of young kitties that will entertain YOU as well as each other, come and get to know these two youngsters. So...Cheerio and Cleo need a home and it is hoped that they will go to the same home.☺

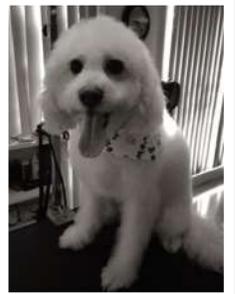


Similar to FIV cats, FeLV cats also must be kept indoors and a quiet home is best. FeLV cats do need to be only cats (may live with other FeLV cats). FeLV kitties may live for years having a “normal” life span, but once/if the later stage of the infection occurs, the cat’s health may deteriorate rapidly. That, of course, is one reason FeLV cats are not readily adopted – no one wants to lose their pet to illness. But Cleo and Cheerio need a home.

## Success Stories

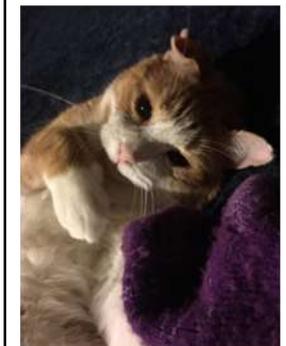
I need your help if I am to continue to feature the success stories which begin the moment your adopted companion chooses you. It is not difficult for me to write a paragraph that showcases your pet. The problem that I have is finding YOU and your pet. I don't know who you are or how to contact you. If you would be interested in sharing your pet's story in the newsletter, please e-mail me at [roadhobgiker@gmail.com](mailto:roadhobgiker@gmail.com). A picture and a brief write-up about your pet(s) is all that I need. If I don't have enough info, I will get back to you. It would be helpful to know your pet's shelter name (if you renamed your pet), when you adopted, pet's favorite activities, other pets that you may have and whatever else you would like to include. If you are not able to send a picture, that's OK. Many of you send periodic updates regarding your adopted pet to the shelter. I can use those write-ups if you would please indicate (in your letter/e-mail to ICHS) that you are giving me permission to include your pet's story in the newsletter. I hope to hear from you!

I was sent the following story well over a year ago and I somehow managed to lose it (I'm so sorry about that). But Finn (the kitty) and Billy's family persevered and we're finally getting their story in *PawPrints*.

	<p>Hi ICHS! It's been a while since our adoptions, so we wanted to check in to let you know about our new home. Our new owner, Pat, welcomed us into her home a few years ago after the loss of her beloved pets. With a broken heart, she made a special place for us in her life. We are well cared for, safe and loved (some would even say we're spoiled). Even though we were not adopted at the same time, we have grown to love one another like siblings. We are a very happy family. Without ICHS' help, we would not have had the opportunity to find our forever home. Thank you for taking us in after being surrendered by our previous owners. The care and companionship you provided bridged the gap for us until a new home was found. We trusted you to find us a new family and are forever grateful that you did! Here are two recent photos of us so you know we're happy and healthy!</p>	
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	<p>Sam (shelter name <b>Ray</b>) turned 8 months old the other day and got his first professional groomer treatment of a bath, nail trim, and a hair cut trim! The groomer couldn't believe he was only a puppy of 8 months and weighing in at over 70 pounds! Sam did ok at groomers, but he just hates getting wet, and going in water. He loves riding in the car, as he likes to be with us all the time, but sits in middle of back seat and looks out front window. At home he is all puppy and wants to play almost all the time, day or night!</p>
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	<p>I thought you guys would appreciate seeing some pictures of our two kittens. We adopted them right after Christmas, and they have settled in beautifully. We did change their names to Maggie (<b>Magnolia</b>) and Kevin (<b>Woogie</b>). We love them and they love us! They are champion purrers. Maggie, to our surprise, turned out to be a ball of energy, and Kevin is an all-the-time snuggler. He's incredibly laidback. They've really bonded well, and now are inseparable. They do more than take naps, but they're usually moving so fast I can't get pictures.</p>
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	<p>This is how <b>Garfield</b> begs for food, he must think he's puss in boots lol! So fricking cute, can't believe he was passed up so many times! We love everything about him! #adoptfiv</p>
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This is a picture of Lilly (**Boo**, the cat, who we adopted a couple years ago from here.) And Hank (**Smurf**, who also adopted from here about six months ago) being best buds!!



Scarlet Gray (formerly **Chocolate Chip**) in her new home sitting on Daddy's lap only 15 minutes after arriving.



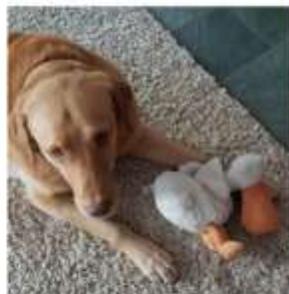
This is Rumble, known to you as **Crudite**. He has adjusted to our home very quickly. He is very loving and a big cuddler!! We are so happy we adopted him!!!



This is **Kate** (Katie) now at home! Thank you ICHS for caring for her. We already are in love!



## Charlie – Year 1



To my friends at ICHS - - I (**Charlie**) can't believe it has been one year since I went to my forever home! I wanted to send you an update on my first year with my forever family! I have sure come a long way and am finally settled in and loving life. I have been a very busy boy learning new things and going on adventures. I went camping for the first time last summer and boy do I love it! Good thing my Mom and Dad have a camper and we get to go almost every weekend. I also went swimming for the first time. I wasn't too sure about it at first but my Dad helped me and now I am a pro. And it sure does cool me off on those hot summer days. Frosty Paws are also a summer favorite of mine. I have also become best friends with my fur brother Ricco. We like to chase each other around the house and snuggle together at nap time. He has a really good beagle nose so he sniffs out the rabbits in the back yard and I dig the holes so we can chase them out from under the deck. 😊 We are quite the duo! Christmas time was also very special for me. My Mom bought me and my brother matching pajamas and surprisingly, I loved wearing them! I also got lots of presents but enjoyed shredding the wrapping paper most. I love to play outside in the snow too. I am still working on my counter surfing manners. In fact, just last week I got a bottle of cough syrup off the counter, got the child proof lid off and carried the open bottle through the living room. I am usually only naughty when my Dad's not home because my Mom says I am too cute to yell at. But I did feel bad that she spent two hours trying to get the red syrup out of the carpet. There is so much more I could tell you about my new life but these are just a few highlights. I am a very happy boy and have really taken to my family. They love me so much and I love them too! Thank you for letting them adopt me! I have attached some pictures so you can see what I have been up to. I hope to stop by for a visit sometime soon! Love, Charlie