



IOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

PAWPRINTS

Summer — June 2005

Upcoming Events

ICHS 2005 Membership Drive	Ongoing event
Mounds Dog Fest	June 12, 2005
ICHS "Paw"rade	July 10, 2005
ICHS Birthday Party	August 6, 2005
UW Vet School Dog Jog	September 2005
ICHS QuadruPedal Bike Ride	September 25, 2005
ICHS Art Auction	November 13, 2005
ICHS "Deck the Halls"	December 2005

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Good Luck and Thank you, Adam!

Dear Friends of ICHS,

I wanted to take the time to thank you for all of your help with ICHS, and to inform you that I will be leaving the shelter at the end of June. I have greatly enjoyed my time at ICHS, but I have decided it is time for me to move on to new and different challenges in my life. It has been a wonderful experience to get to work with all of the fantastic volunteers at the shelter. The new director will be working with me in the last couple weeks of June, so please stop by to introduce yourself.

Thank you for all the time you have spent making this shelter a better place for homeless animals.

Sincerely,

*Adam Chorlton
Managing Director ICHS*

The ICHS Board would like to extend a special thank you to Adam for all that he has done to help grow the Iowa County Humane Society into the organization that it has become. We hope to continue to grow with the great work of the wonderful staff and the support from our patrons and volunteers.



We'll miss you Adam.
Thanks for taking such good
care of us. -Astro

ICHS is a non-profit, 501c-3 status organization



Cotton

“Did you know... The estimated population of homeless cats in the United States (70 million) is almost equal to the number of owned cats (75 million).”



Lulu



Sampson

JOIN the “PAW”rade!

Strut your Mutt and make tracks for the Iowa County Humane Society “Paw”rade. It will be held Sunday, July 10th in conjunction with the Dodgeville Farmers appreciation day parade. You or You and your pet can help the ICHS by getting pledges and walking in the parade. Prizes will be given out for most money raised. See the Pawrade insert for more information.



I DON'T NEED ROGAINE, I NEED A HOME

My name is Symba. Now that my good friends Colby and Nora have found their forever home, I decided that I'd like to take time for a chat. I've had a little problem with losing my hair. Adam saw to it that I got to the doctor. The vet said nothing is wrong, but felt that I was just stressed out from waiting for a home of my very own. I am now in a foster home feel a lot better. I have 3 new friends—Pete, Mr. T and Maggie. I am having a great time in foster care, but really want a permanent home so that I don't fret about losing my family again and keep losing my hair. Some of us come here to ICHS and are scared. Some because people did not always treat us kindly, others because we have been alone so long that we didn't remember what it was like to be loved. Then some caring person comes along and says to come home with me for a while. It's so nice to be loved, as you all know. That's why we are so grateful for all of our volunteers. Without them, we wouldn't get any love, pats on our heads and tickles to our tummies. If anyone out there would like to be a volunteer we would love to see you.

Hope to see you out there!

Symba

P.S. My friend, Miranda also wanted me to mention that she wants a home too! She is a very sweet and well mannered kitty but she is an older cat and wants an “older” home. She just wants a nice lap to curl up in and call her own.

TWO-FURS

TWO-FURS: Kitten season will soon be here and ICHS will be full of the litte bundles of energy. We are offering “Buddy Adoptions”. If you are interested in adopting 2 cats together you will only pay one adoption fee for the two. The cats you are interested in adopting together must be known to get along well with one another. If you have questions on how a pair would do together, please contact us for more information or stop by.



Symba

JUNE IS ADOPT A CAT MONTH!!!

- If you have a cat, you don't have to worry about bath time since they spend 30% of their waking hours grooming themselves.

- Cats lack a true collarbone. That means if they can get their head through something, they can get their body through, too. You may notice your cat testing the size of an opening by careful measurement with its head.

FUN, FAST FACTS ON CATS



Peanut

- Cats have heart! Cat hearts beat twice as fast as human hearts, at 110 to 140 beats per minute. This means they have twice the amount of love to share!

- According to The Berlin Longevity Institute, cats can add as much as 10 years to their owners' lives. Picking up a cat has a nearly instantaneous calming effect on humans, causing blood pressure to drop and the heart rate to slow.

UPDATE UPDATE— Colby's NEW Purrrrspective!

In the last newsletter, Colby submitted a letter, explaining how he needed a home. Well, he found a great one. Both he and Nora were recently adopted. Here is an update from Colby on his new family.

To All Our Friends at the ICHS,

Colby here, writing to you from my new home, along with Nora, who has joined me on the adventure. We're all settled in and happy, but we think about you and appreciate all the time we had with you!

There's so much to tell. We made a trip to the vet for a checkup and shots, and we hid under the bed for awhile afterwards as a protest, but we're over that now. Then we went to the groomer for a bath, and we started to think that living here would be one annoying trip after another, but nothing's happened since the bath, and we both admit that we look gorgeous like never before. I'm quite proud of my full, snowy white coat. Nora is "softer than a bunny," the Lady says.

We have a whole house now, but we prefer one queen-size bed in a room with a view onto a giant willow tree. On warm days and nights we like to sit in the windows and smell the fresh air, the new grass, and the blooming lilacs, and watch the birds and squirrels scurrying around. Nora is more energetic than I am (youthful high spirits), and she has fun tearing around the joint, stretching her legs. I'd rather just mosey around. We both love being brushed and exploring the house, and we don't mind being kissed several times a day. We put up with the weird human.

We have a new brother and sister, another cat named Flanagan and a dog named Izzy. Flanagan is a little suspicious of us, but we're so easy-going, we think we can bring him around. Izzy is very nice to us, mostly so she can get close enough to our food bowls to grab an extra snack on the sly.

Things are good here. We think about you and hope that you all find a happy home like we have.

Love, Colby and Nora



Colby



Nora

Did you know.... ???

Cats' night vision is six times better than that of humans.



Fiona



Melvin

We knew that!



PayPal is here!!

What is PayPal? PayPal allows the ICHS to accept secure online donations from individuals. You can now make online donations just by going to the ichs website: www.ichs.net

For more information on PayPal, please see the following link:

<http://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=p/gen/about-outside>



ICHS QuadruPedal

September is just around the corner - and that means another fun filled, action packed day for the 2nd Annual ICHS Quadrupedal.

I was lucky enough to play a minimal part, as a volunteer, in the 1st Annual Quadrupedal. It was amazing to see the wide variety of riders that took part in this event. Whether they were competitive, or recreational athletes, it was apparent they were all enjoying the weather, and the beautiful scenic routes. I remember one gentleman saying, "It's hard to find hills like these in downtown Chicago!"

(Not to mention the wildlife, rolling hills and the fresh country air).

So if you're looking to get off the beaten path and see what Iowa County has to offer, please join us for this year's Quadrupedal on Sunday, September 25. A wide range of routes are available, from 5 miles to 75 miles. The dogs and cats in the shelter will be grateful for your time, donation and dedication! - Dawn Judd

- contact ICHS if you would like to volunteer for the QP!

PAWS for a Good Cause

Saturday, April 30, 2005 was an eventful day in downtown Dodgeville. "PAWS for a Good Cause" was held at the former Thistle Hill building at 225 N. Iowa Street. From 9:00AM—2:00PM, various home-based business consultants were available for questions, demonstrations and shopping needs. All in an effort to help raise money for the Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS). Each consultant donated a portion of their sales from the day or made a donation to ICHS. There was also music and refreshments. The consultants included:

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| "Bead Retreat" - Michele Storkson | "Pampered Chef"—Amanda Heisner | "Tastefully Simple"—Lori Barry |
| "Creative Memories"—Cassie Jabs | "Tupperware"—Sharon Neustadt | "Close to My Heart"—Tara Thomas |
| "Longaberger"—Joni Martin | "Watkins"—Michele Storkson | "Lia sophia"—Betty Groom |
| "Mary Kay Cosmetics" — Kate Wetter and Marcia Brigham | "Celebrations by Lillian Vernon" - Sue Reukauf | |



With everyone's help, the event was a great success! We look forward to next year!

A special thank you to my sister Tara Thomas, for all of her organizing and time spent away from home the day of the event. Her beloved cat, Hoser, went to "cat heaven" later that afternoon—she will be dearly missed.

- Natasha Rank, PAWS for a Good Cause Organizer



Who: YOU and your family

What: Help celebrate our 6th Birthday

When: Sat. August 6th - 12:30pm
4pm



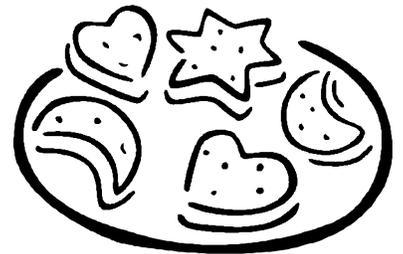
Mark your calendars! Help ICHS celebrate their 6th birthday with tours, cake and the Swing Crew! With Swing Crew, fun is the bottom line. They are an interactive, acoustic band. The 12pm—2pm show features a wide variety of music, audience participation, and humor. It will be fun for all ages! At the ICHS party you can also see the updates we have made and meet some of our best tenants.

Publicity for ***YOUR*** Business

Want your business's name on the back of over 100 T-shirts? You can, by helping to sponsor this year's ICHS QuadruPedal Bike Ride. This event is GROWING FAST—so get in on this annual event in its early stages.. Please call 608-935-1381 for more information.

Bake sale was Spe"cat"ular!

The ICHS Easter bake sale was held on Saturday, March 26, 2005 at Dick's Supermarket in Dodgeville, WI. Thanks to the support of many volunteers there was an abundance of baked goods. But the news of the ICHS bake sale must be getting out—the bake sale had to close early because they ran out of delicious items to sell! That could have also been due to the wonderful ICHS dog residents that were able to make a trip out for a little while to meet and greet people that stopped by. Once again the bake sale was a tremendous success thanks to all who donated and for the efforts of Janice Olson and Rita Thompson. Look for us next year around the Easter season and thanks to all that purchased items from us this year.



Volunteering—as simple as 1, 2, 3

1. Do you know how to drive? 2. Do you like talking to people? 3. Can you bake? 4. Do you like to walk? 5. Do you like to sit? Then you can volunteer !!! That's right, volunteering at ICHS can be as simple as doing any of the things above.

Mounds Dog Fest—June 12—2, 5—Volunteers needed to help to spread the word about ICHS

ICHS "Paw"rade—July 10—2, 5—All money from pledges goes back to ICHS directly, or we need people to hand out fliers

ICHS Birthday Party—August 6—2, 3, 4, 5, - Fun day—come dance, serve cake and share your best ICHS stories

UW Vet School Dog Jog—2, 4—the more volunteers at the Dog Jog, the more money ICHS receives from the event. Volunteers help direct foot traffic—a very fun event! You should see all the runners/walkers!

ICHS QuadruPedal—1, 2, 3, 4, 5—Ever growing bike ride—help to distribute fliers, or bake good and talk to all the riders as they journey through the beautiful Iowa County countryside on their bikes. All money goes back to ICHS.

ICHS Art Auction—2, 4, 5— Help to get donations, distribute fliers, and talk up all the great merchandise to be auctioned off!

ICHS is looking for a few good people!

The ICHS Board is looking for new board members.
Are you one of them?

The board holds monthly meetings that last 1.5 hours. Average time commitment is approximately 8-10 hours a month, but varies by month due to fundraisers. Please let one of the current board members know if you would be interested or if you want to find out more information about either of the open positions. You can contact the ICHS and they can tell you how you can contact one of us.

Thank you for considering helping the ICHS in this capacity!



Ginger

*“Four score
and seven
years ago.... I
would make a
good ICHS
board
member, don't
you think?
I would help
all 4 legged
critters if I
could be
elected.
Since I can't
be a board
member, can
you consider
helping us out?
“ - Ginger*

2005 ICHS Executive Board of Directors:

Interim President:	Jen Arnold
Treasurer:	Todd Novak
Fundraising Coordinator:	Teri Anderson
Public Relations:	OPEN
Secretary:	OPEN

** Please let us know if you would be willing to help the ICHS as a board member or contact one of us for details.

ICHS Board News

The ICHS Board is in the process of hiring a new Managing Director. Be sure to look for our October letter to welcome the new member to the ICHS team.

We are also working diligently with our volunteers at our current fund raisers! Let us know if you want to get in on the action!

What are cats really thinking ... ?



I should have joined the circus!



Wait till she finds out what I left in her shoe.
Heh, heh, heh.



Be vewy, vewy quiet.....

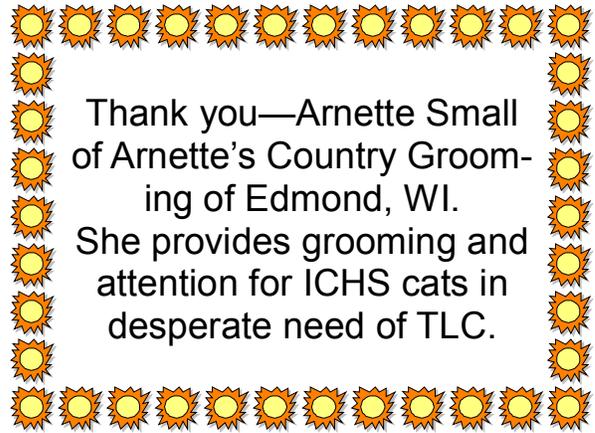


Caught! Dog-handed,
I mean red-handed!

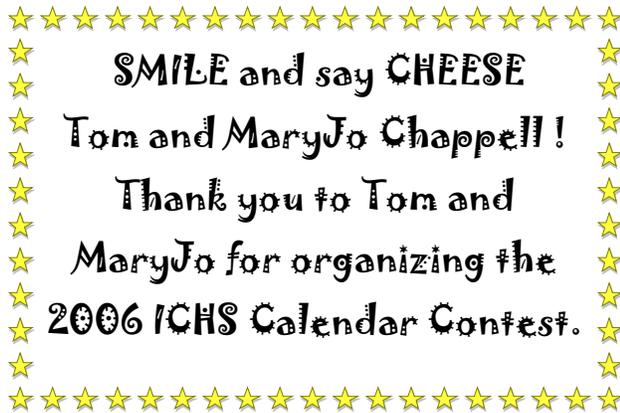
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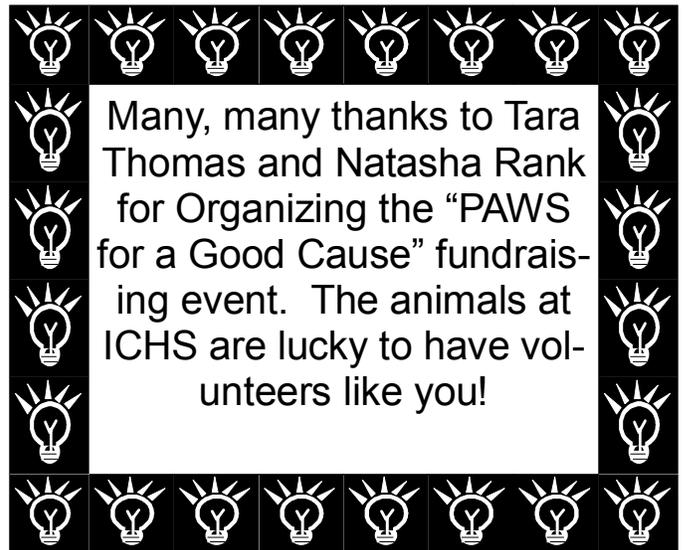
Kudos to Rita Thompson, Janice Olson! Janice and Rita organized the Easter bake sale held at Dick's Supermarket in Dodgeville. The food looked so good that items sold out before the end of the day! Thank you!



Thank you—Arnette Small of Arnette's Country Grooming of Edmond, WI. She provides grooming and attention for ICHS cats in desperate need of TLC.



SMILE and say CHEESE Tom and MaryJo Chappell! Thank you to Tom and MaryJo for organizing the 2006 ICHS Calendar Contest.



Many, many thanks to Tara Thomas and Natasha Rank for Organizing the "PAWS for a Good Cause" fundraising event. The animals at ICHS are lucky to have volunteers like you!

Please cut and return below portion to ICHS.



"SMITTEN FOR A KITTEN"

With kitten season just around the corner, ICHS will soon begin to experience an influx of cats and kittens. Please help us to continue to give them quality health care and a loving environment by sponsoring a cat or kitten. Maybe you don't have room in your family for a cat right now, or your dog doesn't like cats, or you have allergies. You can still show the felines that someone out there cares for them. The cats and kittens thank you!



- \$10 - Yes, I would like to sponsor an ICHS cat or kitten for a week
- \$40 - Yes, I would like to sponsor an ICHS cat or kitten for a month
- \$500 - Yes, I would like to sponsor an ICHS cat or kitten for a year
- Other Amount: _____ - Yes, I would like to sponsor an ICHS kitten



Maggie

Thank you for helping to take care of me!!



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**See the animals up
for adoption at:
www.ichs.net**

JUNE IS ADOPT A CAT MONTH!!!



Consider taking one (or more) of these lovable cats home today! Take a look inside for some of the reasons why!



Sydney



Peanut



Sara
