



Iowa County Humane Society
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Two big ICHS fundraising cycling events coming up. Help make them successful by participating or volunteering!



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IOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Pawprints

FALL – AUGUST 2007

The Power of People!

I didn't know the scope of the "job" when I signed on to the board of directors. I didn't realize how much influence the shelter would have in my life, or how much it would change how I see the world. I thought the biggest impact would be the animals – the way helping them would bring fulfillment. While that is true, what is even more compelling is the depth of commitment I see from everyone involved with making the shelter work – both staff and volunteers. I am so amazed by how willing people are to give to the shelter. Give time, give experience, give advice, and give financial contributions. Every piece is an important part of the structure that keeps our shelter growing and thriving. It is your passion and dedication that has made such an impact with me.

I am lucky to have the privilege of seeing, learning, and helping a great group of people, and I want each of you to know that everything you do is appreciated.

More, though, I want to encourage others to discover this first hand for themselves. If you aren't currently participating in the shelter, now is a great time to get involved. We are growing at a rapid pace and need help all the time. But more importantly, you have the chance to meet and work with fun, motivated and motivating people. An hour, a day, a three-year time-period (commitment seemed too big of a word!), all are important. We have plenty of opportunities so please contact me, another board member or the shelter if you might have any interest in getting more involved.

Robin Pharo

IOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY DONATION FORM

The Iowa County Humane Society is a non-profit, no kill shelter. We depend on your donations. Won't you please consider helping us out? **To make a donation, please mail this form with your donation to the Iowa County Humane Society at 3207 Bennett Road, Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533.** Thank you!

I would like to make a donation to the Iowa County Humane Society to help rescue and care for neglected or abandoned animals.

I am enclosing a check or money order for \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please make all checks payable to: "Iowa County Humane Society" or "ICHS"

- For your safety, please don't send cash through the mail.
- If you include a S.A.S.E. with your donation, a receipt will be sent to you.
- Please phone (608) 935-1381 for further details.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS. THE ANIMALS RELY ON US...BUT WE RELY ON YOU!

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

6th Channel 15 Pet of the Week appearance
11th Dairyland Dare Bike Event
12th ICHS 2007 Reunion/Open House "Fur-ever Friends"

SEPTEMBER

1st Calender Entries due
2nd Wright Stuff Century Bike Event
16th UW Dog Jog

OCTOBER

Wicked Witchconsin event in Mineral Point

NOVEMBER

4th Wisconsin Dog Fair at Alliant Center
11th ICHS Silent Auction

1st Saturday of every month – Cat Meet and Greet in Mt. Horeb
3rd Saturday of every month – Dog Meet and Greet at Wagging Tails Bakery in Blanchardville
Last Saturday of every month – Junior Humane Society



ANIMAL ADVOCATE'S CORNER

by Cheri Phillmore, Iowa County Humane Officer

The Iowa County Humane Society contributes a very important service for all citizens and animals by providing the services of a Humane Officer to investigate abuse/cruelty complaints within the Iowa County area. As your appointed county Humane Officer, I would like to introduce myself.

I was appointed by the Sheriffs Department in April of 2006 and was state certified as a Humane Officer in September 2006. I bring to our organization over 6 years of previous cruelty investigation and field enforcement experience involving all different species of animals as well as over 20 years of animal experience. Already in 2007, we have investigated more cases than in all of 2006 combined. Luckily, the majority of cases have been due to lack of knowledge rather than intentional abuse or cruelty. I find the increase in the number of cases to be a positive reflection of people beginning to look at animals in a new light here in Iowa County—as individuals worthy of better care and attention.

There are several general types of complaints that we usually see. Most often, it is about animals not being fed/watered. It is required by county ordinance 375.07 (1) that all animals receive proper nutrition in the form of “good and wholesome food” at least once daily and that there is a constant supply of “potable water” available to keep the animal in good health. Good and wholesome food **does not** include wet, moldy or dirty food and, in the case of dogs and cats, should be fed in bowls or food containers, **not thrown on the ground**. Potable water is water that is fit for you or I to drink. Water supplied in green, scummy containers or containers with dead, floating insects etc. is **not acceptable**. If you wouldn't drink it, your pet shouldn't have to either!

Adequate shelter is another common complaint. County ordinance 375.07 (2) requires that all animals be provided with some type of shelter from inclement weather and to ensure the protection and comfort of the animal. Animals must have protection from the direct rays of the sun at all times of the day. Dogs and cats which are outdoors must have shelter that is moisture and wind resistant. This means some type of shelter that the dog or cat can get into and that is large enough to allow the animal to turn around freely and sit, stand and lie down in easily. Just because the dog or cat can get under the roof overhang of your

house or under the porch for shade or to avoid getting wet **does not mean that this is adequate shelter**. Even if your dog is only outside for a portion of the day, he/she must have adequate shelter from all of the elements! FYI-livestock, including horses, do not have the same shelter requirements as dogs and cats do. Natural areas of protection such as trees, valleys etc. can be suitable shelter for these types of animals. There is no requirement for access to a barn if there is suitable natural protection available.

Sanitation is another area where we see many complaints. All animal owners are required to clean up after their animals. If your animal defecates on another person's property or on a public right of way, you are required to remove it immediately so bring your doggy bags when out walking! Animal owners are also required to keep areas where animals are kept in a clean and sanitary manner. This means that feces etc. must be removed on a regular basis (at least weekly) so that insects etc. do not become attracted to the area and so that objectionable odors do not arise.

Wisconsin state statute requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies at no later than 5 months of age by a licensed veterinarian. If you get a new dog, you have 30 days after bringing it into the state to have it vaccinated against rabies unless it has already been vaccinated in another state by a licensed veterinarian and you have a certificate of vaccination as proof. In addition, Iowa County municipalities require that all dogs be licensed with the municipality in which the dogs reside. There are also many areas where cats are required to be vaccinated and licensed. As a responsible pet owner, check with your local town clerk for the licensing requirements for your particular area. Keeping your pet's rabies vaccination current makes good sense as rabies is transmitted to all warm-blooded creatures and is usually fatal if contracted. Licensing your pet as required provides proof of current vaccination status and pet ownership as well as helps to provide revenue to the Humane Society for the care of stray animals from all areas of the County. Cat owners should discuss rabies vaccination recommendations with their veterinarian where it is not required by law.

We are here to help all animals in Iowa County regardless of species so if you see a situation where an animal is in need of assistance or you are not sure if a problem exists, please give me a call immediately.

FUNDRAISING HELP NEEDED

Love animals? Have some time on your hands? Good with people? Want to help but can't adopt? You may be the person/persons that we are looking for. Historically the ICHS fund raising has been chaired by Board members but with the continued rapid growth of the shelter we are needed in other capacities so we are now asking for YOUR help!

If you would be interested in either acting as the fundraising chairperson or as a volunteer for fundraising events, please contact Cheri at ichs.net or Mary at jmwhit@charter.net, to discuss the possibilities. This is enjoyable and rewarding work that directly benefits our residents at the Iowa Co. Humane Society.

Thank You!

Wagging Tails Bakery – sponsor of a.m. and p.m. radio spots on WDMP radio and monthly Meet and Greets of adoptable dogs!

Rita & Larry Thompson – donation of cat tree raffled during the Spring Bake Sale!

Sharon McGann – donation of six new dog play yards and play yard water tanks!

Rita Thompson & Janice Olson – for organizing and running the very successful Spring Bake Sale!

Theresa Davis – for organizing and running the first annual ICHS Plant Sale!

Rhonda Marten – for organizing the ICHS float for the Farmer's Appreciation Day Parade for the second straight year!

Scott & Marcia Thompson – for making the off-site Dog Meet and Greets at Wagging Tails Bakery a reality!

Everyone who volunteered at the 2007 QuadruPedal and Blue Mounds time Trials!

And thanks to everyone who continues to support our animals through their donations of supplies, money, time and service!

ICHS Reunion 2007



“Fur-ever Friends”

LET'S PARTY!

It's almost time again for our annual Open House! This year, we are adding a twist—it is going to be a reunion! That's right—come with your ICHS alumni and spend an afternoon with us for fun and games!

Sunday, August 12, 2007

11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Information from local rescue groups

Pet photo booth

Tennis Ball bob for Prizes

Radar Run—how fast is your dog?

Iowa County Sheriff's K-9 Unit Demo

Canine agility and tricks Demo

Food—for people and pets!

Adoptable Pet Parade

Blessing of the Animals

Tours of the ICHS shelter and a special Reunion

T-shirt!

Calling all volunteers! Give Cheri a call at (608) 935-1381 if you are interested in helping out!

All dogs to be on a 6 ft. or shorter leash at all times—no retractable leashes allowed!



In May, Scott and Marcia Thompson took two dogs, Grady and Brady, to Wagging Tails Bakery in Blanchardville. Wagging Tails Bakery has been very supportive of ICHS and arranged for animals to be brought into their store once a month for exposure and awareness for the residents in that area. Both dogs behaved very well and made many friends. One couple was seriously considering Grady! It was a fun afternoon and great to discover such a wonderful store focusing on pets!



GoodSearch

YOU SEARCH WE GIVE

Now you can make a difference in the lives of our residents at ICHS, simply by changing the way you search the internet!

Just use GoodSearch as your search engine and when it asks which charity you would like to support, type in "Iowa County Humane Society".

GoodSearch is the search engine with a unique social mission of re-directing advertising revenue to the charity of the user's choice. The site is partnered with Yahoo!Search to provide competitive search results and it promises to donate a minimum of 50% of advertising revenue to the non-profits selected by their users.

To start donating - Open a browser window (like Internet Explorer, Safari, Webzilla, etc.)

Go to <http://www.goodsearch.com>

Under Who do you search for type "Iowa County Humane Society" and follow the instructions from there!

OUR WISH LIST

Iowa County Humane Society encourages your donations and support. Here are a few things that we are always in need of.

- Cat Litter
- Canned dog and cat food
- Dog and cat beds
- Dog toys and chewies (rawhides etc.)
- Laundry soap (high efficiency for front loading washers)
- Bleach
- Hand sanitizer
- Scouring pads
- Dish soap
- Glass cleaner
- Stamps
- Inkjet Printer Paper
- 6 foot dog leashes
- Stainless steel dog and cat dishes
- Stainless steel water pails for outside kennels

Specialty items
(please contact us for more info):

- Sand for our dog play yards
- Risers for outside dog kennels
- Shelters for outside dog play yards
- Flea and tick control products for dogs and cats

Volunteers
Monetary Donations

July 10, 2007

Dear Everyone,

Lucifer is doing extremely well. He loves being the barn boss and is excellent company. He gets along very well with the donkeys, horses, and dogs! We couldn't ask for a better cat. Thank you all so much. You run a top notch facility!

Sincerely,
Mary McSweeney



Seeking Volunteers!



Please...we need your help! We have two upcoming events for which we have been asked to provide volunteer support in exchange for sizeable financial contributions to the ICHS. Both of these events are bicycling events and these folks have been wonderful and avid supporters of our shelter for several years.

The first event is the Dairyland Dare scheduled for August 11th at Harris Park in Dodgeville. Volunteers are needed from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, August 10th for package pickup by riders and also on Saturday for shifts running:

5:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The second event is the Wright Stuff Century, the Bombay Bicycle Club's annual fund raiser. The event will be September 2nd and volunteers are needed to man two rest stops for the day. The rest stops are at Barneveld and the Unity Church in Spring Green.

Approximately 20 volunteers are needed for each of these events. These are fun events to help with. The riders are gracious and so appreciative of everyone involved in the events. Please consider helping us out!

Contact Cheri at ICHS 608-935-1381 or email ICHS@mhtc.net

To the Staff at the ICHS -

Thank you for finding Ashley! I didn't realize how empty our home felt after the loss of our dog Andy in March. Ashley has filled a huge void for us. She fits in perfectly! Our cats are adapting well to her - I think they are teaching her the "pecking" order. She has a healthy fear and they know it-and use it to their advantage-which I think she loves! She has sure put life back into our home! We love her dearly! I'm including a photo that I took on her first full day in her new home. I've submitted this to Channel 3 for the Petwalk so who knows-she may be on TV!

Thanks again and we will stop in to visit once in awhile.

Jeanne, Brian, Ashley, Daisy, DJ & Tinker



PETS OF IOWA COUNTY & NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

2008 CALENDAR

Your pet has what it takes to be a calendar star!

This is a great opportunity to enter your pet in a calendar contest and also help the Iowa County Humane Society. Send us a silly, serious, or sensitive photo of your pet to be judged by area supporters of the ICHS. It is our goal to include as many entered photos as possible. Your pet does NOT have to be a former ICHS resident—all pets are eligible! Pets can be any shape or size: dogs, cats, birds, hamsters, ferrets, guinea pigs, rats, horses, or gerbils.

Entry Guidelines:

1. Only amateur photos of companion animals will be judged. (Professional photos cannot be used)
2. 4X6 colored, gloss finish photos preferred, but we will also accept 3x5 or 5x7 photos. (Black and white photos and high quality digital camera images are OK. Please no Polaroid pictures.)
3. Clearly print your name, pet's name, your phone number, and your address on the back of the photo. Please use a felt tip marker as a ball point pen causes dents in the photo. (A return address label works great!)
4. Photos with humans will not be included in the judging.
5. You may submit more than one picture of the same animal. However, if your animal is chosen to be

highlighted on a month, no other pictures of the same animal will be published in the calendar.

6. With each photo entered there is a \$10.00 non-refundable fee. Make checks payable to "ICHS."
7. All entries must be received by the ICHS by September 1st, 2007.
8. Judged photos can be picked up at ICHS after November 1, 2007 and before December 1, 2007 or include a self-addressed stamped envelope for the photo(s) to be returned by mail.

Publicity for *YOUR* Business

Contact ICHS if your business would like to sponsor a month in the calendar. Your business name, address, phone number, email and/or website will appear on the ICHS calendar for a month. Please call 608-935-1381 for more information.



ICHS Senior Spotlight

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Toby and I am a senior Beagle mix neutered male. I was brought to the Humane Society from the rural roads around Barneveld. When I first came, I was soooooo scared!! After all, how would you feel if you suddenly found yourself a long way from home and in a place where you didn't know anybody!! The staff at the Humane Society were kind and patient and helped me to feel more at home but it just wasn't the same as being in my own place. My favorite ICHS person, Leah, started taking me home on the weekends for sleep overs and was that great!! I got to ride in the car, sleep on the bed, go to the park and visit with friends (I even have my own personal chair at one house!). Everyone loves me and I love everyone, too. I give kisses and tail wags by the

dozen. I have a lot of cat and dog friends but with the big dogs, I go by the motto "little but mighty". I like to nap (and snore when I sleep). I am quiet and dignified but I think that I am ready for a new adventure. Could I share it with you?



ICHS Financial Picture

Todd D. Novak – ICHS Treasurer

Along with an increased influx of animals coming into the shelter, the cost to run the shelter has also increased dramatically. The summer is normally a very slow period both in adoptions and donations. In order to address cash flow problems, the ICHS Board of Directors has approved taking out two loans. The first loan is a \$50,000 line of credit put up by a private individual at 8% interest. The minimum monthly payment on this line of credit is interest only. The ICHS has drawn \$15,000 on this loan so far in 2007.

The second loan is \$50,000 from the Iowa County Revolving Loan Fund. The loan is for five years with an amortization schedule of 20 years. The annual rate of interest is five-percent fixed with monthly payments of \$329.98. A balloon payment of \$41,727.27 will be due at the end of 60 months. The ICHS has used \$30,000 so far from the proceeds of the loan.

The ICHS also has a debt of approximately \$66,000 in back payroll taxes with the IRS. The board has retained a law firm to help negotiate a settlement and payment plan with the IRS. The negotiations are ongoing.

The ICHS is current with all 2007 payroll taxes, both state and federal.

The ICHS has a contract with every municipality in Iowa County, three from Grant County and one from Lafayette County to impound stray and abandoned animals. We are currently re-negotiating municipal contracts and will be asking for increased funding. Iowa County does not direct fund the ICHS, but realizes the importance of having a humane society.

We will be making a presentation to the county and asking for some funding.

On average it is costing around \$20,000 a month to operate the shelter.

On the positive side donations have increased too, but are not keeping pace with expenses. The ICHS Board is diligently working hard to address the financial concerns of the ICHS. Any suggestion, offer to help or donation would be welcome! After all it's all about the animals.....

Adoption Changes for September 2007

With the winter months coming up in the not too distant future, we find ourselves in the position of being at capacity in the shelter with both cats and dogs. It is critical that we make some space for the upcoming bad weather months before they are upon us. We would like to place 50 cats and 20 dogs, if possible. To help encourage adopters to find a place in their home for a new family member, we are discounting adoption prices for the month of September. Some special medical needs pets, seniors and longer term residents will be available to qualified adopters at no charge.

SEPTEMBER FEE SCHEDULE

1. Cat adoption fees:	first cat	\$20.00
	additional cats	\$10.00
2. Dog adoption fees:		\$50.00
3. Special needs pets (medical issues, seniors, etc.)		no charge
4. Animals that have been here over 1 year		no charge

Regular adoption policies to apply—screening of applicants and approval needed for adoption of a pet. No same day adoptions. Puppies too young for sterilization will require a \$50.00 refundable deposit in addition to the adoption fee. We will expedite applications, usually completing them within 48 hours. Please view our animals on our website at www.ichs.net and contact the shelter for more information.