



2010 Halloween Theme Bowlathon Fundraiser for the Coulee Region Humane Society

Sat. Oct. 23, 3-5, 5-7 & 7-9pm

All Star Lanes 4735 Mormon Coulee Road, La Crosse, WI



Get into the Halloween spirit early and don your best costumes. Get the kids, grandma and grandpa involved too. This is a fun non-competitive family event that supports the Fidos & Fluffys out there who make our lives complete.



- ☆ **Form a team** of 4-5 players.
—A great family, friend or organization event!
—Don't have a team?
We'll help you put one together.

- ☆ **Register** with the form on the back.

- ☆ **Raise donations** to make a difference in the lives of local pets.

You can use the donations you raise to pay for your registration fee. Plus, for every \$50 in donations gathered you will get an entry into the drawing for our grand prize comprised of great gifts from several local businesses valued at over \$200.*

Donations are easy to get. Just ask your friends, family and co-workers to help you reach your goals. All money raised goes to support the thousands of area animals who are helped at the Coulee Region Humane Society each year. *Winners need not be present.



- 🎤 Awards for best individual & team costumes
- 🎤 Music & DJs from Z-93
- 🎤 Raffles for spooktacular prizes
- 🎤 Cool ghoul games
- 🎤 Unpredictable surprises
- 🎤 Fun for the whole family

12th Annual UW-La Crosse Telethon for CRHS

On Saturday, November 20th, 2010, the UW-La Crosse Communication Studies Department, students from WMCM (student cable TV station), and Dr. Patricia Turner will be holding the 12th annual Telethon with all donations benefiting our organization. Students, through fundraising efforts of their own leading up to the Telethon, along with those who call in pledges during the Telethon, have helped to raise between \$4,000 - \$5,000 annually; that is \$44,000 - \$55,000 over the last 11 years! These funds help us to care for about 4,500 domestic and wild animals each year. This

support also helps us provide many services to the Coulee Region such as pet therapy, education, training, lost and found services, and animal control.

KQEG has once again graciously offered to air the Telethon. Magnum Broadcasting, the owners of KQEG, are incredibly supportive of our community as a whole and their commitment to our organization is a fine example of this. Without the donation of airtime to this fundraising endeavor, the Telethon would not be possible. The Telethon will be aired on KQEG (Channel 23 or Channel 5 on Charter Cable) from 7pm – 10pm. Tune in and please consider calling in to make a pledge during the Telethon!

Volunteers Needed

We are excited to once again be participating in Rotary Lights. We are thankful not only to have the opportunity to support this community wide effort, but also to be able to raise awareness about our organization, by decorating a tree for the event.

We are in need of volunteers to assist us with fulfilling our obligation to help make this year's Rotary Lights the most successful yet! There are two volunteer opportunities available:

*Date, time, and task assignment yet to be determined – most likely, we will either be helping set up outside or inside

*Friday, November 26, 2010, walk with our organization in the Rotary Lights Parade

If you would like to help with either effort above, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Stephanie Lindsley, at 781-4014 or stephanie.lindsley@couleehumane.com.

Calendar of Events

October

October 1 – 31, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
 October 9, Historic Downtown La Crosse Day
 October 9, Dog Park Cleanup in Onalaska
 October 23, Bowlathon Fundraiser to benefit CRHS
 October 28, Fundraiser at Burrachos to benefit CRHS (see page 4)

November

November 1 – 30, Adopt a Senior Pet Month
 November 7 - 13, National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week
 November 13, Herberger's Community Day
 November 20, 12th Annual Telethon to benefit CRHS
 November 25, Thanksgiving, CRHS will be closed to observe the holiday
 November 26, Rotary Lights Parade
 November 26, Rotary Lights begins

December

December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, Pet Photos with Santa at PetSmart
 December 24, Christmas Eve, CRHS will be closed to observe the holiday
 December 25, Christmas Day, CRHS will be closed to observe the holiday
 December 31, Rotary Lights ends
 December 31, New Year's Eve, CRHS will be closed to observe the holiday

January

January 1 – 31, Adopt a Rescued Bird Month
 January 1, New Year's Day, CRHS will be closed to observe the holiday

February

February 17, Annual Open Meeting
 February 19, Annual Cause for Paws Banquet

For more information on start dates and times of training classes offered at CRHS for you and your dog, visit our website and click on the "Training and Behavior" link.

Thanks to The Blu Group for their creative expertise in designing signage for Bark in the Park and other marketing materials for our organization!

Receipt Reminder and Update

Remember to save your receipts from Festival and Quillins! We earn 1% of all receipts that you give to us! You can either drop them off at our Humane Society or mail them directly to us.

Herberger's Community Day

Let us help you
save money
while doing your
holiday shopping!
Would you like a
coupon for \$10.00
off a purchase of
\$10.00 or more at
Herberger's while
helping the Coulee



Region Humane Society (CRHS) raise money? On Saturday, November 13, 2010, Herberger's will once again be holding "Community Day". For a donation of \$5 to CRHS, you will receive a coupon booklet with a coupon for \$10.00 off a purchase of \$10.00 or more as well as 6 percentage off savings coupons (the coupons are also valid at Bon Ton, Bergner's, Boston Store, Carson Pirie Scott, Elder-Beerman, and Younkers)*. Your entire donation benefits CRHS!

The coupon booklets can be purchased in advance at Coulee Region Humane Society during our normal office hours.

*Some exclusions apply. For more information or to order a coupon book, contact Heather Schmid at 608-781-4014 or heather.schmid@couleehumane.com.

Happy New School Year!

Welcome to a new school year! We are excited to visit you and your group. We offer a lot of programs and services for you to choose from, including custom programs to fit your group's needs perfectly. We love visiting classrooms and groups at your location, or giving programs and tours at the CRHS. We also enjoy helping students with their school community service projects or helping you earn Scout badges!

For more information please visit www.couleehumane.com/education and check out the education brochure. To schedule a visit call Kaylynn Cooper at 608-781-4014 or email her at kaylynn.cooper@couleehumane.com.



**Join us for dinner on Thursday, October 28
from 4PM to 9PM.**

**Turn in this flyer when placing your order and
20% of your total order will be donated to the
Coulee Region Humane Society.**



9342 State Road 16
Onalaska, WI 54650
608-781-5900



PetSmart Volunteers Needed

Coulee Region Humane Society (CRHS) cats and dogs need **YOU!** As you may know, since its opening in 2005, PetSmart's cat adoption center has featured CRHS cats. Each day, PetSmart staff clean the cats kennels, making sure each has a clean litter box, fresh water and food, and a nice clean, comfy bed. Our staff is available at PetSmart Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday from 4:00pm – 6:30pm and on Sunday from 4:00pm – 6:00pm to take applications from individuals interested in adopting a cat. However, the cats long for petting, cuddling, and someone to check in on them once or twice a day. Could that someone be you? What time commitment might this involve? We are fairly flexible – even an hour once or twice a week would be great! You pick the day and the time.

We also are at PetSmart the first Friday night of every month from 6:00pm – 8:00pm with dogs available for adoption, to increase their opportunity to meet individuals and families who may be looking to add a furry friend to their life. We are in need of dog volunteers to help the dogs find their way to PetSmart, meet people for an hour or two, and find their way back to the CRHS. Two long term volunteers, who have helped with numerous projects, Maureen and Chris, help lead this effort and are great mentors to learn from. There also are several other wonderful volunteers who have been helping with this for quite some time that will teach you the ropes.

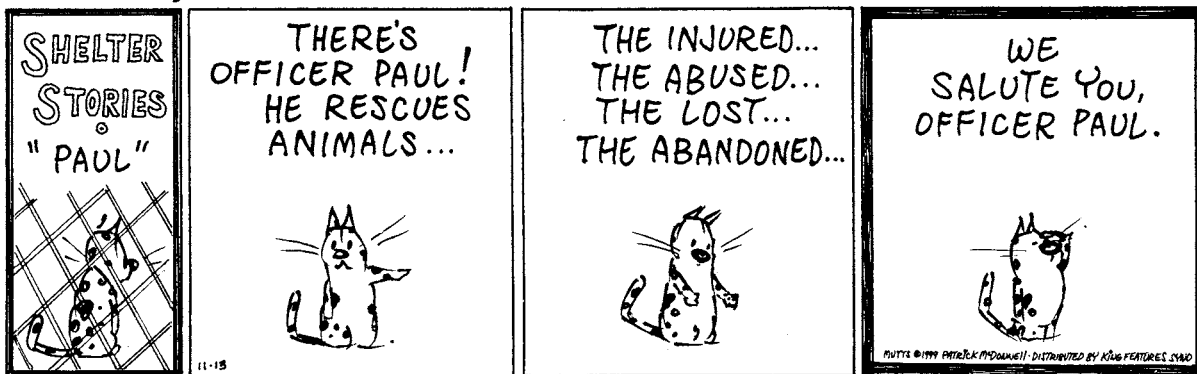
If you are interested in helping the cats or dogs in our care find new homes, please contact Stephanie Lindsley, our volunteer coordinator, at 781-4014 or stephanie.lindsley@couleehumane.com.

Personalized Ornaments

We are gearing up for the holiday season and personalized ornaments are on the shopping list. These are a great, unique gift idea for friends and family with furry or feathered companions. This is also a perfect way to memorialize a lost pet, or to commemorate a special moment like a child's first Christmas. Order forms will be available mid-October. Check our website for more details or contact Kaylynn Cooper at kaylynn.cooper@couleehumane.com. All proceeds from the sale of personalized ornaments will benefit the Humane Education program



MUTTS by Patrick McDonnell



MUTTS © 1999 PATRICK MCDONNELL. KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

CRHS Assists Bald Eagle in Need

On Friday, June 25, Fish and Wildlife contacted our agency about a juvenile bald eagle in dire need of assistance. The eagle had been spotted on several occasions about 4 miles south of Brownsville by a Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad crew. The crew reported that the eagle had been hanging out on the ground which is a very abnormal behavior for an eagle.

Indeed, the eagle was in distress. Having extreme feather damage on its left side, the eagle could not fly. Hatched this Spring, it is believed the eagle had not learned how to successfully hunt yet. Weak from hunger, the eagle had become emaciated and dehydrated. The bird suffered significant feather damage on the rip rap and railroad bed along the Mississippi River. After administering I.V. fluids and being encouraged to eat small strips of venison the

eagle began perching and eating on his own. The bird proved to be an eager eater and gained almost two pounds in just 6 days!

On Friday, July 2, we received confirmation from the Raptor Center that they had secured a place for the eagle to live until fully rehabilitated. With the help of a few staff and volunteers, the eagle was transported to the National Eagle Center in Wabasha, MN and then later the Raptor Center in St. Paul, MN.

Below are a few pictures of this magnificent creature that we had the honor of helping. Holding the necessary licenses to assist wildlife, our agency is able to assist wildlife in need, providing them experienced staff with both knowledge and skill to ensure proper care.



CRHS to Sell 2011 Calendar

Purchase your 2011 full color wall calendar from our organization and assist animals in need at the same time! 2011 calendars will feature owned pets throughout the Coulee Region and beyond...maybe your special Fido or Fluffy will be featured. We anticipate the calendars being available by Thanksgiving. These will be great stocking stuffers or a calendar to replace your 2010 office or home calendar. Calendars will be sold for \$15 each with all proceeds benefitting our organization.

If you would like to reserve your 2011 Coulee Region Humane Society calendar in advance, please contact Heather Hankins by emailing heather.hankins@couleehumane.com or 608-781-4014.

UBake 4th Anniversary Celebration to Benefit CRHS

Warm cinnamon rolls with cream cheese frosting, apple turnovers, chewy chocolate chip cookies, chocolate silk pie, Wisconsin cheese bread, tomato basil brats, jellies, jams, coffees, oils, bulk foods, sugar-free or gluten-free specialty foods, and many more delicious products can be found in one single shopping trip to UBake. In October, your shopping trip to UBake can also help our organization.

UBake will hold their 4th Anniversary Sale from October 14th thru October 17th with specials for any customer who makes a donation to CRHS during the celebration. It is very simple – make a cash donation of any amount to CRHS while at UBake or bring an item from our wish list to UBake and you will receive 20% off of your total order (some exclusions apply). Our wish list is on the back of this publication and can always be viewed on our website by selecting the “How to Help” link.

Location, store hours, and more information about the products offered at UBake can be found on their website at <http://www.ubakeusa.com/lacrosse> or by calling 787-7788.

Festival Foods Paw Away Hunger Update

We are excited to share that from January 2010 – March 2010, \$1,544 was raised through the Paw Away Hunger Program at our three local Festival Foods stores! Since this program began locally in late 2007, we have been able to purchase supplies like bleach,

laundry detergent, cat food, cat litter, and other products needed to provide great care for the animals living at CRHS totaling \$14,478 as a result of your support and this Festival Foods program. This program impacts our organization by allowing us to allocate our funds directly to other animal care needs. Again, we want to thank YOU and Festival Foods for making this possible.

Remember to add a \$5 or \$10 Paw Away Hunger shopping bag to your shopping list the next time you are in Festival Foods. The bags are either on a specially marked display or at the check out registers...just ask any Festival Foods employee and they will be sure to help you locate a bag. Thank you very much for helping us!

Pet Photos with Santa at PetSmart

We will once again be teaming up with PetSmart to take pictures of your beloved animal companions at the Onalaska PetSmart. For \$9.95, you will receive one digital photograph, in a holiday collector frame, of your companion animal(s) with Santa. On the days that our organization is there, \$5.00 of each package will be donated back to us. Dates that we will be assisting with this should be determined by the end of October. If you attend on a day we are not assisting with picture taking, you will be supporting another local animal group. Please come out and capture a keepsake moment of your pet with Santa on one of these dates:

Saturday, December 4th, 11am – 4pm
Sunday, December 5th, 11am – 4pm
Saturday, December 11th, 11am – 4pm
Sunday, December 12th, 11am – 4pm
Saturday, December 18th, 11am – 4pm
Sunday, December 19th, 11am – 4pm

If you are interested in volunteering to be Santa or to take pictures, please contact Stephanie Lindsley, volunteer coordinator, at 781-4014 or stephanie.lindsley@couleehumane.com.

Critter Club – You are never too young to make a difference!

With the beginning of the new school year we also see the beginning of another year of Critter Club! We are looking forward to having past members return and meeting new members that want to help critters. Critter Club is open to animal loving kids from 6 to 12 years of age. We meet on Thursday afternoons starting at 3:30 and usually run until 5:00. If your child would like to join the fun with Critter Club, call Kaylynn Cooper at (608) 781-4014 or email

kaylynn.cooper@couleehumane.com.

This year we have some new projects for Critter Club members to enjoy. We will be making more toys to help enhance the lives of critters both at the shelter and when they go to their new homes. Our biggest ongoing project is decorating shoe boxes to send home with every shelter cat so they have a fun box to hide in with a couple homemade toys that have the scent of the shelter on them to help ease them into their new lives. For the holiday season, we will use our creative energy for the betterment of animals through a new joint venture or two.

We would also like to thank the people and businesses that have helped Critter Club be the success that it is by donating items such as: shoe boxes, fleece, yarn, felt, tennis balls, empty toilet paper rolls and other crafty items. Caribou Coffee has been nice enough to save empty paper rolls. Payless Shoes donated shoe boxes when we were almost out of them at the shelter. The La Crosse Country Club donated used tennis balls for our new dog toy project. We have had a great time recycling these items to create toys for cats, dogs, birds, and other small critters that are being rehomed. Recycle! Reuse! Rehome!



The Onalaska Playground and Kid Camp Group were visited by two of our Pet Therapy dogs in July. The visit was very special for all...the Group raised over \$140 by holding a car wash for their families and friends and decided to donate their earnings

to our organization. In addition, they donated pet food and cat litter to help the animals in our care. Above is a picture from the special visit. We want to thank all the kids who helped with this!

Dear Humane Society,

Do you have a plan for if there's ever a tornado? Well, I do. Get 2 or 3 people to help the dogs to the basement. Get 4 or 5 people to get the cats (since there is more cats than dogs), then get 1 or 2 people for any other animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs, rats, and mice. If there is no basement, run to the closest one or safest room in the building.

Love,

Livi

(Critter Club member)

Note: CRHS has been working to develop a disaster/emergency plan. We have not yet finished our plan, but will continue our efforts until we have a written, practiced plan in place.

Bark in the Park Update

Finally breaking what seemed to be becoming a tradition, this year's Bark in the Park did not start with rain, thunder, or lightning. Rather, the morning brought an overcast, muggy day. However, the weather did not dampen the spirit of those attending or those volunteering. This year's Bark in the Park raised a little over \$12,000!

Hundreds of people and dogs enjoyed doggie games and contests, agility demonstrations, lazy time in the doggie pools, pampering at the Pet Me Scratch Me pet boutique, vendors, food, silent auction, and of course, the Big Bark! New this year, Tucker Kabat was named our first ever King of the Bark while Maddie Eckert was named Queen of the Bark. The Squatters finally won the Fido Frisbee game, making the Lifters lead 2-1; the Squatters are already practicing for their rematch next year and they plan to even the playing field.

We unofficially broke the Guinness World Record held by Coulee Region Humane Society dog supporters by registering at 112.9 decibels (record is 110.0 decibels).

Tentatively mark your calendar for next year's Bark in the Park on August 13; we will be able to confirm this after the first of the year when we ask for permission to use Copeland Park.

Thank you to the following sponsors of this year's Bark in the Park:

Media:

WKBT-TV News Channel 8
Z93 FM Radio

Best of Show:

Central Animal Hospital
Hillside Animal Hospital
La Crosse Veterinary Clinic
PETCO Foundation
Pet Me Scratch Me Dog Daycare & Indoor Playground
Thompson Animal Medical Center

Grand Champions:

Diggity Dog Daycare
Business in Doggie Business LLC
Globe University-La Crosse

PetSmart

Sue Butler In-Home Dog Training

Reserve Champions:

Armitage, Inc. David Trapp Agency
Benefits Design Group
Fleis Insurance
River's Edge Pet Crematorium
Surfingmenus.com

Best of Breed:

Amanda Wilson Design
Jeannie Bush
Chris Hughes, Scentsy Consultants
La Crescent Animal Care
SFB Motorcycle Club
Target

Special Thanks To:

Arctic Glacier Ice
Central Animal Hospital
Dr. Tom Thompson
Farley's
Festival Foods
Fowler and Hammer
Hoff Family
La Crosse Park and Recreation Department
Sam's Club
Starbuck's
Valley View Mall
All Donors and Volunteers

"Until one has loved an animal a part of one's soul remains unawakened.

~ Anatole France



Greg and Napa enjoying Fido Frisbee



Kaylynn puckers up for the "Best Kisser" contest

And the Winners Are...

This summer we held two raffles to raise funds to support the many services we offer to our community at little to no cost.

The first, a raffle that offered a chance at winning Packer tickets, was made possible by the generosity of Tom and Trudy Kennedy's donation of 4 indoor club seats and a parking pass to the Packer home game on August 26. As a result of this effort, our organization raised a little over \$885! The winners of the Packer raffle are:

- 1st prize – 4 Packer tickets and parking pass – John Dvorak
- 2nd prize - \$50 cash – Rick Massud
- 3rd prize - \$25 cash – Audrey Steen

Our annual Critter Cash raffle, held in conjunction with Bark in the Park, helped to raise nearly \$1,067 for our organization. The winners of this raffle are:

- 1st prize - \$100 cash – Art Schmid
- 2nd prize - \$50 cash – Jeff McGuire
- 3rd prize - \$50 cash – Marlene Bannen
- 4th prize - \$25 cash – JoBeth Gaul
- 5th prize - \$25 cash – Judy Rusch

We would like to extend a special thank you to JoBeth and Judy for donating their winnings back to CRHS!

Our thanks to everyone who purchased and sold raffle tickets!

Diggity Dog Dip

The 4th Annual Diggity Dog Dip was held on Saturday, September 4th, at the Onalaska Aquatic Center. Diggity Dog Daycare, organizers of this event, graciously earmarked the proceeds of this unique dog designated swim day to benefit both our organization and the Onalaska Dog Park, operated by the Onalaska Park and Recreation Department. The cool, sunny day brought about 250 dogs out to enjoy swimming, interacting with other dogs and people, and licking up a Frosty Paw (ice cream

treat for dogs) or two. Just over \$2,000 was raised and gifted equally to both our organization and the Onalaska Dog Park as a result. Diggity Dog Daycare also encouraged both financial and in-kind donations to CRHS; about \$100 was raised as a result as well as a few donated supplies. We want to thank Diggity Dog Daycare for their efforts in planning this event that allowed dogs to enjoy a day at the pool while raising funds to assist our services and programs offered to the Coulee Region.

Sand on the Riverfront Update

On August 20th, 2010, a very dedicated, hard working group of CRHS volunteers helped artist David Andrews create a sand sculpture in Riverside Park at CenturyTel's Sand on the Riverfront, a fundraiser that benefits Riverfront. The group did an **excellent** job - earning the Riverfront Award for Best Interpretation of a Theme.

We want to thank Fowler and Hammer for once again sponsoring our organization and providing this opportunity. We also would like to thank David Andrews, whose creativity ultimately resulted in an award winning sculpture!

15th Annual Cause for Paws Banquet – Save the Date

The Cause for Paws Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 19th. Details about this special evening will be available as the date draws closer.



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It's nice to be
important,
but it's more
important
to be nice.
~Author
Unknown
.....

Success Stories



Dear Heather and staff,

Here are a couple of pictures of "Cricket". We are smitten with her to say the least. She makes us laugh everyday. Thank you again for allowing this delightful little dog to share a home with us.

Gratefully,
Mary, Craig & Cricket



Thank you for matching us with our new family member, Sam. He is the perfect kitty for us. He loves to play and also loves to cuddle and purr. He seems to feel perfectly at home with us and playfully chases and plays with our other cat.

Thank you for all you do to help the animals in the Coulee Region. I really appreciate you!

Sincerely,
Melissa

Dear Princess Helen

Dear Princess Helen,
I am sure you love to play with toys just as much as my cats. In your opinion are there any toys that I should avoid for my cats? Thanks for your help. Cassie

Dear Cassie,

Good question! Everything I have learned (after hours I sneak on my staffs' computers to learn what I can to outsmart my staff) related to this question is from a wonderful website dedicated to cat care and safety – Cats International. With their permission, I am sharing an article they have prepared that should answer your question:
Unsafe Toys For Your Cat
When selecting appropriate toys for your cat or kitten, think in terms of what would be safe for a human infant or toddler. Unfortunately, there are no regulations or cautionary statements on toys for pets. It is up to the pet owner to determine if the toy is suitable. If it can be swallowed,

it is dangerous. The backward-pointing barbs on a cat's tongue make it difficult for the feline to remove items from its mouth. String, yarn, floss, ribbon, twine, rubber bands, bells, etc. can be swallowed and may cause severe injury to your playful pet. Check toys for glued-on decorations or trim that could come off and be swallowed. The eyes on some playthings can be especially hazardous. For example, one very popular toy, the small mice made of real fur, have eyes that are tacks and should be removed before the toy is given to the cat. Keep in mind that while some toys, such as the milk bottle rings, may be perfectly safe for some cats, others that may have a penchant for chewing, may get into trouble with them. Know your cat and if in doubt, supervise playtime with the new toy. Play with feathered toys should always be supervised as an exuberant cat will chew the feathers and the shafts can become lodged in the cat's throat.

Generally, if you use common sense and provide safe, acceptable toys for your cat, the resulting mental and physical stimulation will produce a happier, healthier, pet. Please do let me know if you have any other questions - I know I will be able to help you as I am the Princess of knowing everything related to cats (and a lot of other things, too).

Helen

If you have a question you would like me to answer, as a reminder, Heather has agreed to assist me with this column by accepting my emails and passing them along to me. You can submit any questions you have to Heather at heather.schmid@couleehumane.com or to my attention at CRHS, 911 Critter Court, Onalaska, WI 54650.



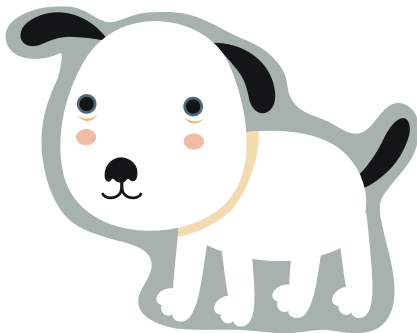
Thanks to our groomers!

We simply do not know what we would do without the help we receive from so many skilled and dedicated individuals. So many give their time, their love, their support...they truly make the work we do easier by lending their help and support and certainly improving the lives of so many animals that cross our paths.

This holds true for a few individuals who help us by grooming animals in dire need. Each year, we see several animals in need of grooming. They come to us with matted, dirty fur or covered in ticks and fleas. Those that help us with this do so quietly; they want to be there when needed; they want to make sure animals are not suffering. And although they do this looking for no thank you other than the appreciation they know the animal feels, we want to extend our thanks. Cindi McMullin, Collette's Bow-wow'serie, Pet Me Scratch Me Dog Daycare – thank you!

The Dogs Receive a New Bath Tub

Do you know how refreshing a cool shower can be after you mow the lawn? Have you ever finished a long walk with a cool soak in the tub? Have you ever watched kids run through a sprinkler on a hot day? Did you ever join them? If you've done any of these things, you can imagine how good our dogs (and some cats!) feel after they get a bath in a new stainless steel tub that was made possible by several donors, Hillside Animal Hospital, and two grants from the Pedigree Foundation and the local Pepsi Refresh Grant. Thanks to this support, the new tub is providing animals more hygienic and safe surroundings while receiving a bath. They also enjoy their bath time much more...you can just tell from the picture above.



From the Desk of the Executive Director

While I am no expert on animal hoarding, I would like to comment on this briefly as it relates to the work your Coulee Region Humane Society (CRHS) does in the Coulee Region and beyond. Animal hoarding is the act of keeping a high number of pets without the ability to care for them properly and without the ability to necessarily recognize this. There is debate as to exactly how to classify animal hoarding from the perspective of diagnosing the cause (ie. mental disorder, addiction, dementia) and I am not writing to engage in this debate.

Over the years, I have read about many cases that meet the criteria of animal hoarding. The person hoarding the animals does not intend to harm the animals, they do not recognize that they are not able to care for the animals, and they struggle to let go of the animals if confronted with the lack of care. Animal hoarding has devastating effects on all involved - the animals and the persons living in the hoarding situation. Effects of animal hoarding situations often include poor sanitation, zoonotic diseases (diseases that can be transferred from animal to human or human to animal), malnourishment, illness, poor socialization for the animals often making it a challenge for rehoming, and sadly, euthanasia when animals have endured neglect for too long to reverse the effects of the neglect. Fortunately, CRHS does not directly encounter many cases of animal hoarding. We certainly have assisted other Wisconsin animal welfare groups who are

working with hoarding situations by taking animals from those organizations for rehoming.

Most of the cases we see involve people who recognize that they have more animals than they can care for. In these circumstances, the person often willingly works with the animal welfare agency to relinquish the animals so that the animals have a chance of a better life.

But, in the case of either the animal hoarder or the person who, for whatever reason, has too many pets, the hardships the animals endure are the same.

Over the past few months, we have assisted with four situations in La Crosse County in which the people involved ultimately recognized that they had too many pets. Three were quite staggering – 1 person surrendered 20 hamsters, 1 person surrendered 36 cats and kittens, and one person surrendered 38 animals consisting of mice, snakes, rats, birds, cats, and dogs (and yes, this last situation could certainly be questioned as to whether or not this was animal hoarding... the key factor is to remember the pet owner willingly surrendered them). Many of the pets involved in these three situations had not received proper vet care, food, clean water, sanitary living quarters, and the socialization pets need to be healthy, happy companions. These situations could easily have been controlled if attention had been given to the importance of spaying and neutering them and as a result,

the effect of not adding to the overpopulation that already exists in our community.

With your support, the support of our local veterinary community, the support of our animal welfare partners, and the efforts of the great team that works at CRHS, many of these pets were able to be rehabilitated and adopted. For those animals that were not, they are no longer suffering. Be it animal hoarding or people who simply take on more than they can properly care for, the effects are devastating to all involved... the animals, the individuals who care for the animals that were removed from the unfit situation, the adoptive homes who welcome these pets into their lives, sometimes with lifelong consequences for the pet and as a result the adoptive family, and you, who need to be informed about what happens in your community and, hopefully, will be willing to help. You can help by educating others, by being willing to let us know where there are animals in need and by supporting groups like CRHS with supplies and financial assistance as these situations drain our resources.

Please make sure to report any concerns you have in which you think animals are not being properly cared for...be it 1, 5, 10, or 20 animals. Again, you are their voice.

Heather

75 Cats to be Spayed and Neutered

Thanks to the support of the Coulee Region Humane Society's Board of Directors and Central Animal Hospital (CAH), over the next several months, 75 cats will be spayed and neutered. CAH agreed to deeply discount the cost of spay and neuter services for each of the 75 cats and individuals from our Board of Directors agreed to fund the difference. Thank you to our Board of Directors and CAH for not only bringing awareness to the importance of spaying and neutering pets, but also for improving the adoptability of cats in our care.



Critter Court Summer Celebration Update

Thanks for a fun filled Critter Court Summer Celebration! SpringBrook Assisted Living facility partnered with us to offer this to the community earlier this summer. A lot of fun activities were offered complimented by a chicken lunch hosted by SpringBrook and an ice cream social hosted by CRHS. Close to \$400 was raised for CRHS...we are thankful to SpringBrook Assisted Living and all of our neighbors for the continued support!

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Heather Schmid, Executive Director
Marcia Christman, Animal Records Assistant
Kaylynn Cooper, Education Director
Amiie Gabrilka, Animal Control Supervisor
Neal Zygarlicke, Accounting Clerk
Heather Hankins, Customer Relations Manager
Renee Knutson, Pet Therapy Director
Stephanie Lindsley, Volunteer Coordinator
Judith Siemers, Executive Assistant
Cassandra Speltz, Kennel Operations Manager
Peg Zappen, Grants Assistant

Humane Officers/Animal Control

Officers

Lynn Zee Dokken-Knox
Kathy KasaKaitas
Dan Olson
Rich Schrader
Eric VanOsdol

Animal Behavior

Shirley Richards

Animal Care/Adoption Counseling

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Kelly Metzger
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Sara Olson
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Rhonda Taylor
Eric VanOsdol
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Delana Hanson
Emily Odt

Maintenance

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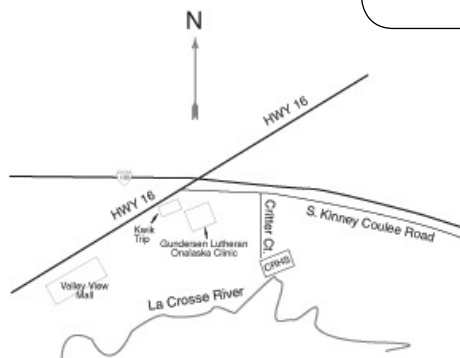
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Hours

Viewing

Monday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday 1pm - 5pm
Tuesday and Thursday 1pm - 7pm
Wednesday - Closed

Office

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am - 5pm
Tuesday and Thursday 9am - 7pm
Saturday and Sunday 1pm - 5pm

Wish List

Animal and Kennel Care:

Cat scratching posts
Kong stuffers:
 Small treats, peanut butter, spray cheese
Toys for cats:
 Little mice with a tail and bell on end, etc.
Toys for dogs:
 Sturdy, squeaky toys, Kongs
Rawhide bones or chips - things to keep our dogs busy
Pig ears
Dry kitten food (Science Diet, Eukanuba, Iams, Purina)
Canned dog food - loaf please, not meats in gravy
Dry dog food (Science Diet, Eukanuba, Purina)
Dry puppy food (same brands listed for Dog Food)
Meat flavored baby food for cats not eating (no onion powder please)
Clumping/scoopable cat litter
British style slip leads for dogs - 1/2 inch and 3/8 inch - can be found at www.cleanrun.com, click on collars and leashes then click on slip leads, then click on british style
Leashes - 1 inch thick, 4 - 6 feet long
Martingale collars for dogs
Feliway spray (see www.petedge.com)
Carefresh bedding
Yesterday's News - litter
Timothy hay
Guinea pig food
Aspen shavings or chips (no pine or cedar)
Small animal food (birds, hamsters, rabbits, ferrets)

Small animal litter
Fresh carrots and romaine lettuce for rabbits
12 inch diameter oil pans (to use as litter pans)
Pooper scoopers - heavy duty
Dish rags/washcloths
Gas gift cards (transportation of animals)
Gift cards (to buy food and supplies):
 Target
 Wal-mart
 Sam's Club
 PETCO
 PetSmart

Office Supplies:

Pocket folders
Small gift bags (to send info. home with adopters)
Stamps
Copy Paper - 8.5X11 - plain white

Cleaning Supplies:

Laundry detergent for HE washers
Garbage bags - 33 gallon size
Garbage bags - 13 gallon size
Windex
Dryer sheets
Paper toweling
Kleenex

Special needs:

Garmin GPS - for our animal control vehicles
Buster Cubes (for dogs) - Qty 4
Chomping toys (no stuffed toys) from planetdog.com

Pet Therapy needs:

White ink jet card stock
White postcards for ink jet - 5-1/2 X 4-1/4
Plain white or plain royal blue gift bags
Royal blue or red pocket folders

Education needs:

Foam alphabet stickers
Foam shape stickers
Shoe boxes
Empty toilet paper rolls
Yarn
Fleece

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Clay cat litter (non-clumping)
Bleach
Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR brand only)
Canned cat food - loaf please, no meats in gravy/sauce
Dry cat food (Science Diet, Eukanuba, Iams, Purina)