

Coulee Region
Humane Society
SUMMER 2011

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TRIBUNE



RAIN OR SHINE

BARK IN THE PARK

SATURDAY, AUG. 13TH 9AM-1PM
COPELAND PARK, LA CROSSE, WI

A great **fundraising event** for families and their dogs that's focused on our furry friends and **helping area homeless animals.**

ACTIVITIES - MUST BE REGISTERED TO PARTICIPATE

9am - 1pm	Vendors, Agility, and more
10am - 12:30pm	Dog Games
10:30am	Fido Frisbee
Noon	Canine King and Queen Crowned - <i>Collect the most money in pledges to earn your dog the crown. Visit CouleeHumane.com to learn more.</i>
12:30pm	Canine Costumes
1pm	The Big Bark - <i>Help us get back the Guinness World Record.</i>

\$20 EARLY REGISTRATION - BEFORE AUG. 11TH

\$25 DAY OF REGISTRATION

Fill out and mail in the registration form found on the back of this flyer to register.

Visit CouleeHumane.com for pledge forms, and more info.



WOOFIN' FOR THE WORLD RECORD - 2011

We've lost our title for the **Guinness World Record** loudest combined bark. Help us get it back. Come be a part of the potential record breaking bark **Saturday Aug. 13th in Copeland Park, La Crosse, WI.**



EVENT SPONSORS

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Z93 FM Radio

Best of Show

Central Animal Hospital
Hillside Animal Hospital
La Crosse Veterinary Clinic
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PETCO Foundation
Thompson Animal Medical Center
VCA Sand Lake Animal Hospital
West Salem Veterinary Clinic

Grand Champions

Diggity Dog Daycare
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All donors and volunteers



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2011 BARK IN THE PARK REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is for adults and youth 12-17, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. First 150 paid registrants get a t-shirt, all registrants get a bandana.

To pre-register, mail or take this form to: Coulee Region Humane Society, 911 Critter Court, Onalaska, WI 54650

___ \$20 Early Registration* - Before Aug 11th T-Shirt Size ___ Pick up t-shirt and bandana at CRHS Aug 8-11 ___ \$25 Day of Registration* - Aug. 12th & 13th

*Each additional dog registered from the same family is \$5. If you want a bandana for the additional dog then the price is \$10.

Name _____ Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Dog's Name _____ 2011 Dog's Lic. Tag # _____ Rabies Vacc. Tag # _____ Rabies Vacc. Due Date _____

Veterinary Clinic _____ *All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination & current license.*

Waiver: I hereby release the Coulee Region Humane Society Inc, its property, the bark committee and volunteers, the official sponsors of this event, other participants, the city of La Crosse and Copeland Park from all claims and liabilities of any kind or nature resulting from, arising out of, or incident to my participation and my pet's participation in this event. I realize that participation in this event could potentially cause injury. I hereby accept and assume all risks associated with participation involved with this event. I also agree to practice pedestrian safety and clean up after my pet(s).

Signature Required (if Minor, Parent/Gardian Signature) _____ Date _____

How did you find out about Bark in the Park? ___ At the Shelter ___ Direct Mail ___ Newspaper ___ TV ___ Radio ___ Other _____

CRHS Staff Use Only (For total event attendance statistical purposes only)

Total #: Adults ___ Children < 12 ___ Dogs ___ Registration #: _____



Critter Cash Raffle

1st Prize: \$100

2nd Prize: \$50 3rd Prize: \$50
4th Prize: \$25 5th Prize: \$25

Tickets \$1 each or 6/\$5

Tickets available at the Coulee Region Humane Society
Drawing to be held at the BARK IN THE PARK Event
Copeland Park on Saturday, August 13, 2011 at Noon
Need not be present to win

**Proceeds Benefit the
Coulee Region Humane Society**
911 Critter Court Onalaska, WI 608-781-4014
www.couleehumane.com



Bowlathon – Save the Date

Our 6th Annual Bowlathon will be held on October 22, 2011, at All Star Lanes in La Crosse. This year's Bowlathon will once again feature a Halloween theme, with awards for best individual and team costume, and prizes throughout the night. Event information will be available at the end of September on our website and by calling 781-4014.

2012 CRHS Calendar – Could Your Best Friend Be on the Cover?

It's that time of year again! CRHS is preparing for our 2012 calendar, and wants pictures of your companion animals. We will be holding a photo contest, with a guarantee that every photo submitted will be placed on the calendar somewhere. The entire calendar will be in color, and the grand prize winner will be on the cover! In addition, we will award 3 winners to be featured for each month of the year. The monthly winner of 1st place will have their photo featured on ½ of the page, and the two runners up will each be displayed on ¼ of the page. Every person who submits a photo with the entry form and fees will receive a free copy of the 2012 calendar.

Contest Fees:

- \$25 for the first photo, receive free calendar
- \$15 for each additional photo (no more than 2 additional photos)
- \$5 extra to save the date – your photo featured on a specific date of your choice (i.e. pet's birthday/date adopted). The first entry form and fees turned in will receive the desired date
- \$50 business sponsorship for a single month (ad size will be approximately that of a normal size business card)
- \$125 business sponsorship for 3 months

Contest Rules:

- Do not write on backs of photos
- All pictures must support local pet ordinances
- If outdoors, cats **must** have visible leash & harnesses, dogs must have visible collars
- Images can be cropped/edited by the CRHS to fit format
- Pets name must be on the entry form
- Entry form available online at www.couleehumane.com/events/photocontest.pdf
- If submitting your entry form and picture(s) electronically, jpeg file format for pictures is preferred; submit electronically to hankins@couleehumane.com
- All entries must be submitted by 5:00pm on August 27th, 2011
- No photos of wildlife will be accepted

The 2012 calendar will be available for purchase in November. For more information, please contact Heather Hankins at the email above or (608)781-4014.

Calendar of Events

August

- August 6 - 7, Coulee Region Cat Show
- August 6 - 7, Coulee Kennel All Breed Dog Show
- August 13, Bark in the Park*
- August 19 - 21, Sand on the Riverfront
- August 19 - 21, Holmen Kornfest
- *Bark in the Park will be held in Copeland Park, registration required**

September

- September 3, Diggity Dog Dip
- September 4, 10, 18, 24, Paw Away Hunger Promotion at Festival Foods Stores
- September 5, Labor Day, CRHS closed to observe this holiday
- September 9 - 11, PetSmart National Adoption Event
- September 17, Awareness Event at Gander Mountain
- September 23 - October 1, Oktoberfest

October

- October 1 - 31, Adopt a Shelter Dog Month
- October 8, Historic Downtown La Crosse Day
- October 22, Bowlathon

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.

Diggity Dog Dip

The 5th Annual Diggity Dog Dip will be held on Saturday, September 3rd, from 10am – 2pm, at the Onalaska Aquatic Center at Van Riper Park. Proceeds from registration fees will benefit the City of Onalaska off leash dog exercise area and our organization. There will also be a donation container on site to accept items from our wish list.

On this day, the pool is all about the dogs for an open swim day. You can bring your family dog to the pool to swim with other social dogs. Bring your fetch and water toys and get ready for some fun! The pool is fenced in so all the dogs can be off leash inside the pool grounds. There will be separate child pools for puppies and small dogs, too!

Here are the details:

- When: September 3rd, 2011, 10am-2pm
- Where: Onalaska Aquatic Center (across from the Omni Center)
- Cost: \$10 for one dog, \$5 each additional dog from the same family. All humans welcome at no charge but donations will be accepted.
- Pre-registration: Begins August 1. Stop by at Diggity Dog Daycare during their business hours to pre-register your dog. Bring documentation showing your dog is current on vaccinations. Pre-registration will avoid unnecessary delays on the day of the event allowing much more time for your dog to enjoy the water and fellow canine friends.
- Rules: "1-And-Done". No aggressive dogs are

allowed. One act of aggression and the dog will be asked to leave.

- All vaccinations must be current and administered at least 1 week prior to the event. **Required vaccinations include bordetella, rabies, and distemper/parvo. Documentation of this must be provided at time of registration.**
- **All dogs must have a current 2011 license to participate.** (All dogs over 5 months of age residing in WI are required by law to be licensed and vaccinated against rabies). A current 2011 license tag or paid receipt showing your dog is licensed is required at time of registration. If your dog is not currently licensed, please contact your city, town, or village Treasurer or Clerk or the Coulee Region Humane Society for simple instructions. You will need to take your dog's current rabies certificate with you when you apply for a license.
- Humans are NOT allowed in the water.
- Dogs must arrive at the pool on leash. They then may be released when inside the pool facility.
- Refreshments for you and Frosty Paws ice cream treats for your furry friend will be available for purchase.

"Super Soaker Club" sponsorships are available. Personal/individual sponsorships are \$25 and business sponsorships are \$150.

For additional details including registration and sponsorship information, please visit www.diggitydogdaycare.com Diggity Dog Dip on Facebook, or call 779-9997.

Sand on the Riverfront

We will once again be participating in this year's Sand on the Riverfront thanks to Fowler and Hammer, Inc. for sponsoring our team. We will be working with Master Sculptor David Andrews to develop a sand sculpture to fit the theme "Sports of All Sorts." If you would like to be a part of our team by packing sand later in the day on August 19th and assist with the actual sculpture on August 20th during the day, please contact Stephanie Lindsley at stephanie.lindsley@couleehumane.com or 608-781-4014.



From the Desk of the Executive Director

After years of advocating for standards of care for those selling dogs and puppies, the Dog Breeders and Sellers Law went into effect June 1.

So what does this mean? It means that anyone selling 25 or more dogs annually is required to be licensed by the State of Wisconsin. To be licensed, an individual or organization must be inspected. To successfully pass an inspection, it must be demonstrated that the Dog Breeders and Sellers Law is being followed.

What does the Law require? It calls for many standards to be met but, most notably, it requires the following:

Prior to being sold, a dog must have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) issued within the past 30 days and be current with its rabies vaccination (if old enough). A CVI demonstrates that a licensed veterinarian has inspected the dog and it is free of any obvious health concerns. It is important to note that a CVI does not entail a full health exam and as such any newly acquired dog, pup, or other pet should be seen by your veterinarian.

For dogs and pups living outside, certain conditions must be met including time outside their primary enclosure; minimum size living quarters; that they be able to tolerate temperatures outdoors based on breed, age, and health; that they be properly cared for including normal feces removal, pest and parasite control as necessary to maintain health and comfort; and that bedding be provided based on breed, age and condition that is clean and dry.

For dogs and pups living indoors certain conditions must be met including time outside their primary enclosure; minimum size living quarters; appropriate flooring that keeps them clean, dry, and safe; appropriate ventilation; and living quarters that are maintained accordingly from proper sanitizing to adequate bedding.

Record keeping must be legible and document the health, breed, and socialization/behavior plan for each dog or pup sold. Also required is written protocol related to carrying out this law.

How does this affect our organization? The law treats an adoption the same as it does a sale. With that said, since we adopt far more than 25 dogs and

pups annually, we need to adhere to this Law. What ramifications does this have for your Coulee Region Humane Society? We see this law as necessary and incredibly important for changing the way in which dogs are cared for throughout the State. It sets standards for auctions, puppy mills, breeders, shelters and rescue groups - many who, like us, are already providing the standards of care outlined in this Law. It will change the way in which dogs are cared for and work to eliminate individuals or groups who do not provide dogs with the basic care they need and deserve,

Our cost to provide care will increase and we will consider all options to address this. It is likely our adoption fees will increase, though we expect the increase to be minimal due to the incredibly generous support of 5 clinics that for years have supported our organization. In addition to being on call on a rotating weekly basis, donating or discounting their services, the following clinics have agreed to add to their weekly rotation providing CVI's and rabies vaccinations to ensure we are not only compliant with the Law, but also that dogs and pups receive the basic care required:

- Central Animal Hospital
- Hillside Animal Hospital
- La Crosse Veterinary Clinic
- Thompson Animal Medical Center
- VCA Sand Lake Animal Hospital

These clinics have made the implementation of this Law easy and efficient. We have applied for our license and as of writing this, we are awaiting inspection. We look forward to successfully passing our inspection and continuing our work alongside other competent and caring animal welfare partners.

We also look forward in the future to attention being placed on standards of care for another group of friends...cats and kittens.

Heather

On Line Donation Option Now Available

We are pleased to announce that we now offer an option for financial gifts to be given to our organization on line. Visit our website at www.couleehumane.com and look for the image at the right towards the upper right hand corner to make a donation today:



Festival Foods Paw Away Hunger Month Long Promotion

During the month of September, we will be partnering with all 4 local Festival Foods stores to raise awareness about the "Paw Away Hunger" program. This program features 100% of the proceeds from the sale of \$5 and \$10 specially marked shopping bags to benefit our organization. Throughout the calendar quarter, each time a bag is purchased it is added to an ongoing total that we earn and are able to use to purchase supplies needed to care for the thousands of animals we assist annually.

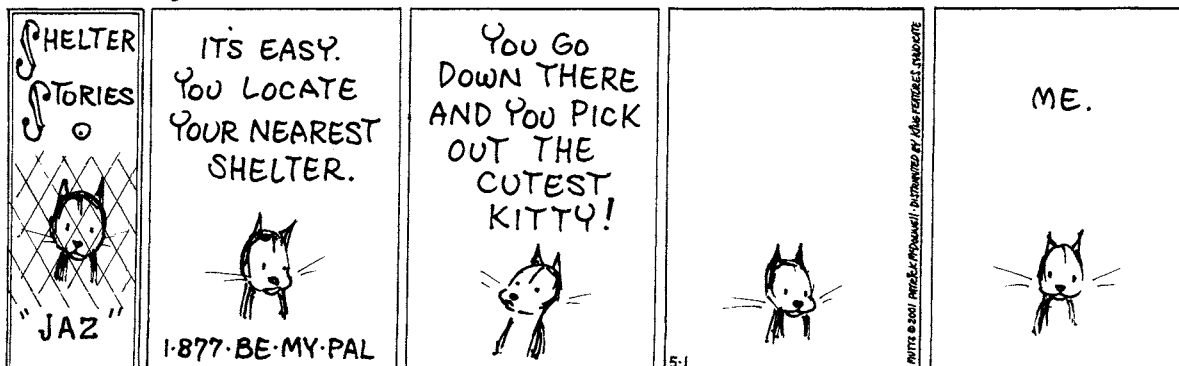
During September, we will be at the Holmen, Onalaska, Copeland Avenue, and Shelby Mall locations on September 4, 10, 18, and 24 from 11am – 2pm to promote this program and raise funds desperately needed to help us carry out our mission. The actual location on each of the dates is yet to be determined; to learn which store we will be at visit our website for additional details as September draws closer.

Joining us at each location will be some of our wonderful pet therapy teams. Shoppers will have an opportunity to meet them and cozy up with dogs as a part of their shopping trip while learning and taking part in the "Paw Away Hunger" program.

Seeking: Bark in the Park Vendors

Are you looking for a fun and unique way to feature your business? Would you like to spend the day outside while being surrounded by awesome dogs of all sizes and breeds and wonderful pet owners? If so, securing a vendor space to feature your business may be the perfect choice for you. To learn more or to reserve your "booth", contact Nancy, Bark in the Park committee member, at zesaby@centurylink.net or call Heather Schmid at 608-781-4014.

MUTTS by Patrick McDonnell



MUTTS © PATRICK MCDONNELL. KING FEATURES SYNDICATE

Success Stories

I finally got a few pictures of the cats for your scrapbooks. Enola (adopted March 2011, formerly named Sunny) and Elsa (adopted June 2009) are doing well together after about a 2 week introduction. It took a couple weeks until they actually met due to Enola getting spayed and Elsa being queen of our place and not too thrilled with a roommate. Now they both play together and enjoy sitting and looking out the window at anything that will move. They are both spoiled rotten and have taken being spoiled quite well...as you can see from the photos. Elsa still sticks her tongue out while she sleeps and really likes to play and sleep under

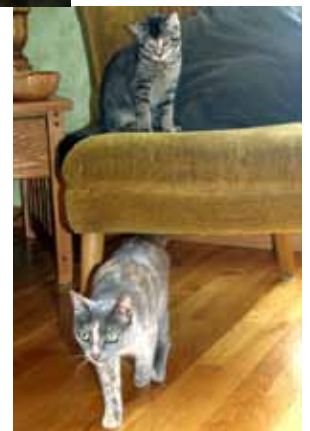
blankets with my husband and I. Enola loves to play and has to be right in your face all the time usually trying to wipe her nose on you or to lick you. Both of them carry toys around in their mouths so it is a constant battlefield of toys in our apartment but it keeps them happy. They keep us busy but my husband and I are very happy to have them and they keep us very well entertained. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

Becky and Michael Q.



Thank you volunteers and staff at the Coulee Region Humane Society! Lilly came home in good health, with plenty of cool toys and was at home right away. All the socializing you must have done with our girl! She adjusted to her new home with ease and is very friendly. When she does slow down she naps on the blue cat tower you sent home with us. We set it near the fireplace. She loves it!

Thank you!
The Danou Family



Humane Society of the United States and CRHS

Through our interactions with the community, we have learned that a misunderstanding exists among many. This misunderstanding is that Coulee Region Humane Society (CRHS) is a chapter, member, or extension of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and as such receives funding from HSUS. This simply is not true.

The HSUS is an active, large organization that accomplishes a great amount of work on behalf of animals not only throughout the United States, but the entire world. They assist in disaster and emergency relief and provide numerous training opportunities applicable to animal welfare work. They advocate for all species of animals by lobbying for legislation. They create valuable educational resources to assist pet owners and staff and volunteers working at humane societies, animal shelters, and animal rescue groups everywhere.

CRHS is a charitable organization recognized by the state of Wisconsin. We do not report to the HSUS. We are not governed by HSUS. Contrary to what many believe, we receive no funding from the HSUS. All funds received at CRHS are raised through fundraising efforts, contracts held with local municipal governments to provide animal control services, fees for services such as adoptions and training classes, and private donations. All funds received by CRHS remain in our community.

We feel it is important to make sure you understand that though similarities exist between both groups, we have different mission statements, we do not share every goal of the HSUS, and we work to raise our own funds to support the many programs and services we offer to the community. If you have further questions about this, please contact Heather Schmid at 781-4014 or heather.schmid@couleehumane.com.

"All of the animals except for man know that the principle business of life is to enjoy it."

~ Samuel Butler

A Woof and A Wine

On Saturday, May 21, Karen Eckert and friends organized "A Woof and A Wine" event at Halfway Creek Park in the Village of Holmen. The event was filled with local businesses offering food and wine, silent auction, raffle, and doggie games for people and dogs to enjoy. The event raised a little over \$1,600 all of which benefitted Coulee Region Humane Society! We would like to sincerely thank Karen for all of her hard work in organizing this fundraiser and supporting us in our care of the over 4,000 animals we predict we will take in this year.

Save the Date - Community Day Sale

Save the date for Herberger's next 2 day Community Sale – November 11th – 12th, 2011. We will once again be selling coupon books as the day draws closer, with the entire \$5 from each coupon book benefitting our organization.

Receipt Reminder

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.

Adoptathon Update

On May 13th – 15th, we held our 7th Annual Adoptathon. This year's event, intended to focus on matching pets with families, especially families with children, featured an "Every Superhero Needs a Sidekick" theme. Staff, volunteers, and those adopting commemorated this year's effort

with specially made t-shirts donated by Franke Turnbull CPA's. Adopters also enjoyed 40% off adoption fees in recognition of our 40th Anniversary this year. And, thanks to the extreme generosity of the following veterinarians, all of the pets available for adoption during the Adoptathon were spayed and neutered:

- Central Animal Hospital
- Hillside Animal Hospital
- La Crescent Animal Care
- Van Loon Animal Hospital
- VCA Sand Lake Animal Hospital

With the help of our local media, businesses, staff, and volunteers, we were able to find great homes for 13 pets during this 3 day awareness event!

Dog Park Spring Clean-up

We want to thank those that came out to help us clean up both the dog park in La Crosse and Onalaska. We had small, but mighty groups at both parks who made a tremendous impact in cleaning up debris left behind from the winter and spring months, making both parks beautiful once again and ready for the dogs to romp and play in. A special thanks to Pat Caffrey for lending both his time and equipment at Dr. Fred's Memorial Dog Park in La Crosse. And, a special thanks to Stephanie Lindsley and Renee Knutson for leading the efforts at each park.



1. Volunteers at Onalaska Dog Park
2. Numerous bags of waste
3. La Crosse Dog Park after being re-graded for new bark
4. Volunteers at La Crosse Dog Park















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 "You've got a lot of choices. If getting out of bed in the morning is a chore and you're not smiling on a regular basis, try another choice."
 ~Steven D. Woodhull

Animal Homes

Animals have jobs to do in nature. Every animal needs a safe place to live and do its job. Match each animal below to its

home in the wild. Put the number of each animal in the blank beside its home.

Kids' Corner

Animals	Homes	
 1. ant	web _____	
 2. frog	hive _____	
 3. honeybee	bird nest _____	
 4. spider	anthill _____	
 5. songbird	marsh _____	
 6. beaver	lodge _____	

"Don't cast a shadow on anyone unless you're providing shade."
~Terri Guillemets

Upcoming events Thank you... for youth...

*Read to Rover (read to Pet Therapy dogs) every Monday through August from 2:30 – 3:30 at West Salem Boys and Girls Club. Contact Club for more details
*August 13 – Bark in the Park at Copeland Park

*Thanks to Ms. Burfield's class at Eagle Bluff for holding a wish list drive resulting in food, treats, and bedding being donated to help us care for the animals staying with us.
*Kudos to Troop 4069 for donating treats, toys, and bedding for dogs and cats.
*Thanks to Heidi S. for donating a big bag of dog treats and Sarah T.

for holding a lemonade stand to raise funds for us.

*Thanks to Mya C. and Alexis W. for having loved ones donate funds and items we need in lieu of birthday gifts.

*Thanks to everyone in the community who donated items from our wish list and supports us financially. It is because of you that we are able to be a resource for both animals and people in need!

Princess Helen Q&A

Dear Princess Helen,

I am sure you enjoy cat related questions more so than dog related, but I am hoping you can help me by sharing some of your vast knowledge. I find my dog Sebastian barking when he is outside. His interest is of course sparked by rabbits, squirrels, birds, and other small critters, but he always seems to be barking. I have really great neighbors who have been patient and understanding, but I have to believe they are growing annoyed and frustrated. I also have been told that local laws exist relating to obsessive barking. Do you have any ideas for how I can try to stop Sebastian from barking so much before I get in trouble with the law for violating a noise ordinance? ~ Catherine

Hi Catherine, thanks for writing! I hope I can help... I am not as versed in dog "issues" but I sure have seen enough come through the Humane Society and overheard similar situations so I'll give it a try.

As we both know, most dogs bark. They bark when they are excited, they bark when they see something of interest, they bark out of fear, they bark when they want attention, and let's face it, the silly beings bark for no reason at all sometimes. I'll never understand that last reason! With that said, there are some options for you to pursue to try to at least reduce the barking. However, you most likely will need to stay one

"paw" ahead of Sebastian.

Try to determine if there is anything obvious causing his barking. You can try to observe him from indoors while he barks or, if possible, set up a camera outside to record what he is doing. Does he seem fearful (do loud noises trigger his barking)? Does he seem to be seeking out your attention (is he looking for you; does he stop barking the minute he sees you or when you pay attention to him)? Does he seem to be bored (is he left out for long periods of time unattended; are you gone most of the day and then come home and do very little with him)?

The key is to try and gain as much information as possible from observing him. Once you are able to do this, there are many resources you can seek out to learn more. A few that I recommend include:

*Dumb Friends League provides information as to what may be the cause of the barking – www.ddfl.org/sites/default/files/barking.pdf

*ASPCA provides information as to what may be the cause of the barking and how to address it - www.aspcabehavior.org/articles/41/barking.aspx

*Contact Shirley Richards, dog trainer at Coulee Region Humane Society, at 608-781-4014 or shirley.richards@couleehumane.com for assistance.

Thank you for being proactive... allowing for the chance to remedy this peacefully amongst all.

Good luck!!
Helen

P.S. To all of my followers... I have a Blog on our website. Make sure you follow it at: www.couleehumane.com/helens-blog/.

If you have a question you would like me to answer Heather Schmid 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.

Festival Foods Paw Away Hunger Update

We are excited to share that from January 2011 – March 2011, \$1,379.50 was raised through the Paw Away Hunger Program at our three local Festival Foods stores! Since this program began locally in late 2007, your support of this program has raised \$20,193, allowing us 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. 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!



Rummage Sale Raises Almost \$1,800 for S.N.A.P.

The rummage sale held April 29th – 30th at CRHS raised \$1,792! Every single dollar raised will benefit our Spay Neuter Assistance Program. We incurred no expenses, as staff and volunteers volunteered their time to set up the rummage sale, staff it, and take down the sale. Also, a staff member donated the costs associated with advertising the rummage sale.

We would like to thank everyone who helped with this effort including the many individuals who donated items to the rummage. The sale simply would not have happened without you!

Belisle Fund Grant Awarded

We are pleased to share that The Belisle Fund of the St. Croix Valley Foundation awarded, for the second year in a row, a \$1,000 grant to provide dental services for 10 pets up for adoption. Last year, their support and that of Central Animal Hospital (CAH) assured adoption for 10 pets by providing dental services at a deeply discounted price. In addition, CAH donated spay and neuter services and rabies vaccinations when needed.

This year, CAH and Thompson Animal Medical Center will partner with us to once again assure adoption for 10 pets in need of dental services.

Play Therapy – The Cure for Playful Aggression

Reproduced from Cats International, www.catsinternational.org

We can take the cat out of the jungle, but we can't take the jungle out of the cat. There is a little tiger in every house cat, a solitary predator, that needs to exercise its hunting skills on a regular basis. We may have confined this little tiger within four walls, provided it with the finest of feline foods, but we can't ignore its basic need to do that for which it was so perfectly designed--to hunt. Fortunately, it is not always necessary for the prey to be alive, but it must move.

Owners are often frightened by playfully aggressive cats and kittens because they look quite dangerous. They silently ambush feet and ankles as they pass by, surprising, upsetting, and sometimes, even hurting, the victim. In some cases the cat owners have inadvertently trained their cat to be a feline terrorist by playing with it as a kitten with their hands or feet. Now that the pet is bigger and stronger, those playful pounces and bites puncture the skin. The solution is to direct the cat's playful, predatory, energies toward toys instead of body parts.

Of course, the easiest solution, and perhaps the best, is to get another cat or kitten of the same sex* and approximately the same age and activity level as a playmate for your pet. Although you will now have two mouths to feed, the wear and tear on you and your home will be greatly reduced, or eliminated. If getting another pet is not possible, then it will be your responsibility to provide your fractious feline with scheduled sessions of controlled aerobic exercise, ie. play therapy.

Interactive Play

Schedule two or three (more, if necessary) interactive play sessions a day for times when Kitty is most rambunctious. (Cats love routine, so try not to deviate from these times.) Depending on how athletic Kitty is, the sessions may last 10-20 minutes each. A fishing pole-type toy enables the pet owner

to be stationary while controlling the cat's activity level with a wave of the arm. (Some of the best commercially sold toys for this purpose are the Kitty Tease, Da Bird, and the Cat Charmer.) The play sessions should not stop until the cat is exhausted, lying on his side and batting at the toy because he is too tired to chase after it.

During the session make the toy move as would prey--a little mouse or bird. Don't dangle it in the cat's face. It should hide behind objects in the house and occasionally jump into the air. Build up Kitty's confidence and enthusiasm by allowing plenty of "captures". Fishing pole toys should be carefully stored out of the cat's reach after the play session as Kitty may continue to hunt for it long after you have left the room.

Solo Play

Inevitably, there are times when your cat may want to play when you are not available, and owners often leave toys out for their cat to amuse itself. In these cases, it is important to have a variety of safe, interesting toys to keep Kitty occupied. Be sure that the toys do not have parts that can be torn off and swallowed, or long strings that your cat might get tangled up in. The Peek-a-Prize Toy Box made by SmartCat is a safe, durable toy that keeps cats mentally stimulated. Just like people, cats can get bored with the same toys, so be sure to rotate the toys available every few days to keep Kitty interested.

** As kittens mature, the play patterns of male and females diverge. The rough-and-tumble, pounce-and-play sequence of male play behavior may not be appreciated by the female when she is older and may be greeted with hiss-and-spit.*

Valley View Mall – Thank You!

During the month of May, the first ever “Garden of Hope” wall was erected just outside the Food Court at Valley View Mall. During the weeks to follow the “Garden of Hope” became filled with faces of animals available for adoption at our organization. For a nominal donation, Valley View Mall shoppers, employees, and businesses received a tulip ornament to display on the “Garden of Hope”. Through this support, nearly \$400 was raised to help provide care to the thousands of animals we take in annually. Valley View Mall once again collected items from our wish list, giving help just as we are gearing up for the summer season that brings us more pets and wild animals than any other season.

We are incredibly appreciative of the support from so many businesses and individuals throughout our community!

Penny Wars – Update

During the month of May, we held our second annual Penny Wars. Did the cats reign supreme or did the dogs or our little buddies claim victory? The rules were simple...coins counted as a positive value and dollars counted as a negative value. After a very exciting, supportive month long “war”, our feline friends will reign supreme for another year. The final tally was as follows:

- 1st place – cats with 1,357 points
- 2nd place – dogs with 721 points and they are still battling with the embarrassment of another year without a win
- 3rd place – little buddies with 313 points and they cannot believe they fell to 3rd place

In the end all of the animals we serve are winners as this effort raised \$236.94 to help them all! Thank you for your support and for making this fun and exciting.



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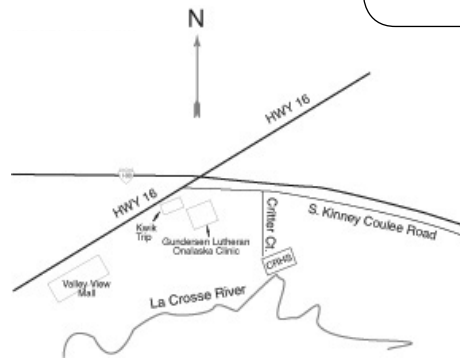
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Wish List

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)
Dry cat food (Science Diet, Eukanuba, Iams, Purina)
Dry dog food (Science Diet, Eukanuba, Purina)
Dry puppy food (Science Diet, Eukanuba, Purina)
Kitten Milk Replacer (KMR brand only)
Meat flavored baby food for cats not eating (no onion powder please)
Clumping/scoopable cat litter
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
Gift cards (to buy building supplies):
 Farm and Fleet
 Home Depot
 Menard's

Office Supplies:

Pocket folders
Small gift bags (to send info. home with adopters)
Stamps
Copy Paper - 8.5X11 - plain white
HP 60 Color Ink

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:

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
Avery High Visibility Labels - Inkjet #8293 - 1 1/2 inch diameter

Education Needs:

Foam alphabet stickers
Foam shape stickers
Fleece
Shoe boxes

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Clay cat litter (non-clumping)
Canned cat food - loaf please, no meats in gravy/sauce
Bleach
Paper shredder - cross cut with capacity of at least 25 pages