


Paw Prints



The Newsletter of the Brown County Humane Society

The mission of the Brown County Humane Society is the protection and welfare of animals through education, sanctuary, adoption, and promotion of responsible pet ownership

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HAPPY NEW YEAR.....

The year 2009 was a very tough year for the BCHS. We had more cats and dogs for adoption than we have ever had. I don't remember a time when we had so many little kittens. People found many of them without their moms or the moms were too wild to catch. They were worried that the kittens would stray and get killed so they called animal control. Animal control usually brings them in to us if they are small and need more attention than they would get at the pound. Some had health problems, some were too young to even know how to eat food or clean themselves. Some kittens were so sick we were told they probably would not live.

And that's when we asked Pat Furth to help. She never hesitated, she always said yes! She is our regular Friday morning cat person and she spent most of the year being a foster mommy to our kittens. It takes such a special person to take on a job like this when there is no guarantee of the outcome. We did lose a few kittens that were already too sick to recover. But without Pat, the numbers would have been worse. Pat took in at least 15 kittens that needed her motherly care. I guess this is not a surprise to people who know Pat. She makes everyone feel special when she stops in at the shelter. She always has a smile on her face and each person gets their daily hug from her.

One kitten stole her heart. Bitty, a tiny little kitten with lots of problems—blind and with neurological issues that make her eyes move back and forth very quickly, was lovingly cared for by Pat until a very special home was found for her during the holidays. Merry Christmas Pat, Santa knew just what you wanted!



FUND RAISER REPORTS.....

The Wine, Beer and Food Tasting Gala was once again held at the Holiday Inn in New Ulm in November. We had many tables with wine and beer vendors and lots of food tables plus many, many items donated for the silent auction. Thanks so much to Hy-Vee, Hy-Vee Wine & Spirits and to the Holiday Inn. BCHS made around \$7000 to help us continue our work with homeless animals.

The Christmas Craft & Bake Sale was held in December at Oak Hills. A good day for all - around \$1500 to add to our funds. A special thank you to Oak Hills for donating the use of their facility.

And people and pets are still wanting their pictures taken with Santo. Thanks to Rick Apitz and Roger Burdorf for their special help with this project which netted around \$600 for BCHS.

OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

Jill Tostenrud wrote a grant for our animal shelter with Sam's Club. It paid off bigtime - We just received a \$1,000 check in late January.

The Key City Kennel Club of Mankato had a raffle. BCHS had donated items to them including a sweatshirt, cookbooks, and wine glasses. We received around \$235 from their event.

And just wanted to say THANK YOU to Kwik Trip. They have been letting BCHS collect aluminum cans at their store for 16 years.

We have received a donation from one of our local 4-H clubs. This group of 8 wanted to help us purchase more cat furniture and has also decided one of their 2010 projects would be to actually build some of the furniture themselves.





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"OUR FEES ARE GOING TO THE DOGS!"

The New Ulm Chiropractic Clinic has a very special offer during the month of February. You can get all of your first day services done for \$17. That includes the initial consultation, the complete chiropractic examination, spinal x-rays if they are necessary and a report of findings to tell you what has been found and what they can do to help you. So how are the fees going to the dogs? All of the \$17 from each patient's first day services in February will be donated to the Brown County Humane Society. The doctors, Patrick Froehlich and Steve Hawkins, are very passionate about animals - both are huge dog lovers. The offer is good through February 28th, so give them a call at 354-4529.

SPECIAL CATS.....The Tail of Two Friends

It was a cold December afternoon when the shelter received an alarming message that there was a stray cat being taken to the NURVC with a severely injured leg. Upon further inspection, the vet realized the true extent of this little cat's medical needs. It appeared as though Barry had been frozen to a pipe, by his tail. In his frantic attempt to free himself, Barry injured his left front leg which had to be amputated. Even though he was a scared little guy when he came to us, he soon won over the hearts of all the staff. At first there was sadness for what Barry had been through. It was hard to come every day and see this beautiful orange and white cat lie in the same place, stretching only far enough to reach his food and water. But with time, he was standing at his cage door greeting us and it was not long before he was moved to bigger cage where he could move around. And did he love belly rubs! Barry had decided that he loved life and wouldn't let having just three legs be a handicap. And then came Owen - another stray - with an injured leg that also had to be amputated. So the idea of roommates entered Deb Rotger's head and the rest is history. However, Barry faced yet another setback when his tail could not recover from the injury and had to be removed. Owen waited patiently for Barry to return to him and the reunion between two friends was short a tail, but never the less full of love, laughter, and smiles from admiring cats and humans alike.

Donations as of 01/19/10

Bargain Hut - New Ulm Steel & Recycling - Mark Bode - Patricia Culver - Kraft Foods Foundation, in the name of Jan Raitz & David Schrimpf - Don & Shirley Jorgenson - Nancy A. Quinn - Kwik Trip, Inc. - Elaine Hardwick - Verna Arfmann - Kelly E. Greene/Victor R. Khayat - Janet C. Poirier - Mrs. Lucille Anderson - Marlene Nelson - Pat Furth - Keller Family - Wal-Mart - Target - Rae Jean Buck - Carolyn Heuchert - "Cocoa" & Family - Jerry Bleick - Ruth Skoglund - Vicki Donahue - Joyce Wieland - Hy-Vee - Running's - Mike & Jane Domeier - Lendt Family - Gayle O'Connor - Jackie Wang - David Sturges - Cleo Koester - Margart Hoffmann - Linda & Dean Leger - Mary O'Connor - Faye Schuetzle - Ameriprise Financial - Jill Kalz - Michelle Apitz - Loretta Albrecht - Becky Ann Putzke - Rosalee Daugherty - David & Lenore Pearson - Matthew Burnett - Tom & Mary Schroeder - Chris Ames - Terry & Sandy Prange - Mary Kalow - Karen Harder/Cambria Presbyterian Church - Dan & Karlyne Reiniger - Jack Brownfield - 3M Foundation, in the name of Carol Behrens, Sonja Freiderich, Deb Roiger - Peacepipe Girl Scout Troop 264 - Jeff & Sue Schmucker - Dr. Jerome & Carol Muller - Andrew & Anne Biebl - Scott Waldner & Gail Gilman Waldner - Wilfred & Mary Kirschstein - - Joyce A. Engel - John & Noreen O'Kane - Joel & Rhonda Dahlgren - Marlin & Paula Huiras - Dianna C. Andersen - Myra Meyer - Robert & Rebecca Carlson - Roger & Lois Kalz - Donald Abraham - Sharon & Lamar Batson - Jerry Behrens - Helen Esser - John & Nancy Genelin - Clarice, Ken & Sam Arsers - Mark & Kim Schaefer - Richard Isbell - Travis J. Anderson - David & Kathleen George - Ruth Klossner - Sherri Seifert - Brian & Denise Veit - Edward & Nancy Gier - Carrie Quast - Charles & Barbara Bornhoft - Leo & Helen Zangl- Mary Zwach - Terry & Sandy Prange - Randy Baker - Matt Hillesheim - The Ahlbrechts (Lynn, Loretta, Anna & "Mufasa") - Keith Booker - P. Kay Nelson - Deborah & Michael Ross - Jon Tack, for Carla Fischer & "Vanna" - Cal & Kathleen Backer - John & Marilyn Lieske - Michael & Mary Rose Gag - Amber Schnurrer - William & Corinne Day - Philip Meidl/Ruth Ann Webster - Darla Anderson - Elayne Meinert - Renae & Bruce Lammers - Lisa Larson, in the name of Karen Whitman - Darcy Rudell - Mary & Raymond Lange, in the name of Courtney (Simon) Becker - Clyde & Kelly Larson - Douglas & Betty Roiger, in the name of Elaine Roiger - Sandy Wilfahrt/Cathy Knadel - Stephen & Deanne Worm - Judge Noah & Janet Rosenbloom- Marilyn Reinhart Erick, Scott & Lyle Zobel



SPECIAL THANKS TO.....

This past holiday season the cats staying at the Brown County Humane Society got a real Christmas Treat. The cats were pretty excited when a new cat "treehouse" arrived at the shelter. Once the cat furniture was set up, the cats immediately began climbing all over it.

The cat furniture was purchased with money that was donated by an eight year old boy named JACK BROWNFIELD. Jack, who is a second grader at Jefferson Elemenbary School, celebrated his eighth birthday on October 29, 2009. He is the oldest of three sons of John and Sheila Brownfield of New Ulm.

"Their oldest son Jack, had just turned eight, and for his birthday he decided he'd rather have people give him money instead of gifts and he wanted to give it to the shelter...for us to buy something we need," said Jill Tostenrud with the Brown County Humane Society. "We think it's pretty neat that a boy that young would think of others like Jack did." BCHS received \$110.

"We were pretty overwhelmed when he came to the shelter with an envelope full of money", said Tostenrud. "We talked to Jack, and he thought it would be nice to buy some cat furniture for one of our rooms where the cats are free to roam. We try to fix them up like living rooms for them."

Jack's mother, Sheila thought that "it was kind of neat" that her son got to see the cats playing on the new furniture. Sheila described her son Jack as being a "kind-hearted, competitive, and loving person. He felt he had enough toys at home and that the animals at the shelter did not. He does love animals and he knew the animal shelter needed money."

The cats do love their new treehouse. "It took about 30 seconds for five of them to be up on it and exploring right away," said Tostenrud.



Ed & Nancy Gier have been loyal members and generous benefactors of BCHS for many years. They live in Grayslake, Illinois and in recent years they have donated many boxes of lovely gifts and books(all new) for the Christmas Craft & Bake Sale. Once again this year they sent five, large heavy boxes of books - mostly children's books and all new. These items sold out very quickly.