



Missaukee HUMANE SOCIETY

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SINCE DECEMBER 1...

ANIMALS CURRENTLY IN THE SHELTER

Dogs 12
Cats 18
Puppies 0
Kittens 6

ADOPTIONS

Dogs 28
Cats 36
Puppies 6
Kittens 34

INTAKES

Dogs 40
Cats 38
Puppies 6
Kittens 36
Rabbits 1
Guinea Pigs 1

RETURNED TO OWNER

Dogs 16
Cats 18
Puppies 0
Kittens 6



Happy St. Patrick's Day

Dear Friends & Supporters,



Spring is almost here and we had a successful year 2015. We used our on-site surgical clinic to spay/neuter more than 250 community pets. With our successful

adoption rates we are now able to reach out to other shelters to transfer animals to MHS for adoption. We are able to save more lives, because of your support!

We anticipate a busy year in 2016. Read on for exciting announcements throughout the newsletter. Onward and upward!

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Life and Health Restored Because of YOU

It is a never ending battle putting our sweat and tears into saving lives. Sometimes help comes a little too late. Most times, we rescue the animals just in time to restore their health and give them a fighting chance at a quality life!

Given a "Chance"

Meet Chance. He was rescued just before starving to death on streets after surviving off the few scraps he could find. He has a sweet personality and temperament. Like many of our animals we don't know



his story. Did his family get a new puppy after he became too old? Did his hound nose get him into trouble and he wandered too far from home? We may never know. Because of your donations Chance has food in his tummy, fresh water, a comfortable bed, and shelter until our shelter staff can get him where he needs to be – in a loving home. Stay tuned for updates!

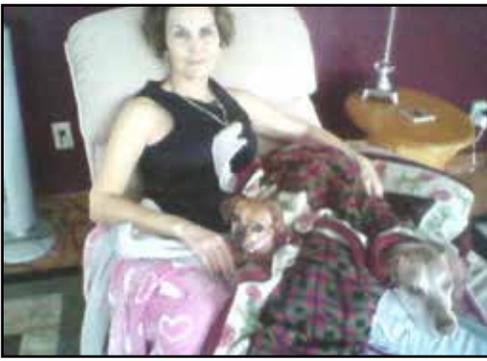
No More Tears

Meet Aribelle! Her family surrendered her when they could no



longer care for her. Aribelle needed surgery to repair not one, but two cherry eyes. This involves surgically removing the third eye lid to prevent irritation and further damage. The surgery is





not always successful the first time around. Thanks to one of our very skilled shelter veterinarians, Aribelle's surgery went beautifully. During those two weeks, she had to wear an e-collar and receive pain medication and eye drops every 8 hours. Through the dedication our of our shelter staff, Arieblle healed in only two weeks. **Because of your donation, Aribelle has no more tears due to irritated eyes. She has since been adopted and loves her new life.**

Total Transformation

This very sweet kitty was found at a local sawmill. To stay warm she nestled near the engines of the trucks and oil shed. Who knows how long she was alone covered in oil and grease? After her rescue, she totally transformed. We showered her with love and provided a warm, safe place. She has blossomed into the beautiful soul she is. She is spayed, vetted and currently awaits new family! **Without YOU, what would have been her fate?**



Paris Hilton

Paris came to the shelter as an owner surrender. She needed medical care. We knew she had a skin infection. It was actually a flea infestation that became severe. Because of her scratching and biting at the fleas, she had a secondary skin infection requiring antibiotics. Paris had a foster home lined up within minutes of her arriving at the shelter. There she re-



ceived weekly baths and continued her medication. Her hair fully returned and we are happy to report she was adopted on February 21 to Lore from Cass City, Michigan!

Thanks to your donation, Paris received the medication and care she needed!

UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Fencing / Outdoor Areas

We have fencing in the dog areas that needs repairs. We would also like to add more outdoor kennels so our dogs can enjoy more outdoor time, especially during spring & summer! \$7,000 - \$10,000

Generator

Occasionally the power goes out, which is a real problem in winter. An automatic generator will run the heat, lights, and water during outages. It is a costly item, but something we feel needs to move up from the list of "wants" to the list of "needs." \$5,000 to \$6,000.

Black Mold

By keeping the facility clean (no bad smells when you visit!) we use a good bit of water. We are assessing how it is used because we have discovered some black mold in the building. The professional we contacted assessed it as a surface problem, but it is still going to cost in excess of \$3,000 to eliminate the mold. We purchased 2 dehumidifiers to take care of the problem going forward.

Waiting to be adopted:

Racquel - 8 year old calico. Very laid back and very sweet. She came to MHS after her owner suffered a stroke. Racquel is good with other pets. Spayed, FIV/FelV neg, microchipped, litter box trained.



Rescue Waggin' Campaign Has Ended!

On February 18th our very own Van was delivered! It is even more wonderful than we had dared to hope.

There are no words that can adequately express our gratitude to the following people and The Noble Foundation who made this possible!

The Noble Family Foundation
David & Doris Lea
John & Carol Bookwalter
Jean Schulthesis
David & Pamela Nagel



Waiting to be adopted:

Cookie - 2 year old Chocolate Lab. Very sweet girl with a lot of energy! Requires a fenced yard.

TWO PAWS UP TO...



Baker College Students for volunteering in February!
Girl Scout Troops for volunteering in February!
Fiamm Technologies, INC for donation of pop cans - \$46.00 raised!

MHS in The Classroom:

Volunteers Jim and Wendy visited

Marion Public Schools and spoke with the children about being a responsible pet owner. Gertie, adopted from MHS, was the highlight of the presentation!

Support Staff:

Robin

Has been with MHS since September 2013! Robin cares for the cats at the shelter. She is also the first voice you will hear when you call during shelter hours. In addition to taking care of office work, she processes many of our adoptions.



Nellie

Has been with MHS since December 2013! Nellie cares for the dogs and processes donation receipts and thank you cards. She also facilitates adoptions and helps answer many of the calls we receive!



Paula

Has been with MHS since April 2014! Paula cares for the cats and dogs and fosters orphan kittens when needed. She also assists our veterinarians during



surgery clinics.

In Loving

Memory:

Mrs. Marie Pinch
Max Fenby

**Foster Home's
Needed:**

Long & Short Term:
Contact Kyle for
program details

Some
HAPPY TAILS

