



Missaukee HUMANE SOCIETY

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SINCE JANUARY 1 ...

INTAKES

- Dogs 26
- Cats 15
- Puppies 1
- Kittens 11
- Parakeet 1
- Fish 1

ADOPTIONS

- Dogs 14
- Cats 25
- Puppies 1
- Kittens 0
- Parakeet 1

RETURNED TO OWNER

- Dogs 13
- Cats 0
- Puppies 0
- Kittens 0

Currently in the Shelter

- Dogs 6
- Cats 25
- Puppies 1
- Kittens 9
- Fish 1

Dear Friends,

It's 2017 and we're looking forward to accomplishing several goals for the betterment of our animals and communities. Read on to see what we have planned.

When you donate to Missaukee Humane Society, you're not only donating to provide food, shelter, and care for the animals in our shelter. Your donations help many community animals that rely on MHS. We are also active in TNR (trap, neuter, release) of feral cat colonies, assisting the police with cases, educating the public, and assisting pet owners through our Pet Pantry. Know that you are helping hundreds animals within the organization and throughout the communities. We are their only voice. Stand up with us today!

Since May 2014, we have spayed or neutered over 500 community pets through our on-site surgery clinic. This includes feral and community (TNR based) cat colonies. The number is quite staggering, but our work is only beginning. We ARE seeing positive results in reduced number of strays.

Last fall, I told you about the case with around 100 semi-feral cats. I am happy to announce that we received a grant through the Annie Lee Roberts Emergency Animal Rescue Fund to cover the cost of the surgery and vaccinations. So that the animals are not stressed by cold, we will wait until warmer temperatures to complete this project. In March a mobile unit staffed with veterinar-

ians and a veterinary technician will assist MHS staff and volunteers in spaying and neutering the cats. In the meantime, I regularly visit the property to assess the colony's health and well-being. We provide the owner with straw and food as needed.

We are now aware of 3 other large feral cat colonies. One is in Missaukee County and the other two in Wexford County. We are assessing the situations and will report back to you in our next newsletter.

One job we constantly battle here at the shelter is maintenance of our floors. Painting twice a year is



expensive and disruptive to the animals in the kennels. We have solicited bids to have a more permanent finish put on the floor which will result in being able to keep the floors cleaner, look better, and be cost effective. We anticipate saving nearly \$1,000 per year after the project is completed. The product is guaranteed to last 15 years.

Adoptions, Adoptions Adoptions!

What a year we've had for adoptions and they are not slowing down! Amazing! We have assisted other shelters with adoptions in addition to our local surrenders. We're helping our shelter friends and saving even more lives – because of you!

Volunteer Positions Open:

Public Education Coordinator: Coordinate with local schools, churches, day-cares/preschools, and speak to children about responsible pet ownership, general animal health, how to report abuse, create and plan out fun activities. Perfect for retired teacher, college student, etc.

Off-site Adoption Coordinator:

Coordinate volunteers and local pet stores for off-site adoption events. Responsible for scheduling events, communication with shelter director and volunteers, creating and maintaining volunteer schedule, etc.

Foster Home Coordinator:

Work closely with the shelter staff with animals looking for potential foster homes. These animals could include but not limited to: need more one-on-one before adoption, sick (non-contagious) or injured animals who need TLC, senior animals, orphan puppies or kittens, etc. Work diligently in expanding foster home program and recruiting foster families. Also responsible for home visits and veterinary reference checks.

Cat Quarantine Expansion Project:

A grant application has been submitted for this expansion. A remaining \$5,000-\$7,000 will be needed to make this a reality. The new cat quarantine will be equipped with 6-8 windows, its own washer/dryer, exhaust system, sink, and medical preparation area. We will be able to house 30 more cats than the current quarantine area we are utilizing.

Contact Director Kyle Musselman for more information or to donate. Kyle@mhspets.org



TWO PAWS UP!



Right: volunteer trainer Cassie with Miko

Below: These young kids raised money for supplies for the animals.

Bottom: Spaghetti & No Balls Dinner raised almost \$3,000! Many thanks to the Lake City Eagles for hosting the dinner.




Donations are needed to help cats like Theo to receive medical care and find a loving home...

CAN YOU HELP?

