

# Manistee County Humane Society Homeward Bound Animal Shelter

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## **Homeward Bound Animal Shelter**

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### **Adoption Hours**

Wednesday Noon- 6:00 pm

Thursday Noon – 4:00 pm

Friday Noon – 4:00 pm

Saturday Noon – 4:00 pm

## **Shelter Highlights**

### **Manistee Area Public Schools Fundraiser**

When word got out at Manistee Area Public Schools (MAPS) that the Homeward Bound Animal Shelter was in need of food, the students swung into action. Students from the elementary grades on up including the high school rallied for the cause. They held a series of fundraisers and challenges to see which class could raise the most money and bring in the greatest amount of dog and cat food.

The amounts the students collected amazed everyone at MAPS and Homeward Bound. Technology staff member Matt Froncek was in on the organization of the fundraiser with the final total that included \$882.00 and 1,256 pounds of dog and cat food collected by the students.

The National Honor Society led by Hope Miller and Blade Gates, coordinated efforts at the middle/high school. Froncek said he knew MHS kids would be perfect for this type of project. "I am amazed at how much MAPS was able to donate to Homeward Bound," said Froncek. "It went way beyond my expectations. I plan on making this a yearly fundraiser and hopefully next year we can donate even more."

The breakdown of the funds raised by individual schools: Jefferson Elementary \$152, Kennedy Elementary \$320 and Manistee Middle/High School \$410.



### **MCHS Bake Sale**

On Saturday, November 26, the Manistee County Humane Society held a bake sale during the annual VFW craft show. The sale went very well. With numerous booths, traffic was pretty steady to "shop" our booth. We had lots of goodies to sell thanks to the many volunteers that baked for the cause. Baked goods were priced from \$1.00 to \$5.00. The wide variety of items included mini loaves of banana bread, pumpkin bread, brownies, cookies, peanut brittle, candy, homemade party mix, cinnamon rolls and dog treats. (cont.)

## **Upcoming Events**

**Crafting For Critters**  
March 18, 2017

**Soup Supper**  
March 23, 2017

**Dinner/Dance/Auction**  
April 29, 2017

**Fur Ball Golf Tournament**  
June 17, 2017

## Shelter Highlights – cont.

Volunteers and MCHS board members provided "customer service" to the shoppers with \$303.75 raised for Homeward Bound. At the end of the sale, leftover sweets were given to the staff and volunteers at the Homeward Bound animal shelter and to the local CHOICES shelter. Staff at CHOICES gave a couple of blankets to take to the shelter and promised they will save their worn blankets for HB shelter use.



### PUBS 4 PAWS

Manistee County Humane Society once again held the "**PUBS 4 PAWS**" fundraiser. When visiting participating bars and restaurants, patrons could buy a "paw" to show support for Homeward Bound. The paws were displayed throughout the bar. The participating bars and restaurants included: Blue Slipper, Kaleva Tavern, Shirley's Place, Traks, Grille 44, Famous Flynn's, American Legion, Bungalow, Hi-Way, Painted Lady, Northside, Rosie's Place, Boathouse, the Moose, 522 Pub & Grill, Rico's, Civic Club, Stu's, T.J.'s Pub, and the VFW. This was a great way for the community to show support and help animals in need!



### Zeke Fund

The Zeke Fund began several years ago and was named for a stray dog taken in by Homeward Bound. Zeke came to us with a severe bullet injury to his eye. Homeward Bound asked the community for help with his medical expenses. The response was overwhelming. With the donation money left over after Zeke's care, this special fund was created to help other shelter animals with extraordinary healthcare issues or surgeries.

Homeward Bound is asking the community for support by donating to our Zeke Fund to help a dog who came to us in September. Autumn, a black Labrador Retriever needs major medical attention. She came to us with a very severe case of demodectic mange along with other health issues. It appears as though Autumn had been neglected most of her short life. When she arrived at Homeward Bound, she had very little hair and scaly, elephant-like skin. Her ears and eyes were also badly infected. She is about 8 years old. The good news is Autumn is responding well to treatment! But Homeward Bound needs more funds to help with Autumn's treatment cost.

Want to make a difference? Make a donation to the Zeke Fund. With your help, this sweet girl will finally get a chance to live a normal dog's life. Please send donations to:

Manistee County Humane Society  
Attention: Zeke Fund  
P.O. Box 144  
Manistee, MI 49660.



Help us help animals in need like Autumn!

### **Foster Care**

While donations to our Zeke Fund continue to help keep Autumn, and other dogs and cats at the shelter comfortable and on the road to recovery, what Autumn and other shelter animals really need is **foster care**. Autumn and other shelter residents would thrive in an environment where medication (if needed) could be monitored in a home where they can run and play to burn off excess energy. An environment that is much more subdued compared to the noisy and hectic life at the shelter.

What is foster care? Foster care is short term, in-home care which helps provide better recovery rates for animals that need an extra dose of T.L.C. Often foster care is the direct leader in a faster adoption placement rate, and has shown to increase the health and adoptability of animals in foster programs. For shelter residents, a foster care scenario could be a home with a fenced yard or dedicated safe space where they can play without concern of wandering.

A foster parent with reliable transportation, who is able to transport or is available to work with us to transport Autumn or other dogs and cats to their medical appointments. The ideal foster parent would be able to administer and monitor medications with the help of Homeward Bound and the designated veterinary clinic. In addition, a foster parent would need to be able to lift and care for the animal. As a foster parent, you can help restore Autumn and other shelter animals to full health. Please contact Homeward Bound at (231) 723-7387 or email us at [manisteehumanesociety@gmail.com](mailto:manisteehumanesociety@gmail.com) for more information. All Foster Parent applications require a home visit and references.

### **New Faces at the Shelter**



On the staff side, we have a new Animal Welfare Supervisor that came on board in October: Erin Bialik. She is a Manistee native returning here after living in Wisconsin for several years. Her "furry family" includes a dog named Scout and a cat named Graham. It is great to have her aboard here at Homeward Bound!

New volunteers are Cathe Vangelder and Monica Bluys. Both started volunteering in October. Cathe spends her time cleaning cat rooms and socializing with cats. Monica cleans dog kennels and helps out with laundry and walking the dogs.

### **Tips for Pet Owners**

Be careful with seasonal plants and decorations even after the holiday season!

Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. Many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

Fatty, spicy and human foods, even bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

Cats love tinsel, a sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs and trees with something other than tinsel.

### **Cat Spotlight**

Meredith is small 6 month old girl that was brought to the shelter as an 8 week old kitten. She is blind in one eye, but that does not slow her down! She loves to play and is very affectionate.



### **Dog Spotlight**

Copper is a 9 year old Jack Russell mix. He was surrendered to the shelter on June 1st. He is a good, super sweet boy that will do best in a home with only female small dogs (no cats).



**4Ever Homes Found!**

For this quarter period (Sept. Oct., Nov.) :

Cat adoptions: 62 (1 returned)      Dog Adoptions: 15 (1 returned)

A special adoption was Izzy, the diabetic cat that found his 4ever home with a wonderful vet technician at Parkdale Animal Hospital. Izzy's new adopted mom reports that Izzy has been great and he is loving his new home.

We still have furry companions waiting for a forever home – stop in and find your new best friend.

**Reunited!**

Sadie (brown Labrador mix) has made her way to Wisconsin. A family contacted the shelter and stated that she was their dog. They had originally re-homed her since she did not get along with their older cat. They indicated that they had been looking for her for a long time and found her on Petfinder here at Homeward Bound. They wanted Sadie back with their family, so they drove from Superior, Wisconsin to pick her up. We hope that Sadie and her people have a long and happy life together.



***From all of us at Homeward Bound to you and your family -***

***Have a very Happy New Year!***

