

Manistee County Humane Society Homeward Bound Animal Shelter

April, 2017



Shelter Highlights

New Fundraiser

Come celebrate spring by getting your groove on at the Ruff and Whiskers Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction fundraiser to benefit the Zeke Fund. The Zeke Fund helps to cover costs for special medical needs of our shelter animals.

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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

The event is new this year. Sharon Monnet, owner of Sports Ink, approached the shelter about helping to sponsor a distinctive event which included food and music. Sharon's motivation to help, "I have had pets in my life as long as I can remember, as well as my entire family. Pets are dependent on us so I try to do whatever I can to help care for them". From that, the Ruff and Whiskers Dinner, Dance and Silent Auction was born. The MCHS Board and volunteers have been working hard to bring this fundraiser to light, which will be held on Saturday, April 29th at the VFW Walsh Post 4499 in Manistee. The evening starts out at 5:30 PM with a social hour and the opening of the silent auction. At 6:00 PM a catered chicken dinner by Gajewski Catering will be served. Live music from local band Clear Heels will play from 7:00-10:00 PM. In addition, there will be many wonderful items to bid on with 100% of the proceeds going to the Zeke Fund.

A great big THANK YOU to **SPORTS INK** for being our Top Dog sponsor and to Jeff Reau at **Edward Jones** for their Furry Friend sponsorship. More information about being a sponsor or donating an auction item can be found at our web or facebook site.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door and can be purchased at Sports Ink or Homeward Bound Animal Shelter. You can also reserve pre-paid tickets at the door by sending in your payment to the shelter or logging on to our website. On our website go to our event section and click on button to "buy now" which connects you to our link for PayPal. On pre-purchase tickets, please indicate payment is for the dinner dance. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

Dinner/Dance/Auction

April 29, 2017

Fur Ball Golf Tournament

June 17, 2017

For pre-paid tickets at the door send checks to:

Homeward Bound Animal Shelter
Dinner/Dance
PO Box 144
Manistee, MI 49660

Be sure to mark June 17th on your calendar for the annual Fur Ball Golf Scramble. This event is designed for all levels of golfers and wanna be golfers. It's a great time for everyone with food, prizes, and a lot of fun on the course. Be sure to keep your eye open for further details.

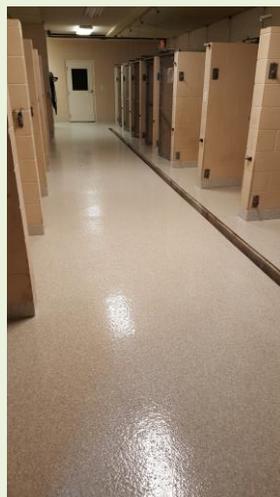
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Refurbished Kennel Flooring

With a grant from Two-Seven Oh, the shelter was able to refurbish the kennel area flooring at the end of March. It was perfect timing. “Initially we thought we were going to have to do it during warmer weather when the dogs would need to be housed in the outside kennel area. The timing of the news was great since the grant combined with the low number of dogs at the shelter, enabled us to get the project done much sooner”, said Shelter Manager Shareen Edmondson. Working with Manistee County Sheriff’s Dept., the dogs were housed in the empty kennels in Animal Control. The refurbished kennel flooring will make cleaning much easier and will be safer to walk on when wet.



Before



After

Crafting for Critters

On Saturday, March 18, the Manistee County Humane Society held their second annual Crafting for Critters event at the First Congregational Church in Manistee. The various crafters came together for the day to work on their respective hobby which included card making, scrap-booking, knitting, painting and latch-hook rug making. Breakfast and lunch were provided and all participants went home with a door prize.

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Crafting for Critters-cont. -

Everyone had a great time working on a craft they love to do, catching up with old friends and making new friends. A new twist this year included a silent auction. On hand for the public were three local vendors. At the end of the day over \$1,000 was raised for Homeward Bound Animal Shelter. Thank you to all who helped put this event together and to all of our participants.



Crafters working on their creations.



Raining Cats and Dogs Soup Supper

Manistee County Humane Society once again held the “It’s Raining Cats and Dogs Soup Supper” fundraiser on Thursday, March 23. Moving the event away from a weekend to a week day has proven to be very successful. There was tremendous support from our area restaurants and bars who donated the soups. A huge thank you to Bungalow, Painted Lady Saloon, T.J’s Pub, House of Flavors, Rosie’s, Ricos, Boathouse, Blue Water Café, The Blue Fish, Doc’s Sauble River Inn, River Street Station, M-22 Grill, Famous Flynn’s, The Fillmore, Traks Bar & Grill, Grille 44, and Pier 31. Additionally, volunteers provided over 22 salads and 20 desserts to ensure no one went home hungry. All left-over food was donated to Choices.

Event chair Deb Green remarked “It is not only a fundraiser but a great community event. And this year was no exception. Everyone seemed to be having a great time. The food was outstanding and John Pomeroy’s music is always very enjoyable. Just a great all around event!”



Festival of Trees

Now it seems like a distant memory, but we would like to thank our volunteers and Board members for their work on “How the Grinch Restored Christmas” theme tree for the Chamber of Commerce Festival of Trees. A combination of handmade and commercial ornaments adorned the tree which included frosted tint mason jar votive holders; a specially designed “Who” cat and dog puppets; red felt hearts; green, feathered Grinch faces; tool; ribbon, and “Max the dog” tree topper to name a few of the handmade ornaments. Adding to the fun were picture props. Congratulations for bringing home the People’s Choice Award.



Tips for Pet Owners

April showers bring May flowers—and an onslaught of bugs! Make sure your pet is on year-round heartworm preventive medication, as well as a flea and tick control program. Ask your doctor to recommend a plan designed specifically for your pet.

Spring cleaning is a time-honored tradition in many households, but be sure to keep all cleaners and chemicals out of your pets’ way! Almost all cleaning products, even all natural ones, contain chemicals that may be harmful to pets. The key to using them safely is to read and follow label directions for proper use and storage.

While most dogs love to feel the wind on their furry faces, allowing them to ride in the beds of pick-up trucks or stick their heads out of moving-car windows is dangerous. Flying debris and insects can cause inner ear or eye injuries and lung infections, and abrupt stops or turns can cause major injury, or worse!

Keep lilies and candy in check—chocolate goodies are toxic to cats and dogs, and all true lilies can be fatal if ingested by cats. And be mindful, kitties love to nibble on colorful plastic grass, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting and dehydration.

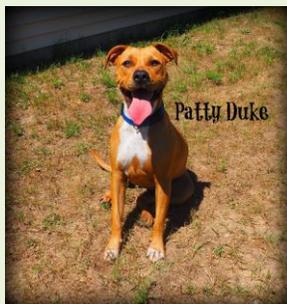
Cat Spotlight

Bitty, a female black and tan tabby with a white spot on her chest, arrived at the shelter as a kitten in July of 2013. Bitty is all grown up now, and what a great cat she is! She's very playful and friendly, having spent much of her time at the shelter in the lobby greeting all the visitors. Bitty gets along well with other cats but particularly enjoys human attention and pampering. She enjoys being brushed! Bitty does have an ongoing medical issue but it is effectively treated with doses of an inexpensive steroid every other day. Why not come meet her this month? Bitty will be purrfectly happy to meet you!”



Dog Spotlight

Patty Duke is an active, very playful female Boxer/terrier mix about 3 years old who simply loves people. She not only enthusiastically greets old friends, but new ones as well. Playing, walking or giving her some good old fashion love will win her over to being her BFF. Speak softly while scratching her belly, and she will fall madly in love with you...with a smile. She also enjoys water or simply lounging by the pool... And will happily explore new pastimes with you! Patty Duke has very few flaws except she prefers to be the only pet.



4Ever Homes Found!

For this quarter period (Jan-Mar 2017) :

Cat adoptions: 44 Dog Adoptions: 14

A recent special adoption was Autumn who was highlighted in the last newsletter as one of our special needs pets. She was transferred to Homeward Bound as a stray from Animal Control with a severe case of demodectic mange and other health issues. Autumn was clearly neglected and severely underweight. Because of the Zeke Fund, which helps provide for special medical needs, Autumn received the necessary care. In March, Autumn was adopted to a family willing to provide for her ongoing care and in the process she gained a four-legged brother and best friend to play with.



A special adoption update we recently received was on Andy Bear a small terrier who was 15 yrs old when he came to the shelter after his family moved and could not take Andy Bear with them. Older dogs can be difficult to place for many reasons, however, one special family took the chance on Andy Bear and adopted him shortly after he arrived. Andy Bear recently celebrated his 19th birthday. Congratulations!!

