

News from Happy Tails

January 2015



It Was a Good Year for the Animals!

Last year was a very good one for the animals. In all, we touched the lives of more than 1,900 of them. Adoptions continued to increase, with 336 dogs and cats finding new homes. The rest of the animals were helped through other shelter programs, including our food pantry and reduced-cost spay/neuter program.

Many more animals were rescued from animal control facilities than in the past, and this is something we want to do more of in 2015. We work well with the animal control facilities in our area and have streamlined the process for transporting the animals to our shelter and finding homes for them. When they come to us they have already been held in isolation for the required period and are current on immunizations, which reduces the time they need to be in our care. Coupled with a compressed adoption application review process, the result is that many pets are adopted within 24-48 hours of coming to the shelter. The review process has not changed. We're still doing all the checks we have done in the past to ensure that the animals are a match for adopters, but technology and experience have shown us how to make the process more efficient.

Thank you to everyone who helped Happy Tails in 2014. With the continued support of the community, in 2015 we will be able to do even more!

Thank you for a safe, cozy shelter!

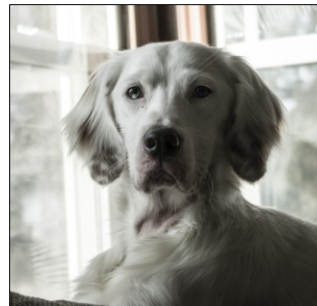


When it gets cold out you will find the cats and dogs laying on the cement floors at the shelter. Why? Because they are heated. Even the dog kennels. The shelter also has systems in

1,903 lives changed in 2014!	
Adoptions	336
Food Pantry*	1,345
Returned to Owner	58
Re-Homed w/o Coming to Shelter	87
Reduced-Cost Spays/Neuters*	77
*No shelter funds are expended	

place to monitor the environment 24 hours a day. Honey and all her friends are cozy, warm and safe.

Happy Tales



"Just wanted to send an update on Jax and let you know he has adapted well to our home. He enjoys long walks, running at the local doggie park and watching all the bird and squirrel activity from

many windows in the house. Thank you very much for your rescue work and the loving care you give your rescues."—Barb Lindquist

Help Wanted



We're looking for a photographer to cover events and fundraisers, photograph some of our animals, and help tell our stories. If you are a photographer, we need you!

Your photos can help us change animals' lives. Please call the shelter at 815.626.2994 or e-mail us at happytailsanimalshelter@comcast.net.

Remembering Special Friends

- Charles and Susan Kerr, in memory of Terry Potts
- Judy Scribner, in memory of her much loved Pomeranian, Shadow
- Robert and Marilyn Kowalski, in memory of their girls
- Donna Siebert, in memory of her Soft-Coated Wheaten Terrier Roger
- Dwight and Nancy Oltmanns, in memory of Tippy
- Rick and Alexandra Nehrkorn, in honor of Albert, Gussy, Tuxy, Fred, and Weezer
- Robin Gree, in memory of Jerry Pilgrim
- Thomas and Gayla McCormick, in memory of Gary Greenwood, for his dog Scruffy
- Victoria Krug, in memory of her beloved cat Missy

Calendar

We are currently planning our 2015 calendar of events and fundraisers. Here's what it looks like now, and as dates are set we will update in our newsletter, on our web site, and on Facebook. Lots of good things coming up and we want to make sure you don't miss anything!

April 1 (tentative)	Egg Hunt at the Shelter
May 1	Raise the Woof (live comedy)
August (date TBD)	Run for the Paws



This is Taz, "manning" our table at a recent adoption event at Farm and Fleet in Sterling.

We recently spotted Taz at PetSmart, but he wasn't there for an adoption event: He was there with his new family, shopping!



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