

"Home Again"

by Chris Langenfeld - executive director

Raise your hand if you have ever felt like you had no other choice but to give up your pet, were moving to a new place that did not allow pets, had your pet escape your yard or slip out of their collar and dart off. You are not alone! Whether you lost your pet or needed to re-home your pet, it is always stressful. That is why some of the happiest moments for our Humane Officers are when families are reunited or we help re-home those in need.

Recently, an elderly woman surrendered her young shepherd to us. It was a sad day. She would soon be heading to the hospital for a consultation that she believed would end in hip surgery and a four to six month recovery period. Our team worked with her and reviewed alternatives to surrendering, but nothing seemed to work out. We took her handsome young boy into our care and started to acclimate him to the shelter. It was a surprise to everyone just a few days later when she came back to "reclaim" her beloved pet! She shared that after the doctor reviewed all her tests they determined that she had sciatica and that a hip replacement wasn't needed! Needless to say, this was great news for everyone involved! When she and her shepherd were reunited, it was like long lost loves found each other after years of separation. There was hugging, licking and crying, and laughing galore! This is just one example that shows how pets are part of our families and that its hard anytime we are separated by force of circumstance. Although this pup was not lost in the traditional sense, the feelings associated with being reunited were the same.



It is important to properly identify your pet with good quality identification tags or riveted name plates. We also recommend that you microchip your pet as a back up. One of the first things we do when an animal comes into our care is to check for identification and scan for a microchip. Microchip technology has improved to the point that all microchip vendors can be searched from a single web page. In the past, we had to make several calls to different

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vendors. Now, we learn immediately if the chip is registered and where to call. As soon as we notify them, most chip manufacturers start reaching out to all of the contacts that they have on file. Microchipping your dog (or cat) is a great recovery tool if your pet ever gets lost and is found by a stranger or animal control. There are pet parents right here in Portage County who know the heartbreak in losing a beloved pet. We hope this article gives you hope and encourages you to never give up. If you have lost or found a pet, please go to the HSPC Lost and Found page at http://www.hspcwi.org.

Will a microchip make a difference?

Absolutely! Linda K. Lord, DVM, PhD at Ohio State University published a study of 7,704 animals entering 53 shelters in 23 states in the Journal of American Veterinary Medical Associction. The study showed that dogs without microchips were returned to their owners 21.9% of the time, whereas microchipped dogs were returned to their owners 52.2% of the time. Cats without microchips were reunited with their owners only 1.8% of the time, whereas microchipped cats went back home 38.5% of the time.

Lord said that though good statistics do not exist, veterinary experts estimate that microchips are used in between 5 percent and 8 percent of animals in the United States – mostly dogs, cats and horses.

Lord said that though the American public so far has not seemed to embrace the practice, this study suggests that pet owners should give strong consideration to microchipping their companion animals.

She also noted, however, that no animal identification is more effective than a tag on a collar that includes the pet's name and the owner's phone number.

"In the study, the biggest reason owners couldn't be found was because of an incorrect or disconnected phone number in the registration database," Lord said. "The chip is only as good as their ability as a pet owner to keep their information up to date in the registry."

For \$15 you can get your pet microchipped and registered in the free for life FoundAnimals.org database at the HSPC microchip clinic on Saturday December 1, 2018 from 11:00 AM to 3:00PM at the HSPC shelter.

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Our Everyday Wish List

Canned cat food (Friskies pate)

Canned dog food

Adult and kitten dry food (lams, Royal Canin, Purina Pro) Cat & Dog toys

Mr Clean liquid cleaner

Bleach

Liquid Laundry Soap

Frontline Plus for Dogs (45-88 lbs) Revolution for Dogs (85-130 lbs)







A special need!

You can't have a dog park or play area without a proper fence. But what happens when a little extra is needed for added safety? A couple of years ago we installed a fence and gates that surround our oudoor play area. Our animal enrichment program has been working with multiple dogs in play groups to help get the dogs socialized and ready for their forever homes. To increase the safety of the animals and handlers we would like to install a sally port. The sally port acts as a holding area so other dogs can't escape while you're entering. The picture below right shows a sally port at a Dog Park. Our proposed sally port would be similar to this one. The cost of the sally port and its installation is \$1,000.

Anything you can do to financially support our efforts will be greatly appreciated.



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Our mission is to prevent cruelty, abuse, neglect and overpopulation of companion animals while seeking adoption of these animals into compatible homes. and teaching humans awareness and respect for all life thus helping to build a better community.

Hours of operation

Monday: 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m. Tuesday: 12:00 noon – 7:00 p.m. We are closed on Wednesdays, Thursday: 12:00 noon - 7:00 p.m. Sundays & Friday: 12:00 noon - 3:00 p.m. Holidays Saturday: 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 p.m.

Online Adoption & Foster Applications Available at www.HSPCWI.org





From The Desk of The Executive Director - Chris Langenfeld

Many people have asked me why I make the statement "Everything is connected to everything else, whether we like it or not". It is because it directly impacts the way we think. Our beliefs and attitudes are formed over

time by our personal experiences and the way we think about them. It is our choice to think of them as we wish, positive or negative. How does that relate to animal welfare? Everything is connected to everything else, whether we like it or not! If we believe that people who can't afford to feed their pet shouldn't have one, we will always find a way to support that belief. However, if we believe that people who can't afford to feed their pet need help, we will find ways to help them! See the difference? I know, some of you are seeing the glass as half empty on this one. The problem is that the glass will always be half empty if we don't change the way we think about the people in need that are connected to the pets in need.

I have often heard people make statement, "Just because you look at a glass as half full, doesn't mean it isn't half empty". In reality, that is true! We choose how we think about everything and the way we choose to think about them determines our attitudes and develops our beliefs. No one is controlling the way we think or what we say. We are responsible!

Someone's current negative circumstances should never be the determining factor to a final outcome. There is always hope! If we step up as individuals and accept the challenge of making positive change in our relationships, homes, schools, workplace or community, there will be positive change! Everything is connected to everything else, whether we like it or not.

Business Fundraiser Highlight – Team Schierl Buy A Bone Campaign

Yearly, Team Schierl Companies hosts the Buy a Bone campaign at their "The Store" locations in the Stevens Point and Plover locations. This year they were able to raise \$5,300 for the Humane Society of Portage County!

The company also has The Store locations in several other areas throughout Wisconsin. Wherever Team Schierl is located, they host a Buy A Bone campaign to support the local animal shelter.

Thank you Team Schierl for your support of critters in need!



Here are five of our residents that have been waiting very patiently for a loving home. Please stop in to meet them. They all desperately want a forever home! Might you be the answer to their wish?











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Canine Mayor Thank you and Congratulations

Thank you to everyone that supported the 2018 Canine Mayor fundraiser. It would not have been the success it was without all of our wonderful participants!

Humans welcome to join the fun!

Top Dog Tonka and his staff want to share some special moments from his inauguration party in July. Tonka got some yummy vanilla ice cream, and then spent time with the ever-amazing retiring Canine Mayor Six Bones. At the official swearing in ceremony Stevens Point Mayor Mike Wiza offered some wisdom and advice, "Always be number 1 and try not to step in the number 2".

We will be seeing more of Tonka as he fulfills his duties as Canine Mayor and the canine representative of the Humane Society of Portage County.

Left to Right, Stevens Point Mayor Mike Wiza, Tonka's guardian Paula Kropidlowski, and Tonka Karl Canine mayor.



HSPC Walk for Wags - Thanks to all supporters and walkers



We had a wonderful turnout and lots of fun that included our special emcee Mayor Mike Wiza and the 2018 Canine Mayoral caninedates! Activities included the 1.5 mile walk, the famous pet costume contest, kids games, basket and prize raffle, a caricature artist, and several vendors to visit. Thank you to our sponsor, Team Schierl Companies for their generous, enthusiastic and continued support of this event. Thank you too to our t-shirt sponsors: Country Paws Bed & Biscuit, Jay- Mar, Inc., Muckamoor Boarding Kennels, Oakview Veterinary Medical Center, Spectra Print, Conners/ Barrett & Company, Garrett Ryan Design, Rheanna Lynn Photography, Roberts Irrigation and Tim Frost's Executive DJ Service.

A very special thank you goes to Linda Firkus who again was the top pledge earner! We hope that her incredible achievement will inspire and motivate you to help us raise even more funds next year!

Thank you to Lisa Pagliara for the beautiful raffle baskets, to Sam's Club for the bottled water, to those wonderful companies who provided prizes, Cedar Crest Ice Cream for the ice cream, to everyone who donated to our walker's goody bags, and to the Tomorrow River Voyagers 4-H Club that provided food for sale.

We extend our gratitude to our distinguished panel of judges that included Sheriff Mike Lukas and School Board members Trish Baker and Chris Scott.

We greatly appreciate the media support that helped us spread the word and promote the Walk. Thank you to all who participated, donated, and volunteered with this event.

Mark your calendars now for the 2019 Walk for Wags that will be held on Sunday, June 9th. We challenge you to be the biggest fundraiser for the Walk for Wags to help the animals in our care find forever homes!

Ann Barrett, Walk for Wags Chair

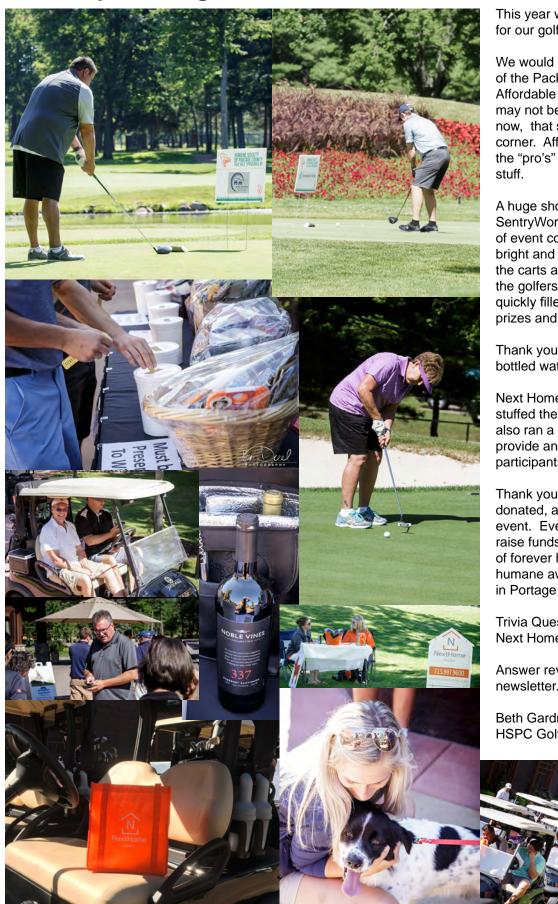
Beer, Cheese & Pets Please was enjoyed by all attendees

Thank you to our Main Event Sponsor – Spectrum Insurance, Food and Venue Sponsor – The Peter & Laura McPartland Family, Event Partner, Beverage Sponsor and Hat Sponsor - The Stevens Point Brewery, Food Sponsor - Mullins Cheese, Food Sponsor - Wisconsin Public Radio and the Entertainment Sponsor – HSPC Board of Directors. A special shout out to Armchair Boogie for their knee slapping bluegrass music!

There was an excellent turn out for our first year with fun and laughter abounding! The pairings of beverages and cheeses was a hit. Who knew you could enjoy a spicy cheese with an IPA or Colby Jack with a Black Cherry soda? Everyone had fun sampling the Brew Master recommended combinations. There were even a few adventurous individuals that took matters into their own hands and attempted some combinations that would make the rest of us run! The combination of good music, good food, good drink and good friends was hard to beat!



HSPC Open, Gorgeous Weather, Great Golf, Good Times



This year we had gorgeous weather for our golf outing.

We would like to thank our Leader of the Pack sponsor this year – Affordable Snow Control. While you may not be thinking of "snow" right now, that season is just around the corner. Affordable Snow Control are the "pro's" when it comes to that white stuff

A huge shout out goes to the staff at SentryWorld. They are the "masters" of event coordination. When we arrive bright and early on Tuesday morning, the carts are lined up and waiting for the golfers. Tables are set and are quickly filled with registration, raffle prizes and drawings and COFFEE!

Thank you to Sam's club for donating bottled water for the cart coolers.

Next Home Real Estate provided and stuffed the goody bags this year. They also ran a game out on the course to provide an additional challenge for our participants.

Thank you to all who participated, donated, and volunteered at this event. Events like these allow us to raise funds to care for the pets in need of forever homes and continue our humane awareness education efforts in Portage County.

Trivia Question – what is the name of Next Home Real Estate's dog mascot?

Answer revealed elsewhere in the newsletter.

Beth Gardner HSPC Golf Open – Chair

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Fundraiser to benefit the Humane Society of Portage County

HSPC PET FEST

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5th - HOLIDAY INN STEVENS POINT

Doors Open 6PM - Must be Present to Win - People Costume Party (Pet Themed)
Live Auction - Free Caricature Artist - Free Kids Games - Free Face Painting
Basket Raffles - Food and Drinks available - Blinky Lights - Silent Auction



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Happy Tails - stories about adopted animals & shelter visitors





Jessica Bucheger says: Hello there!! It has been just over 6 months since we adopted our cat, Tuna--formally known as Tatiana. (Our 4 year old came up with the name Tuna and we knew that was the perfect fit for her!!)

I have to admit I was a little nervous getting a cat that wasn't front declawed having two young children who just want to love the animals all the time and sometimes don't understand they have limits. But now I have to admit it has been wonderful!!

Tuna is one of the best cats!! She is playful and loves to snuggle!! Tuna and my husband are the best of friends!! I say that because EVERY morning Tuna has to get morning scratches from him and she actually hugs him, It is the cutest thing!! My husband agreed to get another cat because I wouldn't let it go, but now he sure does love her! (He even talks to her regularly and she talks back!!)

Tuna sleeps at my feet every night. She loves the kids and the kids adore her! We attached a cat toy to a small fishing pole, and Tuna and the kids can play with that forever. She loves to chase it and catch it and the kids love to cast it out for her!

Tuna and our other cat, Lily, are now friends. Not best friends mind you, but I think that will come. They do like to play with each other! Our dog Bella, and Tuna, they are not friends, but they co-exist and Bella just does her best to ignore Tuna, and vice versa--although Tuna loves to drink Bella's water so maybe they are secret friends! LOL

My husband and I were just talking about how lucky we are that Tuna chose us. We had gone into the process thinking we were going to come home with a young kitten, but Tuna chose us and we are so happy she did. She is a perfect fit for our crazy little family! We are so grateful to you guys for finding her and letting us give her a home! She is just amazing!

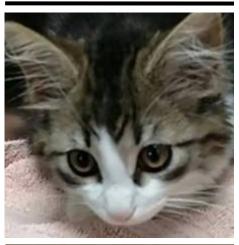




Lori Napper says "My baby I adopted last week! Love him sooooo much! Named him Toonces. He is the nicest kitten ever. I love him and he is very very happy here!"



Lindsay Bernhagen says: Just wanted to share a picture of Ripley (whom we adopted in late May) living his best life this summer.

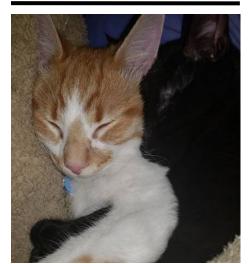




Tiffany Hildebrand says I would love to showcase my kitty, Nova, that I adopted 2 years ago. She was very shy and skiddish and now she is the queen of the household. I found out she is a Siberian Cat where she grows a beautiful mane in the winter. I was very lucky!



Kristina Raschka says: Yesterday was Piper the dog's (formerly Luna 2014) gotcha day, she likes to hang out with Zoey the cat (formerly Blitzen 2015).





Cassie Cass says: Here are two photos of Tucker (formerly Chiffon) and Kiara (fomerly Frisbee) loving their new home.



Katy Heibler says: Mason is adjusting well and already learning tricks. A smart pup and loves being spoiled. Thank you everyone!"





Tamara Borden-Meszaros says: Jazz, the foster cat who was given only 4 months to live inJune 2017, is still alive and thriving. Our daughter Sam, a staff member of the Humane Society and a UWSP student, took Jazz in to foster her for what time she had left. Sam brought Jazz home over the Thanksgiving break. Jazz has been here ever since and has become a part of our family. She is one special kitty and we love having her here. She even gets along with our dog, Hunter.

She is back up to seven pounds. A recent trip to the ER Vet discovered

some blood in her urine and she was put back on an antibiotic again.

Hopefully she is back on the mend. She loves being outside, thankfully we have a fenced in yard and she can roam as she pleases.



Erica Shields says: I adopted these two boys from the Humane Society of Portage County ten years ago. Black cat was Perry now Harley and the other cat was Buffy now Sydney. So grateful to have you in my life. Thanks HSPC!

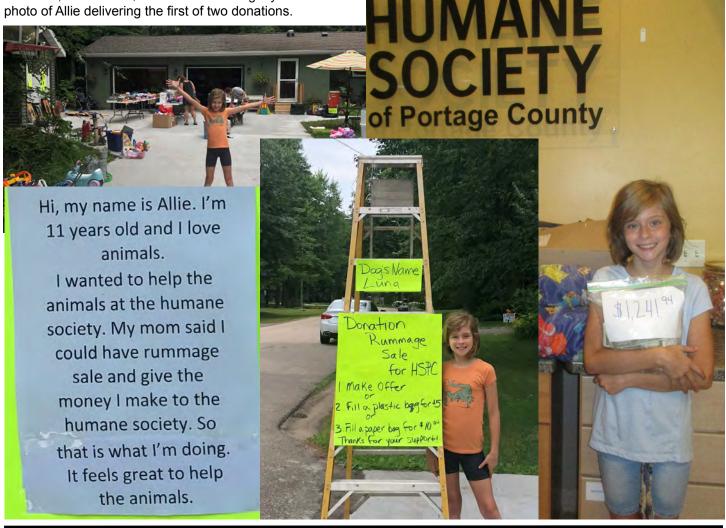


Brenda Bierman says: Here is a photo of our kitties. On the left is Tutankhamen, We named this little guy Comet. He purred all night long! On the right is Mugwump, we renamed her Haley! She was up all night! She has some serious spunk!

Allie Pichelman shows her love for animals

April Pichelman sent photos of her 11-year old daughter Allie at the rummage sale Allie organized to raise money for HSPC. Allie recruited donations from neighbors and friends to guarantee a successful sale. How successful, you might ask. Well, she raised \$1261.94! On the right you see a

WOW! Thank you Allie, Pichelman family, rummage contributors, and rummage shoppers who patronized Allie's sale. Allie, you made us and the animals feel great!



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Adoption Updates! In the "Paws to Read" May 2018 edition, we showcased our longest term residents.





Sophie Adopted May 15



Mookie Adopted July 19



Sparticus Adopted May 1



Splinter Adopted June 6



Petey Adopted May 30

Donations April - July 2018

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ensure a healthy financial future for the homeless, abused and neglected animals in Portage County.

What is Planned Charitable Giving?

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November 3, 2018 Fill the Van Copps in Park Ridge

December 1, 2018 Santa Paws at the HSPC Shelter

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December 15, 2018 Fill the Van Copps in Park Ridge





Santa Paws - December 1, 2018 11:00 AM to 3:00PM



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