

Northwoods Humane Society - Deanna Persson, President

The last two articles have been about our dog, Chip. Chip had a spinal injury. He was diagnosed at BluePearl in Duluth in the middle of the night with a follow-up a week later with his vet in Hayward. Chip is doing well, he is carrying his big blue ball around and wants to play.

Now it is our other dog's turn for medical attention. Lola is a 10 pound Yorkie. She had a serious case of uncontrollable diarrhea I did some exploring on-line and tried some home remedy, which was not successful in curing the problem – but it was the right approach.

Lola is already on Purina Pro Plan Veterinary Diet – EN Gastroenteric – both dry and wet. This food has to be purchased through a veterinarian. She has both wet and dry food. Chip does not like her food but she loves it.

We gave her bland rice and added Pepto Bismol to the challenge. She was still eating and drinking water. I also gave her some chicken. She was active, but she appeared to be embarrassed about not being able to control her body. She always went to the door but sometimes we did not see her go there.

On Saturday morning she still had diarrhea and it was time to see a veterinarian. Fortunately, Spooner Veterinary Clinic has Saturday morning hours. They sent us home with Metronidazole Tiny Tab and a probiotic powder. They will do a parasite test and should hear the results next week.

The good news is that less than 24 hours later she is free from diarrhea. Yeah!

Untreated diarrhea can be fatal. Each article that I read stated that the dog or cat should see a vet if they have diarrhea that has lasted more than 2 days.

BINGO! NHS Bingo Queen, Donna Dreczko, spoke with Heidi Keene, owner of Powell's on the Lake (Round Lake) saying she was interested in doing a short sting of bingo in March and April – there will be four sessions. The dates will be March 10th and 24th, April 7 and April 21st. Games begin at 6 p.m. and run to 8 p.m. We will play about 10 games with a 50/50 split of \$1 games and a 50/50 cash raffle mid break around 7 p.m.

Powell's on the Lake is the Old Famous Dave's. Their menu is super and diverse and of course so are the drinks.

The finance committee recently met. On the agenda was the need to replace the furnaces at the Thrift Shop. There are two that need to be replaced. Some people sponsor adoptions and some sponsor spay and neutering. Is there someone that likes to sponsor a new furnace? Board member Steve Menke can share the details.

Vallie Szymanski shared that OCSA will again sponsor Dining for Cats and Dogs at Lynn's Custom Meats and Caterina the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. One of our members commented on the vast amount Lynn does for the community. Thank you, Lynn!

Shelter news! Goofy has a home. A gentleman from southern Wisconsin saw the story of Goofy. His previous dog had recently passed away. The dog was a similar breed and size of Goofy and the man was just the right size for handling Goofy.

Argus has been with us awhile. He is a terrier mix – the darling shaggy look small medium size. Argus came in with another dog, who was adopted right away. Argus did find his perfect family. He didn't want to be around other dogs and wasn't impressed by people. Argus went through a medical workup and a malignant, untreatable tumor was found. The medical opinion was that Argus did not have much time left. One of our shelter volunteers stepped forward and will do hospice with Argus. She has no animals at the moment and all is working out well with Argus in their home.

Life at the NHS Thrift Shop and the NHS Shelter is busy and full of committed individuals who are committed to serving animals in need. Thank you to all.

Dates to Save: March 10, 24, April 7 and 21st – Powell's on the Lake - Bingo for NHS – 6 – 8 p.m.