

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

My last article for 2022 and I am looking forward to 2023. This was a good year for the animals in the care of the Northwoods Humane Society. It was a hard year for our staff due to a broken leg, the loss of two loved ones, ankle surgery, and Covid. The good news is our staff worked to support one another in all the ups and downs. This might be the year that is remembered as the ‘Year of the Beagles’! A rescue that was handled beautifully by our staff.

The Northwoods Humane Society was gifted with a Holiday matching Gift Challenger - \$ for \$ up to \$25,000. THANK YOU! Our donors and supporters have made it possible to meet this challenge. We thank you for the positive and generous response and for the many kind words of support! Both put a smile on our faces. We would love to surpass this challenge! Donations may still be sent to NHS – P. O. 82 – Hayward, WI 54843 or made on-line at www.northwoodshumanesociety.org.

Our thanks to Kevin and Danielle, owners of Revelle’s Resort, on Nelson Lake in Hayward, for helping the ‘match’ with the proceeds from their holiday party. Also, thank you to Concor Tools for selecting the Northwoods Humane Society as their holiday giving charity.

The Northwoods Humane Society shelter has been a very busy place. Currently there are 17 dogs waiting for homes at the shelter and mommy and 10 puppies in foster care. This mommy was a stray and gave birth to her little ones in the foster home. They appear to be German Shepherd – may be mixes and are about 4 weeks old. You may have heard about Missy and Dexy. These two little seven year old dogs came to us from Texas. They are very bonded. Dexy has glaucoma and her eyes were causing her a great deal of pain. Her eyes were removed and she was a happy girl. Missy howled while she was gone – more like she cried and moaned. When Dexy returned from her surgery both were at peace with the world and both have gone to a great forever home.

Lisa Lew, our assistant shelter manager said we have 58 cats waiting for homes at the shelter. To help with adoptions Musky Tale Resort has sponsored 9 cat adoption fees. They have selected some of our older cats and ones that have been with us for a while. The staff at White Stag Tavern and McCormick House gifted owners Jeff and Michelle DeYoung with two sponsorships in their honor. They chose two kittens – Trinity and Teddy – litter mates. Trinity is a little special needs. She had been hit by a car and her little leg was broken in 3 places and her pelvis was broken. The choice was made to amputate her leg as the prognosis for repair was poor. Trinity is doing well and a little shy but Teddy is right by her side. Our hope is to place them together. Musky Hoefst still has two sponsored adoption fees – Doreen and Angel.

Last Wednesday – we all remember that day – sleet, snow and more snow, was a challenge for all. Staff member Mark Anderson spent the night at the shelter to ensure that all animals were cared for. Lisa Lew made it through to care for the cats and to take 5 to Hayward Animal Hospital for spay and neuters.

NHS Shelter guests were Hayward High School Future Business Leaders of America Club President Brock Titus along with Henry Dressler, Myles McCallum, Avery Poppe, Breanna Hexum and Brook Brennan donated dog biscuits made with the NHS recipe. They were so appreciated! A surprise package came

from Karen Richards of Texas, which was full of hand crocheted cat toys. Thank you to those that shopped on smile.amazon.com and sent items from our wish list.

Thank you to our fabulous Thrift Shop volunteers and shoppers. The shop has been busy and merry and bright. Customers are enjoying the Holiday item 50% off sale and finding gifts and other items they did not know they needed.

We have one item on our list that we need help with. We have a 5 hour a week position that needs to be filled. We are in need of someone to help with maintenance at the shelter. It can be a paid position or a volunteer position. The work can be done in the evening or daytime on any day or days that work for this person. If this sounds good to you, please give Alecia Austin a call at the shelter – 715-634-5394.

THANK YOU to the many, many people that embrace and support the mission of the Northwoods Humane Society – “to help animals in need”.