

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

Volunteers are an essential part of the Northwoods Humane Society. If not for them, there would be so many things that would not happen. Our dogs would not be walked, cats would not be socialized or their kennels cleaned with care, lawns would not be cut and we would not have an office person to answer phones at the shelter and we would not have foster homes. We would not have a Thrift Shop which brings in 50% of our budget and is an all-volunteer crew. We would not have coin houses in the community, we would not have fundraisers, we would not have a Board of directors or officers that all perform vital jobs, there would not be an article in the newspaper each week and we would not be able to recycle cans.

Recycling cans is now in jeopardy. The Northwoods Humane Society has been recycling cans in order to generate income for the past 28 years. First it was Sheila Herbert, when Sheila passed away I took over. Frank (Can Man) and Charmaine picked up the task in 2000 and did it for twenty years and then Iras Humphries took the lead for the past 3 years. Iras needs to step away from this responsibility in order to be with her husband who just had quadruple by-pass surgery.

Why is recycling cans important to the Northwoods Humane Society? Of course, we all know that recycling is good for the environment and reduces pressure on our landfills. For the Northwoods Humane Society it is important because it generates \$5,500 to \$6,000 a year for the care of the animals at the shelter.

I hope you are thinking ‘How does this work?’

1. There are three can donation locations – at the bar and restaurant Somewhere Else on Highway 27 next to Wilderness Walk, at the NHS Thrift Shop on 3rd Street downtown Hayward and one at the NHS Shelter at O’Brien Hill Road and Highway 27.
2. Individuals drop the aluminum cans off. As the bins become full, the volunteer goes thru the bags and removes any thing that is not an aluminum can. The aluminum cans are put in large black plastic bags and marked with blue tape. The bags are left at each of the sites. The debris and old bags go in the dumpster at the Thrift Shop or at the Shelter.
3. Mark Anderson, a NHS staff member is notified when there is a need for a trip to the recycling place. The cans are take to Best Recycling on 63 South past LP.
4. The volunteers can also take the bags to the Best Recycling if they have a pickup truck and it is great if you also have a trailer.
5. The cans are weighed and documented by Caroline at Best Recycling. At the end of each month a check is written to the Northwoods Humane Society.

My husband, Mike has agreed to help with some of the cans. He said it took him a 1 ½ hours to sort and fill 10 large bags. He said there was very little garbage. He also said that there were still unsorted bags in the bin that may be another 8 or 9 large bags. Mike said that the 10 bags filled his pickup. The frequency depends on the season.

So, the volunteer (male or female) that would enjoy this opportunity is someone that likes working outside, is looking for light exercise, likes to work independently and wants to help care for the animals at the Northwoods Humane Society Shelter. This is an opportunity for a family project or an activity to share with a friend. The ideal would be if there were 2 or three people

– one for each of the sites. We do have a backup person if you are out of commission or out of town for a while – Dan Killidge. Dan has been helping Iras as have Tammy and Jeff Novak.

Please call me if you would like to know more, or if you are saying ‘YES’, this is something I can do. Call Deanna at 715-634-4543.

Date to Save: November 26 - Tuesday – Don John’s Ladies Night Out – 5:30 to 7:30 – shopping, wine and appetizers – honoring the Northwoods Humane Society.