

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

Two weeks ago, Mike, my husband, and I adopted a wonderful little guy by the name of Sonny. He is a Lhasa Apso ‘mostly’. He is precious, loving, funny, snuggly and gets along with all he meets. Sonny was scheduled to be euthanized at a Texas shelter because of overcrowding. It sickens me to think that could have happened to him and the many other dogs in that predicament.

The Northwoods Humane Society is a part of a transfer team that takes animals from in or out of state crisis situations. All animals coming to us have been vet checked, heartworm tested, and vaccinated. Some of the dogs are spayed or neutered. Our last transfer came from northern Texas. There were 21 dogs – all scheduled to be euthanized. Of these dogs, 8 have been adopted as I write this letter. Others are in foster homes waiting to be spayed or neutered and being socialized. Some are at the shelter waiting and ready for a home.

This area in Texas had a breeder that was not caring for their animals and choose to do a ‘breeder release’ as opposed to going thru the courts. They were breeding Yorkies, Maltipoos and other small breeds. Again, we will be looking for foster homes for these little dogs. We also need a foster for a big dog who survived a bear attack and needs a loving medical foster home.

Is foster something you might consider? Here are 10 reason: Bring joy and love into your home – dogs and cats bring happiness, fostering is a flexible way to experience this joy without a permanent commitment.

Fostering can accommodate your schedule and lifestyle. It’s a temporary commitment with a potentially permanent bond.

Every dog fostered makes room in a shelter for another dog in need, helping more animals find their forever home.

Puppies need a safe place to grow until they’re ready for adoption. Fostering provides that nurturing environment.

By fostering you help the helter understand each animal’s personality and needs, ensuring they find the perfect adoptive family.

Foster dogs get used to being around people and other pets, learning essential social skills in a home environment.

Fostering lets you experience having a pet with minimal financial commitment, as the shelter covers all expenses.

Children can learn valuable lessons about responsibility and compassion by helping care for a foster dog.

Many foster parents end up adopting their foster animal because they become perfect family member.

Fostering an animals is a wonderful way to give back to your community. It’s a rewarding experience that brings love and joy into your home while making a difference the animals in need.

If you think fostering may be right for you, go to [www.nothwoodshumanesociety.org](http://www.nothwoodshumanesociety.org), head to the Volunteers label, scroll down and fill out the volunteer fostering form. Make sure each line is filled in. A Canine or Feline Team member will get your started on your fostering journey.

Big 'THANK YOU's" to the following volunteers that worked Muskie Fest for NHS. At the NHS Thrift Shop, volunteers came in early and stayed late. Thank you to Rob Taite, David Nemec, Sue Killinger, Sue Hudson, Jeanne Hornak, Barbara Hoeft and Chris Czeskleba.

THANK YOU to our Raffle Team: Alecia Austin, Angie Larson, Kim Kral, Joan Cervenka, Delaney Nigbor, Diane Kline and Susan Sams. I hope you got to see Alecia in her new dog costume and Angie dressed as the cutest cat! Super NHS Spirit.

Dates to Save: August 5 – NHS Tag Day

August 30 – Bark and Roll with a Cat's Meow Silent Auction – Sawmill Saloon – 6:30 p.m.