

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

NHS is doing a unique event to celebrate our pets. The event is “Our Pet Tales” which was conceived by NHS member, Vallie Szymanski and her cat Mr. Spock. Animal owners were invited to share a ‘tale’ about their pets in 200 words or less and a clear headshot of their pet. Three professional writers from Hayward read the stories and selected 20 tales. They only saw the story, not the picture or the name of the author. Irene Farone, a pet portrait artist, did a pencil portrait of each of the twenty pets. These twenty are being framed and will be exhibited at Out of The Woods Winery on Main Street in Hayward, during the month of October, with the opening of the show on October 8. The selected twenty stories and portraits will be included in a book, “Our Pet Tales” and on note cards.

We were not able to use all of the special submissions, but wanted to share a few of those which were not chosen with you.

Hi ! Dis is Auggie, ’n I’mma cute golden n I’m always gettin’ blamed fur stuff, like I got blamed for deeze shooz dat got lost in da wood pile ’n I didn do it, see, my MOM lost dem shooz ’n was almost late fur werk ’cuz she couldn’t SEE dem disguised in da wood pile but I new bedder. Here’s me gettin’ blamed for dem shooz in da wood pile. I admit, Sometimes I can’t help myself n dem shooz ’n other things, like mittens ’n socks ’n hat smell so good ’n I just wanna put dem where I can find dem,’n if I need a little sniff of my hooman, I can go git whatever I hide ’n den I feel bedder, ’cuz it smellz like dem. So dats why I can see why dey blame me for dem lost shooz. I think hoomanz need to use dem big noses they got ’cuz den they probably wouldn’t lose so much stuff. Dats my story ’n so lemme no if U can see dem shooz, ’cuz I shure cud smell dem !
Author - Augie Doggie



“Chester” How do you know when the time is right to get a dog? Our beloved rescue dog, Chester, had to be put down when our son was just a toddler. “Dog” was practically his first word. We decided to wait 5 years. We had been searching for one for months. Nothing felt right and I knew the perfect dog would come along at the right time. Fast forward to September of 2017 when I saw a boxer mix for adoption. I told my husband, “I think this is the one!” He didn’t look so sure. The next day he happened to be going by the humane society, so he decided to swing in and see her for himself. She completely won him over! He called and totally surprised me that he was there and said that we should get her. It

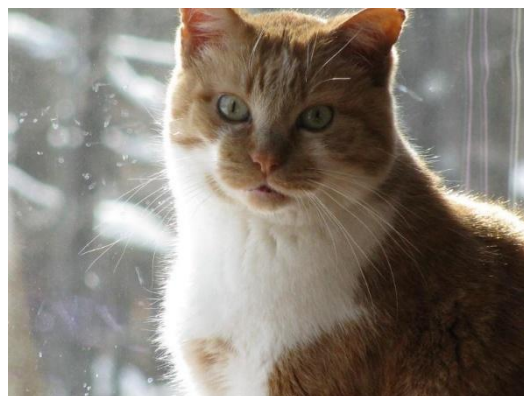
finally felt right so we decided to take the leap and adopt. Miss Charlie has been a priceless gift with countless kisses. She has made our family complete. I let everyone know that she is a rescued mix of love from God because only he knew when the time would be right for us to adopt.

Author-Rachel Thompson



“Orangie” We used to live in an area that had a lot of stray and feral cats. One of the feral cats that found us, we named “Orangie”. He hung out around our backyard but was very skittish when he’d see us. It took almost two years of us feeding him outside before he’d trust us enough to let us pet him. One day, he showed up with a swollen paw, so we boxed him up and brought him to the vet. They fixed up his paw and neutered him for free. Orangie wanted to be an outside cat so I made him a home on our back porch out of a storage tub, a down blanket, foam insulation, and a kennel heater pat. He loved his new home and spent most of the winter outside. One particularly cold week, he frost bit his ears and decided to come in and live with us and our adopted stray “Sticky”. The two of them quickly became best friends. We eventually adopted more strays and they all got along. In 2011 we moved up to the Cable area and brought all our boys with us. Orangie was with us for fifteen wonderful years!

Authors - Erik and Nancy Russell



THRIFT SHOP REQUEST - We are in need of clear plastic bags that blankets, comforters or sheet sets come in. If you have some to share, please bring them to the NHS Thrift Shop on Third Street – we are now open Monday Thru Saturday – 11 to 3 p.m. We will repurpose the bags for our donated linen items.

Dates to Save: May 23 – Friday - Dining for Cats and Dogs at Lynn’s Custom Meats and Catering on Hwy 63 in Hayward – 10:30 to 2 p.m. – Brats and Burgers!!!!

June 7 – Saturday – “Heartache Tonight” – Eagles Tribute Band – Park Center in Hayward – 7:30 pm – Tickets may be purchased at Out of The Woods Winery and Whistle Punk and on-line – parkcenter.com. All ticket sales go to the Northwoods Humane Society.