

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

A letter of thanks that to those that volunteer their time to make the services to animals in need happen.

Thank you to those who have given their time to sit with the Chihuahuas that came to us from an ugly hoarding situation. These dogs needed time, patience and learning about human love and touch.

The first Monday of each August is traditionally the Northwoods Humane Society Tag Day. For the last several years, this fundraising event has been coordinated by Rob Taite and David Nemec. They do a masterful job of communicating, scheduling and providing the necessary items for the day. Thank you to those that dropped money into our big pink buckets. This year was the second highest amount raised on Tag Day

A very big thank you to the army of volunteers that took to the streets in their pink vests and hot pink buckets: Kuchen Hale, Miah Janisch, Grace Stanger, Linda Graham, Rob Taite, Sue Killinger, Joanne Sandelski, Joan Cervenka, Donna Post, Paul Mitchell, Vaughan Skille, Nancy McDowell, Kim Kral, Laura Fosterling, Linda Nowak, Tammy Vergeront, Shirley Redmond, Sue Lenz, Chris Fullerton, Deb Hard, Randy Becker, Melanie Rohloff, Dan Yerks, Shawn Yerks, Sue Hudson, David Nemec, Gail Emerson, Mary Bahling, Susan Sams, Eileen Brossard, Susan Horrocks, Pamela Miller, Darlene Kirchdoerfer, Sue Witt, Pam Mitchell, Joan Shumway, Susanne Kalla, Kathy Pedersen, Nancy Douglas, Lisa Pfeifer.

I had a great conversation with Lisa Lew, our Cat Coordinator. She said one of the highlights this summer has been the number of cat cleaning volunteers – both new and old. She said that this week some of the regulars had some appointments and couldn't do the cleaning. Kathy Eppers, a 20 year cat cleaning volunteer, came in 3 days last week. She mentioned a couple of new volunteers – Shania Johnson, Sue Smith and Mel Rohloff who have joined the team. Carol Martin has been a cat socializer and joined the cleaning team even though she has to get up early to do it – thank you Carol.

Some of you may have heard of 'Chet'. Chet is a guy that likes his own space and other cats irritate. Some people may be okay. A family drove from River Falls to adopt Chet knowing his full story. The new owner said 'we will let him just be who he is'. They adopted him under our Paws For Those Who Serve program.

On Friday of this week, BJ Schwartzhoff and Joanne Sandelski came over to my home to work on our BARK AND ROLL event which will be held on Saturday, August 15 from 1 pm to 5 p. at Deer Run Resort. Joining us was my sister Mary, who is from Chicago and her two dogs – Ollie and Stanley and our two dogs – Sunny and Chip.

We were putting together items for the raffle baskets and the silent auction. One of the more unique items is a bottle of Tequila donated by Dan and Jess from Out of the Woods. The packaging is really unique and mysterious as is the bottle – it is one that you will keep. The tequila is Adictivo Extra Rare Double Black Edition – 14 Year Extra Anejo. The listed price is \$999.99. Wow! Bidding will start low!

Lauri and Bill Perlich have built a new cat tree. Donna Post is donating a hand painted end table. Kathy Helm has given us a kayak for the silent auction and Marty Currie and Betsy Kell have each created a handmade quilt for the event. Many other unique items to bid on.

Of course, as always, a big thank you to the all-volunteer group that keeps our Thrift Shop open seven days a week and to those that donate to the shop.

I hope you can join us on the August 15 – Saturday- between 1 pm and 5 pm – for hot dogs, brats and hamburgers, assorted drinks, some classic Rock and Roll by the Been There Done that band plus the raffle baskets, silent auction and 50/50. All proceeds go the care of the animals at the shelter. Deer Run is a beautiful place to spend an afternoon on the flowage

Dates to Save: August 12 –Wednesday - Bingo at Red Schoolhouse Wines – Stone Lake – 6 pm

August 15 – Bark and Roll – Deer Run Resort – Music, barbeque, silent auction and raffle baskets and 50/50 Raffle