Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

I would like to talk about our bags with paw prints on them that are filled with homemade dog biscuits. The bags have an attach label showing the ingredients and they are sold at the shop for $5.00 each. We have regular dogs stop in with their owners just for the biscuits.

The NHS Thrift Shop provides the ingredients if needed. We have peanut butter, flour, molasses oatmeal and oil available at the shop for the bakers.

We have ingredient labels printed which generated a conversation about xylitol and peanut butter.
So, I wanted to share this information with you. This falls into the category of 'who would have thought'…..
But we all felt this was worth sharing.

We use regular peanut butter – which is good. Xylitol is found in 'sugar free' or' no sugar added' peanut butter. Xylitol is considered a sugar alcohol. Sugar alcohols are sweeteners that have half the calories of regular sugars which is bad for dogs.

Xylitol is a naturally occurring sugar alcohol that can be toxic to dogs. When dogs eat xylitol, it's absorbed quickly into their bloodstream and can cause their pancreas to release 3–7 times more insulin than normal. Insulin is a hormone that regulates blood sugar levels, but this large release can cause hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, within 30–60 minutes. Symptoms of hypoglycemia include weakness, disorientation, tremors, and potentially seizures.

Larger amounts of xylitol can also damage the liver, which can be more serious or even fatal in some cases. Other symptoms of xylitol poisoning include vomiting, decreased activity level, difficulty walking or standing, shaking or seizures, coma, and bleeding problems.

No sugar free peanut butter for dogs. Regular peanut butter is great in our biscuits and for giving meds to our pets.

The dog biscuit recipe is as follows: ¼ Cup Cooking Oil, 2 Eggs, ½ Cup of Peanut Butter, ¼ Cup of honey or Molasses, 2 ½ Cups of Oatmeal, 3 Cups of flour and Milk or Water, as needed, Up to One Cup. Directions: Mix wet ingredients together. Add dry ingredients to wet mixture, adding milk or water to the mixture until pliable. Prepare jellyroll size pan with Cooking Spray or use parchment paper or foil. Press into pan, smoothing out mixture. (Rolling pin may help with this.) Then score into desired size pieces. (Pizza cutter works here). Then bake at 325 degrees for one hour. Remove from oven and break pieces apart when cool enough to handle, turning pieces over. Put back in the oven set at 200 degrees for two more hours. Biscuits should be very hard. Cook for the entire time until hard, otherwise treats will mold up if soft.

Bring the biscuits to the Thrift Shop and our volunteers will bag them. We can never have too many of them. They freeze well. Some supplies are available at the Thrift Shop.

By the way, these are great stocking stuffers for your dogs!

The Thrift Shop has been super busy. Many nice donations have come in for both the boutique and thrift areas. The shop has gone to our winter spring hours of 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., - open Monday Thru Saturday.

We get a little anxious this time of year as some of our regular volunteers are preparing to return to their winter homes. This leaves some big holes. We could use help on Tuesday and Friday in the Thrift area – this would be for receiving, sorting, cleaning, pricing and display items. In the front area we are losing several cashiers on Tuesday and Fridays – 11 am to 3 pm.

The Thrift Shop is really important to the Northwoods Humane Society. It supports close to 40% of our budget. Please stop in and talk to a volunteer about helping or call me at home – 715-634-4543.

Soon the shop will be full of Christmas cheer. We have had great donations. The Christmas crew will be putting things out after the first part of November. Because of the volume of Christmas donations, we will not be able to take anymore Christmas after November 5.

Alert: Another volunteer need. We need someone to help with the recycled cans at the shelter.
The cans need to be sorted and bagged and then taken to the recycling place on Hwy 63 South. You can do the sorting and bagging any day you want at any time. It can be done once a week in the summer and every other week in the winter. If you want to learn more about this please call Mike Persson at 715-634-4543.

Date to Save: December 5 – Holiday Bake Sale – Hayward High School – 9 to 2 pm – baked goods needed.