

The Gift That Perpetuates

We long for the day when the pet overpopulation problem is solved and when there is no more pet neglect and abuse. We look to the time when there will be a loving, humane, and life-long home for every pet. We look forward to a day when pets are considered a permanent and vital part of family life. We seek a time when humanity, in total, truly understands the unique needs of pets and willingly provides for those needs. Although we continue to make progress toward those ends, there is still so much more that needs to be done.

Animal causes traditionally remain on the low end of the giving scale. Nonprofit organizations many times operate with limited operational funds,

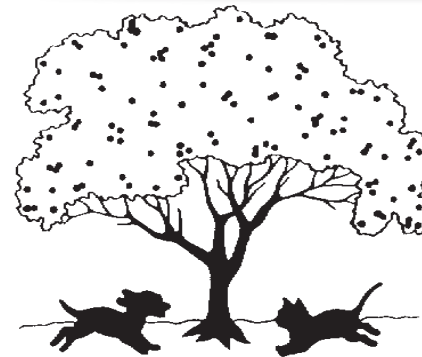
manpower, and materials. Even though we face those obstacles and others, our resolve remains high and we seek creative ways to permanently solve the many problems that pets face today.

If you have asked how you might help to impact the future of pets in a significant way, you may wish to consider including in your will a provision for the work of the CHS. There are, of course, other planned giving opportunities that we will be pleased to discuss with you if you so desire. Helping the CHS to continue over 25 programs designed to provide vital and significant help for pets can truly make a lasting difference. Remembering our animal friends will not only provide a means to secure a much brighter future

for them, but will also serve to provide a lasting memorial to your compassion for the welfare of pets.

Significant estate provisions are recognized with a plaque that can include a picture honoring the donor. The plaque is hung on the CHS "Wall of Honors" in the reception area of the CHS Shelter and Adoption, Humane Education, and Conference Center and serves to perpetuate the compassion for animals and the memory of the donor.

Your consideration of this vital estate provision or other planned giving means is deeply appreciated. It is a provision that will have an important effect upon pets, not just for today and for tomorrow, but for years to come.



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New Leash on Life

Serving Pets, People, and Communities

The Second Annual CHS Hairball Fund Raising Event

You will not want to miss the event of the year, the second annual Hair Ball benefiting the work of the Cherryland Humane Society. Please mark your calendars for the event that will be held on Saturday, May 30 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the City Opera House at 106 East Front Street in Traverse City.

Those attending are invited to come with their wackiest and wildest hairdos for this "hair raising" event. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Apache Trout Grill. A cash bar will be available. Be certain to be part of the raffle and live auction for a chance to win fabulous prizes. Dance the night away to one of the best bands around. Enjoy the company of old friends and acquaintances and meet new friends. Everyone attending will enjoy a common bond - the love, compassion, and concern for pets. Be certain not to miss the "Best in Show" hair-do contest that begins at

10:00 p.m. We may even be favored by special musical numbers from talented members of the audience, as we were at last year's event.

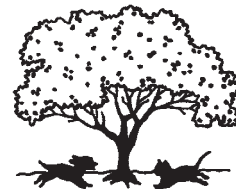
We look forward to a truly elegant event, but one at which we can relax, enjoy, and have fun. We can even "let our hair down" or "up" for that matter, if we want to participate in the hair-do contest. Formal attire is encouraged. Cocktail dresses and suits and ties are suggested. Pavlova Salon in downtown Traverse City is donating a portion of their proceeds to the CHS.

Tickets will be \$50.00 per person. They will be available for sale at the Cherryland Humane Society at 1750 Ahlberg Road in Traverse City. (Ahlberg Road is at the south end of La Franier Road. After crossing Hammond Road on La Franier turn right on Ahlberg just before you reach the Grand Traverse County Road Commission). Tickets will

also be available at Pavlova European Day Spa Salon at 114 South Union Street in Traverse City. In addition, tickets are available by mail. You may use the request form provided in this newsletter or simply mail your request with a note and include payment for the tickets. The cut off date for sending tickets by mail will be Saturday, May 23.

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to Sherry White who is doing the event again this year on behalf of the Cherryland Humane Society. Those who attended last year, gained a sincere appreciation for Sherry's talent, expertise, and flair for making the event so exquisite and outstanding.

We extend a very cordial invitation to each of you to attend this very important fund raising event, the second annual Hair Ball benefiting the work of the Cherryland on behalf of multitudes of homeless animals.



Cherryland Humane Society

1750 Ahlberg Road
Traverse City, Michigan 49686

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Our Motto

*Working to
provide a
bright and
positive future
for all Pets*

The Second Annual Hair Ball Fund Raising Event TICKET ORDER FORM

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Telephone Number: _____
Number of Tickets: _____ Payment Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to CHS.

TRAVERSE CITY OPERA HOUSE
SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2009
6:30 TO MIDNIGHT
TICKETS \$50

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FORMAL ATTIRE ENCOURAGED
'BEST IN SHOW' HAIR CONTEST

benefiting
The Cherryland Humane Society





Cherryland Humane Society

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Monday-Friday: 11 AM to 5 PM
Saturday: 11 AM to 3 PM
Closed Sundays & Major Holidays

From the Director's Desk

The year 2009 promises to be a year of challenges. With the significant downturn in the economy comes a financial concern for the year ahead. Animal causes traditionally are at the low end of the giving scale. The financial focus of the CHS is to use funds received by donors in a responsible and effective way. Financial creativity is essential to maintaining progress on behalf of the animals. We are alert to the possibility that we may have to restrict our operations if the economy does not rebound. It is critical this year that we maximize our ability to generate donations and maintain vital cost effectiveness.



Mike Cherry and friend

We are currently in the midst of planning for our third long-range plan called Plan for Animal Welfare Success III, 2020 (P.A.W. S. III, 2020). Our second long-range plan ends at the end of this year. There is much anticipation as we look to the future on behalf of the well being of pets. The first two long-range plans were tremendously successful and laid a tremendous foundation for our third endeavor. The third long-range effort will be designed to take the work of the CHS to heights never before attained on behalf of pets. We look to expand upon the over 25 programs already in place to help animals. The effort will touch upon so many vital areas of our operation including a pet adoptability program that includes expanded efforts in socialization, exercise, training, and behavior and health rehabilitation for shelter pets. Other areas of focus will include expanded efforts in humane education, benevolence, and community and area services. We will review policies and procedures to ensure that we are maximizing our work and endeavoring in a productive and meaningful way. We will explore needs and seek ways to meet those needs. We will expand our volunteer program and seek ways to utilize the talents, expertise, and energies of our volunteers in new and vital ways. We will look at new means of bringing various elements of the area together to explore new ideas and opportunities for greater service. We will concentrate upon the many problems that pets face and seek expanded and new means for solving those difficulties. Those and other planning endeavors will benefit pets significantly. Long range planning provides vital focus and effectiveness to the success of our work.

As we seek to meet our vision, mission, and goals on behalf of the well being of pets, a focused team effort on the part of so many is essential. We continue to have a wonderful and committed team that includes our donors, volunteers, adopters, board of directors, management, staff, and many others. We are grateful that the CHS team works consistently with diligence, concern, and dedication. We express a sincere note of appreciation to each team member. Assuredly, our efforts together will produce extraordinary results on behalf of multitudes of homeless pets and the well being of all pets.

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Washable Cat Toys ★ Sturdy & Washable Dog Toys ★ Cat Litter ★ Puppy Chow
Dog Food ★ Kitten Chow ★ Cat Food ★ Laundry Detergent ★ Bleach
Paper Towels ★ Fabric Softener Dryer Sheets ★ Tall Kitchen Trash Bags
Regular Garbage Bags ★ White or Colored Letter Size Copy Paper

**Most Importantly, Loving, Caring, and Permanent Homes
For Homeless Shelter Pets.**

Memorials

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ELLA AND NICOLE (BIRTHDAY) from Suzanne Henderson
CLAUDIA BANTEL from Dawn Iott
KEITH AND RENEE WADE from Kathy Labuhn
PAULINE LACKIE AND MARY HOILES from Gloria Parker
ALAN, BARBARA, JENNA DAVIS, AND EMMA BLISS from Mike and Vicki Slawnik
ROBERT AND ANN WITKOP from Mary Lou Ryan
CRYSTAL YARLOTT from Sharon Waterman
TOM AND DIANE SILKWORTH AND FAMILY from Jeff and Stephanie Holtzman
ELIZABETH MEYER from Pat Saunby
RICK FOURNIER from Laurie Hansen
BAYAN AND LINDA BUTKA from Marie R. Butka
WILLIAM AND CLAIRE KALAJIAN from James Kalajian
ALL OF THE EXCEPTIONAL STAFF AT VETERINARY EMERGENCY SERVICE from Dana Goldberg
ERIN REA from Linda Rea
MAE GRIBBLE from Garnet Schamehorn
TERRY AND PAT NYLAND from Tom and Julie Carey

Pets

MOOSE, PILGRIM, AND SPAMALLA from Jyl Fredette
ROMEO BUTKA from Linda M. Butka
LEXY AND HARRY from Romeow
LEXY AND HARRY from Linda Butka
BUDDY from Kat Roggen
BEAR from Barbara Lehnhard
BELLA from Susanne Edson

GIFTS

People
MRS. CAROLE WASSERMAN from Ira M. Wasserman
ROBERT AND ANN WITKOP from Mary Lou Ryan
DOTTY GRICKSON from Lisa and Pete Erickson
KRIS MINOW from Alinka Lipchinsky
ELLEN DORMAN from Suzanne D. Henderson

2008 Tree of Lights

During the 2008 Christmas season the CHS held its annual Tree of Lights event. For each \$10.00 donation received, a light was lit on a special Christmas tree either in honor or in memory of a person or a pet. Those being honored or remembered are listed in capital letters followed by the name of the individual providing the light.

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| SIMON from Julie Black | BRANDY from John and Barbara Peters | MRS. RIGHT from Foster Snell |
| RUDY from Julie Black | TUCKER from John and Barbara Peters | MRS. MONETTE from Tessa Worden |
| THELMA BLACK from Julie Black | BRYNN from John and Barbara Peters | NANCY FRYE from Charlie Frye |
| BOB AND PAULINE YOUNG from Patricia Young | RAINY from John and Barbara Peters | CHLOE HINKLEY from Andrea Hinkley |
| ALICE AND DOGS from Lance and Sue Gates | EVELYN HOVEY AND JEAN CREGO from Cindy Haines | ALL SHELTER ANIMALS from Andrea Hinkley |
| SARA GATES from Lance and Sue Gates | BUBBA AND BOO from Cindy Haines | ALL HOMELESS ANIMALS from Andrea Hinkley |
| SNOWBELLE GATES from Lance and Sue Gates | BEAR from Dolores Ratusznik | GLEN EMERSON from Susan Emerson |
| PATCHES, BERT, POPPY, BIFF AND PROFESSOR GATES from Lance and Sue Gates | BOSUN from Dolores Ratusznik | CHAZ ERICKSON from Jean Erickson (Mom) |
| ABBEY from Cynthia Johnson | JOANNE GIEGERICH from Sally and Bill Giegerich | RICK FOURNIER, JR. from Laurie and Alexis Hansen |
| CODY from Cynthia Johnson | JEFF TERRY from Sally and Bill Giegerich | SQUEALER from Phil and Tammy Houle |
| TUX from Cynthia Johnson | CHUCK GIEGERICH from Sally and Bill Giegerich | SAMMY from Phil and Tammy Houle |
| EMMA from Cynthia Johnson | MAGGIE TOWZER from Sharon Dean | MOM AND DAD from Pam |
| HANK from Cynthia Johnson | GRAND TRAVERSE VETERINARY HOSPITAL from Maggie Dean | HEIDI FRICKE from Cindy Fricke Family |
| HENRY from Cynthia Johnson | CRYSTAL AREA VETERINARY OFFICE from Maggie Dean | MISSY FRICKE from Cindy Fricke Family |
| SALLIE from Cynthia Johnson | EVELYN YOUKER from Maggie Towzer and Sharon Dean | BABE FRICKE from Cindy Fricke Family |
| JASPER from Cynthia Johnson | JOHN YOUKER from Maggie Towzer and Sharon Dean | FRANCI FRICKE from Cindy Fricke Family |
| ELLIE from Cynthia Johnson | MOLLIE, LUCY, AND FREDA from Sharon Dean | SAMANTHA FRICKE from Cindy Fricke Family |
| BHODI from Cynthia Johnson | LEGEND from John and Leslie Ansted | MISTY VELTMAN from Cindy Fricke Family |
| KOKO from James and Margaret Lautenschlager | MCDUFF from John and Leslie Ansted | CINNAMON SUGAR from Susana Green |
| MORRIS from James and Margaret Lautenschlager | BETTY PEPERA from Barb Chapman | GLEN EMERSON from Susan Emerson |
| KOSHKA from James and Margaret Lautenschlager | DON PEPERA from Barb Chapman | ABBEY AND KILLIAN BROWN from Marsha Wheaton |
| ZORRA from James and Margaret Lautenschlager | JIM TREMAIN from Barb Chapman | OSCAR AND RAGGS BAROLO from Marsha Wheaton |
| ANDY from James and Margaret Lautenschlager | SAM from Barb Chapman | DWIGHT MADION from Marsha Wheaton |
| MAX from Linda Coon | CATWIN from Barb Chapman | SHADOW MYERS-WEIGEL from Marsha Wheaton |
| PRINCES from Paul Farquhar and Laine Hilts | STUB from Barb Chapman | LEELOO AND ROCKE PRICE-ALPIZAR from Marsha Wheaton |
| TOBY from Paul Farquhar and Laine Hilts | AUGGIE from Barb Chapman | ROBBIE AND RITA WALKER from Marsha Wheaton |
| LUCKY from Paul Farquhar and Laine Hilts | SUGAR from Barb Chapman | MANGO, TEDDY, AND JUNIOR WILDMAN from Marsha Wheaton |
| WOLFGANG from Paul Farquhar and Laine Hilts | MOLLY from Barb Chapman | SAMMY ZELL-STEINMETZ from Marsha Wheaton |
| JOEY from John and Barbara Peters | PHINNEAS from Don and Vicki Mileski | |
| | HOLLY MROSS from Elizabeth Mross | |
| | MRS. WADE from Shaye Worden | |

FOR DONATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. (Home) _____ (Bus.) _____

Senior Membership	\$ 5.00 _____	Memorial	\$ _____	Donation	\$ _____
Individual Membership	\$ 15.00 _____	In Honor	\$ _____	Animal Comfort Fund	\$ _____
Family Membership	\$ 25.00 _____	Gift	\$ _____	Spay/Neuter Fund	\$ _____
Club Membership	\$ 35.00 _____			Building Fund Donation	\$ _____
Business Membership	\$ 75.00 _____			Personal Property	_____

Memorial/In Honor/Gift for: _____

Send Notification to: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



Memorials

The name of the deceased or the one being honored is listed in capital letters followed by the name of the individual/s presenting the Memorial, In Honor, or Gift. The following were received between October 28, 2008 and April 2, 2009.

MEMORIALS

People
 GERALD AND FRANCES OLESON from The Oleson Foundation
 RAYMOND ERICKSON from Marion and Joe Nield
 MRS. JANE LEWIS from the Glen Lake Federation of Teachers
 LUCILE SKINNER AND HER DANNY BOY from William Skinner
 KEN DUCHENEY from Patricia Ducheny (requested by their daughter for her birthday and Christmas)
 DOLORES MURATZKI from Linda Butka, Heather Seyfarth, and Marie Butka
 LOUISE HOLCOMBE from Suttons Bay Animal Hospital
 DAVE WALKER from Amy Phillips (ran a marathon and had the following individuals make pledges per mile for the race – Chuck and Karen Wheeler, Dave and Gale Phillips, Julie Brinks, Amy Phillips, and Ashleigh and Liz McIntosh), Nancy Nordfjord, Pamela Doughty, Don and Barb Hakala, Betsy Feinberg, Kim and Chuck Chase, Dr. Rick and Tricia Smith, Holiday Vacations (Pat Stoffers, Denise Pedersen, Cheri Ulberg, Sue Webb, Chris Canfield, and Everyone At Holiday Vacations), Dr. Nicole Runyon and Kurt Wierman, Westchester Hills Commons, TCAPS Montessori Staff, Merrra Lee and Marcia Grassa, Jean Thomas, Jan Dorman, Patricia Leibenguth, Dick and Kathy Woods, Bob Luoma and Jody Bennett, Cynthia Harrington, Corinne Kiker, and Christine Kurtz
 MONIQUE BERG from Karen Doyle and Jim and Darline Berg
 DR. JACK WEIH from Ivan and Mary Ann Rockwell and Dr. Kenneth Musson
 JIM AND SANDY VANEENENAAAM from Julius and Sandra VanEenaam
 BARBARA AND ANTHONY ELZERMAN from Dorothea Goodson
 AGNES AND DICK MARTIN from Ruth Martin
 MARSHALL J. FEELY from Plante and Moran, PLLC, Lakeland Health Care, and Joe and Sharon Vargo
 DR. JACK E. WEIH from Ken and Pat Musson and Ivan and Mary Ann Rockwell
 JOANNE GIEGERICH AND JEFF TERRY from Sally and Bill Giegerich
 MARIE SMITH from Betsy Borden Gmitter
 RICHARD MUHLIG from Marilyn Jensen
 HERB JOSLIN, SR. from Gayle Joslin Finch
 KEITH AND RENEE WADE from Robert and Kathy Labuhn
 MICHELLE MARTINICO from Doug Lindell
 KIRA PATTERSON KIRCHLER from Sheryl Patterson, Scott and Sherry Overholt, Sue Chapman, Norm and Karen Buchan, LaVonda Buchan, Doris Skipski, Leelanau Cheese Company, Laura Lawson, Sharon and Bill Edson, and Jodi Lewis and Kayla (McGrath) Rodriguez
 BLANCHE CERNY from Michael and Joan Jackson, Jeff and Donna Kozisek, and Tom and Shirley McLenithan
 HELEN GHASTIN from Dave and Joan Boyd
 STEVE ROLLO from Dale Root, Duane Root, Sharon Baatz, Marian Pickard, Ernie and Barb Mendenhall, Don and Jackie Axtell, Helen B. Getty, Linda Dunigan, The Cherry Republic, Tom and Judy Bergman, David and Lynn Starkey, and Corinne Kiker
 CATHERINE HORNING from Hettie Molvang
 ELLEN RICE from Terry and Michael Tarnow

KEVIN J. CONNORS from The Lutis, Federico’s Design Jewelers, Dave and Lori Wildfong, Jr., and Stefanie, and Ian Howland
 JEAN A. BYRON from Agnes Capetto, Arlene Ault, Billie Frost, Bernie Oakes, Rob and Lois Manigold, and John Tallon
 JEAN BRUNI from Ellen Monahan
 JOHN SHUELL from Ellen Pisor and Janet Dickerson
 THE MOTHER OF JUDY LANGE from Ann and Bob Lange
 MARIAN A. SHIPMAN-CUMMINS from Margaret Bailey
 HELEN GIUTHAUS from Michelle Marshall and Barb Byer
 HELEN ZVOCH from The Borg Warner Team (Mindi, Darren, Jaclyn, John, Sara, Craig, Kara, Jason, Emily, Denny, Jessie, Eric, and Kim)
 BENJAMAN KELLY HOXIE from Cindy Pronger, Kim Abbott
 DOROTHY HOXSIE from Helen Sanabria
 ED BARDY from Corinne Kiker
 KAY THOMAS from Kenneth and Jeanie Knudsen, Ross Richardson (member of the Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners) and Ann Laurence-Richardson, Grand Traverse County Board of Commissioners, Claris Cozart, and Louise and Lyle Brigham
 BETTY BALYEAT from Phil and Onalee Balyeat
 WILMA BARRETT from Nancy Rhoadarmer
 DAVID BARTOSEK from NBC Contracting, Larry and Loretta Ludka, Belinda Wright, John S. McKelney and Deiror Cram, Bob and Bess Dulude, Robert Nichols, and Steve and Mary Dohm
 ROY AND EDITH MCDONALD from Joan Martin
 CAROL CARLISLE from Carol’s Family and Friends
 BERNARD AND DOLORES ANTONY from Marilyn Antony
 CRAIG BUSSEY from Elena Waukazoo, Marty Bailey, Ruth Bussey
 GERALD E. HOOKER from Brenda K. Gorcyca
 NANCY FRYE from Charles Frye
 BAILEY PETERS HOLLIS from Cookie and Duane Kalember
 GINGER RHOADARMER from Nancy Rhoadarmer
 MARK KORTOKRAX from Tom’s Food Markers, Inc., Patricia Garvin, and Dorothea Goodson
 ROGER F. BIGCRAFT from Mrs. Darlene Bigcraft
 MARJORIE E. REINCKE from Ronald and Elma Collins, Jim and Jan Reincke, James Eckerle, Orella Buck, Barbara DeNoyer
 DIETER ARTHUR BENSON from Saginaw Co. DHS (Randy Barst, Sue Engel, Julie Gonzales, Lori Olson, Kimberly Grew, Gregg Showalter, Roger Soule, Jodi Moulton, Patti Bolyard, Rhoda Dietrich, and Edna Ticar), and Roxane Osantowski
 TOM SADLER from Jan Dorman
 LA VERNE KEITH from Roseannah Keith and John and Pam Hamstra, Jason and Rebecca Hamstra and Girls
 JESSIE MAE CARROLL from Bill and Lyndelle Core
 CLANCEY GUSTAFSON from Lynn and Jim McAndrews
 CINDY PAY from Jim and Susan Howarth
 KIRSTIN PIHLSTRAND from Jeannie Ann Bakale (Aldrich), J.D. Samuelson

BOB LEDEN from Bette Wattles-Williams
 DEK KINE AND HER FATHER from Barb Beyer
 RICHARD E. DITTENBER from Donald and Beverly Dahl
 ELLEN RICE from Michael and Terry Tarnow
 MARGARET TIMM from Kenneth Timm
 WILLIAM NEWBERG from Leona Newberg
 WILMA ZUPIN from Frances Collins
 MARGARET CUMBERWORTH from Betty Kurtz
 MARGARET PARKER from Connie Youker
 JACK KARSTAN from Doyle and Jackie Pierman
 MARK TARLTON from Easling Construction, Micheal, Cameron, and Dave Quinn, Sarah and David Boynton and Justin, Mason, and Evan Rohrbach, Judy Packard, and Dr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Veazey
 DONALD HOLLOWAY from Steven J. Darvin and Jerrold R. Wiles
 RAY STEFANIAC from Mary Ann O’Hara
 EUGENE OSLEY from Marilyn Fowler
 ROBERT (MACK) JAMES from Gary and Sandra John
 JOHN RUSSELL MCCONNELL from Gaytha McVay
 LYMAN STARR from Rose Pouzar

Pets

SKETER, TEDDY, AND SADIE from Bill and Mary Smith
 SPIKE, RUFFIAN, SMOKEY, HEIDI, AND MAX from David Montee
 HOLLY DYKE from Dorothy Dyke Bodnar
 CH. HILL FROST DREAM EXTREME from Laura Swire
 OREO from Damon Murphy
 WEEZIE AND SLICKER from Jim and Mim Longcore
 CHUCK GIEGERICH from Sally and Bill Giegerich
 LEXI from Kyle M. Sleder
 DAISY from Barb and Phil Chapman
 CONGO from Ellen Monahan
 BARELY from Northern Pines Farm
 KELLY, SHANNON, K C, AND SARA from Joan Martin
 KIPPI, PRESCIOUS, CINDER, AND BONNIE ANTONY from Marilyn Antony
 BOB from Linda Butka
 TRISKET from Linda Butka
 NIKKI from Linda Butka
 “SPANKIE” HOLTZ from Suttons Bay Animal Hospital, PC
 SPANKY from David and Judy Pohlod
 THUNDER ZIKA AND TAYLOR GRIFFITH from Mike and Lorraine Hamilton
 MADDY from Mike and Vicki Slawnik
 CHARLIE POOR from Claudia Goudschaal
 MOLLY from D.M. Goodson
 THUNDER CURTIS from Keith and Joanne Burnham
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 “MANDY” ALLEN from Cookie and Duane Kalember
 “FRIEND” from Gaytha McVay
 CRAIG, PATRICK, AND BUSSEY from Elena Waukazoo

BLAZE AND ROCKY from Petty and Stewart Nunnley
 ROBBY from Sandy Blumenfeld
 AB from Marsha Wheaton (Dog Mom at Your Service)
 KARA from George and Martha Larkin
 KARI from Gordon and Theresa Weber
 “TEDDY” MIKOWSKI from Marilyn and Lawrence Mikowski and Keith and Debra Mikowski
 MIA HAJEK from Cookie and Duane Kalember
 AGATHA from Jim and Susan Howarth
 DRAKE WALKER from Brenda Rossi
 REIBEN from Anne and John Hoyt
 GRACIE EDSON from Kevin and Susan Empson
 HUTSON BLACKPORT from Mark and Connie and Jack Sholund
 TAYLOR from Marsha Wheaton (Dog Mom at Your Service)
 KRUEGERRAND from Marsha Wheaton (Dog Mom at Your Service)
 SHANNA AND FRIENDLY from Donna Silverman
 KILLIAN from Marsha Wheaton (Dog Mom at Your Service)
 JOE from Dr. Nicole Runyon and Kurt Wierman
 CLANCEY from Lynn and Jim McAndrews
 ANDRE from Patricia Nowland
 HOWARD from Janet Dickerson
 GRIFFIN from Katryna Glettler
 SASHA AND MISCHA from Diane Majka
 SALLY from Rosa Cude
 ROCKEY from Joseph and Janet Eggli
 “MAX” from Marsha Dew
 MAGGIE from Barbara Lehnhard
 HOBBS from Lois Bahle
 NINA from Jody Bennett and Bob Luoma
 HENRY from Leslie Etienne
 “IZZY” from Barbara Lehnhard

IN HONOR

People
 NORMA L. LARSEN from Mr. and Mrs. David Clark
 JAIME (BIRTHDAY) from Claudia Delp
 BOB AND PAULINE YOUNG from Patricia Young
 PETRA PEPELLASHI from Judy and Dennis Murphy
 BARI AND DAVID DILWORTH from Jean Christenson
 MARILYN K. ANTHONY (BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS) from Sally Cole
 SARAH SCHOPIERRY (CHRISTMAS) from Russell Schopieray
 THE LOVELY LADIES AT HANDSOME ALICE SALON from Linda Carlson
 GREG AND COOKIE SHUGART AND SUGAR PLUM from Bill and Mary Smith
 RUSS AND SALLY COLE from Marilyn Antony
 BILL AND BETSY VANWESTEN from Susan and Chuck Cady
 MARY BOYCE from Jennifer Boyce
 CHERYL BLOOMQUIST from Emily Palmer
 SALLY VANDER WALL from Rob and Peg Turney
 GARY AND ANDREE WADE from Michele Douglas
 MATTHEW SCHLUETER AND ASHLEY BLAHNIK from Jim and Brenda Harrelson
 ABBIE NELSON from Alice Schopieray
 SHARON, JOAN, KAY, AND RENNEE from Ruth Ann Priest

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Animal Relinquishments... A Sign of the Times

Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2007; for all of 2008; and continuing to the present, the CHS has experienced a significant increase in pet relinquishments. There has been an alarming increase in people needing to give up their pets because of loss of employment, evictions from rentals, and foreclosures on homes. It is truly an emotional time as individuals and families are forced to relinquish their pets.



The increase in relinquishments is experienced by so many humane organizations. It is a problem that has consequences beyond the relinquishment situation. Humane societies are generally 501 c3 nonprofit organizations, dependent upon donations for their very existence. Because animal causes are on the low end of the giving scale, many humane organizations struggle with finances in these difficult economic times. The increase in animals given up means that costs also rise. Items such as additional food, medications, cleaning agents, utilities, and the like place an additional financial strain upon shelters. In addition, because the owners are living with reduced incomes, some of the animals given up have not received proper veterinary care and suffer from various ailments. Additional costs are incurred by humane organizations involved, because of the need for treatment for those animals. Sometimes, because of the economy, adoption rates lag meaning that shelter animals require longer care before they find homes.

There also exists the problem that some of the animals are not being relinquished to shelters, but rather are being abandoned. It is important to remember that pets are domesticated animals and have a difficult time fending for themselves. They have to scrounge for food and water; they suffer from exposure to the elements; they are subject to attacks from other animals; they can incur disease; they become public nuisances; and some are hit by vehicles causing injury and even death. Unfortunately, some animals are abandoned in apartments and other types of residences. The hope is that someone will find them and deal with their situation. Some of those animals suffer when the food and water run out and no one finds them.

For those needing to relinquish their pet, it is important to remember that humane organizations exist as shelters for homeless animals. Many shelters only ask for a donation when animals are accepted. Many of them, including the CHS, will waive the donation if someone is unable to contribute. Shelter animals receive supervised care until they find homes.

As the downward economy continues, the aforementioned problems will still exist. Hopefully, adoptions, donations, and volunteerism can keep pace with relinquishments.



Prevent A Litter Month

The Cherryland Humane Society again observed Prevent A Litter Month in April. The annual event is designed to promote an awareness of the very serious pet overpopulation problem and its many consequences. Prevent A Litter Month also stresses the importance of spaying and neutering pets, in order to bring about resolution to the pet overpopulation problem.

The CHS promoted the event through media public service announcements. In addition, spay/neuter literature is available in the CHS library, and knowledgeable staff members are available to answer questions and provide information on an ongoing basis. The CHS also provided a \$5.00 spay/neuter rebate for each unaltered shelter animal adopted during the month of April. The rebate is offered in addition to the already reduced spay/neuter fees provided by the CHS Veterinary Assistance Program. That program also provides for a free well health examination for each adopted animal.

The promotion of spaying and neutering is a vital and continual effort.

Be Kind to Animals Week

The Cherryland Humane Society observes Be Kind To Animals Week May 3-9. It is one of the oldest public awareness campaigns in our nation. Among the purposes of the campaign is to promote the benefits of pets to mankind and the responsible and humane treatment of pets. Free education literature is available at the shelter. The CHS also promotes the event in the media.



2008 12 Tails of Christmas Raffle Winners

1. Quilt – Rev. Crystal Yarlott
2. Weather Vane – Michell Mercer
3. Dinner & Theater Tickets – Sandra Bomay
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5. Dinner – Linda Butka
6. Dinner – Dona Laskey
7. Animal Artwork – Linda Shoemaker
8. Animal Artwork – Bob Cooney
9. Pet Tote, Dogny, Treats and Toy, and Artwork – Cynthia Johnson
10. Pet Tote, Dogny, Treats and Toy, and Votive – Lance Gates
11. Pet Tote, Dogny, Treats and Toy, and Wine Rack – Jack Monson
12. Dog Bed, Leash, Kitty Carrier, Puppets, and Puzzle – Sharyl Nicholson

Person Drawing the Winning Tickets –
Chris Humphrey

A special note of thanks to all who participated.

New CHS Newsletter Frequency

Beginning with the current edition of the Cherryland Humane Society's New Leash on Life newsletter, the publication will be distributed on a semi-annual basis. Escalating publishing and distribution costs, as well as the desire of the CHS to practice financial cost restraint in view of the problematic economy, have mandated that change. The winter/spring edition will normally be mailed during the fourth week in April. The summer/fall edition will usually be sent by the middle of August. The CHS will keep open the option of an additional mailing, depending upon the significance of any promotional or informational items that may arise.

Pet Adoptathon 2009

The Cherryland Humane Society joins with over 2,000 shelters nationally and in several other nations for Pet Adoptathon 2009. The event will take place on Saturday, May 2 from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The focus of the event is to provide a concerted and publicized effort to find homes for as many homeless animals as possible. On the date of the event, each adopter will receive a free pet identification tag, pet starter kit, and a \$5.00 spay/neuter rebate if their CHS adopted pet is unaltered. The rebate is in addition to the already reduced spay/neuter fee provided by the CHS Veterinary Assistance Program. The program also provides for a free well health examination by participating veterinarians.

Adopt A Cat Month

June has long been observed as Adopt A Cat Month. The national event that began in 1974 focuses upon the many benefits of cat ownership and is intended to create public awareness of the many unwanted and homeless cats and kittens available for adoption at animal shelters.

Cats provide great love and companionship. They are a little more independent than are dogs, which allows them to fit nicely into today's busier and more demanding lifestyles. They almost always come litter trained.

Cats need our love, compassion, and attention. They need plenty of socialization, exercise, nutritional food, water, veterinary care, protection from the elements and dangers, and a home for the duration of their lives. They also need to be spayed or neutered to help end the very serious pet overpopulation problem.

The CHS is offering a \$5.00 spay/neuter rebate for each unaltered shelter cat adopted during the month of June. Many deserving cats and kittens needing loving, life-long homes are available at the shelter. The CHS extends to you a cordial invitation to visit the shelter and consider a feline addition to your household.

CHS Annual Membership Drive

It is that time of year again when we conduct our Annual Membership Drive. Members are the foundation of our 501 c3 nonprofit corporation. They receive periodic newsletters, can participate in surveys, can vote, can serve on the CHS Board of Directors if elected, and can serve on committees. In essence, members have a more direct voice in the activities and future of the CHS.

Annual membership dues play a significant role in helping to provide our vital services to pets, people, and communities. Membership dues include Senior Citizen (60 years of age or older) at \$5.00, Individual at \$15.00, Family at \$25.00, Club at \$35.00, and Business at \$75.00. Dues are paid on an annual basis. Because the CHS is an independent humane society, membership dues are used solely for our local efforts.

We ask your consideration in joining with us in our endeavors to help solve the very serious pet overpopulation problem, resolve the many other problems that pets face, and ensure a responsible, loving, humane, and life-long home for every pet. We express to you our deepest gratitude if you are already a member and we ask for your help in recruiting others to join. Membership is an important key to attaining the goals that we aspire to on behalf of pets.

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The following is a list of donors contributing \$50.00 or more to help provide care for the many homeless pets received by the shelter annually, and to help the CHS to continue over 25 programs designed to provide vital and significant help for pets. Space limitations prohibit the listing of every contribution, but each donation is deeply appreciated. The names of Memorial donors do not appear here, but are recognized in the Memorial section. Donors submitting donations received from October 28, 2008 through April 2, 2009 are as follows.

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