



# Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) Newsletter

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**A Letter From The Editor...** Happy New Year! I always associate the New Year with optimism – having expectations of better things ahead! But I admit that I am a bit skeptical about the coming year/decade. There is so much turmoil and discord in our nation and the world today. Was it any better a year ago? A decade ago? I don't know. Life just seems so much harder now – maybe it has something to do with getting older. Oh well, let's forego the world's problems and focus on what's near and dear to our hearts – animals needing homes ...**As you read this letter it is important to remember that I am a volunteer and these are MY thoughts.**

In the last *PawPrints* issue I sent out a 'thank you' which was meant to be all-inclusive to those who help in a variety of ways here at ICHS. I had intended (but forgot) to pay a special tribute to Josh and the [Wisconsin Lawn Care Company](#). Last spring Josh came to our rescue as we didn't have anyone to mow the dog play yards and to trim the area on either side of the chain link fences. John M (volunteer) did a very nice job of mowing the rest of the lawn (**thank you, John!**)! But the well-mowed lawn made the unkempt play yard areas stand out even more so! Answering a Face book plea for help, Josh arrived with his crew and did an amazing job! Josh and company came every 7-14 days and donated their time even though WLC was very busy with "real jobs". Josh sometimes even came on Sunday afternoons (taking away from family time) as he was so busy during the week. Josh told me that he had wanted to come and spend time with the dogs but he didn't have the time so this was his way of helping. And, **Josh, we thank you so much! You and your crew were awesome** – doing an amazing job with the trimming, the mowing and the clean-up!!!



Most of you probably are aware that **Bobbie Sue** (now known as Sarabi) has a wonderful home. Besides her mom and dad, she has a brother, Maverick (3 year old Dobie mix) and a large back yard with a 6+ foot fence! The family sent an email and video the very next day after adopting her and said that "*she was much more comfortable and outgoing than we thought she might be*". We thank the family for giving Bobbie Sue a chance and a home. We will all be waiting expectantly for an update! 😊

As I usually point out in the January issue, there have been many changes since the Iowa County Humane Society was founded back in 1998. And here we are – over twenty years later – still here and still doing the best we can to care for the homeless animals of Iowa County! I wonder if the founding members of the ICHS had any doubts about the longevity of ICHS when they took on the daunting task of founding the shelter. 😊 The goals of that small group back in 1998 were probably similar to our current goals. We need (1) a facility to house homeless animals, (2) a source of funding to operate on a daily basis, (3) to educate the public of the existence, the mission and the needs of ICHS and (4) to provide the best possible care for the animals while they are in our care.

The first of the goals listed above (**the need for a facility to house homeless animals**) was realized when the building and grounds were purchased in 2011. As you know considerable remodeling has been done over the years (turning a factory into an animal shelter), but there is still much to be done. Not a lot of change occurred in 2019 since projects were put on hold due to the need of replacing the roof. Fundraising for the roof replacement project is still underway. The goal is to have the necessary funds so that the project can be done in the summer of 2020. Installation of secure play yards for the dogs is also a necessity – just ask the dogs!

The second and third goals listed (**a source of funding to operate**) and (**to educate the public**) will always be on-going priorities as long as there are homeless and neglected animals in Iowa County. The fourth goal (**to provide the best possible care for the animals while they are at ICHS**) occurs on a daily basis and that is, of course, in part to YOU who donate money, supplies and your time to help with

the animals' needs.

And to get the year off to a good start I just want to mention that ICBS may not have a huge dog population but not so for the cats! We still have several older kittens and many adults who are still “kittens at heart” and they are waiting for YOU! Some of these adults have been waiting far too long! I am wondering if you would indulge me by allowing me to ask that if/when you are planning to add a new kitty to your family, would you please consider following this 3-step resolution? It goes like this:

**I resolve to:**

1. **Adopt from an animal shelter or rescue organization.** If you happen to have a ‘non-feral’ homeless community cat and would prefer to provide a home for it - rather than adopting – that would be perfect too! (Please make sure to have it spayed or neutered).
2. **Stop and take a look at the “Top Ten/Hopeful Hearts List” (also on [website](#)).** These cats have been at ICBS way too long. (You don’t have to choose one of these 10, but at least start your search by checking out the kitties on this list).
3. **Check out the “special needs” cats.** If you can only have one cat, why not one of these sweeties? (If not YOU, who?)



Usually when we speak of “special needs” cats, we are referring to kitties with health issues. But there are also cats like **Hollie** which do not have physical concerns but whatever the reason; they are overlooked by potential adopters. And by being called “special”, yes, it probably does indicate that “special” families are needed for these kitties. **Hollie** does have a bit of a “tabby-tude” and will absolutely need a PATIENT family in a QUIET home and will probably need to be an only cat. She is such a sweet cat – if she knows you! Most of the cats on the Top Ten List have the same issue – wonderful cats but they are ignored. **If you have any suggestions or ideas about the content of PAWPRINTS, please contact me, Terri Davis, at [roadhogbiker@gmail.com](mailto:roadhogbiker@gmail.com)**

**Upcoming Fundraising Events and Volunteer Needs**

Just a reminder that ICBS is always looking for volunteers to help with the planning and implementation of our fundraisers. Our goal is to have enough volunteers so that each individual would only have to help plan and/or work at one event per year. So...if you would like to get involved with the planning and organizing of 2020’s fundraisers, please contact the shelter for more details. We’re always looking for ‘cat cuddlers’ and dog walkers also. We hope to hear from you!!! For more information on volunteer opportunities, please visit the ICBS website at <https://ichs.net/volunteer-help/volunteer/>

**November & December Adoptions**

November				December			
Cats		Dogs		Cats		Dogs	
Snazzy	Spooky &	Callie	Honey	Jazzy 😊	Pudge & Buffy	Kristi	Foxy
Felix	Eulesis	Daphne	BOBBIE	Ready*	Fudge & Spike	Jasper	Bowie
Bowtie	Pumpkin	Buddie 😊	SUE 😊	Wally*	Kay & Chase	Chatty	Cinder
Georgia	Spock &	Flash &		Mauer	Trisha & Coyote	Gary	
J.T.	Scotty	Rocky		Poptart	Simba & Bentley	Tess	
GingerGirl	Cindy &	Smokey &		Gypsy*	Boo	Luna 😊	
Joe	Travis	Bandit		Flo*	Roger 😊 😊	Rilee	

\* = kitten  
 + = transferred to Angel’s Wish  
 😊 = denotes animal has been at ICBS for over a year/was on the Top Ten list/has special needs/or is elderly

## Special Pets

We all know that all animals are 'special' but the animals featured in this section are indeed special. These are 'special needs' animals. The special person/family who adopts one of these animals knows that this may/may not be the long-term relationship which we hope for when we open our hearts and homes to a new family member. These animals' 'forever homes' with us may be just for a short time before they move on...But, nevertheless, these animals need a home and a loving family just as we all do. Are you possibly the family that could provide a home for one of these animals? If not, do you know of a family who could provide a loving home for these animals? If so, please come out to ICHS and find out more about these animals from the ICHS staff.



### FIV Kitties – Parker & Pip

**Parker** and **Pip** are both young cats. They both get along with other cats and could certainly live together but we don't have the room to put them together here at the shelter. Pip is more content than Parker to lounge in her cage – in fact when you take her out of the cage for play and exercise, she prefers to sit on your lap – she is a "lap cat supreme"! Parker, on the other hand, is impatient with "cage living" – he would love to be in a room or condo so that he could play, play, play! Both of these kitties are very loving and

sweet – please don't let the FIV+ label keep you from considering one or both of these kitties.

Although we call FIV cats "special", there really are no special considerations when adopting FIV kitties. If it wasn't for the FIV+ sign on their cages, you wouldn't have a clue that they are FIV! They must be kept indoors. They may live with other **indoor** cats since FIV is not easily passed between cats (it would be best if your other cat(s) are good-natured and amicable to a new pal). FIV is primarily spread by serious bite wounds so if you have other cats, it is important to properly introduce FIV cats to the others (but you would do that with any cat that you bring home). It is also important to keep them free from stress so a quiet home would be best. So...Parker and Pip need a home!

### FeLV Kitties – No FeLV kitties at the moment 😊

## Success Stories

I need your help if I am to continue to feature the success stories which begin the moment your adopted companion chooses you. If you would be interested in sharing your pet's story in the newsletter, please e-mail me at [roadhoggbiker@gmail.com](mailto:roadhoggbiker@gmail.com).



**Merckx's (aka Butterball)** update was in the November newsletter but I didn't get the pictures included in the last issue so here are two pics of Merckx. It is wonderful to see how fit he looks now (shows what a little bit of exercise can do) – he was so overweight when he was at the shelter. I couldn't resist the pic of him with the chewed-up toy – he looks pretty pleased with himself! Thank you, Anna, for giving Merckx a loving home and for sending the pictures.



Just a quick note to let you know that **Nilla** is doing GREAT. Happy Holidays!

**Brice (King Shadow** now) is doing great. He loves to eat and play and climb counters and sleep on desks and play with his big brother and sister!! And snuggle and lay by his water bowl and run his wet nose into my face :) he even likes the other human that lives here, and he may try and steal everyone's food but we are trying to curb this ;) Thank you for my amazing friend, King Shadow ghosteen the 1st and only. We are gonna have a winter- solstice - first bday party !!



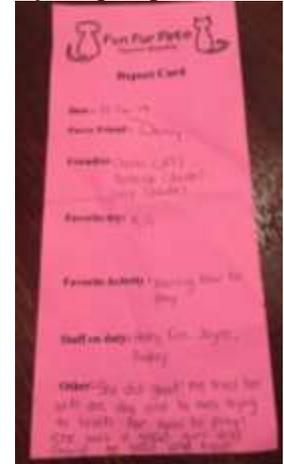


Hi everyone,  
**Daisy** has been doing great and is adjusting well to her life in West Salem, WI. We're both quite happy! She loves going for walks and just being outside in general. It'll be great when Spring rolls around. She is spoiled by the crossing guard who gives her a treat every time she sees him. Last week I had some older kids, on their way home from school, ask her to sit and then give her a treat. She also went to a friend's house with me. So, she's getting more and more socialization with people in various situations.

Miss Daisy still has high energy so we play fetch with a squeaker ball (which she ultimately tears apart and tries to eat), tug (she's learning "drop it" and "take it"), or crazy Daisy (I slap the bed with my hand and act like I'm going to get her and she leaps off the bed and tears out of the room, does a loop, tears back into the room, flies onto the bed, and we repeat it.). It's really fun and she's so funny that it leaves me belly laughing.

Do you remember how Daisy jumps up over and over by the door to go outside? Like boing, boing, boing? She still does it but has learned that she needs to sit before I'll open the door. She's so smart!!

Daisy is very reactive towards other dogs when she's inside or outside on a tie-out or walking on a leash. We started attending a reactive dog training class several weeks ago at Fun Fur Pets in La Crosse, WI. There's quite a way to go but she is definitely making progress. I had no idea how she would be with other dogs off-leash so the trainer suggested taking her in for a 1/2 day of daycare. I was very pleased that she did not try to "eat" any other dogs while there! The attached pictures are of Daisy's first report card from daycare and a few pics of Daisy after her first grooming appointment. Daisy says "hi" and that she misses you!



Kristine & Daisy