



Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) Newsletter *PawPrints* September 2017

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A Letter From The Editor... For all practical purposes summer is over and I am not sure where it went! Looking out the window, I see that there is just a hint of yellow coming from the woods. Give Mother Nature another week and there will be lots of yellow coming from the walnuts and cottonwoods. There have been a huge number of acorns falling from the oaks. I have a flower bed under an oak tree and I need to wear a hardhat when working under that tree – those acorns hurt! I’m wondering where the squirrels, deer and blue jays are! Aren’t they hungry? What do I do with thousands of acorns? I’m also wondering if lots of acorns mean a harsh winter or if that’s just an “old wives’ tale”?!? I’m getting ahead of myself... winter is eons away. Let’s focus on the beauty of autumn... **As you read this letter it is important to remember that I am a volunteer and these are MY thoughts.**



I am so happy to pass on the GREAT news that both of our FIV kitties found homes. **Bandit and Piper** are two awesome cats – just about “purrfect” – other than having tested positive for FIV. Although they spent time with each other here at the shelter, they weren’t closely bonded so it was OK that they didn’t go to the same home. Piper found her family first and we feared that Bandit would languish in his cage for some time to come so it was so wonderful when his family came



along a couple of weeks later. Now, how about homes for our four awesome FeLV kitties... (see *Special Pets* below)

There was welcome news from the Building and Grounds Committee in that ICHS will not have to replace the roof for a few years (or several). It seems the smaller repairs that have been done extended the roof’s life for now. The possibility of having to make roof repairs has been hanging over the committee for the past couple of years so it was with a HUGE sigh of relief that we can put that project on hold. Taking its place on the “to do” list is new flooring in the cat area, quarantine rooms, meet and greet rooms and hallways. The product that we will be using has tentatively been chosen but now we need to figure out “the how” and “the when”. Whether we’re talking a roof or a floor, funding is needed to proceed – albeit the cost is way less with the floor. So “the how” is how do we raise the money for flooring? Be on the watch for news of a “floor fundraiser”! “The when” is obviously after we have the plan to raise money but the other concern is what to do with the animals while the new floor is being installed. Perhaps there will be such a demand to adopt cats (prior to the installation) that the problem will be solved! Well, we have a wonderful bunch of cats so that would be a possibility – let’s think positive!

The committee is also looking at permanent outdoor kennels/shelters to the south and east of the building. We had such a nice outdoor kennel arrangement at the old shelter on Bennett Road so we’re thinking of something similar. This project will not get underway until next spring. We will be in need of volunteers to help with the construction.

John (staff) and Colin (volunteer) are in the process of each building a ‘cat condo’. We simply don’t have enough space for all of the kittens so condos (large playpens) seemed to be the second best solution for our dilemma (the first, best solution would be scores of people adopting☺). Although neither condo is finished, we are using one of them because of the large kitten population...and kittens continue to come through the door.

ICHS volunteers manned the food booth for a couple of days at the Lands' End Warehouse Sale which was held in early August. There were several pies donated for the sale and I managed to get one of the peach pies for myself (I had no intentions of sharing). When I took the pie out of its box that evening there was a note with the pie. It stated, "Thank you for purchasing this pie. It will help shelter animals in Iowa County until they find forever homes. Please consider making a donation to this shelter or one near your home. Thank you." What a thoughtful gesture and such an unexpected delight to find that note. Oh...and the pie was absolutely delicious! **If you have any suggestions or ideas about the content of ICBS PAWPRINTS, please contact me, Terri Davis at roadhgbiker@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 fundraisers, please contact the shelter for more details. We hope to hear from you!!! Please contact Jen at outreach@ichs.net or 608-935-1381 if you'd like to help!

Tails and Trails 5K/10K Fundraiser on October 15th at Blue Mounds State Park: We are in need of both volunteers and participants for this event! Special offer (through 9/30): Friends and family of the Iowa County Humane Society receive \$10 off registration for any event! Simply enter the code FRIENDS10 at checkout for \$10 off registration. For more information on participating and to sign up, please visit www.madcitycanicross.com. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jen at outreach@ichs.net.

Canine Good Citizen: It's that time of year again! ICBS will be holding Fall 2017 CGC classes on Saturdays of October (10/7, 10/14, 10/21, and 10/28). The classes will be every Saturday of the month from 1PM to 3PM with the certification test on the last Saturday (10/28). The cost for this session is just \$60. Sign up now by calling our office at 608-935-1381 or stopping by the shelter, spots are limited and fill up fast!

July and August Adoptions

July				August			
Cats			Dogs	Cats			Dogs
Wendell+	Harlem*	Hobbs*	Tinkerbelle	Simba*	Giselle	Chauncey*	Khloe
Zee+	Leon	Sunshine	Carl	Twink*	Gary*	Carlisle*	Teddy
Clovis+	Murphy		Jasper	Desta*	Loganberry*	Maggie*	Lil Bit
Mert+	Nolta*		Marli	Kiara*	Marion*	Shiva*	Meadow
7 Kittens+	Ansonia*			Harold*	Joyce*		Kodiak
Noho*	Kovu*			Brooklyn*	Piper😊		Mishka
* - kitten 😊 - denotes animal has been at ICBS for over a year/has special needs/or is elderly + - Transferred to Angel's Wish							

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

As stated earlier, ICHS has NO FIV cats at the moment – WONDERFUL news!

Cleo, Cheerio, Gallagher and Johnny - FeLV Kitties



Cleo and **Cheerio** are both about a year old and have been at ICHS since last fall. Cheerio and Cleo are 'roommates' so if YOU are looking for a pair of young kitties that will entertain YOU as well as each other, come and get to know these two youngsters. Both of these 'best friends' are extremely playful. Cleo is the "cuddler" of the two. She is a very petite kitty so she may have some more growing to do or perhaps she will always be petite – either way she is a little bundle of joy! Cheerio is growing into a very handsome young gentleman – well maybe not a 'gentle' man as he is still a bit squirmy when he is picked up. Although he is getting better about being held, he needs more "hands on" – that would be where YOU become involved. It would be wonderful if these two could go to the same home.



Gallagher has been at ICHS for a couple of months. He is a young Maine Coon mix. He had to be shaved as he was so matted and his hair has not grown in yet. He is a bit unique because he is polydactyl (the extra set of toes) but what YOU will notice first about him is how loving and sweet he is. He gets along well with his roommates. Gallagher has so many "positives" going for him – being of the popular Maine Coon breed, an extra set of toes and a HUGE loving disposition – so don't ignore him just because of his FeLV status.

Johnny is a sweet young kitty. He hasn't been with us long and he was quite shy when he first arrived. But that changed quickly – he loves everybody. He sits in the window watching and waiting for people to stop by and spend some time with him. As you would expect (as a young fella) he loves to play. He gets along great with his three roommates (notice Cleo in the picture). If it weren't for his FeLV status, he would have been adopted by now – so don't let that deter YOU from falling head over heels for this little guy! Take him home and enjoy!



Similar to FIV cats, FeLV cats also must be kept indoors and a quiet home is best. FeLV cats do need to be only cats (may live with other FeLV cats). FeLV kitties may live for years having a "normal" life span, but once/if the later stage of the infection occurs, the cat's health may deteriorate rapidly. That, of course, is one reason FeLV cats are not readily adopted – no one wants to lose their pet to illness. So...Johnny, Gallagher, Cleo and Cheerio need a home.

Success Stories

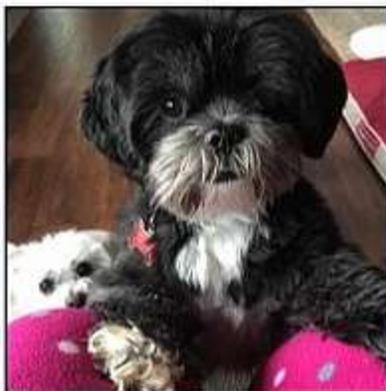
I need your help if I am to continue to feature the success stories which begin the moment your adopted companion chooses you. It is not difficult for me to write a paragraph that showcases your pet. The problem that I have is finding YOU and your pet. I don't know who you are or how to contact you. If you would be interested in sharing your pet's story in the newsletter, please e-mail me at roadhobgiker@gmail.com. A picture and a brief write-up about your pet(s) is all that I need. If I don't have enough info, I will get back to you. It would be helpful to know your pet's shelter name (if you renamed your pet), when you adopted, pet's favorite activities, other pets that you may have and whatever else you would like to include. If you are not able to send a picture, that's OK. Many of you send periodic updates regarding your adopted pet to the shelter. I can use those write-ups if you would please indicate (in your

letter/e-mail to ICHS) that you are giving me permission to include your pet's story in the newsletter. I hope to hear from you!



This is **Joyce** (now **Ruth**) and **Maggie**! Thank you so much ICHS! Joyce is really coming out of her shell! My daughter, Helen, loves them both!

It's only been a few days but **Isabella** (formerly known as **Shiva**) is settling into our home.



Prince (who was named **Jake** when we met him last November) wanted to check in and let you know that he is absolutely loving life with his new brothers!

Watson (aka **Simba**) has fallen in nicely with the family. **Sherlock**, the orange and white, is glad to have his faithful sidekick!

