



# Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) Newsletter

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**A Letter From The Editor...** The November issue of *PawPrints* is a bit special for me because it is the anniversary month of when I began writing the newsletter back in 2009. The newsletter hasn't changed too much over the years – which includes never meeting the deadlines! I'm not sure how the days get away from me without managing to get much accomplished. I don't think that it is just me – most people that I talk to agree that there aren't enough hours in a day. So...as busy as our days are I want to thank all of you who make the time to help with ICHS's mission of helping the homeless animals of Iowa County. There are so many people and I wish I could thank YOU personally, but that isn't practical so instead it will have to suffice for me to simply say “**Thank you to all**” – you know who you are! But I do need to thank two people who help make *PawPrints* possible. Webmaster Chuck Pound, at GetSirius Internet Services, hosts and upgrades the website and makes any technical updates when necessary. Chuck donates his services. Thank you, Chuck! Lisa Cvengros then puts the newsletter on the website. Thank you, Lisa!...**As you read this letter it is important to remember that I am a volunteer and these are MY thoughts.**

In addition to the staff, volunteers, adopters and donors, there is another group of people who is imperative to ICHS's mission and that is the **ICHS Board of Directors**. Thank you, Board of Directors! In addition to thanking the board members for all that they do, it just so happens that it is that time of the year when we are looking for people who would be willing to step forward and volunteer to be on the Board. Although our board members have varied backgrounds and interests, the one thing that they have in common is their passion for the welfare of animals. Since you are reading this newsletter, it would appear that YOU are also passionate about animals so perhaps YOU should consider becoming a board member ☺! We need a “diverse and well-rounded” group of volunteers to serve on the board. The by-laws state that there can be up to nine members on the board so we are looking for three new candidates. You can find more information on being a board member on our website and if you aren't interested, maybe you know of someone who would be interested!



I am referring to the occasional person who comes through the door and wants the cat that has been at ICHS the longest and that is what happened a couple of weeks ago. A lady (preapproved application) came in and left with sweet **Veda!** ☺ Veda had been here just shy of two years. She was a sweetie but never got a “second glance” from adopters so it was so good for someone to finally give her a “forever” home. We have so many other cats like Veda – wonderful cats who are constantly overlooked. Most people looking for a kitty companion have a certain type of cat in mind –

kitten or adult, male or female, color, length of hair, playful or a lap cat, etc. and that is certainly understandable. However, if YOU are one of those people who are not too fussy about whom YOU adopt, please consider the kitties on the **TOP TEN** list. THANK YOU!

I want to pass on some other GREAT adoption news. In just the past couple of weeks both **Cleo** and **Gallagher** were adopted together. It is so difficult to find homes for FeLV+ kitties and then for them to go together, that is so awesome! Their family already sent an update so read about them in Success Stories. **Ronnie** and **Callie Jo** (see September Newsletter) also were adopted together and hopefully there will be an update in a future newsletter. And then there's **Butterball** (see Success Stories)! They say that “the third time is the charm” and for Butterball that apparently is true. Butterball was adopted out twice and returned twice, but the update from Butterball's family makes it appear that all is well for this sweetheart of a Beagle!

I encourage adopters to send updates. Volunteers and staff develop a fondness for our animals and we often wonder how they are doing. You can send updates to ICHS and they can be forwarded to me or you

can send them directly to me. Space is somewhat limited in the newsletter so if updates are sent to the ICHS office, the stories can be put on the bulletin board for all to see. **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 ICHS 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 2019'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!!!

**Holiday Match Challenge Fundraiser:** This Match Challenge will start on Giving Tuesday (November 20th) and will run through the end of the year. Thanks to a very generous donor, every dollar that you donate to ICHS will be matched so that your dollar will go twice as far! Donations can be made online, mailed, or dropped off at the shelter during open hours.

**Holiday Bake Sale on December 15th at Springate Mall from 9am-1pm:** We will be having our usual "cookie walk" (mix and match cookies by the pound!), as well of lots of other delicious options like cupcakes, breads, pies, cakes, etc. Stock up on yummy treats for the Holidays and help out with a great cause!

## September & October Adoptions

September			October				
Cats		Dogs	Cats			Dogs	
Chiclet ☺	Blythe*+	Candie+	Kora	Coconut*	Dexter*	Pecan*+	Rosie
Esperanzo*	Lewis+	Taffy*+	Earl	Waffles*	Snugglewumps*	Sprout*+	Butterball ☺
Rowan*	Olive*+	Chewy*+	Georgina	Veda ☺	Ronnie & Callie Jo ☺	Stratton+	Camille
O'Malley*	Noctus*+	Fred*+	Franklin	Nelson*		Jeeves*+	Dunkin
Cinnamon*+	Nicky	Cordell*		Tamale*	Roxanne*+	Pickles*	Banjo
Steely Dani*+	Pokey*+	Flossie*+		Buster*	Comma*+	Crosby+	
Clarence*	Quiche*+	Nan*+		Curtis*	VanGogh*+	Lionel	
Danza*	Pancake*+			Ravioli*	Gallagher & Cleo ☺	Boz	
Peppers*+	Flapjack*+			Estelle*	SnazzyPants*	Kit	

\* = kitten

+ = transferred to Angel's Wish

☺ = denotes animal has been at ICHS 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 Kitty – Dijon

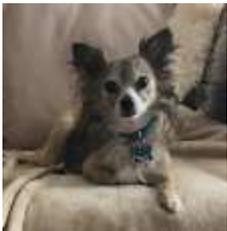
**Dijon** is a young, **FUN** kitty. Being approximately a year old he is squirmy but very affectionate. He loves to play and play and play some more! He lives by himself in a condo so he has more room to move about than the caged cats. FIV cats can live with other cats and my guess is that this good-natured little guy would do well with other cats. He does his “shy-act” with anyone that he doesn’t know. Truly – he is not the least bit shy – he absolutely loves people and all the attention that he can get. Come and meet Dijon today – you’ll have to give him time to warm up to YOU, but YOU will soon realize what a **FUN** little guy he is!

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 have 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...Dijon needs YOU!

### 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).



**Klein**... renamed Inoki came home with me in April and has adjusted awesomely! He had been on many adventures, and loves to ride in the car (in his car seat) I found out he really does enjoy toys and massive cuddling. I can't imagine life without him! Thank you!

Dear Iowa County Family, **Butterball** here! I just wanted to say hello and let you know how much I am loving my new home and family. After slow introductions and supervised playtime, my fur-siblings and I are getting along great! I am pretty high-energy, so my old brother was a little tired and crabby at first, but we are all doing awesome now! I sleep in between Mom and Dad in the bed and the cat likes to use me as a pillow. I also found my spot on the couch with my sort-of beagle sister. I love my yard, and I am getting used to the city noise. I especially love my walks with my pack and my morning mini-jog with Mom (helping with my potty training). My manners are coming along, and Mom says that I am sweet as can be and oh so cute!! I even met my new vet and did awesome! Anyway, I just wanted to say thank you for taking such good care of me and to let you know that I am doing great! Lots of love, Eddie Merckx (formerly Butterball)



And our family grew by two today. Gallagher and Cleo (Aka Sweet Pea). Thank you, Iowa County Humane Society!!!

