



Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) Newsletter

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A Letter From The Editor... Let's just get summer 2018 over with and move on to autumn! I am to the point that "enough is enough"! Along about April I want to be outside working in the flower beds but Mother Nature dictates when one is able to get serious about gardening. It is usually mid-May when the "fun" begins. So, working pretty much nonstop, by the first of August I'm tired of it all. By then I realize that I'm not going to get everything done anyway and once 'peak bloom' is over, it just isn't fun anymore – and there's always next year! 😊 My only complaint about this summer's weather has been the humidity – which pales in comparison to the flooding that occurred a few weeks ago in many of our neighboring communities...**As you read this letter it is important to remember that I am a volunteer and these are MY thoughts.**



"Kitten season" continues! Many kittens have already found their "forever" home but there are new arrivals still coming in weekly. Occasionally an adopter makes the comment that \$75 for a kitten is outrageous considering that you can find FREE kittens in most neighborhoods. However, are these FREE kittens really free? **No, not if you're a responsible 'pet parent'!** That \$75 fee includes: spay or neuter, FIV/FelV testing, vaccinations (depending on age), deworming, flea & tick treatment, microchip and a HEALTHY kitten! \$75 is actually quite a bargain!

As usual we have many GREAT adult cats also but I just want to take this opportunity to introduce you to four special kitties. Pictured here are Ronnie and Callie Jo who are a bonded pair (which means we would like to adopt them together to the same home). Callie Jo (the Calico) is Ronnie's "seeing-eye" cat, so yes, Ronnie can't see. Little is known about their past situation other than their previous owner passed away and there was no one else to take them. They are both 4 years old. Callie is a sweetie but a bit shy. There have been so many recent changes in her life that I think her shyness will abate once she is in a home and gets settled. There's nothing shy about Ronnie! He is approximately 20 pounds and needs to lose some weight although that's not Ronnie's take on the subject. He is a very outgoing and independent kind of guy. He reminds me so much of Raymond (a blind cat that I had for several years). His independence, mannerisms, not realizing that he can't see, and his size – so very much like Raymond! Ray was an amazing cat and I think you will find that Ronnie is as well!



And "**They're back...**"! For those of you who have followed ICHS's website or have read this newsletter in the past year, you will remember both Cleo and Gallagher. They are both FeLV kitties and so it was with great joy that they were both adopted – Gallagher last December and Cleo in February (separate homes)! But they both were returned (within a couple of days of each other) through no fault of their own. Gallagher's family was moving and Cleo's family just had some circumstances where it was difficult to keep her. They are a sweet pair – but not bonded – so they can be adopted separately. See **Special Pets** or the website for more information.

ICHS's dog population is made up of hounds at the moment which is quite unusual. Although we do have hounds now and then, it's usually one or two at a time. However, Bobbie Sue and her four puppies were

surrendered about a month ago and they're growing rapidly – no longer the gangly, gawky puppies that they once were. Two of the pups have been adopted. Petra, a sweet Black and Tan Coonhound, is waiting for YOU to fall in love with her. And then there's Chip! Chip is a handsome one year old who is more "puppyish" than the puppies. They are all nice dogs and hounds really do make nice companions. **If you have any suggestions or ideas about the content of ICHS PAWPRINTS, please contact me, Terri Davis, at 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. Volunteers are still needed for some activities scheduled for this fall and we're always looking for 'cat cuddlers' and dog walkers. We hope to hear from you!!!

Canine Good Citizen Fall Session Fundraiser: It's that time of year again! ICHS will be holding our Fall CGC class session during the month of **October with classes every Sunday** (10/7, 10/14, 10/21, 10/28) at the shelter. Class will be from 1PM to 3PM, with the certification test on the last Sunday (10/28). The cost for this session is just \$65 and all proceeds go to ICHS. Sign up now, spots are limited and usually fill up fast! For more information call (608) 935-1381 or visit www.ichs.net.

Botham Vineyard's Uncorked 5K event in Barneveld benefitting the ICHS is coming up soon on **September 29th** and we need volunteers!! This is a super fun event, with lots of different options for volunteering. Please, head on over to <https://www.uncorked5k.com/> to commit to volunteer that day, and be sure to designate that you are volunteering on behalf of ICHS during the sign-up process. Thank you!

May & June Adoptions

July			August				
Cats		Dogs	Cats			Dogs	
Charlotte	Slate*	Marjoram*	Albert	Sloan*	Imogene 😊	Nadia 😊+	Blue
Thomas	Polaroid*	Ukulele*	Neiko	Merino*	Dilbert	Mathew+	Kato
China*	Elliot*	Trolli*		Gizmo*	Kami	Peeve+	Butterball
Loki*	Giraffe*	Pez*		Bodhi	Henley*	Jeffrey+	
Deja*	Casper	Rhino*		Mamiya*	Leica*	Harper 😊+	
Starburst*	Calvin	Gazelle*		Hela*	Phoenix		
Sergeant*	Sherlock*	Poplin*		Minolta*	Bean*		
SweetTart*	Twill*			Olivia*	Zaboomafoo*		

* = kitten
 + = transferred to Angel's Wish
 😊 = denotes animal has been at ICHS for over a year/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 so enjoys being out of his cage so that he can stretch, climb and “get the kinks out”. FIV cats can live with other cats and my guess is that this good-natured little guy would do well with other cats. Unfortunately, at the moment we do not have the luxury of having a room that FIV cats can occupy so he is confined to a cage – all the more reason that he is waiting for YOU to provide him with his “forever home”!

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 a home.



FeLV Kitties – Cleo & Gallagher

Cleo is a young and very petite tabby. She is both playful and a “cuddler” and has gotten along with the few cats that she has ‘roomed’ with (including Gallagher). I would bring Cleo home in an instant if I could. But because of her FeLV status, she cannot live with other cats (unless they are also FeLV) which means that I can't have her – but if YOU are currently ‘catless’, YOU should get to know this little lady! She is adorable!

Gallagher is a young Maine Coon mix. 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 the few cats that he has ‘roomed’ with (including Cleo). The family that had Gallagher also had dogs and he got along well with them. Gallagher has so many “positives” going for him – being of the popular Maine Coon breed, the extra set of toes and a HUGE loving disposition – so don't ignore him just because of his FeLV status!



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...Cleo and Gallagher 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 roadhoggbiker@gmail.com. Some of you send periodic updates about your adopted pets to the shelter, and 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!



Our cats have both adjusted to having Remy (Neiko) around, and Wilbur loves having a buddy to play with. He is such a sweet, cuddly dog - we couldn't be happier!



Here is a pic of Bodhi. He is staying in our downstairs. Scared to come upstairs yet but otherwise doing great!



Sebastian "Albert" is doing awesome. Loves going on trail rides with the horses! And playing fetch!!!



We love our new beauty (Imogene).