



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

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A Letter From The Editor... This variable spring weather is not the problem but rather the problem is my impatience for warm weather! Chilly temperatures, gray skies, LOTS of wind and precipitation that doesn't want to stop! It happens every year about this time – spring in Wisconsin! I actually started the newsletter early in May and got side-tracked – but here it is three weeks later and the weather is still NOT cooperating! About all I can say is that when I begin writing the July issue of *PawPrints* three weeks from now, there had better be summery-type weather 😊... **As you read this letter it is important to remember that I am a volunteer and these are MY thoughts.**

The first plant sale fundraiser that I did was back in 2007 and I always managed to get the May “*PawPrints*” written prior to the plant sale. That didn't happen this year and I'm not sure what the problem was (if I get this sent off today it is still May 😊). At any rate, the sale was successful – despite the terrible weather. It is so heartwarming to have people/shoppers returning year after year (a couple of them haven't missed a sale) as well as many new people coming to shop. All of the money raised is used for the animals – it isn't used for the shelter's monthly bills or wages. So...thank you to the shoppers and to those of you who donated plants. See you next year!



I am sure it will come as no surprise to anyone that “kitten season” has arrived – BIG time! There have been several litters brought in already – many of them orphans. As usual ***Kitten Kadre*** volunteers are needed to help get these little ones off to a good start in life. Whether the mama cat is present or the kittens are “orphans”, shelter living is not conducive to kittens (or puppies). The littlest ones do need “around the clock” care, and due to busy schedules, not everyone is able to take on this type of commitment. However the older kittens simply need a family to get them

socialized so that they are “good to go” to their “forever” homes. There is simply not enough time and staff/volunteers to socialize this many kittens at the shelter. Fostering kittens is the perfect way to get your “kitten fix” - enjoy them and their antics for awhile - knowing that it is a temporary situation. Fortunately most of them are adopted quickly when they return. If you have the interest and the time, please contact ICHS to learn more about this important and necessary volunteer opportunity. **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 2017's fundraisers, please contact the shelter for more details. We hope to hear from you!!!

Join us for **Dueling Pianos on June 2nd, 7PM** doors open and the show begins at 7:30PM at Deer Valley Lodge in Barneveld. This is an evening event with appetizers, entertainment, a cash bar, a silent auction, and raffles! Learn more here: <http://www.ichs.net/events/2017-dueling-pianos-benefit/>

March and April Adoptions

March			April			
Cats		Dogs	Cats		Dogs	
Ziggy	Tigger+	Maxine	Lola	Sterling	Ember	Misha
Reno☺+	Chevy+	Bambi	Spring	Enzo	Blanche	Louie
Rieslung+	Chip	Yasmine	Blitzen	Willa	Honey	Lil Bit
Cyrus+		Reese	Noah	Octavia		
			Donna			

* - 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 ICBS and find out more about these animals from the ICBS staff.

Bandit, Piper – FIV Kitties



Bandit and Piper are "normal" cats – it's just that they have the FIV virus which affects their immune systems – but slowly – over a period of years! They should live long and normal lives! **Bandit** is a young guy who came in with an apparent reaction to fleas and has significant hair loss. His hair is slowly growing back. He is a sweet cat and loves attention. **Piper** is also a young kitty with a tremendous amount of energy. She came to the shelter with four kittens. She is very playful and also loves attention.

Bandit and Piper are housed together in *Chuck's Tree House*. They are not actually "best buds" but they do tolerate each other. They don't need to be adopted together but could be.

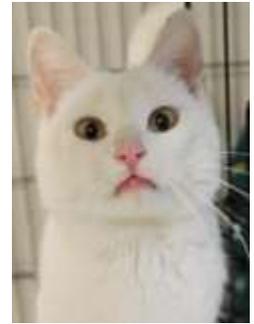
Although we call FIV cats "special", there really are no special considerations when adopting any of these three kitties. If it wasn't for the FIV+ sign on their cages, you wouldn't have a clue that they have FIV! They must be kept indoors. They may live with other indoor cats since FIV is not easily 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...Bandit and Piper need a home.

Cleo & Cheerio - FeLV Kitty



Cleo is about a year old and has been at ICBS a few months. She is extremely playful but also loves to cuddle. This little girl is one of those whom I would bring home "in a heartbeat" if I could. But because of her FeLV status she can't live with other cats (unless they are also FeLV) which means that I can't have her – however if YOU are currently 'catless', YOU should get to know this little "love bug"! Now it may be easy to overlook her as she appears to be "kind of ordinary". She doesn't stand out – until you get to know her. Look at her closely. A quick glance and she appears to be "just a

tabby” but you will notice that her coloring is unusual and BEAUTIFUL. 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** has only been at ICHS for a short time as well. He is white with a very pink nose. He is a nice little guy with lots of energy. He is not quite the ‘cuddler’ that Cleo is and he can be a bit squirmy when you pick him up. Cheerio is about the same age as Cleo. 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. So...Cheerio and Cleo need a home and it is hoped that they will go to the same home. 😊



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. But 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 roadhogbiker@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!



Here's an updated pic of **Blitzen** for all of you wonderful people at Iowa County Humane Society!!! I think it's safe to say he loves his new home



Just wanted to send you a quick note to let you know **Blanche** is doing great. This is a pic from last Saturday on the way home from the dog park. She socializes well with dogs of all sizes & had a great time. She has settled in well to our household.



Blue and I have welcomed a new addition to our lives! Meet **Ember**. She's a bundle of love and energy who is fitting in quite well so far. She loves to run, play with squeaker toys and snuggle. Here Blue is testing her head out as a pillow.



I am finally sending a photo of our sweet Olivia (Addy)



She is doing quite well and has adjusted to our cat madhouse. There were a few noses bent out of joint in the first month or so, but everyone eventually learned to adapt and get along. I have to admit that Olivia must have a bottomless pit for a stomach as she eats like there is no tomorrow, but has maintained her girlish figure. She does love her food. Here is a photo of her guarding the box of tax records.