

# ICHS Success Stories

We have had hundreds of success stories here at I.C.H.S. Stories of lost pets finding a new loving forever home! On these pages we would like to share a few of these stories with you. If you have adopted a pet from I.C.H.S. and would like to share your story, please contact us.

## Never Give Up Hope!

Yesterday was one of those days that we all dream about a miracle day!  
And it was all because of a senior dog named Lucky.

Toffee, alias Lucky, had been hanging around the ICHS shelter since August 2012 when he arrived as a stray. This awesome little dog had been charming everyone he met but was still searching for his forever home. Since November is National Adopt a Senior Pet Month, we decided that he was the perfect spokes dog for our Pet of the Week appearance on Channel 15's Morning Show. He was an absolute star and we were sure hoping that he would finally get the home that he so richly deserved. Imagine our surprise when only 30 minutes after the show, there was a voice mail on the ICHS answering machine from someone claiming to be Toffee's long-lost owner! But it was true!!! Toffee's real name was Lucky and he had been missing for 4 years after getting loose. His family had spent months looking for him without success and had resigned themselves to the worst nightmare that a pet owner can have, that their beloved pet who had lived with them since his birth was irretrievably gone forever! They couldn't believe their eyes when they saw Lucky on Channel 15.



Yesterday, Lucky and his family were reunited! We went through a lot of Kleenex during that reunion and we're still a little teary eyed a day later at the absolute miracle of this older dog being able to be with his family for the rest of his golden years.

Just over 3 months ago, we were afraid that we would be closing our doors forever and here we are, still going strong and proud to be able to help make miracles happen for pets and people! Your support makes it possible for us to be there for dogs like Lucky and we wanted to share our joy with you!!

We learned a valuable lesson yesterday, never give up hope!  
Miracles do happen, one life at a time!

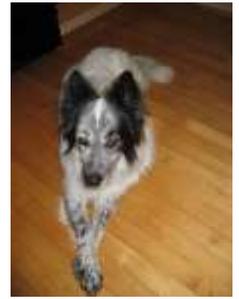
Dear Cherie and all the wonderful staff at Iowa County Humane Society, Hope you haven't forgotten me.

Happy Spring! I haven't forgotten you-- but I've been so busy in my home in Chicago I haven't had time to write. I insist on an hour walk each and every day, rain or shine, and I get it too. I enjoy lifting my leg all over our garden but I absolutely refuse to do anything else in my own yard. Cari and Dave can't figure it out, but I

like to keep them guessing. And that's how I get my walks. They spoil me rotten and I've gotten so handsome people are always stopping us to tell them what a beauty I am. I love going to the park!



I didn't find true love with Shiva the female in our pack, but I'm still growing on her. We don't fight, but she talks a lot of trash to me if I misbehave. Which I rarely do. The worst thing I did was to steal a steak from Dave's plate when he walked away my first week. I would not think of doing that now. And it was pretty funny, even though Dave took it back.



I'm a tap dancer and I growl when I'm happy. Like I said, I like to keep them guessing. Many thanks for your kind care for the time I was with you. I am greatly loved and have a sweet life as you can see.



Big sloppy kisses from Kato. And thanks again from Cari Callis and Dave Glancy in Chicago.

### I am Rosie and here is my story... Greetings!



Two years ago I was a puppy roaming the streets in Dodgeville located in Southwestern Wisconsin. I do not recall how, but I ended up in the Iowa County Humane Society no-kill shelter, also in Dodgeville. This was my lucky day, since the shelter provides food, medical care and companionship. They also named me Rosie.

A volunteer couple took a real liking to me. I bonded with them almost immediately. We, dog-persons, recognize a good human when we smell one. We went on walks on the grounds of the shelter and I got a lot of personal attention.

Then, on the best day of my life, these Iowa County residents adopted me and brought me to their home. That was on Election Day in November 2006.

The rest is history, as the humans say. My life is fantastic. I wish that all the kids in the world had it so good.

On a personal note: The Iowa County shelter is celebrating their 10th anniversary this year. That is ten years of care for us dog-persons, and cats as well. ICHS has numerous programs for our community. Please call them or visit [www.ichs.net](http://www.ichs.net). The web site even lists items that the shelter badly needs. Even better, stop by the society and see the great four-legged residents and talk to the staff.

The shelter operations depend on good people for donations (food, money, cat litter, vet services!) and general support. The operating budget is always under duress and it's the volunteering and your contributions that allow for the door to remain open. Will you please help those who come after me?



Hello, I adopted Gromit over the weekend. He seems to be adjusting to his new home very well and he is starting his obedience class tonight. He goes for at least two 45 minute-1 hour walks each day, and spends the majority of the day lounging around on his bed, or if we're not home, on our bed or the couch, and chewing on his rawhide bone. He seems very happy with us and we are definitely happy with him. He is being a very good boy. We changed his name from Gromit to Ripley and he already seems to be learning it.  
Thanks, Shari

I just wanted to let you know that Harbor is a wonderful dog! The girls have renamed him Lucky. He is having a great time playing with the girls, going for walks, and meeting the other dogs and kids in the neighborhood. He is very well-behaved. We're feeding him Iams puppy food to put a little weight on him (per the vets recommendation). He doesn't seem to know what toys are, which is really funny. He has learned how to walk up and down steps and is getting better with the slippery kitchen floor. He really attached himself to me -- follows me everywhere I go -- very cute. Thank you for such a great family pet!



-Peg



My name was Chewey, and I was adopted on November 15th. I'm so lucky to have spent time at ICHS. Because of them I have now found a happy home. My new name is Rookie. My new house is on a lake, with lots of room to roam. I love to go for walks with my new parents. And I'm starting to learn my boundaries. My parents are really patient with me, because sometimes I forget where the boundaries are (oops).

I want to thank all the nice people at ICHS. I'm sorry if I was difficult at times. The vet here says that I probably didn't eat very well while I was in the shelter, but since I've moved I've started to eat really well. I like my new place. Say hi to all the doggies there at ICHS. I miss you guys.

We are the family that adopted Mooney, now known as Dezi (I will explain in a moment). First off I would like to say thank you for allowing us, not only to adopt this wonderful dog, but allowing my wife to pick her up and send in the money later that day.



Dezi has become a wonderful addition to our family, and she has adjusted well to our household. The cats like her, and she likes them as well. Our kids think she is the greatest, and show her the love and affection that she deserves. This afternoon we took her to see our vet, and get her rabies shot. The vet did find a severe ear infection, but we figured that out prior to our appointment. She is now getting treated for that and will be fine shortly. She has no other problems that were detected, and it appears that our original guess that she was once with another family were correct. The vet agrees that she is too well behaved to have been a stray her whole life, but the possibility of abuse was likely. We also noticed that every time we called our son Devon, she would come to us. So we tried a couple of other D names, and when we said Dezi she came running. We are glad that she feels comfortable in our home, and rest assured she will get all of the love and warmth our family can provide. On behalf of my family we would like to thank you all for your kind and noble work you do to save wonderful animals, and put them with families that will love and care for them.

Thank you again, and we hope you have a happy holiday.  
Sincerely, Daniel Grejczyk & Family



Kodiak writes....

Hi everyone!! Life is good at my new home...Bones and lots of couch space! And I'm getting really good at frisbee! There's even a pond at my new place...can you believe it?!? Long walks and some cows to bark at across the way. Sometimes I even play with the cats!

Thanks for taking such good care of me while I was visiting the shelter (you're welcome to visit me anytime....just call first, cause I'm a very busy dog now)

This was our Christmas Photo for 2001. TC and Turner (who we adopted from you last May) sat, posed and look great as usual!! We've taken classes and Turner will begin testing for Pet Therapy soon. He has added some weight since last spring and has filled out beautifully as you can see. (90 lbs. lovin') Best wishes to all of you helping the animals. Bless you all, Love and OX's -Turner's family



To the ICHS staff,

Stormy loves his new home he is a great little dog. We are having a lot of fun with him.

He already loves his little sister, and they play for hours. Thank you guys for all your help. He has a great home.

-Todd

11-22-02 To My Friends at ICHS-

Just wanted to thank you for taking me in last March. I like my new home-the food is good and I get lots of love. My new Mom said I needed better social skills so I went to school last summer. It was fun-here's my graduation picture. Love, Sadie & (me-Clover)



Hey Everybody at ICHS, My name is Misty and I'm writing to you to let you know how I am in my new home. I love my new home I get whatever I want whenever I want! I have 3 kids to play with, and a new neighbor who's a German Shepherd. I can do some tricks. I have a farm to run on and a cat to tease. I'm still a bit afraid of the Pot-Bellied Pig, but I'm getting used to her. I have my own bed to sleep in, but I prefer my mom's bed. She likes me in my own bed because all I do is bug her by making her pet me all night! I love my mom and dad the most because the kids are just too much for me. I want to thank you guys at the shelter for taking such good care of me when I was there! Sincerely, -Misty

Hi Everyone at ICHS we are very pleased with our little dog that we adopted in August 2002. She's a little mouthy sometimes but we love her anyways! The Laufenberg Family



Hello! I just wanted to say Thank You to all of you at the Iowa County Humane Society. I adopted Rusty and we are very happy. Rusty is a sweet, gentle, loving dog. He is my second "baby", my first is a poodle named Roxi. The two of them play all day until they can't keep their eyes open any longer. They even play tug-o-war with the plush toys when they're not in the mood for sharing. Keep up the good work. Love, Sarah & Rusty ;)



Dear ICHS, I'm just dropping you a line to let you know how Chief is doing. My family adopted him on June 25th. You probably remember him from his many visits to your shelter. Chief has settled into our home like he's always been here. His favorite place to be is on the back of the couch so he can see out the windows. He loves to go for walks and he goes everyday. (usually 1-2 miles a day) He has new toys which he loves to carry around the house with him. Chief follows me everywhere, even to the bathroom!! Needless to say he's very happy and loves us all. My family would like to say thanks and let you know he has found his "Forever Home". I would bring him for visit but he gets carsick! Thanks Again, Jenifer & Family

Percy was just a little puppy when adopted from ICHS. He was found wandering along a busy highway at about 3 months of age at the time. A kind soul picked him up and brought him to the shelter. We couldn't quite figure out what he was, or was going to be, because of his strange wiry coat. He's grown up quite a bit since then and stopped by to see how we were all doing at ICHS. He sure looks happy, and we were glad to see him again.



Dear ICHS,  
We just wanted to thank you for these wonderful cats. They are Spooky & Ginger. They purr as soon as you talk to them or touch them. They are very friendly and loving cats. We had them neutered and spayed recently and they are doing fine. They are truly delightful cats and are a bright spot in our day.

Thanks again

Hello, I thought that I would give you an update of Reno. A week ago he met his new mom and brothers. He gave her all kinds of kisses and lovin'. The older guy (Stormy, 15), puts up with him but generally just wants to be left alone. Miracle, the 2 1/2 year old sheltie, and Reno play like a couple of kids. Reno is learning to play ball from watching Miracle, and they have found that it's fun to pull at opposite ends of a rope. We have a fenced in yard so we can let him run, and does he ever run. He is just a blur as he makes figure eights around you.



We can't get over how much love is in that little dog. He wins the heart of everyone he meets. Thanks for letting him come into our lives. Ed and Carolyn Parrish

Hi, We got your postcard and wanted to let you know Rizzo-now renamed Ginger, is proving to be a wonderful pet. When we let her out of the carrier, she put her head into the dish of Purina Cat Chow and started to purr-she knew she was home! She has lots of toys to play with and 2 laps to sit on.

We are so glad we have Ginger, as Tom says: "she is such a pleasure to have around"--and I know this is what a cat is supposed to be like. I think you folks are doing a good job with the animals and having volunteers in to socialize them, I have mentioned to several people (and our vet's office) that your shelter would be a good place to find a pet. I had first heard of you through your ads in the Madison paper, so hope you will continue to get the word out. We enjoyed visiting with the cats there and hope many more will find new homes soon.



Thanks again, Kathy & Tom

Hi, we adopted Maddy a little over a year ago and she is a wonderful dog. She loves to play with the children and other dogs in the neighborhood.

Best wishes, Jim Sabatke Lena writes..... Hope your Christmas Day is one that's full of treats and lots of fun! Merry Christmas Love, Lena



Lena ICHS note: Lena was adopted by our very own ICHS volunteer, Rita. Lena had a badly broken front leg when she came to ICHS and it resulted in her left front leg being amputated. But according to Rita that hasn't slowed her down any! ;^)

We adopted Patches in January but she is no longer with us due to kidney/liver failure. She was the BEST dog anyone could have ever asked for and we are both absolutely heartbroken. I thought you might enjoy a couple photos of Patches (right).

- Chris and Dave



ICHS Note: Chris and Dave decided that they needed a new companion to love and have since adopted from us Wishbone (left). We're very sorry for your loss of Patches and also want to say Thank you ever so much for giving Wishbone a chance at such a loving forever home, also.



Dear Humane Society, We just wanted to write to let you know how the kitty's are doing. Their names are Sally & Tommi. They have a cute little house outside with all kinds of toys and plenty of room to play. We really appreciate being able to adopt the kitty's from you. They have a wonderful home. Thank you so much. Jane, Miranda, & Alexander



Hello, Sorry about the delay!! It's very hard to get pics of him! He wiggles waay too much! -) He's doing very well, and you will see



from the pics that he has put on quite a bit of weight (woohoo!). His foster family will probably keep him, as he really loves them all, and they are really enjoying him. He is great with the 3 year old that comes by and gets along very well with other dogs (you'll see him begging for treats from one of my coworkers right alongside my pit/rottie mix Weezee). He does very well at the dog park (he still stays on leash though), and loves coming to work with Katie. His attitude is totally different than when I picked him up - although he still loves the frisbees -) Liz and the Pit-dorks

ICHS Note: Lucky was one of our long term residents, almost a year to the day. He was seized from his former owners for neglect and had to stay at ICHS until this court case was decided. When the courts decided that we'd keep ownership of him, we contacted Liz from **Wisconsin Independent Pit Bull Rescue** to help us place him in the right home. Thank you Liz for helping Lucky find his forever home!!!!

A letter from Swayde, December 17th 2002

Hi everyone at ICHS! I just wanted to tell you all Merry Christmas and thank you all for taking care of me for such a long time! I love my new home and family. My ear infections have cleared up completely and I even like having my ears cleaned now. The vet says I have allergies, so sometimes if I'm outside a lot I have to take medicine. (I think it's just cheese most of the time.)



I have a buddy who keeps me company while my owners Heidi and Clayton are at work. Her name is Callie. We get along pretty good, although we are a bit competitive for attention. I usually let her win, she's younger than me! We go to the dog park alot and chase each other in the backyard. We have to eat in separate rooms though, because otherwise I just can't help myself, I'll eat her food too.

I learned the rules pretty quickly. My owners say that I'm a very good boy. I only had to be told one time not to go on the furniture, and I haven't had any accidents inside. I have learned to lie down on command and I stay quite nicely now. I get very determined when I want to go for rides in the car. I usually whine until I get my way ;^) My owners are patient though, and I working on relaxing a bit. I didn't bark for the first month that I was here, but now I usually howl when I want to be let in from outside (I don't like the cold!) I also have to get used to baths, I have had 3 since I got here and I still shake when I'm getting bathed, even if the water is warm.

We're all moving to Stoughton at the end of December. I'm excited to have a big house to live in, and a new neighborhood to sniff out! We'll live on a quieter street, and will have an even BIGGER backyard.

I hope everyone is well there! - Thank you so much for all of your care, and for finding me a forever home!  
-Swayde and his family Heidi, Clayton, & Callie

*ICHS notes:* Swayde was one of our long term residents at the shelter, well over a year and a half. He got ear infections all the time, no matter how often we cleaned or treated him for them. We're delighted that he's doing so well in his new home! Thank you Heidi, Clayton, and Callie ;^)

Quazimoto writes.....

Hello to all my friends at ICHS,

I'm writing to tell you what a wonderful home I now have, thanks to you! This is officially my 4th home in my short 2 years and I'm pretty sure this one's a keeper. I was picked up on a very cold day about a year and a half ago and brought to ICHS, because I strayed from home and couldn't remember where I lived :( Then I went to live with a very peculiar woman who had all kinds of strange rules. We didn't understand one another to well and after 9 months we decided that it was best if I came back to the shelter. Then back at the shelter, I grew to like one of the humans there. She took me to see her home one weekend and boy did I have fun!!! I made up my mind right there and then, that I was going to stay!!!



I now live with alot of other kids, some adopted just like me, and we all get along pretty well. At first my big sister Sugar didn't like me to well and we fought a little bit. But we've gotten things straightened out now,

and we figured out the problem. It was her hearing!!! I would tell her to do something and she just didn't hear me, thus causing us to get in a scuffle! To fix the problem I've taken it upon myself to clean out all the ears of my 3 sisters daily. That has helped prevent any more fights.

I sometimes mess on the floor if one of my humans isn't listening well enough and doesn't let me out! But they seem to be getting better in their housetraining, even though I have to correct them sometimes. I get to do all kinds of fun things now that I live here. I get to sleep and lay on any of the furniture, I get to sleep on any bed I chose at night, I get to eat my chewies in the house, I get to play outside and bark at squirrels, I get my own lap warming human while watching TV, I get to play with all kinds of toys, and I get to rough house the other kids, I get to go to the pet store and ride in the cart, I could go on and on.....

But what I really, really, I mean REALLY love.....is to take a nice relaxing roll in the horse pasture!!! I never knew about this wonderful activity until I moved here!!! I wish all dogs could do this at least once in your life. If you don't I think your missing out on something wonderful. Sugar says our humans like to see us do it, but I must not be doing it right. My human keeps wiping me off with the yucky smelling pet wipes when I do it, so apparently I haven't gotten the hang of it yet. I'll keep working at it thought, don't you worry ;^)

Thanks again ICHS, I really like my home and I'm sure things will work out just fine this time!!!

-Quazimoto

*Quazi now lives at my house along with a few other animal friends. He is a strange little dog that keeps everyone laughing at his endless high jinx. I'm very happy to be owned by such an odd little creature!! ;^)*  
-Casey (ICHS employee)

Hello, Our adoption of "Chip" (who is now known as Brady) has been a huge blessing to all of us. He is more than we had hoped for, never having rescued a dog before. I am very grateful for an organization such as yours. For some updates on Brady (aka Chip), he has filled out nicely, not one single accident in the house (knock on wood), is starting to learn the boundaries of the yard, have taken him out to a State Recreation area to run and discovered he will not get out of eyesight of me, seems to have a nose for hunting, will find out in the spring and summer with some training I will be doing with him, has claimed our bed as his own (mainly my side), and shedding to no ends, but for what he gives in companionship, love, loyalty, and protection we will put up with the shedding. He is truly a part of our family now and for that we want to thank you.



Lt Steven J. Botsford



Dear ICHS, Just wanted to let you know the little black dog we adopted from you (Sassy) has become a valued member of our family. She is sweet, loving, and SO funny! She is a companion for our little poodle Cooper- and we are so glad we have her. I'm enclosing a picture of her with her favorite toy. We also changed her name to Lucy. Thanks, -Elaine

Hi, Just a note to let you know that we love Zelda very much. As you can see from the pictures she has her own chair and we put carpeted shelves in the windows for her to sit on. The kitchen window faces the road and the living room window faces the back yard. She loves watching the birds and squirrels. She sleeps on the bed with us. She is always waiting at the door when we get home from work to get her daily dose of pets and cuddles. She loves to be loved and we really do love her. She seems really happy here.



Thank you so much for letting us have her.  
Carolyn



ICHS Hi, Just wanted to give you an update on how my new home is. I was adopted a little over 2 weeks ago, by a great family that just loves me and I love them too. I have a wonderful playmate named Max, he helped me to overcome a problem I had with other dogs in my face. I have lots of toys and my favorite is my rope. We play and run in a big back yard, They have even taught me to shake. I really like bedtime because I get to sleep in a nice soft bed with my new owners. I go everywhere with my new family. They are so much fun. I have found the perfect home with the greatest family. Thanks to everyone.  
Scooby

Hi there, I just wanted to let you know that Hannah is doing GREAT. My parents couldn't be happier with her. She sleeps in their bed and is always talking to them, and is very good with her small grandchildren. My mom is convinced this cat was waiting for her. Hannah is wonderful! Thanks for the help of introducing her to us.  
Lori & my mother Barb



Hello Again Everyone!!!! Remember me, my name is Dugan. Dugan Z. Dawg, that is!!! I live in Jonesdale now and really like riding in the mule for fun. Sometimes I help cut wood, (see the chain saw) and sometimes I just hang out and keep my nose to the ground. That of course, is what I really do the best! Well Just wanted to let you know that I really like my new home and that I think they really like me. Thanks for taking care of me until I could find a new home.  
Love, -Dugan

HOLA! My name is Lilli. I was born in a garage in Iowa County along with my two sisters. My foster mother, Alecia, took care of all of us for quite some time. Her mother, Sally, then adopted ME! My mother and two siblings have found wonderful homes also. I now live in Appleton with my "wicked step-mother" Kittie, who is learning to appreciate and like me (how could she NOT?!) I love my new home and family.  
Thanks Iowa County! Love Lilli





Hello Everyone! My name is Tweeker and a wonderful couple adopted me at the end of August 2003. They introduced me to my new "sister". She is a Siberian Husky named Onyx, who just turned a year old. We run and play in our huge backyard. We have so much fun running and playing; I also love to bark at squirrels! I get to sleep wherever I want to (bed and couch)!

My new mom and dad give me treats; two of my favorites are lettuce and apples!! I know that sounds odd for a dog, but I will do anything for those! My mom likes to take me to see my "brothers" and my boyfriend. They all live at my grandma's house (owner's mom.) We run, play, and just like

to hang out in the yard. I am so in love with my boyfriend, he is a Cairn Terrier and looks a lot I mean alot like me! It's really cute, as you can see by the picture I sent of us. We snuggle and I love to give him "Doggie Kisses". We are inseparable.

I am so grateful for my new home! I just thought I would send you all a not to let you know how I am doing. I would like to thank everyone who helped take care of me over the years. Thanks for allowing these wonderful people adopt me! They really know how to spoil a dog!

Thanks again, Wags and Kisses -Tweeker

Hello! This past spring ICHS allowed me to foster Sweetie and her kittens. She arrived at the Vet School to be spayed, but instead she surprised everyone by having kittens the weekend before surgery. The foster care experience was wonderful but a little "tough" since she became severely ill, and one of her kittens died of seizures. Sweetie was very ill for 2 weeks and we had no idea if she would pull through, but she did. Sweetie is the cat sitting on the cat tree, and her kitten is the one lying on the bed. Both are very spoiled and now live in very loving homes. Thanks for all the experiences. I have learned so very, very much!!!



-Nancy

Hello! I just wanted to let you know about the little dog I adopted from you in January. She is now a celebrity as you can see from the enclosed picture. Every 4th of July in Mt. Horeb, My daughter and I decorate wagons and bikes for my granddaughters to ride in the parade. This year, my daughter made a costume for Daisy, and she marched along in the parade with all the kids. When a photographer for the Mt. Horeb paper took her picture, I told her to make sure to mention that Daisy came from the Humane Society in Dodgeville. One of the reasons I got Daisy was so my Boxer, Lizzie, would have a companion and play pal. They get along like Mutt and Jeff and have the most wonderful time running and playing in the backyard. I have to say that Daisy is the sweetest natured dog ever....Everyone she meets loves her and wants a dog just like her. I always tell them to contact the Humane Society in Dodgeville!!!



Thank you for my wonderful little dog!!! -Dolly

This past year we adopted two cats from you. Jester and Alvin, now named Sam and Alvin. They are best of friends and have enhanced our lives so much. They love to snuggle with us, and they both climb in bed and sleep with us every night. Sam/Jester is very smart as he can fetch, shake paws, turn on lights, and do other tricks. Thank you so much for letting us have them. Here is a picture of them on the couch taking a little nap. Jester/Sam is on the left and Alvin is on the right.



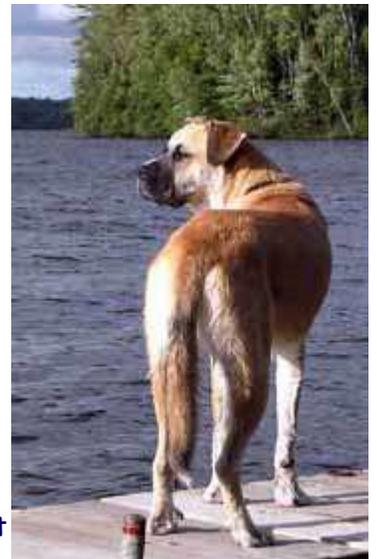
Thanks again.  
Shenan and Christie Trulen

In June 2004, we adopted Kota and renamed him Spike, because he looked like a tough character. What a joke that was! Spike turns out to be the most gentle, sweet-tempered dog we can imagine. He's generally a big baby who just wants to be liked.



Spike settled in and bonded with us immediately, and house-trained in a few days. He is a perfect gentleman and Canine Good Citizen but still knows how to have fun. Everyone loves him. We took him to a local swim meet and all the kids came up to him and wanted to pet him. One little girl said she wanted to take him home because she always wanted a big dog that slobbers.

He trails along for horseback rides, goes for several walks a day, loves to go to the cottage and play in the lake chasing minnows and waves. He is also an excellent host for overnight dog visitors. He sometimes has selective hearing, but we are working on that. We are so happy to have him.



Clare and Dick

Sunshine & Smokey

Two years ago I adopted "Sunshine" known to you as Ethel, from the shelter here in Dodgeville. I just wanted to thank your volunteers and staff for the wonderful little sweetheart she has turned out to be. I could tell she was socialized and loved before I got her at 3 months old. I was told she had been rescued with her brother, named Fred, on a very cold day in an alleyway. She is still a trim fit cat with lots of energy, and she



loves to play. Her older adopted sister, Smokey, just watches her and sighs. But occasionally gets into the action too ;^)

Sunshine is a joy, she likes to sleep and cuddle with me, go outside on her leash, play feisty games with big boxes, and sit and watch the squirrels from the window in the 2-tiered kitty condo. Occasionally a little tiff occurs on who gets the top of the condo, but otherwise life is good.

Thanks again, and hoping many animals get adopted to good homes soon.  
Merry Christmas and many blessings to all!  
Sincerely, Mary Ann Petrak



We adopted Sadie 2 weeks ago and wanted to let you know what a great dog she is. She has bonded with us very well and we love her very much. She loves to go for walks and many people comment on what a pretty dog she is. She gets at least 3 walks about 45 min. long a day and looks forward to the next one. She also likes to ride in the car and we take her along as often as we can. She is very good when we cannot take her along and she has to stay home in the house by herself. Thanks much Iowa County Humane Society for taking great care of Sadie until we could adopt her. She gets lots of love and affection, plenty of food and water and nice long walks. Oh yes we have given her a middle name she is now "Sadie Lane "  
Thanks again, Neil L.

Hello ICHS, We wanted to send our many thanks to you for Simon! He's a GREAT cat, just what we wanted and more. Simon has made himself at home with us and we feel the same about him. He is a real lover and wants plenty of attention which we don't at all mind giving. He likes to sleep in between us or under the covers at night. He greets us at the door when we come in, talks to us in the morning to be fed and really likes his new kitty seat on the window. He's also getting better at playing hockey with his ball and chasing the fish-pole feather toy. We've attached some pictures for you. Thank you so much Kent and Shirley



Our family adopted Molly 3 weeks ago, and we wanted to write and tell you what a delight she is. We just love her so much. She is housebroken, friendly, good with other dogs, and loaded with personality. At first, we bought a baby gate to confine her to the kitchen when we left the house, but soon realized she didn't need it. She is very good when she is in the house all by herself. Everywhere we go with her, people tell us how pretty she is, or how sweet she is. We feel very blessed to have her in our lives. After consulting with the vet, we are quite sure that Molly is a lab/newfoundland mix. She looks a little bit like a black bear!

Thank you so much Iowa County Humane Society for taking such good care of her until we could come along and adopt her. We will give her lots of love and affection, a full dish of food and water, and long romps in the park!



Hi, thought you might like to see a picture of the kittens we adopted from you in March. They've grown quite a bit and have assumed control of the house. Thanks for providing this great service to our community!

John & Nancy

Hello, we adopted our bundle of joy on May 19th-you had called her Hanna, we renamed her Missy (Mischief). We have been very pleased with her and she's a smart little girl, potty training has been so good. My husband couldn't stand to hear cry the 2nd night, so he put her in the bed with us till 5-6 in the morning she then wakes us up and does not get down until we take her down. She knows her name, treats, and potty, loves being outside with us and eating ants and bird poop).



We had not had a puppy for 18 years, we were used to our old dog just laying around and being happy just to be with us. This one keeps us on our toes, play, play, play. She loves everyone, especially our grown kids and gets along well with our 3 year old grandson. She has a gentle and kind way about her, even though those little sharp teeth are sharp right now). Our vet here in Oregon said we made a great choice and that she's very trusting and will be a good dog. Thanks again, Linda

Hello,

We took Snowy home with us last December. She is a fine, happy, healthy cat. We are very glad to have her.

Dear ICHS, BJ is adjusting fine. We had a few problems with him in the beginning but I think he will adjust fine. He sure loves his walks. We walk in the morning and night. He has been very good in the house and sure is a loving dog. He seems to like going out in the back yard. I just want to give him some time to adjust to us and his new home but BJ is a great dog and he sure will get lots of love in his new home. -Julie



p.s. BJ took 6 weeks of training classes and graduated on 6-16-03. BJ (the Star Graduate) is shown with his 3 teachers and his very proud mom. Way to go BJ!!!!!!



ICHS note: BJ was one of our long term residences, being here almost a year and a half. It took us awhile to find him the right home but he finally found it with Julie. Thank you from the ICHS staff



Beck & Lenny Former residents that now live all together at Casey's house (ICHS employee), along with a few other animals

