



## Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) Newsletter

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**A Letter From The Editor...** Well, here it is the week after Thanksgiving and I am just getting around to the newsletter – I don't know where the time goes!!! I wouldn't admit to missing another "deadline" but when I mention that the weather is about to change – even the possibility of snow – you'd figure it out anyway! Hasn't the weather this fall been absolutely gorgeous? Anyway, back to "timely"... This edition of *PawPrints* begins the eighth year of me writing the newsletter and as it does every year, the newsletter anniversary coincides with Thanksgiving! There are so many people that I wish I could thank personally for all they do and give – all done unselfishly for our area's homeless animals. 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. Lisa Cvengros, ICHS Board Member and treasurer, then puts the newsletter on the website (she also puts the "Pets of the Month" on the website as well as many other things). Thank you, Lisa! **As you read this letter it is important to remember that I am a volunteer and these are MY thoughts.**

I had written the following paragraph seven years ago when I wrote my first editorial for *PawPrints*: *"The first challenge is the ongoing one of garnering more support for ICHS. There is a constant need for donations, for fundraisers, for volunteers to socialize both the cats and the dogs, for finding 'forever' homes for our animals and the need to get the word out to others about the good that ICHS does for the county's unwanted and neglected animals. This is an ongoing challenge..."* and once again, challenges were met and changes made at ICHS this past year. But we have a lot more to do...

The **Building and Grounds Committee** meets on a monthly basis and as you can well imagine turning a building from a factory into an animal shelter does have its challenges. Electrical, lighting, heating, plumbing, ventilation, insulation and the list goes on! But there are challenges and then there are **CHALLENGES!** I am referring to the "roof project". We did get the roof repaired this past summer. There was one section of the roof that leaked and those repairs were made. However it has been determined that (at some point) the entire roof needs to be replaced – YIKES! Estimates to replace the roof have come in and as you can well imagine, the cost will be MAJOR!!! Some monetary donations have been directed to the roof project, but we will need to fundraise BIG TIME! If you have any ideas/suggestions for funding this project, please share.

After a hiatus of several months the **AWE (Animal Welfare & Enrichment) Committee** is reconvening. The AWE Committee needs to address how to provide consistent training and handling of the dogs. Although this issue has been addressed in the past, circumstances change so this topic needs to be revisited. The good news is that the majority of the dogs coming to the shelter are adopted quickly. But some of our dogs do have 'minor/common' dog issues and need some basic obedience training to make a more successful transition into a home. If a family feels that they are able to take on the responsibility of training the dog they wish to adopt – that's great! But there is the occasional dog that needs more work than a 'typical' family can provide. The staff doesn't have the time to work with the dogs and many of the volunteers who walk the dogs don't have the necessary skills to work with the dogs. The problem can be compounded if the dog finds shelter living stressful. Depending on the animal, its behavior may deteriorate to the point of becoming a safety issue.

And the cats...well, maybe 'training' isn't what is needed, but they do need a means of amusing and preoccupying themselves – especially those living in cages. 24/7 in a cage has to be a bit monotonous and stressful. The obvious answer is getting these kitties adopted. Hopefully the AWE Committee can come up with a solution to alleviate the cats' boredom (assuming that they are bored – you never know with a cat).

If you have any suggestions to pass on to the AWE Committee regarding training/socializing for the dogs or enrichment for the cats, please let the ICHS office know or email me. Keep in mind we are always looking for volunteers to spend time with our animals as well! **If you have any suggestions or ideas about the content of ICHS PAWPRINTS, please contact me, Terri Davis, at [roadhogbiker@gmail.com](mailto:roadhogbiker@gmail.com)**

### Upcoming Fundraising Events

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!!!

### Double Your Dollars Match Challenge Fundraiser

This Match Challenge will run throughout the month of December. Thanks to a very generous donor, from December 1st to the 31st, every dollar that you donate to ICHS will be matched so that your dollar will go twice as far! This means that if you donate \$50, we will receive \$100 to go to the care of the animals of Iowa County! We hope you will be able to help us meet our goal to raise \$20,000 towards the Double Your Dollars Match Challenge- this will mean that we will receive a total of \$40,000 for ICHS! Stop in during our open hours or [donate online](https://www.ichs.net) at [www.ichs.net](http://www.ichs.net). Please be sure to designate in the memo that your donation is for the Match Challenge.



### Culver's Fundraising Night on Wednesday December 7th!

On December 7th, from 5pm to 10pm, the Iowa County Humane Society will receive a percentage of sales from the Dodgeville Culver's location! Please help to support our cause by bringing your family by for dinner or a dessert treat. We'll be there as well to chat about our organization and to answer any questions- come say "hi", have a bite, and learn more about what we do! Please spread the word to your

friends to help us make this a successful fundraiser.

### Holiday Bake Sale

"Ho-Ho-Ho!" ICHS is pleased to announce that we will once again be having our Holiday Bake Sale on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The sale will be at Spring Gate Mall in Dodgeville. We will be set up in the usual spot outside of *Piggly Wiggly*. The sale will begin at 8:00 AM and continue until 1:00 PM (or until the baked items are gone). As in past years, there will be a huge variety of tempting holiday-themed goodies. Whether you are a baker, a buyer or both – please circle this date on the calendar and hope to see you there!

"YUM-YUM-YUM!" **Please contact Jen at [outreach@ichs.net](mailto:outreach@ichs.net) or 608-935-1381 if you'd like to help!**



## September & October Adoptions

| September |          |           |            | October    |           |             |          |
|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| Cats      |          | Dogs      |            | Cats       |           | Dogs        |          |
| Chip*     | Slade 😊😊 | Monkey*   | Ray        | Catnip*    | Basil*    | Hank*       | Angel    |
| Dory      | Minerva  | Julie*    | Molly      | Jeffrey    | Alfonzo*  | Brittanie   | Tessa    |
| Sherbert* | Moo Moo  | Fay       | Molly      | Muffin*    | Jazzy     | Penelope*   | Jessa    |
| Sage*     | Brewer*  | Mustard 😊 | Jersey 😊   | Yoshi*     | Ender     | Cream Puff* | Brittany |
| Marcia*   | Jarvis 😊 | Montana   | Princess 😊 | Midnight 😊 | Rosemary* | Mike        | Scamp    |
| Kayda*    | Harper   |           |            | Champ      | Willow*   | Ike         |          |
| Dill*     | Wendy    |           |            | Epic       | Baz*      | Pusheen     |          |
|           |          |           |            | Pango      | Taquita*  | Karia 😊     |          |
|           |          |           |            | Mr Smee*   | Vegas 😊😊  | Boomerang   |          |
|           |          |           |            | Lavender*  | Mia       |             |          |

\* - kitten  
 😊 - denotes animal has been at ICBS 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 ICBS and find out more about these animals from the ICBS staff.

### Buzz & Petey – FIV Kitties



Our FIV kitty population is down to two – Buzz and Petey! Buzz and Petey 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! **Buzz** was thought to be ‘feral’ when he first arrived at ICBS; hiding in his cubby 24/7 for weeks – but he was simply frightened – and he still frightens easily when unexpected noises or movement occurs. He does need to get to know YOU before his sweet personality becomes apparent. Buzz has been with us three years – he really needs a home! **Petey** is one of those kitties that if he was not FIV+, he would have been adopted before now. Petey has been with us since March and as sweet and handsome as he is, people can’t seem to look beyond his FIV label. Petey is about two years old, playful, loves attention and gets along with other cats.



**Petey and Buzz** are roommates (they are such a handsome pair) and they get along well. It is preferred that they be adopted together as they have definitely bonded. If YOU are looking for a pair of kitties, look no further, YOU have just been found!

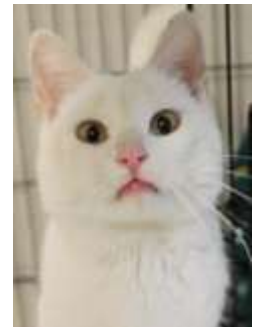
Although we call FIV cats “special”, there really are no special considerations when adopting Buzz or Petey. If it wasn’t for the FIV+ sign on their cages, you wouldn’t have a clue that they have FIV! They must be kept indoors. They may live with other cats since FIV is not easily passed between cats (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...Buzz and Petey need a home.



### FeLV Kitty

**Cleo** is about 7-8 months old and has been at ICHS about a month. 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. Keep in mind that she is a “teenager” so she is still ‘all legs – definitely has some growing to do, but this is good as she will be with YOU for many years to come.



**Cheerio** has only been here at ICHS for a short time as well. He is white with a very pink nose. I don’t know too much about this little guy other than he is quite squirmy when being carried to and fro from his cage. So... since I can’t tell you much about him, why don’t you stop by and get to know Cheerio for yourself!

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.



### Gregory – FIV & FeLV Kitty

**Gregory** is indeed a special kitty! He tested positive for both FeLV and FIV, but don’t let that deter you from making this guy a part of your family! As mentioned earlier, as long as FeLV cats are kept indoors, are only cats and live in a stress-free environment (as much as possible), they should be a part of your family for many years to come. Gregory is friendly and affectionate, but he hasn’t had a lot of opportunities to interact with people (he was a barn cat). However Gregory has been promoted to an “office cat”. He enjoys the opportunity to be out and about (three years in a cage does get old). I am not sure if his office skills are up to par so let’s find a retirement home for Gregory – how about YOURS!

### 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](mailto:roadhoggbiker@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!



Stella (**Sage**) tuckered out after playing with her buddy, Ryker.



My kids and I adopted **Brittanie**. She's been renamed Bosco and has been an ideal companion so far! I'm thinking she's enjoying her new surroundings 😊



Hey! I adopted **Wendy** and **Monkey** (now Milo) over a month ago and I thought I'd share some pictures! They're both doing well!



Hi Everyone! **Woody** checking in! Thinking about you but I don't know how to use Facebook so I had to wait for mommy to do it! I'm doing well, mommy thinks I may be getting a little chubby...look at all my fur and do you see my tiger stripes? I'm still as playful as ever and I have a great time chasing everyone around the house. And everyday Garrett tells me how much he loves me before he goes to school! I think I might keep them!



Hello! Greetings from **Muffin Man's** mom. He has been renamed Stifler and he is doing so well! He is a terror at times, getting into everything. Then a total sweetheart purring away and snuggling like crazy with us. He is getting big so fast!



Three years ago we adopted **Taffy** from your shelter. She is still a sassy pup and we love her dearly. Taffy lives in Texas now. She is a cow pup with a big backyard that has many trees and squirrels. Thank you very much.



Max (**Dill**) is so happy in his new home.



**Midnight** is loving her new home.



Hi there! My apologies for not getting back to you sooner with an update on **Mustard** (now Thomas O'Malley)!

We love our kitty friend so much! He's the most affectionate and friendliest cat we've ever met. After about a week of living with us, O'Malley had warmed up to our home and was completely comfortable. We've had him for a month or so now, and he enjoys lying in the sun on his favorite windowsill during the day, following us around the house, snuggling, and dinner time of course. He even greets us by meowing loudly when we come home from work. The transition was so smooth and couldn't have gone better--almost like he knew he'd be our best friend!

Thanks again for all your help and I've included a few pictures of him being all handsome at the bottom of this email.



I wanted to update you on the two cats that I adopted. It's been over two weeks since I adopted them. They are doing very well. Ollie (**Jarvis**) is very social and greets everyone who comes. **Harper** has made the biggest change. They are living in a hay shed, a wonderland of hiding places and hay bales to rub on. Harper occasionally comes out of the shed. The other day, I was preparing their food in my tack room. She came out of the shed and rubbed my leg and later bumped my hand when I was putting the food in her crate. She will allow me to stroke her once, but that's it. No biting, hissing, or scratching when I approach her. She is gaining trust rapidly. She and

Ollie are not snuggle partners, but the hissing is now rare. They can pass by each other without any drama.

Ollie showed up at the front door this morning and has dared to leave the shed to see what I was doing in the

garden. My poodle puppy wants nothing more than to have a playmate. Ollie holds his own with a lot of hissing and swatting. He doesn't seem fearful of the puppy and will roll over on his back when she is trying to play with him, occasionally.

Overall, I think they love it here, especially Harper. It's so peaceful for her. No worries. She is very content, maybe even happy. Ollie can talk, wander, and jump around to his heart's content. Two distinct personalities. We love having them.

I was very impressed with your facility and staff. It seems like a happy place. The animals are so beautiful and well cared for. Thank you for saving Harper and Oliver. They were definitely worth it to me.

