



Iowa County Humane Society (ICHS) Newsletter

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A Letter From The Editor... Spring in Wisconsin! Despite the chilly temperatures, gray skies and nonstop wind, it is still my favorite season! Spring is a time of discovery – I never tire of seeing “the firsts” after a long winter. It was thrilling to see an oriole perched on the deck railing the other day and seeing the first hummingbird of the season is always uplifting. Walking through the flower beds and seeing what is poking out from the earth is an adventure. There is always the suspense too in NOT seeing where a favorite plant used to be – perhaps it just hasn’t awoken yet – give it a couple of more days – it can’t be dead!!! Watching and waiting for trees to “bud out” and the lilacs to bloom – just smell their fragrance...Maybe, we’ll stop right here because the ‘whining’ is about to start. The pesky whine of the mosquitoes and gnats, the annoying whine of the neighbor’s weed-whacker and me whining about too much to do and not enough hours in the day! But spring is here! Enjoy...**As you read this letter it is important to remember that I am a volunteer and these are MY thoughts.**

I had mentioned in the last newsletter that dog adoptions were slow this winter but because of the “severity” of the winter, that was not surprising. But now that spring is here, let’s take a look at four nice dogs that have been here far too long...

These dogs have some similarities. First of all, every dog is an individual and that couldn’t be truer of these four. They are all wonderful dogs with nice dispositions and, please, take into account how much calmer they will be away from the stress of shelter life. Secondly, all four of these dogs have been here way too long with very little interest shown (we’ll blame that on the weather ☹️). All of our dogs are evaluated when they come to the shelter. As I write this, keep in mind that I do not have their evaluations in front of me so what I am writing comes from the heart and my interacting with them several times a week. I am NOT an expert when it comes to a dog’s behavior – or much of anything else for that matter! One statement that can be made for all of these dogs is they did NOT test well with cats. The evaluators also had some concerns about interactions with dogs (see my thoughts – for what they’re worth).



I am going to self-proclaim myself as “**Theodore’s #1 fan**”!!! I just love this little guy and would take him home in a heartbeat if I could have a dog. Theo is a BIG dog in a little body – just ask him! Theo has been at ICHS since the end of January and since most little dogs get adopted quickly, why is he still here? He is listed as a corgi mix and I was skeptical of this label until I realized that he is not the corgi I was familiar with. I am familiar with the Pembroke Welsh corgi but had never heard of the Cardigan Welsh corgi. I went to a [Corgi website](#) and it is very possible that is what Theo is. He’s about 3 years old, black with some brindle coloring on his feet and muzzle, about 33 pounds and his tail never

stops wagging (reminds me of a windshield wiper). To know more about this breed go to the corgi website and so much of what is described there is “Theo-ish”. It mentions that a corgi is an excellent watchdog – which would explain why he used to carry on so when the UPS trucks would come and go (there is a UPS distribution center behind the shelter). Theo loves to play fetch and he always brings the ball back and drops it at your feet. He does well on a leash and is the friendliest little guy. Theo will need to realize that he is not the ‘alpha’ in your relationship – that would be YOU. I think he will take advantage of a situation if allowed to do so. He does resource guard his food (not sure about toys) which could be an issue with small children. He does bark initially until he gets used to the situation (UPS trucks). Whether he will get along with other dogs or not would depend on the other dog. Of these 4 dogs, Theo may be the one that wants to be your “one and only”. Theo doesn’t mess in his kennel but he will lift his leg (if allowed) as you are taking him outside (remember he has just spent 16 hours in his kennel) so this is a behavior that may need to be worked on. It will be a bittersweet moment for me when this little guy finally gets his forever home, but Theo needs a home...



Zoey is a 2 year-old heeler mix and has been at ICHS since December. Although I know nothing of her past, the ICHS website mentions that she was at a different shelter and had lived in a few different homes – and she is only two. She loves to play fetch. She has a large red Jolly egg that she plays with and it is so funny to see her chase that while having a tennis ball in her mouth! Zoey has so much energy and she does show signs of stress living here at the shelter. Zoey could really use a job; I think she would be a great jogging partner (does great on a leash). Zoey wants to chase everything that moves so there are some obstacles to overcome before she could jog by your side. She is like Theo in that she has to mind everyone else's business so this is a cause for concern. She doesn't do well with other dogs however she might possibly be OK with the right dog in a home setting. Zoey does need someone who has the time and patience to spend with her and someone who is willing to work with her. Depending on your expertise, you may need some professional help to get her settled into a routine. Zoey is a very smart dog (catches on quickly) but shelter living isn't good for her (nor any dog). Not just any family will work for Zoey, but Zoey needs a home...



Bobbie Sue has been at ICHS since August of last year. She is about 4 years old and has had a few litters of puppies (she came to us with 4 puppies). I have to smile at her picture – she looks so slim and trim but she is now a bit 'portly' coming in at 70 pounds. Bobbie Sue enjoys her walks – she ambles along with her nose to the ground. She doesn't play or do much of anything else. She would be a great "couch potato" (in addition to a couple of nice, lengthy walks each day). Bobbie Sue is very timid – if she doesn't know you, she will want nothing to do with you. After all of this time, when a new volunteer tries to take her out, she covers in her cage. If the volunteer insists, she will reluctantly go along but her tail will be tucked between her legs and she won't look very enthused! Bobbie Sue has just recently decided that kennel living is not for her and she has been doing a great job escaping from her kennel. She hasn't wandered off but nevertheless this is a concern for anyone who might want to take this sweet hound home. At the moment she cannot be outside without supervision so needless to say, she isn't out as much as she should be. I think Bobbie Sue would get along with the right dog – probably a male. Although she does bark and makes a big ruckus with the other dogs, it's all for show – she is a submissive dog. Bobbie Sue is such a sweet dog and she needs a home...



Maddie is a 4 year-old Husky mix who has been with us since last November. She is so adoptable so we'll blame the winter weather for her still being here. Because of her larger size, she may not do well with small children. She loves to play and does well on a leash. She lived on a farm until she came here, but like Bobbie Sue, I think she could also be a couch potato as long as she had daily walks and some play time. For those of you who remember Jersey (Dobie mix), she reminds me a lot of her. I bring that up because Jersey adjusted well to apartment living and Maddie might also (granted a big backyard would be nice). Maddie has shown that she would like to romp with other dogs, but with limited staff/volunteers, it can be difficult to find the time to supervise dogs –

at least initially. Maddie loves people and aims to please. If you're looking for a larger dog – here she is, and by the way, she needs a home...

OK, so there you have it! Maddie is pretty much good to go, but the others do present a bit of a challenge. Are YOU up for it? Please spread the word... **If you have any suggestions or ideas about the content of 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 Joen at outreach@ichs.net for more details. We hope to hear from you!!! And, of course, the cats and dogs are always on the lookout for people to spend quality time with them!!! For more information on **volunteer opportunities**, please visit the [ICHS website](http://www.ichs.net).

Friday, June 14th - ICHS Best Ball Golf Outing will be held at the Deer Valley Golf Course in (7899 Hwy 18 & 151) Barneveld, WI with check-in at 9AM and a 10AM shotgun start. The cost is \$60 per person and includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, prizes and a donation to benefit ICHS. **Deadline to register is June 6th.** To register you can pick up a form at the shelter or [download one here](#). If you would like to sponsor a hole please contact Joen Meylor at outreach@ichs.net.

March & April Adoptions

March					April		
Cats				Dogs	Cats	Dogs	
Ms. Frizzle	Charlie	Stanley	Rhoda *+	Crepe ☺+	Bennett	Hobbit	Hogan
Clinton	Wally	Noodles +	Ponzu +	Lefse ☺+		Korbin	Coter
Archer	Courtney	Miso +	Wasabi +			Brownie &	Nilla
Mary* & Twinkle*	Margie	Leela +	Oprah *+			Tweed ☺	
	Favi	Brockney +	Banksy *+			Jansen	
Nala	Squirrel	Phylis *+	Noah +			Bandit	

* = 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 – No FIV kitties at the moment ☺

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.



Hi Amy (Angel's Wish xfer), My names is Mykenzie, I adopted **Leela** on March 30. We went to the vet early last week and he said everything looked great, and that Leela was an incredible cat. Her and my other cat Freya are starting to tolerate each other already!



Thought you might want to see how things are going. **Nilla's** doing great and we LOVE her 😊



Coter is doing GREAT in his new home! He still enjoys playing with his special ball, and will readily drop it to play fetch.



Just wanted to let you know that we think **Charlie Bear** is settling in nicely . . . and that we just love him to pieces! We couldn't have asked for a more loving yet independent cat. Day Three and he is no longer slinking along the perimeters of all the rooms, he's found all the sunny spots (we're in an old rock house with really deep window sills) and the top tier of the cat tree, and we've been given the privilege of rubbing his tummy! He's using the litter boxes and scratching post. His fecal test came back clear. We have a vet appointment next Tuesday for a full baseline check-up including bloodwork – we're sure all will be well!



**IOWA COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY GOLF OUTING**
TO BENEFIT THE IOWA COUNTY
HUMANE SOCIETY



DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH 2019
FORMAT: 4- PERSON BESTSHOT SCRAMBLE
START: 9:00 AM CHECK-IN 10:00 AM SHOTGUN START
FEE: \$60.00 PER PERSON – INCLUDES 18 HOLES WITH CART, LUNCH, PRIZES AND DONATION
DEADLINE: June 6th

SPONSORSHIP FORM

***PLEASE HELP US TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE IOWA COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY
THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR GOLF EVENT***

SPONSOR OPTIONS: (PLEASE CHECK ANY YOU ARE INTERESTED IN)

- **TEE OR GREEN SPONSOR- \$60:** YOUR NAME ON A SIGN PLACED ON A TEE BOX OR GREEN ON EVENT DAY
- **TEE AND GREEN SPONSOR- \$100:** YOUR NAME ON A SIGN PLACED ON A TEE BOX AND ON A GREEN
- **I WISH TO DONATE A DOOR or RAFFLE or HOLE PRIZE** _____

NAME TO APPEAR ON SIGN _____

CONTACT PERSON _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MAIL OR SEND ALL DONATED PRIZES and SPONSORSHIPS TO:
ICHS 305 Cty Rd YZ Dodgeville, WI 53533

MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ICHS
CONTACT PERSON: Joen Meylor 608-444-1768 or e-mail outreach@ichs.net

YES! WE WILL PLAY IN THE ICHS GOLF OUTING ON JUNE 14TH (Deadline: June 6th)

CAPTAIN'S PHONE# _____

CAPTAIN _____ EMAIL _____

PLAYER 2 _____ EMAIL _____

PLAYER 3 _____ EMAIL _____

PLAYER 4 _____ EMAIL _____

WE AGREE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR TEAMS' ENTRY FEE ON EVENT DAY

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ICHS

***Detach & mail this lower portion to: Deer Valley G. C.
Attn: ICHS at 7899 Hwy 18 & 151, Barneveld, WI 53507***