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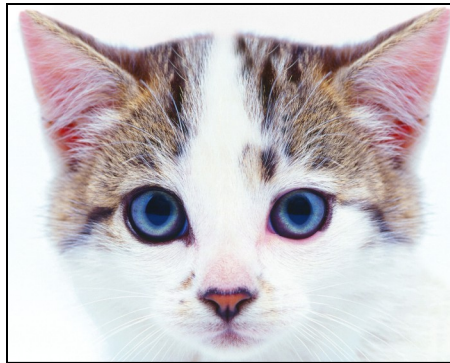
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GCHS Newsletter
December, 2009

We need homes for cats!

The Green County Humane Society shelter continues to have an extremely high cat population. We desperately need to find these felines their loving, forever homes. GCHS is continuing two specials to help encourage more cat adoptions through this holiday season:

- 2-4-1: Adopt one cat and get the second cat free – or adopt one kitty for half-price
- Seniors for Seniors: Senior citizens can adopt a senior pet for a donation



Have a friend, neighbor or family member who has been thinking about getting a new feline friend? Please tell them about our adoption specials, and encourage them to come down to the shelter and see some of our charmers. Call the shelter at 325-9600 to find out more about these adoption specials.

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President's Message:

With another year coming to an end, it is time for us to thank all who have supported the Green County Humane Society with their donations of time, goods and money in 2009. Our mission remains constant in finding forever homes for the cats and dogs in our care. Carrying on this mission is only possible with your continued support and backing.



Each year brings its own set of challenges and opportunities. With support from our membership and the public, we look forward to meeting these challenges and seizing our opportunities for continued growth in 2010.

We must also thank everyone who has adopted or has provided foster care for the animals. With your help and caring, more than 500 cats and dogs have gone to homes so far this year. We wish you all the best with these additions to your family. We thank all of you for opening your hearts and homes to these wonderful cats and dogs.

The addition of an executive director, Deb Broge, will help our GCHS reach goals and grow into a stronger and more professional organization. We welcome Deb to the organization and invite you to stop in and meet her some time.

One of our ongoing goals is working toward a much needed new shelter. Work continues on securing a suitable site and details of a new building. Although progress may not have been as rapid as one would wish, progress is being made. As more information becomes available, we will keep you informed through the media, including our newsletter and website.

On behalf of all those in our care, we wish you a safe holiday season.

— Paul Barrett, GCHS President

Cat Rescue Update

Many of you are aware that in October, GCHS took in 51 cats that were rescued in Monroe from a very sad hoarding situation. Many of the cats were feral and unsuitable for indoor adoptions — but thankfully, many generous folks stepped forward to offer warm, safe outdoor homes for these cats. To date, we have placed all the cats from this seizure. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to these special individuals who have provided caring homes. Once again, GCHS members, supporters and friends have shown their amazing dedication and generosity to our organization and the animals we serve.



Executive Director's Message:

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the members of the Green County Humane Society. As the new Executive Director, I'm truly excited to be able to combine my career experience with my passion for animals. Having grown up on a dairy farm, being a long time 4-H member, and a passionate pet owner provides me with the familiarity of the rewards, concerns and challenges of animal care and welfare.

Since beginning this new position on November 2, 2009, I have had the opportunity to meet with staff, board members, and many existing and potential volunteers. It is gratifying to know how strong the support and advocacy is for the animals that we care for. I want to contribute to that passion by working towards the following goals:

- To work closely with the staff and board to achieve and implement the goals of this organization;
- To help increase the funding sources so necessary for the success of the Humane Society and care of the animals;
- To increase adoptions;
- To strengthen the volunteer program and increase awareness of the help needed at the shelter;
- To increase community awareness/ collaboration about the shelter, our needs, and the animals we care for

These are just a few of the initial plans I will be working towards. As we continue to expand and grow, and as our needs increase



Deb Broge of Monticello is the new Executive Director for GCHS. (Photo reprinted with permission of *The Monroe Times*)

and change, we need to stay flexible, open to new ideas, and work together in a spirit of cooperation so we can better serve our most important clients – the shelter animals that so desperately need a compassionate and loving home. I look forward to helping this organization reach those goals and move forward.

As with any opportunity for growth comes change. Please feel free to stop by the shelter and share your suggestions and ideas with me. I always look forward to positive resolutions and new collaborations that will move us forward. Thank you to all who have supported the Green County Humane Society – now and to come; we appreciate all that you do!!

Have a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season.

— Deb Broge, Executive Director

Wish List:

The GCHS shelter is in need of:

- Someone to haul donated aluminum cans
- Paper shredder
- Paper cutter
- Laminator
- Laundry detergent
- Dawn dish soap
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Bleach (Clorox brand)
- Postage stamps
- Towels/blankets
- Choke chains
- Collars (black, red, green and blue only)
- 6-foot leashes
- Dog and cat toys
- Scoopable cat litter
- Rawhides
- New toothbrushes
- Stainless steel dishes and 3-quart pails
- Muzzles, sizes 0–3

Shelter Hours

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN
Closed	12-8	Closed	12-5	12-5	12-5	12-5

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Donations

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Ross, Amy
Sandlin, Justin & Patricia
Sasso, Charles & Vicki
Schmidt, Michael
Schrock, Arthur & Barbara

A WORD OF THANKS

We'd like to offer special Thank You to "The Garage Sale Ladies." Led by Geri Bartholf and Kathy Dreikosen, this team once again did a phenomenal job organizing and running the fall GCHS sale. And a big Thank You also goes to everyone who donated their treasures for the sale and baked goodies for the bake sale!

Schutte, Ryan & Yvonne
Severson, Sonja
Snyder, John
Solberg, Lyles
Spors, Darrell & Susan
St Francis of Assisi
Thome, Ken & Terry
Thompson, Larry & Patricia
Torkelson, Jodee
VanMatre, Barry
Veen, Kasie
Vickerman, Bob & Gaida
Winkers, Rhonda
Yahr, Scott & Karen

In Honor Of

Gillespie, John & Susan
In honor of Tilda
Parmer, Stuart & Maggie
In honor of Baylor
Regez, Mary
In honor of Walt Regez
Vosberg, Phillip & Laura
In honor of Sheila Burris' Birthday

In Memory Of

Bauman, John & Hillary
In memory of Chaz Blyth
Kubik, Kathryn
In memory of Cinders
Kundert, John & Laura
In memory of Florence Lanz
Roenneburg, Dale & Louise
In memory of Gilbert Hintz
Rezabek, Cheryl & Strous, Robert
In memory of Karen Hanson
Golemb, Roger

In memory of Karen Hanson
Hamilton, Mary
In memory of Marion Zwicker
Zamora, Margie
In memory of Oakley
Dreier, NF & Rosella
In memory of Patricia Duffey
Duffey, Roger
In memory of Patricia Duffey
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In memory of Patricia Duffey
Holland, Nicholas & Paula
In memory of Patricia Duffey
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In memory of Patricia Duffey
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In memory of Patricia Duffey
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In memory of Patricia Duffey
Verdouw, John & Barbara
In memory of Patricia Duffey
Woodworth, Robert & Susan
In memory of Patricia Duffey
Rockow, Joette
In memory of Randy Rockow
Solberg, Lyles
In memory of Robert Derendinger
Newman, Chet & Donna
In memory of Russ Keen
Darwin, Dennis & Patricia
In memory of Ruth Raivala
Newman, Chet & Donna
In memory of Smokey
Zimmerman, Karen
In memory of Suzanne, Dusty, Smokey, and Russ

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Brugger, Kristin
Curran, Gene & Sue
Goepfert, Dan & Dee
Gruber-Hagen, JoAnn
Huebner, Theodore & Phyllis
Hulbert, Nick & Tracey

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New Volunteer Procedures In Place At Shelter

In an effort to make the volunteer experience a gratifying and positive one, the shelter is updating its volunteer process for volunteering at the shelter. We hope these changes will be helpful:

Existing Volunteers:

- Please check in/out with receptionist during shelter hours and staff member after shelter hours.
- Please be sure to sign in and sign out in the volunteer book.
- Staff are taking animals from the dog kennel areas and bringing them to the volunteer in the reception area; please do not take dogs out of their kennels – thank you!
- If you are a new or recent volunteer, please call ahead; a schedule is being developed so that volunteers have an opportunity to do the things they would like to at the shelter, and we are trying to coordinate volunteers to have

enough coverage at peak times.

New volunteers

- If you would like to volunteer and haven't as of yet, please stop by the shelter and pick up a volunteer application (or one can be emailed) and volunteer handbook to review.
- After your application has been processed, you will receive a welcome letter. Please call the shelter upon receiving your letter to set up a time when you would like to volunteer.
- A staff member will go over tasks to be done and how to complete them.

As always, we appreciate all help, donations and support that our wonderful volunteers provide. THANKS!!

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Krebs, George & Robbins, Kari	Bulmer, Linda
Kubik, Laura	Caldwell, Nancy
Lancaster, William & Carol	Carpenter, Richard & Jackie
Muranyi, Shelley	Deegen, Maddie
Norder, Susan Joy	Gentry, Ruth
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	Schmidt, Scott & Mary
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Material Donations

Ackerman, Pat
Amble, Lester
Ambrose, Anita
Becker, Darlynn

SPECIAL REQUESTS

The GCHS board of directors has a few special requests as 2009 draws to a close.

- **Funding for Audit:** At the annual meeting in May, members voted to keep the requirement in the bylaws that GCHS perform an annual audit. Having an audit done is very costly – the bid GCHS received is for \$2,900. Any help covering the cost of this audit would be greatly appreciated.
- **Commercial dryer:** The dryer needs to be replaced. This is a commercial unit and receives heavy use.
- **Laptop and projector:** GCHS is looking for a laptop and projector to use for making public presentations. If you have new or newer equipment you would like to donate, please let us know. Also, we would welcome the opportunity to speak to your club or organization about GCHS, our animals and what we do. If you're looking for a speaker, please contact us.

Coming soon!

Look for GCHS on Facebook and Twitter!

Happy Endings

Congratulations to the following pets and their new families!

Adoptions

CATS

Jamie
Bandit II
Peony
Kissa
Charly
Breeze
Miriam
Rana
Yakkity
Shooter
Biff
Giddy
Quasar
Mirage
Keli
Bubbles
Fiona
Autumn
Donna
Mishap
Dominica
Perry
Astex
Tesora
Hardy II

Ditto
Jigger
Tammy
Waffer
Jackie
Prettyful
Birkitty
Kung Pao
Paulette
Claudius
Hunter
Gemini 2
Rozzy
Manx
Marbles
Libra
Maisie
Jumby
Phoebe
Scrapper
Hobo
Sonic
Benjamin
Blanka
Kippy
Tex
Finnegan
Lilith II

Basher
Zorro
Alfalfa
Octagon
Edsel
Connie
Dinky
Taki
Bucky
Ashie
Lady Di
Kanga
Wonton
Nissa
Oliver
Impkin
Snitz
Dresden
Clancy
Java
Shimmer
Galoot
Beanie
Taurus
Chewbacca
Miley
Kaboodle
Baloo
Phil
Nitrus

May
Marla
Nimbus
Hopeful
Nevea
Gabbie
Lasher
Lilac
Jett
Marloo
Marlene
Peepers
Puff
Vamose

DOGS

Tayla
Luke Skywalker
Blair
Silhouette
Sidney
Sky
Zip
Scamp
Noda
Sye
Barney
Tiny
Snoopy

Hot Diggity
Krueger
Syd
Hannaball
Bud
Stitch
Sycle
Miami
Scarf
Holly
Speckles
Lilo
Barker
Ferdie
Puckett
Kama
Tamba
Sonora
Shebah
Chloe
Barkly
Rickey
Ray Ann
Madison II
Troy
O'Malley
Webber

From the mailbag:

Dear Green County Humane Society,

Just wanted to drop you a note and let you know that Tessa, the dog my family adopted in July 2008, continues to do well. She is happy and healthy, loves walking to school in the morning with my son and I, and is a loved and cherished by our family.

Thanks again for helping Tessa become a part of this family!

*Sincerely,
Heather Way*

SNAP Funds Available

Do you or someone you know require financial assistance to spay or neuter a pet? GCHS has a Spay/Neuter Assistance Program to help offset the cost of altering dogs and cats. Money for the SNAP program comes from a United Way grant. Please call the shelter at 325-9600 for more information about the program.

Want to receive your GCHS newsletter electronically? Email Mary Jane Grenzow, grenzow@tds.net



Spay/Neuter Day Fall 2009



GCHS and ENAH (Everyone Needs A Home) partnered to bring a Free Spay/Neuter Day to Monroe in October. It was a terrific success! We were able to spay/neuter 30 cats for Green and Lafayette County residents with financial need. We contracted with Dane County Humane Society's mobile spay unit to come to Monroe and perform the surgeries. Monroe Auto Sales donated the use of its facility for the event. Volunteers from GCHS and ENAH assisted pet owners with registration and the veterinary staff from DCHS. GCHS and ENAH hopes to bring more spay/neuter events to the area on a regular basis and expand the program to include dogs. One generous anonymous donor has already stepped forward to provide half the funding needed for a January event, with GCHS providing funding for the other half. We encourage service groups, businesses and individuals to consider co-sponsoring similar events in the future — there is a clear need in our communities for this type of assistance. Together we can help stop the cycle of pet overpopulation!

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Calendar of Events:

Dec. 19: Day with Santa, 10 a.m. to noon, Monroe Auto Sales. Featuring bake sale, animals, Jaimie the Clydesdale and Santa. Baked goods and homemade goodies needed!



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April - May 1: Purchase for Paws... the Purrfect Garage Sale, Monroe Auto Sales, 101 W, 8th St., Household items may be donated; please, no clothes. Schwan's Truck Load Sale for Paws in conjunction with the Purchase for Paw. Buy your favorite Schwan's treat and help support GCHS.

May 6: GCHS Annual Meeting

May 22: "Wash For Paws"

June 25: "Wash For Paws"

July 10: 9th Annual Pedal for Paws...the Purrfect Bike Tour.

Swine Flu Infects Housecat—Are Your Pets Safe?

Ever since the news broke earlier this month that an American cat caught the swine flu, rumors about how pets can catch this disease have been spreading—but we're here to set the record straight!



"On November 2, test results confirmed that a pet cat in Iowa was infected by the H1N1 (swine flu) virus, which was most likely transmitted by human family members," reports Dr. Louise Murray, Director of Medicine at the ASPCA. "All family members, including the cat, have now recovered. In unrelated incidents in other states, a few pet ferrets also recently tested positive for H1N1, and one of them has died." Although we already knew that infected humans could transmit H1N1 to both pigs and turkeys, these are the first reported cases of the virus affecting cats and ferrets.

According to Dr. Murray, there are no known instances of a dog catching H1N1 (but remember, it is flu season, and your dogs are still susceptible to catching other flu bugs). In addition, **there is currently no evidence that H1N1 can be passed from pet to human**—it seems to be going only the other way, with people transmitting the illness to their pets.

A little common sense will go a long way in decreasing the likelihood of passing the illness on to your pets. If members of your household are exhibiting flu-like symptoms, the ASPCA recommends protecting your pets by:

- washing hands thoroughly,
- covering coughs and sneezes and
- avoiding close contact with pets during the course of the illness.

In fact, if you're sick, it's a good idea to give your pets a place other than your bedroom to sleep at night until you get better.

If any pet displays symptoms such as lethargy, loss of appetite, coughing, sneezing or difficulty breathing—especially if a human family member has recently suffered from influenza—please contact your veterinarian.

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