



Green County  
Humane Society

# GCHS

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## GCHS Newsletter December 2010

### Upcoming Events

**December 11: Madison**  
Pictures with Santa  
PetSmart Madison West  
11:00am-4:00pm

**December 18: Monroe**  
Paw Day with Santa  
Monroe Auto Sales  
10:00am-12:00pm

### Volunteer Coordinator Needed

Put your people skills to use while helping GCHS. We are looking for someone to work with our volunteers. If interested, please contact Paul Barrett at 608-558-2030 or pbarrett@tds.net. See our website for more details.

### Holiday Special!

GCHS has many wonderful cats and kittens looking for loving families this holiday season. From December 5 through December 31, the adoption fee for cats of all ages has been reduced to \$5.00. All animals are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, de-wormed, treated with flea/tick medication, and tested for feline leukemia, FIV, and ringworm. An adoption application and approval is required.

Call for more information or stop by the shelter to pick out the newest member of your family!

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### Special Events

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The GCHS Board of Directors and Staff would like wish everyone a happy holiday season and thank you for your generous support of our mission in 2010!

### A Shelter Dog's Christmas Poem

Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town,  
every shelter is full – we are lost, but not found,

Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare,  
we hope every minute that someone will care,

They'll come to adopt us and give us the call,  
"Come here, Max and Sparkie – come catch your new ball!!"

But now we sit here and think of the days...  
we were treated so fondly – we had cute, baby ways,

Once we were little, then we grew and we grew  
now we're no longer young and we're no longer new.

So out the back door we were thrown like the trash,  
they reacted so quickly – why were they so rash?

We "jump on the children", "don't come when they call",  
we "bark when they leave us", climb over the wall.

We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed,  
now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.

If only they'd trained us, if only we knew...  
we'd have done what they asked us and worshipped them, too.

We were left in the backyard, or worse – left to roam-  
now we're tired and lonely and out of a home.

They dropped us off here and they kissed us good-bye...  
"Maybe someone else will give you a try".

So now here we are, all confused and alone...  
in a shelter with others who long for a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat,  
with so many to care for, they can't always chat,

They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer...  
we know that they wonder how long we'll be here.

We lay down to sleep...and sweet dreams fill our heads...  
of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds.

Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears –  
our friends filled with emptiness, worry, and fear.

If you can't adopt us and there's no room at the Inn –  
could you help with the bills and fill our food bin?

We count on your kindness each day of the year –  
can you give more than hope to everyone here?

Please make a donation to pay for the heat...  
and help get us something special to eat.

The shelter that cares for us wants us to live,  
and more of us will, if more people will give.

**Thank you to our wonderful vets: Dr. Amy Hagen & Dr. Lisa Holcomb!**

## Executive Director's Message

*Deb Broge, GCHS Executive Director*

As we come to the end of another year, the staff and animals at the shelter would like to say THANK YOU for all of the support and commitment that so many of you have provided this year:

- A special thank you to all of the adopters who gave our shelter friends a forever home.
- Thank you for the many supplies that have helped to make the animals more comfortable
- Thank you for the many treats and toys – the animals really enjoy and appreciate the little extras!
- Thank you for helping to restock the ongoing need of cleaning supplies that keep the shelter clean and the animals healthy
- Thank you to the many students who have completed service projects and helped at the shelter – your time, talents, and help were greatly appreciated!
- Thank you to the kids who brought in their gifts from birthday parties and lemonade stands, and school collection drives
- Thank you to the individuals, the families, and groups who have given thousands of hours of time to help clean, walk dogs, cuddle/socialize the cats and kittens, and so much more
- Thank you to our foster homes who have taken in the pregnant cats and new litters in to their homes giving them the best start and getting them ready for adoption
- And thank you to everyone who continues to support with donations of money, ongoing sponsorships, helping out at events and at the shelter. Thank you for your time and commitment.

Each of you are very special and we thank you for your giving hearts. From all of us here at the shelter, a blessed and happy holiday season.

## Wish List

**We have an urgent need for the following:**

- Large bath towels
- Kitten toys
- Stamps
- Canned kitten/cat food (Science Diet, please)
- Dog food (Science Diet, please)
- Dog treats/biscuits
- Clorox bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Yesterday's News Cat Litter

**Thank you to all who have made donations. We appreciate you keeping the shelter well-stocked!**

# Green County Humane Society Success Stories

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We love Scarlett (aka Sarina). She fits in with our pets just great. Our other dog, Midnight and her have started playing together.

Thank you so much for your help. We are very happy with her.

Gary & Fran



As you can see - things are good! It was very emotional for me - of course I cry easy, but I had so much love to give these kitties that it just spilled over!

Mary



Oliver as we prepare for his 1st birthday.

Just wanted you to see Oliver and how handsome he is! And I wanted to thank you for allowing me to find a BFF!

Jo Anne



I thought I would let you all know I still have Honey. She is the little girl I never had. This is a picture of her and her brother. I can not imagine my life without her. Thank you so much for letting me adopt her.

Rachel



This is a picture of Goliath and Gully enjoying the warm sun.

Kyle & Haley



Here are a few photos of the kitties from the day we brought them home. Jasper crawled right into Steve's lap!



They are doing great, exploring more of the house every day, this morning they found that going under a bed and into the bathtub is quite fun and interesting!

Gail



Just wanted to let you know Bella (Baby Jane) has really settled into our house! She seems very comfortable. She has been very sweet, friendly and cuddly! We are very happy to have her!

Jody

We just wanted to send you a quick message and let you know that Rochelle is doing great. She is a wonderful dog who follows Bridgid around like a little kid. Bridgid says she is just like a three year old. She listens well, only has to be told once if she is doing something that we disapprove of. She hasn't had any "accidents" in the house, she loves to go for long walks, and rides in the car better than most kids. She likes to sleep where she can see us, don't know if she is afraid we are going to leave her. Again, she has been nothing but the best dog ever, we both feel that alot of people who passed on her in the past, missed out on a chance to have a great dog. Thanks to all of you at GCHS for taking care of our special baby. We love her like she has been with us forever.

Tim & Bridgid

Brady (Bobbi) and Annie (Bailey) are working out great. They are fantastic with our girls. They love to be held, dressed up, even pushed in doll strollers! When they need a break, they relax on the screened in porch or on top of their cat tree. We really love them.

The Greenfields

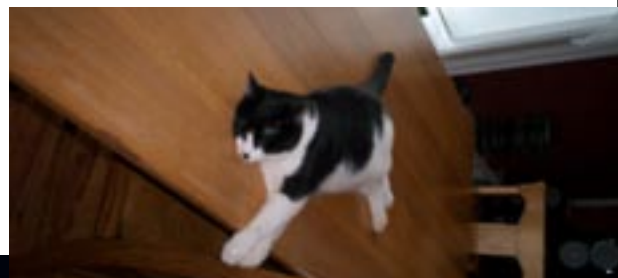
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This is our older daughter holding Briggs and younger daughter holding Annie. They are wonderful cats. I hope the siblings find a good home because they are fantastic with kids.

Alivia



Hi everyone, this is Dottie, I was adopted by Ed & Betsy. I wanted to let you know that I have very quickly adapted to my new home; I feel (and act) like I have lived here all my life. Last night, I got to sleep between my owners and that was quite comfy. I don't think I have quit purring since I arrived.



Ed & Betsy have diligently been brushing me and my coat looks great. You will see by the pictures that I have found some great places to nap. I have even taken to RUNNING from here to there just to stretch my legs. My stepsister Oreo, who looks exactly like me only without a dot on her nose, hasn't adapted very well yet but Ed says she will in time. She hisses and growls a lot but I am being very patient and giving her lots of her own space.

I love watching the birds and we have windows that are low to the ground so I can look outside anytime I want to. Also, the dining room table that I like to lay on is right in front of a big window that happens to have a bird feeder on the other side of it. Woo hooo! Birdies!

Bye for now. Say hello to all my kitty friends.

It has been a month since I brought the boys home, Jack (Jackity) and Audie (Alucard). Both have adjusted quite well...Much of their days are spent on the front porch, which has plenty of windows and lounging space....I call Audie my problem child, only because he is the most curious and if anything gets knocked over I know he did it!! Jack is the mellow one and meows when he wants to get my attention!! They both have given me companionship and I am so glad that I got to bring them home!!

Mary



I just wanted to drop you a note to say how much we love "Carmen" our newly adopted dog. We have had her for several weeks now and she is already fitting in nicely. She will chase the farm cats if they run but otherwise she will lick them affectionately.

She has become friends with the horses and especially the foal.

Carmen is very smart and learns quickly. She is very loving and we couldn't ask for a better friend. I'm so happy to have found her. She loves running around on the farm when I am doing the horse chores in the barn every morning and night. She always comes running when I call her name.

Thank you for all you do for the animals at the shelter.

Barb

We just wanted to say thank you again for taking in and caring for our new puppy Nutmeg. We re-named her Lola, although our family said her original name was very fitting for her color. We did end up buying the house with the HUGE yard and she absolutely loves it! We couldn't be happier!

Three weeks ago we went to our first dog class with Lola and she did quite well. At our second class the teachers noticed her increased confidence and skills we had learned the week before. They were an excellent recommendation. [The trainer] loves Lola!

Nick & Brianna



If you have a success story you would like to share, please e-mail Deb Broge at [dbroge@greencountyhumane.org](mailto:dbroge@greencountyhumane.org).

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**Donation period:  
June-October 2010**



## Christmas Presents for Your Pet



As pet owners, we all like to have special little gifts under the tree for our special dog or cat. What about giving them something that can really impact the quality of their life?

### *Micro-chips*

Micro-chipping has helped to reunite many pets with their owners. A simple microchip is implanted under the skin of your pet which is unique to only your pet. If your pet is separated from you and is found by someone else, scanning your pet can link them back to their owner. All dogs are micro-chipped before adopting from the shelter; check with your vet if your current pet is not micro-chipped.

### *Collars & ID Tags*

Purchase a spiffy new collar for your pet and have a pet ID tag attached with your name & phone number (one that doesn't change often like a cell phone does!) and your pet's name. Rabies & License tags also help identify your animal quickly.

### *Animal Health Check*

If your pet hasn't seen the vet in a while, why not give your pet a "wellness visit"? Nothing gives me more peace of mind than to know my pet is current with vaccinations and is in good shape which equates to a longer, healthier, and happier life.

### *Day at the Spa (groomer)*

A bath, a grooming, nail trimming and ear cleaning, and maybe a cut – what better way to make them feel special and help keep them healthy.

### *Dental Cleaning*

Keeping their teeth clean helps to keep them healthy as well.

As responsible pet owners, what better gifts could we bestow upon our beloved pets? We owe it to them to care and provide for them.

## Pets & Children

A pet can be a wonderful Christmas present for a family with children, but parents need to do their part to keep children safe. Even the friendliest most loving pet has the potential to injure when scared, threatened or when overly excited. And there is a lot of excitement during the holidays. So here are a few tips when you bring that new Christmas Kitten or Puppy home for the kids:

- Know about the breed of dog/cat before you get one; know if it does well in an apartment or needs more space; is it a high energy or low energy pet; does it require a lot of activity or will it be happy as a couch potato? Your lifestyle has a lot to do with the type of pet you should get.

- Supervise your children and pets; never leave a young child/toddler or infant alone with an animal.

- Teach pet responsibility - children can be responsible for feeding and watering, under the guidance of a parent; also teaches the pet to respect them as a caregiver.

- Have enough pet toys available and keep them separate from children's toys.

- Teach children to not awaken a sleeping pet or bother a pet when its eating.

- Never take a toy or treat from an animals mouth.

- Don't play rough games like tug of war or wrestling, which can over-stimulate an animal.

- Teach children to not hug or grab at ears and tails; most animals do not like that kind of contact, especially in the beginning when becoming adjusted to their new home environment and family.

Pets provide much companionship and love within the home, teach your child respect and how to treat animals, and enjoy your new addition to the family.



## Congratulations to the following pets and their new families!

### CATS

Munchkin  
Squirt  
Carson  
Heather  
Sabrina II  
Silver Bell  
Hayden  
Sasha  
Rory  
Avril  
Lucy  
Jackity  
Alucard  
Lana  
Leo  
Chrysanthemum  
Roy  
Roger II  
Pokey  
Larry  
Birtha  
Swirl  
Ava  
Cool Whip  
Rosemary  
Patrick  
Princeton  
Nina  
Nick  
Samson  
Pepper II  
Rover  
Muggs  
Lamora  
Millie  
Simon  
Belinda  
Gulliver  
Macy  
Abbey  
Wheezie  
Winona  
Lin  
Micah  
Wanita  
Harlequin  
Melinda

Caleb  
Cooper  
Comet  
Ean  
Snickerdoodle  
Mortimer  
Romeo III  
Simba  
Sassifras  
Lavender  
Logan  
Francis  
Elizabeth  
Clementine  
Violet II  
Chesney  
Knoll  
New Girl  
Ginsing  
Quantum  
Isolde  
Tre  
Trish  
Mulligan  
Bobbi  
Baily  
Peapers  
Blackster  
Cover Girl  
Falk  
Tibbitt  
Peanuts  
Lor  
Lil Feller  
Herbie  
Brady  
Jewels  
Birdie

### DOGS

Ike II  
Katana  
Ella  
Murphy  
Eddie  
Sonny  
Cher  
Lorryn  
Baelly Boy  
Gage  
Francine  
Roz  
Rambo  
Dolly  
Dakota  
Audrey  
Carmen II  
Wilfred  
Shasta  
Milo  
Doug  
Cash  
Feona  
Jesse  
Elvis  
Sookie  
Shorty  
Julian  
Neal  
Duffy  
Shrek  
Cinnamon  
Ginger  
Joe  
Baby Jane  
Muffy

Adoption period: July-October



## Paws on Parade & Cheese Days



During the Cheese Days Parade, people and their dogs walked along with the Milwaukee Brewer Racing Sausages, WEKZ big radio, and Rebels soccer team. Shelter dogs, shelter alumni, weiner dogs, and open class dogs all joined in on the fun! K-9 Officer Loki and Officer Dan Maresch led the group. Forty five dogs checked in and \$98 dollars in donations were collected at the event.

Also during Cheese Days, Guerin Chiropractic generously donated the use of their parking lot to GCHS. People paid to park there, raising \$989! Thanks to Mike Jerge for organizing this event!



## Holiday Entreaty

*Dr. Amy Hagen, DVM*

As the snow begins to fly and families look forward to spending cozy time indoors with loved ones, I wanted to take a moment to share with you a few dear cats that our entire GCHS staff would love to see enter their forever homes this holiday season.

First, to highlight a few of our older, gentler beasties – Carney, Katie and Meghan. These ladies have truly entered their “retirement” phase of life, desiring quiet, restful adoration. Each thinks she is the best cat in the world, and would appreciate getting undivided attention (no other pets in their future households, please). Carney has requested a peaceful retirement home with a nice view, where she will be allowed to continue her 20-plus hours of daily beauty rest. Katie loves to “talk”, persistently requesting attention. Although she has no complaints about her 21-month residency at GCHS, Katie enjoys day-dreaming about her forever home. Meghan is a sweet orange tabby – don’t let her constant scowl fool you, she’s always willing to cuddle and make you smile! For individuals with fragile skin or those living in places requiring cats to be declawed, both Carney and Meghan were declawed prior to their arrival at GCHS.

Another group of cats that are eagerly awaiting their forever homes are those cats that have tested positive for either Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV) or Feline Leukemia Virus (FeLV). While either of these diseases may shorten a cat’s lifespan, we are hoping that each of these cats may find a big-hearted person to take them home for the remainder of their lives, whether that is many years or just a few months. Because these diseases are contagious to other cats, these animals should go to single-cat households, and should not be allowed outside.

Tom is one of our most loveable, happy-go-lucky cats. He willingly rolls onto his back, encouraging his favorite attention – belly rubs! Tom was diagnosed with FeLV almost a year ago. While our experiences with other cats with this disease indicate that he may only have a couple of months left to live, please consider giving this dear cat a place in your home and a place in your heart.

Shayla and Einstein are a pair you don’t want to miss. Shayla is a playful calico that gives marvelous hugs. Her buddy Einstein is a debonair longhaired gray and white cat, always eager for some loving attention. Both have tested positive for FIV, and having bonded during their stay at GCHS, we would like to keep these friends together.

Bonnie is a petite gray tabby. Her gentle purr starts up immediately with petting. Heading into her 14th month with us, this sweet little FIV positive cat would make a very loving companion.

Anya arrived at our shelter in November of last year as a tiny 5-week-old kitten. After struggling through several infections and a serious drug reaction, she was diagnosed with FIV. Although almost her entire life has been spent at GCHS, this rambunctious cat wants to be a playful addition to a loving household.

These are just a few of the many marvelous, loveable animals that are patiently waiting at GCHS. Stop on by this holiday season, and we’ll match you up with the perfect pet for your family!

## 2010 Farmers Market Booth a Big Success!

*Emily Sievers*



The Monroe "Market on the Square" ran from mid-May through the end of October, and thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers we were able to attend the market on most Saturday mornings to advertise shelter animals available for adoption and raise community awareness of the Green County Humane Society. Our booth at the market was stocked with volunteer and adoption applications, information about adoption policies, extra copies of the current newsletter, items for sale, and a donation jar. Total donations for the summer came to \$326. Our hard-working volunteers answered questions about the shelter and campaigned to get our animals on display adopted. Their efforts truly paid off. By the end of the season we had adopted out 15 kittens and 11 dogs as a direct result of having them at the market.

There are many people to thank for making this such a successful season. First, thanks to Monroe Main Street for hosting the market and giving us a space for our booth. A huge thank you goes to all the dedicated volunteers: Traci Genz, Sharon Drews, Molly and Elliott Jasper, Jocelyn Kline, LuAnne Rosa, Shelley Muranyi, Sue and Paul Barrett, Norah Sanders, Sherri Fiduccia, Heidi Treuthardt, Dean Counselman, and Lester Grossen. Paul Barrett was an extraordinary help with set-up and take-down almost every week, and Chris Soukup kindly filled in when Paul couldn't make it. Last, but not least, thanks to Deb Broge for selecting dogs and cats to attend the market each week and keeping a tally of the number that were adopted. We needed the support of this whole group to pull it off! It's not too soon to begin planning for next year, so if you want to be a part of this effort in the future please contact me at [esievers3@hotmail.com](mailto:esievers3@hotmail.com) and stop by the shelter to fill out a volunteer application. Here's to another successful season!



For four Wednesday Farmer Markets this summer, Norah Sanders sold flowers from her garden in vintage colored glass vases. She was helped by John Rosa and Sue Barrett. Over the course of four weeks, over \$1,000 was raised! If the vase was brought back on any of the Wednesdays, it was filled for half the purchase amount or traded it for a vase of the same value. A great time was had by all. "Petals for Paws" will return again next summer!