



Oconto Area Humane Society

The Cowardly Lion

Written By: Amber Batchelor



Ash came to the shelter as a transfer on October 26, 2017 from the Milwaukee shelter. He was found as a stay, matted, underweight, and emotionally shut down. I was walking my other dog River around the block near the shelter the day he was transferred and could hear the schnauzer alarm from across the field and knew I had to meet him. He took time to come out of his shell and learn that he was safe. He was a flight risk trying to get out the door any chance he got and not afraid to show his disagreement with aggression. Seeing his tenacity and drive for what he wanted we learned to work together. He learned freedom came with respect and his drive and energy got (Continues on page 2)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY
8

Shelter Board Meeting **July 8th 6:15**

Contact the shelter at 920-835-1738 to attend a shelter board meeting.


All upcoming fundraising events have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID-19.

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channeled into sports. He now lives for the obedience show ring and loves showing off for the crowd. He enjoys agility and the ever changing challenges it brings. Most of all he enjoys his busy life and the constant on the go that he was searching for. This shut down and timid guy has taught me so much and I look forward to the many adventures in the future.

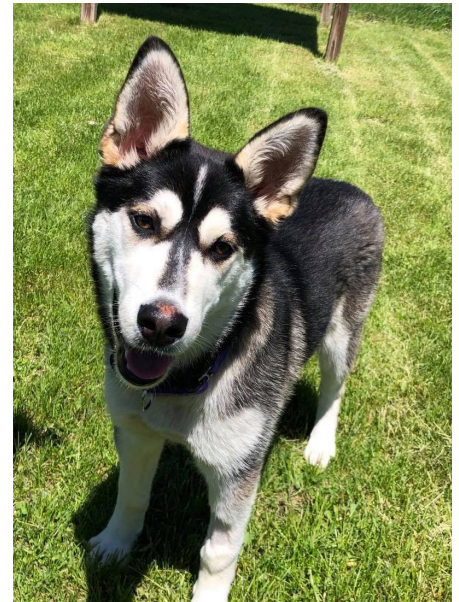


Pandemic, Pups, and Purrs!

Through COVID-19 we have been incredibly grateful to have the support of the community. When the safer in place order was declared we had an amazing outpour of adoptions and fostering. Within four days we had 30 animals exit the shelter.

Our annual fundraising events have been cancelled this summer due to COVID-19. Many of these events were a large source of our annual monetary donations. During these trying times, we are asking for extra support from the community to help fund the OAHS shelter.

If you would like to donate for the animals visit the website below:
ocontoareahumane.org/donate



2019 SHELTER STATS JANUARY TO JUNE

363
INTAKE

64 FOSTERED

18 RECLAIMED



90 animals at the shelter this time last year 35 in foster homes

2020 SHELTER STATS JANUARY TO JUNE

291
INTAKE

113 FOSTERED

22 RECLAIMED



34 animals currently at the shelter 40 currently in foster



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New and Improved!



Before



After

Last month the outdoor dog kennels received a well needed face lift! The outdoor kennels allow the dogs outdoor access throughout the day and greatly increases their quality of life during their stay at the shelter. Outdoor sunbathing and mid-day nap time helps reduce the dogs' stress levels while at the shelter. These kennels provide a crucial function for our dogs. They allow us to clean dogs' kennels with aggression issues safely and allows the dogs to get a lot of stimulation when watching the wildlife outside. With the help of donations and grants it was full speed ahead on install for the new kennels. With the help of Fence Link in Abrams, we were able to update the kennels and create a safer environment for the OAHS shelter dogs!

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

**AUG.
21**

OAHS Dog Wash

Where: Oconto Area Humane Society

Time: 10AM - 1PM

Come pamper your pooch and support a great cause! Dog washing includes wash, towel dry, and brushing. Nail trims included for additional donation.

**AUG.
25**

Volunteer Orientation

Where: Oconto Area Humane Society

Starts at: 5:15PM

After a year and a half, we are now welcoming volunteers back!

**SEPT.
8**

September Board Meeting

Where: Farnsworth Library Oconto

Starts at: 6:15PM

Please contact the shelter for more information if you would like to attend a future board meeting.

**SEPT.
11**

Lena Dairy Fest Parade

Where: Lena, WI

Check us out in the Dairy Fest parade! The staff and board members will be bringing along our adoptable dogs.

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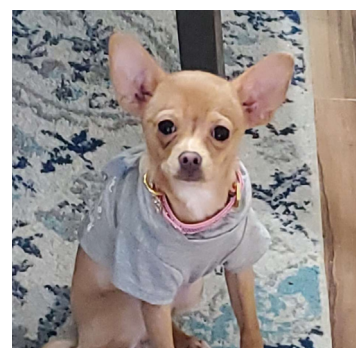
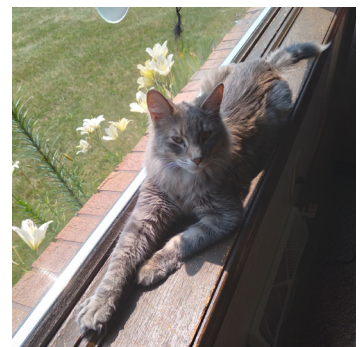
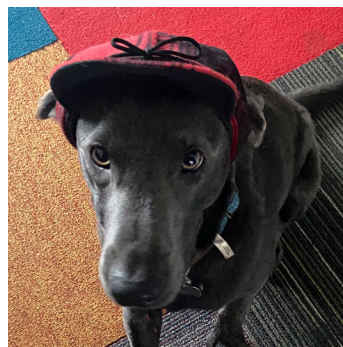
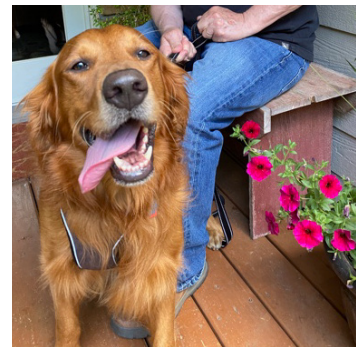
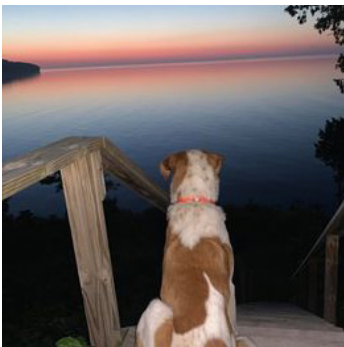
Emery is looking for a home!

Emery is a 8 year old bully mix in need of a fantastic loving home. She has quite the extensive medical history including; Cushing's Disease, Lymes Disease, and Anaplasmosis. She has had a rough go health wise but personality wise she is a darling! This rotund girly is ready for a playful home with lots of time for outdoor relaxin'. What does she require from you? Snuggles and stuffy toys of course! She insist on carrying toys everywhere she goes! If you are interested in fostering or adopting Emery, contact the shelter for more information.



Emery has been at the OAHS shelter for 3 months searching for a home.

Reciveing updates of our OAHS alumni in their forever homes is a lovely perk of the job!



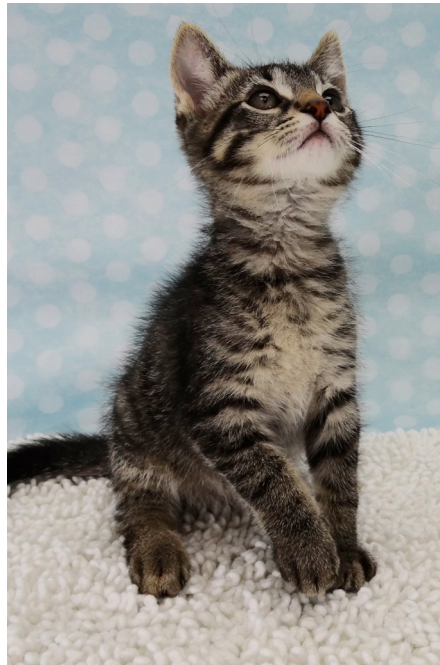


Whiskers, Wags, & Wishes

Finding a Stray Animal.

Written By: Lexi Woodworth, Shelter Director

Summer is one of the busiest seasons at the shelter. Not only is it kitten season but the nice weather causes the animals to move around more than in the cold winter months. During the Spring, Summer, and Fall seasons it is not uncommon for the shelter to take in stray animals on a daily basis. A stray animal is an animal whose background we do not know. This animal could be lost, abandoned, or wild. Whenever an animal comes in, OAHS does our best job to ensure they are able to make it back home. Before even coming into the shelter these stray animals are found by good citizens in the community and we often get calls from people who have found a stray and are unsure what to do with them. This article will touch on different things to consider when you find a stray animal.






When you see an animal roaming you may feel it is lost, but before trying to catch it stop and see what the animal is doing. If it does not look panicked or appears on a mission chances are the animal will wander home. Some animals regularly go on adventures away from home and may very well be on their way back. Sometimes it can be better to monitor the animal and see if it returns home before trying to capture it. We have had situations where an animal was found as a stray right next door to where they belong.

If you are very concerned about the animal's safety and you feel it will not put you in danger to catch *(continues on page 2)*

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the animal then you can try to capture them. It is important that before you attempt to capture the animal you make sure you have the ability to care for it until an owner is found. Depending on the area you find the animal you may or may not be able to bring it to a humane society/animal shelter. If this is the case and the municipality does not have anywhere for strays to go then you may have to keep the animal until the owners are found. Also, different places (holding facilities/shelters) have different hours and if they are closed you may have to wait until they are open to bring the animal to the shelter. Either way if you have to bring an animal to your home it is best to quarantine it from other animals you currently have and use caution when handling and transporting them. Stray animals can be scared and can act aggressively because of this fear.

Whether you are able to safely capture the animal or not is always best to contact Animal Control and authorities for that area. Sometimes they will recognize the description of the animal and know where it belongs or they will have the proper equipment to capture and transport the animal. They will also know what you should do with the animal if you already have it in your possession.

Whether you see or you have caught a stray animal we recommend capturing a photo and sharing it on social media sites

and with local animals shelters, vet clinics, and police departments. One of these entities may already have information on where the pet belongs or they can take the information so if someone calls missing an animal that matches that description they can connect you with them.

The most important thing to keep in mind when you have located a stray is safety. As mentioned before a stray animal can be fearful which can lead to unpredictable behavior. Never allow children to handle a stray animal and only approach if the animal's body language appears calm and relaxed. Do not chase a dog or cat, simply call them and allow them to come to you. Chasing an animal causes them to run farther or go into a fear mode which could put you in danger of being bit and the animal in danger of darting across a

road or into a territory they do not know.

I am very grateful to everyone that helps reunite an animal with their families. It can take a whole community to return animals safely home and we are glad to be in an area with citizens that do whatever they can when they see a lost pet.



Shelter Stories

Every furry friend has their own special shelter experience. Whether it be waiting only a few days for a forever family, becoming adopted with the help of a foster, or entering the shelter with a need for surgery; the shelter residents all have their own unique stories to tell!

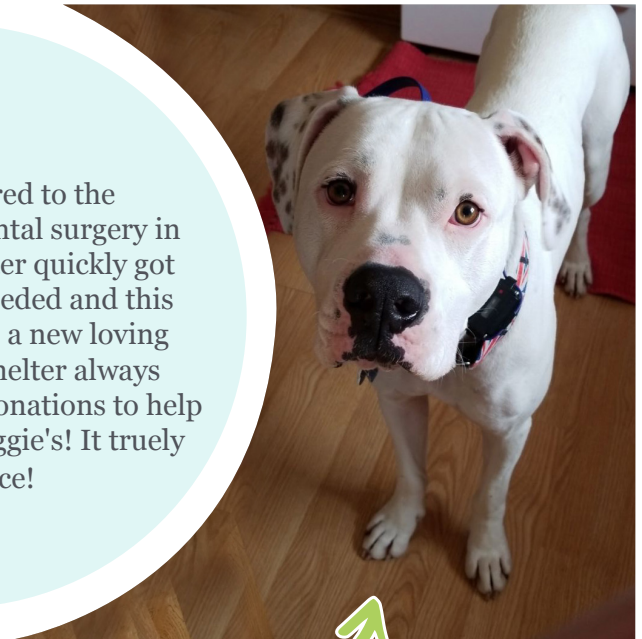
Meet Fizzgig!

This little social guinea pig was quickly adopted after being surrendered to the shelter in March. He was well socialized and this made for a quick adoption! Fizzgig even had his fifteen minutes of fame on our Facebook with an adorable video of him showing off his wiggly nose!



Meet Biggie!

Biggie was surrendered to the shelter in need of dental surgery in June 2018. The shelter quickly got Biggie the help he needed and this senior pup was off to a new loving home quickly! The shelter always greatly appreciates donations to help surgery cases like Biggie's! It truly make all the difference!



Meet Renly!

Renly is a great story showing the success of foster home to adoption. He spent much of his time at the shelter getting to know many of the shelter residents. With such a quirky personality Renly was quickly adopted and is another one of OAHS's foster success stories.



Meet Sally!

Sally was rescued from a hoarding case in May 2018. She came to the shelter in need of care and a mass removal surgery. OAHS was able to provide Sally with the surgery and she was off to a quick recovery. Once ready to be adopted, Sally was welcomed into a new loving home right away.

Meet the Team

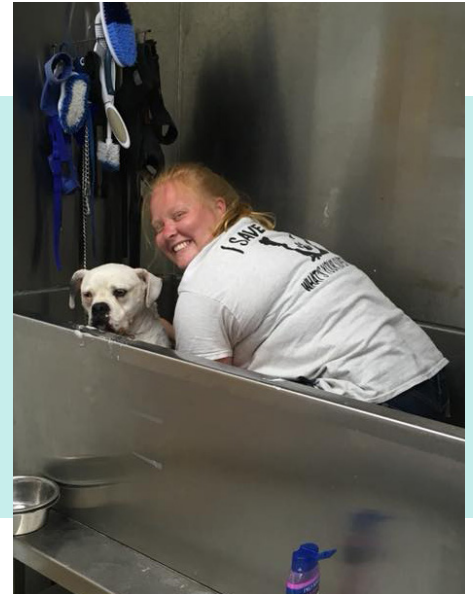
The Faces Behind the Shelter



Carrie M Animal Caretaker



Lexi W Shelter Director



Amanda S Animal Caretaker



Mary M Animal Caretaker



Tracy K Animal Caretaker



Melissa Animal Caretaker

New and Improved!

As of August 2nd, the shelter has received a facelift! The OAHS staff and volunteers have been hard at work painting and improving the appearance of the shelter. New beautiful flooring has been installed and a new coat of paint has dawned the wall. Plants and mulch have arrived for the exterior and the shelter is looking fantastic thanks to staff and volunteers! We could not achieve results like this if it were not for the pride, time, and dedication everyone commits to the shelter.



New and Improved!



Current OAHS Shelter Statistics

Available Adoptable Pets



16 Dogs



79 Cats
(24 in Foster)



2 Guinea Pigs



6 Long Term



8 at Petco



433
Animals Adopted
This Year!



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Flight Status: Arrived and Adopted!



In July of 2021, we worked alongside Dane County Humane Society to transfer 5 dogs from El Paso Texas from an overcrowded shelter. About 100 hundred animals were transported to local Wisconsin shelters. This was a new experience for our small shelter and the dogs were eager to find their forever homes.

We had a little setback with illnesses but with some TLC, the dogs were ready to find their forever homes. We even had one lucky foster failure from a board member.

We cannot wait for the adopters to introduce them to the Wisconsin winters!

A big thanks goes out to Bruce Gillis and Dorothy Gillis for assisting in transport from Madison to the OAHS shelter!



Preacher is the last Texas dog looking for a home.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOV
10

November Board Meeting

Where: Farnsworth Library Oconto
Starts at 6:15PM

Please contact the shelter for more information if you would like to attend a future board meeting.

NOV
24

Volunteer Orientation

Where: Oconto Area Humane Society
Starts at 5:15PM
All attendees must RSVP ahead of time.

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Adoption Update: Emery

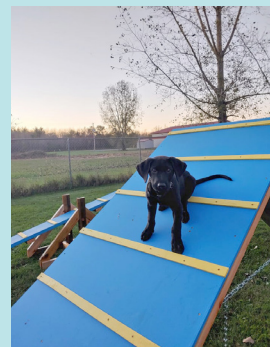
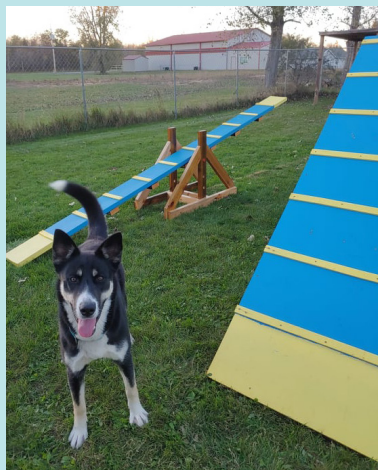
You may recognize Miss Emery from our August newsletter. After 146 days at OAHS, **Emery has finally been adopted into a home.** Finding the perfect fit for a senior pup in need of medical care has proven to be a feat but the OAHS never gave up on her. The staff enjoyed seeing this goofy gal every day and cannot forget her wiggles to start the day! We are very happy Emery has found her forever home and the care she has been looking for!

Thank You, Troop 1024!



The awesome individuals with Troop 1024 have built the OAHS shelter a plethora of new activities for the shelter animals. They built and donated agility course obstacles, cat scratching posts, and a new roof for our can collection. The shelter dogs are very excited about the agility course activities and the roofing will prove to be very beneficial in the winter months. The eagle scout and volunteers have been busy bees and really wowed the staff with their craftsmanship and hard work!

What a fantastic contribution to the OAHS shelter. The animals, staff, and board members are truly thankful!
Thank You Nathan Younger!





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An Adoption Meant to Be

Written By: Dawn Schroepfer



Within one month of losing our little dog Tucker boy, our home was empty. No more doggy kisses, no tossing tennis balls, no morning walks and no lap snuggles. Life as we knew it had changed. We were retired and our home was silent. Camping was different. Everything was different.

Our plan was to hold off adopting after fall/winter, then look. Traveling home from camping my sister-in-law tagged me on Facebook through the Oconto Area Humane Society. I realized it was the same stray dog they posted a few days earlier. Her tongue hanging out, her shaggy face, and her sad eyes made me want to just pick her up and bring her home. But as my husband said, "Not until spring". I called the OAHS and asked about her and I learned an adoption may be pending but come in and fill out an application. My heart sank but I was so happy she may have found a forever home.

When my husband and I showed up we were greeted

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCT.
14

Board Meeting

Where: Pensaukee Town Hall
Starts at 6:15PM

Please contact the shelter for more information if you would like to attend a future board meeting.

NOV.
8-21

Virtual Pet Show

COMING SOON!

Keep an eye on our Facebook for our Virtual Pet Show announcement with more details to come.

When: November 8th - 21st
Judging takes place November 24th


Enter photos of your furry, fluffy, or scaly friends for a chance to **win prizes.**

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by Amanda and Suzie Stray. Amanda asked if she could bring her in during the interview. We agreed. During the interview she sat on my husband's lap and they bonded so nicely! After the interview Amanda left the room and within minutes asked us if we'd like to adopt her since we seem to be a perfect fit! Without hesitation my husband said, "Yes, why yes we do. We'd love to take her home!" Upon arrival we realized there were some learning curves and areas we needed to work on. She was timid with others, she felt uncomfortable going for walks, and we worked on potty training. These were all time intensive but so worth it!

After 18 months our Kami girl is smart, happy, sweet, and friendly. Rescuing her brought life back into our home again.



Bunnies Galore!



2020 has proven to be the year of small animals for our shelter. Within the last 9 months we have had 29 rabbits enter our shelter. That beats last year's total by 21 rabbits. Our furry friends have not been limited to rabbits. We have had 48 rodents, fish, and little critters enter those shelter doors.

As you can imagine, we have gone through plenty of small animal supplies through the months. Oftentimes our small animals are overlooked when it comes to donations and supplies. If you would like to donate, visit our Amazon wish list to donate via mail. Our donation bin is also located in the parking lot for easy donating as well.

Small Animal Supplies to Donate

- Timothy Hay
- Wood Shavings/ Bedding
- Treats and Chew Toys
- Small Animal Food
(different varieties/species)



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Gargoyle the Fighter!

Written By: Lexi Woodworth - Shelter Director



Gargoyle came into the shelter on May 18, 2018. He was clearly in a lot of pain and had severe injuries to his head that became infected. I had no clue when I met him that day if he would even make it through the next few hours. Staff immediately took him to the vet where he received the first of many treatments for his wounds. After he made it through a few days, we became more hopeful that he could overcome these wounds. The vet warned us that this could be a long process and that his future was unknown. Gargoyle proved to us that he wanted to fight. Since the shelter environment can be stressful, we decided to bring him home and let him heal at our house.

Gargoyle spent the next 11 weeks healing and working his way into our hearts. Once his injuries were mostly healed, we decided to officially adopt him. Despite spending three months with constant bandage changes and twice a day eye drops to keep his eyes moisturized, Gargoyle never lost his trust in people. We will never know what actually (Continues on page 2 ...)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEB
8**

Volunteer Orientation

February 8th at 3PM

All attendees must RSVP and fill out an application ahead of time.

**FEB
19**

Shelter Board Meeting

February 19th at 5PM

If you would like to learn what our shelter is all about, you can attend our monthly board meeting. Contact the shelter for this meeting's location.

Interested in Donating?

We are always in need of different supplies here at OAHS. Check out our current list of in need donations.

- **Non-clumping Cat Litter**
- **Purina Cat Chow**
- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Sidewalk Salt**
- **Spay/Neuter Donations**

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happened to cause his injuries, but my family is so grateful for the kind citizen that pulled over and brought him to our shelter so we could save his life.

Gargoyle is missing part of his bottom jaw, always looks surprised due to his scars, and continues to receive eye drops twice a day. Other than that, he is a typical spunky, sassy cat that loves playing fetch with little cotton poof balls. He loves his furry siblings and enjoys lying next to his new human sibling as well. Despite everything he went through, this cat never lost the will to keep fighting. Thank you Gargoyle for choosing us as your family. We love you.



2019 OAHS Shelter Statistics

Ever wonder how many animals have entered the shelter in 2019? We can never predict what will skuttle through our shelter doors and in 2019 we had a very unique group that kept us on our toes!

 **272 Dogs**

 **511 Cats**

 **1 Pig**

 **4 Birds**

(Statistics based on Intake)

 **9 Rabbits**

 **21 Guinea Pigs**

 **7 Small Critters**

 **19 Rats**

 **6 Long Term**
1 Cat - 4 Birds - 1 Ferret

 **691**

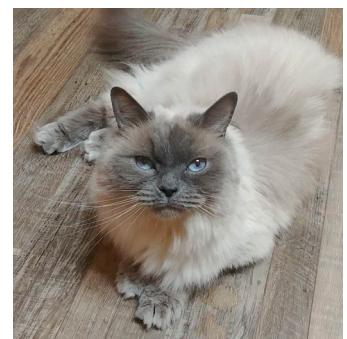
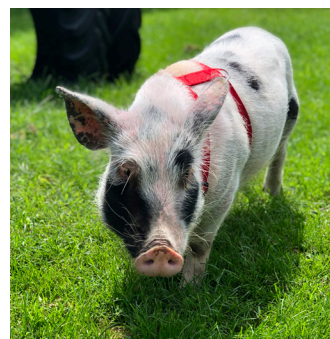
**Animals Adopted
This Year!**

 **209**

Fostered

 **37**

Reunited Strays





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A Home for Howl!



Written By: Laney Minerick, Adopter

Bacon's photo was on Petfinder for a little while, but I figured because he was so handsome with his marbled tabby markings and cute pink nose, he would be scooped up for sure. Almost a full month goes by, his photo was still there! So I ask about him, long story short, he was on his way to our home that Friday! At first it was a little iffy, he's a big boy who played rough with our younger cat and he didn't like being picked up by any of us including my daughter. He even hissed at us a good number of times. Then all of a sudden he changed into this big melt in your arms boy. We renamed him Howl (after a studio ghibli character) and he fits in perfectly. He loves the girls and is willing to be picked up now without any fuss. You can't seem to pet him enough! He comes when you call his name or if you make the smooching noise. If we have company over he investigates who will pet him the most and won't leave their side. Howl loves treats and woah does that boy like to eat. I bought a treat jar with a latched lid after he learned how to push the old treat jar off the counter-top to spill the temptations! He loves to play with toys and

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

APR.
14

April Board Meeting

Where: Pensaukee Town Hall
Starts at 6:15PM

MAY
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May Board Meeting

Where: Pensaukee Town Hall
Starts at 6:15PM

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do backflips for pom poms on strings. His favorite spot in the house is our window seat. I couldn't imagine our house without him now. I will always adopt from shelters, it's amazing the change an animal goes through to realizing, "oh I'm here to stay, I guess I can love you too."

Fun Fact: *Howl was known as the prankster and escape artist at the OAHS shelter. With all his mischievous antics, he definitely gives Houdini and Dennis the Menace a run for their money.*



Courtney is looking for a home.



Courtney has been at the shelter for 6 weeks searching for a home.

Courtney entered the shelter as a stray and was in rough shape... frostbitten ears, skin and bones, but with a heart of gold. We quickly realized Courtney had two tumors and after surgery it was diagnosed as mammary cancer. She has recovered from surgery well and is currently looking for a hospice adopter. Depending on what stage we caught the tumor will most likely determine how long she has. We can't say for sure if she will continue to live a few months to a few years. Only time will tell. Currently, she is a very sweet kitty with a good amount of energy. She does not seem to be in any pain of any sorts. Courtney's adoption fee has been covered by the shelter.

If you are interested in welcoming Courtney into your home, contact the OAHS shelter.

If you would like to donate towards Courtney's medical expenses, checks can be mailed to:

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150 South Katch Drive Oconto, WI 54153*