



Oconto Area Humane Society



Kitten season is on the way!

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As we continue through spring it means one thing is coming, kitten season. Living through kitten season feels like being a duck in the water. At the surface staff look calm but underneath is a constant flurry of movement trying to figure out how to stretch our resources. Kittens are the most vulnerable animals we see in the shelter. And while our shelters and rescues work tirelessly to help care for the tsunami of kittens here are some things that everyone can do to help.

- 1. Don't kit-nap!** Oftentimes individuals stumble upon small kittens they presume are orphaned. More times than not this isn't the case! Leave them be and give their mother a chance to return to them. This is their best chance at survival.
- 2. Spay & Neuter!** It may seem like a broken record but Spay & Neuter! Spay & Neuter! Spay & Neuter! This is our biggest defense against preventing unwanted litters. Whether it is a barn cat, house cat, or neighborhood start we all need to work together to get them fixed.
- 3. Fosters save lives!** Since kittens and nursing mother cats are our most vulnerable population, getting them out of the stressful shelter environment can significantly improve their quality of life and ability to stay healthy. Whether it is bottle feeding a kitten, letting a mom cat stay in a spare room, or letting some orphaned kittens grow until they are adoptable they all do so much better in a foster home.
- 4. Be patient with shelters!** We all try to help as much as possible but shelters have to be cognizant of our resources limitations. This might mean that if you *(continues on page 2)*

UPCOMING EVENTS

— No current upcoming events —

*Keep an eye out
this summer for our monthly
Brat Frys!*

121 ADOPTED
in 2024 so far!

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find a cat you may need to hold onto it until you bring it in. Or if your cat has kittens, staff may ask you to raise the kittens before bringing them in. Whatever it is please know shelters are working as hard as they can.

5. Donate! Monetary donations for our medical bills and operating expenses are always needed. Supplies for fosters and those animals at the shelter can be donated by dropping off at the shelter or by ordering online and having it sent directly there.

6. Adopt! Each adoption saves two lives, the one leaving the shelter and the spot it opens up for the next animal in need.

7. Stay in the know! Follow OAHS on Facebook or regularly check our website to stay up to date on shelter news.



The road to recovery!

The journey for the residents at OAHS vary in definition. Some are here for several months searching for their forever home and some are here for just a few days before they find their home. Animals do not have a time limit here at OAHS and we will always take a chance on anyone who just needs some TLC.



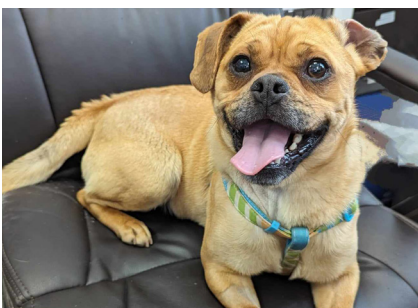
General Mills - ADOPTED after 25 days

General Mills was a stray who came to our shelter in quite rough shape. His fur was matted to his skin that once shaved revealed many scars. He was presumably wounded during a cat fight and needed time and extra care to recover. He has healed up wonderfully and this darling was adopted by the individuals who found him!



Lucy and Wanda - ADOPTED after 10 days

Lucy and Wanda were surrendered to our shelter at 12 years old after spending their entire lives together in the same home. They were in need of medical care and some senior dog maintenance. Their medical bill came to over a thousand dollars. We have raised donations via facebook and were able to help these gals along on their recovery. After 10 days at OAHS Lucy and Wanda were adopted together!



Junior - long-term resident of OAHS during his treatment

Oftentimes dogs enter the shelter and test positive for lymes disease and heartworm. Junior was one of those unlucky individuals. He is one of two dogs at OAHS currently undergoing a heartworm treatment. This is a lengthy and risky 4 month long treatment. Long term care means extra expenses including food, housing, and medication. Junior has been such a wonderful boy for the staff so he will continue his treatment in the shelter rather than a foster.