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Dear Friends of the Waupun Area Animal Shelter Inc.

The shelter continues to do wonderful things for the animals brought to us, whether by surrender or stray drop off.

We are looking at expanding our building. We now realize how important it is for our cats to have a community cat room. Some of our wonderful cats have been with us for a year now, and cage living is not ideal. The idea of a community cat room is to have healthy, nice cats that get along well, live together in a room with windows, climbing toys, food, lots of litter pans, and lots of cozy places to hide and sleep. It is their home until their "forever" people walk through the door to adopt them.

I am in the process of checking with some people to make this dream come true for our feline friends here. It will take some effort, so if anyone would be willing to help with this please call Carla at 324-5983.

June is "National Adopt a Cat Month" Adopt a cat in the month of June and receive \$15.00 off of the adoption fee. Please check our website regularly, for more specials.

www.waupunareanimalshelter.com

Please stop in, we can always use more compassionate volunteers. **WE NEED YOU!!**

At the time of this writing we have 35 cats and 3 dogs, but that can change in an instant. Please stop by to see if you can open up your hearts and homes to one or two of these sweeties just waiting for a chance.

If there is anyone reading this who could try some **GRANT WRITING**, it would be greatly appreciated. Grants are out there, available for us, if we could just find the right person for the position. It takes research, computer skills, and time. Please think about it.

2010 Board of Directors



At our annual meeting in April (thanks to all who attended), Trista McDowell stepped down from the Board of Directors. An election was held, and Chanda Ganz was elected to fill Trista's vacancy. The 2010 Board of Directors are: Front Row (L-R) Dr. Julie Johnson, Barb Berry (President), Mary Jo Winn (Vice President), Back Row (L-R) Dr. Beverly Martens (Treasurer), Chanda Ganz, Trista Steinbach (Secretary). Missing is from the picture is Maggie Leu.

CHAMP FUND



We had a wonderful old gentleman named Champ in our shelter for the last 8 months of his life. He

touched everyone's heart that ever saw him. After his passing, we started the "Champ" fund. This is an account set up at Maple Knoll Vet Clinic for people to direct their donations specifically for procedures and treatments over and above the norm.

Our special friend, Bug, a sweet yellow lab, just went through surgery to remove a cancerous tumor and be spayed thanks to the Champ Fund. Bug is 9 years old and was used for breeding. We will be so happy for Bug when she finds her happily ever after home. Please continue to support the Champ Fund.



Chanda Ganz has stepped down from her position as Fundraising Chairperson. She did a great job, raised a lot of money, and put many in many hours of hard work. THANK YOU CHANDA!

Luckily, Melanie Spaeth has offered to step into the Fundraising Chairperson role. Her phone # is 960-2737, please support Melanie and her efforts. Fundraising is a huge part of making our shelter work, so if you have any ideas, want to volunteer in this area, or have suggestions, give Melanie a call. THANK YOU MELANIE.

SHAME ON YOU

We have a couple of shame on you! A wonderful cat who we named Ervin was left outside of our shelter in the pen, in the sun on the hottest day of the year so far. The Shelter was not open that day, and luckily Maggie Leu came by and got the sweet guy in. The second incident involves a rat, who we named Telly. He was brought in by the Police Department. Peo-

ple found him in a box in the middle of the street. It looks as though he was meant to be run over. It turns out he is a very nice dumbo, hairless rat. A huge thank you to Michelle Elts for helping us with him and to Marshland Pet & Lawn Care for fostering him. We did find out that we don't know much about rats, and that we are not as brave as we thought. It was quite an experience though.

We continue to have great successes in our adoptions. Occasionally an animal will be returned to us, and it breaks our hearts, but usually within a few weeks we have someone else looking at that animal, and all is well.

I hope you have been noticing the Shelter Showcase in the local papers. It is a wonderful effort done by Pam Frankowski and Cindy Amacher, we get many good comments and inquiries and several adoptions from this feature.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BRAT FRY—JULY 16 & 17 & AUGUST 13 & 14, 2010

We will be serving brats & burgers at the Piggly Wiggly in Waupun on Friday, July 16 and Saturday, July 17 and Friday, August 13 & Saturday August 14.

5TH ANNUAL POOCH PARADE—SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

Our Pooch Parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2010. Watch for more information to come. Call Melanie if you will be able to help with this or have any ideas to make it bigger, better, and more fun.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE DESPERATELY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK AT THESE EVENTS.

We have a great group of volunteers that come to the shelter to clean, socialize with animals, etc., however, those volunteers cannot do it all. We need volunteers to work at our fundraising events as well. If we don't get volunteers for these events, we will not be able to raise the money that is needed to run the shelter. We have done a great job so far, and would really like to continue. If you can find it in your busy schedules to volunteer at these events (even if only for an hour), it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Melanie Spaeth at 960-2737 to volunteer.

The McDowell Family is holding the **4th Annual Brea McDowell Memorial Birthday Bash on August 28**. "Save the Day" band will take the stage at 8 p.m. The event will be held at the Waupun Community Center. There will be a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle. The proceeds from the silent auction and raffle are donated to the Animal Shelter.

OUR NEEDS

Our needs are many. Our current needs include:

- Volunteers
- Powdered HE laundry detergent
- Cash
- Stamps
- Cat Litter
- Paper Towels
- Canned cat & kitten food
- Soft and Chewy Dog Treats



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HOURS:

Monday: 1—6 p.m.

Thursday: 2—7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

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