

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

It was a fabulous fall. The beauty in the north woods is breathtaking. As an artist, I ooh and aah over the many rich values of the reds, yellows, and greens – the blends that cause warm greys and blacks and browns. Only nature can make these colors.

Adding to the beauty of nature is the fun that comes along. Fall Fest in Hayward was loaded with pumpkins and booths including the Northwoods Humane Society Raffle table. This was also the case at Cranberry Fest in Cable. Raffles sales were strong. The winner of the \$1,000 raffle was Mary Schulz of Burlington, Wisconsin. Alecia Austin, our Shelter Manager, called Mary to let her know her ticket was drawn for the \$1,000 grand prize. Mary, in turn, told Alecia that she and her husband, Randy, were giving their winnings back to the Northwoods Humane Society. Thank You Mary and Randy!

I spoke with Mary this weekend and thanked her again for their thoughtfulness. She shared with me that they had lost their big, old dog and hoped to adopt an older Newfoundland-type of dog in the future. We discussed how we both love old dogs. She shared that she and her husband supported Albert's Dog Lounge in Whitewater, WI. What a great name! I looked up this organization and found that they were an all-foster care facility that specialized in helping senior and special needs dog. We are blessed to have a similar rescue organization in Eleva, Wisconsin near Eau Claire, called Bob's House for Dogs. They, too, specialize in helping seniors and special needs dogs live out their lives with love and dignity. Bob's House is a shelter home.

NHS had a special surprise at Cranberry Fest. Much to our delight we found that there was a bake sale going on to benefit the Northwoods Humane Society. Young people Levi Hinkfuss, Sophie Moen, and Izzy Sabin were working hard for the animals! I am guessing there was some parental help there, too. They raised \$708.02 for the animals. What a happiness!

Thanks to our raffle teams that included Kim Kral, Joan Cervenka, Lynn Schriener, Shawn Haseleu, Susan Sams, and Alecia Austin.

On October 11, the Northwoods Humane Society hosted the Purple Cat Van. Dr. Rupel, owner of this the Purple Cat Van, dedicates days away from her regular Vet practice in Shell Lake to address the problem of the overpopulation of unwanted cats and kittens. Through a generous sponsorship from 'Muskie' Hoeft, the Purple Cat Van provided 61 spay and neuters to owned animals in our area. They began at 7 a.m. and the last cat was picked up by 5:30. Also, each cat was vet checked and rabies vaccinated. The cost of the rabies vaccination was covered by donations from Donna Post or Barbara Hoeft or the client.

Assistant Shelter Manager, Lisa Lew, along with staff member, Angie Larsen, coordinated the scheduling, receiving and care. Our thanks to our volunteers that shared the day with Lisa and Angie – Cherie Arzola, Mary Gordon, Kathy Eppers, and Cathy Schoener.

The NHS Thrift Shop, located on 3rd Street in Hayward is super busy. With the colder weather, we have changed our hours to 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are open Monday through Saturday. The volunteers have

brought out all of the Halloween decorations and costumes as well as the Thanksgiving items. The shop looks festive.

Because of the many wonderful Christmas Holiday items that we have been storing, we are exploring a second location for some of these items. Art Beat is open by chance or appointment only during the winter so it is possible to use the gallery space for trees, wreathes and other assorted holiday items. I'll keep you posted.