

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

So, I start my day with the knowledge that I did not buy the winning lottery ticket nor did my friends Donna and Nancy. Then I go to my desk to print off some forms for the NHS Thrift Shop and find that my printer is not talking to my computer. I then send those forms to my Art Beat e-mail so that I may print them there. I leave the house and head to the Thrift Shop where I take pictures of the Christmas items at the shop. My phone screen goes black. I go to Verizon. Four hours later I have a new phone. In the meantime, I have gone to Art Beat and attempted to print forms. My printer is making grinding sounds and will not print. I go to Wal Mart and buy a new printer. I make an attempt to connect my printer and computer and I fail. Tech help says the reason is that my computer is so old it will not support the printer. I leave work and meet my friend Mimi for a drink at Trailways. What else was there to do?

Technology is not my friend but then again it is. I felt somewhat naked and dysfunctional without my phone. I couldn't play solitaire or listen to my book or problem solve with those that I work with on a daily basis for the humane society – yikes! So as I was fighting my techno wars, NHS volunteers and staff were doing old fashion work caring for animals and running the Thrift Shop. This is the good part of life.

NHS shelter staff member Jamie Rothfus posted this information on Facebook. "Hello there! My name is Missy, and this is my sister Dexie. We're a really special pair of girls from Texas. I'm a Cockapoo, and Dexie is a Maltipoo. Dexie can't see very well, if at all, so I help her feel comfortable and safe wherever she is. We get VERY upset and are just miserable when we're not together, so we absolutely need to be adopted together. We generally keep our kennel clean, love chewies and treats, and are about the cutest girls around. We are both pretty timid, but VERY sweet and eager to learn about making human friends. Dexie was covered in mats when we came here, but she is very trusting and let a lady clip all her mats off and didn't complain one bit! I LOVE helping my blind sister - you can learn how too! Start here: Caring for a blind pet | The Humane Society of the United States. If you are interested in making me part of your family, please go to www.northwoodshumanesociety.org then to the adoptable animals page and fill out the dog adoption form. Once the staff has that approved, you can call and make an appointment to meet me. If you already have a pre-adoption form on file, just give the office a call at 715-634-5394 to make an appointment to come and meet me."

The staff honored our very own veteran and staff member Mark Peterson. Mark is leaving us for three months as he is having ankle surgery. Mark Anderson, Ann Schultz, Kevin Peterson and Jamie will be stepping forward to fill his big shoes.

Lisa Lew, our Assistant Shelter Manager, is in need of volunteers to help with cat cleaning. Many of her loyal crew leave the Northwoods this time of year. The cleaning starts at 7:30 am and goes to about 10 am. She could use help on any of the days, so if you can help, please give her a call at 715-634-5394.

If you want to get a rush of Holiday Cheer, please visit the NHS Thrift Shop on 3rd Street in Hayward. There are many fabulous holiday decorations of all kinds throughout the shop. This year we have moved Xmas trees, garland, wreaths and other Xmas items to Art Beat as well. This annex is open Thursday thru Saturday 11 am to 3 pm. We have multiple tree sizes.

Also at Art Beat is the 25-piece Lenox Nativity scene including the crèche. I was collected by a single person in 1991 and just given to NHS. It is in the original boxes and is in excellent condition. The Nativity has a white bisque finish. Stunning!

So, back to basics – caring for animals, working hard to ensure that monies are in place to make it happen and to accept the fact that technology is now a basic.

Dates to save: December 3 – My Villa – Shopping for NHS – Hwy 63 – Cable, WI 10 am to 3 pm
December 3 – NHS Bake Sale – Hayward High School – 9 am to 3 pm