

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

Over the past weeks, there has been a lot of discussion about dogs – especially beagles. There was a reason for this – the Northwoods Humane Society received 30 beagles from a HSUS rescue of 4,000 beagles. I am happy to report that all are in foster or foster-to-adopt homes and all have their spay or neuter appointments scheduled during the month of September. The shelter continues to have a variety of dogs waiting for homes.

Cats! Northwoods Humane Society assistant shelter manager, Lisa Lew, reports that we have approximately 60 cats and kittens waiting for homes. Four of the kittens went to their spay and neuter appointments this morning and all the others are now ready for their ‘fur-ever homes’.

Shelter volunteers are very important to the work at the shelter. There are volunteers that help with cat cleaning each day of the week. Lisa said that they are in need of a volunteer cat cleaner on Fridays. If this works for your schedule, give Lisa a call at the shelter (715-634-5394). The staff and volunteers start their day at 7:30 and it takes a couple of hours. The cats are a delight to be with and they come in all colors, sizes and with a variety of personalities.

The Purple Cat Van is returning to the Northwoods Humane Society on Tuesday, October 11. Veterinarian Dr. Angie Ruppel and the Northwoods Humane Society offer a free spay and neuter clinic for owned, feral and shelter cats in Sawyer County and surrounding areas. If you have a cat or cats in need of spay or neutering, contact Lisa Lew or Angie Larson at the Northwoods Humane Society – 715-634-4543.

- Cats have more bones than humans, 230 to be exact.
- A cat has 37 muscles in each ear.
- A 2 -3 months old cat is 2-4 years old in human years. 1 2 year old cat is 24 human years old,
- A 10 year old cat is 56 human years old and 14 year old cat is 72 human years old!
- The oldest cat on record lived to be 34 years old!
- Kittens begin to dream as early as 1 week old.
- A cat can jump seven times as high as it is tall.
- Cats have a special ability to land on their feet when they fall – but they can still get hurt.
- Cats don’t really have nine lives – they only have one – just like us.
- At night, cats can see six times better than humans.
- Cats have 24 whiskers, 12 on each side.
- Today, almost 94 million cats live in our homes. That beats out dog numbers by 16 million.
- 60 million cats have no homes in America
- Adopting from a shelter or rescue group reduces the number of homeless cats.
- A group of kittens is called a “kindle.”
- Cats often like living with other cats.
- Half of homes with cats have more than one.
- One pair of unaltered cats can have kittens at just 6 months old!
- Their kittens can have kittens in six months, and so on.

- That means 67 relatives in two years!
- 11,801 cats in five years and 2,072,514 in eight years.
- The above numbers are a great reason to spay or neuter your cat.
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Dates to Save: September 11 – Sunday – 12:30p.m. The NHS 1K Dog Walk and Ice Cream Social.
Registration may be done on-line or at the door.

October 11 – Tuesday – Purple Cat Van Free Spay and Neuter Clinic – call NHS shelter for an appointment – 715-634-5394