

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

Cats galore – all shapes, colors, personalities, and sizes! If you are thinking of adopting a cat – now is the time! If you are not thinking about adopting a cat, make an appointment to visit the shelter and change your minds.

There are approximately 75 cats in the care of the Northwoods Humane Society – some of the youngest ones are in foster care but most are at the shelter. All of the cats have been vet checked, vaccinated, fecal checked wormed, micro-chipped and of course, spayed or neutered.

There is nothing like coming home and having your cat or dog greet you. You know you have been missed and you know you are loved. I love the warmth of my pets sitting on my lap. I do not love it when my cat, Belle, decides my computer key board is the only place to me and I remove her at least 6 different time before she understands that fact. Maybe I am the slow learner, I could put her in another room and close my office door.

I was given a book called “CATS ARE THE WORST” by Megan Lynn Kott and Bexy McFly. It was published by Chronicle Books in 2019. Megan was the illustrator – she is a delightful watercolor artist. The book is told by ‘humans’ and ‘cats – with opposing pages sharing their narratives. Here are some of the conversations:

“Cats are the worst! They leave fur on all your clothes. This coat is dry-clean only.”

“Humans are the worst! They leave greasy finger prints on your fur. My coat is tongue-clean only!”

“Cats are impossible to train. They don’t obey when you command them to do things.”

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“Cat never use the expensive beds or toys you buy them.”

Humans are always throw out the best part – the box.”

“After using the litter box, cats sit directly on your bed to clean themselves.”

Humans insist on sleeping directly where you take your baths.

“Cats get in your suitcase any time you’re packing for a trip. They shed, mess up your clothes and sometimes they even use it as a litter box.

“Humans blatantly parade their plans to leave you, then get upset when you help them pack. They don’t even want something to remember you by!”

“If you take a cat to the vet, they will misbehave and embarrass you, then punish you for days afterwards”.

“Humans stand by and watch as the vet pokes, prods, and embarrasses you, and then they lace your food with medicine for days afterwards. God forbid they get their hands on a thermometer.”

“Cats will freak out and run at the slightest provocation.”

“Humans will get out the vacuum at the slightest provocation.”

“Cats are lazy. They sleep for hours, then look annoyed at you for disturbing them!”

“Humans are needy. They disappear for hours, then look annoyed when you don’t pay attention to them!”

“Cats are constantly under your legs, trying to trip you over.”

“Humans are constantly walking on their back legs, no wonder they trip over.”

“Under every piece of unmovable furniture hides one million lost cat toys.”

“Everything you’ve ever owned and loved is trapped forever by unmovable furniture.”

The book ends with an illustration of a purring, big, orange cat (named Griffith” being rubbed by a human with a tattoo on her arm that reads ‘Griffin” and the suggestion that maybe cats are the best and so are the humans that love them. I love the many illustrations that show the moods of the cats. My son has a cat he calls Oak. He describes Oak as having a perpetual crabby face and a loving spirit.

Help! Speaking of cats....The shelter is in super need of volunteers that can help with the cleaning of the cats. You may pick the day - Monday thru Saturday and you can come in any time between 7 am and 8:30 a.m. You will work in the cat room or the kitten room and it takes about 1 ½ to 2 hours. Give the shelter a call 715-634-5394 – Lisa and Angie would love to hear from you!!!!