

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

Happy Holidays!!!!

What a festive weekend it was for the Northwoods Humane Society. Our fabulous bakers out did themselves. The NHS bake sale was part of the Hurricane Holiday Fair held in the Hayward High School commons area. There were a variety of desserts and holiday treats. The bakers did creative packing and decorating. Thank you to volunteers Glenda Von Arb, Susan Sam, Shawn Haseleu and Diane Klein for setting up (an also being bakers). Last year we had two tables and this year we had three tables. There was close to nothing left by the end of the day and the efforts brought in \$2,430 for the care of the animals at the shelter. Amazing!

The Northwoods Humane Society was also present at My Villa in Cable as part of the Christmas in Cable weekend. Thank you to our hosts – Kevin and Linda, and to their staff Kim and Abby. A special thank you to Marty Zych, Eileen Brossard and Carol Zeien for hosting the NHS table.

If you want to immerse yourself in Christmas decorations and cheer, stop in the Northwoods Humane Society on Third and Dakota Avenue in downtown Hayward. My guess is that we have just about anything you would need with it comes to decorating your home or business. Jeanne Hornak, Linnea Forsell, Eva Fjerstad and Pam and Chuck Mikow have been super busy elves keeping the holiday spirit alive and well stocked.

Our boutique team, which includes Sharon Goodacre, Linda Graham, Pat Brummel and Patty VanLandshoot, continually put out clothing for all occasions with an emphasis on the holidays at the moment. Nancy McDowell has a big selection of holidays books and cd's. Dick Langton and Sue Hudson were super busy on Saturday with holiday shoppers. The shop is a happy place to be.

Again this year, the Northwoods Humane Society has been blessed with the opportunity to hold a Matching Gift Drive. If we can raise \$25,000 we will be gifted an additional \$25,000. This drive will run through the end of December. A mailing will go out to members and supporters this week which has information about the drive. The same information is available at the Thrift Shop and at Shelter as well as on-line on our website www.northwoodshumanesociety.org. Donations may be sent to the Northwoods Humane Society – P. O. Box 82 – Hayward, WI 54843, take the NHS Thrift Shop or to the NHS Shelter located on Hwy 77 East and O'Brien Hill Road. Donations may also be made on our website.

Good news at the shelter – Artemis got a home!. Artemis has been with us for a full year. He was adopted once but it did not work out and he was returned to us. He left us Friday with his new dog mom. Remember Lucy? Lucy is still waiting for her special home. She will have been with us for 1,500 days at the end of December. She is a sweetheart – but she has a few do-able issues. Kiera, who is an 8 month old lab/greyhound mix has now been waiting for 8 months for her home.

Most of you have heard the national news folks talk about a dog virus. To our knowledge, the virus has not be identified in our part of the country. The following information came from a friends vet near Madison, Wisconsin. At this time the virus doesn't have a name.

The dogs develop a cough similar to kennel cough. The cause is unknown. Dogs seem to be developing pneumonia at a higher rate than is seen with typical kennel cough cases, and it can come on quickly. Some dogs need to be hospitalized and advance supportive measure including oxygen, IV fluids,

antibiotics may be needed. There have been some fatalities, but these have typically been dogs with other illnesses.

What can you do to prevent your dog from getting this virus? If your dog has other illnesses that may affect their immune or lung health avoid exposing them to other dogs. If possible, avoid areas where the dog congregates (dog parks, doggy daycare or kennels). If going to areas where dogs congregate stay informed if an infectious cough has been reported. Call your vet if your dog starts coughing. Keep coughing dogs home if on a walk avoid going by other dogs).

This all sounds so familiar – but dogs don't have to wear masks.

The shelter staff is doing a thorough screening of all dogs being surrendered at the shelter and there have not been any signs of cough in man or beast.