

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

One of the goals of writing this weekly article is to share with our supporters about what is going on at the Northwoods Humane Society. I may write about the Thrift Shop, upcoming fundraisers, address issues about animals care or available services or needs at the shelter.

The primary reason for anything that is done in the name of the Northwoods Humane Society is to ensure that the needs of the animals in our care are met.

Our strong and caring staff meets once a week to review needs and concerns and success stories. Volunteer Susan Sams records the minutes of the meeting and shares them with the Board of Directors. Here is a look at the notes.

This past week's minutes were as follows: Cats in house=71, Cats in Foster=11, Cats on Waiting List=30; Dogs in house=20, Dogs in Foster=10, Dogs on Waiting List=6.

Animal Issues: Going forward, the staff, as well as dog walkers, are required to wear a lanyard with pepper spray canister in the event of an encounter with coyotes or aggressive animals.

Katie, a cat, has hyperthyroidism and she is on meds. Coco, a cat, is still having diarrhea; meds & food are being tried to get this under control.

Gus, a dog, still seems to have issues with men, Jamie will work with him. Lucy, a dog, has been at the shelter for 1448 days as of October 31, 2023 – learn more about Lucy at end of this article.

Staffing Issues: The Personnel Committee will begin interviewing for temporary help while Mark A. is out post-surgery. At this time 6-7 interviews are lined up for next week. Mark P. will be having foot surgery 1/8/24 and it is expected to be out for 3 months. Going forward, those of us that use earbuds are asked to only use one ear bud so we can keep aware of our surroundings, i.e., cat or dog in distress, staff calls for help, etc.

Building & Grounds Last Friday the staff & three volunteers accomplished a great deal winterizing the kennels. The final cementing of the new donation boxes will be done this week. The garage will be arranged to accommodate the van this week. The doghouse needs to be installed & indoor kennels need maintenance.

Upcoming Events and Other Issues: Volunteers are still needed on Tues, Thur, and Fri in the cat rooms, along with folks needed to help with dog kennel cleaning. We are still in need of a Saturday office volunteer. The long-range planning committee will have their first meeting on Nov. 7, please think about some improvements or ideas and submit them to Alecia by Nov. 6.

End of NHS fiscal year-10/31/23.

Cane Christmas Bake Sale-12/2/23.

Now back to Lucy a beautiful dog who has been at the shelter 1448 days. You may see posters that have been prepared to help Lucy find a forever home. I asked how she was doing living at the shelter and the answer was that 'she loves it'. But her own home would be best. Here is the poster write up. "My name is Lucy and I am a 5-year old female shepherd mix. I am the absolute sweetest, most loving girl on the planet to the people that gave me a chance to get to know them. My people at the shelter – I hug

and smooch on all of them all of the time, but new people – I am very frightened of (not aggressive at all) so I just need someone to take some time to get to know me and me get to know them. It is going to take a few hours but let me tell you, SERIOUSLY - I AM SO WORTH IT!!!!

What kind of home would I fit into best you ask? Well, first I need a home without other pets and a quieter home that doesn't have a lot of little kids running around to frighten me. I need someone who is willing to walk me on a leash and I go out for potty breaks put me on a cable or runner. I can go over very tall fences and most likely will not ever be catchable if I get loose, but all I need is a cable tie out and a leash. So, those are my very few bad points, not so bad, right?

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 appoint to meet me. Love, Lucy.

Dates to Save: December 2 – Saturday – Canes Christmas Bake Sale – 9 am to 3 p.m. Hayward High School

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