

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

I love the feeling of being ‘full’ because of all the good things that people do. This past week was ‘full’ of goodness and many reasons for saying ‘THANK YOU!’

‘Thank you’ to Sheila Strand, owner of Puppy Love located in Hayward. Sheila, her daughter and her daughter’s friends, donated their time and talents to groom 10 little poodles and poodle mixes that came to us from a breeder surrender situation in Northern Texas. When they arrived at the Northwoods Humane Society on Wednesday they were a ‘hot mess’ as Alecia Austin, our shelter manager described them. But after Sheila’s magic touch, they were beautiful. These little dogs are between 4 months and 2 years. For those interested in adopting a dog – big or little – go to the Northwoodshumanesociety.org and complete the pre-adoption form (fill in each line) and a canine coordinator will contact you. ‘Thank you’ also goes to Glenda and Bob Van Arb who showed up at 7 a.m. to prepare for the poodles’ arrival. Ann Schultz and to Alecia who started at 4 a.m. and ended her day at 4 p.m. at the shelter.

‘Thank you’ to Barbara Hoeft and the Thrift shop crew! This summer’s focus for improvements at the Thrift Shop is focused on improved shelving for the houseware section of the shop. The crew included Jeanne Hornak, Rob Taite, Chuck Mikow, Pam Mikow, David Nemec. The group removed items on shelves, removed shelves, assembled new shelving and restocked the new shelves. Rob also adjusted the racks in the linen area creating a more open and organized area for shoppers. Thanks to all of the crew for coming in early and leaving late.

“Thank you’ to the donors that responded to the request on Facebook that the NHS Thrift Shop was in need of Thrift Shop donations!

Good News! – The sales at the Thrift Shop have been great!

Bad News! – We are in need of donations as the shelves are looking sparse!

Donations are needed: Jewelry, decorative items, small kitchen appliances, cookware, dishes, books, puzzles, games, collectibles, sports equipment, art, unique items, men and women shoes, boutique type clothing, purses, musical instruments, craft/art items, small pieces of furniture. We also have a volunteer that helps with the sale of donated cars, boats and motorized equipment.

‘Thank you’ to Dick Langton for the many trips he has made for the Thrift Shop to recycle cardboard. Dick takes the cardboard to the Republic Services on Monday and Thursday. Because of his volunteer time at the shop, he is not able to get to Republic in time on Thursday. ‘Thank you’ to Ken Brummel for offering to help with cardboard.

‘Thank you’ to Rhonda Dickson for volunteering to weed the garden areas in the front of the shelter building. ‘Thank you’ to Marilyn Swanson for her donation of a table and two chairs for the outdoor area at the shelter.

Thank you to my husband, Mike, for helping us recycle an old pontoon and other metal items and to John McIntosh for his assistance.

‘Thank you’ to Barbara Sealey for serving for 27 years as our Recording Secretary and ‘Thank You’ to Nancy Douglas who has stepped forward to take on these responsibilities

'Thank you' to the Northwoods Humane Society Shelter planning committee for committing their time and expertise in exploring the expansion and improvement of our 26 year old shelter building to create a less stressful environment for dogs, cats and staff. The group includes Steve Menke, Gil Zych, Linda Graham, Cherie Arzola, Kathy Pederson, Barbara Hoeft, Alecia Austin, Rex Clevenger and myself. I will share our progress as we work thru the process.

Here is what we have done so far: Step 1 was needs assessment by staff. Step 2 was commitment by the Board of Directors. Step three was Alecia and Cherie attending the Animal Expo that focused on 'Barkitecture'. Step 4 was financial evaluation headed by Rex Clevenger. Step 5 was visitations to other shelters who have gone thru a building and improvement process. Step 6 has been zoom meetings with architects that focus on animal care facilities – shelters, vet offices, grooming. All of us keep asking what the cost will be and at this point we do not know. But we do know that the cost will be substantial but the improvements are necessary.

'Thank you' to our hardworking staff, our committed volunteers at the shelter, the thrift shop, the can collectors and coin box collectors and to all that do the many tasks that keep all the balls in the air.

And lastly, 'Thank You' to the donors that support our mission to help animals in need.

Dates to Save: August 5 - NHS Tag Day - if you would like to help, please give me a call at 715-634-4543. Rob Nemec and David Taite will be coordinating the day.

August 30 – Our big summer fundraising event! **Bark and Roll and the Cat's Meow Auction** – 6:30 pm. at the Sawmill Saloon – featuring the "Been There Done That Band".