

Northwoods Humane Society – Deanna Persson, President

The shelter is a super busy place! There is so much talk about the '31 Beagles' who will arrive the night of August 22 (as you read this they will be here). There has not been much discussion about the cat population at the Northwoods Humane Society Shelter. Trust me, that side of the building is equally busy and full. The intake of adults and kittens is a daily event and fortunately we have not seen 31 at one time. Assistant Shelter Manager Lisa Lew and staff member Angie Larsen are caring for approximately 65 cats and kittens and working with those in foster homes. Lisa is hoping to put together another Purple Cat Van clinic (free spay and neuter) with Dr. Rupel at the shelter this fall, but currently we do not have a date.

Besides the incoming beagles, we also have an assortment of dogs waiting for their forever homes. Two are tiny terrier mixes that came from a hoarding rescue. These little ones are very needy. They each need to go into a home with a lot of patience, time and love. They need to learn trust, socialization, housetraining and the belief that they will be safe. If this is something you can do, call Alecia Austin at the shelter – 715-634-5394

The 'beagle' schedule is the following: August 22 – late or August 23 early – the beagles arrive August 23 and 24 – days of rest and acclimation to surroundings and new people. August 25 – Intake day – vaccinations, blood draws, microchips, baths, grooming as needed, medical assessments, temperament assessments. Fecal checks will be done over the three days for each dog. August 26 – a day of rest for the dogs and finish up any remaining intake needs. August 27 – Foster families are scheduled to pick up their fosters. August 28 – a day of rest and deep breathing by the staff and volunteers and continued care of all the remaining dogs still waiting for homes.

August is "Buy A Supply" Month For the Northwoods Humane Society. Please consider buying paper towels, bleach, canned dog or cat food, or kitty litter. Board members Linda Graham and Lori Butala have made arrangements with Coburn's MarketPlace and Hayward Feed and Seed to create display areas showing the needed items. Shoppers may purchase these items and leave them at the store and Lori and Linda will pick them up and bring them to the shelter. MarketPlace always has a food shelf by the checkout counters for NHS. We thank Marketplace and Hayward Feed and Seed for their continuing support.

Our recycling can collectors have a request: Aluminum Cans Only. The drop off sites are at the business Somewhere Else on Highway 27 South, at the NHS Thrift Shop near 3rd Street and Dakota across the City Fire Hall, and at the NHS Shelter.

The Thrift Shop continues to be a hub of energy and giving. The shop is totally run by volunteers and is open 7 days a week – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The shop is located on Third Street in Hayward. We are in need of donations in good shape and clean – fall/winter clothing, jewelry, purses, decorative items, household ware, vintage, sports related items, small pieces of furniture and books. If you have questions, give me a call at 715-634-4543

On a personal note, last Saturday night I went to a super fun fundraiser. The event was a Barn Dance held at the SylvanDale Wedding and Event Barn. The purpose of the event was to raise monies for the Great Hayward House of Hope and New Reflections Pathway to Hope. This event was held in memory of Cassidy Metropulos, a 21 year old young woman who died of fentanyl overdose in 2019.

This was the first time I have been able to attend an event at SylvanDale. It is a fabulous setting – a huge barn with all its rustic charming features, a few balconies and side rooms and lots of vintage kitch. The barn is surrounded by gardens and paths and subtle lighting.

There is a stage and performing for the event was Larry's Drifters bringing on country music to dance and sing along to. Mike and I did some dancing – but I also got to dance with a therapy dog named Bruno. He was dressed in a denim outfit and was nothing but love. This place is a treasure as was Bruno.

Dates to Save:

August 24 – Bingo at Schoolhouse Wines – 5:30 p.m. Stone Lake

September 11 – NHS 1K Dog Walk and Ice Cream Social – 12:30 – NHS Shelter Grounds