

Humane Happenings

Elmbrook Humane Society has proudly served the animals and residents of Waukesha County and beyond since 1964.

FUN. SUN. FUR.



10th Annual Wagfest 2017

The funds raised from Wagfest allow us to support every animal in the shelter until they find their forever homes. We look forward every year to spending the day giving back to the community that gives so much to us and the animals in need.

As one of our largest fundraising events of the year, we would love for you and your furry friend to join us at Mitchell Park in Brookfield, located just south of Capitol Drive on Mitchell Park Drive. Wagfest is guaranteed to be an AMAZING time for the entire family!

This year we will have three lure courses, nearly 100 vendors, the famous Pup-tini Lounge, wonderful raffles, Pawcasso, agility, and much, much more! This year we have added a dog psychic, dog limbo, and high jump – stay tuned for more details on these activities. We will once again have three 50/50 raffles, the Zoomie Zone, and an amazing photo booth!

Remember to bring your appetites as there will be numerous food and beverage vendors. And don't forget your dancing shoes as there will also be live music to dance or listen to as well!

As always, you will be able to spot lots of Elmbrook Humane Society staff and volunteers around the grounds with adoptable animals.

Mark your calendars today! We can't wait to see you there!

Your gifts help homeless animals

Help us find more loving homes for our animals in 2017 by giving:

\$30 – covers a medical assessment and wellness vaccines for one animal

\$50 – provides spay/neuter surgery for one cat or dog

\$100 – provides laundry supplies for one week



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A Note from our Executive Director

We are fortunate to serve municipalities in Waukesha County whose pet owners are relatively responsible, resulting in above-average redemption rates for lost pets, low stray animal numbers, and low feral cat populations. Because of this, nearly 70% of the domestic animals who are helped by Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) are animals from other organizations that might not otherwise have a chance due to space, time, behavior, or medical needs.

Many years ago, thanks to the dedication of our staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers and the support of our community, we were able to achieve No Kill status, and we are proud to say that we continue to maintain this. We are also incredibly honored to be helping other organizations do the same.

Reaching out to the Humane Animal Welfare Society whenever we have space available to help, we are working together so Waukesha County can be one of the first counties in Wisconsin to become No Kill. We transfer animals in from several Wisconsin humane societies, including but not limited to Adams County Humane Society, Coulee Region Humane Society, Door County Humane Society, Marathon County Humane Society, Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission, Safe Harbor Humane Society, and more! We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge Badger Rescue Animal Transport Services, Inc., for being an important partner by transporting animals to our organization and so many others.

We also help animals from out of state, as our organization does not have geographical limitations helping animals in need.

Why do I share this with you? Because there is so much work that still needs to be accomplished to help animals—locally and nationally—to ensure that they live the life every domestic animal deserves, filled with love and care. We will continue to do our part, and we thank you for doing yours by being one of our animal welfare partners, educating yourself about overpopulation, adopting, sterilizing your pet and maybe even a friend or family member's, reaching out to receive the resources needed to make sure the bond between you and your pet is healthy and happy, supporting our organization through giving your time, helping make sure our shelves are stocked with daily supplies, attending events, and supporting us financially.

On behalf of every animal who we have, are, or will care for as well as our Board of Directors and staff—thank you!



Meet our Adoptable Animals

Monday – Tuesday:
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday – Friday:
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday:
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For more information call us at
(262) - 782 - 9261 or visit us at
www.ebhs.org

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Amazon Wish List

Are you looking for an easy and cost effective way to help animals in our care?

Look no further than our Amazon Wish List. We keep this list up to date with our most urgent needs

and you are free to pick and choose items that are guaranteed to be put to good use. All you have to do is go to the link below to check out our wish list.

Also, remember when you are shopping on Amazon for your own needs to shop AmazonSmile, choose EBHS, and Amazon will make a donation to us!

Thank you so much for supporting EBHS and our mission to save animals in need!

<http://a.co/dTlrshE>



Humane Education Highlights



Our humane education programming strives to help the young people in our community develop empathy, increase personal responsibility, be safe around animals, and make a positive impact in the world.

We offer a variety of humane education programming to include a range of ages from preschool on up. Younger children are introduced to simple animal issues and explore animal needs while developing an appreciation for a variety of animals. Then, as the learners get older, they begin to explore a range of ethical issues with lesson plans designed to promote critical thinking and provide the opportunity for positive interactions with animals. Most of these lessons include a math, language arts, or science component that meets the Wisconsin Academic Standards.

We also host Birthday Parties for children ages 6-12. This is not only a fun time for the children but a bit educational as well. Party participants learn about Elmbrook Humane Society, what we do in the community, take a tour, learn safety around animals, and are able to practice that interaction through an encounter with a shelter animal.

In addition, our goal this year is to establish an even larger presence in area schools with lesson plans and programs that can be easily integrated into a traditional classroom setting, as part of a lesson within a core discipline, or as a stand-alone activity.

To learn more about Humane Education programming, please contact Jennifer Thomas at jennifer@ebhs.org.

Staff Spotlight



Jennifer Thomas
Humane Educator

What do you do all day at work?

I have the dream job. I get to work with kids and animals all day! As a humane educator, it is my job to teach the community about the relationship between

animals and humans. I get to work with kids about being safe around dogs, responsible pet care, animal welfare topics, etc.

What makes you good at your job?

I have a passion for both children and animals. My background and degree are in elementary education.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I have wanted to be a teacher for as long as I can remember.

Who are your pets?

We currently have one orange cat named Jack and a big golden retriever puppy named Charlie.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

I have three children, so we enjoy spending time together as a family.

Why do you work at EBHS?

I love working at EBHS because of my passion for children and animals. It is both rewarding and fun!

Humane Officer News

With summer comes warm weather and sunny days. Both people and pets emerge from their homes to spend time outside taking walks and relaxing in parks. With this change comes the inevitable rubbing of shoulders that comes with a community and it is the role of the Animal Control Department and our Humane Officers to help maintain the safety of pets, their people, and those without an animal companion in their lives.

Our job is to enforce the local ordinances of the six municipalities we serve. Our goal is to educate the community so we can work with the public to resolve the problem or disagreement in a humane way by providing the knowledge and skills to keep it from happening again. We investigate every complaint that comes across our desk.

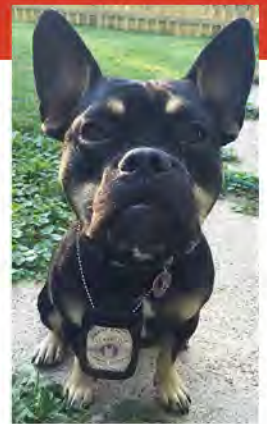
We investigate noise complaints and help resolve them by providing the pet owners with the skills to work on their dog's noise-inducing reactivity or anxiety when separated. We investigate animal-

at-large cases where the cat has a propensity for the outdoors. The owner may not know the impact Mr. Kitty may have on local wildlife or his housebound neighbor Coco.

Perhaps the owner has run out of tricks to keep his feline friend contained and needs a little bit of help.

While, most of the time, the cases we investigate can be labeled more accurately as misunderstandings, there are times when we have to join forces with the local police departments and draw a hard line.

In the end, our goal is to keep everyone- those with fur, feathers, or scales included- in the community safe and coexisting smoothly and safely with one another.



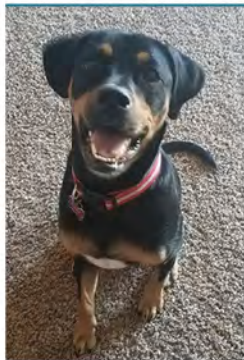
Happy Tails

The only thing more rewarding than seeing an animal find the perfect family is receiving a letter, note, or e-mail confirming that love at first sight has turned into the real thing and that this animal is thriving in their new home. If you want to share your happy "tail," e-mail us a photo and your story to happytails@ebhs.org.



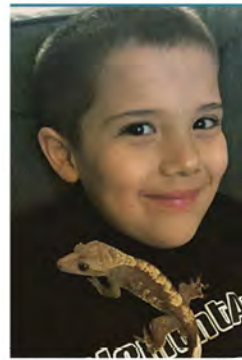
Ozzie Adopted by Michelle

Ozzie LOVES the snow in the winter, rides in the Jeep, and HIS chaise lounge!! He has been the BEST BOY EVER! I just love him to pieces!



Ruby (formally Cher) Adopted by Deidre

Ruby is quite the gem! She absolutely loves children; she is gentle around them and loves to lick them. She is a big snuggle bug and has been everything I have hoped for and more!



Gus-Gus (formally Gicko) Adopted by Kelly P.

Gus-Gus is very sweet and loves to be taken out of his cage! He also LOVES eating crickets, it's so fun to watch him! We are so happy to have him in our home!



Clover (formally Donna) Adopted by Erin

Clover knows how to sit, lay down, shake paws, come when called, dance, speak, and even ring bells when she has to go potty! She is very well behaved, I love her to pieces!



Guinness Adopted by Al G.

Guinness is my best buddy and I knew the second I saw him in his cage that he was the one for me!



Ari (formally Aries) Adopted by Kristy & Rob

Ari is extremely talkative, playful and energetic. Her favorite toy is a toy koala bear that she actually plays fetch with! She loves a good cuddle in the morning and when we get home from being gone for a while.

Still Searching for Forever Homes



Cuddles - 178 days



Geraldine - 217 days



Mimzy - 117 days



Tolouse - 79 days

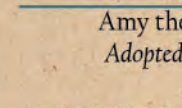


Angelina - 125 days

Shelter Animal Updates



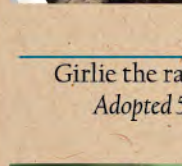
Blanca - currently in foster care



Amy the cat - Adopted 5/6/17



Shawna the cat - Adopted 5/12/17



Girlie the rabbit - Adopted 5/20/17



Mr Bing, Franky, & Bamboozler - Adopted 4/15/17

Dog Training Classes

THE RIGHT START! SUCCESSFUL TRAINING FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

Jump Start Puppy Class

For dogs under 6 months. This three week class gives you all the tools to get started on the basics of raising a great companion! Our adopters pay \$50 or \$60 for the general public.

Private Lessons

Work one on one with our certified trainer to help address behavior issues.

Dogs are great at being dogs. They jump, dig, and bark! If we want them to live in our world, we must train them. If you do not invest the time in training your dog how to live in our world, they will become “self employed” security in your home, redecorators of your home, and yard and/or gardeners who dig. It doesn't have to take a lot of time. By incorporating training into everyday life, you can have the well trained dog you have always dreamed up! The Right Start program will show you how! Get all the tools you need to have a well-trained companion in just three weeks in this small class designed to focus on training basics, manners, impulse control, and meeting the needs of your companion. With only three dogs in each class, there will be plenty of time for questions and one on one attention. You will learn about management (crate training, mental stimulation, and preventing behavior problems), training/manners (sit, wait, leave it, drop it, and come), and focus and impulse control. This is a great class for dog's ages 6 months and up. This is a short but intense training program designed to make for happy adopters and happy, well behaved companions!

Class Fee: \$100 for 3 sessions



Please call us at (262) - 782 - 9261 to inquire about the dates of the classes we have to offer.

Behavior Blogging

Although the main focus of this blog is training and behavior, we can't begin to talk about those topics until we discuss the very foundation of meeting our dog's daily needs, or what we refer to as the 3 pillars of a well behaved, happy dog!

Dog's needs in many ways are very similar to our own. Their basic needs for survival, safety and socialization must be met but they also have other needs that should be met daily. They need physical exercise, mental stimulation, and down time.

Dogs love to both move and sniff, so a fenced yard is no substitute for a walk. The area of the dog's brain that is dedicated to scent is about 40 times greater than ours.

Enrichment and mental stimulation is equally important. The brain, nose, and other senses drain a lot of excess energy so tossing some treats in the yard, hiding a treat or toy, or freezing a stuffed Kong are just a few ways to work your dog's mind. Many

“destructive” behaviors we see in dogs can be the result of a lack of mental stimulation.

Some dogs do not know how to be calm and can be in a constant state of heightened arousal. Even dogs that love playing fetch can become overly aroused. A study in Norway measured the heart rate of dogs and identified points where the fight or flight stress response was triggered while playing fetch. Some dogs that enjoy fetch can actually benefit from less ball play and more mental stimulation or other calming behaviors.

Dogs are a joy to share our lives with and we count on them for companionship and so much more. It's our responsibility to meet their needs so that our relationship is mutually beneficial.

Staff Spotlight

Lindsay Marx
Customer Relations

What does your job entail?

While working at the front desk I do a variety of tasks throughout the day. This can include general cleaning, answering phone calls, filing paperwork for adoptions or incoming animals, but probably one of the most common things I do is speak to everyone that comes into the shelter.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I've always wanted to be an artist since I was a young kid. I ended up getting my BFA in Painting and Drawing at UW-Milwaukee and continue to make art to this day.

Who are your pets?

Lola and Henry. Lola is a 6 year old cattle dog/lab mix who we adopted when she was 5 months old. Henry is a very social female goldfish I acquired from an old job.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

Outside of work I like to spend time with my husband. We like going hiking, playing tennis, relaxing on a beach or river or just simply sitting in our back yard with Lola. I also have a home art studio where I work on commissions as well as self-directed art work. I enjoy the less well known hobby of making Kombucha as well!



Incredible Kit



A few months ago, a cute, bubbly, blond haired little girl came into our front lobby and said she had a donation of items for us. We were taken aback when we saw that her mom's entire minivan was FULL of donations! We thanked her and took some photos and right before she was ready to leave she gave us her business card!! Yes, you read that correctly, her very own business card. We knew right then and there that we had to set up a time to get to know this kind hearted little girl better.

Kit lives in Brookfield with her mom, dad, brother, and sister. She attends Brookfield Elementary School and has one of the biggest hearts of anyone we have ever met, and she is only 8 1/2 years old! One day after her Christian Formation classes she realized it was REALLY cold outside and she asked her mom what will happen to all of the people that don't have coats. After a lengthy conversation she asked her mom if she could do a coat drive to help out those in need.

Kit's coat drive was such a success that she decided to do a drive for items every month for different organizations. She has collected everything from coats, to toys, to books, to blankets, to bleach and dog food. This is how Love, Kit Philanthropic Service Projects for Man and Beast, Kit's business, was started.

Every month she chooses a different drive and they post it on her mom's Facebook page, she puts up flyers at school and at church, and she even puts a bin out on their front porch. The principal at her school has even taken notice and has asked Kit to start a Philanthropic Club at school!!

Kit might be young but she has a heart of gold and there is no doubt in our mind that Kit is going to go on to do remarkable things in life all while helping out those in need.

All of the animals and staff at EBHS want to say Thank You to Kit for being the incredible little girl that she is.



Staff Spotlight

Elaina Hintze
Animal Caregiver



What do you do all day at work?

I am responsible for providing high quality care for the animals under the protection of Elmbrook Humane Society. I am also responsible for providing counseling and education to the general public regarding the humane treatment of animals in accordance with humane society policy.

What makes you good at your job?

Passion. Out of all of the characteristics that drive me to excel in my career, being passionate about what I do really makes all the difference in the quality of work that is done and care that is given.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

My answer is very fitting. I dreamed of becoming a Veterinarian.

Who are your pets?

George (DMH), Fred (DSH), Lilly (DSH), and Vladimir (DSH) are my 4 rescues. My life wouldn't be the same without them.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

In my free time, I really enjoy hiking, attending car events, and reading.

Why do you work at EBHS?

I always wanted a career that was in my area of interest, shared my values, and would allow me to be proud of what I do every day. Being an animal caregiver at EBHS has proven to be that career. I am so proud of the policies we have and the work that we do, and I am honored to be a part of such an amazing organization.

Memorial Opportunities

Have you been searching for a way to remember or honor a loved one?

If so, you are in luck! We have two great options for you-our Giving Tree or our Brick Walkway!

You can purchase a leaf for \$1,000 to place on our Giving Tree located in our lobby. Each leaf is engraved, customized, and displayed for you and all of our visitors to see.

Our bricks make a unique gift and are always a great way to honor an animal lover, remember a loved one or just show the world that you support the work we do at EBHS. The bricks come in two sizes: 4"x8" for \$100 or an 8"x8" for \$250. Once the bricks are engraved they will be placed in our walkway in front of the shelter.



To purchase a leaf or a brick you can either stop into the shelter to fill out a leaf or brick order form or you can download the leaf or brick form our website here. <http://www.ebhs.org/index.php/how-to-help-2/buy-a-brick>

If sending the order form via email, please complete and save the form to your computer, and email it to anita@ebhs.org. Or you can call 262-782-9261 for more information!

Volunteer Update

Among the various volunteer opportunities available at EBHS, we are happy to share the addition of one more, an Animal Care Assistant. The most important role of our Animal Care staff is just that... animal care! This starts each day with cleaning every single occupied kennel, condo or cage for every animal at the shelter. This is a large task for a small Animal Care team. Having the assistance of volunteers will allow staff to work more efficiently and for the volunteers to gain hands on sheltering experience. This is a great opportunity for those interested in the animal welfare industry and/or looking to build their resume and it is open to those 16 years and older. Although not the most glamorous volunteer area, it is a very serious and important one to maintain a clean, sanitized and safe environment for every animal in our care.



This new opportunity is available 7 days a week from 8:15am-11:15am. We ask that each volunteer make a 4 month commitment to the day and time they sign up for since they

play such an important role in daily operations (as do all our volunteers). You can learn more about these opportunities by visiting www.ebhs.org »How to help» Volunteer, and clicking on Animal Care Assistant. If you are interested in filling one of the openings, or know someone who may be interested, please fill out a volunteer application.

Volunteer Spotlight

Sophie Gosetti
Volunteer

Why do you enjoy volunteering at EBHS?

I enjoy volunteering because in addition to getting to interact with wonderful animals, I love being able to see how positively EBHS impacts the lives of all of the animals in their care. Success stories are proof that volunteers have made a difference in the animal's lives.

How or why did you start volunteering?

My interest in volunteering stemmed from adopting my family's rescue dog, a Labrador Retriever mix named Charley. I became extremely interested in our local shelters, so I applied to volunteer at the age of 12.



What pets do you have at home?

Currently, I only have my lab mix, Charley. However, my family has had lizards, frogs, rats, hamsters, fish, and a chinchilla in the past.

EBHS Thank You!

There are so many businesses, individuals, and organizations that support us throughout the year. These are just a few of those that have supported us in the last few months. We couldn't do what we do without all of you!

7th Grade Boy Scout Troop at St. Dominic's Catholic School—for donating wish list items.



All of our Youth Donors—for always thinking of the animals and donating money or items.

Badgerland Pressure Cleaning—for choosing us to be their charity of the month to donate funds to.

Bentley's Pet Stuff Brookfield, New Berlin & Menomonee Falls—for raising funds for our Small Animal Room Upgrade.

Budweiser Pavilion—Wednesday Night Live Summer Concerts—held a 50/50 raffle for us.

Erin Beckett Photography—for always taking amazing photos & videos of our animals.



First Bank Financial Center of Brookfield—for hosting a month long donation drive for us of much needed supplies.

Jundt Family—for donating Pootie Pads for our cats.

Linden Grove Rehabilitation tenants—for donating much needed supplies.



Michael Rita—for donating money he raised at school.

Push Solutions, LLC of New Berlin—for a huge donation of canned dog food.

Riggs from 103.7 Kiss FM—for doing our Pet of the Week segment every Friday; and to Alley for filling in when Riggs is out of town.



Robertson Ryan & Associates—individuals helped with spring cleaning.

Spa Paw & Tail—for giving so many of our animals much needed baths, haircuts and a day of pampering.

Stella & Chewys—for photo shoots with our animals and donating boxes of food.

Susan B.—for donating a percentage of her rummage sale funds back to us.



Swanson Daisy Troop—made and donated blankets and wish list items.

Veterans Club at Waukesha County Technical College—for donating a ton of wish list items.



Wimmer Photography—for holding a fundraiser to collect wish list items.

Wisconsin Lift Truck—for hosting a month long donation drive for wish list items.



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New Address?

If you have moved and you don't want to miss an issue of Humane Happenings, please let us know your new address! Contact us at anita@ebhs.com.

Wish List

Urgent Needs

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| Bleach | Canned dog food |
| Laundry detergent | Canned puppy food |
| Paper towels | Pig ears |
| Pens | Peanut butter |
| Copy paper | Hot dogs |
| Dry cat food | Potty pads |
| Dry kitten food | Beef or chicken broth |
| Canned tuna | |
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Upcoming Events

Wagfest

Saturday, September 9
11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at
Mitchell Park in Brookfield
"The" dog event of the year! See insert in newsletter for details

Hambingo

Thursday, October 5
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Hamburger Mary's

Trivia Night

Friday, November 4
New Berlin Ale House

Spring Gala

Saturday, March 10, 2018
Milwaukee Marriott West