

Humane Happenings

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

11th Annual Wagfest



The funds raised from Wagfest allow us to support the nearly 2,000 animals we care for each year. Every year we are excited to spend the day giving back to the community that gives so much to us and the animals in need.

As our largest fundraising event 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 Dr. on Mitchell Park Drive. Wagfest is guaranteed to be an AMAZING time for the entire family!

This year we will have three lure courses again, nearly 100 vendors, the famous Pup-tini Lounge, a wide selection of raffles, Pawcasso, agility, three 50/50 raffles, the Zoomie Zone, an amazing photo booth, and much, much more!

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 from Kelli and The Soul Mates 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 calendar today! We can't wait to see you there!!



Your gifts help homeless animals

Help us find more loving homes for our animals in 2018 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

Mistakes happen and our beloved four legged family members sometimes get lost. Be it they slip through a door or window that is accidentally left open, a leash or collar breaks or is not securely fastened, or one of many other unplanned, accidental situations. How you react to your pet being lost is critical!

Far too often, we hear from pet owners who have lost their pet days, even weeks after the incident. Why so long? Because in these situations, they think their pet will return home. Often times they do not, and making sure you begin the process of actively searching for them is vital. Like Christopher, a senior cat who found his way to us.

Christopher was found by a Good Samaritan. We knew his name thanks to his family making sure he was microchipped.

We followed up on his microchip learning that his owner's contact information was not up to date. We then proceeded with our typical process of sharing Christopher's photo on the lost and found page of our website, cared for him during the state of Wisconsin's stray hold period, and administered an intake exam to ensure any needed care was provided. With no one coming forward for Christopher, we placed him up for adoption.

Fast forward two months. We received a call from an individual who believed Christopher may be their family cat. After comparing notes about him and a visit to see him, it was confirmed that

this was indeed their cat of almost 20 years. Christopher had gotten loose and his family thought he would come home. When he did not, they began to search for him on local Humane Society websites but did not find him. They did not think of looking at animals available for adoption, which is where EBHS's computer software placed him once ready to be adopted.

Feeling they never would find Christopher and missing the companionship of a feline, they began to look for a cat to adopt. During this process, they found a cat named Christopher and could not believe it was him! Christopher found himself back with his family.

Christopher and his family were very fortunate. With the national average being just 2% for stray cats and 20% for stray dogs who are reunited with their owner and ours being 10% for cats and thankfully, nearly 100% for dogs, the numbers speak to the importance of making sure your pets are microchipped and kept up to date.

Finally, if you lose your pet, it is incredibly important to report it with local humane societies and other organizations, such as Lost Cats of Wisconsin and Lost Dogs of Wisconsin who can help you search for your pets by matching stray animals brought to them and providing resources and advice to aid in the search.

Heather



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



Throughout the school year, our Humane Educator visited several classrooms to teach various grade levels about animal welfare topics with a tie-in to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. This gave students in the community the opportunity to learn about bite prevention and how to stay safe around animals, including wildlife. Also, we took therapy dogs into a number of classrooms to give the students opportunities to read to the therapy dogs. This was such a wonderful experience for both the students and the dogs!



This summer, EBHS hosted several sessions of camp for children ages six to twelve years old. These camp days provided the children with education about animals, various animal welfare topics, what we do at EBHS, and dog training tips. In addition, the children participated in a number of animal interactions, a tour of the shelter, many fun animal-themed games, and arts and crafts. Each camp day brought a ton of fun and learning for the participants.

Another opportunity for community members to participate in at the shelter is to host your child's birthday party at EBHS. This hour and a half long birthday bash includes education about EBHS, fun games, a shelter tour, an animal interaction, and also time to celebrate the birthday party guest of honor. Birthday party guests love to interact with the animal and also learn about how EBHS serves the community and how they can one day get involved volunteering with us.

Staff Spotlight



Kelly Graeve
Customer Relations

What do you do all day at work?

I do all of our Cat Adoption follow ups, I put together the adopted animals board in our hallway; I also do adoption paperwork, answer phones, update folders, greet visitors, and accept thoughtful donations.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

A dolphin trainer :-).

Who are your pets?

Our Golden Doodle, Ava; 4 cats: Aspen, Mickey, Thor, and Sammy.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

Going out with friends/family, Zumba, being entertained by my puppy.

Why do you work at EBHS?

The people are great to work with. And so many animals get a chance here that wouldn't elsewhere and EBHS goes above and beyond for many animals.

All of our Humane Education programs are not only informative and educational, but they are also fun and interactive. Safe, quality time between the animals and children helps to build empathy within the children and encourages the human-animal bond. EBHS is proud to partner with the community to offer these exciting and unique opportunities for youth in the area.

Humane Officer News

Neighborhood Nuisances

A majority of cases we handle involve complaints about a neighbor's pet. These calls range from cats eating the birds at feeders to dogs barking loudly and becoming a nuisance. Calls like these can be frustrating to everyone involved, as generally they are easily prevented. Our Humane Officers will work with both neighbors to come up with a solution that will result in a positive outcome for everyone involved, including the pet.

Do you have a dog that barks frequently or an outdoor cat that roams the neighborhood? First, make sure that you and your pet are not breaking any laws or municipal ordinances. EBHS is a great resource to reach out to for challenging situations. We have a knowledgeable staff that is happy to provide you with some tips and tools to ensure that you and your pet are in complete compliance. Next, open the lines of

communication with your neighbors. Write a letter, give them a call, or if comfortable walk over and explain your situation.

Being proactive and working together to come up with a solution is a wonderful way to help both parties reach an understanding of the situation and perhaps come up with an easy remedy. However, if the situation has escalated past the point of respectful communication, then a call to an EBHS Humane Officer may be the best next step.

Thank you for being responsible and respectful pet parents! EBHS and your neighbors appreciate it.



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.



Riley Adopted by Sam

Riley is the biggest love bug and wants to be doing whatever we are doing, even if it is just dishes and laundry. She enjoys camping with us and being outside, even in winter. She is extremely smart and well behaved...85% of the time!



Olive Adopted by Danielle

Olive was curled up on my lap less than 2 hours after bringing her home! She loves her big cat tree and sitting on my lap. I am not sure who likes her sitting on my lap more, her or me! Olive is just the best!



Cleo Adopted by Katie

Cleo is doing awesome! She settled in right away and her personality has really come out to shine! She loves laying on my bed and sleeping in the sun (and sleeping in general really) and is quite the talker. Cleo and I couldn't be happier together!



Doc Coco Brown (formally Ambar) Adopted by David

Doc is super smart, and fun to play with even if she doesn't fetch. We have taught her sit, lay down, jump-up, and she will roll over on occasion. She enjoyed being out in the snow this past winter, which for a dog from Puerto Rico is amazing!



Minnie (formally Pepsi) Adopted by Mary

Minnie is high energy and loves the activity of our busy family. She is even known to join in running laps around the basement with one family member. She is sweet and cuddly and loves her new stuffed animal friends!



Daxter (formally Tyler) Adopted by Jennifer

This little guy, now named Daxter, has brought so much joy and excitement to our household this summer. He can usually be found on his blanket on their floor with the kids reading to him, brushing him, singing to him, or just chatting with him. We all can't get enough of the little sounds he makes when we walk in the room and especially when we feed him!

Still Searching for Forever Homes



Rosie - 646 days



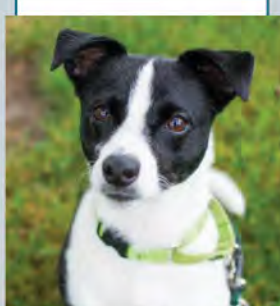
Tucker - 138 days



Pat - 132 days



Winks & Mackey - 89 days (bonded pair) need to be adopted together



Harper - 50 days



Ruby - 232 days

Shelter Animal Updates



Poopsie - Adopted 05/01/18



Bandit - Adopted 03/11/18



Birdie - Adopted 03/08/18



Lita - Adopted 03/23/18



Dog Training Classes

Private Lessons

Whether you have a newly adopted adolescent companion or an older family companion, private training lessons are a great way to learn how to train your dog to come when called, stay, leave it, and much more. Have a friend – split a private lesson for twice the fun! Special rates for Elmbrook Humane Society adopters!

THE RIGHT START 4 WEEK CLASS

Get the tools you need to have a well-trained companion in this small class. With only four dogs in each class, there will be plenty of time for questions and one on one attention. We will work on the basics like sit, come, drop it, leave it but will also work on manners, focus, and impulse control. This is a great class for dog's ages 4 months and up. Dogs do come to all 4 weeks. Each class is 60 minutes in length and you will leave with a weekly homework plan to ensure success! With fun homework and a plan designed to meet your dog's needs, you will learn how to make the most of your time with your dog, incorporate training into everyday life, and be on your way to a great relationship with your dog!

Dogs MUST be good with other dogs in a classroom setting. Children: Well-mannered children ages 8 and over are welcome to attend. Due to the interactive nature of the classes, children under the age of 12 are not allowed to participate in the exercises with a dog.

Cost: EBHS adopters - \$125
Public - \$150



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

Behavior Blogging

WHAT ELSE DON'T WE KNOW ABOUT OUR 4-LEGGED FRIENDS?

Carol Sumbry, our Dog Trainer and Behavior Coordinator has had dogs most of her life, fostered hundreds and trained thousands so you could say she knows a thing or two about dogs. However, she is constantly learning new things thanks to the science of how animals think and learn.



For example, did you know dogs can tell the difference between a happy face and angry face in humans?

Did you know MRI's show the same area of the brain that lights up when a dog sees his person is the same area of the brain that lights up when a baby sees his mom? Did you even know that through training methods based in science we can teach a dog to get an

MRI without sedation? If you didn't, you are not alone. The science of how animals learn is a fairly new area and we are learning more and more about our amazing four legged friends.

Interested in learning more? Join us for our RIGHT START seminar! Whether you are a first time dog lover or if you have had dogs your entire life, you are guaranteed to learn information that will last a lifetime and increase the bond and enjoyment you have with your canine companion. You will also learn a simple "4 step formula for the best dog ever". The 2-hour seminar is taught by Carol and is offered twice a month. Cost:\$30.



Please call us at (262) - 782 - 9261 to inquire about the dates an time of the classes.

Staff Spotlight

Victoria Shevey
Customer Relations
Manager



What do you do all day at work?

As the Customer Relations Manager my primary role is the customer portion of EBHS which includes answering the phones and helping guests who stop in. That can include taking donations, processing adoptions, in-taking animals and much more. I also oversee the Customer Relations Department, as well as keep inventory of the small retail store we have. There is no limit to what my role may entail and each day ends up being very different.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

Through the years my dreams would change at one point it was a ballet dancer, another I wanted to be a travel agent, work at the zoo and more but once I interned at another shelter that is when I realized animal welfare was my dream job!

Who are your pets?

Raisiniet is my dog who I adopted from EBHS. She is 5 years old and brings me joy every day! We also recently won a fish that has yet to be named.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

I enjoy being outdoors, traveling, taking pictures, and spending time with my dog, husband, and family.

Why do you enjoy working at EBHS?

The overall positive environment and culture at EBHS. Also the obvious part about being involved with many animals on a daily basis. You can easily get a furry snuggle fix any time of the day.

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 our shelter.

To purchase a leaf or a brick you can either stop into our shelter to fill out a leaf or brick order form or you

can download the leaf or brick form from our website at:

<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!

Wags At Work

Stress is one of the worst emotions. Not only can it affect all aspects of your life, but it can also actually shorten your life. No one likes to feel stressed.

Unfortunately, many workplace environments can lead to a lot of stress. Have you ever felt like you just needed a break in your work day? Or that you need a morale booster for your team?

If you answered yes to any of those questions then you are in luck! Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) has just a program for you! EBHS's Wags At Work program will bring puppies, kittens, dogs, or cats to your office for you and your colleagues to interact with.

The animals can hang out for up to an hour to get some important exercise and playtime for themselves and provide stress relief and happiness for employees. Wags At Work not only helps reduce stress in the office but it also helps find homes for adoptable animals as often times adoptable animals visiting your workplace leave their paw prints on the hearts of those they have visited with. All around, it is a win-win!

If you want to be the talk of your office, then you need to schedule a Wags At Work visit for your team today! For just \$75 EBHS will come to you for 30 minutes of



puppy, kitten, dog, or cat snuggle time. You are able to book up to an hour of snuggle time, and just think with your donation you not only will be able to snuggle some remarkably cute adoptable animals but you will also be helping EBHS continue to do the amazing work it does in the community! All you have to do is contact Anita Alfaro at anita@ebhs.org for an application or go to our website at www.ebhs.org/index.php/wags-at-work.



Staff Spotlight

Jessica Horvath
Animal Caregiver



What do you do all day at work?

I am responsible for feeding, medicating, and cleaning the animals spaces during the morning. In the afternoon, I provide adoption counseling to the public, perform intake and wellness exams, and behavior evaluations to ensure the animals in our care are ready to be adopted.

What makes you good at your job?

I have had some very strong bonds with companion animals growing up that make me want to provide them the care that they deserve. I am also quite sensitive; I once thought it was a flaw of mine, but now I realize it gives me a better understanding of how the animals are feeling and how each of my actions affect them.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

When I was young, I wanted to be a spy. I had a big imagination and liked the idea of all the adventures I would get to go on as a spy. I also really enjoyed the 'Spy Kids' movies and wanted to be just like them.

Who are your pets?

I have a dog named Lacy and a cat named Serj. Lacy is a terrier mix that was named after former Packer player Eddie Lacy. She is a rescue from Alabama and is a little uncertain around strangers. She loves to be outside, whether it's going for walks or chasing chipmunks in our yard. Serj is a one year old black cat who I adopted from EBHS this past December. He is named after the lead singer of the band 'System of a Down'. He LOVES to play but is also a huge snuggler. We have no bugs in our house because he catches them all!

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

If I'm not at work, I'm normally at the gym. I love to work out! I also like to spend time outside hiking or just lying in the sun. In addition, I enjoy spending time with family and close friends.

Volunteer Update

Wagfest Volunteer Opportunities

SIGN-UP TODAY!

SEPT. 07 2:30pm - 5pm
2018

SEPT. 08
2018

8am - 11am
10:30am - 2:15pm
2pm - 5:15pm
5pm - 8:30pm

Volunteers must be 16 years or older.

Contact Becky
becky@ebhs.org | (262)-782-9261

Have you been looking for a way to help Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS), but struggle to find time in your schedule for a weekly commitment? Or perhaps you have been looking for a volunteer opportunity for your coworkers, family or friends over the summer? Look no further than Wagfest 2018! As one of our largest fundraisers of the year, this is our greatest need for special event volunteers, too. Just over 200 people are needed

to make Wagfest the most successful and fun event to date. Volunteer opportunities are available to those that are 16 years old or older, and range from set up on Friday, September 7th to set up on Saturday, September 8th, to helping during the event itself and helping clean up that evening. We cannot put on such a fantastic event for our animal loving community and EBHS without your help! If you are interested in learning more or would like to sign up to volunteer, please email Becky at becky@ebhs.org or call 262-782-9261. Your support through volunteering will help us fulfill our mission to provide shelter for homeless animals, promote the human animal bond and prevent animal cruelty and neglect. Thank you!

Volunteer Spotlight

Laura & Moira
Cat Volunteers & Foster Home



Why do you enjoy volunteering at EBHS?
Moira and I enjoy volunteering because it gives us an opportunity to help animals and actually see the difference we can make.

How or why did you start volunteering at EBHS?
We wanted to do more. If we ever win the lottery, it would be my dream to open an animal sanctuary where older or terminal animals could live out their remaining days in a safe, loving environment. Until that day happens, volunteering allows us to do something... anything to make even one animal more comfortable or feel a little love for a short time. And to be honest... it makes us feel pretty good inside, too!

Outside of volunteering at EBHS what are some of your hobbies?
Moira loves to do anything with art. She also enjoys participating in choir and animal clubs at her school. I enjoy gardening and paper crafting, specifically making greeting cards by hand.

What pets do you have at home?
We have a 12 year old Weimeraner named Bailey, as well as 5 cats - Boris (an EBHS alum), Pickles, Moby, Cleo, and Luna (formerly Kitana from EBHS). We also have a garden pond full of fish.

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!



Birthday girls who collected and made donations for the animals in our care!

Cielo employees for coming and putting in some sweat equity at EBHS.



Jody M. from the Milwaukee Brewers for choosing to donate \$200 to us as part of their Kindness in MKE.

Everyone that purchased one (or many) Kitty Kasas for the kitties in our care!



Kohl's group who helped with sprucing up both the indoors and outdoors of the shelter.



Orbis Corporation for holding a Pet Supply Drive for us.

Riggs from 103.7 Kiss FM for doing our Pet of the Week segment every Friday.

Riley for not only choosing to celebrate your birthday with us but for using part of your party time to create great fleece blankets and collecting donations for the shelter!



Swanson 3rd Grade Brownie Troop for donating wish list items.

Waukesha State Bank for holding a wish list drive for us.



Wells Fargo for volunteering their time to help with pulling weeds.

Thank you so much for holding lemonade stands to earn money to donate to us! As well as adding your own allowance money.



Metso Minerals Industries for holding a wish list drive for us.



All of our donors for always thinking of the animals in our care!



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Brookfield, WI 53045



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

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

Upcoming Events

Wagfest

Saturday, September 8th
11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Mitchell Park in
Brookfield
"The" dog event of the
year! See pg 1 in newsletter
for details

Hambingo

Thursday, October 4th
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Hamburger Mary's

Thank Dog It's Friday

Friday, October 12th
4:30 pm - 7:00 pm
EBHS

Trivia Night

Friday, November 2nd
New Berlin Ale House

Spring Gala

Saturday, March 16th, 2019
Milwaukee Marriott West