

Humane Happenings

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

Helping Save Animals World Wide

Elmbrook Humane Society is able to help nearly 2,000 animals every year, but did you know that we are making an impact saving lives around the world? So, how could a small humane society located in Brookfield, Wisconsin do that?

For many years, we have been helping save the lives of dogs from Saint Croix by working with their local humane society and local citizens who vacation there and are willing to transport them back with them. In 2017, we were able to help 12 dogs from Saint Croix.

In early Summer 2017, we were contacted by the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to see if we would be able to take in a few dogs that would be coming to the United States from South Korea where Humane Society International would be shutting down a dog meat farm. We committed to saving the lives and the task of rehabilitating four of these dogs.



In July, we welcomed Potolet and Winnie, both Tosas and just under 6 months of age, Rocky, a mixed breed just a little over a year old, and Marcus, a Jindo just under two. All four dogs needed medical care and are still learning how to adjust to life outside of a small kennel where they were seen and treated like a crop. It has been great seeing them learn what being a dog is really like!

Then after Hurricane Maria arrived and devastated Puerto Rico we once again worked with HSUS and HAWS and we were able to save the lives of 12 dogs from Puerto Rico. The dogs that we were able to help were already being housed at shelters and rescues in Puerto Rico. After Hurricane Maria, HSUS was working with citizens to assist those in need of temporary or emergency housing for their pets, and the best way we could help was to transport some of the dogs that were already up for adoption to us which made room for all of the animals that were displaced during the hurricane and waiting to be reunited with their families.

EBHS is proud to be able to assist so many dogs both locally and around the world find loving homes right here in Wisconsin. What a huge impact our small shelter is making in saving lives!



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

"There is a coyote hanging around in my neighborhood."

"I found a nest of bunnies in my yard/garden/flower bed."

We hear the above and many more wildlife concerns throughout the year. We are here to help with any wildlife questions that you have though we do want to encourage you to remember that ultimately the goal is to live harmoniously with wild animals as they were here long before us and the great outdoors is their home.

What can you do to achieve happily co-existing with wild animals? Here are a few tips:

1. **Prevention.** While many people enjoy having the company of birds at their feeder or an occasional deer grazing in the yard, they often do not want a family of raccoons nesting under their porch or the sound of a mysterious creature running in the walls of their home. Taking steps to prevent problems from the start is usually the easiest solution.

a. *Do not provide a food source.* Most animals hang around homes because there is something tasty for them to be around for. Bird feeders, unsecure garbage cans, dog food containers, and even a tasty vegetable garden can all be open invitations to wildlife.

b. *"Wildlife-Proof" the home.* Patch holes, block any possible entry-way (including the chimney), and put up a fence around the garden.

This should only be done once it is determined there are no mothers and/or their young so they do not become trapped inside.

2. **Education.** Some of the most frequent calls received regarding wildlife involve "orphaned" young. Often these animals are not orphaned at all and removing them can greatly reduce their chance of survival. Taking the time to research some common habits of native wildlife in the area can provide essential information regarding many wildlife concerns.

3. **Removal.** At times when wildlife gets a little too close, removing them becomes necessary. Ammonia soaked rags placed at the entry and exit points of a nesting site are quite effective. Playing music and turning on lights will create an uncomfortable environment for many species of wildlife and they will often leave on their own. Occasionally, after all efforts have been exhausted physical removal may be necessary. Before doing this, contact us at 262-782-9261 to find out how to do so properly.

For a more comprehensive guide to living with wildlife and the laws pertaining to them, visit the links below:

<http://www.helpingwildlife.org/living-with-wildlife/>

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/documents/nuswlguide.pdf>

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



It's been a busy season for Humane Education at EBHS. This fall, we launched a program partnering with area teachers to have our humane educator come into the classroom and present an animal-centered educational lesson to the students. The program topics include responsibility of pet care, campaigns regarding various current animal welfare issues, wildlife, etc. All of the programs meet Wisconsin Academic Standards and can correlate with what teachers are already doing in their classroom with persuasive writing, graphing, how-to writing, and more. In addition, several of the classrooms have therapy dog teams that have partnered with EBHS come into the classrooms to give students the opportunity to read to a therapy dog on a regular basis. Not only do the kids (and dogs) love this, but studies have shown the benefits of having children read to an animal. We are hoping to form partnerships with additional teachers this fall.

This winter, we also launched our new Kid's Club. This is a monthly club for children ages 8-12 to come to the shelter and learn about various humane education topics in a small group. Door County Sled Dogs presented some very fun and interesting information for the children during their visit in January and most importantly brought in some amazing sled dogs for a visit. One of their sled dogs was even adopted from EBHS!

This summer, we will be holding several summer camp sessions for children at the shelter. These camp sessions will be educational and also a fun time to learn about animals and spend some time up close and caring for some animals at the shelter. Stay tuned to our website for more details and registration information coming very soon!

Staff Spotlight



Kira Bublitz
Customer Relations

What do you do all day at work?
Talk to customers, answer phones, filing, paperwork, help with the foster program, dog adoption followups, and so much more!

What makes you good at your job?
I love talking to people and I'm super organized.

What did you want to be when you grew up?
I always wanted to be a psychologist, or anything having to do with animals.

Who are your pets?
Stella (Boston Terrier), Remi (Boston Terrier mix), Marley (Lab mix), Ria (Boston Terrier/Chihuahua), Lily (DMH), Henrietta (DLH), and Jack (DSH)

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?
As a family, we love to go camping, hiking, traveling, going to the lake, and basically anything we can do with our dogs! I also love to read and go to yoga.

Why do you work at EBHS?
I love animals and have a passion for what we do here!

Humane Officer News

What happens if my pet bites someone?

Preventing a bite from occurring in the first place is always the best option but knowing what to do if a bite occurs is also very important.

A bite from an animal can be serious business. Not only is it a scary occurrence for all involved but bites have the potential to cause significant damage. It is important to try to remain calm and remove your pet from the situation immediately. Confine your pet to a crate and then politely tend to the person who was bitten.

A bite that breaks skin (even a tooth scratch that causes an abrasion) should immediately be washed with soap and water. It is also a good idea to seek medical attention immediately. Make sure to exchange contact information with the bite victim and report the bite to the County Humane Officer.

Your pet will need to be quarantined for 10 days following the bite for rabies

per Wisconsin State Law. The quarantine may be done at home if the pet is current on vaccinations. Follow up contact with the bite victim is often much appreciated.

It is incredibly important to take necessary precautions to prevent further bites from occurring and working with a professional trainer is encouraged. Preventing a bite is the best way to keep you, your pet, and the community safe.

Please reach out to one of our EBHS Humane Officers if you would like more information about animal bites.



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.



Emma (formally Star)
Adopted by Luis

Emma is doing great! She has a 3 year old dog brother that she likes to hang out with and has been learning a lot from him. They are great playmates for each other. She likes to go on walks and is full of energy!



Riley (formally Antiope)
Adopted by Cheryl, Jessie and Max

We are absolutely in love with Riley! From the first day we brought her home she has slept through the night. She likes to chew on shoestrings but not shoes! She is very friendly, loves

kids and is very smart. She learns something new every day.



Bernie (formally Colors)
Adopted by Caroline

Bernie, who is named after lyricist Bernie Taupin has adjusted to our apartment very quickly. She is still energetic and loving. She loves playing and also enjoys snuggling. She sits on my lap every time I'm at my computer. We love

Bernie more than words can express, she is so special and we are so lucky we got to adopt her!



Bailey (formally Tramy) Adopted by Essie

Bailey and his little lover Rumchata are doing great! He's doing well and is spunky as ever! He's been a great addition to our family.



Mimzy
Adopted by Kristen

Mimzy settled in nicely and is getting along with my other cat Skinny nicely. She likes to drink from the bathroom sink in the morning as I get

ready, and she still enjoys eating! She even swatted my slice of pizza out of my hand the other day while I was trying to eat. I am so happy to have adopted Mimzy, she is the best!



Rosie & Basil (formally Ellie & Milo)
Adopted by Doug

Rosie and Basil are thriving in their new home! They enjoy each others company and the vet has told us they are in top health and will likely grow into very large cats! We love them both very much!

Still Searching for Forever Homes



Poopsie - 432 days



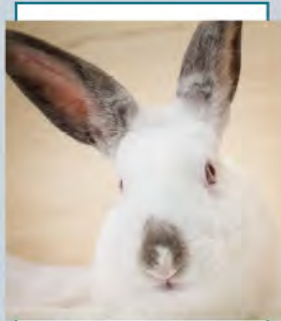
Buckeye - 304 days



Bandit - 246 days



Rosie - 492 days



Birdie - 152 days



Lita - 170 days

Shelter Animal Updates



Cuddles -
Adopted 09/05/17



Geraldine -
Passed away while in
foster care 09/26/17



Mimzy -
Adopted 10/09/17



Toulouse -
Adopted 11/03/17

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.

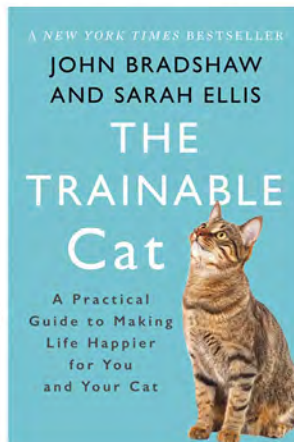
Behavior Blogging

As much as we love our canine companions, often there are behaviors that we don't love about them. It might be barking, digging, or jumping up on guests. These are all normal dog behaviors, they are appropriate behaviors in their world, but very unacceptable in ours. We often hear my dog is “bad, “doesn't listen”, or “is afraid of ___” (fill in the blank).

A dog that jumps on guests can be taught to sit for attention. Dogs only listen to what they are taught and English is not their first language so just because we say “sit”, it doesn't mean our dog knows what that means. We can teach dogs to listen once we learn how to communicate and motivate them. Dogs are just like humans in that they repeat behaviors that are rewarding for them. Even the dog that is fearful can gain confidence and learn through training and behavior modification.

When people ask us if we think behavior can be changed, our answer is, of course! Have you ever tried

to change your behavior or start a new habit? It can be done but can take time and consistency! The good news is it's never too late. You can sign up for a training class or private lesson at EBHS so you can learn how to communicate and train your dog. Not only will you enjoy spending time with your companion more via training, but it is also a great bonding experience. Start today and be on your way to changing behaviors and to a better relationship with your 4 legged companion. And don't forget about your cat! The Trainable Cat by John Bradshaw/ Sarah Ellis is a great read and YES cats can be trained too!



Staff Spotlight

Andrea Wirtz
Animal Care



What does your job entail?

I feed, clean, and medicate in the mornings and do adoption counsels in the afternoons. Once a week I work with our vet to help get our animals any medical care they may need.

What makes you good at your job?

My education and past experiences -I have a degree in zoology and a history of volunteering at a nature center where I provided educational experiences for the public and basic animal care.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a zookeeper.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

I enjoy reading and hiking.

Why do you work at EBHS?

I love seeing the animals we care for find a forever home. It is rewarding to know you made a difference not just for the animal, but for adopters as well when they find their perfect furry companion.

2018 "There's No Place Like Home" Spring Gala

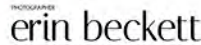


Our 2018 "There's No Place Like Home" Spring Gala event was a huge success! We had a great evening filled with amazing silent auction items, wine pulls, live auction items, great food & drink, an amazing gift card tree raffle, stories that raised awareness and funds to support our mission, and of course adoptable animals!

Thank you to our sponsors for their support!



Barbara
Baron



Dennis & Patty
Schultz



Save the Date!

Wagfest 2018 Saturday, September 8th

Make sure you mark your calendars for Wagfest 2018 on Saturday, September, 8th from 11am-5pm. Wagfest will not be the same without you! As our largest fundraising event of the year, we would love for you and your furry friends 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! There will be a lot of events and activities for everyone. Vendor and sponsorship opportunities are available, and with an expected turn out of over 6,000 people and their animals, this is a great way to reach out to the community and build your business. If you would like more information on sponsorship, becoming a vendor, or donating an item for our raffle, please contact Anita at 262-754-6597 or anita@ebhs.org.



Staff Spotlight

Becky Tetzlaff
Volunteer and Community
Outreach Coordinator

What do you do all day at work?

I spend a good chunk of my day interacting with volunteers as well as managing their schedules, processing applications, planning for events, sending and replying to lots of emails and taking a few minutes each day to socialize with the adoptable cats that hang out in my office until they find a home; often times the shy or timid ones.



What makes you good at your job?

I am a people person and animal person. Not too many places where you get to work with people who share your passion. I am a good communicator and very organized which helps me and our volunteer program excel.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

It depends on the year. I thought I wanted to be a veterinary technician after graduation, but after starting school for this and working at a clinic, I realized I didn't have the stomach for it. This is a great balance for me.

Who are your pets?

We have 3 cats: Maverick, Freckles and Nacho. Two of which were foster failures and made the trip back with us from Japan! We also have a fish named Cookie who has been with us for almost 5 years! That's a long time for a beta.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

I love birdwatching, spending time outside during the warmer months, gardening, and spending time with my family.

Why do you work at EBHS?

I work at EBHS because I feel fulfilled doing so. I love being the connection between members in our community who want to help animals in need and the animals in our care who need them! I am very proud to be part of this organization and although not every day is easy, every day we do something (many things, actually) good for animals and people. Volunteering is a form of therapy, too!

Volunteer Update

Have you been one of the few that have successfully fulfilled your New Year's resolution to date? The great thing about making resolutions is that you can do so any time of the year, not just the beginning. Now is a great time to get involved with your local humane society as the weather warms up and animal happenings start picking up – special events, fostering, animal transports, and housekeeping. These are all areas we see a need for an increase in help in the spring through summer (and all year round)! Volunteering can look vastly different depending on what you are looking to accomplish- weekly commitments, as you are available opportunities, or perhaps serving on an event committee. I often hear people say that they are hesitant to volunteer with a humane society because they would want to take all the animals home. I get that, as I also felt this way... until I actually got involved and saw how well the animals at EBHS are taken care of by staff and volunteers. Coupled with EBHS being a No Kill organization, in the 4 years I have been part of this great



group, I have not felt the need to adopt a single animal, although I have wanted to! So don't let that be the reason that holds you back from helping homeless animals in our community and beyond. You can learn more about all our volunteer opportunities on our website – www.ebhs.org

Volunteer Spotlight

George Volkaitis
Small Animal Volunteer

Why do you enjoy volunteering at EBHS?
I really enjoy the animals and now that I am retired I feel it is a great way to use some of my time.

How or why did you start volunteering?
I fostered cats for EBHS in 2010 – 2011. In 2011 I adopted one of the fosters and a second feral cat from Elmbrook. So I was familiar with EBHS. I had it in the back of my mind that when I retired, which happened in 2016, that I would volunteer to help the animals.

Outside of volunteering at EBHS what are some of your hobbies/interests?
Riding my motorcycle, which I ride to Elmbrook on nice summer days. I also enjoy photography, making stained glass and golf.



What pets do you have at home?
I have two cats, Autumn and Lloyd.

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!



ABC Social & Café Grace for making specialty drinks and donating the funds to us.

Arrowhead Key Club for making blankets for our animals kennels.

Cookies By Design for collecting donations for our animals.

Crawford Evaluation Group for donating wish list items.

Erin Beckett Photography for putting together our awesome Thank You Video and Spring Gala Video.



Fox Sports Ladies for helping us deep clean the shelter.

Mary Beth for using her leftover fabric scraps to make toys and blankets for us.



Milwaukee Sting Volleyball team for donating wish list items.

Owen for donating wish list items.

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



School Nutrition Association for choosing us as their monthly charity.

Spa Paw & Tail for giving one of our dogs a few days of doggie day care and an overnight stay.



Stella & Chewy's for photo shoots with our animals and donating boxes of food.



Yo Mama Frozen Yogurt for collecting their tips for animals in our care.

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



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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

- 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

Hambingo

Thursday, April 12th

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at Hamburger Mary's

Thank Dog It's Friday

Friday, June 22nd

5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at EBHS

Wagfest 2018

Saturday, September 8th

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Mitchell Park in Brookfield
"The" dog event of the year! See page 6 for details