

Humane Happenings

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

12th Annual Wagfest



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 Drive on Mitchell Park Drive. Wagfest is guaranteed to be an AMAZING time for the entire family!

The funds raised from Wagfest allow us to support the nearly 1,500 animals we care for each year. Every year we are excited to spend the day with our community that gives so much to us and the animals in need.

This year we will have lure courses, nearly 100 vendors, the famous Pup-tini Lounge, a wide selection of basket raffles, three 50/50 raffles, agility, the Zoomie Zone, Pawcasso (pet painting), 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 Block Party 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 2019 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

As expected of any reputable animal welfare organization EBHS provides the care needed so that each animal is physically healthy. From routine vaccinations, to spay/neuter, to dental care, to parasite and heartworm testing and treatment, to testing for feline leukemia and feline immunodeficiency virus, as well as more specialized care for allergies, gastrointestinal ailments, diabetes, kidney and thyroid disease, broken bones and ligaments, and more. Our staff and veterinarian partners work together to make sure each animal in our care maintains the best quality of life.

Did you know we also work to make sure every animal is mentally and emotionally healthy, too? By providing enrichment, we enable animals in our care to demonstrate their species specific behavior, such as hunting and working, engage in exercise, and control or choice over their environment which all in turn enhances their overall well-being.

We utilize food and cognitive based enrichment the most. The goal of food and cognitive based enrichment is to prolong feeding time along with enhancing mental stimulation. Several times a week, animals in our care receive frozen food based Kongs, slow feeders, almost empty peanut butter jars, frozen tuna cubes, or boxes filled with food and other goodies. Although food based enrichment is not for every animal, most enjoy this option!

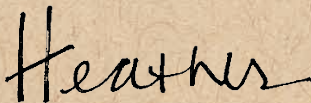
We also utilize sensory enrichment which means we engage any one or more

of the five senses which include sight, sound, touch, smell, and taste. Our most common sensory enrichment utilizes smell. We perform nose work with dogs and utilize essential oils as room sprays for most of our animals.

A few years ago, in an effort to improve overall daily living, we replaced all of our cat housing. In doing so, we greatly improved the stay for cats in our care by implementing housing that provides separation of eating space from bathroom space as well as places to hide and perch. Several months ago, through the collaboration of working with Eagle Scouts, we also added scratching posts to most feline living spaces.

Finally, when needed or as our environment and resources allow, we provide social enrichment. We work to keep bonded pairs of cats and litters of kittens together. We include dogs in some of our training classes. Our staff and volunteers spend time sitting quietly with their animal friend or provide play time.

We are able to offer enrichment in part thanks to you as your donation of enrichment toys, empty smaller boxes (shoe box size or slightly larger), empty peanut butter jars, Kongs, and slow feeders allow us to provide this important care. Remember your pets, too, as they likely are to enjoy and benefit from enrichment!



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. Use <http://a.co/dT1rshE> to check out our wish list.

Also, remember when you are shopping on Amazon for your own needs to go to AmazonSmile, choose Elmbrook Humane Society, and Amazon will make a donation to us!

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



Humane Education Highlights

We have had quite the busy summer! Our Kids Camps engaged young people in a variety of enriching activities at the shelter. Our popular dog safety presentations at the City of Brookfield's Safety Town taught youth the vital life skills of recognizing canine signs and signals, how to safely interact with the family dog, and what to do when encountering a strange or loose dog. The children even had a chance to meet certified therapy dogs from our Pet Therapy Team!



We have an equally exciting fall planned, filled with a wide range of opportunities for young people both at the shelter and in the community. Our programs allow young animal lovers to engage in activities that foster kindness to all living things, social responsibility, and a connection to the community and the world. Topics focus on specific issues such as pet overpopulation, how shelters help animals in need, and how to care for animals.

Our Kindness Club, which meets one Friday evening a month during the school year, engages youth in behind-the-scenes tours, animal-themed topics, crafts, teambuilding, and more!

Birthday Parties are wonderful ways for youth to celebrate their special day while supporting the shelter. Our two-hour bash includes animal-themed games, interaction with animals, and even an awesome commemorative t-shirt for the birthday child!

Educational shelter tours provide visitors with an in-depth look at the work we do as well as how to help animals in need. Tours are offered for school, scout, and other youth groups who are interested in learning more about us.

Staff Spotlight



Brenda Robertson
Customer Relations

What makes you good at your job?

I've worked in customer service for over 25 years and I know that without customers we wouldn't be around.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be a vet, but I quickly realized I'd rather snuggle all the animals as opposed to giving them medical care.

Who are your pets?

My furry 4-legged kids were both found as strays in Waukesha. Charlotte is a 6 year old cocker/lhasa mix and Fez is a 5 year old bichon mix. Charlotte is a diva but so sweet, too, and Fez is kind of spastic and crazy but the best cuddler in the world.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

My number one focus is graduation coming up in December from WCTC, otherwise I love to read fiction and play with my pooches.

Why do you enjoy working at EBHS?

I love working for an organization with similar beliefs as myself. As the only No Kill shelter in Waukesha County I'm extremely proud to be affiliated with EBHS.

Classroom and site presentations are available year-round. Lessons focus on a variety of topics and are perfect for badge programs and high interest lessons!

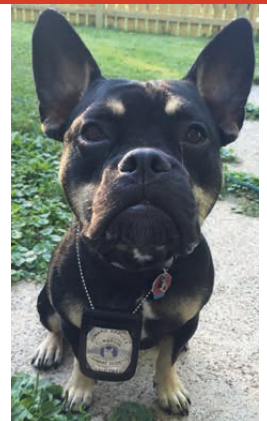
Presentations feature visits with our Certified Therapy Dogs, giving youth the chance to safely interact with dogs who love the attention! These are a huge hit and are very rewarding for the kids, volunteers, and of course, the dogs!

All of our Humane Education programs are highly impactful opportunities to teach young people about empathy, kindness, and collaboration. Kids light up when talking about animals and are eager to learn how they can help. Capturing a young person's interest can reach well beyond the classroom by fostering empathy and respect for all living things.

Humane Officer News

We can always tell when summer is here. The weather gets warmer and the dog bite calls start rolling in. Everyone wants to be out enjoying the beautiful weather with their pets. We're here to help you have fun in a safe manner for you, your dog, and your neighbors. No matter how well behaved your dog is, keep an eye on them when they are outside. Even the best dog can escape their yard if they get overly excited. Another tip would be to watch the door especially when guests are over. It can be a great chance for your dog to escape as people are going in and out of the house or yard. One thing people sometimes overlook is if your dog is shy they may enjoy some quiet time in their crate or bedroom. It can be stressful for the shy dog to be around new people. They may have more fun with their favorite toys or a Kong filled with treats, then you can spend some quality time with them once your guests are gone. Last

but not least, you may have more children around in the summer. Take the time to show them how to interact with your dog. Dogs have different personalities like people do, showing them how to act around or with your dog is a great way to prevent bites from occurring.



Your humane officers are always here to help if a bite does happen. We hope with some tips and supervision everyone can enjoy the summer, bite free...except for those nasty mosquito bites, of course.

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.



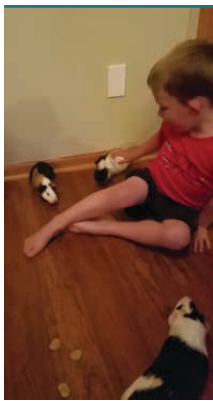
Bella adopted by Pat, John and Katie
Bella went through a lot in the first few months of us knowing her, but she is the sweetest, loving, well behaved dog. Bella is a velcro dog, always wanting to be next to you, looking up for more affection. She is so playful, loves her ball and soft toys.



Giselle adopted by Nick
Giselle loves sleeping in our sunny window and in sinks! She seems very happy. She flips over to show us her belly. She is fitting in nicely.



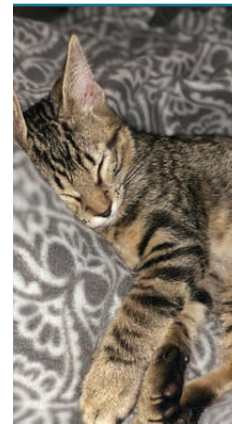
Alice (formerly Sweetie) Adopted by Syd
Alice is a completely different bunny than she was at the shelter. She is so calm and very sweet! She loves to eat lettuce!



Chase & J.J. (formerly Bit-O-Honey & Caramello) adopted by Kimberly & Gabe
Chase and J.J. are getting along great with our other older piggy Radar already. Chase follows Radar everywhere and likes to try to steal his veggies. We are so happy to have added them to our piggy family!



Lucy adopted by Ivan
Lucy has been a sweetheart. She's a happy dog, gets along well with other animals, and small children. She loves to chase me on the mountain bike on the trails in the woods and is a good listener. Her favorite place is the local dog park where she's made plenty of friends.

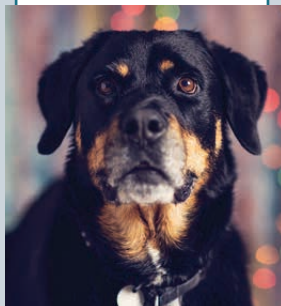


Sundae adopted by Mark
Sundae is doing great! She adapted to my home very well, and seems to be quite happy. When I brought her home she didn't hide at all, just calmly explored my condo and later that afternoon laid down on my lap. She loves chasing her toys and climbing her cat tree, and she really is great with people.

Still Searching for Forever Homes



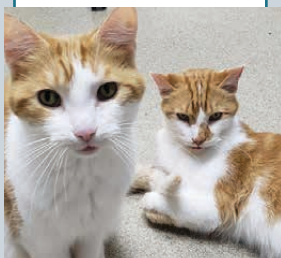
Hooch - 152 days



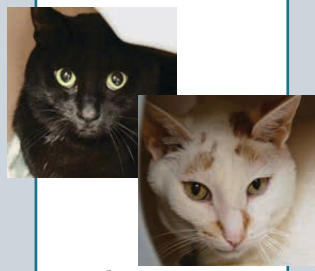
Sangria - 199 days



Grayson - 50 days



Hansel & Gretel - 105 days (bonded pair) need to be adopted together

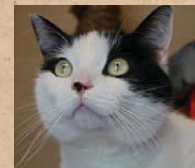


Gryphon & Benson - 75 days (bonded pair) need to be adopted together



Rebel - 50 days

Shelter Animal Updates



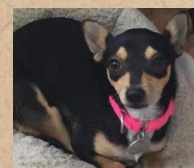
Frankie - Adopted 05/04/19

Tiger - Adopted 04/28/19



Nalla - Adopted 05/06/19

Maine - Adopted 06/01/19



Molly - Adopted 05/17/19



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. Our certified trainer 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. 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 the shelter at 262-782-9261 to inquire about the dates of the classes we have to offer.

Behavior Blogging



As some of you might know we are a force free facility but what does that mean exactly? It is the type of training we use and embrace that takes into account the emotions and feelings of animals and also the science of how animals learn.

We do not employ pain, startling techniques, fear, or anything the dog perceives as negative tools to train the dogs in our care or in classes.

We understand that, based on scientific studies, the best way to get a dog to do what we want is through cooperation and by understanding what motivates a dog to learn.

According to the 2008 study by Anouck Haverbeke, dogs that received

the most corrections and punishment did not learn as well as the others.

In addition, dogs that received punishment were also found to be more distracted, paying less attention to their handler and the tasks they were supposed to complete.

In the 2009 Meghan E. Herron study of the use and outcome of confrontational and non-confrontational training methods, results showed that if you are aggressive with your dog, your dog will be aggressive with you.

This study showed that using confrontational methods, force, growling at your dog, and even staring down your dog can increase aggression by up to 41%! Also, correction does not teach your dog what you DO want, it can raise anxiety and aggression, and can affect the bond and trust with your companion.

There are more humane ways to teach man's best friend how to live in our world. Per science, not only does force free training build an incredible bond with your companion, it works!

Staff Spotlight

Dawn Wollenzien
Director of Philanthropy



What did you want to be when you grew up?

I originally I wanted to be an airline stewardess (not sure if they are still called that nowadays) however once I realized I was afraid of heights, I thought it best to choose another profession.

Who are your pets?

I currently have two rescue dogs, both black lab mixes. My guess is that they are mixed with Great Dane because they are both so tall and lanky. Nova and Onyx look and act so much alike that everyone thinks they are from the same litter but they were adopted two years apart.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

Outside of work, I enjoy volunteering with many local non-profit organizations, spending time on my friend's pontoon boat, as well as vacationing with my two daughters, Becca and Sam. Walt Disney World is my favorite vacationing spot but am open to recommendations for other great places to visit.

Why do you enjoy working at EBHS?

Where do I start? The leadership of this organization is top notch; encompassing the core values of balance and compassion, ingenuity, collaborative, integrity and respect 24/7/365. The staff and volunteers provide the upmost, unconditional love to each and every animal in their care. They bring heart to this No Kill Shelter, allowing the time for every animal the best opportunity to find a loving, forever home no matter how long it takes. I'm getting to know the donors and will tell you I am amazed how quickly folks respond to an in-kind or financial need, providing the hope and second chances all the animals deserve.

I've always had a heart for animals and believe that working for EBHS and humane animal welfare is my life's purpose. I'm right where I am supposed to be. It's been a pawpositive experience since the moment I walked into the doors of EBHS.

Memorial Opportunities



Have you been looking for a way to honor an animal lover, remember a loved one, or support the work we do at Elmbrook Humane Society?

If so, you are in luck! We have a great new way to do just that!

Make your mark - purchase a plaque for \$100 to place on our large wooden paw print plaque at the shelter. Each plaque is engraved, customized, and displayed for you and all of our visitors to see.

To purchase a paw print plaque, either stop by the shelter to fill out the order form or you can download the paw print 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. To learn about more memorial opportunities call 262-782-9261.

READ to Me

From a very young age, children connect with animals. From the toddler who delightfully points to animals in a picture book to the tween who devours a classic like Charlotte's Webb, young people develop an endearment for animals that can last a lifetime.

EBHS recently launched a classroom program that has integrated a child's connection to animals with literacy skills. The program, called READ to Me, meets in area classrooms and connects young readers with certified therapy dogs for reading sessions.

READ to Me also provides a strong foundation for young people to gain experiences in developing empathy and learning more about kindness to all living things. A large component of the program includes lessons and activities on topics such as responsible pet ownership, being safe around animals, and ways to help animals in need.

According to one of the teachers involved, "For many reluctant readers, a chance to read to a dog is just the engagement 'hook' they need to find their reading voice. In addition, for all readers, the opportunity to read out loud is good for fluency, a key component of a reader's toolkit."

There are numerous benefits to the READ to Me program. Students and parents appreciate the unique opportunity the program provides to build confidence in and improve reading skills. Teachers benefit from the support of the classroom reading sessions as well as from the incentives and enthusiasm canine visitors add to their classrooms. The volunteers truly enjoy the rewarding service and seeing the kids "light up" when they engage with their canine partners. And let's not forget the therapy dogs! They love READ to Me just as much as the children do!

Currently, our therapy dog volunteer teams visit three schools, approximately twice a month. Goals for the upcoming school year include adding more therapy dog teams, more classroom reading sessions, and ultimately, more students in the program.

EBHS is very proud to support schools and engage our volunteers in this unique and highly rewarding program and looks forward to the upcoming school year. If you would like more information about our READ to Me program, please contact Sheila Postotnik, Humane Educator, at sheila@ebhs.org.



Staff Spotlight

Rachel Batcher
Animal Caregiver

What makes you good at your job?
I have 10 years of experience in animal rescue and animal rescue is my life purpose.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I knew all I wanted to do was save animals. ☺

Who are your pets?

Chloe, my 13 year old puggle who is still full of life and love.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

Animal behavior/enrichment, deploying with the ASPCA, working with raptors, psychology and rock 'n roll music.

Why do you enjoy working at EBHS?

EBHS holds the same core values as me, and it's refreshing to work alongside people who have the same amount of passion for animals. Our entire staff truly gives their all for the animals and go above and beyond for them every day. Even when nobody is looking! I'm so proud to be a part of this organization since we don't only talk the talk but walk the walk, even behind closed doors. I love being able to live out my purpose every day.



Volunteer Update

Wagfest Volunteer Opportunities

SIGN-UP TODAY!

SEPT. 07 2019

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

True: Volunteers are instrumental to our daily operations and caring for the animals that depend on us. Also true: We need over 200 volunteers to make our largest fundraiser a successful one. For busy individuals making a weekly commitment to volunteering can be difficult, but a one-time, extremely impactful volunteer opportunity may be more doable. Like our 12th Annual Wagfest event. There are a plethora of volunteer activities and something to do for everyone over the age of 16. Wagfest is a great opportunity for high school groups, students looking for community service hours, companies looking for a way to give back to their community, groups of friends, families, or just to help with a one time (but very important) event!

If you are interested in helping us at Wagfest or learning more, please email our Volunteer Manager, at becky@ebhs.org.

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Volunteer Spotlight

Rick, Debbie & Autumn
Cat Volunteers and Special Event Volunteers

Why do you enjoy volunteering at EBHS? It gives us joy that the time we give to EBHS helps the animals feel loved while they wait for a loving home and family. Participating in the animal holiday fund raisers helps to raise monies to keep our facility a step above in providing comfort to the variety of animals we care for. It is very gratifying to see all the different personalities, unique looks and eyes of the animals that want someone to connect with. We know we were needed to do the dishes and laundry to keep our animals comfy and well fed, so it was a labor of love.



How or why did you start volunteering at EBHS? We started volunteering when Autumn, who is in middle school, joined the National Honor Society and needed to do service hours. We checked on some options and EBHS was a perfect choice for us since we love animals and always support adoption.

What pets do you have at home? We have our great cat Tommy who is at least 15 years old. He is a snuggler and sits beside me every morning as I listen to music and get ready for work. Our backyard is home to hummingbirds, a wren family, wandering rabbits, and deer that are mainly here in the winter. We even had a pretty fox in our yard recently.

EBHS Thank You!

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



Addison for collecting wish list items for her birthday.

Bradly and Boy Scout Troop 38 for making cat hammocks, scratching post, and wish list items.

Eloise & Teaghan for making homemade dog treats!



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



Ian for making cat treats and holding a bake sale as his 8th grade community project for school.

Jake Edmark State Farm Insurance Agent for donating funds to EBHS!

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



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

Robertson Ryan & Associates who spent a full day sprucing up our grounds and spreading mulch!

Waukesha State Bank for donating to us as part of their 75th anniversary celebration.



Wedgewood Park School 7th grade class for raising funds for animals in our care.

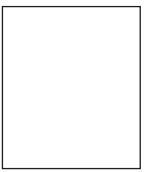
Wells Fargo for helping to spruce up our shelter grounds!



Wimmer Photography for donating wish list items to EBHS.



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Brookfield, WI 53045



Wish List

Urgent Needs

- Bleach
- Laundry detergent
- Paper towels
- Disinfecting wipes
- White 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
- American cheese slices
- Canned pumpkin

Upcoming Events

Wagfest

Saturday, September 7, 2019
Mitchell Park in Brookfield

Bowl A Thon

Saturday, November 16, 2019
New Berlin Ale House

Spring Gala

Saturday, March 14, 2020
Milwaukee Marriott West