

Humane Happenings

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

Medical Care Costs On the Rise:

Being a No Kill Humane Society, we fulfill our commitment to providing the resources needed for every animal that needs us. Medical care, especially more advanced care, continues to be one of our greatest expenses. Annually, many animals come to us in need of orthopedic care, dental surgery, eye treatment, heartworm treatment which at minimum takes a few months to treat, treatment for kidney, diabetes, and thyroid disease, and much more!

Last year alone close to \$120,000 was spent on medical needs for animals in our care. Without Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS), many of the animals we have helped and have yet to help, likely would not have at a chance at life.

How exactly does your support positively impact the lives of animals? Take Gizmo for example.

Gizmo, at just three years of age, has had quite the hard life thus far. Arriving at our organization on July 3rd of last year, it was evident Gizmo was in dire need of care and love from those around her and thankfully because of you, we were able to be there for her!



Gizmo's skin was in terrible condition – inflamed, infected, and the loss of hair was extensive. We also noticed that she was not walking quite right and after examination by one of the veterinarians who visits our facility weekly, she was in need of a visit to a specialist. We began treatment for her skin – baths multiple times a week, medication, and an allergy test to try and determine what was ailing her. Her allergy panel showed she has many allergies and provided the insight we needed to adjust her diet and her medication to help her improve. During this time, Gizmo developed an ear infection which we also treated. She was seen by a specialist to help us determine what was ailing her legs. It was determined that Gizmo has arthritis in her hind legs, mild hip dysplasia, and an old cruciate tear in her right hind knee. Unfortunately it is believed surgery will not help to repair the damage done so Gizmo will be on arthritis medication and joint

supplements to ensure she is comfortable the rest of her life. And finally, she received dental surgery while with us as most of her teeth were so worn down and broken with roots exposed causing her significant pain. All this at the age of just three!

Thanks to two of our kind hearted foster volunteers, Gizmo was able to remain in foster care during much of her treatment which allowed her a less stressful environment, a more regimented treatment schedule than what can be offered at a Humane Society, and love and attention from her foster parents.

Each day we have the honor of helping animals in need, balancing our heads and hearts to do our absolute best for each one. Gizmo is just one example of the hundreds of animals coming to us annually who need medical attention.

We have some of the resources needed to be able to continue to ensure every adoptable animal receives the life they deserve – from foster homes, to partnerships with veterinarians, to dedicated volunteers that assist with a variety of needs, to staff who go above and beyond by seeing animals through medical recovery...however, funds to ensure animals who due to no fault of their own, receive the medical care they need, are always a challenge.

With your past support you have made a huge difference for those like Gizmo, and so many others....you have brought second chances, hope, happiness, and life to so many animals in need.

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

Often times, I am asked what makes Elmbrook Humane Society (EBHS) unique from other groups? It is a very easy question to answer – undoubtedly, our core values which are balance and compassion, ingenuity, collaborative, integrity, and respect, as well as our vision statement which is to be the most personal, compassionate, and preferred resource for your animal needs. So what exactly does this mean and how do we live our core values and vision?

We provide personalized service. When you call us, you receive a real person rather than a menu of options. We respond to after hour voicemail messages the next day. We reply to email in a timely manner. Often times, we reach out to people via phone or in person to work through situations that are not straight forward as email can often add frustration and confusion. We value all relationships.

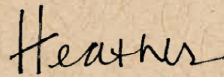
We care. We genuinely care about each and every person and animal we come into contact with. We work to understand as well as strive to educate others and ourselves. We treat others how we wish to be treated. We take the time to do all that we can to help others – this could be holding the door for someone visiting us, to taking extra time to help an individual having to give up their pet, to staying after class to make sure the new dog owner is doing everything right, to staying

beyond scheduled hours to sit with a scared animal.

We strive to be the resource for others. We may not always be the group to provide direct assistance but we want to make sure we can provide resources to help you. Looking for low cost spay and neuter options, dog training options, how to live harmoniously with wildlife, how to make sure the stray cat in your neighborhood has a safe place to go, who to contact if you are concerned about the well-being of a pet...we are here to help make sure you have the information you need to make the best decision possible or to be an advocate for animals.

We live our core values in everything we do. From collaborating with our colleagues, volunteers, animal welfare partners, and community, to making sure the best possible positive outcome is achieved for each animal who comes into our care while balancing our heads and our hearts, to being compassionate with each person and animal we work with, to always doing what is right, to respecting the differences of and being kind to all animals and people...our core values guide us in every decision we make and every effort we put forth.

We want you to know we are always here for you, your pet, or any animal or person in need.



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!

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Humane Education Highlights

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 classics like Charlotte's Webb and Black Beauty, young people develop an endearment for animals that can last a lifetime. One of the oldest and most recognizable characters on the planet is Mickey Mouse and the most popular genres of children's films feature the plight of animals, many of which involve adventure and heartbreak.

How does this connection relate to humane education, and why is it important? George Angell, one of the earliest advocates of the humane movement, aptly noted, "I am sometimes asked 'Why do you spend so much of your time and money talking about kindness to animals when there is so much cruelty to men?' I answer: 'I am working at the roots.'"

Staff Spotlight



Christine Raman
Animal Care Department/
Behavior Team

What do you do all day at work?

I work in the Animal Care Department on the Behavior Team. In addition

to cleaning and feeding animals in our care, I assist with training and enrichment for our dogs. I perform behavior assessments for our dogs, dog introductions, animal counsels with the public, and adoptions. I help educate the public about humane treatment of all animals and positive training.

What makes you good at your job?

I'm passionate about animals, and I especially enjoy working with animals with special needs and challenges. It is very important to me to make certain the animals stay at Elmbrook is the most comfortable and loving one possible. I treat every animal in our care with patience, love and respect, as if they were one of my own.

Who are your pets?

I have two dogs both EBHS alumni! Neela, a 13-year old Husky/Pit Bull mix, and Marie, a 6-year old Boxer/Pit Bull mix.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

Outside of work, I enjoy hiking with my dogs. I also do pet sitting and dog walking for others in my free time.

Why do you work at EBHS?

I enjoy working with like-minded people who love animals as much as I do. Our staff and volunteers are passionate about the animals in our care and finding them the best home possible. As a No Kill organization, every animal in our care is given the best opportunity to find a loving, forever home no matter how long it takes.

It is widely believed that empathy must be learned at a young age. So it is the wonderful responsibility of Humane Educators to facilitate opportunities for young people to connect with animals and learn about alleviating their suffering. The notion that animals can think, feel, and feel pain is a concept that can be taught to the very youngest child through stories, games, activities, and interactions with animals.

At EBHS, we offer a wide range of humane opportunities for young people. We present lessons in the classroom and at the shelter which focus on topics like caring for pets, pet overpopulation, and helping animals in need. Our read program, active in several schools, helps young people build confidence in reading while interacting with a Certified Therapy Dog. Our scout meetings and birthday parties allow youth to earn badges, celebrate their birthdays at the shelter, and learn more about helping homeless animals. So far this year, we have served over 15 schools and 1,800 youth!



This summer, we look forward to our Kids Camps. Year-round, we offer numerous programs to capture a young person's interest in animals whose effects go well beyond the classroom: an empathy and respect for all living things.

If you would like more information, please contact Sheila, Humane Educator, at sheila@ebhs.org.



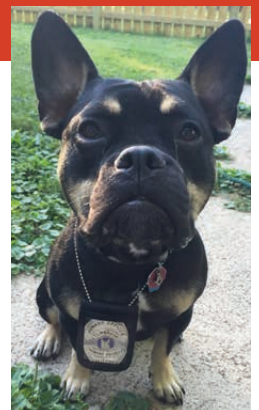
Humane Officer News

Spring is here which means all of our favorite wildlife is coming out to enjoy the weather and live amongst us. Please keep an eye out for them as you are heading out to enjoy the beautiful weather. All it takes is a little care and we can easily coexist with our wild neighbors. Elmbrook staff is always here to answer any questions and help find ways for nature and neighbor to live in harmony.

The other thing Spring brings your friendly Humane Officers is an uptick in stray or loose pets. Many municipalities do not allow loose cats or dogs. Please take a minute to familiarize yourself with your local ordinances. Sometimes it is part of the law that people don't

know but it's best to learn it to avoid issues with your city or your neighbors. Many of the strays we get are animals that were not properly leashed or contained to their owner's

property. If you follow the rules you and your pets can have a fun, safe, and enjoyable Summer. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact one of your friendly Elmbrook Humane Society Humane Officers.



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.



Mia (formerly Sasha)
Adopted by Jan

Mia is doing great! She loves to be petted and to cuddle. She is still worried when I walk quickly in her direction but she is getting less anxious. She is doing very well considering she spent four years in a puppy mill. She has my total heart. She is a love.



Alfie (formally Sora)
Adopted by Gina

Alfie is doing great! He's so sweet and friendly. Loves attention and to snuggle, we are so in love with him!



Ladybug
Adopted by Denise

Ladybug is wonderful! She gets along great with our other cat, Tibs; they are a great match energy-wise! We love her so much! What a great addition to our family!



Almond Joy Adopted by Rorie

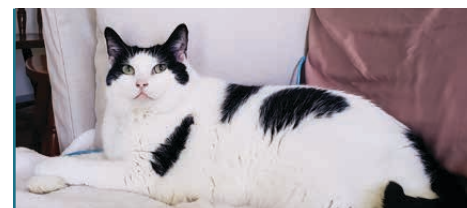
Almond Joy is wonderful! What a great addition to our family!



Max (formally Champ)
Adopted by Elyssa

Max is doing great! He loves to go on car rides to grandma and grandpa's to play with his best friend Rosie (pictured with him). He knows sit, stay, lay down, come, and shake in both English and Polish! As a few

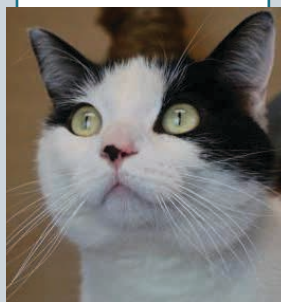
of us speak to him in Polish, too! Sometimes he listens better in Polish than English! Haha.



Milo
Adopted by Mary

Milo has adjusted to apartment living and we are becoming great friends! She still loves her crinkle balls (she might be the next soccer star...lol). She traveled with me to San Antonio, TX, and she was an absolute STAR on both flights and was the hit of the airport! She loved all of the pets from strangers in the terminal and enjoyed a nice cat nap once on the flight! Milo has been a great addition to my family, she is great!

Still Searching for Forever Homes



Frankie- 51 days



Tiger - 87 days



Nalla - 54 days



Maine - 154 days



Molly - 102 days

Shelter Animal Updates



Tucker -
Adopted 10/21/18



Ruby -
Adopted 08/06/18



Pat -
Adopted 07/31/18



Harper -
Adopted 08/16/18



Winks & Mackey -
Adopted 08/06/18

Dog Training Classes



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

THE RIGHT START SEMINAR – HUMANS ONLY, NO DOGS PLEASE

This 90-minute seminar covers everything you need to be successful with your new dog. Crate training, housetraining, food, and much more! You will learn about how dogs think and how to use that information to better understand them and train them. We will discuss the importance of mental stimulation and why it's a must for a healthy, happy dog. You will learn about the myths and sort out the conflicting information about dogs and training methods with science-based facts. You will also learn a simple "4 step formula for the best dog ever" to ensure you and your new dog get off to the RIGHT START! Whether this is your first dog or you have had dogs your entire life, you are guaranteed to learn information that will last a lifetime.

Cost: EBHS adopters-FREE Public- \$30

PRIVATE LESSONS

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

THE RIGHT START! SUCCESSFUL TRAINING FOR YOU AND YOUR DOG

Get the tools you need to have a well-trained companion in this small class. With only 4 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 dogs 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!

Training Methods: All classes are taught with force free/science-based training methods.

Cost: EBHS adopters: \$125; Public: \$150 includes 1 Seminar + 4 week classes with dog. Recommend attending "The Right Start Seminar" prior to taking this class.

Behavior Blogging

DOGS AND MANAGEMENT

Management is a must when living with dogs to prevent behavior problems and teach our dogs what we want. Dogs are great at being dogs. They come with a host of behaviors that sometimes we humans do not appreciate - from jumping to digging to barking - all VERY normal canine behaviors - all very annoying to us humans!

Enter a good management plan! What is management? It is setting your dog up to do behaviors we prefer.

What does good management look like? It's positively crate training a dog so that when you are gone, your dog isn't destructive. It's feeding your dog when you eat via a puzzle toy so he isn't begging. It's putting the dog that jumps on visitors on a leash and giving him a Kong on his bed when visitors come over so the dog is calm and

doesn't jump. It's giving your dog a chew or bone while he's outside so he doesn't dig instead. It's managing the environment so your dog learns a more appropriate behavior. We do it with our own behaviors. We do it with children. It works for dogs, too!

Management is setting your dog up for success and teaching him a better way!

Happy Training!



Staff Spotlight

Doreen Brecheisen
Experienced Bookkeeper

What do you do all day at work?

I handle all the finances for EBHS, which includes doing the payroll, paying invoices, managing our deposits and anything else that involves money.

What makes you good at your job?

I love numbers and studied accounting in college.

What did you want to be when you grew up?

An architect, but my dad convinced me to be a pharmacist, but that wasn't the right match for me.

Who are your pets?

I have a 3 year old dog named Inga who is full of energy and has a mind of her own.

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?

I love to quilt, travel and garden.

Why do you work at EBHS?

I love the happy endings when a pet finds their new family.



2019 “There’s No Place Like Home” Spring Gala



Our 2019 “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!



Save the Date!

Wagfest 2019 Saturday, September 7th

Make sure you mark your calendars for Wagfest 2019 on Saturday, September, 7th 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 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

Anita Alfaro
Annual Giving and Special
Events Manager



What makes you good at your job?
I am a people person and an animal person. There are not too many places where you can work where everyone shares your same passion.

What did you want to be when you grew up?
When I grew up I wanted to work for the Milwaukee Brewers doing public relations for them. But once I found out how crazy the hours were, I decided that was not for me!

Who are your pets?
We have three cats, Nacho, Sweetie, and Callie. Nacho and Sweetie are both 8 years old and Callie is 5 years old. We also have Nene who is our 7 year old Cockatiel. And, we have three goldfish that Diego (my stepson) won at church festivals 9 years ago!

What are your hobbies/interests outside of work?
I enjoy spending time with my family that lives here in Wisconsin and my in-laws that live in Mexico. I enjoy watching Diego perform in his school's drumline and band along with all of the other activities and sports he is in. I enjoy crafting, reading, vacationing, and volunteering for the middle school that Diego attends.

Why do you work 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.

Volunteer Update



We added four new volunteer activities to our roster and are seeking qualified and passionate people to fill

these needs! Our Behavior Team works diligently to provide enrichment for each shelter animal, create and implement behavior plans and work closely with our staff team and Training and Behavior Manager. Our Counseling Team volunteers make matches between potential families and shelter animals through introductions, education and when the match is right, making the adoption final. Our Environmental Team volunteers have the important job of ensuring each animal has a clean condo or cage each morning, fresh water, enrichment and are ready for their day ahead. And lastly, our Medical Team works closely with staff completing daily medical rounds for each animal to ensure they remain healthy while in our care and assist our medical staff with similar duties. With a plethora of new and exciting volunteer opportunities, now is the time to join our fantastic

team of volunteers! If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, including the time commitments and qualifications, please visit the volunteer page of our website! – www.ebhs.org

Volunteer Spotlight

Donna Wolden
Environmental Volunteer

Why do you enjoy volunteering at EBHS?
I enjoy volunteering at EBHS because I believe it to be the best animal shelter in my area. Over the many years I have been volunteering, I feel the staff just keeps getting better and better as a caring shelter.

How or why did you start volunteering?
I retired in Oct. of 2000 and started to volunteer in December of that year. I actually took a 6 month hiatus last year and turns out, I really missed the animals and staff. I actually can't imagine why someone who is retired wouldn't volunteer somewhere. There are so many needs!

Outside of volunteering at EBHS what are some of your hobbies/interests?
My hobby (believe it or not) is my health. I try to eat as clean as I can, I don't eat meat and try to work out 4 to 5 times a week. One of my daughters is a Registered Dietician and Well Coach and the other is a Certified Fitness Trainer and Zumba Instructor,



so I come by it honestly! In summer I garden whenever weather permits and in winter I puzzle.

What pets do you have at home?
I have one kitty that I just adopted from EBHS last week. Her name was Papaya (now Poppy) and she is 13 years old. I feel I really lucked out with her; she is everything I love about cats.

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!



Brookfield Central Girls that made dog toys.

Harmony Pet Care, Inc. for hosting a raffle that will benefit EBHS.

Heritage Senior Living for holding a wish list drive.



Interact Club at Brookfield East High School for donating items from our wish list.

Landmark Credit Union for choosing to donate to EBHS!



Marine Bank for holding a wish list drive.



Mercury Marine for choosing EBHS to donate to after being honored with the 2017 Brunswick Chairman's Safety Award for more than five consecutive years without lost time.

Merton Intermediate School for collecting supplies for a class project for us.

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

Rocket Clicks for coming to help us paint our Core Values on the walls in our conference room and helped clean a mountain of crates!

Sarah for making super soft blankets for the animals in our care!



Sky Dance Pet Lodge for holding a wish list drive.

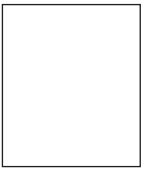
Stella & Chewy's for their awesome food donation.



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

Thank Dog It's Friday

Friday, June 21st
5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at EBHS

Wagfest 2019

Saturday, September 7th
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Mitchell Park in Brookfield
"The" dog event of the year! See page 6 for details