



The Fuzzy Mewsletter

Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter

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Happy 1st Anniversary

Believe it or not, it's time to celebrate our first year Anniversary! It all started back in April 2005 with our very first meeting. Since then, we have put our heads together and worked extremely hard to make this organization a success. So what have we been up to? Let's take a look.

Organization

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Articles of Incorporation
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Strategic Plan

Guest Speakers

Kathy Manders
Gaylen Lingl
Boris Frank

Programs

Elderly Assistance
Spay & Neuter
Foster Home
Education

Special Events

Mauston Parade
Lyndon Parade
Hustler Parade
Juneau County Fair Booth

Land

Conditional Use Permit
Deed Recorded

Publications

Volunteer Application
Foster Home Application
Adoption Application
Member Brochures
Elderly Assistance Application
New Member Packets
Newsletter

Media Contacts

Reminder
Star Times
The Messenger
Channel 6

Fund Raising

Chili Supper
Calendar Contest
Kim's Floral
Pancake Breakfast
Donation Cans
Egg Bash

Join us at our Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be **April 19th** at the UW Extension Office. The meeting will begin at 5:30pm. All meetings are open to the public. Meetings will be held every 3rd Wed of the month.

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FLOWERS FOR FLUFFY AND FIDO BENEFITS CWNAS



Kim's Floral of Mauston donated delivery fees for Valentine's deliveries to the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter. Kim matched the amount raised to give the shelter.



Thank you, Kim, for your generosity.

Pancake Breakfast



The Moose Lodge was kind enough to host a Pancake Breakfast on Feb 26th. All proceeds will benefit CWNAS. About 85 people came out to feast on the mouth watering flap-jacks. We would like to say Thank You to all of the hard working members of the Moose Lodge for making this fundraiser a success.

Meet your Vice President

Nichole Sauer was born and raised in Sparta, WI. She moved to Necedah in 2000 after completing her Bachelor of Science Degree at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse. She has worked for Hess Memorial Hospital since her move in 2000.



Nichole and her husband, John, have been married for 4 years and have spent most of that time remodeling their home in Necedah. They have 3 "children": Poopie (12 year old cat), Evie (1 year old Rottweiler mix - rescued from the Chicago area through Petfinder.com) and Charlie (1 year old Terrier mix - adopted through the CWNAS Foster Program).

Nichole believes in the CWNAS and knows that this organization can make a real difference to the animals and citizens of Juneau County. She is proud to serve on the CWNAS Board and plans to continue working hard for the cause.

RIDING LAWN MOWER NEEDED

With the recent donation of 2 acres of land to CWNAS, we now have property that we need to keep looking nice through the summer months. If you have a riding lawn mower that you could donate to us, please contact one of the board members.

Dan Berkos and Jim Goldsmith have been nominated as Honorary Lifetime Members

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Foster Home Program

To date, 6 dogs and 6 cats have been adopted through the CWNAS Foster Home Program. We are so pleased that these animals have found their "forever homes". All of these animals have been spayed or neutered and are up-to-date on their vaccinations.

Available for Adoption



Annabelle is a beautiful, long-haired tortoiseshell cat. She's 6 to 7 years old and very healthy.

She's a bit shy but will warm up with patience and time. She would do best in a quiet environment.



Taz is a small female who's about 1 year old. She's very affectionate and greets you at the door when you come home. Taz likes to be held, but only for short periods of time. She does cuddle with you in bed

and purrs with affection. She loves to play, and gets along with other cats, men, women, and children.



Piglet is a large male who's about 1 year old. He's a little timid but has come a long way in his foster home and is starting to warm up to people. If you have time

to earn Piglet's trust, he will give you lots of love and joy in return. He would do best in a quiet home.



Millie is a small female. She's about 5 years old. She can be dominate toward other cats, so may need to be the only cat in the household. She would do best as an indoor-outdoor cat, as she enjoys her freedom,

but sticks close to home. She would love a country home where she could catch mice for you, as well as come inside for attention and love. She gets along well with men, women, and children.



Eeyore is a small female, she's black with beautiful splashes of color. She's approximately one year old. She is a lover-girl and loves to be held like a baby. She also likes to sleep under the

covers in bed and loves to play. She gets along with women, men, children, and other cats. Eeyore is up-to-date on vaccinations, is spayed, and is litter-box trained.

In order to place the animal in the best home possible, we have created a 3 step plan for adoptions.

- Step 1: Fill out the CWNAS Adoption application
- Step 2: CWNAS will conduct a home visit
- Step 3: The prospective adopter will meet the animal

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Hip, Hip, Hooray for SUPER DOGS!

by Nichole Sauer

This story doesn't have much to do with our shelter but it's amusing and since I'm the CWNAS Mewsletter Editor, I'm putting it in. ☺

My two dogs, Evie and Charlie, are normal everyday pets. Nothing extraordinary about them, just my precious pooches. But when disaster strikes, they are there to save the day. Let me explain.

A few Saturdays ago, I was lounging around watching TV – trying to relax before heading off to work later that day. Suddenly, the dogs started acting strange. They were pacing back and forth in the hallway. I ignored them for a while thinking they were excited about a squirrel outside or something. Then I began to hear a noise coming from down the hall. I ignored that too thinking that my husband was working on something in the back part of our house.

When the dogs just wouldn't calm down, I walked over by them to see what all the fuss was about. Then I could hear the strange noise and by that time, it was pretty loud. I went to investigate and before I knew it, my feet were soaking wet. Oh, No! There's water all over my bathroom floor. It's like a flood, the water is pouring out from under the bathroom cabinet. I yelled to my husband, "Shut the water off!". It turned out to be a frozen water pipe that had burst. The rest is very messy, tiresome, and too boring to write. But I tell you, if those dogs wouldn't have alerted me, the situation would have been a complete disaster. So I say to my canine companions, Hip, Hip, Hooray - Thank you for saving the day!



HATCH PUBLIC LIBRARY'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

The Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter is partnering with the Hatch Public Library to bring a Humane Education Program to Juneau County's Children. The July program will teach children to understand and provide for pets' needs. By calculating the cost of veterinary and animal necessities, children are taught the responsibilities of owning a companion animal. Students will also learn dog bite prevention, cat and dog behavior, and positive training reinforcements. Each participating child will receive a small cat or dog stuffed animal to take care of (donated by the New Lisbon Correctional Facility). For more information about CWNAS Summer Reading Presentation contact Rosemary, the CWNAS Education Coordinator, at 608-847-5558 or theaneys@mchsi.com



Sign up at the Mauston Pick 'N Save (Charity #105060) and any Kwik Trip to help our shelter. Every time you use your Advantage Card or Kwik Card, your savings are passed on to the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter.

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Spay and Neuter Program

In addition to altering the animals that go through the CWNAS Foster Home Program, we have also held our first public Dog Spay/Neuter Clinic. In cooperation with Dogs Rule and Dr. Estes Mobile Veterinary Service, our first clinic was a success. A second dog spay/neuter clinic scheduled for June 7th and a cat spay/neuter clinic scheduled for April 12th. These clinics are important because they offer low cost spaying and neutering to the residents of Juneau County.

An appointment is required for all clinics and the days fill up very quickly. Please contact Dog's Rule, 847-DOGS, to reserve a time slot.

If you wish to bring your cat or dog to a CWNAS Spay or Neuter Clinic, you must follow these guidelines:

Must be a Juneau County resident

Cash Only - no checks accepted

The animal should be given no food or water after midnight on the day of the clinic

Cats must be delivered in carriers

Dogs must be leashed or in a carrier

Cost: Male Dog \$25.00, Female Dog \$40.00, Male Cat \$15.00, Female Cat \$25.00



We would like to thank all of the volunteers for their much needed and much appreciated help.

Puss N Pups Inc. in Camp Douglas also had a cat spay/neuter clinic in February and offered advice to the CWNAS.

Thank you for those tips and suggestions. It's a wonderful thing when multiple animal shelters can work together to accomplish the same goal. We are proud to have a working relationship with both Dogs Rule and Puss N Pups.

Any questions or comments concerning this newsletter should be directed to Nichole Sauer (call: 608-547-6571 or email: poopiesauer@yahoo.com). Suggestions and article submissions for future newsletters are greatly appreciated.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes are available on our website, www.carlnelson.org.

If you do not have access to the internet, copies of the minutes can be requested by contacting Nichole Sauer, 608-547-6571.



Our Mission Statement: To commit to the purpose of caring for and arranging adoptions of animals in need, providing education, and encouraging the humane treatment and extended life of animals through community involvement.

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Thank You For Your Support!

Individuals

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Jackie Ira
Raymond Nelson
Diane Dendy
Cindi Jacobson
Jo Ellen Lutz

Lori Sue Stanek
Deb Clark
Anna Madden
Rosemary & Bruce Aney
Linda Sue Miller
Diane Dendy

Gladys Brigham
Dorothy Kranas
John Treganza
Fran Goodwin
Joy Elsing
Cindy Jacobson

Businesses

Berkos Law Office
WJRC Radio Station
Mauston Key Club
Dr. Estes Mobile Veterinary Service
Puss N' Pups - Camp Douglas
Mauston Country Kitchen Restaurant
Mauston Lion's Club
Mauston Culvers Restaurant
Juneau County Economic Development

Pick 'N' Save
The Star Times
Hatch Public Library
Mauston Moose Lodge
Wonewoc School District
Mauston School District
Cold Water Veterinary Clinic
Mauston Kiwanis Club
New Lisbon Correctional Institute

B94.5 Radio Station
The Messenger
Dogs Rule
Kim's Floral
Eagle Promotions
Bala's Harley Davidson
Tomah Veterinary Clinic

Our Wish List

- Stamps
- Copy/Printer Paper
- Legal size envelopes
- Dog & Cat Food
- Rawhide Bones
- Dog & Cat Toys
- Dog & Cat Treats
- Clay non-scoopable cat litter
- Pet Carriers
- Bleach & other Cleaners
- Paper Towels
- Towels - all sizes
- Laundry detergent
- Dryer Sheets
- Dish detergent
- Trash bags
- Builders, Landscapers, and materials
- Riding Lawnmower
- Ziplock bags
- Fuzzy Toilet Lid Covers
- Dog Houses
- Cat Scratch Posts
- Pens, markers, and other office supplies

Drop off Locations: Eagle Promotions

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Myths about Dog Breeds (by Nichole Sauer)

What do you think of when you hear the names:

Rottweiler, Pit Bull,

Doberman, German Shepherd, and Bull Mastiff? A lot of people associate those names with visions of mean, ferocious animals.

These poor dogs are getting a bad rap. The truth of the matter is, there isn't a breed of dog that is out to "eat man". All breeds are different and have different requirements. Some breeds may be larger and stronger but that's no reason to hate them. Owners must understand that larger breeds often require more obedience training vs. a smaller breed but that's based purely on size and strength. It's easy to correct a miniature schnauzer because I'm stronger than he is. A large breed animal, on the other hand, isn't as easy to control by action. It's even more important that larger breeds be trained to listen to commands since the owner probably isn't as strong as the dog.

In my life, I've owned and met A LOT of dogs. And I can honestly say, that I've only encountered 4

"mean" dogs. I hate to call them mean because I'm sure they were guarding their territory or just afraid of me. Or maybe they just didn't like me. Those 4 "mean" dogs were a Dachshund, a Husky mix, a Bloodhound and a Cocker Spaniel. Does that make me believe that all Cockers, Bloodhounds, Huskies and Weiner Dogs are vicious? Absolutely not! An individual dog says nothing about the entire breed.

Dog behavior (whether good or bad) is learned. I can teach my dogs to either be nice dogs or mean dogs. That's the owner's choice. So you see, bad dog behavior should be blamed purely on the owner – not the dog. It's good to remember that some breeds are more tolerable of certain things. Some breeds are one-person dogs, some are great with a large family. They are all different and I would suggest that everyone read up on the type of breed prior to adoption. The internet is a valuable resource that is filled with tons of information about dog breeds. You can also research dog breed myths online. Your local Vet could probably answer breed questions as well.

THE INFORMATION BELOW WAS TAKEN FROM WWW.DOGBITELAW.COM

- There is an 8 out of 10 chance that a biting dog is male.
- **Any** dog, treated harshly or trained to attack, may bite a person. **Any** dog can be turned into a dangerous dog. The owner most often is responsible -- not the breed, and not the dog.
- An irresponsible owner or dog handler might create a situation that places another person in danger by a dog, *without the dog itself being dangerous*, as in the case of the Pomeranian that killed the infant
- Any individual dog may be a good, loving pet, even though its breed is considered to be likely to bite. A responsible owner can win the love and respect of a dog, no matter the breed. One cannot look at an individual dog, recognize its breed, and then state whether or not it is going to attack.
- The majority of dog attacks (61%) happen at home or in a familiar place.
- The vast majority of biting dogs (77%) belong to the victim's family or a friend.
- Between 1979 and 1998, 49% of all dog bite related fatalities were caused by a dog of unknown breed.
- 25 Breeds of dogs have been involved in dog-bite related fatalities over the past 20 years.



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FRITZ INDS A OREVER HOME



Hello, my name is Bentley Fritz Aney, and have I got a tale for you! My story really starts when I somehow got separated from my family and found myself wandering for a long time without food or a place to sleep. The nights were long and dark, and I was always cold. I'm not sure how long I was lost, because you know we dogs do not measure time the same way you humans do. "Seven years equals one year" never did make sense to me. Anyway, after what seemed like a long time to me, a nice lady found me and brought me to Dogs Rule. I was so tired, hungry, dirty, and matted, that at first I was just thankful for a roof over my head. But I gotta tell you, all those other dogs there really intimidated me. I'm not very big and I wasn't sure I could hold my own against some of them. The people at Dogs Rule were nice, but that cold hard cage did leave a little to be desired. I agreed to let them call me Fritz, even though that wasn't my real name, but what choice did I have?

But my luck was changing, because one day they said I could go to a CWNAS foster home. Well, I figured it couldn't be any worse than my cage, so I agreed. Things were definitely better there because I got to live in a real house and have a real bed, but there were several other dogs there too. They were nice enough dogs, but I really like to be the star, and with all that competition it was hard to make myself cute all the time. I dreamed of the day when someone would give me a home of my own where I could have all the attention.

My Foster Mom took me to CWNAS volunteer groomer, Jo Ellen Lutz, who trimmed away my mats and made me look very handsome, if I do say so myself. Thank you Jo Ellen, for donating your time to help me in this way.

Well, one day I was taken to visit a woman who really liked me. She said she had been looking for a small dog. I tried to shrink myself as best I could, and it must have worked, because the next thing I knew I was living with the woman and her husband and three cats. Cats are better housemates than dogs, because they don't try to take my toys, and they run when I chase them! Except for when the cats want to eat, I have my owners' attention all the time.

My new family says that I am the perfect dog for them. They take me for a lot of walks, play ball with me, take me for car rides, introduce me to lots of new people and I love being an only dog and the center of attention.

My new name is Bentley, which I like pretty well. But my name is not the only thing that has changed. My entire life was changed through the Carl W. Nelson Foster Program and the foster family who gave me a chance at a new life!

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Once I was Lonely Dog

By David Klein

Once I was a lonely dog, just looking for a home.
I had no place to go, no one to call my own.
I wandered up and down the streets, in rain in heat and snow.
I ate what ever I could find; I was always on the go.
My skin would itch, my feet were sore, my body ached with pain.
And no one stopped to give a pat, or to gently say my name.

I never saw a loving glance; I was always on the run.
For people thought that hurting me was really lots of fun.
And then one day I heard a voice, so gentle, kind and sweet.
And arms so soft reached down to me and took me off my feet.
"No one again will hurt you," was whispered in my ear.
"You'll have a home to call your own where you will know no fear.
You will be dry, you will be warm, you'll have enough to eat.
And rest assured that when you sleep, your dreams will all be sweet."
I was afraid I must admit I've lived so long in fear.
I can't remember when I let a human come so near.
And as she tended to my wounds, and bathed and brushed my fur.
She told me bout the rescue group and what it meant to her.

She said, "We are a circle, a line that never ends,
And in the center there is you protected by new friends.
And all around you are the ones that check the shelters and the pounds,
And those that share their home after you've been found.
And all the other folk are searching near and far.
To find the perfect home for you, where you can be a star."
She said, "There is a family, that's waiting patiently,
And pretty soon we'll find them, just you wait and see.
And then they'll join our circle; they'll help to make it grow,
So there'll be room for more like you who have no place to go."

I waited patiently. The days they came and went.
Today's the day I thought, my family will be sent.
Then just when I began to think, it wasn't meant to be,
There were people standing there just gazing down at me.
I knew them in a heartbeat. I could tell they felt it too.
They said, "We have been waiting for a special dog like you."
Now every night I say a prayer to all the gods that be,
"Thank you for the life I live and all you've given me.
But, most of all protect the dogs in the pound and on the street.
And send a Rescue Person to lift them off their feet.



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Future Site for Shelter

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Don and Florence Wildes recently entered an agreement to transfer two acres of land in the Town of Lindina to the CWNAS. It is now officially ours and the deed has been signed. The two acre parcel is a mile west of the Mauston High School. The CWNAS has received a Conditional Use Permit from the Town of Lindina Planning Commission Board. The CWNAS Boards must meet with the Lindina Plan Commission again to discuss all building plans and certifications prior to any construction on the site. We are so grateful for this opportunity. We cannot say thank you enough to Don and Florence. They are truly wonderful, caring people.



We recently sat down with Florence to find out more about her and her life long love of animals. Florence told us her love for animals began as a child growing up on a farm in the Town of Marion. As a little girl Florence remembers that her Mother would put a kitten in bed with her to keep her company while Mother had to help outside with the farm chores. She has seldom been without a feline companion of some kind ever since.

Florence married Harold 'Fritz' Wells, and they owned and operated the Mauston Bottling Company for many years. It was Harold who brought Florence a pair of kittens early in their marriage, and Florence has cared for many cats and dogs ever since. Florence remembers having to ask the workers at their bottling company to bring a ladder and rescue many cats from trees on the company property. Florence also fondly remembers her dog Floppy, who she rescued from a local animal shelter, mysteriously becoming pregnant after allowing the neighborhood children to take her for a 'walk'. Florence says Floppy must have had some adventurous walks!

Florence taught school at the Oak School in the Town of Marion and the Red School near Wonewoc, until she quit teaching to help at the Bottling Company.

After Harold's death, Florence married Donald Wildes and they reside in Mauston. In spite of back problems, Florence drives out to the property west of Mauston every day to feed her cats that live there. Florence's doctor says the cats are good therapy for her, so she will continue to care for them as long as she is able. Florence Wildes, a Juneau County treasure, and a true friend of Juneau County's homeless animals.

WONEWOC STUDENTS GET A LESSON IN PET SAFETY



On February 28, the Wonewoc School children in grades K-4 were given a pet safety lesson by representatives of the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter. The children were shown a video which showed them how to be safe with pets and strays. With a fun, entertaining approach, the video showed how to handle and play with pets, how to read dog and cat body language, the warning signs that say "stay away", why to be extra careful with neighbor pets, and much more. The children were also taught how to be a "tree" or a "rock" when confronted by an aggressive dog. After the video presentation, each child was given a "Let's be Safe Around Dogs and Cats" coloring book. The coloring books were purchased for the students by Culvers of Mauston.

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Cats have 100 different vocal sounds. In comparison, dogs have about 10.

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