



# The Fuzzy Mewsletter

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### Available for Adoption



**Gold** - This big guy was left homeless when his owners moved. He is an orange tabby who is as friendly as can be. He wants badly to have an indoor home of his own. He has been neutered and updated on vaccinations.



**Love Boy** - This big guy is the Ultimate Romeo. He just can't get enough holding and petting. He's a white and black short hair, very calm, neutered, and available for adoption to the person who can give him a lap to sit on and plenty of attention.



**Sweetie Pie** - This girl is as sweet as they come! She loves nothing more than being held and petted. She has been spayed and is up-to-date on her vaccinations.



**Shadow** - This pretty girl is currently nursing 6 kittens. She will soon be spayed and brought up to date on her shots. She needs a loving home where she can retire from her motherly duties. She's friendly toward children and adults, and tolerates dogs well.

### Join us at our Next Meeting

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

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### ADVISORY BOARD ANNOUNCED

The Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter is pleased and proud to announce our new Advisory Board. Members of the board include Sue Ann Thompson, Dr. C. J. Laridaen, Kim Connors, Julie Berkos, Dr. Ann Hoffman, and Harry Behrens.

**Sue Ann Thompson** is Wisconsin's former First Lady and a long time Juneau County resident. In addition to serving as Wisconsin's First Lady while her husband served as Governor, Sue Ann taught 6th grade in Kendall for over 25 years. She is currently the founder and head of the Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation. She is a breast cancer survivor, has 3 grown children and 3 grandchildren. Sue Ann and husband Tommy continue to own their farm in Elroy where they raise Belted Galloways. Sue Ann is passionate about animals and owns Emma, a dog she adopted from a shelter.

**Dr. C. J. 'Doc' Laridaen** is a retired area Veterinarian and is a life long Juneau County resident. Dr. Laridaen has 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Doc lives near Mauston with his wife Millie and his dog 'Max'.

**Kim Connors** is a local real estate agent with Castle Rock Realty. Kim has 2 daughters and two cats, a tabby male named 'Fatty' for obvious reasons, and a female named 'Jane' for Jane Doe. The kids found her and rescued her. The newest addition to the family is Dusty, a 6 month old Chihuahua.

**Julie Berkos** is Vice President of Finance and Administration for Dumore Corporation and lives near Mauston with her husband Dan, and Golden Retriever 'Darby'. Julie has two children and two 'granddogs', a Yellow Lab mix named 'Smeedges' and a Blue Tick Hound Mix named 'Oreo'. All three of the family dogs weigh over 60 pounds but Julie says they simply do not realize they are too big to be lap dogs.

**Dr. Ann Hoffman** is family physician at the Mile Bluff Medical Center. Dr. Ann came to Wisconsin in 1990. She is married to Dr. David Hoffman and they have three children. They are outdoor enthusiasts and devoted animal lovers.

**Harry Behrens** was born in Lueneburg, Germany. He spent his childhood and early adulthood in Germany. Harry came to the United States in 1967, and worked as a Research Scientist, Manager, and Plant Metallurgist for various companies. In 2000, Harry became a US citizen. In 2003, Harry retired as General Manager of an international company and has moved to Juneau County to enjoy his retirement. Harry is widowed and has 3 grown children. He is engaged to Rosetta Boyle, a long time Juneau County resident and teacher. Harry has always been an animal lover and has owned several pets including Labs, 'Emma' and 'Beowulf', and a Scottish Terrier, 'Scottie'. He has also owned several cats. Currently he is co-owner of 'Abby', a Dachshund who rules the household.

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**KITTENS AVAILABLE SOON !!!**



**Marigold**



**Violet**



**Sage**



**Daisy**



**Johnny Jump Up**



**Dandelion**

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**Donate your used Printer Ink Cartridges and used Cell Phones to CWNAS.  
It's an easy way to help us raise funds.**

### EDUCATION PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS HAVE BUSY SCHEDULE

The Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter Education Program has received a warm welcome by area educators. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, volunteers presented our 'Let's Be Safe Around Cats and Dogs' program to the Wonewoc K-4 students. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, the program was presented to the Mauston Westside School's first and second graders as part of the Reading is Fundamental Program.

Summer promises to be even busier for our education volunteers. On July 6<sup>th</sup>, we will present the pet safety program for the Elroy Public Library's Summer Reading Program and on July 28<sup>th</sup> we will present it for the New Lisbon Public Library' Summer Reading Program.

We are presenting a new program, 'Let's Be Sure Before We Adopt' as part of the Hatch Public Library's Summer Reading Program. This program will run the last 4 Saturday's in July and will teach the children to think about the long term commitment involved when adopting a pet. Children who complete the program will receive a stuffed animal and a carrier provided by the Mauston Lion's Club and the New Lisbon Correctional Facility.

For more information about the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter's Education Program, or you would like to volunteer for the program, please visit [www.carlnelson.org](http://www.carlnelson.org).

*Cats have a sense of smell that is fourteen times stronger than a human's.*

**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

April Strohmeyer & Family  
Elizabeth and Don Elmore  
Joan Crabtree  
Florence & Don Wildes  
Judy Bessac  
Boris Frank

Dorothy Kranas  
Margaret Harvey  
Kelly Koca  
Mary Paul Long  
John & Barb Treganza

Barb and Mike Cowan  
Kristy Roesler  
Richard Novotny  
Anna Madden  
Dorothy Haines

### Businesses

Berkos Law Office  
WJRC Radio Station  
Hatch Public Library  
Dr. Estes Mobile Veterinary Service  
Wonewoc School District  
New Lisbon Correctional Institute  
Cold Water Veterinary Clinic

Pick 'N' Save  
The Star Times  
Dogs Rule  
Eagle Promotions  
Bala's Harley Davidson  
Mauston Home Center  
Hess Memorial Hospital

B94.5 Radio Station  
The Messenger  
Tomah Veterinary Clinic  
Mauston Equipment  
West Side School  
J. Sauer Webs, LLC

## NEW PROGRAM OFFERED

As an extension our Elderly Assistance Program, we will now offer pet assistance to people facing emergency hospitalization or illness. Volunteers will be available to care for a pet on an emergency, short term basis for persons who have been unable to make other arrangements for their pet. There is no age limit for this program, but anyone wishing assistance must sign a 'Pet Assistance Application' prior to receiving the service. More information about this service may be obtained by contacting Rosemary Aney at 847-5558 or Terry Brown at Hess Memorial Hospital Social Services (847-6161 ext 720).



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### SPAY AND NEUTER CLINICS



Our first cat spay/neuter clinic was held April 12th at the Strohmeier home on Suldal Road in Mauston. The Strohmeier's graciously opened their home for our clinic and it was a great success. Dr. Esta Parrish altered 23 cats that day. This will prevent the potential birth of hundreds, if not thousands, of unwanted kittens in the future. April Strohmeier and Rosemary Aney were there to direct the activities and our wonderful volunteers, Kristi Roesler and Kelly Koca assisted wherever needed. A **BIG** thank you to the Strohmeiers, the volunteers, and Dr. Parrish for making this event such a success.

## PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS!

A second cat spay/neuter clinic is scheduled for Wednesday August 16th.

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 appreciated help.*

So far, CWNAS has found permanent homes for 6 dogs and 16 cats. Those animals also were vaccinated and spayed or neutered. In addition to those 22 animals, CWNAS has altered 23 cats and 23 dogs at the spay/neuter clinics. That's amazing when you think of the number of offspring that can come from just one animal. We cannot thank Dr. Esta Parrish enough. She has been vital to our success with the clinics.

**Shop at Mauston's Pick 'N Save and help CWNAS at the same time: Our shelter's charity number is 105060. You can also sign up at any Kwik Trip to help our organization.**

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### Freckles and Dorothy, a Purr-fect Pair



Dorothy Kranas of Mauston is finding life a bit more interesting these days. That's because 'Freckles' has come to live with her thanks to the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter's Foster Program. Dorothy, who admits to being a 'cat' person, watches the *Juneau County Reminder* each week for pictures of the cats available for adoption through our foster program. When she saw a picture of a brown tabby named Freckles, she called the foster care coordinator to inquire about him. A visit with Freckles proved to be the beginning of a two way mutual admiration society, and Freckles came to live with Dorothy to stay.

Freckles was a bit shy at first, but now sits next to Dorothy on the couch when she is reading or enjoying a hobby or some television. Like all smart cats, Freckles has trained Dorothy to respond to his many needs. A trip to the freezer will surely result in a small ice cube to be batted around in a game of 'kitchen ice hockey'. And a swat of his favorite golf ball will bring Dorothy out for a pleasant game of 'carpet golf'.

Freckles also has a nice bay window to pass away sunny afternoons. Recently that bay window provided some exciting entertainment for Freckles and Dorothy. Dorothy had stopped to pet Freckles, who was sunning in the window, when she spotted what she thought was a black dog coming up the street. A second look proved that the 'dog' was, in fact, a half-grown black bear who decided to stroll through Mauston that day. Watching the local police round up the bear and head him out of town provided even more entertainment for Freckles and Dorothy.

If life gets too boring Dorothy says she brings out her guitar and plays for Freckles and he really seems to enjoy listening to her music.

Dorothy says that Freckles has brought much joy and company to her life and she is so happy that Freckles found her.

For more information about the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter's Foster Program visit [www.carlnelson.org](http://www.carlnelson.org).

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

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### MARY PAUL LONG BRINGS INSIGHT TO CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

As we prepare for a capital campaign to raise money for our shelter building, we will have guest speakers at our upcoming meetings who will share their expertise. Our guest speaker at the May 17 meeting was Mary Paul Long. Mary Paul managed the Dane County Humane Society's capital campaign. She has a long list of credentials and much knowledge regarding fund raising and public relations. A few of the highlights from Mary's resume include:



- Managed the Dane County Humane Society fund raising campaign which raised \$5.5 million for a new shelter building.
- Popular Dane County media personality.
- BS from Rockford College and MA from Concordia University
- 11 years as sixth grade teacher.
- Twice named Teacher of the Year in Illinois.
- Nominated for the Space Shuttle Challenger's Teacher in Space Program
- Also served as Assistant Principal
- Credited with increasing the Dane County Humane Society's annual fund raising revenue from \$8,000 to \$1.5 million
- Named by Madison Magazine as one of Dane County's most creative persons.
- Youngest delegate to the 1976 Democratic Convention.
- Served as Westside County, IL Democratic Chairperson at the age of 20
- Awarded top honors from the Madison Marketing Association for her work with the Dane County Humane Society.
- Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation Board Member
- Appointed to the Development Council of the School of Veterinary Medicine

Mary Paul has also been on a reindeer safari in the Arctic of Finland, on a camel caravan in the Sahara Desert of Africa, and has tasted some interesting 'food' in China. She lives in the Madison area with her husband, her dog named Professor Patterson, and her fat cat named Uncle Ray.

Mary Paul gave an extremely informational and motivational talk. Mary Paul's advice included increasing our membership base, ideas for a building design, ideas for increasing memorials and donations, increasing our newsletter circulation, adopting a poster dog or cat to promote our shelter, and many, many other suggestions. We greatly appreciate the valuable advice.

## Mauston Summer School Presentation

Kathy Storandt presented 'Let's be Safe Around Cats and Dogs' on June 21 to the Mauston Summer School students. She gave the presentation to 42 Pre-K and Kindergarten students. They were shown the video 'Dogs, Cats, and Kids' which teaches them how to be safe around cats and dogs. Each child was presented a 'Let's be Safe Around Cats and Dogs' activity book purchased for the children by Culvers in Mauston.

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### WESTSIDE STUDENTS GET LESSON IN PET SAFETY



First and second graders at Westside School in Mauston received a lesson in pet safety as part of the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) program on April 21. Volunteers from the Carl W. Nelson Animal Shelter showed a video entitled 'Dogs, Cats, and Kids' to the students as part of the RIF event. The video introduces students to 'Jessica', 'Scott', and Dr. Hunthausen who teach them how to greet a strange animal, how to read a pet's body language, and how to handle their own pets. Without creating fear, the video teaches the students to love and respect all dogs and cats. After the video presentation each student was given a 'How to Be Safe Around Cats and Dogs' Activity Book which was sponsored by Culvers of Mauston.



#### 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
- Ziploc bags
- Fuzzy Toilet Lid Covers
- Dog Houses
- Cat Scratch Posts
- Pens, markers, and other office supplies

**Drop off Locations:** Eagle Promotions

#### [CWNAS Board of Directors](#)

*Deb Flint (President), Nichole Sauer (Vice President), Char Walter (Treasurer), Rosemary Aney (Secretary),  
Tim Andres, Carol Fischer, Kathy McNally-Bova, Kathy Storandt, April Strohmeier, Mary Clark,  
and Jeri Rockwell*

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### Farewell, Your Highness

by: Rosemary Aney

Some people say that we do not pick the cats that become our pets, but that the cat picks us, and I, for one, believe that may be true. I know with certainty that the very first time I saw the litter of four kittens born in my bedroom closet that April day eight years ago, the little white one with buff colored spots claimed a place in my heart forever.

From the beginning Emma was different from her littermates, not only in personality, but also in appearance. Although she was only a domestic cat, there was just enough Persian in her to give her a beauty that stood her apart from the rest. Her long white hair with buff colored spots, and her Persian face, with its turned up nose, gave her an appearance of beauty and royalty that was distinct from other domestic cats.

Although younger than Hobbes and Kramer, our other two resident cats, Emma soon established her position of precious royalty with them too. From the beginning, it was evident that Emma thought their boyish antics beneath her, and she let them know whenever they became too rough in their play, by either hissing at them, or stalking out of the room, tail held high, to get away from their demeaning feline frolics. When she was in the mood for some pampering, she would present her head to Kramer, who would stop his own grooming to stroke her royal head with his tongue. When she wanted the coveted top spot on the cat tree, she simply lay on the cat already sleeping there, and he would promptly give up his spot to her, and from there she would reign serenely over her kingdom.

Her many nicknames also certified her beauty and her royalty. 'Your Highness', 'Beautiful Girl', 'Emma Love', 'Emma Baby Girl', 'Princess', 'The Queen', 'Emma Lou', 'Precious Baby Girl', all hinted at her beloved position of honor in our hearts and our home.

Some cats earn their owner's devotion through their cute, kitten like behavior, while others by just being quiet, loyal companions on this rocky road through life. Emma's role in our household was simply to be beautiful and pampered. While she never curled up in the bathroom sink, stole makeup brushes, or did any of the cute cat things that have endeared my other cats to me, simply watching her stretch her elegant body in the sun, or regally lick her paws, was enough to make me her devoted servant forever. Nothing was too good for Emma. The best cat food, the plushiest bed, the latest toys, the freshest and most expensive cat nip, all gifts given happily from the heart.

When Emma was diagnosed with kidney failure before she reached the age of five, my mission in life to keep her happy and comfortable was earnestly increased. I searched the Internet for ways to make her comfortable, often gladly giving up my own comfort to make her more so. Vacations were cut short so that I could administer her sub-cutaneous fluid treatments. Vacuuming was postponed if she was having a catnap. With the onset of her illness, her already queenly position in our home was elevated to 'Supreme Being'. Although no cure was to be, she lived for another 3 years, never losing her beauty or her royal air, even when subjected to the fluid treatments or the occasional pills or blood tests. She remained to the end, a beautiful and regal presence in our home.

I believe God gives us our pets to teach us certain lessons in life. Sometimes it is the simple lesson of unconditional love, sometimes a lesson in patience, or humor, or undeserving devotion, or even the painful lesson we learn from the loss of a beloved pet. The lesson that Emma taught me is this: ***Some people are born beautiful, to a life of pampering and ease, while others are born to a life of servitude, but those of us who are allowed to serve with love, are truly the most blessed.***

Thank you, Your Highness, your royal paw prints are forever on my heart.

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