



Neenah Animal Shelter Paw Print Newsletter!



# Paw Print Fall 2016



*Dear Friends,*

*As this year comes to a close, I want to thank all of you for the time, talent and treasure that you gave to the Neenah Animal Shelter. To all of our adopters, volunteers, donors, sponsors, community businesses and staff, thank you for your passion and dedication. The love and care you give to the homeless animals that come to us looking for a chance to find their forever homes takes amazing people - you are the best!*

*Warmly,  
Mary Setton  
President*

## Holiday Hazards for Pets

It's the most wonderful time of the year-until Fido or Kitty ingests some tinsel or decides to drink from the Christmas-tree water. Here are six common holiday items that can be hazardous to pets.



1. Turkey Bones - Fatty foods can promote pancreatitis-a potentially dangerous inflammation of the pancreas that produces toxic enzymes and causes illness and dehydration. If swallowed, bones can cause stomach perforation and painful constipation that requires veterinary help.
2. Sugar-Free Baked Goods - The artificial sweetener xylitol can be found in some sugar-free baked goods which can cause blood pressure to drop to dangerously low levels.
3. Chocolate - Although all chocolate should be avoided, dark chocolate poses a greater risk than sweeter varieties.
4. Alcohol - Pets should never ingest alcoholic beverages because alcohol depresses the nervous system.
5. Electrical Cords - To protect pets, turn off lights and unplug them when you aren't home.
6. The Holiday Rush - Constant visitors and activity can be confusing and stressful for pets. Make sure your furry friends have a safe, quiet space to retreat to.



*Rayne attended the presentation and is still waiting for her forever home.*

## **Plexus Donation**

In 2016 the Neenah Animal Shelter was incredibly blessed with many generous donations. Among the blessings was a surprise **donation of \$30,000 from Plexus employees!** The donation was a result of a Plexus B.E.S.T. (Bringing Employee Success Together) Competition, in which they

chose the Neenah Animal Shelter for the winnings. The competition is an annual continuous improvement event that is focused on expanding the company's culture of employee engagement, innovation, learning and knowledge sharing. The goal of Plexus B.E.S.T is to share innovative ideas while making a positive impact on the communities in which Plexus operates.

Here at Neenah Animal Shelter we could not have been more shocked, excited and blessed to have been chosen to receive this donation. We work hard all year long in order to raise money to cover the cost of animal expenses, but we can always use a little extra and this donation was so generous and unexpected that we could smile for days and weeks when we think about it! This donation will be put to good use at the shelter, and we invite Plexus employees to stop in and spend quality time with the furry friends that will no doubt be saved due to their kindness.

*Thank you Plexus employees from the bottom of our hearts, for helping all the four-legged friends we care for!*

## There Ought To Be A Law!

On October 1<sup>st</sup> the Neenah Animal Shelter was proud to host Melissa Tedrowe, the Wisconsin representative from the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Melissa spoke to our group about Wisconsin's legislative process and how best to petition for fair animal laws in our municipalities and our state. One of the most important things that we can do is to know who our local, state and national representatives are and to contact those regarding issues that are being considered or that we would like to have sponsored. Melissa stated that the most effective way is write, call and attend open meetings with our representatives.



*Melissa Tedrowe*

Remember that animals do not have a voice, so it is up to us to speak up for fair treatment of our animal friends.



*Sydney, Shelby and Colby.*

## Happy Tails - Sydney

I first started looking to adopt because my other dog, Shelby, needed a companion. The gnawed trim, ripped carpet and countless destroyed household items told me that she was lonely and struggling with separation anxiety. She had, after all, lived with 3 other dogs for the first 6 months of her life before she moved in with my fiancé and me.

Around the time I recognized that she needed a canine companion, I was at the Neenah Animal Shelter socializing cats. I took the short walk down the hall to peek at the dogs and there was Sparkles. Sparkles was a transfer from Richland Country Animal Control and so not much was known about her other than that she was a Collie Mix and around a year old. The moment we met her we were goners, and we adopted her shortly thereafter. Because of her Dingo-esque features we named her Sydney. Shelby and Sydney are great sisters and get along famously. Immediately after the adoption Shelby's separation anxiety dissipated and my house was no longer being destroyed (yay!). Sydney gives us so much love and joy every day through her gentle hugs and cuddles, how she herds Shelby and how she seems to provide comfort to everyone she encounters. Thank you, Neenah Animal Shelter!!

*Nikki Graf*

## Happy Tails - Chanse

Chanse was a two month old kitten that was found by a couple of good Samaritans who brought him to the Neenah Animal Shelter for medical care. Chanse then had surgery on September 20th to remove both eyes due to a severe viral disease. After recovering from surgery in a foster home, Chanse was adopted mid-October and his new dad even let him bring home his buddy A.J.!

### **Here is an update from his new dad:**

Since being adopted Chanse has adapted to his new home well. Initially there was a little trouble navigating stairs, but with the help of his brother A.J. he gets around just fine. Chanse enjoys playing with A.J., untying shoes, and reminding you that he can still meow just fine. While some may be wary of adopting a special needs kitten, there is nothing quite as heartwarming as seeing how Chanse enjoys playing with his brother or watching him as he learns to navigate around his forever home.

*Thank You Peyton for adopting!*



*Chanse*



*A.J.*





*Ares (right) and Levi (left)*

## Happy Tails - Ares

Ares came to shelter with his brother Apollo after being removed from a home due to neglect. After weeks of loving care at the shelter he was ready for his new forever home.

### **Update on Ares from his new mom:**

Ares is such a sweetheart, he gives lots of kisses and loves going on walks with brother Levi. He still could care less about the cats! I don't think he's even sniffed one yet! He does

not know how to jump on the bed so he wakes me up and I have to pick him up! He is over zealous with his food - as you know. I bought a slow feeder bowl for him, seems to work better. He shows absolutely no aggression with food - so that's awesome! I already have his license, so a trip to the dog park is coming soon. Can't wait to see him run full out :)

Thanks so much for taking such good care of him! He's a very good boy :)

*Thank You Kristel for adopting!*



*Trying out the new mower.*

## Ariens Donation

We were thrilled to receive a brand new riding lawn mower from the Ariens Company this Fall. We desperately needed a new mower and our lawn has never looked better. :)

THANK YOU ARIENS!

## Membership Time Is Fast Approaching

Just a reminder that the end of the year is quickly approaching. January 1<sup>st</sup> is the beginning of the new membership year for the Neenah Animal Shelter. If you are a present member we encourage you to once again renew your membership and if you have not been a member, please consider giving us your support and become a member this year. It is so important to our shelter to have a strong membership base so we can continue to grow this shelter and provide our animals with a better environment.

Applications for the 2017 year will be available on our website in the near future.



*Rayne is still waiting for her forever family.*



## Wish List



*Osiris dressed up and ready for his new family to adopt him.*

### Cat Items:

Clumping, Unscented Cat Litter  
Cat Toys (mice and crinkle balls)  
Purina One Dry Cat Food  
Grain Free Wet Cat Food  
Grain Free Dry Cat Food  
Grain Free Cat Treats  
Heavy Duty Plastic Litter Scoops

### Dog Items:

Grain Free Wet Dog Food  
Grain Free Dry Dog Food  
Grain Free Dog Treats  
Medium Length Dog Leashes  
Small and Large Easy Walk Dog Harness  
ID Dog Food

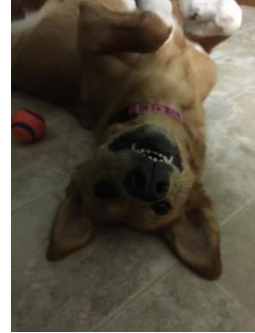
### Miscellaneous:

Bleach  
Sandwich Bags  
Postage Stamps  
HP Computer Ink Black 950, Colored 951  
Gift Cards to Local Gas Stations  
Monetary Donations  
Dryer Sheets  
Grease Pencils  
Dust Blaster

## Upcoming Events

Please join the Neenah Animal Shelter at these upcoming events!

- Walk Across Lake Winnebago - February 4, 2017
- The Garden Party - May 20-21, 2017
- Furry Flurry - August 12, 2017



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## Leaving A Legacy

The Neenah Animal Shelter has served our community's homeless animals for over 50 years and we plan to continue for the next 50+ years. To help make this possible, please consider the Neenah Animal Shelter in your estate planning. If you have already remembered the Neenah Animal shelter in your will or trust, THANK YOU!

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