

# Shelter News



## Spring at Last?

This Winter/Spring season has been difficult to separate this year. We can tell at the shelter because the amount of volunteers usually picks up when the weather gets

warmer, but this year we're off to a slow start. If you know someone who would like to walk a dog, cuddle a cat, or help make their temporary kennel a little cleaner, we have an opening for them. Please have them call the shelter at 234-9699 to sign up.

Speaking of the shelter, we are working to reduce the noise in the dog kennel area. We need to buy sound absorbing panels that we can hang in the area. If you have been in the kennel area when the dogs are barking, then you will know why the panels are needed. We are also going to plant trees to form a perimeter sound barrier outside the shelter. Our first choice is to put some evergreens on the north side of the building to reduce the amount of noise. The evergreens would be effective in the summer and the winter. If you have a tree, 5 inches or less measured at the base, please call the shelter, or Larry Sorensen. If you'd like to help plant the tree, well you know

what I am going to say here- we would be more than happy to have you join us.

By the time you read this the Rummage Sale at the Armory will be just a memory. I have reviewed many of the items that have been donated and I can tell you that if you didn't go, you missed an opportunity.

Paws On Parade, our pet walk, is scheduled for May 18th and it should be a success and a great time. If you don't have a pet to walk, we have our shelter dogs that would love to join you and at the same time, show that they are ready for adoption. So plan on attending and bring a friend for fun, prizes, and entertainment.

In closing, I have to ask again for your time. We do need volunteers for more than just walking pets. We need volunteers to become committee members, for fund raising, for the animal care committee, for the volunteer committee, to set up data bases, to talk to schools or groups about animal care, for a hundred small things that don't take alot of time. What I am saying is that if you would like to become involved we have something that you can do. Call me at 587-7652, call the shelter, talk to a board member, or talk with me at the pet walk.

### HMAS 2002 Officers and Board of Directors are as follows:

**President: Jack Yates**

**Vice President: Danalee Evenson**

**Secretary: Tonya Skoog**

**Treasurer: Jody Wendorff**

**Board Members: Carolyn Vacek**

**Larry Sorensen**

**Denise Hamilton**

**Barb Otte**

**Sheri Benjamin**

**Kristi Ahlquist**

### Shelter

### Adoption Hours

**Thursdays: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturdays: 12:00p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



**Animal surrenders are not accepted during these hours. Please call the shelter at (320) 234-9699 to speak to a volunteer if you need to surrender an animal.**

The HMAS shelter building is located at 880 Century Avenue, by the main entrance of the McLeod County Fairgrounds.

**Saturday, May 18, 2002**  
(Rain or shine)

**9:00 a.m.: Registration**

**10:15 a.m.: Walk Kick-off**  
Heart of Mn Shelter Bldg.



### Top Prizes Include:

- Weekend getaway at Shady Hollow Resort
- One year supply of Precise dog food
- Digital Camera
- Emerson Home Audio System


### And in the 16 & Under Division:

- Nintendo Game Cube
- RCA Personal CD Player

Many more prizes... restaurant certificates, tickets for the Twins, Chanhassen and other sports and entertainment, Home Interiors print, stereo shower clock, Science Museum and Zoo tickets & more!

### *After the Walk...*

 Purchase lunch for yourself and treats for your pets (all proceeds benefit the shelter)

 Watch Animal Demonstrations:  
-McLeod County K-9 Unit  
-Clicker Training by Sherry Eddy  
-Agility by Jodi Theis of  
-Paws Inn Training & Resort

 Enter fun Contests (details on other side)

 Enjoy the critters in our petting zoo

### **WOW!**

Every participant receives a Paws on Parade bandana!

Everyone who raises \$75. or more in pledges will also receive a Paws on Parade t-shirt!



For everyone who raises \$125. or more we'll add a souvenir picture of you and your pet taken on walk day, AND tickets to Century 7 Theaters!

*sponsored in part by:*



Be sure to enter some of our fun contests:

- \*Best Pet Costume
- \*Best Pet Talent
- \*Largest Pet
- \*Smallest Pet

**Start planning your costume ideas now!**

## The Internet Expands HMAS Horizons

In 2001 our shelter began listing available animals on two "virtual shelters" on the internet- Petfinder and Pets911. Each animal is shown with its picture and a brief description. People who are looking for a new pet can search by species, breed, location, age, or even colors. Our volunteers have been amazed by the number of adoptions that have been generated by our partnership with these internet organizations. Many adopters have come from the Twin Cities, as well as Willmar, St. Cloud, New Ulm and all points between.

Our distance record of Decatur, Iowa was shattered this week when Rick McGee of Hopkinsville, Kentucky spotted Pete, a Wirehair Pointer resident of our shelter, on Petfinder. After many emails and phone calls to make certain that Pete was exactly what Rick was looking for and that Rick fit our adoption guidelines, the road trip began. Rick and his 22 year old son took off work and drove straight through to Hutchinson- almost 1,000 miles- to pick up Pete.

McGee said that as soon as he saw Pete's picture on Petfinder, he knew that Pete just had to be a member of their family. Pete got a great home in rural Kentucky with 46 acres for he and his two new Wirehair "siblings" to play on!



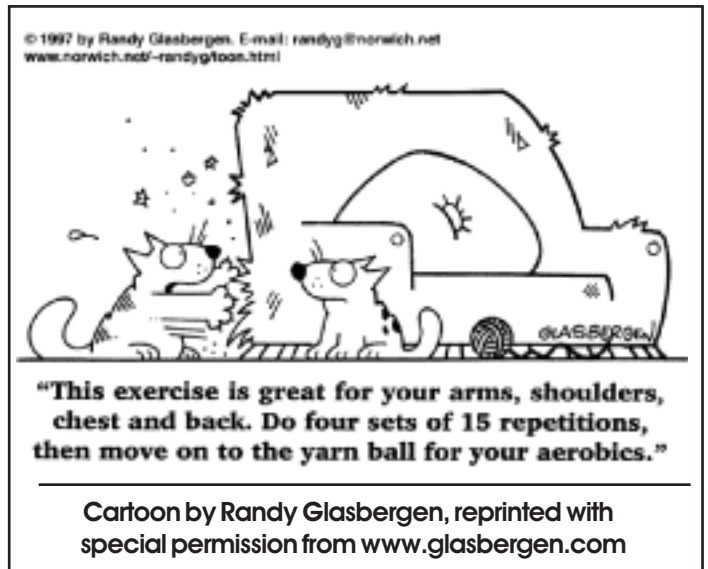
The McGees enjoy a little playtime in our exercise yard with Pete before starting their drive back to Kentucky

## **HMAS Wish List**

*A big thank you to everyone who has donated items on our Wish List. We try to spend our limited resources to benefit the animals, and that doesn't leave much to spend on the things we need to keep our shelter running. Anything our readers can help us with is greatly appreciated!*

<i>Postage</i>	<i>Copy Paper</i>
<i>Paper Towels</i>	<i>Bleach</i>
<i>Laundry Detergent</i>	<i>Garbage Bags</i>
<i>Plastic Cart</i>	<i>Mops</i>
<i>Bath Towels</i>	<i>Durable Dog Toys</i>
<i>Electric Grooming Clipper</i>	<i>CASH*</i>
<i>Long Distance Calling Cards</i>	

*\*While we appreciate each and every donation, please consider giving cash rather than food or litter. It really helps the animals' tummies to stay on one consistent brand of food. Also, we can get the best prices when we buy large quantities in bulk- your money will go further!*



## **Help Wanted**

HMAS is seeking a person for part time kennel help on the weekends. Duties include letting the animals out for exercise, feeding and cleaning. Some week-day hours may be available. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. For more info, call the shelter at 234-9699. If you reach the machine, please leave a message and we will call you back.

## **Help the Shelter Animals with Sponsorship!**

HMAS currently offers several sponsorship programs...

You've probably seen the **"Pet of the Week"** ads in the Hutchinson Shopper. These ads have proven highly successful in finding homes for the featured animals. It is also a great way for the shelter to stay in the public eye. We hear from many people that they watch for the ad each week, even though they are not ready to adopt.

Individuals or businesses are welcome to be a one-time sponsor, or to sign on the schedule as a regular. You may have your name listed as the sponsor, or do so anonymously. The charge for each ad is \$25.

Another wonderful way to make a difference is our **"Sponsor a Pet"** program. We use these funds to care for animals that are harder to place and have a longer stay at the shelter. The cost is \$15 per month, and you may choose to sponsor a cat or a dog. We will send you a picture and profile of "your" animal.

And don't forget our **"Emergency Medical Fund"**. Donations to this program are reserved for animals that come in injured or needing special medical care. It's yet another way to help those hard luck cases.

To participate in any of these programs, send your payment and contact information to HMAS, Box 175, Hutchinson, Mn. 55350. If you have questions, call the shelter at (320) 234-9699.





## We Need Trees!

HMAS will be planting a row of evergreens north of the shelter exercise area. The trees will provide a sound barrier year round to help keep our playful pups from annoying the neighbors. If you have an evergreen that has a trunk diameter of 5 inches or less that you would like to donate, please call Larry Sorensen at 587-2162. We'll do the moving!

## Schedule of Upcoming Events

- May 18th.....Paws On Parade fundraising walk-** Animal Shelter Building (we will need help on the day of the walk, as well as baking pet treats a week before to sell at the walk)
- June 8-9.....Dog Show in Waconia** (we need clean-up people from 8am to 4pm - we'll break it down into shifts when we determine how many volunteers we have)
- June 16.....Hutchinson Water Carnival** (we need a group intersted in helping create a float and a group to ride and walk in the parade)
- July 6-7.....Dog Show at Hutchinson Fairgrounds** (we need clean-up people from 8am to 4pm - we'll break it down into shifts when we determine how many volunteers we have)
- August 16-20.....McLeod County Fair** (we try to keep the shelter open as much as possible during the fair, so we will need people to staff the shelter from 2pm - 8pm Friday through Tuesday)
- Nov?.....Holiday Pet Portraits** (design and prepare a set, assist on picture day, assemble orders)
- December.....Put up giving trees, and gift wrapping booth at the Hutchinson Mall**

If you will be able to help with ANY of the activities, please call Sharon at 320-587-6986 (if no answer, please leave a message) and she will match you with the things you would like to help with.

## *Memorials and Honorariums*



*In memory of Alda Beaudoin and Roxy Blankenhagen  
In honor of Friday, Paris and Dublin  
from David and Merrily Krueger  
of Paragon Dalmations*

*In honor of Peaches from Bobbi Chapman*

*In memory of Charlie and Katzi  
from Mr. Daniel F Perschau*

If you would like to make a contribution in memory or in honor of a very special animal or human friend, please complete the information below and mail to HMAS.

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory / Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(circle one)

Donation enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Annual Spring Rummage Sale Tagged a Success



A huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our rummage sale booth. On April 27th it was dreary and sleeting outside, but inside the armory the deals were hot.

The main rummage volunteers, Roberta Yates, Marilyn Laine, Jody Wendorff and Tonya Skoog (shown left) ran the booth. They were assisted by many others who helped set up and tear down, and manned the booth to give this crew breaks. This year's sale netted almost \$800- that should help purchase some dog and cat food!

Special thanks to Jack and Roberta Yates for heading up this project and all the time they spent collecting and pricing the items!

In answer to last issue's  
'Excerpts from a Cat's Diary...'

### Excerpts from a Dog's Diary

Day number 180

8:00 am- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 9:30 am- OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!  
 9:40 am- OH BOY! A WALK! MY FAVORITE!  
 10:30 am- OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!  
 11:30 am- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 12:00 noon- OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!  
 1:00 pm- OH BOY! THE YARD! MY FAVORITE!  
 4:00 pm- OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!  
 5:00 pm- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 5:30 pm- OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVORITE!

Day number 181

8:00 am- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 9:30 am- OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!  
 9:40 am- OH BOY! A WALK! MY FAVORITE!  
 10:30 am- OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!  
 11:30 am- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 12:00 noon- OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!  
 1:00 pm- OH BOY! THE YARD! MY FAVORITE!  
 4:00 pm- OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!  
 5:00 pm- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 5:30 pm- OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVORITE!

Day number 182

8:00 am- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 9:30 am- OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!  
 9:40 am- OH BOY! A WALK! MY FAVORITE!  
 10:30 am- OH BOY! A CAR RIDE! MY FAVORITE!  
 11:30 am- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 12:00 noon- OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!  
 1:00 pm- OH BOY! THE YARD! MY FAVORITE!  
 1:30 pm- oooooo, bath. bummer.  
 4:00 pm- OH BOY! THE KIDS! MY FAVORITE!  
 5:00 pm- OH BOY! DOG FOOD! MY FAVORITE!  
 5:30 pm- OH BOY! MOM! MY FAVORITE!

Hello,

*I thought I would drop you a line to let you know how my kitty is doing. First of all, her name got changed from Fay (sorry Fay!) to KiKi. It took her awhile to get used to our dogs and them used to her. But you can now find all three laying in front of the patio door or taking a nap in the family room. KiKi has turned into a real lap kitty. Especially when you are on the computer- she has to help by rolling on the keyboard or putting her head on the mouse so she will get petted. What wonderful company!*

Kevin & Deb Klima  
and the kids-  
Arthur, Cookie and KiKi



If you have ever adopted an animal from HMAS, please send us an update & pictures to let us know how you are doing! Our volunteers are paid in happy endings, and they appreciate nothing more than hearing about our former animals' lives with their new families.



### Looking for a Kitten?

The shelter has several litters of kittens in foster care right now. These kittens, as well as their mothers, will be available for adoption starting mid-May. If you, or someone you know, is ready for a fuzzy new family member- have we got some cuties for you!

# Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter

880 Century Avenue P.O. Box 175

Hutchinson, Mn. 55350



**(320) 234-9699**

## *Paws On Parade*

*Benefit Pet Walk*

*Saturday, May 18th, 2002!*

**The Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter is devoted to the care of unwanted, stray or abused animals in the form of providing veterinary care, housing and adoption in the McLeod County area...**

**We are further devoted to the education of the public regarding animal care and overpopulation.**

Is *YOUR* membership current? For many of you it's time to renew so that you will continue having the Shelter News delivered to your home. Remember, each membership fee helps us get another stray cat or dog off the streets and into a loving family home.

*Please help us to continue fulfilling our mission!*



I'd like to be a member of the Heart of Minnesota Animal Shelter!

My membership fee will include a one year subscription to the Shelter News newsletter, so I will always be on top of what's going on at the shelter. I am enclosing a check or money order in the amount of \$20.00. Please send my newsletters and updates to the following address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me about volunteer opportunities available with the shelter

*Mail this form to H.M.A.S., Box 175, Hutchinson, Mn. 55350*