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## What a Difference a Year Can Make!



**The new WCAHS animal shelter open for visits, adoptions, and donations!**



**Cat & kitten play room**



**Brand new bright, clean kennels**

This time last year, a temporary shelter was up and operating and the building selected for the new shelter was in the midst of renovation. To all who have built or renovated, no matter how good the planning, it always takes more time and money than estimated.

However, the coordination of permits, architects, inspectors, builders, experts on heating, plumbing, concrete work, drywall, painting, flooring, kennels, and outdoor fencing are all now chalked up to the start of the history of the new WCAHS animal shelter located and open at 1300 Roundhouse Road in Spooner. Positive attitudes and crossed fingers didn't get the doors open and move made from the temporary shelter as early as hoped, but it was worth the time, effort, and persistence of all involved.

Fortunately, our fire insurance coverage was an adequate start, and the overwhelming generosity of individuals donating to the Shelter Fire Fund and the response to the established Capital Campaign enabled the purchase, remodeling, and furnishing of the WCAHS Animal Shelter without a mortgage. Fundraising events, continued donations of money and supplies, new and renewed individual and business membership contributions, and grant writing efforts will always be a part of keeping this animal shelter at a stable financial level. Unfortunately, like many other animal shelters, Washburn County Area Humane Society, faces up and down operational budgets. For example, even though it was so appreciated to have donations to the WCAHS building fund, many who normally gave to the WCAHS operational fund, which is now down, gave instead to the building fund.

Do not give up hope on the promised formal Open House celebrating this great animal shelter. Information will be provided on the WCAHS website and Facebook when this event will take place.

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**With positive attitudes and crossed fingers, more adoptions, an energy efficient building, and continued support for this shelter, we will continue to provide happiness to people through happy, healthy pets.**



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*"Creating a Community Responsible for Animals"*

## Lucas Arnes



Lucas, an awesome local Boy Scout, donated some money he collected for his "Good Deed" and his BIRTHDAY money!! WCAHS and the animals thank you Lucas!

## Washburn County Fair

Thank you to all who stopped by our table at the 2018 Washburn County Fair to learn about us, share pet stories, or buy some delicious baked goods. Pet Supplies Plus of Rice Lake donated a gift basket for a drawing and the winner was Emmett Tober.



## Recycle Opportunity

WCAHS is accepting the following items for recycling: inkjet cartridges, toner cartridges (Brother, Canon, Dell, LEX and HP), cell phones, smartphones or iPhones, digital cameras and camcorders, GPS units and graphing calculators. Items can be dropped off at the shelter during business hours.



## Trail Ride

The 2018 Trail Ride fundraiser resulted in close to \$500 being raised to help with the rebuilding of the new shelter.



The third annual Happy Trails for Happy Tails trail ride fundraiser for the Washburn County Area Humane Society was held on May 12, 2018. The weather was almost perfect with very few bugs. However, the predictions of a rainy weekend, as well as horses being out of shape because of the late spring, scared many participants away, resulting in only eleven horse and rider combinations. However, the barbeque chicken sandwich meal was a great success, as were the wonderful raffle prizes donated by Leading Edge Vets, Mayana Chocolates, Acer Acres, and several private citizens. Most of the riders have been coming every year, with positive praise for the ride, so we will continue trying to increase attendance.

## Pins for Pets 2018 *Bowling Fundraiser*

What a day! Over \$2600 was donated through the 106 bowlers who participated and those who stopped in to support the Washburn County Area Humane Society's "Pins for Pets" fundraiser on Saturday, April 28, at the Northwoods Lanes and Lounge in Spooner.

Familiar and new bowlers, families, friends, old and young enjoyed this annual 9-Pin Tap bowling fundraiser. High series male and female and high game prizes were given, many raffle prizes were won, good snacks were served, and good fun was enjoyed. Community businesses donated prizes as did WCAHS volunteers who also provided food and help throughout the day.

This year's event was in memory of Debbie Harrold and many came to honor her memory. Those neighbors, friends and relatives in attendance whose connections were especially close were her bowling team of many years, her Mom, her husband, Jim, and her sister-in-law, Jodi, who organized her large work group from WK Appliances. Among the many others filling up the Cosmic Bowling third shift were a large representation of DNR employees, many who also donate time helping at the shelter.

The success of each WCAHS fundraiser not only is attributed to the generosity of everyone attending but also because the area news media is so generous to WCAHS with their assistance in spreading the word about Washburn County Area Humane Society news. The attendance at WCAHS events are the result of individuals reading or hearing about it through, not only the WCAHS website/Facebook pages, but the online or printed area newspapers and the local radio coverage.



## Sales for Tails 2018 *Thrift Sale*

The Washburn County Area Humane Society's thrift sale was a financial success! In spite of the weather which made the sale set-up somewhat challenging, the three-day sale brought in over \$2,000.

Thanks to the generous individuals who donated items, Lamperts for donating their large tent, volunteers who helped throughout the week setting up, selling, and taking down the sale, and to each individual who came, bought and probably gave more than their purchase prices, this 2018 Sales for Tails profit is a nice deposit in the shelter's operational account.

The human response to animal shelter fundraising events is the best reward each WCAHS employee and volunteer experiences. During these get togethers, great animal stories are told and heard, and the generosity of individuals is shown through the donation of money, the sharing of ideas, and the offers to volunteer.

This animal shelter business can be an emotional roller coaster but with successful fundraisers and continued positive support, this business will remain an important place of opportunity to care for and find homes for the special animals that can provide unconditional love, contentment, entertainment and companionship.



## Spay/Neuter Assistance Program

***We are excited about offering an affordable program and hope this will reduce the number of unwanted kittens and puppies that are born and ultimately come to our shelter each year.***

The Washburn County Area Humane Society has a "Snap" program, available to those who need assistance with the cost of spaying or neutering their pet. We are currently able to offer a \$50 discount towards each surgery to those who qualify, while our funds last. We will be using our "Thomas Fund" established by one of our members in memory of her beloved cat, Thomas, plus money that donors have designated for our SNAP fund. For more information or to request an application, please call the shelter at (715) 635-4720.

## 2018 Shed Fest

**The 2018 Shed Fest second annual music festival fundraiser for the Washburn County Area Humane Society was a “peticularly” good one this year!**

The weather, the location, the food, the prizes, and the generous people involved made it quite a success, and it was such fun having so many pet attendees who came along with their animal loving, Shed Fest attending people.

Last year, this event was inspired by the fire which destroyed the animal shelter and the need to raise funds to re-establish this shelter. Jack and Judy White created the idea and then coordinated plans for this music festival with Rebecca and Mike Macone, owners of the Potter's Shed in Shell Lake, and this annual fundraiser was born.

The many musical individuals who played last year again came back and donated their talent for the benefit of Washburn County Area Humane Society providing music from noon until after 10 PM. Everyone in attendance not only donated to WCAHS with their entry fee but enjoyed great music, bought chances on winning great raffle prizes, tested their bean bag skills to win a pair of Wisconsin Adirondack chairs, played their odds on taking home the \$500 money tree, posed for pictures behind the uniquely designed photo board created by the very talented Spooner High School artist, Anna Little, and also satisfied their hunger with hot dogs and pulled pork sandwiches, and drank a few beverages.

The Shed Fest attendees along with the team of organizers, board members, employees, individuals who donated prizes/ food/beverages, and volunteers who served food and beverages, gathered donated prizes from so many generous people, and sold an incredible number of raffle tickets are so appreciated. As always, the news media were very helpful in getting the word about the WCAHS event out to the many readers and listeners. It could not have been done without each aspect of this fundraising effort of so many kind people working together.

### Thanks to our event sponsors:

**Banana Abstract, Haack Orthodontics, Anderson Hager & Moe, Spooner Funeral Home, Williams Wooden Boats and Long Lake Bait and Tackle.**



**Anna Little designed and painted the photo board.**

### Thanks to the Musicians Who Donated Their Time and Talent

- Chillin With the Cat
- Tim Brunner
- Chris Ritchie & John Lehman
- Nick Muska and Gramps
- Rebecca Macone
- Rich Chaffee and Andon Davis
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- Pants ½ Off
- Bare Bones w/special guest Mark Bachler



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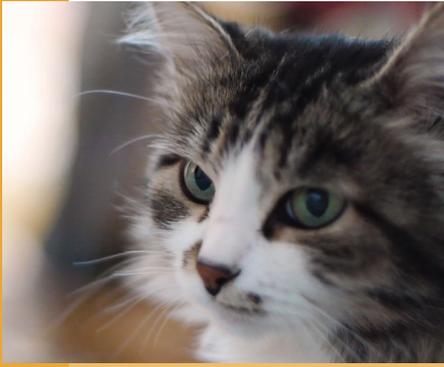
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## Reunited with Her Family

***We handle many stray pets at WCAHS, but in May, we had a great example of how we serve the public when we reunited Angel with her owner.***

Angel and her family were traveling from Iowa to northern Minnesota when she hopped out at the Hwy 53 wayside without them knowing. Once they realized she was missing, they headed back to get their Angel. They had a four hour trip back to get her, and then another four hour trip back to their cabin.



## Thank You to All of Our Donors

You are making a difference in the lives of animals in our community every day.

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*Katie Busch* by Jesse & Stacy Sondreal

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## Do You Love Hugs & Kisses?



**WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

**AND YOU HAVE TO DECIDE WHAT KIND OF DIFFERENCE YOU WANT TO MAKE.**



If you have a big heart and love hugs and kisses, then you have what it takes to be a volunteer at WCAHS! We're always looking for volunteers for whatever time you can spare and help you can give. Dogs need to be walked, kitties cuddled, hungry tummies fed and much more. We also need volunteers to help out at some of our events each year.

## Washburn County Area Humane Society Upcoming Events

**November 14, 2018 - Annual Membership Meeting  
at Spooner Market & Grill**

**December 1, 2018 - Tree of Lights at Spooner Market  
& Grill**

**Open House at New Shelter** (date to be determined)

Please check our website and Facebook page often for updates on events. [www.wcahs.com](http://www.wcahs.com)

## Wish List

***Next time you're shopping - or cleaning out cupboards, think about dropping off a few items on our wish list!***

Dog & cat treats, kitten chow, moist dog and cat food, dry dog & cat food, clumping cat litter (note: this is a change from our usual wish list), litter boxes, cleaning products, i.e. Pine Sol, Mr. Clean, Spic N Span, dish detergent, hand soap, toilet paper, flea treatments for dogs and cats, plastic (washable) dog and cat toys, bleach, envelopes, copy paper, HP63 printer cartridges, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, 39 gallon garbage bags, paper towels, towels and washcloths.

## A Vet Clinic On Wheels for Cat Spays & Neuters

Purple Cat is a mobile veterinary surgical suite providing low-cost, high-quality cat spays and cat neuters to cats in need in Northwest Wisconsin. Many of their clients are big hearted folks with a cat population out of control from years of reproducing. These cats may be living on dairy farms, hiding in the alley or in an abandoned shelter at the trailer court.



Dr. Angie Ruppel of Northern Lakes Vet Clinic operates the mobile surgery unit that works very closely with area humane societies and animal shelters in educating the public about the heartbreaking results of not spaying and neutering our cats. Did you know that on average, 70% of cats that enter animal shelters are euthanized? Most of these are euthanized for reasons other than being sick. The supply of adoptable cats in our shelters greatly outweigh the number of people looking to adopt. Please help us get the word out to spay and neuter all cats.

Purple Cat was at WCAHS on three different occasions this summer and we hope to have them back again as Dr. Ruppel's schedule allows. For more information about Purple Cat, visit their website at [www.purplecatvet.com](http://www.purplecatvet.com), and check our website for upcoming clinics at WCAHS.

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## Annual Membership Meeting

Per the bylaws of the Washburn County Area Humane Society, this is the official notice of our annual membership meeting, which is being mailed to all current members. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 5:00 pm at Spooner Market & Grill in Spooner. There will be two items on the agenda - the annual budget will be adopted and Board members will be nominated and elected. This meeting is open to all members whose dues are not delinquent.