



Elk Country Animal Shelter

BARKS 'N MEOWS

Spring 2012

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ECAS Wins Christmas Tree Contest

The Shelter entered the Christmas tree contest at the Brush Creek Mill this past holiday season and pulled off a win! Sharon Rickard volunteered to put this project together, and it was beautiful!

There were 18 decorated trees entered, votes were purchased at a cost of 3 for \$1, then placed in the jar for your favorite tree.

The Elk Country Animal Shelter won this with the most votes by far, Girl Scout Troop 9048 took second place and Uptown Girls Red Hats from Atlanta took third.

The Shelter won a nice plaque for first place. Thank you to all those folks who voted for the animals.



The Elk Country Animal Shelter tree entry was decorated with photos of shelter animals who need a home.

Thank You For Your Generosity



The dogs and cats in the shelter had a very Merry Christmas this year. It all started with those so very generous children from Hillman Elementary who came forward again this year with presents for the homeless animals instead of each other. Thank you!

Then the Elk Country Sno Travelers snowmobile club from Hillman asked for gifts, food or donations for the shelter at their Christmas party, and they delivered their goodies. Awesome! Thank you!

Pauline sent out an email plea for some very special bones, on sale, with free shipping. And the boxes started arriving, and arriving, and arriving, ... over 10 boxes of those very special bones for some very special dogs. Thank you yet again.

Oh! And let us not forget the Christmas mailing, around \$10,000 came in from across the county, state and country. Once again we are humbled by the generous donations. The dogs and cats thank you from the bottom of their furry hearts!



Invest in the Elk Country Animal Shelter

Consider adding the Elk Country Animal Shelter to your will or trust. We have made this easy for you. We are part of a charitable organization called the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. This foundation will help you add the Elk Country Animal Shelter to your will or trust.

Donors can be assured that their information will be held in confidence and that their tax-deductible donations will be used to help the animals of the Elk Country Animal Shelter.

You can call them at (877) 354-6881 or check out their website www.cfnem.org.

Show Your Support Inside or Out

Help support the Shelter with brick pavers to be displayed outside, and beautifully etched black granite plaques to be displayed inside the shelter.

Below is a list of ways to honor your family, an event - such as a birthday, family reunion or anniversary, or a memorial tribute for a beloved friend, family member or pet and show your support for the Elk Country Animal Shelter.

- Brick-size Paver \$100
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Great for those needing more room
- 12" x 12" Paver \$500
Enough room for a business logo
- 6" X 6" Black Granite Plaque etched with your inscription and a photo if desired \$80

If you are interested in any of the above, call Pauline at 989-785-3738.

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We have opened our shelter building and now need your support more than ever.

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Contact List:

If you want to help with any of our projects, these are the people to contact:

Atlanta: Pat Crawford, (989) 785-4636

Hillman: Robin Smiley (989) 370-2569

Lewiston: Katie or Steve Schlecht (989) 786-5585

Meetings are usually at 6:30 pm the second Thursday of the month. Join us at our new building on M32 next to the Sheriff's Department. Specifics are in the local paper the week before or listed on our website.

Mission Statement: The Elk Country Animal Shelter shall be committed to providing a caring shelter and eventual placement of adoptable animals; be advocates for companion animals; provide education on the proper care of animals and promote understanding of the need to control the population of unwanted animals.

We Need Your Help!

We can't do it alone! Elk Country Animal Shelter is a private nonprofit organization. Your donations are what keep this shelter operating! Your contributions and support help the shelter doors stay open and provide food, medical care and a warm, safe, temporary home for the dogs and cats while they wait for their new forever home.

President's Ponderings

by Rosemary Nuhfer

Hopefully spring will be on its way as you read this article. I escaped from Michigan for a winter vacation, although it turned out there has not been much bad winter weather in Northern Michigan to escape from this year.

We have been traveling with our two dogs, Nick and Jack. They are great road warriors, spending most of their time sleeping in the back seat while patiently waiting for the next stop so they can get out, stretching their legs and investigating exciting new smells.

We scan copies of our dogs medical records, documentation of vaccinations, dog licenses, and so on and put copies on our laptop before we hit the road. We also email copies to ourselves so they will be accessible to us even if the laptop dies or is stolen. You never know when you might need these records.

Our truck always rolls with a comprehensive dog first aid kit which has proved to be very useful on occasion over the years. It also doubles as a handy human first aid kit in case we need a bandage, aspirin, or maybe just a pair of sharp scissors.

We always carry their usual brand of dog food with us, because its not a good idea to risk gastrointestinal problems by changing dog food brands while on a trip. I give them water every time we stop. We always take them out on their leashes, because you never know what other dogs, cars or people you might run into.

I always call ahead and make sure the hotel is "pet friendly" because we dont want the babies sleeping in the car by themselves. We try to keep them as quiet as possible in the hotel and keep them off the furniture. I like to leave positive impressions about animals with hotels so they continue to be "pet friendly."

Traveling with your pets can be fun. You get to meet lots of friendly animal lovers with their dogs, and share your stories of adventure.

Pet Glamour Photos

Coming Soon - June 23, 2012, the Elk Country Animal Shelter along with Dogs R Us/ Pet Spa in Hillman, will be offering Pet Glamour Photos! Bring your pet, bring your costumes, hats, feather boas, sunglasses, etc. and get a photo of that cutie and then enter it in the Pet Photo contest sponsored by the Elk Country Animal Shelter.

There will be vendors selling pet related greeting cards, maybe jewelry, doggie ice cream, shelter T-shirts, cookbooks, and raffle tickets on the new UTV, etc.

Have doggie clothes that don't fit your doggie? Feather boas or a straw hat you are no longer using? Donate them for the Glamour Shots - they can be dropped off at the Shelter or Dogs R US.

More information will be available as the date nears.



Membership Drive Competition

Watch your mail for the latest information about a membership drive competition we will be organizing. Invite your neighbors, family and friends to become supporting members of the Elk Country Animal Shelter.

For ten dollars they will get our newsletter, invitations to our events, and a chance to vote on things at the annual meeting in December. Not to mention helping to support the homeless dogs and cats that need a hand finding their forever homes.

There will be a membership form your friends fill out, put your name as the referring member and every time your name is written down, you will get a chance at winning a Global 3.1 meg pixel digital movie camera with 4xzoom.

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Pet Trivia:

Dog Trivia: An American Animal Hospital Association poll showed that 33 percent of dog owners admit that they talk to their dogs on the phone or leave messages on an answering machine while away.



Italian Dinner and Chair-ity Auction Big Changes This Year

Back by popular demand is the Italian Dinner and Chair-ity auction in Lewiston this spring. The date and location have been changed, Saturday, May 5 at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. The menu remains the same: lasagna, salad, garlic bread, and a wide variety of desserts.

Yes, there will still be some chairs to be auctioned, but this year the specialty item will be birdhouses. You'll find a big variety of spectacular houses for the birds that come into your yard. Also, a few other items will be available.

If you've missed this fun evening in the past because you were in the sunny south you can join us this year and have a delicious dinner and maybe purchase something for yourself or a gift for a friend.



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Chair-ity Auction

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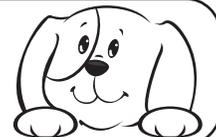
Cat Trivia: Cats have more than one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs only have about ten.





Pet Trivia:

Dog Trivia: According to a recent survey, the most popular name for a dog is Max. Other popular names include Molly, Sam, Zach, and Maggie.



Community Spay and Neuter Program

In September, we were very fortunate to receive the funding needed to expand the shelter's Community Spay and Neuter Program. A grant from the ASPCA made it possible to offer significant price reductions and expand our normal, reduced cost program, especially for cat spay and neuter surgeries, through the month of March, 2012. A second grant, this one from the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a KeyBank Trust, will enable us to extend our reduced cost spay/neuter program offerings into the summer of 2012.

There are many myths about the effects of spay and neuter surgeries on pets, so to help dispel some of them, here are some real reasons to take advantage of these spay and neuter surgery opportunities:

1. Spayed/neuter pets live longer.
2. It's easier to train and manage a spayed/neutered pet due to a more even temperament.
3. Spaying/neutering keeps you from adding to pet overpopulation problems.

Some really bad excuses for NOT spaying or neutering your pet are:

1. Spaying/neutering makes pets fat and lazy. *Not true! Too much food and not enough exercise cause that.*
2. If pets don't run loose, they don't need to be fixed. *Not true! One accident can create a litter, and it happens every day.*
3. Spaying/neutering changes a pet's personality. *Not true! You are the main factor in that by the way you care for and manage your pet.*

The generosity of both the Kenneth A. Scott Charitable Trust, a KeyBank Trust, and the ASPCA gives area pet owners great opportunities to help us reduce the number of unwanted animals, and to give their pets healthier and happier lives. Please take advantage of our expanded Community Spay and Neuter Program at significantly reduced prices by calling the shelter at 989-785-3738 to find out more and schedule an appointment.

Spartan UPC Labels

Thank you to all our valued supporters who regularly save those oh so important UPC labels off Spartan products. We need your help to PLEASE make sure the label has the word SPARTAN on it when you cut it out.

The labels can be dropped off at the shelter or mailed to: Elk Country Animal Shelter, PO Box 434, Atlanta, MI 49709.

WISHLIST:

- Towels, Paper towels
- Milk-Bone type crunchy treats
- Gas cards, Please, please, please. (Mail to P.O. Box 434, Atlanta, MI 49709)
- Buckle collars, new or used (in good condition) mostly medium and large size
- Bleach, Dawn dish soap, Clorox Clean Up
- HE Laundry Detergent, fabric softener and softener sheets
- OdoBan (Available Home Depot, WalMart in Cleaning section)
- Non-scoopable kitty litter, Feline pine litter
- Kitty litter pans
- Animal Crates (plastic airline type)
- Kuranda Beds
- Fleece fabric for making dog/cat items
- 8½x11 photo paper
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HAPPY TAILS



Chance

Hello Pauline and Shelter friends,

Chance, formally known as Murray is fine; he's quickly learning what's expected of him, getting use to the routine and he seems to be happy.

We try to take a nice long walk everyday, when the weather cooperates. Sometimes we walk to the lake and other times we hike the trails through the woods; he really enjoys his walks.

I've switched his diet to Wellness in hopes it will help with his shedding. He seems to have put on a few pounds while I was switching him over so I need to be careful; don't want him becoming over weight.

I've attached a few pictures; it's difficult getting a good picture of him because he follows me everywhere; if I get up to get the camera he moves and I miss the shot.

We wish everyone at the shelter, animals included a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Chance and family

P.S. I had a great Xmas, my best friend Hank came to visit for a few days, you can see by the pictures, we had fun playing together.



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HAPPY TAILS



Pearl

Hi Pauline.

Sorry I didn't write sooner, but I've been really busy enjoying my awesome new furkid!

As you can see by the subject, there has been a slight change in her name. Of course, she will always be a Princess. But now, she is also Pearl. It totally suits her because she is white and lustrous. My Sister suggested it on the drive home and as soon as she said it, I knew. So Pearl, Princess Pearl, Pearlie Girl, Pearl the Squirrel...and she's doing really well responding to it. I've attached a few pics of her enjoying her new life.

I don't know if you watched us leave, but she hopped right into the van and up on the seat, curled up, and went to sleep. She was very comfortable then and has remained at ease; no worrying or fretting, just a calm, happy girl. We stopped in Gaylord at Wendy's and she got her own burger (plain, without a bun), which she took very gently from my hand. She has some seriously great manners. We made a couple of stops on the way home and she did really well on the leash (just like you said). And we stopped and visited a friend for a couple of minutes, and she was a perfect guest (except that she did eat all the host doggie's food from his bowl). She's met her Grandparent's, several Aunts and both the Family doggies on Saturday evening (she is waiting for them to totally accept her, in the meantime, she is polite), plus on Monday she met the neighbors and Coco, the young female black lab next door (they hit it off, zooming around within seconds of sniffing each other's butts). She made a very good impression with everyone.

She quickly learned how to use both doggie doors and she likes to go out in the morning and watch me leave from the safety of her fenced in yard (then I think she comes in and crawls back into bed). She has the run of the house during the day and hasn't gotten into anything. She's been shopping at PetSmart (she has discriminating taste when it comes to squeaky toys) and made several friends there as well. And she now has an awesome engraved ID tag with *Pearl* on



the front and all my info on the back. We had dinner at my Parent's place last night and during dinner, she was curled next to my chair sleeping (not begging). She is SO wonderful. I was expecting to have to do a little work with her, but aside from showing her the boundaries of the yard and how to use the doggie doors, she seems to have it all down pat.



I can't believe my good fortune to have found the perfect match. She is supposed to be here with me, sharing my life, giving and receiving unconditional love. I can't thank you and everyone at Elk Country Animal Shelter for rescuing her from a hard life so she could bless my life and live the life of a Princess, like she deserves. Thank you, THANK YOU!

Waggz, Wigglez and Hugz!

Di and Pearl

Letter From The Director

As I look out the window at the snow and the temperature gauge still reading in the freezing range I have comfort in knowing spring is fast approaching. Winter is hard on shelter animals, they don't get to stay outside to run and play for as long as they really need to. Adoptions decline during the colder months for both dogs and cats. Believe it or not the many muddy paws and dirt-coated tongues will be a welcome sight indeed.

How things have changed over the past years! Our winter focus was trying to keep dogs from near freezing to death out back behind the Sheriff's Department to worrying about simply not getting enough exercise. Makes me think back from where we started, a group dedicated to save these dogs from their ill-fate that has transformed into the modern shelter we have today.

Every year leaps forward with changes that continue to take this small shelter down many different roads that develop into a very large community project. We not only give care for the dogs and cats that find themselves under our wings, we are able to give them more than most shelters can afford. We spay and neuter, vaccinate and microchip all dogs and cats before they leave our doors and we are able to do this because of the wonderful veterinarians that have volunteered their time and professional talents to a cause we are all committed to. They spay and neuter our shelter animals and provide preventative care for the

healthy to keep them that way. They care for the sick or injured; instructing us on continuing care or sometimes even taking more serious ones to their own homes – what veterinarian will do that? Yes, we are lucky to have Dr. Cmach and Dr. Barrett to have chosen us! Not only do they help with shelter animals but they are also instrumental in our community outreach programs. They dedicate one day a week for low cost mini shot clinics where we offer vaccinations, heartworm testing and micro chipping. This program is to help many people provide basic care for their pets that might not be otherwise possible.

We also have one day a week for low cost spay and neuters of community animals. Dr. Woolman performs those in our very own shelter surgery room. In 2011 we spayed or neutered close to 500 dogs and cats in our surgery room, many of those getting vaccinations during their surgery visit and another 226 dogs and cats came just for vaccinations. I have to think that we are making our pet community a healthier one; less reproducing, increasing the vaccination rate thus decreasing the spread of common disease that can sometimes kill.

Are we seeing a difference yet? Not for dogs like Ellie a Saint Bernard that recently had 13 puppies that are now circulated into our community. Ellie is now spayed and won't ever add to the numbers but we weren't lucky enough to have also gotten her puppies to have broken the chain. They are still out there and when they get to be about a year old I'm sure we will see some of them come through our doors as strays or surrenders, some may have already

produced a litter of their own but maybe a few lucky ones fell into the right hands that will be responsible and spay and neuter. Our work isn't over until we can catch dogs like Ellie before she has a chance to reproduce.

Please support or continue to support the animal shelter - our work isn't finished yet and we need all the help we can get.

Happy Spring!
Pauline Hancock



Is Your Dog Digging? Your Cat Not Using the Litter Box?

Help is just a phone call away!

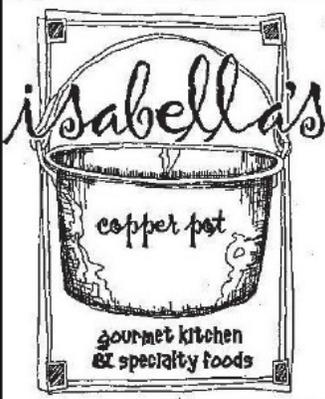
Pet Education Center

Is your dog digging through your flower beds or Kitty is not using the litter box? Well these people can help you with any pet behavior (dog, cat or other). You just call this number 248-650-0127, leave a message regarding the specific behavior question and they will have a trained behavior representative return your call. They also answer questions via email. Simply log on to www.michiganhumane.org and click on behavior and training. There is no charge for this service.



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Cat Trivia:

Cat Trivia: Cats have better memories than dogs. Tests conducted by the University of Michigan concluded that while a dogs memory lasts no more than 5 minutes, a cats can last as long as 16 hours – exceeding even that of monkeys and orangutans.



Emily's Corner

Why Is Your Dog's Dental Health So Important?

Did you know that regular brushing of your dog's teeth as well as providing lots of chew toys and a healthy diet can help prevent more serious health problems such as heart and other infections? Many dogs show signs of mouth disease before four years old because they are not provided with proper mouth care. One of the first signs of trouble is bad breath, not the normal "doggy" breath, but a *very* unpleasant odor that could signal a problem. If this is accompanied by excessive drooling, inflamed gums, tumors, cysts under the tongue or loose teeth, the dog needs to be checked by a vet as soon as possible. It is a good idea once a week to lift your dog's lips and examine his gums and teeth. Gums should be pink, not red or white and show no swelling. Teeth should be clean with no brownish tartar.

Two of the most common and insidious diseases are periodontal disease and gingivitis. Periodontal disease is a painful infection between the teeth and gums that can result in tooth loss and spread infection to the rest of the body. Signs are loose teeth, again, bad breath, tooth pain and nasal discharge. Gingivitis is an inflammation of the gums caused by an accumulation of plaque, tartar and disease-producing bacteria. Signs include bleeding, red swollen gums and once again, bad breath. It is reversible with regular teeth cleanings by a veterinarian.

You can help prevent or lessen these problems with regular teeth brushing. Use a brush and toothpaste especially made for dogs because human toothpaste can make

a dog sick. First, get your dog used to the idea. If your dog is reluctant, start by massaging the gums once or twice a day. As he gets used to it, apply the toothpaste to the brush (or your gauze-wrapped finger) and gently clean in small circular motions if you can. All attempts are better than none at all. The sides of the teeth that touch the gums usually have the most tartar. Doggy toothpaste is quite appealing to dogs and often helps them to be "tolerant". Two or three times a week is a good idea. Your vet can also advise you on proper techniques.



In memory of Emily
Humane Education dog

Chew toys are also important. Gnawing on the appropriate toys can help clean his teeth by scraping away soft tartar. Ask your vet about toxin-free nylon, rubber, or rawhide toys. Gnawing also reduces your dog's stress level, prevents boredom and gives him an outlet for his natural need to chew.

As with people, sweets given to a dog will promote tooth problems. Avoid these in favor of more healthy treats and those designed to promote mouth health. Your vet can advise you on these. Fruits and vegetables (no raisins, grapes, avocados, onions or garlic) are ideal. Many dogs love apples and carrots, for example.

Following these tips will ensure that your dog stays healthy and will lengthen the time between professional cleaning by your vet.

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2012 Calendar of Events

- May 5- Italian Dinner and Chair-ity Auction- St Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, Lewiston Kick-off for the UTV Raffle
- Wednesday May 23, Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25 - Drop off dates for Garage Sale items Montmorency Co. Fairgrounds – Atlanta
- May 25, 26 and 27th Annual Garage Sale, Montmorency Co. Fairgrounds - Atlanta
- Saturday, May 26 Stuff the Truck - Morrison's in Hillman, Glens in Lewiston, Alpena Walmart
- TBD, Metal Recycling Day- at The Shelter
- June 17 Booth and 4-Wheeler at Lewiston Car Show
- June 23 Pet Glamour Photos- Hillman
- July 7 Mill River Days – Hillman Pet Show
- July 7 Parades
- July 8 Hillman Drag races, UTV Tickets
- July 23 ATV Rodeo in Lewiston ?
- July 29 - Golf Outing Thunder Bay Golf Resort
- Aug. 11 Heritage Days, VJ Day Celebration, Float, Hillman Car show booth and UTV tickets
- Aug. 3-5 Lewiston Timber Fest, Booth and UTV
- Tuesday, Aug. 14 – Saturday, Aug. 18 Montmorency County 4-H Fair,
- Fall Garage Sale Drop Off Dates - Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 29-31 Sale: Friday and Saturday, and Sunday Aug. 31-Sept. 2
- Saturday, Sept. 1 - Stuff the Truck Morrison's in Hillman, Alpena-Walmart
- Atlanta Elk Fest - Sept. 28-30 Booth and Parade and Pet Show and Sept. 30- Drawing for UTV Raffle on Sunday
- Lewiston: Christmas in Oct. Craft show—tbd
- Sun. Nov. 4 - Fall Turkey Dinner/Auction, Hillman Community Center
- Sat. Nov. 24, Atlanta Band Booster Bazaar, Atlanta High School
- Thursday, Dec. 13, Annual meeting and Christmas Party

WORD OF THE MONTH:

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Animal Shelter Youth Group

Do you know of anyone between the ages of 13 and 25 who want to make a difference in the lives of cats and dogs? Now they can. They can join the Elk Country Animal Shelter Youth Group!

Working with the shelter as part of the youth group can give a feeling of accomplishment and love; it counts towards community service for all the youth still in school.

There are many fun and exciting fundraisers planned and tons of experiences that will help the animals. A sneak peak at some of the fundraisers we have planned are bottle and “Stuff the Truck” drives, so save those returnables.

The feeling of unconditional love that animals give can help youth with self-esteem, confidence, and responsibility in school, and other activities.

If you or someone you know would like to join, please contact Chelsey Pinson at 989-350-2206. We will have a meeting in the near future. Watch the local papers and flyers around town for more information on the meeting. Have a great and wonderful spring!

Spring Events Planned

Are you saving metal and collecting items for the Memorial Day weekend garage sale? Both events are good fundraisers for the shelter, and we count on all our supporters to donate to them. Watch for the date for metal recycling, the garage sale is Memorial Weekend as usual. Hope to see you there!

Also, we are continuously in need of able-bodied folks who can work at these events. These must be folks who can do some lifting of fairly heavy objects. If you can possibly help, please call Carol at 989-785-3777 or Julie at 989-785-6134.

Without more help it will be very hard for us to continue the garage sales, or at least hard to take the larger items.

Russ Hehir

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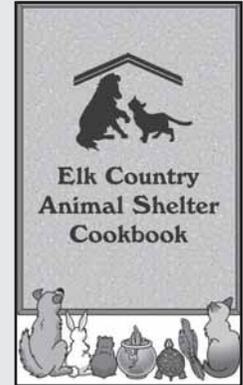
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ECAS Cookbook

The ECAS cookbook is available for a nice gift for that special cook you know. It makes a great shower gift for that young bride learning to cook, or a birthday present for the experienced cook. Plus...your purchase helps ECAS care for the homeless animals in our community. So this is win-win for both, the dogs and cats get the care they need and you get a great gift.



The cookbooks can be purchased in Atlanta at The Tribune, Atlanta Library, and of course at the Shelter. In Hillman they can be picked up at That Awesome Hair Salon, and Northern Styles Salon. Lewiston has them at the Lewiston Library, and My Sister's Stone Cottage.



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ELK COUNTRY ANIMAL SHELTER 2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM



YES! I am interested in the efforts of the Elk Country Animal Shelter and wish to contribute in the following ways.



Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Can you donate your time? _____ Will you work on a committee? _____

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NEW MEMBER
CONTRIBUTION ONLY

MEMBERSHIPS

- ___ Individual \$10.00
- ___ Family \$25.00
- ___ Business \$50.00
- ___ Junior or Senior \$8.00
- ___ Pet \$5.00
- ___ Friend \$100
- ___ Sponsor \$250
- ___ Major \$500
- ___ Lifetime \$1000

DONATIONS

- ___ General Use
- ___ Building Fund
- ___ Medical for Animals
- ___ Spay and Neuter program
- ___ Mortgage

Business memberships will get a free business card ad in each newsletter for current year. Please include your business card

PLEASE INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP FEE AND/OR DONATION AND MAIL TO:
Elk Country Animal Shelter
11484 Youngs Road
P.O. Box 434
Atlanta, MI 49709

MISSION STATEMENT

The Elk Country Animal Shelter shall be committed to providing a caring shelter and eventual placement of adoptable animals; be advocates for companion animals; provide education on the proper care of animals and promote understanding of the need to control the population of unwanted animals.

Exciting News From The Shelter

This year we are going to raffle a Husqvarna Utility Vehicle as one of our major fundraisers. This “shift on the fly” 4 wheel drive vehicle has 4-wheel independent suspension and rack and pinion steering. The HUV has a bench seat and features a tilt bed to help unload that dog and cat food.

This easy to use and versatile vehicle has a vanguard engine and is ROPS certified (which means it has a roll cage and seat belts)

We will start selling the tickets at the Lewiston dinner which is May 5th and have the drawing on Sunday September 30th, at the Elk Fest in Atlanta. The ticket prices will be \$5 for one ticket and a book of 5 for \$20.

Get ready to buy lots of tickets to help out the animals of the Elk Country Animal Shelter, and enjoy your new ride.



We are looking for donations of clean Beanie Babies , in good shape please, to use for next years Christmas Tree Contest at the Brush Creek Mill. Dogs and cats are the theme we are going for , so you can drop them off at the Shelter, just specify they are for Sharon, or call Sharon to arrange pick up 742-4371.



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