



Elk Country Animal Shelter

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Summer 2012

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Letter From The Director

It all started with our senior Beagle Mable! Mable was going to need help, lots of help finding a new home. Not only was she a senior, but she was also blind in one eye. But that sure didn't hamper her personality, her playfulness, her cute cock of the head and most of all her love for people. A faithful follower offered to sponsor her and suggested we start a program so others that can't adopt could still help a shelter dog or cat find a home. This started our "Pet Angel Program". For \$200 you can sponsor a dog or \$150 will sponsor a cat; this will cover their adoption fee and provide toys, beds, a nice size bag of food, treats and new collar and leash. It wasn't long before a very kind woman came in and sponsored eight dogs, yes, eight! Wondering what happened to Mable? Well she did get adopted and she now lives with two other beagles at a wonderful home playfully nicknamed "Beagle Manor" for their true love of Beagles.

We have other programs to help with adoptions like our senior discount program and two for one littermate program. We are able to offer these nice programs because of a grant we received from the Michigan Department of Agriculture that helps with the surgery costs of our shelter animals which makes it possible to pass some of that on towards their adoption.

Some of the other programs we offer are our weekly shot

clinics to help people get their pets vaccinated or micro-chipped that they could not otherwise afford. Our two volunteer veterinarians – Dr. Leslie and Dr. Jenn have donated many, many hours of their time to help the animals here at the shelter and the animals that visit our mini shot clinic.

We are still going strong with Dr. Woolman performing surgeries at our low cost spay and neuter clinics held most every Friday. Our accomplishments are well over nine hundred non-shelter animals being altered in less than two years.

Our programs are extremely important to the shelter, the animals in our care, and the animals in our community. Our appreciation to all those that make these programs possible is immeasurable!

Sincerely,

Pauline Hancock, Executive Director



Thank You, Trenton!

The Shelter has made an impression on a group of youngsters in this area. Trenton Whitt is the latest young man to celebrate his eighth birthday by asking for Shelter donations for birthday presents. His Mom Stacey helped with the delivery of dog and cat food, boxes of treats, toys, cat treats, and bowls.

Thank you, Trenton, for sharing with the animals at the Shelter on your birthday. Trenton's Mom must be very proud of such a fine young man, the Shelter sure is.



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.

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

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

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Pauline Hancock

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- President Rosemary Nuhfer
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- Treasurer Theresa Miller
- Director Carol Young
- Director Pauline Hancock
- Director Chelsey Pinson

Hours of operation

- Sunday & Monday - Closed
- Tuesday - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday - 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Thursday - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Friday - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Saturday - 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Adoption Fees: Cats: \$40; Kittens: \$50; Dogs: \$75 and Puppies: \$95. Any animal under the estimated age of six months is considered a puppy or kitten.

All adoptable pets are spayed or neutered before they leave the shelter, are microchipped, given age appropriate vaccinations, cats and kittens are tested for feline leukemia and all pets will come with thirty days of free ShelterCare pet insurance.

Meetings are usually at 6:30 pm the second Thursday of the month. We will be gathering in the Humane Education room at the shelter, All are welcome. Join us won't you? We take care of business, plan new projects, and have fun along the way. We have a drawing every month for a fun prize for those who attend, (could be for someone's homemade cookies).

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President's Ponderings

by Rosemary Nuhfer

The term "Dog Days of Summer" was coined by the ancient Greeks and Romans to describe the hottest days of summer.

With that in mind please take these steps to keep your pets safe this summer:

We all know that you should never leave your pets in an unattended car, but did you know that you should not leave your pet standing on or walking too long on asphalt. Pets are much closer to the asphalt and can heat up quickly.

Their paws can be burned since their feet are not protected by shoes.

Don't force your pet to exercise after a meal in hot humid weather and always provide shade and water for pets staying outside for an extended period. Speaking of the shade, I have always found it relaxing to spend hot afternoons sitting with my dogs under a big shade tree, sipping some ice tea, relaxing, and petting my favorite pooches. Oh by the way, petting an animal has been proven to help lower your blood pressure so this is a win-win situation for all.

Enjoy your summer!

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.

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by Chelsey Pinson

The Elk Country Animal Shelter Youth Group is proud to announce the winners of this year's ECAS scholarships. One student from each of the three schools in the county was chosen.

Jessica Butcavage from Hillman Community Schools plans to attend Grand Valley State University for Business Management.

Hilary Holberton from Atlanta Community Schools plans on attending Saginaw Valley State University for a Bachelors of Science in nursing.

Nicole Bush was the recipient from Johannesburg-Lewiston Area Schools. At this time, she is undecided on which college she will be attending.

We wish these three girls, and all graduating seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Elk Country Animal Shelter Youth Group, please contact Chelsey Pinson at 989-350-2206, or check out our Facebook page at, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/131492945405/>.

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Pet Trivia:

Dog Trivia: "Researchers studying what dogs like to eat have found that the appetite of pet dogs is affected by the taste, texture and smell of the food, and also by the owners' food preferences, their perception of their pet, and the physical environment in which the dog is eating."





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Pet Trivia:

Dog Trivia: The expression "three dog night" originated with the Eskimos and means a very cold night - so cold that you have to bed down with three dogs to keep warm.



We Need Your Help Badly!

It's becoming almost impossible to get enough able-bodied volunteers to do some of the heavier jobs at the Elk Country Animal Shelter's fundraising events, and these events provide the greater portion of the funds that help keep the shelter open and running properly. These jobs include picking up items for the garage sales and transporting them to the fairgrounds, working at the sale helping unload and load sale items as they are brought to the sale or purchased, putting up and taking down our tent at the fair and the Elk Fest, and other miscellaneous jobs throughout the year. We have a total of 14 shifts at the garage sales alone and need a minimum of three folks to do the heavier work on each of these shifts.

Can you help, or do you have a friend who might volunteer? If so, please call Carol at 785-3777. General help is also always needed by those who don't have such strong backs and can't do the heavy work. Without the help of all our volunteers, it would be impossible to continue sponsoring these fundraisers. Please consider lending a hand.

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.

Beanie Baby Donations

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.

Spay and Neuter Grant

The Elk Country Animal Shelter can help you adopt a great pet! A pre-adoption spay and neuter grant from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's Companion Animal Welfare Fund makes it possible for us to pay pre-adoption spay and neuter costs for our shelter animals for the remainder of 2012. Since all our dogs and cats must be spayed or neutered before adoption, this grant can help reduce your overall adoption costs and give more of our four-footed friends forever homes.

Shelter dogs and cats are healthy and happy, and each one is ready to be someone's new best friend! Stop by and pick out your next pet, or call the shelter at 989-785-3738 to find out more.



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- Cash for special medical needs, please specify on check "medical" or "vet care"
- And warm, safe, loving homes for all of them

HAPPY TAILS

Benjamin



Hi Pauline,

Here are some more pictures of Benjamin! He is funny to watch by the water - a high stepper!

The last two are of him relaxing after a very busy day of trail walking and beach bumming! We still have play dates with Winston. Benjamin has about 3 pounds on Winston, but they play and play and play!

Benjamin is doing really good. We are still reading and watching training videos on how to greet people, not to jump :) He loves life and he is full of it!



Shade



Good day mates,

I wanted to send a note to tell you about my new sis, her name is Lucy. She is a big baby and I mean big. I think they spilled Miracle Grow in her food or something, she was a little ball of fluff at first and now she is almost as big as me. (Probably bigger by the time you read this note).

We have lots of fun playing with our toys and chasing each other around.

I also would like to thank you for saving my life and finding me a loving family, and a good home.

Thank you for everything.

Your Aussie friend,
I dge (aka Shade)

Benjamin T. Bolser, PLC



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Zoey

Pauline,

Here are a few pic's of Zoey. You knew her as "Frosty."

She is doing well and has become a playmate for the boys and a snuggle buddy for Lona.

Enjoy!

Blessings,

Rev. Scott Hill



Don't Forget The Elk Fest

The shelter always has a tent at the Elk Fest. This year the dates are Sept. 28-30. This will be your last chance to buy tickets for the Husqvarna 4x4 HUV. Don't miss out on a chance to win this beautiful vehicle, or one of the other nice prizes. Second place prize is \$300 cash and third prize is an Elk Viewing Dinner Ride for two at Thunder Bay Resort. Different this year the drawing will be held at 3:30p.m. on Sunday, rather than Saturday night. We'd love to see you there for the drawing, but you don't have to be there to win.

Also at the Elk Fest there will be a large variety of items for sale. If it turns cold, don't forget to stop by and purchase a sweatshirt for you and a coat for your dog! Stop by our tent and see what's available.



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We'll Be At The Fair

Yes, the Elk Country Animal Shelter will be at the fair again this year. The dates are Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 14-18. Our white tent is always located just west of the Smith Hall buildings, across from the food stand. You can't miss it.

A wide variety of items will be for sale: cookbooks, T- and sweatshirts, note cards, key chains, educational items and more. Also, you may simply drop off your donation to the shelter or sign up for a membership. It's a good place to stop for a drink of water for your pet.

Of course, there will be tickets available for the HUV, this year's major raffle item. The Husqvarna HUV will be parked by the tent for you to see.

Membership Drive Competition Winners

The membership drive winners are, third place, a shelter t-shirt went to Robin Smiley, second place, a set of puppy note cards went to Margaret Schaff, and the grand prize of a small digital video camera was won by JoeAnn Comber.

Thank you to all who entered, the real winners here are the homeless pets the shelter is able to help, thanks to your memberships.



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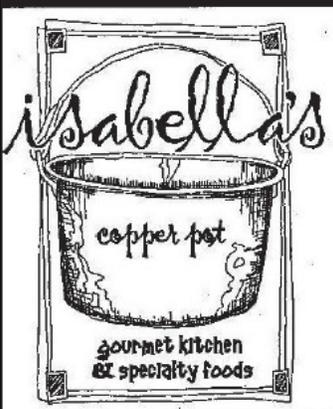
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Cat Trivia:

Cat Trivia: Cats, not dogs, are the most common pets in America. There are approximately 66 million cats to 58 million dogs, with Parakeets a distant third at 14.3 million.



Emily's Corner

Summertime... Keeping Dogs Safe In Cars

It is so tempting for all of us to want to take our tail wagging buddy with us as we head out in the summertime, but without prior planning, summer road trips can be a serious danger to our four footed friends. Many people think that leaving a dog in the car for only a few minutes with the windows cracked while they do a few errands is not a problem, but it can be deadly. Cars heat up quickly.

In a California study, when the temperature was 80 degrees outside, the temperature inside the car rose to 99 degrees in 10 minutes and 109 degrees in 20 minutes. Even at 72 degrees outside, a car's temperature climbed to 116 degrees in one hour. A dog's body temperature is between 101 and 102.5 degrees. Exposure to excessive heat causes the body's cells to stop working properly and release dangerous chemicals, which can lead to nerve damage, heart problems, liver and brain damage and even death. Basically, all a dog's organ systems quickly shut down at once. It is best to leave your dog home in the summertime if you cannot leave someone with the dog or aren't able to take the dog with you into the store or other place.

Drive-up windows are a great thing for "dog people" as well. Contrary to what some people believe, leaving the windows cracked has little or no effect on the car's oven-like temperature, and parking in the shade is not better (and shade can "move"). Dogs can only cool themselves by panting, and it is not very efficient. Additionally, dogs should not be left in a car with the air-conditioning running.

It has been known to quit and dogs have died as a result. It is also strictly illegal to leave dogs in cars in some states.

What should you do if you see a dog in distress in a car? (Signs of heat-related illness include: Excessive panting/drooling, trouble breathing, disorientation, collapse, seizure, respiratory arrest.) 1. Call the police or 911 immediately. 2. Leave your



In memory of Emily Humane Education dog name and number with the person who takes the call in case the responding officers need more information. 3. Go inside the nearest business(s) and ask the manager to make an announcement.

Don't forget to keep your dog cool at home as well. If you leave him/her outside, be sure there is plenty of water and shade. (Be careful it doesn't "move".) Best is inside the home if it is cooler, especially if it is air-conditioned.

One more thing: Literally thousands of dogs die or are injured every year by falling or being knocked out of the back of pick-up trucks, not to mention the accidents this causes. Ear and eye damage from insects, stones, and other debris are very possible as well. Dogs should ride inside the cab at all times unless they are in a crate or other restraint in the back.

We all love our dogs and summer is a time to take those extra precautions to keep them safe and healthy.



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And be proud to have their greatness by your side."

~ Anonymous

2012 Calendar of Events

- 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

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Metal Recycling

The metal recycling day, held June 9, was again a huge success. After several trips to the recycling center, the shelter had made over \$2,000.

Kudos to Robin and Kevin McMurphy and their band of merry men who work so hard on this project. Thanks also to Thunder Bay Sanitation and K-N-K Excavating for their valuable contribution. The cats and dogs are so proud of all that these volunteers do for them. It's fundraisers like this that provide a comfortable home for so many animals that would otherwise be roaming the forests and towns of Northern Michigan.

Don't forget, if any one can volunteer with this and other fundraising events, please call Carol at 785-3777. Please, if you have metal items to donate to the next recycling, don't bring them to the shelter until the recycling day.

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Despite The Weather, Garage Sale Successful

The Memorial Day weekend garage sale was, in general, a big success. Many friends of the shelter donated a wide variety of items for the sale. As usual, both buildings and the walkway between the two were full to the brim. This year we specialized in furniture. It's amazing that so much furniture could be for sale in Montmorency County.

The first day of the sale, Friday, there was a large turnout of shoppers, and we had a record day moneywise. That's good, because Saturday was a much slower day, and Sunday we got a lot of much-needed rain, thereby cutting down on the shopping population. All-in-all it was a very good sale, bringing in the third highest total of all the past sales.

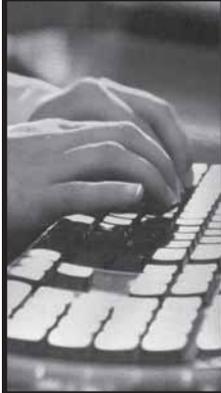
A big thanks to the many volunteers who worked at the sale and to all who purchased items. Their support goes a long ways toward caring for all the animals at the shelter.

Don't forget there will be another sale Labor Day weekend. Items can be dropped off Wednesday through Friday, Aug. 29-31. The sale days are Friday, Aug. 31 and Saturday, Sept. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hope to see you all then.

Turkey Dinner Is Popular

It's probably the most popular dinner in the north country. Yes, it's the annual Hillman Turkey Dinner and Auction, which will be held Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Hillman Community Center. Serving begins at 4 p.m. and ends when all the food's gone. The food is always delicious, especially that wonderful squash.

There is always a wide variety of auction items, including art prints, lots of gift baskets, and many handmade items. Also there will be door prizes and a 50-50 raffle. The auction starts at 5:30 sharp. Come spend an enjoyable evening with your friends, have a great meal, and do some Christmas shopping too.



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Here Weego!

Here Weego Budweiser! Morrisons in Hillman and Budweiser team up together to help shelter dogs.

Every time you buy a case of Budweiser or Bud Light at Morrisons in Hillman, 50 cents will be donated to the Elk Country Animal Shelter. So stop by Morrisons, pick up a case or two, and help the shelter.



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