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FALL 2013



A dazzling night out benefiting Cascades Humane Society



Put on your party attire and join us on **Saturday, October 19 for the **Unleash Your Heart Gala at the Jackson Symphony Orchestra.****

The gala begins at 6 pm and is featuring a red carpet experience, fine dining, music, live and silent auctions, raffles and a reading by Wade Rouse, our special guest for the evening. Tickets are \$75 each and are on sale now! This event is sure to sell out, so reserve your tickets online today! <http://goo.gl/Scqlq>

A limited number of VIP Admission tickets are also available for \$100 each. Purchase of a VIP Admission ticket includes admission to the Unleash Your Heart Gala and access to the VIP Reception at the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. The VIP Reception, from 5 to 6 pm, includes complimentary champagne and hors d'oeuvres, an exclusive VIP swag item, early access to the silent auction items and an opportunity to meet Wade Rouse.

Wade Rouse is the author of four critically-acclaimed memoirs. He is also the creator and editor of the humorous dog anthology *I'm Not the Biggest Bitch in This Relationship: Hilarious, Heartwarming Tales about Man's Best Friends by America's Favorite Humorists*. Wade is a volunteer and fundraiser for Wishbone, an animal shelter in Michigan, a member of HRC, and supporter of Hospice.

While furry companions are not invited to this event, we welcome you to recognize your non-attending pet with participation in the Pet Tribute Honor Roll. The Pet Tribute Honor Roll is a video presentation that will run continuously throughout the gala. For a \$25 donation, you are able to submit a photo and information about your pet which will appear in the video presentation. This option is available during ticket purchase.

For ticket sales and additional information please contact Melissa Woodhurst 517/787-7387 x11 mwoodhurst@chsepets.org

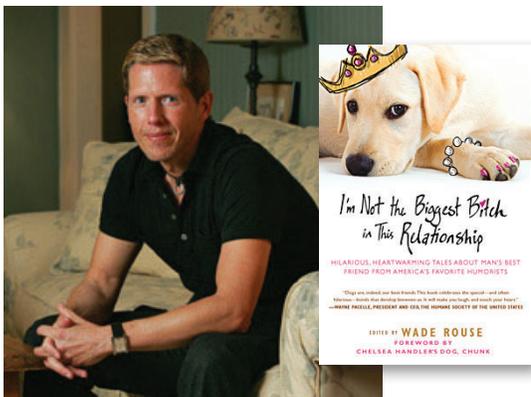
70 CATS TOOK OVER THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

In May, we received a call from a home owner who was no longer able to provide proper care for the abundance of cats she had at her residence. CHS staff quickly assessed the situation and discovered several cats in need of nourishment as well as vaccinations and love. We offered to help by transporting the cats to our facility and provided housing in our community room as a cat colony until they could be adopted by caring people.

Modifications to the Community Room took place and on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 as our staff, equipped with hazmat suits and cat carriers, began the transport of 70 cats to our facility. On site was our in-house veterinarian, animal care staff, and a host of volunteers, all of whom were dedicated to giving the best they could to this group of felines. The cats were bathed, vaccinated, and some were treated for mild upper respiratory infections.

Working cohesively as a team, our staff and volunteers dedicated countless hours to ensure these cats comfort and health. Our teams' efforts have proven loyalty, compassion, and responsibility toward the mission of the organization we so passionately represent.

We would like to thank our donors! Together you have contributed over \$4,000 in food, litter, and other supplies and \$6,000 in monetary donations. Your support helped cover the cost of vaccinations, testing for FeLV/FIV, micro-chipping for all cats and spay/neutering for 50. A special thank you to VIP PetCare for donating 60 3in1 vaccines! Your love is appreciated.



“My life has been defined by dogs. I’ve had six dogs in my life, and each one was different from the other as brother is from sister. But all had a few things in common. They were all rescue dogs who loved me unconditionally, and taught me to love without limit.”
—Wade Rouse

DEAR FRIENDS OF CHS



Help support the animals of the Cascades Humane Society by making a donation at www.chspets.org, by phone 517/787-7387 x11, deliver or mail your donation to 1515 Carmen Drive, Jackson, MI 49202.

I am consumed with pride and joy as I write this letter to you. This has been one incredible year of transition and growth for Cascades Humane Society (CHS). From our technological advances to our largest owner surrender in history, CHS is well on our way to reducing our carbon footprint, advancing our technology, all while increasing our impact on the animals in our community.

We began 2013 by announcing to the community our ability to email taxable receipt thank you letters, rather than sent by mail. CHS spends approximately \$10,000 each year in postage and mailing, money which would otherwise be allocated toward programs for the animals. Several hundred of you have responded and we are well on our way to reaching our goal!

In April, Gordon, a very special puppy arrived at CHS. Gordon was diagnosed with a serious medical condition called vascular ring anomaly. Vascular ring anomaly is a type of congenital lesion where normal vessels are abnormally located causing compression or obstruction of the esophagus or airway. As a result, Gordon would vomit or inhale food and without swift medical intervention

Gordon would have likely asphyxiated and died. Because of your support, Gordon received his life-saving surgery at Michigan State University (MSU). Several weeks later, at Gordon's follow up appointment, veterinarians at MSU provided Gordon with a clean bill of health! More great news, your donations exceeded the cost of Gordon's surgery by \$800! We've placed those funds aside, restricted for animals like Gordon with special medical needs.

In June, CHS admitted over 70 cats from a home depleted of the ability to properly care for them. While you have heard about how CHS placed them on a happy and healthy path, I would like to take to share with you the pride and joy I felt watching our staff and volunteers in action. Our team dedicated countless hours cleaning and caring for these furry felines every single day. Our large team worked harmoniously, day in and day out!

Thank you for your generous support throughout the year. Your love matters.

Thank you,

Melissa Woodhurst
Interim Executive Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCT. 19

Unleash Your Heart Gala

You don't want to miss out on our premier fundraiser at the Jackson Symphony Orchestra

6 - 10 p.m.

\$75 Tickets

\$100 VIP Tickets

Go to <http://goo.gl/Scqlq> to purchase tickets.



NOV. 9, 10, 16 & 17

Santa Paws

10 a.m - 4 p.m.

Celebrate the season by getting your pets photo taken with Santa.

DEC. 14

Holiday Open House

12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Each year CHS opens its doors to the community, friends, volunteers, and donors to say thank you! Won't you join us in celebrating CHS and the animals.

www.chspets.org

Volunteer Spotlight



Kate Wilson

Kate Wilson began volunteering at CHS in September 2012. Kate quickly became a favorite with animals and humans alike because of her calm and gentle nature. Kate holds a Bachelors Degree in Animal Behavior and Neuroscience. She volunteers her time at CHS as a foster parent, dog walker trainer, and she also picks up donated pet food for our Pet Food Pantry.

Kate grew up in the Waterloo area and enjoys biking, specifically long distance touring. She currently has 4 dogs of her own, 1 foster dog, 2 cats and 1 parrot. Kate has also volunteered with Fido Dog Rescue of Ann Arbor for the last 2 years.

Our family at CHS is grateful to have such a skilled and dedicated volunteer as Kate Wilson. Thank you, Kate for all you do!

Joyce Gross, Volunteer Coordinator
jgross@chspets.org

Foster Care Program

If you love pets but are not ready to adopt, opening your home as a foster is a great way to help out!



Some animals need as little as two weeks of care, while others may need care for up to three months.

Fostering is flexible enough for most lifestyles and CHS will match the animals to each foster home. By offering your time, energy and home to an animal in need, you prepare the animal for adoption into a permanent home.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

You provide a temporary place for the animal to live, plus water, exercise, and lots of love. CHS will provide you with food, supplies, veterinary care, and any guidance you may need.

Currently, we are looking for foster homes for kittens, puppies, and heart worm positive dogs while receiving treatment. To remain in the shelter, puppies and kittens need to be certain age and weight. For that reason, we are in need of "moms" willing to bottle feed babies. Adult dogs that are heart worm positive need a less stressful and quieter environment to stay in during their treatment.

We can only help as many animals as we have space for. Having foster homes helps us help more animals. It also provides them with better socialization skills, which makes them a more well-adjusted pet. In addition, foster parents learn about the pet's personality, likes, and dislikes so that he/she can be better matched to the right forever home. Most importantly, **pet foster parents save lives!**

The CHS foster program is easy to be a part of and we will provide you with all the support you need. If you and your family are interested in helping, please contact us at 517/787-7387 x15 for more details.



Cascades Humane Society

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Hours of Operation

Tuesday – Saturday, Noon – 6 p.m.
Sunday – Monday, Closed

Our Mission

Connecting animals in need with people who care.

Our Vision

A community in which all pets have loving homes and are treated with compassion and respect.

Cascades Humane Society is an independent 501(c)3 organization. CHS relies primarily on the generosity of individuals, foundations, corporations and special events to support our services and programs. CHS receives no funding from federal, state or county government, or other national or state humane organizations.

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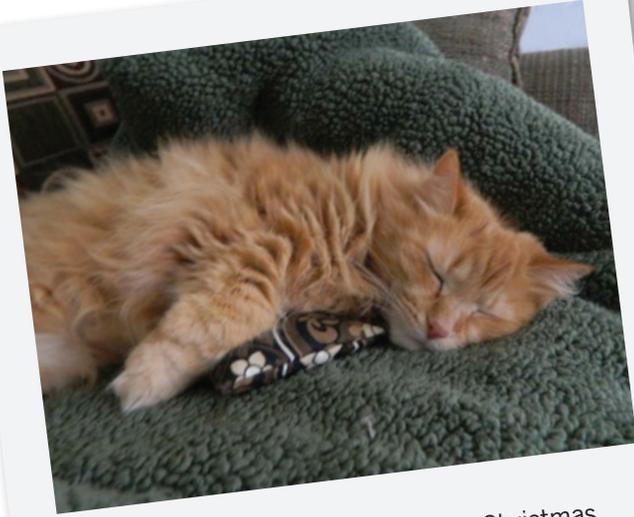
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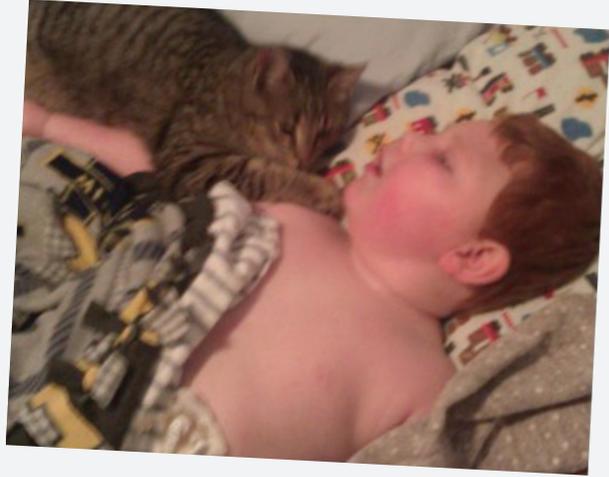
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HappyTails



Miss Bella was adopted during your Christmas event in 2012. We are happy to report, she LOVES her new home and is living a very pampered life! This is a photo of Miss Bella resting on a lazy Sunday afternoon with a brand new catnip bag. She is a wonderful pet! Thank you Cascades for all that you do!!
— Kelly Turner



I adopted 2 cats from CHS; Gabby and Wiggle. We are so happy that our family now feels complete! Gabby is very shy but she is coming around more and more each day, I am sure it helps having her brother with her. Wiggle has been a gift from heaven, my son Jeremiah is a 3yr old with Cerebral Palsy, and Wiggle has turned out to be something like a therapy cat. He loves to sit by my son and place his paws on him. My son especially enjoys when Wiggle rubs his face on his. It just melts my heart and we couldn't be happier! Thank You, Thank You!
— Becca Vanzandt



This is Viva, now 12 years old. We adopted Viva in August of 2004 from the Cascades Humane Society. Her age is quickly catching up with her, 7 months ago she went blind, but we still show her that she is the light in our lives. A Jack Russell Terrier does not stop for anything!
— Charlotte Hamlin-Niesink



Payten loves her new home! She is very friendly, energetic, and is so smart. Payten is doing very well with her training and is already housebroken. She's up to date on all of her shots thanks to CHS. Payten likes to take naps and go for rides in the car. She's the perfect addition to the family, the perfect puppy.
— Cole Dillion



Helping Benny

When CHS received the call from animal control about a puppy that needed our help, we sprang into action!

At CHS, we provide animals with nutritious food, exercise and a warm, cozy bed. We also provide medical care and medication for the animals as long as they need our help. Benny is one of those puppies that needed our help. At only 3 weeks old, the large laceration that went from the front of his neck and wrapped around to back of his neck seemed to overwhelm his small body. He had been abandoned at a local veterinarian's office where he received 18 staples and a drainage tube. Benny had been attacked by a larger animal. He was lucky to be alive. We placed Benny into one of our foster homes where he received around the clock care. We were not sure if Benny would survive his horrific injuries, but

with care and lots of love, he pulled through. Staff and volunteers were able to see Benny's rehabilitation from being a lethargic, wounded puppy to walking correctly on his wounded shoulder. When Benny was completely healed and ready for the next stage in his life, he went up for adoption. He was adopted by a CHS staff member that fell in love with his trooper mentality and his sweet personality. Benny is now 4 months old is doing great in his new home. He enjoys running around his new back yard, helping till the garden, and taking daily walks with his new family and four-legged sister. If Cascades Humane Society had not been there for Benny he probably wouldn't have had such a happy story.

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Sue Chambers
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House training your shelter dog

My family recently adopted a dog, how should we go about house training?

Believe it or not, there is good news about house training your newly adopted shelter dog – training can begin at any age!

To house train an adult dog, allow the dog to sleep in an area which restricts them from getting up to go potty at night. A crate works best for several weeks. Every morning the dog should be placed on a leash, taken outside and given the command “go potty.” Ignore the

dog but don't let it wander, you can remind the dog a couple of times with the command but refrain from saying it over and over.

If the dog hasn't done his business in a few minutes put him back in the sleeping area for 15 minutes. Then try again until success is achieved.

When he does go outside make a huge fuss about it, get excited and praise him, give him a treat if you can find something he will eat. Praise and rewards are the best form of training pets!

Keep in mind, when the dog is loose in the house great care must be taken to keep him from having an accident. If you can't watch

him, put him on a leash and attach it to the person responsible for him at that time.

Continue this routine throughout the day until your cute shelter buddy is trained.

As always, my staff and I are willing to provide help and insight if you need it. Please contact us at (517) 787-7387 with questions and concerns.

Good luck,
Sue

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- Cat Toys
- Cat Collars
- Cat Litter (clay)
- Dog Collars & Leashes
- Dog Toys
- Dog & Cat Food
- Kitten & Puppy Formula
- Gas Gift Card
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