



Paws for News

BLUE EARTH NICOLLET COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

November 2014

Dear Friend,

It is a tradition at this time of the year to express our gratitude to those in our lives who have done something to help our program grow from a small fledgling program to a large vibrant one. Here is our November calendar of thanks:



1. **Kibble Klub members** for your continuous support. Would you consider joining!
2. Those who give **memorials** in memory of loved ones: family, friends, and pet.
3. Our dedicated **dog walkers** who provide exercise and socialization to our waiting dogs.
4. **Front desk volunteers** meeting and greeting and answering questions and folding the never-ending laundry!
5. Our dedicated **staff** who truly care about our furry friends.
6. Our **shelter managers** who work and work and strive for a better life for each and every one of the cats and dogs. You are a blessing to the program
7. **Wine, Beer and Chocolate Tasting volunteers** for creating a delicious and elegant evening for our devoted friends.
8. **Great ArfWalk Festival volunteers** who spend many, many hours staging a great outdoor event for the community.
9. The **staff at thedatabank** who created a marvelous new data base customized to our needs.
10. **BENCHS Annual Garage sale volunteers**: you lift, carry, unload, price, handle customers and raise

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Past Events

ArfWalk
September 27
\$7,000

thousands of dollars.

11. **Bowling Tournament chairs and teams**, you roll out a great event and lots of support.
12. **Sponsor a Pet sponsors**, we cannot take home every critter that touches our heart but we can reach out and help them.
13. Our area **veterinarians** who provide high quality veterinary care for our pets. They donate their time and their knowledge to save many of animals.
14. The **donors who provided our matching dollars** for Give to the Max donations. BOOM! We smashed our goal!
15. **All who gave generously** during Give to the Max Day. What an amazing day!
16. The wonderful **staff of MNSNAP and Kindest Cut Spay/Neuter Clinics** who provide high quality, low cost spays and neuters in our region.
17. **Adopt a Condo volunteers** who clean and cuddle and care for our cats.
18. **Greater Mankato area businesses** that support us in so many ways.
19. **Our members** who sustain us year after year.
20. The wonderful **people who donated Kuranda beds** for our cats and dogs. Lovely places to for cats to rest and relax.
21. **Those who knit/sew/crochet** beds for our pets.
22. Members of the community **who share pet food and supplies** while grieving a lost pet.
23. The **community members who support us** by attending our events.
24. **Volunteers** willing to do whatever needs to be done! You are the best.
25. **Foster families** who take our furry friends into their home and heart while they need extra love.
26. Families who give our pets **forever homes**.
27. **Our donors** whose donations of all sizes help us pay the bills.
28. **Super Kids** who donate from their young hearts.
29. Our **gardeners** who created a breathtaking oasis of floral beauty on our property.
30. Our **interns and writers and design volunteers** who help us keep in touch with our supporters.
31. **Yes, we know there are only 30 days in November!**
We've run out of days, but not out of people who are important in making our shelter a success. This final day is to thank anyone who made a donation of time, money or supplies that we didn't have room to list separately.



MSU Hockey Raffle
October 24
\$1,000

Gogo Photo Contest
Sept 27- Nov 13
\$2,400

Give to the Max Day
November 13
\$29,000



Upcoming Events

November 28 - Kiwanis
Holiday Lights Parade-
Sibley Park

Nov. 29 - Dec. 4
Barnes & Noble Book
Fair

December 6
Bake Sale @ Pet Expo



Painless Giving

[Amazon Smiles](#)

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Volunteer Today!

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[Dog Walkers](#)

New training program is required for all dog walkers.

Paws for A Picture Contest

Our first photo contest was a great success, with 37 entries and over 2500 votes cast. Congratulations to Simon, our Grand Prize winner! Thank you to everyone who submitted a photo and cast a vote.



Simon

Click here to [see the rest of the winners](#)

Although Simon received the most votes, we know that all pets who are safe in their forever homes are winners!



Painless Giving

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Nov. 29 - Dec. 4

The recent snow and cold are reminders that the holiday shopping season is just around the corner! And that one of the simple pleasures in Minnesota is curling up with a good book and a cup of hot chocolate on a blustery day. Stock up on your favorite authors, toys, movies and music or find a perfect gift at Barnes & Noble Mankato and online between Nov. 29 and Dec. 4. When checking out, mention that you would like to support the BENCHS bookfair (ID# 11422722). Barnes & Noble will donate a portion of your purchase price to BENCHS. If you are not in Mankato, the bookfair ID # will work at any Barnes & Noble on Nov. 29 only. This is a great way to prepare for the holidays and support the shelter.



Happy Tales



Sassy was an adorable 5 year old, buff colored Shih Tzu that was surrendered to BENCHS. She had separation anxiety which made it very difficult for her owner to leave her home for any extended period of time. Sassy would become so anxious in her previous owner's home that she would get very destructive. She was also prone to seizures and extremely afraid of thunder. It was very difficult for her owner to make the decision to give Sassy up. Her owner worked hard to find a shelter that would take Sassy in and help her find a new, more suitable home. And she found BENCHS. And since Sassy needed a little extra help

Contact BENCHS for the next available training session

[Holiday Lights](#)

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Can You Guess:

1. The number of cats and dogs adopted from BENCHS in October?
 - a. 31
 - b. 44
 - c. 84

Answer: b. 44
In October, 30 cats and 14 dogs were adopted. In addition, 15 feral cats were spayed or neutered and returned to local farms. Twenty one kittens were taken to Golden Valley Animal Humane Society to be placed in loving homes.

with her anxiety, they wanted a foster family for her. Judi and John took her in and started making her feel like a part of their home.

While all of that was taking place Jay and Rick were reeling from the loss of one of their dogs, and noticing that their younger dog, Jasmine, a 5 year old Shih Tzu, was acting lonely. They started looking at the BENCHS website, and it didn't take long before they were looking at Sassy. A playdate was set up so that the two dogs could meet and find out if they liked each other. Judi informed the prospective family about Sassy's needs and anxieties. Even though they knew there would be some challenges, Sassy's perfectly beautiful nature shined when they met and they fell in love with her.

Today, Sassy and Jasmine are the best of friends. After a move to the country, both dogs believe they are in dog heaven. Sassy is doing really well. She's put on some weight, loves the millions of toys, and greets her new family with complete love at the end of the day. According to her new family, she has truly been an added blessing to their home.



We are always looking for articles and pictures to include in our newsletter. Please send suggestions, pictures and comments on our new look to Kathy at info@benchs.org

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