



Paws for News

BLUE EARTH NICOLLET COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

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January 2015

Are you wondering how BENCHS fared during 2014? Well, we can tell you. We are great!

2014 was a banner year for BENCHS. We've just completed our annual report. It is our first and it is our means of reaching out to the dedicated people who support BENCHS and let you know that all is well!

We expect it to be in mailboxes the first week of February. If you are not on our mailing list, a copy will be available on our website.

2015 looks very good. Our adoption rates are growing, our support from the community in time and money is strong. We are now looking ahead to some additional programs to enhance the lives of the cats and dogs while they wait to go home. Keep watching BENCHS! We need your attention and your attendance at events and your financial support to continue to provide a safe haven for our furry homeless friends.



Pasta at the Pub

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BENCHS 8th annual
Pasta at the Pub
Sponsored by Pub 500


Sunday, February 8th
 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 Pub 500

All you can eat!
**Pasta with three different sauces,
 salad, garlic bread and soft drinks.**

Tickets available online at BENCHS.org or at the
 Riverside Regional Pet Shelter
 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily
 \$10 in advance
 \$12 at the door

All event proceeds go toward the
 daily operating expenses of
 BENCHS' Riverside Regional Pet Shelter.

Riverside Regional Pet Shelter * 507.625.6373 * www.BENCHS.org



[Order tickets here: PASTA at THE PUB](#)

Valentine Roses

We are again offering gift-wrapped bundles of 12 mixed color roses for \$20 in time for Valentine's Day.

What makes our roses so special? Not only do these roses let the special people in your life know that you care, but also show the cats and dogs at our shelter that someone loves them. Proceeds from these sales will be used for supplies to keep our animals fed, warm, and healthy!

Roses can be picked up at the shelter on Friday, February 13 from 10am - 6pm or Saturday, February 14 from 10am - 1pm.

Orders can be placed here: [BENCHS VALENTINE ROSE SALE](#) or at the shelter. Quantities are limited!



My Furry Valentine - Priceless Cats

Wednesday, February 4th 11am - 2pm
BENCHS will introduce you to the Furry Valentine candidates and have pre-adopt applications ready to be filled out!

[New Computers](#)



Past Events

Christmas Bake Sale



2014 Adoptions

Cats & Kittens - 224
Dogs & Puppies - 365
Total - 589



Painless Giving

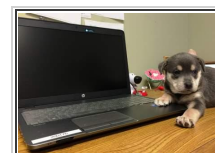
[Amazon Smiles](#)

[WoofTrax](#)



New Computers

The new computers are here. Staff and volunteers are training on new software.



Tetonka is ready for training!

Take Me

Every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from Feb. 5-28th, **BENCHS will guide you through the adoption process during regular adoption hours from 2-4pm.**

Approved adopters will choose their **Furry Valentine** from a list of the patient cats that are waiting at **BENCHS** and may choose an adoption fee as well.

All cats are adult, healthy, spayed or neutered, and fully vaccinated.

These cats are priceless and will make a wonderful **Furry Valentine** for you.



Jerry Workman, a Champion for BENCHS

If you ever had the opportunity to meet Jerry Workman you met a really special person. Jerry was a champion for the shelter. He supported the program financially, by volunteering and by word of mouth. He was so proud of our new facility and the work going on here.



Sadly, our champion passed away on January 12 and to say we miss him is an understatement. We will miss his enthusiasm, his smile and his encouragement. Jerry loved his dogs and was a pet owner all his life. The fond memories we have of Jerry will remain in our hearts and we know he is cheering for us from above.

A truly great guy has left our membership!



Join Us?

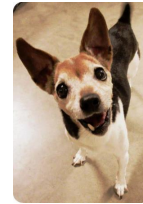
BENCHS is a program that is growing and evolving rapidly. We are adding new elements and programs. We also would like to add your skill and interest. Our goal for 2015 is to attract more volunteers for projects, to help organize events and to work with the board. You have skills that we need. You care about the cats and dogs and their plight so please join us in the exciting and fulfilling experience that is BENCHS.

To discuss with someone how you would like to be part of this mission, contact Susan at 507 351 4011

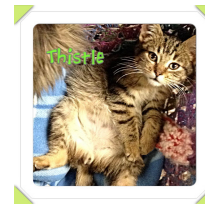


Nearing Our Goal

Home!



Ben



Thistle



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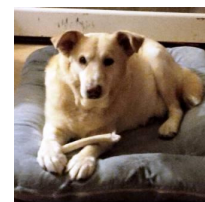
[Signup to Volunteer Today!](#)



Don't Forget Pasta at the Pub Feb.8



BENCHS Alumni



In 2013, we ran two major fundraising campaigns near the end of the year. We participated in Give to the Max Day, a statewide program encouraging donations to non profit organizations, and an appeal letter. We raised \$24,700.

We raised the stakes in 2014 with a challenge to double what we raised through the appeal letter in 2013. Our goal—\$44,000!

Using the same campaigns- Give to the Max Day and an appeal letter- we have received donations of **\$39,121** from **266 donors** in 2014. That's than **\$5,000 to go to meet our goal!**

We are so grateful for the generosity of BENCHS supporters. Any donations received before February 28 that are marked "Letter Campaign" will be included in our final tally.

Please help us meet our goal! [Click here to make an online donation.](#) Donations may also be mailed to:
BENCHS 1250 N. River Dr., Mankato, MN 56001



Happy Tails - First Adoption of 2015



Princess & Kirby

From Lakota's new parents:

Katherine told us how to introduce our British lab, Kirby to our shelter dog, Lakota (Princess) when we brought her home January 1, 2015. We really didn't know how it would go but we followed Katherine's instructions. Kirby came upstairs with his Dad (Jim) and immediately went over to his new companion, Princess.

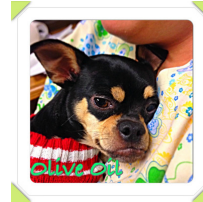
Princess was curious but as soon as Kirby got close enough she started yipping at Kirby to let Kirby and us know who was the boss. Kirby knew right then and there and seemed to throw up his paws up and say, "Ok I got it. You're the new boss!"

They have never had a fight or disagreement. They share toys, beds and dog kisses. Kirby even leaves Princess' food alone but she enjoys Kirby's water. Kirby doesn't understand

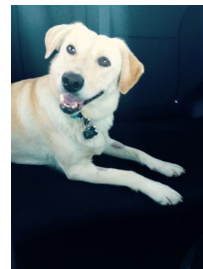
Toby



Arnie



Olive



Roo



Flurry

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why he can't come in the living room and Princess can. (Princess, Schnoodle, doesn't shed and Kirby sheds twice a year for 6 months each). They play together and Princess is always the instigator. It will be fun to see them play outside when Princess learns the yard boundaries and we can let her off the leash.

Princess is a wonderful, loving, cuddling sweet addition to our family. Hopefully her life is much better than it was.

Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society

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