



BLUE EARTH NICOLLET COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

June/July 2016

Alchemy; the medieval study of turning various metals into gold

Alchemy! Yes, that is what we will be conducting!



We can turn your unwanted books, dishes, fishing rod and tea towel into life saving medicine, food and vet care for the homeless cats and dogs in our care. Sound great? It is fabulous. Wanna help?

1. Clean out your drawers and cabinets. box and bag the unwanted items and throw them in the car or truck.
2. Bring them to 600 Hope Street, Caledonia Community Center starting July 12 from 9am.-5pm.
3. Tell everyone you know to do the same.
4. Have a big load or furniture? Email susan.kroon@gmail.com and set up transport.
5. Volunteer! Come and join us. Sort, price, unload. Got an hour? We can use it Sign up to help on our website or just [Click Here](#)
6. Shop! You have never seen such a site! Rows and rows of tables piled with items. There is something for everyone! July 22, 23 24.

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7. Pack – all unsolds are donated to area thrift stores and the tables returned and the center cleaned. July 25 & 26.

Be a part of this huge fundraiser for BENCHS. All proceeds go to the daily care of the animals and this year's goal is \$23,000! Can we do it? Yes! with your help. Questions email susan.kroon@gmail.com.



Pavers Sale Ends July 24

Have you noticed that BENCHS has a beautiful series of gardens on our property? The focal point being the *Memorial Walkway* that is lined with personalized bricks and pavers. These bricks have messages on them from friends and family. Each spring and summer the flowers bloom all along the walkway and we invite you to come and enjoy it.

Originally a project to help build Riverside Regional Pet Shelter, we are again offering the opportunity to purchase bricks or pavers for the purpose of:



- Remembering a beloved pet
- Honoring or memorializing a loved one
- Recognizing a special staff member or volunteer
- Your personal legacy

Funds that are raised through the *Memorial Pathway* will be used for ongoing support for Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society's mission of offering shelter and care for the homeless pets in our region, providing affordable adoption services of animals into good homes, sponsoring spay-and-neuter programs to reduce the number of unwanted pets, and educating our community in animal advocacy and care.

If you place your order prior to **July 24**, you can purchase your bricks and pavers at the discounted price of \$250 for a brick and \$500 for a paver. A special re-dedication of the *Memorial Pathway* is planned for after the new bricks are installed.

Order forms are available on the website or contact

Priceless Cats Celebrate July

At BENCHS we have some cats who have been waiting patiently for a new home. To help increase their access to



FREEDOM, we have reduced the adoption fee on these cats from \$100 to \$50, or 2 for \$75. All cats are spayed or neutered and are current on vaccinations.

All applicants must meet the BENCHS standards for adopters and provide as safe home for these cats.



Past Events

HyVee Pet Bag Sale

Thanks to Downtown HyVee for sponsoring a pet bag sale. This promotion helps supply pet food for the cats and dogs at the shelter. Thanks, too, to all the HyVee customers who purchased bags.

St. Peter Fourth of July Parade



Upcoming Events

BENCHS Super Colossal Garage Sale

Set Up - July 12-21 9am - 5:30pm

Kathy at info@benchs.org and she will email one.

[Click here for the brick & paver form.](#)



Member News

The most important source of funding BENCHS continues to come from individual contributions, such as membership gifts. If you are currently a member, we deeply appreciate your support for the things you value most, for being involved, and for caring. If you are not a member, now is a great time to join.

Your annual membership contribution of \$35 will help us provide vaccinations, heartworm or feline leukemia testing for our dogs and cats, or could feed one litter of kittens milk replacement for 10 days.

If you paid your 2016 dues prior to June 1 or are a member of our Kibble Klub, we have a small gift for you at the shelter. Please stop in with your membership card and ask for your 2016 BENCHS Member window cling. Members joining now will receive their gift and membership card in the mail.



Can't make it to the shelter? Contact Kathy at rpsshelter@gmail.com and she will mail you a Member window cling.



Order BENCHS Logo Wear Now



BENCHS is again offering our fans the opportunity to purchase a variety of logo wear to show their support for our program.

This summer we've added polo shirts to our standard T shirts and hooded sweatshirts. We've also added women's sizes in both v-neck T shirts and polos. There are some new great colors. If you aren't sure of sizing, samples are available at the shelter for you to try on. To make sure that everyone gets the size and color that they love, we sell our shirts by special order only.

Order forms are available [online](#) or at the shelter from

Did you know it takes 100 hours over 10 days to set up the garage sale? Or that we need at least 100 volunteers? Can you help? Please let us know by signing up [HERE](#)

Sale Dates

July 22 9am-6pm

July 23 9am-4pm

July 24 9am-4pm

Interested in helping during the garage sale. We need 20 people to cashier and another 50 to help with the sales area and loading cars.

Sign Up [HERE](#)

If you have a group that might be willing to help contact

Susan.Kroon@gmail.com

Volunteer Recognition Event

Coming in October.

[Volunteers, remember to track your time online.](#)



Vital Statistics

June Adoptions

Cats & Kittens - 47

Dogs & Puppies - 16

Total - 63



Treasury Notes

June Income Statement

Operations Income: \$12,257
Operations Expenses \$21,574

Net Income (Loss) **\$(9,317)**



Painless Giving

[Amazon Smiles](#)

Are you an Amazon addict? Click the link above to register for

2pm - 6pm Wed - Sun and 3:30pm - 6:00pm Mon -Tues.
We will accept pre-paid orders through July 24 and should have the shirts within a couple of weeks.



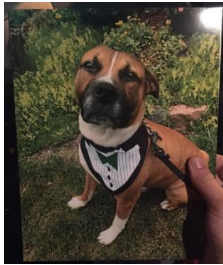
SuperKids



Rachael, Cecelia and Emmie from the Builders Club at Dakota Meadows Middle School raised over \$100 for the shelter!



Thor - A Special Happy Tail



This story will warm your heart.

Thor and his owner were homeless and living in a tent in a local campground. When his time at the campground was up, the owner knew that he had to leave. Fortunately, he was able

to stay with family and friends until he got on his feet, but they could not accommodate Thor. He thought that he had no choice but to have his dog put down. Fortunately, BENCHS was contacted and went to the campground to meet with the man and his dog. The owner told the staff member that he trusted BENCHS to find Thor a good home. Less than 24 hours later, Thor was adopted into a loving forever home. The staff member gave the man a wood panel with Thor's picture on it and told him about his new home. He is so thankful, knowing that his beloved Thor will receive the love and care he deserves. Thank you BENCHS!



Amazon Smile and 5% of your purchases will go to BENCHS

[WoofTrax](#)

Add this app to your mobile phone, turn it on whenever you take a walk and BENCHS will receive a donation for every mile that you walk. Great for you, your dog and BENCHS.



[Apply to Volunteer](#)

[Garage Sale](#)

If you haven't noticed, we really need all of our friends to pitch in to help for this super event.

Dog Walkers

Orientation Session at 3:30pm on dog walking days. All dog walkers are required to attend a session. Sign up for Dog Walker Training during orientation

Front Desk Receptionist

Data Entry

Work with staff to enter data into our ShelterManager database during animal intake.

Cleaners

Yard Work, Snow Removal

Check "Groundskeeping/Gardening" on the volunteer interest form



Donate

[Become a Member of BENCHS](#)

Membership - \$35 individual/family

[Kibble Klub Sustaining Membership](#)

Sustaining members begin at



Happy Tails

Savannah



Pat, one of BENCHS dedicated dog walkers, cried tears of joy when Savannah left to go to her new forever home. Savannah spent 4 months at the shelter and although she didn't get along well with other dogs, she loved people. When a mother and her son came in looking for a dog to cuddle, one of the staff members introduced

them to Savannah. It was love at first sight! Savannah has settled in well and is an emotional support dog for the boy who suffers from depression. All is well in Savannah's world!

Mack

When Brian and Wendy adopted Mack, a Maine coon mixed breed cat, they thought it would take a while for him to adjust. But on the very first night in his new forever home, he jumped on the bed and made himself right at home!

Jazz

Cassie is thrilled with her new puppy Jazz, formerly known as Gala. She is already great friends with her brother Dewie, a 5 year old Sheltie.

Vern



After losing their lovely cat three years ago, Miranda and her husband were ready for a new furry pal. They spent a long time at BENCHS looking at the cats, but Vern's striking eyes and calm,

friendly demeanor caught their attention. Vern quickly adjusted to his new forever home, and although he is almost seven, he loves to play. Miranda and her husband would like to thank BENCHS for Vern; they already can't imagine their lives without him.

\$10 per month

[Special Funds](#)

Sponsor a Pet
Spay/Neuter Fund
Vet & Vaccine Fund

[SOS - Save our Smiles](#)

Help cover the cost of dental care for our animals

[Make a Contribution](#)

Support the shelter with a donation or memorial



Waiting for a Home

We have so many awesome cats and dogs that are waiting for their forever homes, that is was hard to select just a few to include here. Check them out on Petfinder:

[Cats](#)



[Dogs](#)



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