

Critter Quarterly



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Lynn thought it would be interesting for me to write about my Africa trip. I thought, how do I tie in HOPE with Africa? I can't so I guess this is our one and only travel section.

I have always loved animals and always loved big cats (cheetahs and leopards being my favorites). So it should not be a surprise that I love domesticated cats.

As we have seen on our nature programs, domesticated cats and big cats have a number of shared traits. They groom, like sand for the bathroom, like to stalk and pounce on prey.

There is also one big difference - a domesticated cat hunts from instinct, a big cat hunts in the wild for survival. A domesticated cat looks to us for food, a lion looks to us as food. This really hit home on my trip to Africa.

We were at our last lodge of the trip in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe and had seen our fair share of lions, elephants, hippos, gazelles, etc etc so we were starting to feel more comfortable with the animals and the surroundings. Mom & I had a tent away from the lodge so we had to cross the plains to get to the lodge. It was mandatory that we were driven back at night. It was not a far walk but enough that we had to be very careful. They told us to watch for lions when walking to the lodge, that lions may attack us as we cross the plains. If this were to happen we were not to run but stand still. (OK, if you say so.)

I had just joked about the lions to my mother that afternoon as we went to the lodge for high tea and our daily cultural lecture. She said, "Are you looking for lions?" when she noticed I was watching the bugs on the ground. I replied that "Why, if they want to stalk and eat us, what are we going to do? Oh yeah, stand still." Sometimes, ignorance is bliss.

There was a small pool at the lodge and elephants would come into camp overnight and drink the water (they were only 100 feet away during the day). One night a few of us stayed after dinner and sat around the campfire with some of the staff from the lodge. It was our second-to-last night out in the wilderness and the stars were incredible.

The elephant came in and drank but we had to sit very still. We had been closer to elephants at the Okavango

Delta in Botswana where a herd walked right by our tents. I could have reached out and touched an elephant but that's not allowed.

Anyway, we were all excited about seeing the elephant drink when one of the lodge staff kept saying to one of our field guides, "That sounds like a lion". She had been saying that all night, he kept saying no. He finally did say that it did sound like a lion and it was close. We could see the eyes shining in the dark when a flashlight was used (or was that our imagination?). The next thing I noticed was that half the staff had gone. I joked about it but wondered.

The woman concerned about the lion told the story of the lions coming into the lodge and cornering a few of the lodge staff. The lodge has an open-air concept so it is very easy for animals to be in and around your tent and lodge. After all, we are the visitors in their home but this concept also makes for a very enjoyable trip. No one was hurt that time (the woman had a sprained wrist from one of the staff getting her to safety) but animals do pose more of a threat than visitors realize. Glad this was the end of our stay, not the beginning.

Nothing happened that night but it did make me appreciate the trip and guides a whole a lot more. I realized this is not Disney's Animal Kingdom Park even though it did seem like it as close as we were to the animals. The guides not only have to make sure we see animals but they also have to protect us, those that make fun of the rules - what a job that must be!

This is why they say when in the jeep next to a lion do not stand up or

move seats. Once they see you as a two legged creature and not a jeep you may be the next meal. Wonder if my cat ever looks at me that way?



Please Help!

We have changed our procedure for the mailing labels on the newsletters. (That's why the July newsletter was late, sorry!) We would appreciate if you review the mailing label on this newsletter and let us know if there are mistakes that need correcting. Even if you don't care if your first name is misspelled, we do!

Please contact us via email (hopesafehouse@gmail.com) or call (262-634-4571) with any corrections.

Thank you for helping make our records accurate.

There is a website available that will help locate pet friendly apartments.

Katie Reardon created

www.myapartmentmap.com/pet_friendly/
to help find pet friendly apartments easily.

Now that winter is fast approaching, does homemade soup sound good?

Let A Taste of Joy make your home soup. Joy Meiller makes a number of different soups, everything from Chicken Noodle to Mexican Shrimp Cocktail. Joy also has a Vegetarian Vegetable with Barley. Lynn has been a taste tester of some of the soups and she says they are "amazing". If you are interested in purchasing any soups, please contact Joy at 262-637-5371.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE HOPE SAFEHOUSE 2012 PET CALENDAR!!

It's our first-ever calendar featuring your pets! In the July newsletter, we included instructions on how to include your pets in the calendar. We hope you sent in a picture or two of your critters!

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Pet bereavement counseling will be offered at no charge and on a "by appointment only" basis to foster parents and pet owners at the Hope Safehouse office on Saturdays.

The counseling will be done by Heidi Endres, who is a professional counselor, art therapist, and a recent foster-to-adoptive parent to Mavrik, one of HOPE's lucky rescue dogs from Missouri. Prior to this, Heidi was a bereavement counselor/art therapist on Sundays for almost a year at the Elmbrook Humane Society in Brookfield and she is also on an on-call basis as a pet bereavement counselor for the "Peaceful Pets" Pet Funeral and Cremation Services in Richfield.

Please call HOPE's office at **(262) 634-4571** to book your Saturday session and give us at least one week's notice for ease of scheduling.

The counseling sessions will offer talking and/or memorial art-making, depending on how people are feeling. For those who are interested in doing the featured art project, you are welcome to bring along a photo or photocopies of photos of your beloved pet to use in the project. Free art supplies will be provided to you for making the project. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

We are in need of paper grocery bags. We use them for the kitty litter waste (and that NEVER stops). If you have extra paper bags, please bring them to the office. The staff and cats thank you.

H.O.P.E. Mailbag

Dear Lynn:

Just finished reading the Critter Quarterly and would love to adopt one of these cats but I'm unable to at this time. I adopted Door from you a few years ago because I knew no one else would want her at her age and with the possibility of medical problems. I am sure she enjoyed her last six months with me.

I hope that someone steps up and adopts these wonderful animals. I am sending you a check and hope this will help in some small way.

It's so nice to know that there are people out there like your group who give up their lives to help these abandoned and neglected animals.

God bless all of you.

Sharon Apostoli

Dear Lynn and Hope friends,

Angel passed away on 05-31-2011. She held true to her name, being a gentle and loving girl, and had a full and complete life. She would have been 13 on August 20, 2011. I wish to thank you, and Hope Safehouse, again, for gracing my life with her companionship.

I wrote this poem for Angel the night she passed away. Please share with those who have also had a pet cross "The Rainbow."

Now I lay me, Down to sleep,
My time with you, I loved so deep.
I am up above the Rainbow, And running free,
Playing catch with those, Who have come before me!
"Woof."

By: Zarrie A. Stratman-Dirkintis.

Thank-you, Zarrie and Cricket.

Hi Auntie Lynn,

Thank you for finding me a great home. I'm really enjoying it here. I'm awake in the morning then sleep in the closet most of the day except when I'm sleeping on the couch, in the cat carrier or either one of the chairs. Mama sings 'You are My Sunshine', when she pets me. I'm starting to trust her more.

You'll never believe what she has!!! She says it's a printer. I can sit watching it spit out paper. Don't know why it's so fascinating. I'll sit there for 10-15 minutes staring at it waiting, just in case it spits out paper again. I don't touch the machine or paper coming out. Just like to watch.

I've also discovered moths come to the screen when the light is on in the bedroom at night. Don't know why I can't get to them. It's lots harder when the drapes are closed.

Yup, I do have it made. We both are very happy. Thanks for rescuing me. Keep up the good work!!

Baby, nee: Kellee



To all at HOPE (especially Lynn),

I was tickled pink to be a winner in your latest raffle, first time since I became a member in 1995!

Thank you for the check... what goes around comes around, so right back at you with my check to help our furry friends. You are the best organization ever!

Sue Balcerek

Hello,

I am sending this memorial in memory of my beloved Duke (Dubuque) who passed in June.

The transformation Duke made from the scared broken dog when you found him to the social, loving, happy dog he became was simply amazing! I truly believe there was divine intervention in you rescuing him and me being made available to adopt him.

I know Duke is in God's hands now and he is being taken care of. I am sure he is going for long walks with my dad every night!

I hope my donation can help feed or provide medical care to an animal in need. I am thankful for the years I had with Duke and for the work Hope Safehouse provides.

Mark Miller

Hello Lynn-

In honor of the first year anniversary of his adoption, I thought I would give you an update on Chief via sharing this pic of him and his best bud Mojo....they are just too good together! I would have to say that I think Chief is quite happy with his not-so-new-anymore forever home... and we, Mojo and I, are certainly glad to have him with us each day!

Angela-

"Another failed foster"



Hopesafehouse:

My dear, dear friends. It's been a year! Teddy (Banana) has had his forever family for a year!

The past year has been full of challenges, especially during the first few months. We learned that "forever" doesn't come with a 15 year lifetime guarantee. That "forever" is whatever you make of it and fight for. Sometimes we face the heartbreaking knowledge that "forever" could mean just a few days, weeks, or months.

Teddy (my name is NOT Banana - Thank you Dr. Jahn) is a spoiled rotten, cute as a button, 65 pound bundle of joy. He can jump fences from a standing position (no running start), he chases his older brother Tyler around the yard continually, and is loved by the children in the neighborhood.

Who would have thought that a year ago I was sitting in the quarantine area of the Animal ER in Racine, praying that he would have the strength just to sit up and cough. That I would eventually learn that Teddy was ground zero of a distemper problem that took the life of Inky, the puppy highlighted in an earlier

Hopesafefhouse newsletter and a foster mate of Teddy. Teddy will always face side effects from his stay in the ER. His teeth never fully developed enamel due to the amount of antibiotics he was given. He will be an old man facing dentures before his time. He may develop hard pad disease and will be checked for that the rest of his life. It is somewhat disconcerting to know each time he goes in for a wellness exam, something may be found.

But... no matter what, I know that he has lived enough for two puppies and has known enough joy for two puppies, that his "forever" might be short, but would be just enough for Teddy (and Inky).

Becky Hargens

Dear Hope Safehouse,

My wife and I adopted a sad little boy from you last February. Russian, who is now named Arc, was a sad, sickly six pounds. Almost a full year later and closing in on the ripe age of two, he is now healthy, happy as a clam, and willing to tell you so, loudly. He has also grown into one of the largest cats I've ever seen outside of the Maine Coon breed. He's seventeen pounds at a vet-approved healthy weight.

He's doing great and I wanted to thank you for the opportunity you gave him, and in turn, us.

Kevin Panke-Buisse

Hi, Just a quick update on Sapphire (Safire) and a new photo.

She's doing great, is growing like a weed, plays with her sister, "Misty," and is always game for a nap on the sofa with me. She's definitely a keeper!

She is still growing (she's going to be a BIG cat), and loves playing with my other cat, Misty. (Misty has finally learned that Sapphire is now bigger than her.) They groom each other several times a week. It's sweet to see how far they've come since the first meeting.

They have a cat tree that Sapphire loves to claw (she has never clawed my furniture!). She loves to take naps on the top tier or watch out the window for birds and squirrels. She is still very skittish around new people, but she is a velcro-kitty to me.

I'm glad I was able to adopt her. She's added a lot of joy in my home!

Dawn Stombaugh

{Editors note: These were two letters combined to save space}



Kiera (aka Artica) is doing well. She really is the sweetest cat ever. We have a new baby in the house, and he likes to sleep under his crib. A very protective big sister, she is!

Best

Chas Reed



Dear HOPE Safehouse,

We just wanted you to know how much we appreciate the work you do.

We got Reeses from you 9 years ago. He is the most loving dog & we are so happy we have him.

Thanks again,

Janet & Dave Roth

Hello to everyone at HOPE:

Lovey and I are doing well, she is just the sweetest kitty. I am so happy to have her here with me. She provides so much comfort to me especially in the difficult times. We truly are a match made in heaven; that's why we are making a donation in Quincy's name. Quincy was my wonderful kitty for twenty years and crossed that rainbow bridge in 2008.

I'm sure he was looking down and realized that Lovey and I are a perfect match, both of us older and we just seemed to mesh so well from the beginning when I was fostering her. I wish that many of your other kitty's will find their forever homes.

Thank you to all of you wonderful caregivers. To all the animals you have at HOPE, they are fortunate to be in a lov-

ing environment.

Thinking of you always,
Caroline & Lovey Flanigan

Here's a picture of Chloe (Suzy). She's the best dog, very friendly and loves to be loved.

Thank you so much for her! We love her to pieces.

Shereen & Bruce Kressin



Dear Lynn,

Enclosed is a copy of Ellie's (Ashlee's) "basic" obedience diploma. She can be a little "challenging" at times but the trainers have been very helpful. We've moved onto "beginner" class and have seen improvement.

Ellie is doing fine. Henry (cat) likes hanging out with her and Claude (other cat) is coming around. We love Ellie and are so glad she's apart of our home.

Our best wishes to you and all the good people at HOPE. Thank you for the good work that you all do.

Sincerely,

Chris Niver

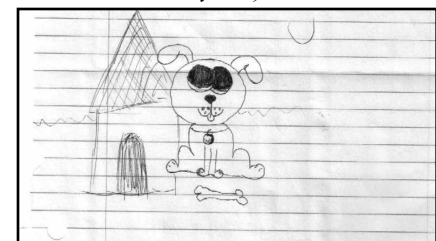
Dear HOPE Safehouse,

My sister & I raised money by having an Ice Pop Stand. We hope that this money can cure an animal's sickness, feed them and help find families.

Your Friends,

Mackencie & Cassidy Geyer

{Editors note: We really enjoyed the girls letter and drawing at the office so we decided to share it with everyone.}



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In Memory of...

Pets

"Abby" ~ beloved 14 year old Golden Retriever of Kathie & Scott Nelson ~ Debra Alfaro

"Ami" ~ beloved canine of Ed & Stephanie Lazzeroni

"Ami" ~ beloved beautiful canine of Ed & Stephanie Lazzeroni ~ Mary & Bill Walker

"Ami" ~ the luckiest canine of Ed & Stephanie Lazzeroni ~ Janna & Ed Waldeck

"Buster & Rippy" ~ beloved pet of Scott & Patrica Sebastian ~ Ed & Stephanie Lazzeroni

"Cleo" ~ beloved feline of Pam Mross

"Digger" ~ beloved canine of Mikey Thompson ~ Robert & Patricia McKee

"Jake & Megan" ~ beloved pets of David Milliken

"Keya" ~ beloved canine of Nancy Lamar

"Kramer" ~ beloved canine of Paul & Vicki Madsen ~ Patrick Grady

"Little B" ~ beloved pet of Richard Ruston ~ Dave, Diane & Beth Snyder

"Midnight" ~ beloved feline of Gail Griffith

"Presley" ~ beloved pet of Gina Downs ~ Ed & Stephanie Lazzeroni

"Rosie Mae Louise" ~ beloved Golden Retriever of Paul & Connie Eberly ~ Barb & Dick Chambers

"Rosie Mae Louise" ~ beloved Golden Retriever of Paul & Connie Eberly ~ Anne Herman

"Rosie Mae Louise" ~ beloved Golden Retriever of Paul & Connie Eberly ~ Roy & Judith Huffman

"Royce" ~ beloved pet of Ed & Karen Lazzeroni ~ Ed & Stephanie Lazzeroni

In Memory of...

People

In Memory of Charlotte Aul
JoAnne Green

In Memory of Bill Buetow
Jeffrey & Stephanie Braun
Thomas Buetow

Burlington RV Superstore
James Kruse
Rosalie Laketa
William & Marjorie Martin
Dennis Northup
Karen & Dale Weber

In Memory of George Gold
Milwaukee Area Radio Enthusiasts

In Memory of Agnes Juneiman
Jina & Bing Vehnekamp

In Memory of Gail Lamer
Michael & Jo Cox
Jane De Pelecyn
Curtiss & Rachael Jarvis
Jill Kamm

In Memory of Joanne Neumann
Jack & Peggy Christiansen

Our condolences go to the following:

Gail Griffith who lost 2 cats **"Midnight"** & **"Tassle"** in June 2011.

Dr. Heidi Jahn who lost her cat

"Lambeau" in June 2011.

Paulette Kollman who lost her cat

"Coco" in July 2011.

Paulette Kollman who lost her dog

"Mattie" in June 2011.

Paul & Vicki Madsen who lost their dog

"Kramer" in May 2011.

Bob & Pat McKee who lost their dog

"Kip" in June 2011

Mike & Mikey Thompson who lost their 14 year old dog **"Digger"** in July 2011.

ADOPTED!

"Banjo" – Terry Maier

"Belmont" – Cindy & John Barrows

"Bindi" – Suzanne Wiersum

"Bullet" – Ann & Lawrence Larson

"Candy" – Dana Herzog

"Carlotta" – Robert & Yoko

Sanfilippo

"Cedar" – Mary Kay Pearson & Joyce Levandowski

"Chuck" – Mary Kay Pearson & Joyce Levandowski

"Dayzee" – Zana & Greg Zerzanek

"Gretchun" – Petrina & Gerald Cain

"Gus" – Franca & Timothy Carls

"Gusto" – Andrea Carrao

"Madisun" – Dave & Sue Vogt

"Mai Tai" – Beatrice Dargin

"Piglet" – Lindsay & Chase Soine

"Rossini" – Marcia & Kevin McCallum

"Slim" – Richard Cheaney & Carol Harvey

"Squeak" – Nancy & Keith Kwapil

"Taffy" – Rebecca & Steve Zahn

"Tala" – Deborah & Charles Yale

"Taro" – Ramona & Anthony Milisaukas

"Tate" – Krista Wolff

"Viola" – Randy & Rebecca DeGroot

"Wendell" – Angela Pepke

In Honor of...

"Dover" – beloved pet of Richard Ruston – Dave, Diane & Beth Snyder

Jim Gitter – Congratulations on your retirement – John & Phylis Hessenthaler

"Sunny" – Mary Jo Jensen

Sadly, some of our adoptees have crossed over the Rainbow Bridge. May they wear their silver wings with pride.

"Angelica" canine adopted 4/20/01 by John & Zarrie Dirkintis

"Dubuque" (aka **Duke**) canine adopted 10/22/02 by Mark Miller

"Dusky" (aka **Dusty**) canine adopted 7/29/99 by Pearl Czechowicz

"Kia" (aka **Keya**) canine adopted 2/21/98 by Nancy & Terry Lamar

"Mandy Lou" canine adopted 6/13/03 by Elaine & W. Patrick Fogarty

"Marley" feline adopted 9/4/98 by Lynn Nielsen – Eeg & Jon Eeg

"Packer" (aka **Hunter**) canine adopted 10/18/99 by Kim & Mark Korzenecki

"Purcy" canine adopted 10/31/05 by Ann & Larry Larson

"Puff" aka **"Anya"** feline adopted 11/22/91 by Tamara & Gary Shortess

The Winner at Obedience School...



Gold Plated Lifetime Members

Mike & Sue Balcerek
Kris & Paul Cook
Erika Lee Gosker
Wendy Gosker
Marie Hillyer

Welcome New & Returning Members

Coleen Aceto
Colleen Geraghty
Suzanna Jelinek
Nancy Kapplehoff

Carol & Thomas Keller
Marilyn Murrack
Sharon Ramquist

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Thank you to 3 Golden's And A Gator for hosting a meet & greet with HOPE. Thank you to Emille Merrill for coordinating this event and thank you to everyone who attended and donated to HOPE.

Thank you to Abbott Laboratories Employee Giving Campaign and the following employees: Valerie Aldrich, Heather Frick and Mary Ustyrowski.

Thank you to the Aurora Health Care Employee Partnership and the following employees: Rebecca DeGroot, Wendy Jaeger, Barbara Kimball, Allan Loeb, Victoria Minturn, Margaret Myers, Carol Nolte and Rhonda Smith.

Thank you to Susan Balcerek for donating back her 2011 raffle winnings and then some!

Thank you to the Calendonía Conservancy for having us at their "Picnic on the Prairie" event in June. The event was to introduce people to the King's Corner land parcel (corner of Highway 31 & 5 Mile Road). Thank you to Sarah Yanakowicz, Sam Kupper & "Tuffy" and Karen Hermansen & "Luckee" for representing HOPE at this event. Here is a picture of Karen Hermansen with "Luckee" at the event.



Thank you to the Catholic Junior League of Racine for choosing HOPE to be one of the philanthropy recipients for the 2011 Catholic Junior League awards. Thank you to Kathy & Bob Klinkhammer for accepting the award and giving a presentation to the Catholic Junior League at the award ceremony in June.

Thank you to Cost Cutters on Washington Ave. for hosting a Cut-A-Thon in June to help raise money for HOPE. Cost Cutters gave haircuts with all proceeds going to HOPE and offered a discount on products for anyone donating treats, food or litter. Thank you to everyone who had their hair cut and to those that also donated money.

Thank you to Grace Cummings & Gabriela Davis for thinking of HOPE once again. The two girls made jewelry and took the proceeds from the sales to help pay down the veterinary bill at North Shore Animal Hospital and they also brought us kitty litter. Girls, we really appreciate all that you do for HOPE.

Thank you to Freddie's Friki Tiki for hosting us for the fourth annual Doggie Happy Hour on Mondays this summer. Jan Johnson worked very hard to make sure HOPE was well represented and that the dogs and people had a good time and learned about HOPE. We also want to thank Brian Grabher, Chancery's General Manger, for allowing us to host the Doggie Happy Hour. Thank you to all those that brought their adopted and foster dogs and to those that donated money while out having fun.

Thank you to Mackencie & Cassidy Geyer who held an Ice Pop Stand and donated all the money they raised to HOPE. The two girls wanted to help the animals. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop #5806 for donating cat litter, cat food, dog bones and leashes. Emily, Grace, Olivia, Veronica, Nicole and Lucy raised money from cookie and nut sales and decided to use the last of their funds (the troop is disbanding) to help HOPE. Thank you to their leaders Jeanmarie & Angela for teaching these young ladies the spirit of giving.

Thank you to Marge Henze who fell for "Cletus" instantly and offered to pay for his heartworm treatment. "Cletus" had his first treatment and thanks to Marge, that vet bill is paid off. Marge adopted Ambrosia (Brody) who is now one spoiled cat.

Thank you to Havahart, Northshore Animal Hospital, Petco, Pet Supplies Plus, Sportland and Woofdorf Asotria for continuing to allow us to have a donation jar at their locations. The small change really adds up. Thank you to everyone that donated their change.

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THANKS!

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Thank you to Italian Greyhound Safehouse Alliance who donated money to HOPE after their disbandment. The group was formed to address issues with Italian Greyhound puppy mills. Happily the national group is now addressing this issue, making the Safehouse Alliance obsolete (if all rescue groups could be so lucky). The Italian Greyhound Safehouse Alliance was so impressed with our organization after we helped them with a burned Italian Greyhound that they decided to donate their remaining funds to HOPE and one other organization. Thank you to Shannon McClure and the group for making a difference to Italian Greyhounds and to the animals at HOPE.

Thank you to the Junkyard Dogs Football team for hosting a Fundraiser at Brewski's in April. A donation to HOPE was collected to enter the event; which included music from "Old Mil", a number of different tournaments and raffles. All proceeds from this event were donated to HOPE. Thank you, boys, and good luck this season!

Thank you to Katie's Canine Klubhouse for donating the proceeds of their Scooter's Annual Weiner Dog Race to HOPE. The dachshund races were held on an August afternoon and "Stella" was crowned the champion. Thank you to Karen Hermansen, her daughter Lisa and Lisa Barta for representing HOPE at this event. "Cletus", a HOPE adoptable, befriended the Klement's Racing Sausages while making a lot of friends – including his forever family. Thank you to all who attended the event.

Thank you to Joanne Labre for taking "Douglas" to North Shore Animal Hospital for his annual visit and paying for the whole exam. Also a big thank you to Joanne for fostering "Douglas" and "Reggie" at Dover Flag & Map (323 Main Street). Please stop by Dover Flag & Map anytime to visit the two felines.

Thank you to Morgan Stanley Charitable Spending Account Program and the following employee: Suzanne Cienkus.



Thank you to the Village of Mount Pleasant for having HOPE at their grand opening in June. Thank you to Stephanie Hardy for organizing and attending this event. Here is a picture of Marlene Perkins, a volunteer & puppy charmer, in an X-pen with a HOPE puppy at the Mount Pleasant Open House, she was having the most fun!

Thank you to the employees of Piggly Wiggly #343 on Washington Ave for donating money to HOPE through their 'Jeans for Good' program. Thank you to Karee Barber for nominating HOPE.

Thank you to Maureen Potter and her crew who gave an educational talk at Jerstad-Agerholm Elementary School for approximately 150 K-2nd graders. They talked about the proper treatment of

animals, how to greet a dog that's being walked on a leash and what to do if you want a loose dog to leave you alone. The kids then had a meet and greet with Caroline & "Lucy", Sherri & "Lady", Karen & "Bowie", Desiree & "Bonnie", Mikey & "Lenny" and Kelly & "Dewy". (Phew, big group.) Maureen said this was a nice group of kids and teacher and they even had requests to come back before they left. Here is a picture of the students.



Thank you to Maureen (and son Nick), Karen H., Suzanne and Mikey who gave an educational presentation to 40-50 early elementary-aged day campers at Next Generation Now on June 22. They talked about the proper care and treatment of animals, how to safely and politely greet a dog on a leash (including service dogs) and how to react around a loose dog. A meet and greet followed with 5 canine representatives.



Thank you to "Racine and Me" for hosting HOPE on their Sunday program. The program aired on 49.1 in June. The whole show was about HOPE Safehouse! Thank you to Sam Kupper and Tina Moodhart for representing HOPE on this show. Here is a picture with Sam, Tina and the host of "Racine & Me" Jennifer Tomazic.

Thank you to the Rec Room Kids from Kids Town U.S.A. who donated a bunch of items to HOPE. Thank you so much for thinking of us.

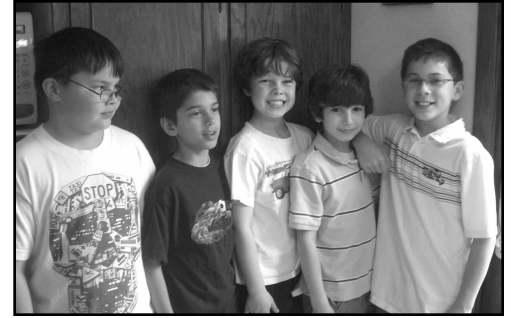
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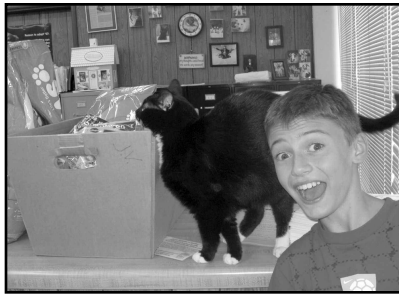
Thank you to SC Johnson 'Dollars for Doers' and the following employee: John Noha. Thank you to both John & Sherri for continually volunteering at HOPE!

Thank you to Steve who decided to ask for donations to HOPE in lieu of birthday presents at his 10th birthday party. Thank you to Steve's generous friends who donated items and money to HOPE. Here is a picture of Justin, James, Sam, Steve and Jonah:



Thank you to Six Flags for sponsoring the Coasters for a Cause Program. HOPE received a portion of each ticket sale when the person used our coupon code. Thank you to all the people who purchased tickets.

Thank you to Kyle Stewart and Reecie Alexis, two summer interns that helped HOPE for five weeks this summer. Thank you to the E3 Summer Youth Employment Program for providing these two outstanding volunteers. Thanks also to the funding provided to the E3 Summer Youth Employment Program by S.C. Johnson, Racine County Workforce Development Center, Educators Credit Union, United Way of Racine County, the City of Racine, and others which paid Kyle and Reecie for the hours they worked at HOPE. Kyle and Reecie helped us get a lot done around the office - from filing, to computer work, even cleaning our dirty windows! Thank you to Kyle & Reecie and the E3 Program sponsors and staff!



Thank you to Matthew Tuma. While planning his birthday party for turning 11 years old, Matthew decided that he did not want presents and instead would ask his guests to donate items to a worthy cause. Matthew loves animals and wanted to help those that did not have a home and those that were hurt. He chose HOPE Safehouse as a way to reach those animals in need. This is a picture of Matthew dropping off donations (with "Camilla" checking out the goodies) to the HOPE Safehouse.

Thank you to Tori Walker, who decided to ask for donations to HOPE in lieu of birthday presents at her 8th birthday party. Guests were asked to bring dog & cat food, toys, litter, etc. Thank you to Tori and her generous friends who donated items to HOPE.

Thank you to Wal-Mart Foundation for turning JJ Austin's volunteer hours into cash for HOPE. Thank you to JJ for continuing to volunteer all those hours at HOPE.

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Hi Lisa,

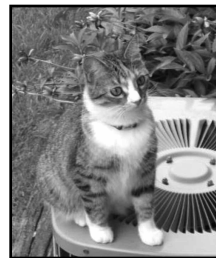
I have attached a picture of Niles, now Helmsley, the dog. He is about 10 years 4 months old now. He is the best and smartest dog you will ever find. When I had him at the vet last month there was a woman there that trained service dogs and she said it was too bad he was a family dog as he would have made a great service dog. He is way too friendly and loves everyone and has to be in the know of everything.

Squeak, now Wicket, the cat is 6 years old. Her favorite spot is on the couch in the sun in front of the window. There she can spy anything that goes past the window. She thinks she owns me. Wherever I am she is. I can't sit down without a cat on my lap. She really loves to hold paw and hands and don't forget belly rubs. She is one of those one in a million cats. Last year I was very sick, on my death bed for almost a week. Wicket would not leave my side. During this time both the cat and dog stayed by my side. You would have to

be there to watch the loyalty of both these pets.

My husband & I love them so much and can't imagine our lives without them.

Nancy Kwapil



Hello~

Back in November, 1991, my husband and I adopted a small, white kitten from you at Hope Safehouse! Her name originally was "Puff" and we knew her as "Anya." Just 3 months shy of turning 20 years old, Anya passed away. She could no longer see much but she could "smell the roses" and was still curious.

My brother recently adopted "GUS", a MaineCoone cat from your location and they are just loving him. HE absolutely

loves his new home with a country feel. We visited him and I think he feels as if he hit the lottery.

Well, thank you for letting me share our story. We truly miss having Anya here, as she was part of our lives for SO long! In her lifetime, she shared over 12 years with a wonderful Golden Retriever ("Murphy") and 3 children for 17, 16, and 9 years respectively. As she crossed the Rainbow Bridge, we knew that she once again would be able to see and run and play as she used to. THANK YOU for trusting us with her care for so very long!!

Tamara and Gary Shortess



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