To our friends and supporters,
This has been a particularly rough year in that we have been suffering a bit more stress than usual. Our hearts have been heavy as there have been illnesses and ailments affecting our families, friends, pets and adoptables. There have been many friends lost; both 2 and 4 legged and the grief has been significant. There has been a financial strain and some of us have struggled to remain upbeat and dependable. Personally I can attest to the fact that even minor trauma has sent me running for cover and wishing desperately for someone else to do my job. I guess we all occasionally reach a place of “I don’t want to do it anymore” and it requires great effort to just make it through the day. I’m in that place; I can see others are there as well. It’s no shocking revelation that we all get thrown a curve ball now and again. One day you are walking the path of singing birds and fragrant flowers and seemingly without warning, you get swallowed up by a myriad of issues. Emotionally this is a painful place to be and I know there are many of you right here with me. However, have faith; this too shall pass. We may have to live here a while, cry a bit, curse the course we’re on, and that’s okay. It’s okay to feel those emotions. It’s apparently where we need to be right now; but we won’t be there forever. We will find our strength’s again. We will conquer our fears; we’ll solve our problems and once again be strong capable human beings. Be gentle with yourself and know that many of us share your “temporary” pain. It’s all going to be okay. Call a friend; call us; seek counsel; we’ll make it through if we help each other.

ON A HAPPIER NOTE, AN ADOPTION SUCCESS STORY THAT WE JUST HAD TO SHARE!

Thor was really lonely because his best friend Spot died. Thor is a very sweet yellow lab mix.

My daughter’s Australian Shepard, Sydney, would come visit so she could get out of the apartment and run, but she couldn’t come every day. Thor was very sad on those days.

Thor likes when Sydney comes over. She has a lot of energy and is a lot of fun, but she likes to herd him under the picnic table. It’s tough being a herd of one.

Then we found Kahn. Kahn has a lot of energy, too.

Kahn surprised Sydney when she tried to herd him under the picnic table. He took off running instead. He has a will as strong as hers and can run really fast. He ran so fast that when she caught up to him she was too tired to herd him anywhere! Kahn is a real teaser, too. He gets the rope and brings it right up by Sydney’s face and shakes it.

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Ways to Help H.O.P.E. ...

Thank you to everyone who donated items on our wish list—your giving was astounding! Because of your generosity, we have all the supplies we need for this year and next! We are lucky to have such caring and generous supporters. Thank you!

There are still a number of ways to help HOPE:

Donate:
- Money: become a member, donate money, pay a vet bill, donate in memory of people or pets, donate in honor of people or pets
  (Every penny helps an animal!)
- Time: volunteer at the office, at one of our fundraising events, at one of our meet & greets throughout the community
  (Even an hour a month or year helps!)

Purchase HOPE merchandise
Join us at one of our fundraisers:
- HOPE Raffle tickets (drawing held first Saturday in June).
- Purchase tickets and/or help sell tickets for our raffle.
- Cause for Paws (held the first Friday in October).
- Come to the event and bid on items, volunteer for the event, join the committee and help make the evening a big success.
  (Check our website calendar or newsletter for upcoming events)

When at the vet with your animal, pay a little extra towards HOPE’s bill (at Northshore Animal Hospital or CrossRoads)
Use your computer to help by using Good Search every time you search on the internet or make a purchase on line.
(See below or our website for more information.)
Adopt a shelter animal
Foster a HOPE dog or cat

One important way to help HOPE is word of mouth. If you like our organization, tell people!

It’s easy to help HOPE by doing what you do every-day - search and shop the Internet.

Go to www.goodsearch.com and enter HOPE Safe-house as your designated charity. Every time you search the Internet through the GoodSearch website, HOPE will receive a penny. GoodSearch is powered by Yahoo so you will get the same great results on all your searches.

You can also help HOPE receive money by shopping online. Go to www.goodsearch.com and locate the store you would like to shop and if you have HOPE as your charity we will receive a percentage of your sales. Don’t forget to check the coupons of your favorite stores that are listed on GoodSearch. HOPE can receive money from airline ticket purchases to pharmacy purchases to clothes purchases to pet supply purchases. Hundreds of stores you shop on the web everyday are on GoodSearch.

It really is easy to donate to HOPE just by shopping and searching the Internet. If you are concerned you might forget to go to the GoodSearch website, they have a toolbar you can download so every search will be counted.

Christie Graham from Homestead Realty, Inc. will donate 3% of her commission to the animal shelter of your choice, if she is your realtor. You can contact Christie by phone at 262-344-1752, by email at cgraham@realtor.com or visit her website at www.christiegraham.com.

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.

Belinda Sauro has maintained our website for years, free of charge. Belinda runs a business hosting and designing websites using an easy to use CMS. If you are interested in learning more about her services, please go to http://hostdesign4u.com.

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THANKS!

Thank you to Abbott Laboratories Employee Giving Campaign and the following employees: Valerie Aldrich and Mary Ustymowicz.

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Thank you to CERJ Development who used Christie Graham of Homestead Realty as their realtor. Christie will donate 3% of her commission check to the animal shelter of her client’s choice and CERJ chose HOPE.

Thank you to Dell Make A Difference Employee Giving and the following employee: Jeremiah Ladd.

Thank you to Dover Flag & Map, For Pets Sake Veterinary Services, Havahart, Northshore Animal Hospital, Petco, Pet Supplies Plus, Sportland and Woofdor Astoria for continuing to allow us to have a donation jar at their locations. The extra change really adds up. Thank you to everyone who donated their change.

Thank you to Dover Flag & Map for donating the proceeds of the Downtown coupon books to HOPE.

Thank you to Alexis Eisel for choosing HOPE for her “Passion Project”. McKinley Middle School requires 8th grade students to complete a “Passion Project”; the idea is for kids to do a project that they are passionate about that improves their community. Alexis decided to inform people about HOPE, the importance of rescuing animals from shelters rather than purchasing from pet stores/puppy mills and the benefits of spaying/neutering your pets by producing a DVD. When HOPE received the Kentucky Death Row Dogs, Alexis was inspired to include them in her project. She made a trifold featuring Amigo's story, one of the dogs who didn’t make it to Racine and included information about HOPE and some pictures of the Kentucky dogs available for adoption. She had a collection jar at the Passion Project event and donated the money to HOPE.

Thank you to Freddie’s Friki Tiki for hosting us for the sixth 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. Thank you to Tina Anchondo, Sam Kupper and Karen Hermansen for also helping with this event. We also want to thank Brian Grabher, Chancery’s General Manager, 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.

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Hi Lynn,

I'm delighted to tell you that the new guy - now named "Watson" in honor of his immense curiosity and his investigative approach to life (the DaVinci) - has settled in beautifully! We took him for a few "walkabouts" Sat. morning. By Sat. afternoon, he was done with that cautious approach and ready to be part of the family. The other cats seem to have adjusted quickly to this happy, non-threatening little guy. He's not the least bit phased by the occasional warning hiss when he moves too quickly for one of the others, and he appears to be having a blast investigating all things indoors and out (through the glass, of course). I'm attaching a few photos. (Yes, he got into the catnip. He was riding high for hours! We thought it was hysterical, and the other cats reaped the bounty.) We love Watson!!

A perfect illustration of Watson's personality seemed to emerge last night. Steve and I were watching a movie. About every 20-30 minutes, Watson would come racing into the room, jump up on one of our laps, snuggle in for some scratching time, stay for a couple of minutes, then bound away to explore something else (or look for a playmate). The best moment was when he returned, covered head to toe in cobwebs, seeming quite pleased with himself. Again, he's an absolute delight! Thanks so much for caring for him and helping facilitate another success story!

Martha Oppeneer

LEROY JETHRO GIBBS  Born April 25, 2010 went to eternal life. Beloved son (furkid) of David Adam and Leslie Lauersdorf-Adam. Jethro was diagnosed with kidney problems and he was taken to For Pet’s Sake vet where he won the hearts of the staff and Dr. S. Temple. Dialysis was scheduled for every day and he seemed to do well. But he failed to eat again and his drinking had diminished. The next day when we woke up, Jethro’s vision had left him. He was taken to the vet where the blood test came back with levels being higher than their machine could count. It was then I made the decision to let my beloved Jethro go to heaven to be with my dad, Leda, Belle, Casey and Melissa, Beau and Trooper. Left to mourn him are Buddy, Benny, Bonnie and Harlon, and Dave and I his parents. Please keep us all in your prayers as all five of us deal with this tremendous loss. Thank you for taking the time to read about our beloved Jethro.

Hi Lynn,

Please accept this donation for your wonderful cause and life’s work. I’m proud of you for dealing with all the trials and tribulations of your efforts. I’m proud of your constant and continuing efforts. I cannot even imagine (over the course of all these years) how many fury friends that you saved.

I will never forget the night that you were so saddened by the plight of all these abused and abandoned animals. Me, with my big mouth, “Why don’t you quit your complaining and do something about it?” Well, shut my mouth, you sure did! And, you did more than I ever thought you, or anyone else, could accomplish.

John Kozel

To all at HOPE, I would like to thank you for working with Miller (Mayo) and me. I called and asked what I could do because he had lost a family member. You sent me over to KCK (Katie’s Canine Klub) and the girls over there have been working with him & he is even attending day care. I am enclosing a check, I know it doesn’t cover the cost for Miller but please use it towards the animals at HOPE. They are all too precious.

Mary Coaley

We have two new cats Prissy and Daey. So far Prissy is getting quite friendly and has adapted very well. Daey is still hiding from us.

I have managed to touch and stroke him once while he was eating his Friskies. He mostly hides under the bed but doesn’t appear to be frightened. Enjoy the pictures. It is hard to get a good picture under the bed!

Ellen Larsen

{Editor’s note: The picture above is Prissy.}

I have to start by saying - "HOORAY!!!!!"

Ellen Larsen called this morning to report that Daey has been coming out of his hidey-hole and interacting with them! Warren has been patiently persistent, lying on the floor next to the bed, talking to him, reaching in and petting him. They gradually got Daey to use a closet as his safe spot - they put a bed there for him to use as his 'nest'. They have been sitting in the closet with him, petting him in his bed and playing with him. In the last two days, Daey has been rolling over and letting them pet his belly and he purrs. Now he is coming out of the closet and playing with Prissy and letting them pet him.

They knew he and Prissy would play together at night. He would come out to eat and use the litter box, so there were no worries about that.

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She surprised him when she grabbed the rope away and ran. She runs really fast, too, and does lightning fast hairpin turns.

Kahn has great focus, though, and wants that rope so the chase is on!

This was after a 2 mile walk!

Then Sydney’s mom comes and it’s time for her to go home. Rats! They can’t wait until she comes back. They know exactly what they’re going to play.

We hope you enjoyed this story as much as we did. We are so happy Kahn has found his forever home. Now for the shameless plug, the Holidays are around the corner please remember HOPE in your end of the year giving. Memberships make nice gifts.

Sydney: Tired yet?
Kahn: Not even close.

Sydney: How about now?
Kahn: Nope. I can do this for days!

Kahn: I’m right on your heels!
Sydney: You’ll never catch me!
Sydney: Not even with your super hero ears!

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Ellen was so excited by the news she had to call. She said that she had 'goosebumps' when he was out and was purring when they pet him. HOORAY!!!

Prissy settled in from the first day, there was very little adjustment period for her, she explored the whole place and decided it would suit her very well. She rules the windowsills, she alerts Warren & Ellen when the newspaper is delivered in the morning - sitting by the door until they open it and retrieve the paper. She has totally charmed both of them. I am so glad she found adoring new parents!

AND . . .

Another big HOORAY! Nacho is being adopted already! His new Mom is a woman who has adopted from HOPE previously - she is Sapphire's Mom. She stopped in to see the orange boys, really liked Nugget but was not ready to take a cat with 'issues'. Sapphire is not a cuddly cat and she would like one that is. Nacho certainly fits that description! She picked him up and he threw his arms around her neck and purred so loudly! Less than an hour later, I heard from Tina that Dawn had applied - a little later Tina called to say that Nacho would be going home on Friday.

While I will miss Nacho a lot - (I came really close to wanting to adopt him myself) - Nugget will be here to entertain Jeannie and me. He is the goofiest cat! He chirps and makes chittery noises and plays with gusto! We have a tunnel & cube setup in the back room that he loves to throw himself into, on, under, over and across the floor. He tosses toys across the hard linoleum floor and chases and races. He plays with Nacho, but is just as happy to play by himself. He is built like a little bow legged boxer, stocky and muscular. He plays tug of war, planting all four feet and leaning back - he is really strong!

We are still working on his health issues, just finished one of his pills - Metronidazole - and are well into the 28 days of Clindamycin. Lucky for me he isn't too hard to give pills. It is difficult to know if the drugs are helping, we are treating diarrhea caused by parasites - but antibiotics also cause diarrhea. I am looking forward to finishing the meds so that we can find out if the treatment worked. So far, he doesn't seem as gassy and his stomach is not as large and hard as it was.

So Big HOORAY on the foster cat situation. Such good news about Prissy and Daey, it brings tears to my eyes that my boy Daey has found his home. He is such a sweet boy, he deserves the best.

Jo

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ADOPTED!

“Bessy” – Harold & Ramona Oertel
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“Prissy” – Warren & Ellen Larsen
“Spunky” – Jennifer Huffman & Greg Butler
“Ty” – Christopher Chirafisi
“Zoe” – Linda Duvall

Corrections from last newsletter:
“Saher” should be “Satter”
“Salton” was adopted by Tom Boyd

Welcome New & Returning Members

Sonja Beevar
Sharon Davig
Henry & Phyllis Laudenbach
Maureen Lautz
Tami Lema
Betty Shepherd
Marvin & Leone Sorensen

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

“Dutchess” canine adopted 1/19/05 by Linda & Michael Tinholt
“Eugene” feline adopted 3/10/01 by Marie Lee & Don Podkamensky
“Ferrari” canine adopted 3/16/13 by Cynthia & Paul Hoenecke
“Forest Gump” canine adopted 7/11/01 by Jerry & Connie Hansche
“Gusto” feline adopted 4/29/11 by Andrea Carrao
“Lovie” feline adopted 6/10/10 by Caroline Flanigan
“Malone” feline adopted 12/31/05 by Nancy Broen
“Miles” canine adopted 1/8/08 by Mark Eickhorst
“Mollie” canine adopted 1/26/06 by Mary & Les Robinson
“Raymond” feline adopted 6/3/01 by Randall & Michelle Garett
“Snow” canine adopted 2/7/04 by Laura Frombach & Darius Martin
“Trunks” aka “Buddy” canine adopted 11/10/01 by Mark & Nancy Wanggaard

Bebe had a DNA test to see what breeds she derives from, the result is Great Pyrenees/Bloodhound Mix crossed with Scottish Terrier Mix. There may also be small amounts of Bulldog, Miniature long haired Dachshund, Doberman Pinscher, German short haired Pointer and Siberian Husky. Although she has quite the mix of breeds, she is truly loved and happy in her new home.

CAUSE FOR PAWS AUCTION

Come join us on Friday, October 4, 2013 at Fountain Banquet Hall in Sturtevant (8505 Durand Ave.) for our auction, Cause for Paws.
We will play trivia, have a Pink Dingle Berry game and a silent auction with all proceeds used to reduce our medical bills. Dress casual and be prepared to laugh! If you missed this event last year you don’t want to miss it again.
For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the office at 634-4571.
Thank you to Friki Tiki manager Brian Grabher and Robyn Palomino for hosting our second doggie wash. Dogs were treated to a free dog wash and their owners were asked to give donations to HOPE. Thank you to North Shore Animal Hospital for sponsoring the event. Thank you to Jan Johnson for representing HOPE at this event as well as our HOPE volunteers: Karen Hermansen, the Brown Family, Christie Graham, Tracy Wasik, Amy Wolbach, and Becky Kaminski. Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. We want to congratulate Jan on her marriage and give her a big thank you for doing this event on her wedding day.

Thank you to Katie’s Kanine Klub for donating proceeds of the Weiner Dog Race to HOPE. Not only did Katie’s have the wiener races, the racing sausages also made an appearance. Thank you to following HOPE volunteers: Sherri Noha, Karen Hermansen, Mikey Thompson and Kelly Schneider for working this event. Thank you to Mikey Thompson and Kelly Schneider for donating part of their profits on the dog toys and accessories they sold at this event.

Thank you to Jo Labre and Kathy Van Parys for taking Nugget to the vet to figure out his intestinal issues. Nugget is doing much better and is up for adoption. If you would like to visit Nugget (or Mykee), please visit him (them) at Dover Flag & Map during their regular business hours. Thanks to both Jo and KVP for paying the vet bill for all the tests and medications. (Nugget is on the left, Mykee on the right.)

Thank you to Richard & Sandy Ostrander and Robert & Viola Schmidt for donating back part of their raffle winnings.

Thank you to Racine Community Foundation for giving HOPE a grant. The grant was recommended by the W.H. Pugh Family Fund. Thank you to the Pugh Family for recommending HOPE and for the Racine Community Foundation for giving us this grant.

Thank you to Mikey Thompson and Kelly Schneider for donating 10% of their profits from the sale of dog toys and accessories at the German Shepherd Club.

Thank you to the following people who paid part of our veterinary bills: Kerry Anderson, Karen Hermansen, Jo Labre, Ralph Malicki, Craig Nelson, Jay Slesanko, Lindsay Soine and Tammy Zimmel. We always appreciate help with our bills but with our intake of 40+ animals, it really helps.

Many people who work in animal rescue could write a ton of advice for adopters. In fact, many rescue organizations hand out folders filled with information for new adopters to take home and read. Book stores are filled with self-help guides and the information on the internet is endless. I’ve learned a lot from such sources, but I’ve also learned a lot from adopters who have contacted me with questions shorty after taking a new dog home — which brings me to the information I’m sharing with you today. The following bits of advice address a few of the most common issues for which I’ve been contacted in the first weeks after adoption. First, maintain a calm environment in your home. For at least the first few days, just let your new family member get used to the smells, sounds, and routines of your home without excessive interference from you. Even animals that show no signs of stress typically experience some anxiety when moving to a new environment and a stressed animal will benefit from your calm, confident demeanor. Now is not the time to invite lots of people over to visit the newcomer or to walk them around to meet all the neighbors. The dog park can definitely wait. First let them learn that your home is a safe place where they can get guidance, respite, and love.

Take your new dog outside often for the first several days — especially right after meals and naps. Even dogs that have been housebroken for a long time may have accidents in a new home until a routine is established. New surroundings can be distracting so give your dog plenty of time to relieve himself each time he goes out, even when it’s raining or cold! Until a routine is established, use a crate or gates to confine your new dog to a limited area at night or when you’re unable to monitor him. It’s much easier to gradually give him more freedom by adding additional rooms of the house to his domain than it is to take away living space after you’ve allowed him free reign of the entire home.

Buy quality dog food. Period. You shouldn’t eat garbage and neither should your dog. I’ve found www.dogfoodadvisor.com helpful. If you have any problems, call HOPE Safehouse for advice. “HOPE” is an acronym for “Help for Orphaned Pets through Education” and its volunteers will gladly help educate you regarding challenges that you have with your adopted dog.
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(Editors note: From the previous letter on page 6, Nacho has been adopted but Nugget (along with Mykee) are being fostered at Dover Flag & Map. Please see their picture in the Thank You section.)

Six years ago today - I brought home a broken, sad, skittish fuzzy girl from Hope Safehouse in Racine. Three and a half years ago today, I gave birth to her best buddy.

Today, we're playing, enjoying the weather and celebrating a very special adoption-day and half-birthday!

Counting my blessings.

Brandi Weiss Encarnacion

not the same without him here. He was the kindest, loving, handsome, boy I have ever met. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to spend the past 10+ years of my life with him.

Laura Frombach

Almost 7 years since I adopted Chelsea. She still won't pose for a pic. Just licks my face instead. Lol

Paul W Mallas

This is Duke formerly known as “Virginia”. We adopted him from H.O.P.E. almost 11 years ago!

Michael Ganey

4 years ago today the Lyon clan adopted the best friend anyone could ask for. Happy unofficial birthday to Sebastian.

David Lyon

Hello Lynn.

It is with an extremely heavy heart that I inform you that Domino (fnu Snow) lost his battle with cancer today. I am beside myself with grief. The house is

Gracie (Oreo) settling in and loving her sister!

Big thanks Kentucky friends and HÖPE friends for helping us find forever families! -- from Burger & Leo (former Budie boy & Leeyo).
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