

Countryside's Paw Print News

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Girl scouts help the animals at Countryside



Saturday, April 9, was a busy morning for Countryside's staff. The shelter had Girl Scout Troop No. 5957, from Waterford, and Troop No. 5895 from the City of Racine, tour the shelter.

The girls collected donations for the animals such as cat and dog toys, treats, pet food and for the shelter; bleach, detergent, and dishwashing soap. Donating needed shelter supplies is a wonderful way to help CHS and the animals.

We would like to thank both groups and their troop leaders for their generous donations to our shelter. We really appreciate all the hard work and kindness to our animals.



Pictured above is Girl Scout Troop No.5957 from Evergreen Elementary School, Waterford.



ABOVE: Shelter Director, Jenny Tilton, holds one of Countryside's adoptable cats. She talks to the girls about the importance of microchipping their pet so that if the pet gets lost, it can be quickly and safely returned. Jenny tells the girls about the many services our organization offers to the community.

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A group photo of Girl Scout Troop No. 5895 from the City of Racine.



ABOVE: Countryside Humane Officer, Josh Holmes talks about his pet rat Baron Theodore Von Fatty Rat, better known as "Theo". Many people don't realize what great pets a rat, gerbil, guinea pig or hamster can make. Josh talks about the care and feeding of Theo and other rodents. They make good pets for those people with allergies. Above the girls from Troop No. 5957 eagerly stand in line to meet the friendly little guy.

Children from Olympia Brown Church donate doggie treats



ABOVE: An Olympia Brown Church member holds the letter with signatures from all the children.

We Get LETTERS...

Russ and Kathy Troc write...



My husband and I adopted Cloudy, a male domestic shorthair cat, on Sept. 17. We found him on Petfinder.com after our 18-year-old cat had to be put down following a stroke. Cloudy looks so much like our old cat that my husband HAD to have him.

Even though we have a large dog, I'd guess it took Cloudy all of 15 minutes to adapt to our house and claim his favorite bed and chair.

Cloudy is a real treasure and we're happy to have found him. He's not the first (and probably not the last) pet we've adopted from Countryside.

Cami Walters writes ...



You may not remember me, I was adopted on October 14, 2010, by Maggie Brogan and Brad Waters. My name is Cami (formerly known as Lady). I wanted to wish you all a happy holiday. I couldn't be happier or ask for a better Christmas gift than the family you've chosen for me.

My life is full of people that love me. I have a warm bed and a fun cat to play with all the time. Every time my owners visit their parents in Beloit, they take me along. I get to play with many other dogs at their friend's and relative's houses. I love my life and I wanted to assure you that you made an excellent choice with my owners.



In February, children from Olympia Brown Church donated a large donation and gave Countryside a letter with children's signatures on it. The letter read ...

"Greetings from the children's program at Olympia Brown Church, 625 College Avenue. Racine.

We have just completed a lesson about how we love and protect animals and how they love and take care of us too. We thought it would be fun to make some dog biscuits for the animals at your shelter to let them know that we love them and care for them too... There are no harmful ingredients in them — just flour, cornmeal, chicken broth and yeast. We hope the puppies can enjoy them.

Thank you for all you do to protect animals!"

Junior's Family writes ...

Dear Countryside Humane Society,

We just wanted to say THANK YOU very much for picking our family to be Junior's new adopted family

We would just like to let you know just how much we all LOVE having Junior become part of our family.

We went to Petco and got him a kitty condo along with some other goodies and we can tell he is a HAPPY Lil' guy and loves each one of us as much as we all LOVE him.

Countryside attends 2011 Gateway Technical College's Community Days



Above Nancy Barke (left) and Barbara Deering (right) are speaking to a Gateway student about pet care and the importance of spay/neuter and keeping a pet's vaccinations current.

On April 7, 2011, Countryside Humane Society staff member Nancy Barke and volunteer Barbara Deering talked with Gateway students and staff about the services CHS offers to Racine County residents. As part of Countryside's Outreach Education Program, they stressed responsible pet care and the importance of vaccinating, micro-chipping and spaying/neutering your pet. Many attendees didn't know Countryside has monthly vaccination clinics and also offers affordable spay/neuter surgeries.

CHS mascot, Phoebe, (owned by Danielle Jakes) was a big hit with everyone. She was hard to resist in her bright pink dress! Many people commented how friendly and well-behaved she was. She helps demonstrate to others what a sweet,

gentle breed a Staffordshire Bull Terriers are when properly trained. Phoebe is a certified therapy dog who often accompanies CHS volunteers when they travel throughout the community.

The 2011 Community Days was sponsored by Gateway's Racine Campus Human Service Club. This was the fourth year Countryside was invited to participate in the event.

Countryside offers tours for schools, organizations, and clubs. We also travel to schools and community events for educational purposes. If your school or group is interested, please call the shelter at 262.554.6699.

Memorials

IN MEMORY OF...

- Audrey Cook** — from Ron Kroll & Karen Tyykila, Robert & Faye Flancher, Sue Griego, Karen & Mark Peterson, Paul & Mary Ellen Kaster, Neil & Kathleen Hutchinson
- Edward Campbell** — from Elizabeth Hurtubise, Gary Campbell, Daniel & Patricia Szymczak, Barry & Nancy Sanders, Timothy & Julianne Flaherty
- Maddie Jean Duff** — from Barbara & Dick Chambers
- Joseph Walter Balcer, Jr.** — from The family of Joe Balcer
- Tristan** — from Nita Showers
- Bronte Schroeder** — from Grey & Bonnie Clark
- Mary L. Bomier** — from Betty D. Schneider
- Curt Foertsch** — from Becky & Rich

IN HONOR OF...

- Doctor Miller at Creature Comforts** — From Paula Fiorita
- John & Laurie Thoennes**

IN MEMORY OF BELOVED PETS...

- Buddy and Taffy** — from The Paula and E.L. Donovitz Philanthropic Fund of the Dallas Jewish Community Foundation.
- Daisy** — from Elaine Linn
- Pickles & Bella** — from Jode & Paul Brehm
- Tiny Mine** — from Frank & Sandra Cesaro



2011 CHS Vaccination Clinic Schedule

Vaccination Clinics are Thursdays 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. On CHS clinic days, the kennel hours are 1pm - 6:00pm. Please call first to confirm clinic dates and time.



August 4 & 18
September 1 & 16
October 6 & 20
November 3 & 17
December 1 & 15

How to Choose a Food For Your Dog or Cat *By Manette M. Kohler, DVM*



Ask any veterinarian what question they hear most often from pet owners and I'll bet they'll say, "What's the best food for my dog (or cat)?"

With pet foods now filling endless aisles in pet stores, this question is much more complicated than it once was. Several factors need to be considered including the pet's life stage, body condition, exercise (or lack thereof), health status and environment.

There is fierce competition in the pet food industry with many clever marketing ploys. Armed with some basic knowledge of our dogs' and cats' nutritional needs, along a basic understanding of pet food labels, you'll be able to see through all the hype and make a wise and healthy choice for your pet.

The first thing to consider is the life stage of the pet. Is she a puppy, adult, or senior? Perhaps she is pregnant or nursing? Energy requirements vary depending on many factors including the age of the pet. You'll find

many different categories for pet foods including puppy or growth foods, adult maintenance foods, senior foods, etc. Some of the categories are subdivided further, (regular puppy foods versus, "large breed" puppy foods).

According to Lisa Freeman, DVM, PhD, DACVN, Veterinary Clinical Nutritionist/ Professor at Tufts University, "Multiple studies have shown that restriction of calories in growing large and giant-breed puppies reduces the risk for hip dysplasia, osteochondrosis, and osteoarthritis." In addition, restricting calories and slowing the growth of these pups is associated with a significantly longer lifespan.

What ingredients should we look for in a good quality pet food? Ingredients are listed on labels in decreasing order by weight. With this in mind, we should look for diets that have an animal product as one of the first three ingredients, if not the first ingredient (which is my preference). Many people shy away from diets listing "by-products", in the list, but fear not because pet food ingredients have strict definitions so meat by-products, for example, are not allowed to contain the non-nutritious animal parts that people sometimes worry about. However, according to Dr. Freeman, "The quality of the by products, as well as the other ingredients, can be assured by using foods made by reputable companies." Also look for information on the digestibility of the food since poor quality ingredients have lower digestibility.

The "guaranteed analysis" part of the label can be confusing at first glance. Pet food companies are required to give only the minimum content of protein and fat in the food and the maximum content of fiber and moisture. These numbers may not give you all the information you need. This is because they are listed on an "as fed" basis, which includes the water in the food. In order to compare diets to one another you can convert the "as fed" percentage to a "dry matter" percentage (this is the content of the nutrient without water). Quick rule of thumb for conversion: (let's use the protein as an example).

For a canned food, multiply the guaranteed analysis content for the nutrient by 4. So, a canned food with minimum protein content of 10% has a protein content of 40% on a dry matter basis (10% times 4 equals 40%).

For a dry food, multiply the guaranteed analysis content for the nutrient by 1.1. So a dry food listed on the label doesn't really tell you how much fat the diet contains (it might contain 3% but it might contain more).

If you want the exact nutrient or a list of nutrients that aren't listed, call the

manufacturer.

How do you know if the food is nutritionally adequate? Dr. Freeman explains that a pet food that is intended as a complete and balanced diet must be established as such in one of two ways: (1) By formulation to meet the levels established by the Association of American Feed Control Officials (AAFCO) or (2) by feeding trials.

If a diet is formulated to meet the AAFCO profiles but has not been tested with feeding trials, unforeseen problems with bioavailability or nutrient interactions could arise. Dr. Freeman says, "When feeding trials have been performed, the label should read, 'Animal feeding tests using AAFCO procedures substantiate that Brand X provides completed and balanced nutrition for growth (or maintenance, etc).'

Now that we know what we want as far as the content of a food, how do we figure out how much to feed our pet? Pet food labels are required to list feeding directions. Keep in mind, however, that the amount may be over estimated by the company (although the companies are becoming more realistic). Use the guidelines only as a starting point and make adjustments to keep your pet in trim body condition.

Puppies go through growth spurts so you will need to increase the amount fed during these times with a goal to maintain a trim body condition throughout their puppyhood. Pet food companies are not required to list how many calories there are per cup so if this is information you need (let's say you have a pet you want to put on a diet and your vet has given you specific calorie needs for your pet), call the pet food company. If a food is specifically described as "light," "lite," or "low calorie," there are now maximum caloric densities for these foods. These foods must contain a calorie content statement saying that the food is <3100 kcal/kg, but it may or may not contain the kcal/cup

You may notice descriptive words such as "holistic," "gourmet," and "human grade." It's important to know that these words have no legal definition and are primarily marketing terms, according to Dr. Freeman.

In summary, you can select a good quality pet food by: (1) Choose foods manufactured by well-known, reputable companies; (2) Choose a complete and balanced food for the appropriate life stage of the pet. This should be substantiated by feeding trials. (3) Remember that our pets are all individuals and may respond better to one diet than to another.



HAPPY TAILS

Harry the cat returns home



Photo courtesy of SCOTT ANDERSON / Journal Times

LEFT: Kathy Holley and her son Dwight with Harry their family cat. Harry had been missing for 13 months.



Our family received an early Christmas miracle, thanks to Countryside Humane Society. In early November 2009, our beloved family cat, Harry, slipped out of the backyard and disappeared. Heartbroken, we searched high and low for him to no avail.

Imagine our surprise and delight when we received a call from Countryside to report that they had just picked up a stray cat, checked him for a microchip and discovered that Harry had been found. He's now back home with his loving family and we're counting our blessing.

It's apparent Harry had someone caring for him during his 13-month absence. Thank you, whoever you may be. We're sorry if you grew attached to him and now you're missing him. There are wonderful pets at Countryside who would love to be adopted (and they're all microchipped). Thanks also goes to the resident of Grace-land Apartments who notified Countryside when they became concerned about a stray cat in the snow and cold, which resulted in Harry being caught and reunited with us.

—The Holley Family

Editor's note: *Harry's story was featured in the Racine Journal Times on December 14, 2010. When Harry arrived at Countryside he was scanned for a microchip—just like every stray animal entering the shelter. Fortunately for Harry, he had one because he had been adopted from CHS.*

Harry's family was overjoyed with the news he had been found. They came for him in less than 15 minutes to claim him. Boy, was Harry happy to see them!

We hope "happy endings" like Harry's story will encourage all pet owners to have their pet microchipped.

Harry is just one of many animals that have been safely reunited with their family because of an implanted microchip. Home Again® microchips are available at Countryside's Vaccination Clinics for \$20.

A Dog Named Lucy

By Roy Hathaway

Lucy came to Countryside in October 2010. She was adopted and then unfortunately, was returned because her owner developed allergies. Cute, fun-loving, adorable, and such a sweetheart, our staff knew Lucy wouldn't stay long before she would be re-adopted.

It was love at first sight when Cheri came to the shelter met with Lucy! Without hesitation, Cheri applied for Lucy. It wasn't long before she (Cheri) was preparing her home for the new arrival.

Lucy has really blossomed. She is extremely happy and gets tons of attention. She chases squirrels and frolics around in the grass, and loves to sneak a seat on

Countryside's CARNIVAL and Dog Wash

SAVE the date, August 20, 2011. Come join the fun at Countryside's Carnival!!! We have lots of fun activities planned for the entire family. You won't want to miss this event.

This year's event will feature a dog wash, flea market, pet parade, bake sale, raffle, door prizes, music, and much more.

The flea market is a great opportunity to "clean house" and sell those un-used or no longer needed items. Participants must supply their own tables, chairs, and tents, (or umbrellas).

The fee is \$25 for a 10ft x 10ft space. —Save \$10 when you rent two! Space is available on a first-come, basis. Setup time is 7:00 a.m. If you are interested in renting a booth, please complete the booth form on the last page (page 7).

If you would like to donate an item for the raffle, volunteer at this event, or rent booth space, please contact Nancy Barke at 262-554-6699 or email nancy@countrysidehumanesociety.org.

**CHS Carnival
Sat., Aug. 20 (10am-3pm)
at Countryside
2706 Chicory Rd.**



the sofa. Our staff is so happy Lucy and Cheri found each other. We hope all the animals staying at our shelter will one day be so lucky!

Lucy was adopted from Countryside Humane Society October 27, 2010.



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AUGUST 20

"International Homeless Animals Day"
Sponsored by
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SEPTEMBER 28

"World Rabies Day"
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OCTOBER

"Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month"
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November 28 - December 4

Countryside Pet Sponsor

ADOPT-A-PET

Yes, I would like to help an animal find a loving home. Enclosed is my \$20 sponsorship fee.

Name: _____

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Name of person, family, organization or business as I would like it to appear in the Racine Journal Times.

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Mail this form and your check to:

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MEMORIAL FORM



If you would like to submit a memorial donation for a loved one or a pet, please complete the form below.

Mail the completed form with your check or money order payable to:

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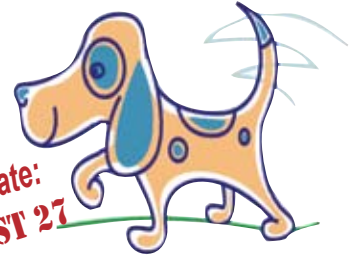




Countryside's Carnival

Saturday, August 20, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Rain Date:
AUGUST 27



Dog Wash • Flea Market • Pet Parade • Raffle • Bake Sale • Door Prizes

Come join the fun at the CHS Carnival!!! We have lots of fun activities planned for the entire family — even your dog! This year's event will feature a dog wash, flea market, pet parade, bake sale, raffle, door prizes, music and much more.

Dog Wash— If you missed the annual CHS Dog Wash at Havahart Pets, this event will be a great second chance to get your “dirty” dog washed. Our volunteers will be **washing dogs from 10 am to 2 pm**. Your dog will also be able to get his/her nails clipped and be microchipped if that hasn't already been done. —Special price for microchippin \$15! (Reg. \$20)

CHS Pet Parade— Are you looking for a new companion? Don't miss Countryside's Pet Parade that will feature the shelter's adoptable dogs. Countryside will be open for viewing other adoptable animals too.

Flea Market— This is a great opportunity to “clean house”. Sell those un-used or no longer needed items! Participants must supply their own tables, chairs, and tents, (or umbrellas). No electricity is available. Participants will be responsible for cleaning their area at the close of the flea market day. The charge is \$25 for a 10ft x 10ft space — Save \$10 when you rent two! Space is available on a first-come basis. **Set up time is 7 am**. If you are interested in renting a booth, please complete the form below.

For more information, PLEASE contact Nancy at 262-554-6699 - Ext. 700 or email: nancy@countrysidehumanesociety.org

Complete the form below and enclose with your check made payable to:



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“Countryside's Carnival”
FLEA MARKET FORM
Saturday, August 20, 2011 (9am-3pm)

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