

Countryside's PAW Print News

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Installation of Countryside's Memorial Courtyard is completed in September

The long wait is over!—CHS Memorial Courtyard Project has been installed...

Workers from Creative Brick began the morning of September 9, and by the end of the week completed the courtyard

Engraved bricks included memorials dedicated to beloved family members, beloved pets, and personal messages. Paula and Don Donovitz purchased the beautiful garden bench that read "Our Love is Forever" dedicated to their pets "Buddy & Taffy".

Our thanks everyone who purchased bricks and patiently waited for the courtyard's installation. We are very grateful for your support.

Next spring, flowers and plants will be added to the courtyard. Countryside hopes to sell additional engraved bricks. This will be an on-going fundraiser to help the animals. Plain bricks can be replaced with newly engraved ones in the future so it's not too late to purchase one.

Bricks range in price from \$25 to \$100 depending on size. Order forms can be picked up at Countryside during regular business hours or downloaded from our website at www.countrysidehumanesociety.org.

More photos of the courtyard project can be found on our website also.



Above is view of the finished courtyard and a closeup of an engraved brick. To the right, a closeup of the Donovitz bench. Below, Creative Brick workers start removing the grass to prepare for the bricks.



Photographers:
Stacie Ziegler & Marilyn Benson



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COUNTRYSIDE MISSION STATEMENT

*To prevent cruelty to animals, the abuse of animals,
and to promote responsible pet ownership.*

2011 Calendar of Celebrated Humane Society and Animal Shelter Events

FEBRUARY

FEB. 22 - SPAYDAY

Throughout the month of February,
CHS events honors "Spayday"

APRIL

Month of April

"Prevention of Animal Cruelty to Animals"

Sponsored by
American Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals

April 10 - 16

"National Animal Control
Appreciation Week"

Sponsored by
National Animal Control Assoc.

April 27

"Free Feral Cat Spay Day"

Sponsored by Alley Cat Rescue

MAY

May 1 - 7

"Be Kind To Animals Week"

Sponsored by
American Humane Association

May 15 - 21

"National Dog Bite Prevention Week"

Sponsored by
American Veterinary Medical Assoc.

JUNE

"Adopt-A- Shelter Cat Month"

Sponsored by American Humane Assoc.

June 24

"Take Your Dog to Work Day"

Sponsored by
Pet Sitters International

JULY 16 (Tentative)

"16th Annual Dog Wash"

Sponsored by Havahart Pets

AUGUST 20

"International Homeless Animals Day"

Sponsored by
International Society for Animal Rights

SEPTEMBER 28

"World Rabies Day"

Sponsored by Alliance for Rabies Control

OCTOBER

"Adopt-A-Shelter Dog Month"

Sponsored by
American Society for the Prevention
of Cruelty to Animals

October 4

"World Animal Day"

NOVEMBER

"Adopt-A-Senior Pet Month"

November 6th - 12th

"National Shelter Appreciation Week"

Sponsored by
Humane Society of the United States
November 28 - December 4

"Puppy Mill Action Week"

On behalf of the animals...

*We would like to thank the
following veterinarians,
businesses, volunteers, stu-
dents and staff for the help
during year...*

*Dr. Manette Kohler, DVM
Dr. Thomas Mano, DVM
Dr. Curtis Perry, DVM
Green Bay Emergency Hospital
Havahart Pets
Lakeland Humane Society
The Petco Foundation
Racine Veterinary Hospital
Shaggy's Grooming
Wheaton Franciscan volunteers
Wisconsin Humane Society
Wizzy's Wiener's, Inc.*

*... OUR THANKS all the CHS
volunteers and staff who donate
their "spare" time at fund-raising
events.*

*... Thank you to Susan Buhler.
this Halloween she and her dog
Stella went door-to-door "Trick or
Treating" to raise money for CHS
animals. Together they collected
\$125 from family and friends.*

*... The students from area
grade schools, girl scout & boy
scout troops who donated food,
toys, and gift baskets for the CHS
animals*

*... To the volunteers who come
in regularly to walk our dogs
and help our staff clean and show
animals.*

*... WE can't forget a "HUGE"
thank you to our foster homes for
the additional care and giving
CHS animals a second chance*

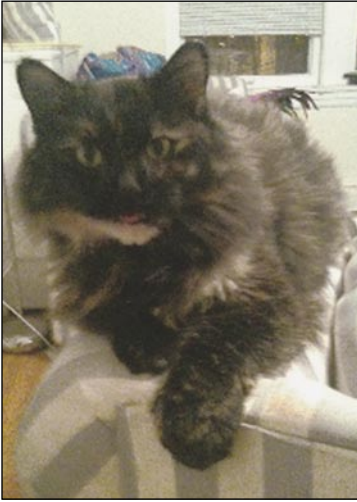
REMINDER.. Vaccinate and license your dog(s) and cat(s)!!!

CHS Vaccination Clinics are held at
Countryside, 2706 Chicory Rd., Racine,
twice a month on Thursdays (11am — 1 pm)

Check www.countrysidehumanesociety.org
or call (262) 554-6699 for updated clinic dates.

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Josephine...

I adopted Josephine, the tortoiseshell polydactyl, about a year ago. I recall being told she was a shelter favorite, and that updates would be appreciated. Since I'm in Chicago (and she HATES long car rides) I haven't been able to bring her but I do have several pictures that you guys may like.

Josephine is a happy happy cat, she's currently laying

on my CapsLock button [which fortunately, doesn't work] and has been purring non-stop since I woke up. Everyone loves her, even my allergic friends, and my dog-lover friends.

I'm so glad I was able to give her a home, she and I have become best friends. Since I moved out on my own, she's been the biggest cuddle-monster, purring 24/7 the second she hears my keys in the lock. Anyway, here are several pictures of her. I hope her friends at the shelter will enjoy!

— Tara Conneally,



Nadene Woilski writes about her adopted dog Yobo...

I just wanted to update you about Yobo (AKA Buzz). He is great! — Full of love, and affection. We are having a little problem with potty training but are working hard at it. Yobo loves to walk and prances about when he is outside. He loves to go on car rides and sleep under the covers with me. He's a great addition to our family and is loved so much.

—Thank you for choosing us.



Adoption photo

Laura Tomasek with her newly adopted dog Lucy. On the left is Countryside's mascot "DD" Both dogs were enjoying the fresh hair.

Thank you Countryside...

Dear Jenny & CHS Staff,

Thank you so much for helping and treating my pitbull puppy. Your company is a godsend and we wish you the best. I know animals are safe. Thank you for caring about my 3-week old puppy. May God bless you always.

—Cassandra Matson,
Beauty and her puppies



Jujubee came home Sunday afternoon. He was extremely skinny and still weak but for the first time in fived days, he wagged his tail when he saw me.

He is getting stronger every day and has an excellent appetite. We go for short walks, he rests a lot in between. — Alot of recovery to go but so glad he is home.

—Susan Peterson

Mirabel needs a home...

Mirabel's Christmas wish is to find a loving forever home.

This pretty, sweet-tempered young spayed female is about 2 years old. She is very affectionate, playful, gentle, and is considered a "lap" cat. A quiet, less-active home with

adults or a family with older children would be perfect.

If you are looking for a new companion, please consider Mirabel (ID 9011). For more information, please call Countryside at 554-6699.



Foster Homes: A Plea For Help

by Nancy Barke



Above are kittens Missy and Molly at the foster home of CHS president Marilyn Benson. Both kittens have found new homes as did their litter mates. Foster homes help give an animal a second chance for adoption.

Countryside is always in need of foster homes. Foster homes provide a buffer for shelters where animals can be taken care of outside the facility. Foster animals usually fall into a few different categories; the sick or injured that need recovery time, the young and nursing who still require their mothers, and the animals that require more socialization and care.

■ **What are foster homes?**—Foster homes are a person or family who provide temporary care and housing for an animal

Countryside attends Community Days at Gateway Technical College

RACINE—On Wednesday, May 19, Countryside volunteers Joyce Brown, Barbara Deering, and Marilyn Benson represented the shelter at Gateway’s annual Community Days. Countryside was one of over thirty-five Racine County agencies invited to the event.

Many Gateway students were not aware of the many services offers to the community.

On the right, Barb Deering speaks to Gateway student about pet owner responsibility as he pets the shelter’s mascot “CC” owned by CHS director, Jenny Jakes.

“CC” won over the public with her out-going and friendly personality.



outside of the shelter. A foster home is required to isolate the animal from their own pets which is typically accomplished by crating the animal or giving the animal their own room while staying with you. The reason for this is that there is always the possibility of an illness arising and we would not want your own pets at risk.

■ **What kind of animals would I foster?**—The most frequently requested foster home is for cats and kittens. Kittens are very susceptible to upper respiratory issues which are very common in the shelter environment. Removing them from the facility for some time typically helps clear it up, especially when they will be well monitored and loved. We also need care for kittens and puppies that are too young to remain at the shelter from time to time. Unfortunately, we also have some more severe cases that arise every so often regarding an injury or more complicated illness.

■ **What is required of me?** —There are a couple requirements to become a foster home, but please don’t let this deter you from applying. You must live in Racine County in order to become a foster family. If you own animals they must be up to date on vaccinations and spayed or neutered. Typically you must have a room or location to keep the shelter animals separate from your own. Other details are outlined in our foster information packet. You can pick one up from the shelter during our open hours! In recent months, Countryside has had a greater need for foster homes. We hope that by reading this article it will inspire animal-lovers with huge hearts (and a little bit of space) to foster. If you are interested in providing care as a foster family, please come to the shelter and fill out a CHS Foster Application.

You can make a difference for an animal that needs a little extra care and attention! (SEE the story about Maddie and her pups on page 5.)

The Story of Maddie, Prayer, and Boss

By Roy Hathaway



Above is a happy and healthy Maddie enjoying the fresh air outside at CHS.

On August 23rd a call came from the City of Racine P. D. Like so many other calls Countryside receives, this was a stray animal someone found and animal control was asked to respond. But unlike other nights this call was special. Humane officer Josh Holmes wasn't expecting to find a small whimpering ball of fur when he arrived.

In his cupped hands he held the young pup no older than four weeks olds. Snuggled in his arms the young female ceased her cry for help. Her prayer was answered, she was safe.

Prayer, as she was called, was taken away from her mother too young. At that age a puppy still needs to nurse so it can get the nutrients to grow into a strong young dog. With no mother in sight, she would need to be bottle fed for the first two days of entering the shelter. She couldn't stay though. A foster home was needed. That night Prayer went home with a CHS staff member.

The next day (August 24th) a woman entered with a pup in hand. Immediately we knew it was a litter mate of Prayer. Boss is what they had named him. He was in bad shape and not able to eat for quite some time. Boss was losing energy fast. (What many people may not know is that regular milk is not good for young pups.) They require a special formula close to their mother's milk. Puppies also need to be stimulated to eliminate.

Our staff, desperate to get more clues about how the woman acquired the animal, asked more questions. — A lead finally. Animal control had details and a location of where mom could be found. Humane officer Randy Lansbery was dispatched to get more information.

It is a sad fact that many people are unaware of how to care for an animal and end up mistreating it. In this case, the puppies were taken from their mom far too soon. Maddie, the puppy's mom, was surrendered to Countryside on August 25th. She came to us skinny, exhausted, and bewildered.

That afternoon Maddie was reunited with two of her pups, Prayer and Boss. Pups and mom were overjoyed to see one another. With no foster home available, one of our soft-hearted staff members volunteered to take them home.

Maddie, Prayer, and Boss are slated to re-enter the shelter for adoption. Hopefully they will find homes before this article is published.

Our wish is that after reading this story you will open your heart and home to help animals like these. — Won't you please consider becoming a foster home?

Want to Volunteer at Countryside Humane Society? by Nancy Barke

Countryside is always in need of volunteers for the many activities required to give the animals in our care the very best environment while they wait for their forever homes. The first step to becoming a volunteer is to fill out the application and then go through our orientation class.

On the volunteer form, the client will be asked to specify what days they are available to come to the shelter, and what activities they would feel comfortable performing. Some of the activities listed are: fund-raising committee work, assisting customers that visit the shelter, shelter clean-up, animal socialization, our annual dog washes, community activities, grounds maintenance, animal transportation, at home shelter projects, and foster care.

Our shelter currently has a great need for volunteers. We have set-up two orientation classes for the month of October, but our hope is that we will need to set-up additional classes during the month of October. At the orientation class, volunteers are schooled in the different aspects of kennel life. Our animals are grateful for the attention, walking, petting, and socialization that our volunteers provide, along with the treats and clean living quarters.

To become a volunteer, forms can be downloaded from our website at www.countrysidehumanesociety.org or stop .in at our shelter at 2706 Chicory Rd, Racine, WI. For more information please call us at 262-554-6699. — Ask for Nancy or Stacy.

Rain Garden Tour



On Saturday, September 11, Countryside was part of the Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee and Waukesha annual Rain Garden Tour.



CHS Photo Gallery



14th Annual Dog Wash

Saturday, July 17 volunteers helped raise money for the animals by washing over 78 dogs. This was the fourteenth year Dennis Stuart, owner of Havahart Pets, has sponsored the event.

Volunteers from Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, Racine Veterinary Hospital, Girl Scout Troops 5895 and Kate Unger's Troop, CHS staff members and volunteers were among those who helped make this event a success.

We also want to thank Julie and Darcy from Shaggy's Grooming who clipped dog's nails and cleaned ears.

Fran Walczak, president of Wizzy's Weiners, Inc. who provided refreshments and donated a percentage of the profits to Countryside.

Stein's Garden Center graciously donated extra hoses and water hook-ups which allowed our dog washers to keep the line moving!

This year's Dog Wash Fundraising Committee included Nancy Barke, Marilyn Benson, Joyce Brown, Liz Dahlstrom, Ray Dahlstrom, Rita Klinkhammer, and Terry Waschbisch.



CHS Open House

Saturday, August 21, 2010 Countryside held its annual Open House and Dog Wash

Pictured is CHS Director, Jenny Jakes (far left). Speaking to the group is adoption/screener, Sheron Rohner. Sheron explains to a family interested in adopting a dog Countryside's policies and procedures. An important part of Sheron's responsibilities as a screener, is to explain the care and "Do's" of training of a puppy or dog.

We also sold Lauren Birch® and Boyds® collectibles, and many other pet-related items donated by Bonnie Cohen.

CHS Volunteers were on hand to wash dogs for owners that missed the July wash.

Our thanks to volunteer Bev Wishau (for the refreshments) and all the volunteers who made the CHS Open House a success.



Memorials



IN MEMORY of beloved family and friends ...

Charlotte Aul—from Joanne Green, James Reinhofer, Ronald & Mardell Ferg, Cynthia Kornack, Barbara & Roger Nunet, Allen & Judith Walek, Cynthia & John Georgeson, Judith Nielsen, Jack & Karla Christensen, Thomas & Cynthia Langlois

Willadeen 'Billie' Ayers—from Goebel Family

Selwyn Blackstone—from Tom & MaryAnn Jent, Ron Kroll & Karen Tyykila, Robert & Faye Flancher, Sue Griego, Karen & Mark Peterson, Paul & Mary Ellen Kaster, Neil & Kathleen Hutchinson

Dorothy Clausen —from Friends of the Family and Mr. & Mrs. Gustavson

Cassandra Coley— from Philip & Sandra Gavin

Marion Ensing —from Mary Paetsch, Lynn & Bruce Robers, Thomas & Susan Johnson, Robert & Lenore Swoboda

Joanne Mary Ertel—from Gary & Judy Ertel, Jean Ertel, Debbie & Tim McGilsky, Dean & Janet Ertel

Jason Fanning—from Cheryl Sieg

Buddy Fodor—From August & Sally Dahl

Thomas W. Held—from Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Hirtz, Mr. & Mrs. Don Vena

Richard Kremen—from: Mazzie Family

Olive Mikus—from Juanita

Shirley Morelli Madden —from Mr. & Mrs. William Streeter, Jon Morelli

Ginny Peterson—from Bill Daft & Mary Reiss

Virginia L. Peterson—Mr. & Mrs. Richard Williams, Mary Lou Jensen, Mr. & Mrs. David Christensen, Virginia Hazlett

Ms. Lillian Reid—from Her Son and Phil Reid Family

Richard Selkurt—from Dan & Loretta Miner

Eleanor Thomsen—from Eleanor Thomsen estate

Tasha—from Cara Lewis

Betty Weidephul—Diane Battisti, Mr. & Mrs. David Nielsen, and Mr. & Mrs. Don Scheller

IN MEMORY of a beloved pet ...

“Gracious and her Kittens”—Robert & Pamela Jobson

IN HONOR OF special person or pet

Dorothy A. Clausen—from Lisa Toutant

Peter Jensen—from Barb Pinekenstein

Doctor Miller at Creature Comforts—from Paula Fiorita

Mosun Swager—from Lloyd & Sandy Swager

Geneva Swager—from Lloyd & Sandy Swager

Countryside's Wish List



For the shelter... We are hoping Santa will bring us a commercial dishwasher for the kennel kitchen. At a “How to control the spread of shelter diseases” class, our staff learned dog/cat bowls washed by hand can't be disinfected as well as by a machine. The veterinarian teaching the class recommended getting a dishwasher. The cost for a commercial dishwasher is almost \$4,000.

For the animals... Stainless steel cages on wheels, cat carriers & dog crates, stainless steel litter boxes. We can always use more grooming tools such as brushes, combs, hair dyes & etc.

The animals just love to get toys! Simple items like empty thread spools, small balls, and catnip toys are great for our kitties. We can use washable yarn too. (Barb, our volunteer, makes knitted toy mice and stuffs them with catnip.) Dogs and puppies really enjoy toys like the Buster Cubes, Dental Chew Bones, Kong® Goodie Bones. —For safety reasons, all toys must be durable and considered “indestructible”.

CHS can always use more towels! It seems like we never have enough. Towels don't have to be new or pretty colored. Light-weight blankets also work well for our larger dogs .

If you are thinking about donating cat or dog food, Countryside uses Healthwise®. We can also use food made especially for puppies and kittens, bird, gerbil, hamster, rabbit and exotic animals.

Cash donations are always welcome. Your tax deductible donation helps support the CHS Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic, Medical Emergency Fund, and allows Countryside to continue to offer affordable pet care for animals in need.

MEMORIAL FORM



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

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

**COUNTRYSIDE HUMANE SOCIETY
2706 Chicory Rd., Racine, WI 53403**

In Memory of: _____
(person or pet's name)

Relationship: _____
(friend, relative, pet)

From: _____
(your name or organization)

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Memorial Donation: \$ _____



Thank you for your donation.





COUNTRYSIDE HUMANE SOCIETY, INC.
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 Racine, Wisconsin 53403



**Countryside Humane Society
 Membership Application**

Yes, I would like to join Countryside Humane Society. Enclosed is my membership check.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Membership Classifications:

- Lifetime \$500 Individual \$15
- Corporate \$250 Youth \$ 5 (non-voting)
- Family \$ 25 Donation \$ _____

Please make check payable and send to:
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**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: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State & Zip _____

Phone: (_____) _____

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

Sponsored by: _____

or
 In Memory of: _____

Mail this form and your check to:
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