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MAPS UNLEASHED

FALL/WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER



Message from Karen Rau, Executive Director

Neglect and abuse. We all know it happens to innocent animals every day. It is something none of us want to think about. But unfortunately, we have seen our share of it at MAPS this year.

In June, Officer Larsen from Marshfield Police Dept was called to a home with complaints about a dog barking in the back of a van. Upon arrival he discovered a dog inside an enclosed carrier inside the hot van. Reports stated the dog could be heard barking for a few days. Officer Larsen removed the entire carrier from the van not knowing the condition of the dog inside. He also removed another dog from inside the home that was severely matted and in need of basic care.

As Officer Larsen left the home with the two dogs inside his vehicle, he called the shelter to give us a heads up about the situation. I remember the call as if it was yesterday. It was obvious by the tone of his voice that he was shaken by what he'd seen. When he arrived at the shelter, Officer Larsen and another individual carried the crate with the dog into one of our kennels.

We held our breath as they opened the crate door to see what would emerge.

Surprisingly, what came out was a happy pup relieved to be freed from his confinement. He was covered in his own feces and urine. The crate contained TWENTY pounds of feces and urine soaked blankets.

Neglect charges were filed against the owner. In August, we convinced the owner to surrender the dogs to us. Had the owner not surrendered them, the dogs would have sat at the shelter indefinitely until the court case was completed.

Dover and Bear have since been adopted and we can honestly say it was one of the happiest moments for all of us.

We are so grateful to be a safe haven for animals like Dover and Bear. A place where we can provide love and medical care for hundreds of neglected, abused and homeless animals every year. It is because of YOU and YOUR support that makes it possible. Donations are desperately needed to continue our lifesaving work. PLEASE DONATE!

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ANIMAL STORIES



It took a village to help our little girl Lainey. Her journey to MAPS began when a good samaritan driving through our area found her on the side of the road and worried she would get hit by a car. Unfortunately, no one came to claim her during her four day stray hold so we started the process to put her up for adoption.

Shortly after her arrival, we discovered she was a sick girl. We contacted Castlerock Veterinary Hospital who got her in right away to be seen by a vet. She was diagnosed with Pyometra, a serious infection of the uterus. Loyal Veterinary Service performed emergency surgery the next day to remove her uterus and we saw an immediate change in her health. This is one of many reasons why it is so important to spay and neuter pets as her condition was a result of not being spayed.



Others who helped our little Lainey was Avery at Pet Supplies Plus who gave her a much needed bath and haircut and Terry & Diane who loved her the moment they met her and adopted her. She is now Rosie named after Diane's mom.

So many caring people contributed to the wellbeing and safety of our Lainey and we are forever grateful to all involved.



Loki and Magnolia came to MAPS after being taken into custody by Marshfield Police Dept due to neglect and abuse. Magnolia, a 6 month old mixed breed pup, was a happy go lucky girl who adjusted well to her new surroundings at the shelter. Loki, a 10 month old Shar Pei was malnourished and afraid of his own shadow. With time and patience, we began to see a more confident and playful personality emerge. Both are now safe and warm in their new homes.



Lovingly referred to as grandma's kitties, these six sweet adult cats were brought to the shelter after family members realized nine cats in the home was too much for grandma to care for. The three other cats in the home received medical care, were spayed/neutered and vaccinated by MAPS then returned to grandma. We were happy to be able to assist this family with an extremely difficult and emotional situation.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Understanding Animal Intake

Every day we receive NUMEROUS requests from people wanting us to take in animals. Many are unwanted litters of kittens, cats/kittens found on people's property or pet surrenders. There's a lot that goes into the decision to take in an animal which reaches far beyond having an open cage to put the animal in. We evaluate each situation to determine the urgency. Is the animal sick or injured? Is it being cared for? Is it safe? How many animals do we already have in the building?



In addition to people contacting us to take in animals, we have obligations to our contracted municipalities and to any of our adopted pets that may need to be returned to the shelter. Contracted municipalities pay us to house stray animals found in their areas. We attempt to find their owners and if unclaimed, put them up for adoption. We need to ensure that we have space available at our facility when these animals are brought to us. Animal intake can range anywhere from 1 to 10 or more per day. Municipalities contracted with MAPS include: City of Marshfield (dogs & cats), Village of Spencer (dogs & cats), Townships of McMillan (cats), Lincoln (dogs), Richfield (dogs) and Rock (dogs & cats).

Our #1 priority is to the animals already in our care. At all times we must ensure those animals are receiving proper housing, medical care, attention, etc. The more animals we take in, the more we jeopardize the care our current animals receive. Our facility is at its animal capacity most of the year (April-Dec). More than 550 animals arrived at the shelter last year and we have already exceeded that number this year.



We do not have a large staff. We are operating at a capacity similar to other shelters our size that employ ten or more people. We only have four staff members. We work 7am to 8pm seven days a week. We have a WONDERFUL group of about 40 volunteers who help us with daily chores, but there is a huge amount of work only experienced staff members can perform. That includes returning calls and messages regarding adopting, fostering, surrendering, etc to name a few.

We do our best every day. We try to help every animal, every person the best we can. We offer resources to pet owners to help rehome their own pet, we have a pet supply pantry to assist pet owners, and we offer a waitlist for animals we cannot take in right away.

Your generous donations and support allow us to continue our lifesaving work.

Can we count on you to help us help them?



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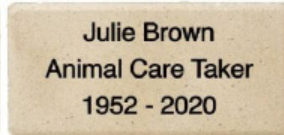
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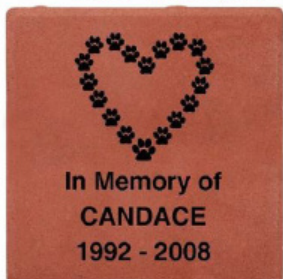
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4"x 8" Bricks (ALL COLORS AVAILABLE)



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4"x 8" Brick	\$150
8"x 8" Brick	\$280
12"x 12" Brick	\$340



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HOW YOUR SUPPORT HELPED ANIMALS FIND NEW HOMES



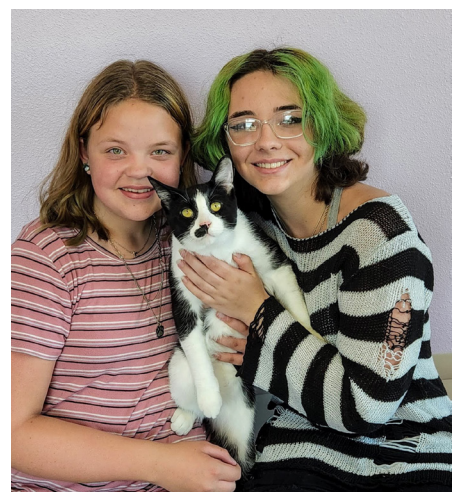
Dover, adopted 9/21/22



Bear, adopted 9/16/22



323 precious pets have been adopted so far in 2022





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THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Every year more than 600 homeless, sick and injured animals enter our doors.

Your support allows us the resources to provide a warm bed, a full belly, and medical care probably for the first time in their lives. YOU make it possible to reunite pets with owners and find loving homes for displaced animals. We could not do THIS without YOU!

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT THIS YEAR! Your donation will be matched up to \$10,000!

From the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU!**

Please DONATE and remember to spay & neuter and microchip your pets!



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