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News, views and updates from the Pet Crisis Center



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MY FRIENDS**

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Mission Statement

Protecting and teaching compassion for the animals in Antrim County.

Center Hours

Tuesday - Saturday 10-Noon
Closed Monday and Sunday

Annual Events

12th Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, May 23, 2015

15th Annual Chili Cook Off and Silent Auction

Sunday, October 25th, 2015

Look for other WaLHFMF events throughout the year.

WaLHFMF loves to hear from adults and kids! Send us your stories, jokes, drawings, and pictures.

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Keep a copy for yourself, entries can not be returned.

Visit our GREAT adoptable
PETS at Petfinder.com
and WaLHFMF.org

You can also Donate Online!



WaLHFMF' Adoptions all over Michigan!

With a Little Help From My Friends' Pet Crisis Center has gained a following and now many people are willing to drive hours to come meet and adopt their new family member.

Thanks to the website, people from all over the state can fill out a pre adoption form and be approved to adopt before making the sometimes long drive to meet their pet. If it is a match then the animal may leave with them that day.



Sites like Facebook and Petfinder make it possible for the center's animals to be seen all over.

Two of these boys are now residents of the Upper Peninsula, another is living in Royal Oak and the fourth is in Gaylord.



ADOPT-A-PET!

Ben is a sweet 6 month old kitten. He loves to play and watch everything going on in the cat room.

Ben has been neutered, is up to date on shots, and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.



President's Corner



I am always totally amazed at the results of some of the cats and especially the dogs that come into the center. When I come in and meet

some of them for the first time I'm thinking, how are we ever going to be able to place this animal? With all the animals out there looking for a home, who would choose this one? Some of the animals come in so overweight or scared. I can't imagine someone taking this dog home to a family and saying, "this is our new pet." Then there are animals at the other extreme that steal cell phones off of the desk and bury them out in the yard, or chew a big hole in the drywall, or grab the bedding off of the beds and shred it to pieces. I'm thinking, this dog may never be able to leave and may have to live out its whole life at the center "Yikes!"

But Mona and Jenna immediately start researching and locating information on what may calm the animal. Or, what is the best way to get the weight off this animal whose loving owner showed love by over feeding and no exercise. Sometimes, these remedies don't work and by then I'm thinking double "yikes!". Thank goodness they don't give up. They try something new until all of a sudden nothing is damaged at the center this week, no bedding was shredded, or we took so and so to the vet this week and he is 6 lbs from his ideal weight and so excited to go for his daily walks now. The best pay off is after these animals are placed in a loving home and we get feedback that this is the best pet they have ever had, so smart and well behaved, acts just like a person, fits in so well with our family, and they are so happy to have found this wonderful animal.

Thanks for listening,
Heather Knust
President



— Wish List —

Below is our winter wish list for items the sanctuary will need to keep stocked. Any donation is appreciated and needed!

- Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies Gaylord gift cards (989) 731-4200
- Cat beds
- Cat & Dog toys
- Cat & Dog treats (nutritional ones)
- Dishwasher tabs
- Laundry soap
- Extra large heavy trash bags
- Fleece blankets or material
- Money for pet supplies
- Postage stamps
- Recycled newspaper cat litter
- Thick paper towels
- Medical services pre-paid at North Country Veterinary Services
- Motivated volunteers ☺

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Shop at AmazonSmile
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my friends...*

~John Lennon



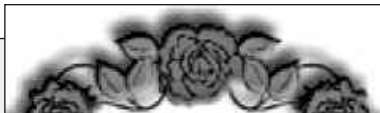
Laser Therapy

I suppose that most of you grew up like I did watching Star Trek's Dr. McCoy using a hand-held treatment device to zap a patient and quickly return them to perfect health. While we are not quite that advanced yet, it sure seems like we are getting close. Since purchasing our new K-Laser therapy device a few weeks ago, we have been seeing some miraculous results from this small, high-tech device.

While it does not look all that impressive (it resembles a small red flashlight tethered to a large calculator), our therapy laser has already done some very impressive work! For example, we have a patient named Sparky. He's a dog with very serious dental disease. He's been battling this painful problem for years and has required antibiotics almost continuously. Since starting laser therapy, Sparky has improved dramatically and his smile is back for the first time in a long time. Raven is another patient that has had her life changed with laser therapy treatments. Raven is a very nice show horse that had her career cut tragically short last winter when she injured her back (probably from slipping and falling in her paddock). Raven was treated with pain medication, lots of rest, chiropractic manipulation and several other types of treatment but nothing seemed to be helping. As the weeks ticked by, she was getting more stiff and sore and we were out of options. Her owner planned to have her euthanized before the snows come this fall. We started laser therapy in one last attempt to save her life and relieve her condition. After just one treatment, Raven improved more than she had in months. Now, after seven treatments in recent weeks, she walks without pain, can trot and run and is starting to rebuild her muscles. She is pain-free and very happy... her owner is simply overjoyed to have her beautiful mare returning to her old self!

So how does this technology work? Our K-Laser Cube is one of the most advanced laser therapy devices on the market. It uses multiple beams of infrared laser light to improve healing

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In Memory Of

Memory of Francis L McKeon
Kathleen and Morris

Memory of Albert W. Wagner
Amy, Ian, Pam, Lisa, Scott and Claudia
Donald and Jean Haller
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Saline
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Our Beloved Grandmother
Jenna, Randy, Shana, Billy and Cheryle

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Kathleen Graham

Miss you Mom!
Love, Mona, Sandi and Bill

Linda Spice
Friend of Kathleen and Morris Meow

Cats - Aero and Smith
Donald Gaskell

Smokey
Joe and Debbie Witowski

Xena- 15 year old Sheperd
Lynda Wolf and Gene Masta

Be'Be and Lollipop my angel kittys
Kathleen McKeon

Maya

Diane Arietta and Daryl Walton

My beloved Shih Tzu, Muffy
Rose Sloat

Wallace
Janet Prote

Deklin
Marne and Joann Homberg

Simba, our Golden Retriever
Jerry and Janice Drost

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Beloved cats to Bill and Sue Johnson
Tom and Connie Kiessel

Touchdown Cassie
July 7, 1997-September 2, 2014
Mark and Viv Winn

Katherine Maxine Martin
Eileen Burgess

Our Little Girl Libby, deeply missed
Russ and Vivian Cecil

Keley
Ann Devergilo

Naomi –
You were a great friend and Mentor,
Mona

Oreo, we are so happy you got to
spend your last 7 years off a chain
and on our couch
Minish Family

In Honor Of

Marilyn Murray
Charles Lowrie

Hannah
Marne and Joann Homberg

Tabby Stilson's Birthday
Amy Beehler

Lily, Bo, Sonny, PB, CeCe,
Itty and Duke
Torch Lake Tree Pro –
Michael and Lori Brandt

Maureen Frey
Jean Engstrand
Celia and John Hasting

Tammie Stead:
Who loves and cares for my dogs
Audrey Glander

Happy Birthday, Dad!!
We love you
Kirby, Brian, Fiona, Jackie and Angus

Alice –
Formerly Peter the Rabbit
Robert and Melynda Bagley

Leaving a Legacy to the Pet Crisis Center

What is it that you want to be remembered for? Is your love of animals one of them? A bequest is an easy way to do that. This can be made through your will or trust in any of these ways:

- Specific dollar amount
- Percentage of your estate
- Specific assets
- Residue of your estate

For more information contact
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Happy Endings & Happy Times Here at the Center!



Late this summer Finnigan was found in Ellsworth after being attacked by an owl, he was taken to North Country Veterinary Services for medical attention. When no one claimed him, Finn was brought to the center to recover from his 8 puncture wounds and 4 drain ports in his face. Once the healing started, Finn began to show his darling personality. In October the Miller family came out to meet him. Finn's personality and striking good looks quickly won over his new family. His new jobs are to snuggle and entertain everyone with his shenanigans. His wild west days of owl wrangling are behind him and he now enjoys being a house cat!



Panda is happy living the good life with the Steiner family. He is spoiled whether it's sleeping on beds or taking pontoon rides on Torch Lake in the summer.



Sage takes a break from playing in the backyard to snuggle with volunteer Bret Dewey. Sage is available for adoption.



Penny enjoyed taking selfies off the iPads at the center but now is too busy for technology. She spends her days racing around the Brown home and creating mischief with her sister Minny.



Ebby found the perfect spot to relax at her home with Jan and Bob Massey.



Callie and Snuggles could not have found a better home, they now spend their days snuggled up with their sister in Megan Nelson's home.



Morris, adopted by Kathleen McKeon, loved his visit to Dr. Randy McCoy of Elk Rapids Animal Hospital. What cat can say that!?!



Luke is such a good sport as the volunteers play dress up with him on a rainy day. Luke is still looking for a loving home



Conrad took time out of his busy summer with the Brady family to take a dip in the lake.



Finley is growing up with Malorie Proctor. He can't wait to show her what a big boy he will be.



Forest is loving his new life with the Kerrigan-LaGrand family, complete with two wonderful kids to grow up with.



After raising 6 puppies, Gracie is enjoying the good life with Marcia Bingham and Jerry Levesque.

Piper (on the left) takes the time out of her busy life with Brian and Debbie Horn to play with her cousins.



Marlee takes it easy in the loving home of Diane Areitta and Daryl Walton.



Sophie did not stay long at the center before the Johnson family found her. They just knew she would be great friends with their lab Lily.



Russell found his loving home due to the center's wonderful support on Facebook. When Jackie Steamlow spotted him she just knew he would be a great friend for her son Tommy!



Thanks to the great word of mouth from our volunteers, Tiger found a loving home with Jodi and Bill Hefferon. He lives next door to Conrad, talk about a bonus!



Tori was adopted from WaLHFMF long before the building was here. Ten years later she is still very happy with Jill Shannon, and Jill is beyond happy with her.



Biscuit is cherished by the Thompson family, never having to look far for snuggle time.



Thor left the center as a 9 week old puppy, and as you can see, has turned into a very nice dog. That is all thanks to the support he received growing up with the Schroeder family.

From the Front Lines

by Jenna Minish, Center Coordinator

This summer I made a huge life decision. We got a puppy. You would think working at the center would give me a heads up on raising a puppy and, although I felt slightly prepared, clearly I had no idea how life changing this little fur ball would be.

As my co-fur parent and I mulled over the decision to add a dog to our family, the first question that came up was adult or puppy? That decision was quickly made, not because puppies were cuter but because our main dog sitter has two dogs that need to help raise a puppy in order to welcome her into their pack. And we needed our dog sitter!!

As we spent our weekends finishing a fenced in yard and researching breeds we started to get a feel of what kind of dog would fit into our lives. We knew that we wanted a dog that could handle adventures like hiking and playing in the water. We wanted a dog that cherished being around her family. A couch snuggler was a requirement for those cold, winter nights. My evenings turned into searching the internet for just the right puppy.

When all was said and done, we found our precious 9lbs of blond fur in the local paper, there nestled in the pet section was

an ad for free lab mix puppies. Now properly named Saige, a darling lab golden retriever mix, she is just perfect. Quickly, after we welcomed Saige into our home the center welcomed a golden retriever and her 4 puppies, mixed with a black lab. These 4 week old little boys looked like the black version of our blondie at home. Clearly, they were adorable.

As the pursuit to find perfect puppy homes started, I realized that I had a stronger than normal desire to interrogate these homes. I wanted to make sure they had really thought through a puppy. My concerns were not their ability to potty train or even making it through the horrid puppy biting stage, it was months down the road. The number one age group of dogs relinquished to animal control is 6-12 months, the teenage years. This is the jumping, couch eating, testing boundaries age when so many people crack. Now that we were working our very hardest to train Saige how to become a great dog, I needed to make sure these puppy homes were invested beyond potty training. Everyone wants their puppy to turn into a great dog but this takes dedication. As I kept my over bearing questions to a minimum, I had the opportunity to talk



with wonderful families and I am happy to say all 4 of the boys found homes with dedicated fur parents.

I hope these families are breathing in every moment, as it goes quickly. You need every snuggle time to get you through the shoe destruction and selective hearing. Raising a puppy is a life changing event but I have no doubt it can be one of the best. Saige will not be our last dog and not even our last puppy (however my shoe collection says otherwise), but she will be the one that started it all and helped us learn what it was like to be great fur parents. And for that she has paved the trail for all the future tail wagers to join our family.

Laser Therapy

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time, reduce pain and speed the recovery of damaged tissue. Treatments are short, usually 3-5 minutes, and painless. The laser works on a cellular level to increase metabolism, increase cellular blood flow, oxygen, and nutrition. These cellular effects result in decreased pain, less swelling and inflammation and improved healing time. Laser therapy was first used in the 1970s in Europe and is very well studied and proven effective. In the U.S., the FDA approved laser therapy in 2002.

Laser therapy is useful for virtually any condition that is painful or involves inflammation. Joint pain from arthritis and hip dysplasia, wounds, fractures, even medical conditions such as bladder infections and asthma respond well. All of our surgical incisions are now treated with laser to improve post-operative healing time.

Being in the medical field for over thirty years, I am continually amazed at how things have changed. We are using regenerative medicine like platelet-rich plasma and stem cell therapy to help patients cure themselves. Now we are very successfully using lasers to decrease pain, inflammation and radically improve healing.

Star Trek really is not that far off... Beam me up, Scotty!

Dr. Chris Randall, DVM
North Country Veterinary Services
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Ella Nash from Jackson, Wyoming made and sold jewelry during the summer at Stuff & Such in Elk Rapids while visiting her grandparents Pat and Jack Koch. All her proceeds went to the Pet Crisis Center. Thank you for thinking of the animals Ella!

Many Thanks to our Hardworking Volunteers for all the time, love, and tears they give for the cause. And to the following businesses and individuals.

- **Antrim County Animal Shelter** for their continued support.
- **Antrim County Businesses** for their support of the Silent Auction and other events.
- **Antrim County Residents** for their outpour of support!
- All the **Antrim County Restaurants** that kindly donate chili for our cook-off every October.
- **Antrim County Review** for their help with advertising.
- **Antrim County Veterinarians** for their dedication to the cause.
- **Bellaire Chamber** for their continued support of all events.
- Jack Bodis of **Creative Characters** in Central Lake for his help in the formatting and printing of this newsletter.
- **Carrie Dewey and Family** for all the photos, videos and their dedication to the animals.
- **Chris and Merrie Corbett** for their continued support.
- **GT Industries-Mancelona** for their volunteer hours.
- Christian Randall DVM and staff from **North Country Veterinary Services of Ellsworth** for all their compassionate work.
- **Scotty Bruce** and the Spring 2013 Ellsworth High School Marketing Class for their help creating a new website.
- **Tammy Stead** of Bellaire for grooming the center's pets.
- **Village Markets** for support and donations of community cash.
- **Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies** in Gaylord for their donations and support!

ADOPT-A-PET!



Stevie is a year and a half old and has a great personality! He likes people, other cats and quiet dogs. Stevie has been neutered, tested negative for FEL & FIV and is up to date on shots.



This nice girl is Keeka. She is 5 years old and a great companion dog. Keeka appears to be a collie/hound mix and loves her walks. She is spayed and up to date on shots. A fenced in yard is required to adopt Keeka.



Curry is a 1 year old Catahoula Leopard/ Mountain Cur. She loves other dogs, cat and kids. Curry is spayed and up to date on shots. A fenced in yard is required for adoption.

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If you save your receipts (including gas receipts)
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Rapid City Village Markets, please mail them to:

WaLHFMF' Pet Crisis Center

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will be donated to the center.*

*"I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights.
That is the way of a whole human being"*

—Abraham Lincoln



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