

Copper Country Humane Society Shelter Tails, News & Events

Fall/Winter 2021-2022

Together We DO Make a Difference!

What does dedicated staff plus incredible supporters equal? Over 800 animals helped this year at CCHS. The COVID 19 pandemic has brought many changes to CCHS over the past 18 months. We had to be closed to the public much of the time. Volunteer help was very limited. We had to pivot from live fundraising activities to virtual events to raise money to help the animals. Your support really helped us get through this difficult time. We thought you would love to know more about CCHS and how together we help the animals in our care.

What does CCHS do exactly? As a shelter, we handle the stray dogs within the community and receive animals affected by state cruelty and neglect laws. We also take in pets that are dropped off by their owners for various reasons. CCHS is also an animal rescue organization. We are essentially the “safe haven” for dogs and cats for whatever reason, do not have a home. One example would be when their owner passed away and they become homeless.

CCHS provides a temporary home for animals until they are adopted into permanent homes.

Our dedicated staff works diligently behind the scenes caring for the dogs and cats at the shelter. Each day they arrive early in the morning and are greeted by 40-60 cats and dogs just

waiting to be let out and fed. They clean and sanitize kennels, cat rooms, office area and bathrooms. They pick up, haul and deliver all the necessary supplies needed at the shelter. The staff then returns in the



evening to do it all over again. It is not a glamorous job, but our staff is the definition of an “essential worker.”

The staff is also trained to administer medications, vaccinations and other medical treatments to the dogs and cats. They assist the public by phone, email, social media, answering questions, concerns, setting up appointments and helping with lost and found animals. They provide transport to and from veterinary appointments, respond to emergency animal situations. They often assist in live trap rescue measures for animals that are too afraid to come to people.

It takes many hours and physical work each day to get this all accomplished. Our wonderful staff and shelter manager make a difference in the lives of homeless animal by showing up to CCHS every day. **YOU make CCHS possible by supporting CCHS and all we do for the animals! *THANK YOU for making a difference!***

Happy Holidays





10,000 lb Food

3,200 vaccinations

**\$100,000 in medical
and veterinary care**

**16,000 lb
cat litter**

Basic cleaning supplies—2,600 garbage bags,
350 bottles of bleach, 730 rolls of paper towel and
500 bottles laundry soap.

**Thousands of
animals helped
each year!**

Community Programs
\$6,000 spay/neuter assistance
800 low cost vaccinations



Thank you!



How important are your donations?

From the outside looking in, it can be difficult to know the impact of a donation. To the animals, the gift is literally a lifesaver. Private donations are the backbone of CCHS. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to operate a shelter, rescue animals or provide assistance programs for the community. It all adds up to saving lives and giving second chances for a good life.

Medical care is our number one expense.

Stray and homeless animals often arrive at the shelter in pretty rough shape. Everything from infections to untreated allergies to more serious injuries and illnesses like lyme disease or heartworm. Some animals require emergency surgery while others need long term care and medication. We also provide routine vet care for the animals that come to CCHS which includes spay/neuter, microchips and vaccinations. Medical care is essential to saving animals. We are fortunate to work with the local Veterinary Clinics who provide CCHS with discounted services but it is still a huge expense.



Photo - Jager receiving medical care for distemper .

A donation doesn't have to be cold hard cash; it can be purchasing a t-shirt, participating in our raffles/sweepstakes, or simply sharing our stories on social media. It can be organizing a local fundraising event. Donating your time as a volunteer, joining our membership or become a board member are also ways to give back. Every method of donation is important, and not just financially but emotionally, too. When we know we have supporters that share our passion, we can push through the work, exhaustion, sometimes heartache, but continue to make a difference.

Just Me & My Mom



Hi, I'm Moose! Former resident at the CCHS and let me tell you, I got out! I travelled a long way down to the city to live with my new human! It has been so great to have a home and a big yard to run around in. I have also made so many new friends here! I live with a cat. I want to play with her, she just isn't quite ready for my energy level just yet. My best friend, Hunter, who is also a humane society grad, is so fun to play with, and he even hosted a birthday party for my 1st Birthday! We have lots of fun wrestling and chasing each other.

My human and I go on lots of new adventures. We find new trails to hike each week and go for nice long walks. We meet so many interesting humans and so many of them tell me they love my ears! Not sure why that is?

Our evenings are spent relaxing and watching tv, where I always find the best seat in the house...on my human's lap of course! And I tell you, she doesn't even notice, well that is until I give her all those kisses.

I want to thank everyone at CCHS for the care they gave me and helping me find my fur-ever home! My human tells me "I won the lottery with adopting you" though I think it was me that won! We make a pretty great pair! Good luck to all my shelter pups and cats on finding your special human and home! **Kerri & Moose**

Saving Selena

Selena came to CCHS after being found as a stray in Indiana. The shelter she was at was over capacity, so CCHS stepped in to assist.

She was kind of a grump and didn't want much to do with anyone. Soon after her arrival, we noticed she limped a little. Selena's x-rays showed a severe break in her leg. No wonder she was a little grumpy. Sadly, the break was very old but a bad break, and could not be repaired. Selena needed to have her leg amputated.

After the amputation, Selena healed up quickly and became a completely different cat. She was spunky and fun loving. Having three legs never slowed her down. She could run and jump with the best of them, getting on top of kennels and cat towers, getting the zoomies, and racing around like any 4-legged cat.

She became our office cat and would be the official greeter whenever someone came into the shelter. After 8 months with CCHS and fully recovered from her amputation, we are happy to share she was adopted. A local man met her, and he was smitten by her and her spunky attitude.

Devyn said, "she's warming up on her terms. My favorite moment so far is when she jumps in my lap. I did a slow introduction with my other cat (Selena was never a fan of other felines) and they are doing well. The cats are now waking to the food bowls for breakfast side by side." **A win-win for Devyn and Selena**



Congratulations Paul Langer - Winner 2021 Coffee Table Raffle



Mr. and Mrs. Langer are the proud owners of one of Dave Stimac's beautiful coffee tables (featured in photo). Paul Langer won the 2021 coffee table. Dave and Diana Stimac of Alberta, MI (owners of Nature's Way Woodworking) have hand-crafted 14 beautiful birds eye maple & gem coffee tables, valued at \$4,000 each and donated them to CCHS over the past 14 years. They have helped us raise over \$140,000 for CCHS and the animals! AMAZING!

Thank you does not even begin to share how much we appreciate the Stimac's kindness and generosity. We are so fortunate to have them supporting our mission to help animals. Also, thank you to all the people who bought tickets in hopes of winning this gorgeous table.



Sponsor a Pet this Holiday Season



Are you looking for the perfect gift to get someone this holiday season? This year give the gift of life! Through our holiday sponsorship you can sponsor one of our amazing animals in honor of those on your holiday shopping list. Go to our website donation page, click the link "Sponsor A Pet." You will be able to choose the amount of your sponsorship, designate a one time or reoccurring payments and share the name of person you are honoring with this amazing gift. Their name will proudly be displayed with the animal you choose on our website - adoption page and home banner. CCHS will also send them a card to let them know that you helped save a life in their honor.

Your holiday gift will help provide care for the sponsored animals. Many of our rescued dogs and cats have medical expenses that far exceed their adoption fee. Your gift helps offset those expenses and helps us care for more animals every day at CCHS. **Your kindness and generosity save lives.**

2021 Spring/Summer Sponsors

Northern Lights Clubhouse
Check and Cash Houghton
Holly Emmert & Bruno
Taylor Neeper
Linda Matthews
The Rose Family
Kellie Wright Lutter

Caroline Penny
Raeanne Lee Madison &
Josh Mayo
Roger & Teresa Woods
Lisa Gordillo
Connie Gaff



In Honor of..... Given By: Person

Becki Clouthier..... Deborah Winkler
Ronald Ranta Michael & Candace Schmitt
Denise Kennedy..... Janice Kramer
Paul Hill..... Jerry & Pat Ovist
Judy Mitrovich..... Mason Kavesky & Jeanne Marie Sierant
Borto & Peg Bartimioli..... Kim Maki
Dan, Shellie & Ty Crisman... Tom & Robbyn McKie Holzworth
Naomi Carrier Amy Carlson
Mike Needham..... Harold Needham
Alyse & Kevin's Wedding.... G\$ & Katrina
Alyse & Kevin Nadia Maddens
Steve - Happy Birthday..... Jim & Sandra Giordano
Ej, Wyatt, Lilou, Nellie & Frankie..... Neil & Jean Hutzler
Emilia & Brian Doughty's Wedding..... Amy Marcarelli & Jamey Anderson



In Honor of..... Given By: Pet

Celine Robert Dion
Bokee Jack & Sandy Siegmeyer
Abby..... James & Ellen Lahti
Butterscotch Gretchen Janssen
Bood..... Lynn Anderson
Orion (Josh)..... Roger & Teresa Woods
Mittens David & Linda Fredrickson
Millie..... Robert & Sarah Baratonio
Taffy & Latara Evelyn Goke
Jack, Happy & Chibs..... Shane & Sandy Place
Moose..... Julie Carson
Lulu Robby Berman
Avalon..... Nadia Maddens



What a Difference They Made



Hats off to girl power! We would like to give a huge shout out and thank you to Theta Chi Epsilon for volunteering at the shelter for Make A Difference Day. This amazing group of ladies hauled and spread 6,000 pounds of gravel into our dog pens, took apart our large concrete garden in the front, stacked all of the bricks and spread the dirt. Of course, they also got some playtime in with the cats and dogs! Also, thank you to Walmart in Houghton for donating a ton of snacks and soda for this event! What great teamwork!



CCHS Memorials



In Loving Memory of Given By: *Person*

Hartley & Esther Roberts Kay Roberts
Charles & Diane Roberts Kay Roberts
Melvin Braun Thomas Braun
James Kennedy Janice Kramer
Doris Riedel Donna Archambeau
Edward & Jacqueline Trancik Robert Carlton
Eric & Cindy Trail Max Koppernolle
David Korhonen Christine Korhonen
James Kennedy Wes & Barb Hauswirth
Sue McLean Frank & Sharon Stipech
Brian McLean Doug & Shelby Hamar
Brian "Slim" McLean Catherine Emblad
Helen Pakkala Janet Kokko
James Yankovich Baraga Correctional Dept.
Robert Patterson Enid Zappa
Del Harma Marlene St. Clair
Helen B. Mary Ala
Barbara A. Maki Sulo Maki
Bill & Marilyn Sorvisto Don & Kimberly Sorvisto
Brian Wadaga Peggy Wadaga
Catherine Dion Robert Dion
Daisy Richmond Patrick & Carol Marinich
Dave Masters Henry & Sharon Juntunen
Gladys Irene Schutz Alfred & Christine Vezzetti
Gladys Irene Schutz Sherry Ruotsala
Joan Stewart Jack & Sandy Siegmeier
Mary Stafford Robert & Vicki Boyer
Richard Trudgeon Barbara Trudgeon



In Loving Memory *Eleanor Sutinen*

Edward & Marianne Coon
Martin & Karen Sutinen
Norma Perry
Joe & Jud Beveridge and
Rosemary Beveridge
MTEFCU
Andrew & Lora Perreault
Michelle Sutinen
Paula Lucier
Brian Anderson
Kerstin Henry

In Loving Memory *Jeanette Kujala*

CRASIF Family
Tim & Kerri Sleeman
Janet Wise
Carol Waisenen
Joseph & Nona Anttila
County Road Commission

In Loving Memory of Given By: *Person*

Robert Patterson Betty Aebli
Robert Veaser Betty Aebli
Wes Laitila Susan Laitila
John Messner Frank & Sharon Stipech
Jim Makela Ruth Clymer
Max Clymer Ruth Clymer
Walt Archambeau Ruth Clymer
James M. Kyllonen Ray & Claire Kolehmainen
Bertha Heusinkveld Jane Ardapple
Kathy Tekely Trudy & Shea McGrew
Michael Jutila Carol Jutila
James Burcar Jack & Donna Laux
Zora Zubina Jennie Fett
Millie Neph David & Linda Fredrickson
James Burcar Copper Country Ford
Shane Odgers Dale & Judy Odgers
Melanie Carlson Dale & Judy Odgers
Tom & Cleo Von Batchelder Frederick Von Batchelder
Jack & Mary Malmberg Miriam Dobrofsky
Steven Kela Mr. Arlene Kela
Jim Greene Pam Berdal
Steve Jamps Shirley Clark
Arlen John Memorial Chapel Funeral Home
Tim Halkola Craig Morris & Kay O'Connor
Chase Crisman Tom & Robin McKie Holzworth
Erland Narhi Clyde & JoAnn Narhi
Adele Becker Esther Voght

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CCHS Memorials



In Loving Memory of..... Given By:

Person

Dante Lacovani Kenneth Seaton
 Dante Lacovani Maximilian & Mary Ann Seel
 Dante August Lacovoni Ronald & Lou Ellyn Helman
 Jeanette Kujala Dorothy Douros
 Kerry & Steve Tempa Shirley Clark
 Tracy Nancy Anderson
 Tracy Major Ret. Richard Anderson
 Tracy Alex & Sue Stepp
 Tracy Kathy Hinkfuss
 Virginia Jamison Kendall & Wolf Families
 Patricia Fisher..... Nancy Barr
 Patricia Fisher..... Carol Waisanen
 Brian Wright..... Kellie Wright Lutter
 Brian Wright..... Bryan Hann
 Brian Wright..... Bill & Nancy Lepisto
 Ray Heinonen..... John Heinonen
 Ray Heinonen..... Joanne Heinonen
 Carman Buzzo Wendy Wiinamaki
 Rita Carey..... MaryFran Desrochers
 Jill VanderMeer..... Nancy Martin
 Carol Sickler..... Great Lakes Mutual Ins. Co.
 Helen Pakalla..... Anne Beffel
 Jack & Mary Malmberg..... Mary Lagina
 Shane Odgers & Melanie Carlson....Becki Clouthier
 Richard Lantz Bill & Judy Smith
 Dr. William P. Francis..... Cynthia Francis
 Tim Halkola..... Chuck Ouellette

& Bernadette Yeoman-Ouellette

Charles Sullivan Scott Sullivan
 Charles Sullivan Tatyana Safford
 Charles Sullivan Deborah Halverson
 Leah Gomez Leah's Friend
 Jack Laux Lindsey Hudson
 Jack Laux Mike & Lynn Shiroda
 Gladys Tapio Patricia Drehobl

Pets

Cat Melissa Gurchinoff
 Lil One Pamela Pyrmk
 Wendy Keith & Valorie Troesch
 Mochi Patricia Grosse Brewer
 Fifi Lisa Chappell
 Garth..... Alivia, David
 & Elliot Cordelia
 Fifi..... Carol & Pop
 Jade..... Catherine Steigerwald
 Heather & Sophie Jeffrey & Julie Stricker
 Abner "Abs of Steel" Michelle Danielson
 Sammy..... Bill & Peggy Jackson
 Lucy David & Carol Waisanen
 Hazel Don Ash
 Zero Finn Laconis
 Moose..... Anna McClatchy
 Harley..... Patricia Carlson
 Manu Maneesha Pandit
 Tuffy 1, Tuffy 2 & WilsonMike & Debbie Tchida
 Porter.....Carol Chappell & Pete Kamarainen



In Loving Memory Alice Reynolds

David Lanala
 Kenneth & Nancy Lassila
 Shirley Outinen
 Robert & Carla Banfield
 Jerry & Kathy Purri
 Joan Williams
 Joseph & Linda Watson
 Britney Ekdahl
 Kurt & Kris
 Brian & Megan Ross
 Ross & Debbie Berryhill
 Virginia Diroff

In Loving Memory Gretchen Drew Denike

Arlene Kemppainen
 Terrance & Barbara
 Tatarchuk
 Hugo & Rene Lehto
 Scott McGlue
 Richard Newland
 Uncle CW & Aunt Sue
 Diego & Eileen Martinez
 Sharon Kakraisek
 Grant Sininger
 Kimberly Vandercook
 Stephanie Allen
 Mike Figliomeni
 William Jahoda
 Andrea Olsen
 Mary Cella
 Curt & Roxane Wanhatalo
 Deborah Robillard
 Mike Bianco & April
 McMahon
 Duane Fedie
 Dick & Trix
 Fred & Sharon Sprague
 Mike, Sandy, Mikie,
 Brielle, Christian & Brielle
 Lytikainen

In Loving Memory Douglas Welker

Biruta Lowther
 Patrick & Susan Martin
 Mike & Mary Wagner
 Linda Matthews
 Eloise Haller
 Amy Hughes

In Loving Memory James Kyllonen

Laura Wilson
 Kelly Luck
 Paul & Sharon Pietila
 Mary Tarbox

In Loving Memory of..... Given By:

Pets

Impi Rodger & NancyLu Arola
 Lucy Don & Carol Carli
 Linus & Valentina Thomas & Janet List
 Greta..... Christine Korhonen
 Lily Robert & Vicki Boyer
 Alec Paul Kaurala & Jean Perala
 Alice Rich Shoeder
 Buddy..... Elizabeth Hiltunen
 CC Joseph & Doris Galetto
 Charlie David & Vicki Chesney
 Deja William & Sally Anderson
 Eowyn Cooke Angela D. Cooke
 Harley..... Norman Inghram
 Kinsey Steven & Erin Juntunen
 Max Wesley Kemppainen
 Princess & Precious..... Joseph & Marjorie Banovetz
 Quincy Roger & Sandy Rintala
 Rusty Dan & Sue Wohlleber
 Sally Karen Dugdale
 Scruffy..... Mark Marosi
 Shadow..... Elizabeth Benyi
 Tiny Michael D'Angelo
 Archer & Tevo Marsha Rosenberg
 Aussie, Cooper & Kozzi..... Joanne Moros
 Bob & Skitter Leon Pechawer
 Huggie, Millie, Scruffie & Diesel....James & Joy Ziem-nick
 Max & Izzy Michael & Candace Schmitt
 Nicky & Nelly Carol Kirkish
 Rosie & Ginger..... Larry & Judith Binoniemi
 Skylar & Snuggles..... Beverly Berg
 Taylor & Trixie Jason & Carrie Tapani
 Thorne & Abby Theresa Hamlin
 Misty, Sheba, Ginger & Oscar Michael & Barbara Mortl
 Cheddar Julia Clayton
 Riggs Mary Long
 Tasha & Trudy Mr. Donald R. Mattson
 Cassie & Emily..... Roberta Schultz
 Max John & Jean Pemberton
 Ned..... Jon & Carole Ahola
 Casey James & Eileen Balagna
 Tasha & Midnight Evelyn Goke
 Bella Donna Rangus
 Bella Paul & Lorraine Tomasi
 Jackson & Mylo James & Jamie Plowe
 Jake..... Marlene Nordstrom
 Manolo Gina Nicholas
 Parker Margret Jo Malone
 Sierra Diane Koskela
 Taylor & Trixie Jason & Carrie Tapani
 Twinkles, Penny & Tabby..... Robert & Grace Wetton
 Cindy, Wendy & Dusty Robert & Grace Wetton
 Mary Ann Bruce & Nancy Seely
 Chloe & Rudy Dr. Jeanne Kemppainen
 Olga..... Carol Waisanen
 Ava Nancy Barr

Memorials and honorariums received and processed after November 8th, 2021 will be featured in the 2022 summer newsletter.

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