## **Copper Country Humane Society**

Shelter Tails, News & Events





## Going the Extra Mile for Uno

On May 20th, a dog was found wandering and was picked up and brought to Copper Country Vet Clinic. His eye had a large, ulcerated mass. We thought the problem was with his eyeball itself but it was a tumor. He underwent emergency surgery to remove it, and unfortunately lost his eye. The mass was sent to MSU for pathology, and came back as cancer. Uno was extremely happy and loving during this entire process, and he never showed any discomfort. Because he's a young, healthy dog (under 4 years), there was no way we could just give up on this boy.

I reached out to UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine Radiation Oncology Department to figure out the next steps for Uno. The vets, students, and the receptionists were amazing. I had many questions on my end that led to many emails and phone calls. Their answers and explanations were always very forthcoming, which was so appreciated.



Uno really enjoyed his road trips to Madison!

surgery to remove as much of the cancer as possible before determining a radiation protocol. The next trip was for another CT scan, which unfortunately, showed two small growths in his lungs. The plan for Uno was a shorter radiation protocol around the eye area, and then chemotherapy for the lungs. Thankfully, because the surgeon got decent margins, the radiation did not have to be as long. Uno had five courses of radiation, and handled them so well! He started chemotherapy and will have that every 3 weeks for 3 months, and then will

have another CT scan to see how the lungs look.

Our goal was to see Uno in remission, and living his best life in a new home. Little did we know, he would melt the heart of one of his caregivers at UW Madison (see accompanying story) during his treatment. Even though Uno has his new home, CCHS committed to covering his treatments long before he was adopted, and will fulfill



Uno's medical team at UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine.

that commitment.

Uno is very much loved by all of us at CCHS and by all of the volunteers who walked him. We have so many people to thank! A huge thank you to our vet, Copper Country Vet Clinic, for everything they did for Uno while he was in our care. Thank you to everyone at UW Madison Vet Care for being so amazing every step of the way, from my first (probably confusing) long email back in late May, to even now continuing to keep me updated on Uno's journey. Uno would not have gotten through this without their love and care for him. Lastly, thank you to all of our supporters for always being so willing to donate, and send many well wishes to our animals. We could not do this without you!

Becki - CCHS Shelter Manager



### A Happy Home for Uno is on the Horizon!

During Uno's medical care, he met many people at UW Madison School of Veterinary Medicine. Everyone fell in love with him, especially Jaci, a certified veterinary technician in the anesthesia department. Since Uno was spending 10 days in Madison, it was the perfect opportunity for him to meet Jaci's husband and current pets in the home. Uno did very well with the other dogs and even the cat! They decided Uno is their new boy, and he was adopted! Uno's long journey ended with him finding a happy home and a life long caregiver of his very own.

## What does it mean to go the extra mile?

Many animals that are rescued or surrendered to CCHS just need basic vaccinations, deworming, flea/tick preventative, and to be spayed or neutered before they are adopted. However, CCHS also rescues animals with obvious and some "not so obvious" health issues. These can be acute injuries resulting from being hit by a car or chronic conditions like oral disease or hip dysplasia that are often seen in senior animals. Once diagnosed, conditions like allergies, arthritis and even diabetes can often be treated with medication or special diets. We want to adopt healthy and happy animals into homes and that means addressing all their needs the best we can prior to being adopted. We also want to help identify medical conditions that a new adopter needs to know about as they continue to care for the pet in their home.

• CCHS recently rescued a sweet, older kitty that was clearly in rough shape. He was very thin and very sickly in general. After a vet exam and blood work, he was diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes is treatable in cats and dogs, it just takes the right person or in this case, the right clinic. The staff at Copper Country Vet Clinic took a

shine to their newest patient and Dr. Severn decided to make "Walter" their clinic kitty. He is now living his best life, getting all the love and medical treatment he needs while showing everyone that his life was worth saving.

• Baba came to CCHS with a limp. Sadly, upon vet exam and x-rays, it was identified that Baba had an old injury that was unable to be repaired. Pain management is the best course of action for Baba, and we are happy to share he is doing so much better now that he is not in pain. His life is better, and that is our goal for all the animals.

CCHS staff works every day to care for the animals at the shelter, which goes far beyond just feeding and cleaning kennels. Our dedicated staff transport animals to and from the vet clinics for appointments every week and are and

provide all of the after care. This can include medications, bandage changes, ice packs, physical therapy and exercise. Most of all, the animals are loved, cuddled and cared for during their recovery. We're incredibly lucky to have such a wonderful community both locally and through social media. This support helps us provide medical treatment, testing, medications and comfort care that would otherwise not be possible. **YOU** allow us to go above and beyond for our animals, and **YOU** allow us to go the extra mile to make life better for these rescued animals that need us the most.



### Building a Bond, One Shy Cat at a Time!

A favorite part of my job is working with volunteers who come to CCHS. Isodon is one of our awesome volunteers who comes to CCHS often to pet the cats. They had a particular soft spot for the shy cats, even the cats that were a bit sassy. There was one particular cat named Munchkin who would stay under the kennels whenever volunteers or visitors were around. Isodon and a few other volunteers focused on making it their mission to bond with Munchkin,

even if that meant months of visiting her on her terms. It was pretty amazing to see these volunteers spend so much time just laying on the floor trying to earn her trust.

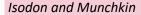
In effort to interact even more, Isodon introduced a laser pointer to Munchkin and discovered she loved it. From that point on, they started to connect on a level like never before, and Munchkin chose fun over fear. It was not long after this that Isodon decided to make Munchkin part of their home because she already was part of their heart!



### **Bringing Munchkin Home**

When I decided to take Munchkin home, I thought I signed up for a cat who'd be quiet, independent, and only come out from hiding when there was a laser pointer out. Boy was I wrong. This girl warmed up to living with me in two days, and now she won't leave me alone! She gets very vocal later at night or when it's just me around, loves to cuddle up in my bed, and absolutely adores daily brushing. Recently,

Munchkin decided my lap belongs to her. Whenever I sit down, she comes over to my lap, and if I have food there, she'll dive under my tray to get to my lap first. So I just put the tray on her and she is satisfied. Munchkin has learned the commands sit, wait, no, aye, quiet, paw, shake, and she will also stand on her hind legs. While she is still shy with new people, she is slowly starting to open up





A special thank you to all the volunteers who come and walk dogs, socialize the kitties and spend time building



bonds and trust with the animals. Your time, dedication and patience changes lives and helps find homes for the homeless.

Help animals today...

There are many ways to volunteer including dog walking, cat socializing, fundraising, and event planning. If you would like to be more involved, join



the volunteer board of directors and take a hands-on approach to helping over see this amazing animal shelter and organization!

If you would like more information about volunteering, contact CCHS through social media, email or call. We welcome you, and the animals need you!

Rebecca CCHS Assistant Manager



# Adoption saves two lives - the adopted pet and the one who takes

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Ameriprise Private Wealth Advisory Practice

Photo: Insight Wealth Solutions Financial Advisors - Alex Almquist (L) and Tony Fisher (R) with CCHS Shelter manager Becki Clouthier (M) with CCHS canine buddy-Baba. (Baba is up for adoption)

## their place in the shelter.

Special thanks to Insight Wealth Solutions of Houghton and Bissell Pet Foundation for sponsoring adoption at CCHS during the summer and fall. These amazing sponsorships help find homes for homeless pets by make adoptions more affordable for prospective adopters. The adoption process is the same, but it gives adopters the opportunity to use the money they would have spent on adoption fees for toys, food and future vet care for their new pet. Insight Wealth Solutions and Bissell cover the adoption fees through kind and generous donations.







Houghton, MI 49931

Tickets -

## 15th Annual CCHS Coffee Table Raffle - 2022

### This beautiful coffee table could be yours!

Raffle Tickets are available at CCHS (<u>online</u>) & at the Animal Shelter in Houghton, Hilltop Restaurant in L'Anse and Nature's Way Woodworking Gallery and Gift Shop in Alberta (12 miles south of L'Anse). Drawing Date: December 4, 2022

Dave & Diana Stimac (Owners of Nature's Way Woodworking) have made and **donated 15** incredible Bird Eye & Gem Coffee Tables to CCHS over the past **15** years. They have helped raise over \$140,000 (2007-2021)! We are so grateful! \*\* Need not be present to win. Winner is responsible for tax and delivery charges\*\*

Nature's Way Gift Shop is filled with hand crafted wood furniture and unique gifts plus gems, minerals, copper, fordite, yooper-lite...too many things to list so just stop in and visit Dave when passing through.

Nature's Way Woodworking Gallery & Gift Shop
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! 906-524-5268



VALUE <u>WELL OVER</u> \$4,000! All proceeds go to help the animals at CCHS



# Adopt Surly The many faces of Surly are sur to melt your heart. When she first some in she was all to

The many faces of Surly are sure first came in she would scream

and snort at everyone. The staff would sit in front of her kennel for short periods of time to help ease her fear and earn her trust. Slowly she started to make less grumpy noises, and eventually one of our evening staff was able to pet her. We jokingly asked her for proof, because of how sassy Surly was. Surly would rest her sweet little head on your belly and cry for pets with the staff she trusted. Eventually our office cat was adopted, and because Surly seemed stressed out being around so many other cats, we opted to make her our new office cat.

We are so excited to share that Surly is a completely different cat now. She loves to sit on the staff's lap and steal the assistant manager's chair. Her circle of human friends grows each week as new visitors greet her. She has really come around and shown what an amazing cat she is. She is very vocal and has the CUTEST little voice. We all love our Surly so much, and we are so glad we gave her a chance. Now we just need to find her a home! She isn't the biggest fan of other animals, and a quieter home would be best. If you are interested in adopting Surly or any of our other animals, you can find the link on our website to fill out the application. Please opt to adopt and help save a life.



Hard to shop for a friend or family member this holiday season? Sponsor a pet in their honor and give a gift that keeps on giving!



Their names will show up next to their sponsored cat or dog's photo on our website, and in the following newsletter.

### Sponsors - Summer to Fall 2022

Jennifer Misegan **Brittany Erickson** Tarun Dam & Family Callisto Cortez & Sean Gohman Meg Rotole Josh Mayo & Raeanne Madison Wesley Douglas & Claudia Zinser Jo Blahnik **Abbie Carlon** JoAnn Donofrio Lisa Chappell Namastay Pet Sitting

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Caroline Penny Nata Borgan Sandy Zurcher



## Wish List

- **Paper towel**
- **Toilet paper**
- Bleach
- **Dish Soap**
- Sponges, scrub brushes
- **Hand Soap**
- **Cat Litter**
- **Equine Pine Pellets (for** cat litter)
- Canned cat and dog • food

Giving can be as easy as sending donations directly to CCHS animal shelter through Amazon, Chewy or other online stores.

**CCHS Shelter** 501 Nara Park Road **HWY US 41** Houghton, MI 49931

- **Durable dog toys like Nylabones**
- Cat toys
- Cat enrichment toys/feeders
- **Quality cat carriers**
- Pill pockets for dogs (any flavor)
- **Durable collars and leashes**
- Scratching posts small cardboard ones Gift Cards for Wal-Mart, Pat's Foods, Amazon, Online Pet Stores (e.g. Chewy), etc.

You can also visit CCHS Amazon Wish List.



## **CCHS Memorials**



### In Loving Memory of Given By: In Loving Memory of Given By: Person Person Rodger Arola ...... NancyLu Arola Jim Boggio...... Marilynn Ehrenreich Mike Wilmers ...... Catherine Elmblad Margie O'Connell ...... Todd & Mary Schneider Margie O'Connell ...... Marie Kangas Mike Wilmers ...... John & Eileen Benaglio Margie O'Connell ...... Kathy Pintar Mike Wilmers ...... Craig Morris & Kay O'Connor James Dionne......Fr. Gregory & Beth Joyce Margie O'Connell ...... Stephen & Shannon Vairo Margie O'Connell......Margaret Ann Vanek James Dionne......Beverly Salotti Gloria Moyle......Bernard & Elaine Chaput James Dionne......Ruth Katalin Gloria Moyle......Marilyn Flannigan James Dionne...... Barbara Fisher Gloria Moyle......Roger & Rebecka Moyle Gloria Moyle......Susan Mewbourn James Dionne...... Karen Haischer Gloria Moyle...... Dick & Sharon Richards James Dionne...... Marlene St. Clair Dolly Latarte.....Linda Turner James Dionne...... Bruce & Sandra Maki Delores Keranen ...... Marlene St. Clair James Dionne...... Suzanne Houle Mickey Gray ...... Brandon & Marilyn Ollanketo James Dionne ...... Jennifer Dionne Gerald Wilkowski......Judy Pleshe Laurie Gale ...... Philip & Judith Winkel Arlene Pavlick ...... Susan Bury Jon Ahola......Michael & Pamela Matson Cheryl Roma......Christine Flood Zora Zubiena...... Jennie Fett Mercedes Magaraggia..... Heather Biekkola Bernie Koskiniemi...... James & Jamie Plowe Chuck Fulton ...... Laura Smyth Brian Wadaga ...... Peggy Wadaga Bettyjo Lentz ...... Brittany Erickson Alice Reynolds ...... David Joyal Robert Snortland ...... LeRita Allert Ron Helman.....LeRita Allert Eric Vial.....Lisa, Sunny & Noah Kankanala Eric Vial......Anna & Nick Mazzilli Ron Helman ...... Arleen Churan Morrissey Audrey Romnek...... Beverly Berg Robert Norden ...... James Ruotsala Jeanne Rabine ...... Family of Jeanne Rabine Arthur Kent.....Lynne Robertson Walt Archambeau ...... Frank & Sharon Stipech Anthony Vairo ...... Stephen & Shannon Vairo Arthur L. & Louise Kolehmainen....Arthur Kolehmainen Gail Clark ...... Shirley Clark Genie Mintken ...... Richard Mintken Kathryn Salmi ..... Ed & Mary Armstrong Sara Lee ...... Christine Holland Vern & Paula Havens ...... Roland & Gloria McKinstry Bernard Koskiniemi, Sr. ...... Donna Rangus Judy Robillard...... Patrick & Carol Marinich Bernard Koskiniemi Sr. ..... Laura Kara Max & Mary Curtis ...... Dennis & Barbara Wiitanen Shane Odgers ...... Becki Clouthier Rebecca Ann Roeder ...... Pam Berdal Melanie Carlson.....Becki Clouthier Martin Pietila ...... Paul Pietila Jimmy Gustafson ...... Chris & Amy Nett Dick Gustafson ...... Chris & Amy Nett Charlie Sullivan ...... Sean Sullivan Norma Rapelje...... Donna Archambeau Rachel Sliger.....Sharlene Sliger Raymond Heinonen ...... Douglas & Sharon Egner Jim Burcar.....Vikki Tormala Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... R. Chris Black Karen Mayo ...... Reata Mayo Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... Jean Ellis Steve Vanek ...... Margaret Ann Vanek Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... Sue Scanlan Jack & Carol Treganowan...... Jamie & Lynne Robertson Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... Lac La Bell Fire Dept. Auxilary Jack & Carol Treganowan...... Jean Ellis Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... Patrick & Anna Roche Jack & Carol Treganowan...... David & Barbara Gilbert Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... Mary Ann Hohner Jack & Carol Treganowan...... Bob & Edith Snortland Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... Jack & Sandy Siegmeier Jack & Carol Treganowan...... Larry & Florence Fogel Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... David & Barbara Gilbert Jack & Carol Treganowan...... Tim & Sallee Olson Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ...... Angie Piche Jack & Carol Treganowan...... Jon Woods Rheta Wolfe Schaefer ..... Fred & Jan Reese Jack & Carol Treganowan...... Edward "Bud" Cole Richard Love ...... Copper Country Associated Artists Max Clymer ...... Ruth Clymer



Memorials and honorariums received and processed after October 25, 2022, will be featured in the spring/summer 2023 newsletter. Thank you!

Walt Archambeau ...... Ruth Clymer

Jim Makela.....Ruth Clymer



## **CCHS Pet Memorials**



### In Loving Memory of Given By:

Pet	
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Pet	
Impi	. Rodger & NancyLu Arola
Captain, Bucky & Bristol	
Sweet Pea	. John & Margret Jo Malone
Tasha & Trudy	
Rascal	
Taylor & Trixie	. Jason & Carrie Tapani
Chester	
Amos & Andy	
Boots	
Annie	
Theo	
Hannah & Buddy	
Meadow	
Duke	
Nikki & Charlie	
Curtiss, Fraser & Kirby	
Darla	
Darla	
Donald	
Lillie	
Buddy, Mikey, Daffy & Pixie.	
Friday, Genevieve, Cali & Alf.	
Max & Izzy	
Casey Buckshot	Vannath & Salana Smith
Bob & Skitter	
Daisy Mae	
Hope	
Jayne	
Kinsey	Steven & Frin Juntunen
Kocho	
Maggie	
Perdita	
Bert & Abby	
Frankie & Charlie	
Roxy & Pluto	. Marty &Mary Jurgensen
Sage & Shadow	. James & Barbara Manderfield
Cinder	
Alec	. Paul Kaurala & Jean Perala
Ginger	. Marilynn Hamar
Mittens	
Nix	. Steve & Stephanie Rowe
Peanut	
Sammy	
Casey, Ali & Maggie	. Ed & Mary Armstrong
Ghost & Jack	. Sue Stephens
Twinkles, Penny & Tabby	
Dusty, Cindy & Wendy	
Uno & Deuce	
Koko	
Roxie & Pluto	
Tootsie, Nikki, Jake & Sally	
Linus	
	. Lisa Chappen . Todd, Hilary, Eliza & Westley Anderson
Rascal	Amanda Andarson Mihaliah
Yukon	
Crosby	
Barney	
Poncho	
Dakota	
Lil One	
Simon	
	Avi & Fiona Nundkumar

## CCHS Honorariums 🤲



In Honor of	Given By:
Christine Chapman	
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Shirley Gustafson	
Ali Chesney-Warbington	
Ron Helman	
Marriage of Kurt & Colette	. MarvFran Desrochers
	.Justin, Carrie, Teal & Troy Sacket
Miranda Verive	
Karen Needham	· ·
Margie Jilbert O'Connell	. Staff - Dean of Students
	Wahtera Center - MTU
Sean & Erin Gustafson	.Liz Fujita
Sean & Erin Gustafson	
Houghton High School Class of	
Pet	1 2022
Lucy & Leonard	.Thomas & Janet List
Kipper	
Savannah, Squeak, Tweak	
Beauty	
Tommy	
Winston	
CCHS Staff	
Millie	
Darla	
Biff	2
Butterscotch	
Rosie & Ginger	
7 Darling Dogs & 1 Cool Cat	
Doughnut	
Lexie, Addy & Sam	
Harriet	
Alice & Geoffrey	
Jeff Schaible	. Sandi Goddard
Arlene Kela	.Scott & Cynthia Kela
Buster	
Gracie	
Tanker	.Davita Burkhead-Weiner
Bedo Brewster	.Davita Burkhead-Weiner
Belle	.Laurie Kara











Come meet Karma at CCHS! She will capture your heart!





The Theta Chi Sorority Sisters joined in the efforts to clean the shelter from top to bottom and things ready for the winter. Their help was so appreciated!



CCHS extends our deep appreciation to all of our supporters, sponsors, special memorials and honorariums, volunteers, staff and businesses for their continued support. **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** *THANK YOU!* 

### Here are all our social media platforms!

facebook.com/coppercountryhumanesociety Instagram: @coppercountryhumanesociety YouTube: Copper Country Humane Society TikTok:@cchumanesociety









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