

# Critter Chronicles

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The mission of the Wisconsin Humane Society is to build a community where people value animals and treat them with respect & kindness.

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## Letter from Anne and John

December 2016

It seems that winter always comes fast at the Wisconsin Humane Society. In many ways, we look forward to taking a deep breath as summer meant caring for thousands of animals.

Yet, we love every single day at WHS even in those busy summer months, because each campus is bustling with energy from people, too. We are grateful the Milwaukee Campus could recently open our doors as a voting location on election day. It was wonderful to see those who took behavior classes, training classes, or attended an education seminar. It was fun to see 400 people attend our Feasting for Felix and Fido events which raised nearly \$35,000.

This winter, we invite you to take classes at WHS or attend our Hope's Lights event at the Milwaukee Campus on December 4th. Every single adopter, donor, family member, and friend means the world to us and means hope for the animals. Thank you for choosing the Wisconsin Humane Society.

Happy Holidays!

Anne Reed

John Matter

## Tiny Kitten Rescued Just in Time



Taboo was found wandering all alone in Racine's Cheska Park on a chilly October evening. Weighing just over 2 pounds, it was clear that the malnourished kitten had been struggling to find the food she needed to survive.

Thankfully, a kind citizen brought her to the Wisconsin Humane Society's Racine Campus. We gave her medicine for an upper respiratory infection and special food to help her gain weight. After several days of love and care, Taboo was ready to move into our adoption program where we'll help her to find a loving family. This little girl will never be homeless, cold, and hungry again.

### Did you know?

Taboo is just one of the more than 4,500 cats who find homes every year through the Wisconsin Humane Society. Your support makes this lifesaving service possible. Thank you!

# Behavioral Intervention Saves Homeless Pup



*Homeless, injured, and struggling with multiple behavior issues, Misty Mae seemed to have the cards stacked against her.*

Misty Mae originally arrived as a stray at the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC), and when nobody came to claim her, she was brought to the Wisconsin Humane Society. Despite an old injury that had caused nerve damage to her front left paw, Misty Mae was energetic and exuberant. Her excitement caused her to struggle with leash reactivity, rough play, jumping, and mouthing.

Some shelters would not have had the resources or expertise to help a dog like Misty Mae. At WHS, we are fortunate to have both. Misty Mae was taken under the watchful care of the WHS Behavior Department where she received 6 weeks of specialized training, both in the shelter and in a foster home. When she was ready, Misty Mae was adopted by a wonderful new family. We provided her new family with the training and support they needed to help Misty Mae continue to work on her behavior challenges.

Because of you, the behavior staff works with hundreds of dogs with behavioral issues like sweet Misty Mae. This year, it will be over 500!

If you are interested in learning more on how to support the animals receiving care from our behavior experts, please contact Sarah at 414-431-6270 or [strudeau@wihumane.org](mailto:strudeau@wihumane.org). Every gift can change a life.

## WHS Not Involved in Political Advertising



*There is no national umbrella organization for animal shelters and WHS is an independent, local nonprofit animal shelter.*

This fall, we were flooded with inquiries about political television ads endorsing Russ Feingold in Wisconsin's senate race. **Those political ads were not backed, endorsed, coordinated with, or paid for by the Wisconsin Humane Society.** WHS has never endorsed candidates in political elections.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) funded the ads through its political arm, "Humane Society Legislative Fund." We understand the public confusion, as our names are similar, but we are in no way a part of, nor a member of HSUS. There is no national umbrella organization for animal shelters and WHS is an independent, local nonprofit animal shelter.

We proudly work with legislators on both sides of the aisle on laws that affect Wisconsin's animals, like the "puppy mill bill" signed into law with bipartisan support in 2010. Our adopters and friends come from a variety of perspectives and beliefs; we serve all of them to ensure a better future for Wisconsin's animals.

THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to call, email, or write, and THANK YOU to local media for helping us get our policy heard. We were so grateful for the opportunity to clear this up and encourage everyone to contact us if they are ever have a concern or complaint. We love to hear from you and it only helps us to better serve animals and the people who love them.

# Paws & Claws Gala Tops the Charts

We are delighted to announce that this year's event on Saturday, October 22 was attended by more than 300 guests, all helping to raise more than \$287,000 for the animals at the Wisconsin Humane Society! From a sold-out wine pull, and our most successful silent auction ever, to the amazing generosity demonstrated during our "raise the paddle" portion of the evening for our emergency response programs, this event truly topped the charts. All proceeds from the event will help us continue our mission to care for homeless, injured, and abused animals in need. Thank you to our event chairs John & Karen Chvala, our attendees, sponsors, donors, volunteers, and bidders, all who helped make the evening such a success!

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Luke & Max Chvala – woof!

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Patricia Bachhuber visits with Fiona



Anne Reed presents co-chairs John and Karen Chvala with a custom print of their dogs Luke & Max Chvala.



Anne Reed with Winter, a special WHS alumna



Diane Heatley, Paula Hare, Vanessa Koster, Nancy Morgan



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# Meet Our Youth Programs Staff!

Nothing unlocks the heart of a child like the love of an animal. Our Youth Programs team reaches more than 7,000 young people ages 2-18 each year through programs like classroom field trips, birthday parties, scout programming, camps, partnerships with afterschool centers, and our nationally-recognized People and Animals Learning summer camp program.



Dezarae Jones-Hartwig  
*Youth Programs Manager*

Dezarae began her career with the Wisconsin Humane Society in 2004 and has impacted tens of thousands of children through youth programming at WHS. With a background in theatre and education, Dezarae brings excitement to her teachings of compassion for all living beings. Dezarae enjoys spending time with her family, yoga, and hiking.

“Our youth programming is at the heart of WHS’s mission to create a community where people value animals and treat them with respect and kindness. WHS’s youth programs reach our youngest citizens and help them to grow into kind adults, not only helping animals, but our community as a whole.”

– Dezarae Jones-Hartwig



Andrea Swanson  
*Youth Programs Coordinator*

Andrea has had a life-long passion for animal welfare and began her career with the Wisconsin Humane Society in 2009. She joined the WHS team as an Adoption Counselor/Animal Care Technician and transitioned in 2011 to her current role, serving several thousands of youth annually at our Ozaukee Campus. Outside of her work, Andrea stays busy with her husband, 1-year-old son, dog, and three cats. In her spare time, she enjoys horseback riding, snowboarding, and camping.

“I believe inspiring youth to practice compassion and respect for animals is core to cultivating empathetic citizens who are empowered to be a voice not only for animals, but for all who are in need. This role allows me to do just that!”

– Andrea Swanson



Britney Kruesel  
*Youth Programs Specialist*

Britney is the department’s most recent addition, joining WHS as the Youth Programs Specialist in October 2016. Before joining the team, Britney gained experience in program planning. She has a registered therapy dog and looks forward to working with youth who visit WHS. Britney enjoys photography, painting, and hiking with her two dogs.

“I feel it’s important to build a community where animals are treated with respect and kindness. The youth programs at the Wisconsin Humane Society help educate kids on how to care for and be mindful of wildlife and pets in their community.”

– Britney Kruesel

# Mark Your Calendars: Upcoming Classes, Events & More!

## **Pooch Playtime | Milwaukee Campus** **Sunday, December 11, 2016 | 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**

Is your dog longing to get out for more playtime and socialization? Your dog can run and play in our indoor climate controlled training center. We provide a fun and relaxing environment for playtime that is monitored by two WHS volunteers. Only \$8.00 per dog for each 45 minute play session, limited to 8 dogs. Pre-registration is required! Purchase tickets online at [www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org) or call 414-431-6156.

## **Dog Manners | Milwaukee Campus** **Tuesday, December 27, 2016 | 7:30 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.**

During this 6-week session, your dog will be introduced to cues such as: Sit, Down, Stay, Off, Leave it, Wait at the door, Come, Walking on a loose leash and more! Register online at [www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org) or call 414-431-6156.

## **Pet First Aid and CPR Class | Milwaukee Campus** **Tuesday, January 24, 2017 | 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

This course will teach dog and cat animal guardians about first aid care and CPR. Instruction will cover CPR, temporary treatment of bleeding, fractures, choking, heat stroke, seizures and discussion about common poisonings and other first aid care. Registration is limited and advanced registration is required. Purchase tickets online at [www.wihumane.org](http://www.wihumane.org) or call 414-431-6156.

## **Tails on the Trail Dog Walk | Veterans Park on Milwaukee's lakefront** **Saturday, June 24, 2017 | SAVE THE DATE!**

Join us for the 5K run and 1-mile walk, and stick around for an afternoon of activities for the whole family, including entertainment, vendors and exhibitor booths, food and beverages, kids' activities, dog agility course, lure course, games, prize wheels, Ask the Canine Behavior Expert, and so much more. All proceeds support animals in need. Sponsor and vendor opportunities are also available – contact us at (414) 431-6212 to learn more!

## **Registration Pup Rally | Milwaukee Campus** **Wednesday, February 1, 2017 | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Register for Tails on the Trail Dog Walk in-person, and receive \$10 OFF your registration fee! Must have a signed waiver from each participant to register.

## **Tempted to share that pumpkin pie with Fido?**

### **Think again.**

During the holidays, we enjoy sharing our favorite recipes and foods with loved ones. For many, this may also include the family pet. However, feeding your pet table scraps can lead to numerous health concerns. Many table scrapes are high in fat, and besides the unwanted weight gain, can cause digestive upset, including diarrhea, vomiting and pancreatitis.

There are also many foods that, while are safe for human consumption, are not safe for your pet to consume. For example, chocolate, onions, grapes and raisins, just to name a few, can be toxic to pets; bones can cause gastrointestinal obstruction or even perforate the bowel. Feeding table scraps can also encourage unwanted behaviors such as begging or refusal to eat their own nutritionally-balanced pet food.

If you still want to include your dog in the fun, prepare something separately for them. Choose something appropriate that will not cause harm, such as eggs, lean chicken, rice, carrots, or cheese, and feed in moderation to avoid gastrointestinal upset. Or purchase special treats to make the holidays even more fun for your pet.

– Dr. Rebecca Jackson



## **New, easy foster program – we need you!**

Becoming a foster parent at WHS is now easier than ever! If you went through our old process (or tried to, but got frustrated and quit), you know that it could be a bit laborious and confusing at times. Knowing how incredibly important the foster program is to our mission, our team dove in and reworked the entire process to make it as convenient and efficient as possible for you.

Our orientation is now online (no more waiting months for a scheduled meeting!), there's one simple form, and we've even created a private Facebook page exclusively for WHS foster parents to trade tips, network, and share photos of their latest critters. Though you're volunteering in the privacy of your own home, you're never alone with our community of experienced and wonderful foster parents only a click away!

Learn more at [www.wihumane.org/foster](http://www.wihumane.org/foster)

# Rat Trap Severely Injures Red Fox Kit

"Lucky" the Red Fox kit and his family were infamous in Cudahy this spring. The community watched over the summer as the kits in Lucky's family grew and moved around the city.

But then, one day in late summer, Lucky was seen with a powerful rat trap crushing his right front paw. One family of Cudahy fox-fans was determined to help Lucky. They borrowed a live trap from us and, on the first night the trap was set, they caught Lucky! They brought the injured fox to us at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center first thing the following morning.

We took one look at the poor young fox's injuries and feared that the damage might be too severe to save him. We immediately anesthetized Lucky and removed the trap. The damage was immense, but we cleaned the wounds, splinted his foot, and started Lucky on medications for pain and to prevent infection.

Lucky was in treatment for several weeks. Every three days his bandage was removed, his wounds cleaned and treated, and a fresh wrap put on. During this time, Lucky wore an "Elizabethan collar" to help keep him from chewing off his bandages.

In our care, the little fox's paw healed remarkably fast. Several weeks after being admitted, Lucky was thrilled to move outdoors to one of our pre-release conditioning habitats to get back in shape for release. In another week Lucky was ready to go.

On a gorgeous fall afternoon, we returned Lucky to the same area he came from, and his rescuer and her family attended to watch the release, along with reporters from various local TV stations, and several other neighbors and benefactors.

*Thanks, Cudahy, for banding together to make sure Lucky and his family were treated with respect and kindness – and for supporting his care here in our Wildlife Rehabilitation Center!*



## Business Spotlight

### Kohl's Associates in Action Program

A huge thank you to the fabulous teams of Kohl's associates who came in to volunteer at our Milwaukee Campus in October! As part of the company's Associates in Action program, teams of Kohl's employees donated time on four different days to complete projects such as cleaning, organizing supplies, and special event preparation. In addition to the volunteer hours, WHS received a \$1,500 grant for each day of service. Way to go, Kohl's!

**Looking to host a fundraiser or event to benefit animals at WHS?**

**Visit:** [wihumane.org/news-events/community-events](http://wihumane.org/news-events/community-events)



# 2016 Holiday Gift Guide



**2017 WHS Calendar**  
\$12.95

Over 1,400 WHS supporters submitted pictures of their animals for this calendar – and they're all included! The perfect gift!



**Thunderleash**  
\$29.99

From the makers of the Thundershirt, this leash works with any dog to help train your dog to not pull while on walks. Features a comfort handle and reflective striping.



**Animal Antics Gift Certificate**

Available in any denomination Give the gift of adoption this holiday season by giving a WHS Gift Certificate! Can also be used on supplies, classes, etc.



**WHS Mug**  
\$6.99

Keep 12 oz. of your favorite beverage warm in this stylish and attractive mug. Black with blue interior.



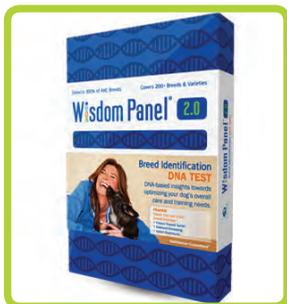
**KONG Botanical Catnip**  
\$5.99

A great stocking stuffer for cats, this set contains three different types of herbal blend catnip – enough to make any cat's holiday jolly!



**KONG Ballistic Tug**  
\$18.99

Made using a multi-layered design with 3 rows of material and 8 rows of stitching, this tug toy is made to be tough and durable.



**Wisdom Panel DNA Test**  
\$69.99

Have you always wondered about what breed(s) your dog truly is? This simple, at-home test is a great way to learn! Also makes a thoughtful gift.



**Peek-and-Play Toy Box**  
\$17.99

From Cedarburg, Wisconsin's Pioneer Pet, this fun and unique toy box is sure to keep any cat entertained. Can be used with toys OR treats!



**Laser Craze**  
\$7.99

A brand new item, the Laser Craze, is three cat toys in one: a weighted ball to chase with erratic movement, a feathered tail to add interest, and a laser element that cats love to chase.



**Isle of Dogs Chillout Treats**  
\$6.99

After all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, sometimes it's nice to just relax. Your dog will "chill" with these gluten-free, whole-food treats designed for relaxation.

Visit [shop.wihumane.org](http://shop.wihumane.org) for these products and much more. Save time by ordering online!

## Order Form

Fill out & return this form to: **Wisconsin Humane Society**  
ATTN: Animal Antics  
4500 W. Wisconsin Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53208  
*Allow 2 weeks for delivery.*

**Orders must be postmarked by Dec 16, 2016 for delivery by Dec 25.**

QUESTIONS? Contact Brent at  
[bjensen@wihumane.org](mailto:bjensen@wihumane.org) OR 414-431-6105

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**All proceeds benefit shelter animals!**