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The Paw Print

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We're "Almost Home"



SCHEMATIC EXTERIOR SOUTHWEST VIEW

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In this issue of *The Paw Print* there's a story about Didi, one of our current shelter buddies who is terrified of thunderstorms. One night, shortly after she came to the shelter, she was so frightened by the thunder that she tried to chew her way out of a steel grill cage door.

She broke a tooth and cut her jaw, and staff arrived the next morning to find her bleeding and hurting.

Those metal cages and chain link dog runs have always been a problem. They're hard to clean and it's too easy for the dogs and cats to hurt themselves. Didi's story just exemplifies our need for a new facility where dogs like Didi will be safe no matter what the weather.

Thanks to so many of you who have generously given to the *Almost Home Capital Campaign*, the new shelter will become a reality later this year.

We're more than half way to our goal of \$1.5 million, but we're not there yet by any means. We need to have \$1 million in pledges in order to get a construction loan, and we need that before we can dig the first footing.

If you would like more information about the capital campaign, we would love to visit with you about it. There are naming opportunities available for gifts from \$2,500 to \$500,000, and memorial tiles and bricks for \$250 and \$100 each. If you haven't yet completed your pledge card, please do it today. You can give by check or credit card, and you can pay your pledge over the next five years. If you need a pledge card, give us a call and we'll

make sure you get one. Didi and her friends are counting on you.

We also have an amazing group of volunteers who have planned a whole summer of fun events to help support the current shelter and help us build a new one. I know you'll find at least one event that you'll want to attend! See the schedule on page 3.

In addition, there will be a **"Pack the Pub for Pets"** on **Saturday, June 20 at the Chesterfield Bar & Grill**. All you have to do is come on out, have a sandwich or some broasted chicken or one of Scott's famous pizza's, and Heidi & Scott Gorman will donate a percentage of the proceeds to the Humane Society.

We held our first "Pack the Pub" at Lefti's in May, and it was a huge success and so much fun! Thanks to Merrell & Theresa Leffler for doing that for us.

This is going to be a very busy and important summer for the shelter and its furry residents. Its time to build an adoption and education center where families will enjoy coming to visit the animals and choose a forever friend of their very own. With your help, so many abandoned animals will soon be "almost home" until they're home for good.

Laurie Hagey
Executive Director



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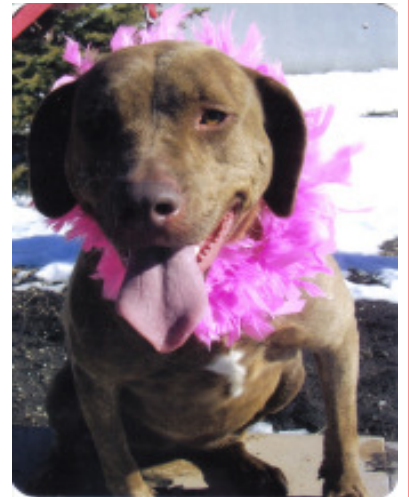
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Glamour Girl

COCO is a gorgeous Weimaraner mix. She is just over a year old. Her sleek, shiny coat is light brown with a patch of white on her chest. She was rescued with her sister in February of 2008. They were just 16 weeks old. Her sister was much smaller and was adopted soon after they arrived together.

COCO is such a sweet girl. She looks forward to playing outside with her canine buddies and greets the staff each day with a smile and a woof. We have enjoyed taking care of her, but it is time that she has a real home. She would appreciate room to run and play. She is very loving and deserves a family who will spoil her rotten!

She is very playful and has lots of positive energy. She loves attention and is a bit of a show-off! Please visit the Humane Society of North Central Iowa to meet COCO. If you're lucky, she'll choose you to be her new best friend.



The Humane Society of North Central Iowa has received Memorial Contributions from:

Gadbury Plumbing in memory of Jack Bonnell
Leona Buckley in memory of Jack Bonnell
Esther Merrill in memory of Alice Awm
Janice & Shannon Fay in memory of Merle Bloom's dog "Jake"
Peggy Walsh in memory of Clem Walsh
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John Zuerrer in memory of Ceceil Zuerrer
Clarence & Barbara Lehman in memory of Jarvis, beloved pet
Ken Severson in memory of Jean Morrissey

Honorariums

Katie Pommer in honor of Norma and Morris Field
Fern Rodenborn in honor of Holly
William & Linda Good in honor of Anne, Don, Steve, Tille & pups
Lorraine Quade in honor of Simba, Golden Retriever from the shelter
Jon & Sue Doolittle in honor of Dandy, Zach and Mickey
Michael & Joan Ascherl in honor of Murphy & Schultzy
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Timothy & Janet Zinnel in honor of Olivia Camamo's birthday
Michael & Jeni Kane in honor of Olivia Camamo's birthday
Lisa & Dale Knigge in honor of Olivia Camamo's birthday
Daniel & Mary Oberg in honor of Olivia Camamo's birthday
Theodore & Holly Camamo in honor of Olivia Camamo's birthday
Bruce Kentfield in honor of Tim Guderian
John Perkins in honor of Tim Guderian

Our heartfelt sympathies, and gratitude to everyone who remembered someone they love with a gift to the Shelter.

The above Memorials and Honorariums were received as of May 15, 2009.

Our sincere apologies for any oversights.

TLC Program Success Story

Last issue, we talked about how some of our dogs just find shelter living too stressful and how we've established our "Temporary Loving Care" (TLC) program to place stressed dogs in foster homes where they will receive the attention, socialization and training they need to be ready for adoption.

Well, we have our first success story to share.

Deedee is an eight year old female Pit Bull/Terrier mix who is very sweet, but was very afraid in the shelter. One morning after a recent thunderstorm, employees found Deedee hurt and bleeding in her cage. In her fear of the storm, she tried to chew her way through the chain link and actually broke a tooth and cut her jaw.

Deedee received excellent emergency care from one of our local veterinarians, but she desperately needed a foster home, and thankfully, she found one! Here's what her "foster parents" have to say:

Myself & my boyfriend Nick Carlson took Didi into our home for the foster program after I saw the email sent out saying she couldn't stay in the shelter because of her stress level. She has made great strides since coming to us. When she first arrived she curled up in a corner and shook like a leaf. She refused to eat and had extremely high anxiety. She is now eating like a horse and learning new tricks every time we turn around. She now responds to sit, stay, come, leave it, down, and shake. SUPER SMART! Who said old dogs can't learn new tricks? She doesn't bark, she is now fully potty trained, and is very mild tempered. She loves small children too. Could it get any better?

Buddy's Ready for a new home!



Buddie is a two-year old Tabby. His handsome coat is swirled with orange. His eyes are golden like the sunset. Buddie has been neutered and his vaccinations are current. He loves everyone he meets, nudging them with his nose. He was recently voted "Most Lovable Cat" by the staff & volunteers in the cattery.

He has had a tough time since his arrival last October. Buddie has a sensitive stomach and requires hypo-allergenic food. When Buddie was found, he was very weak and had a badly injured eye. He wasn't strong enough to undergo surgery. With lots of love and TLC, Buddie regained his strength and surgery was scheduled for him.

He recovered quickly, thanking everyone who cared for him with hugs. He is sweet and affectionate. He is just so happy and laid back. Buddie is friendly with other cats, dogs, & children. Please visit the Humane Society of North Central Iowa and meet Mr. Budders! He can usually be found lounging on his back in his favorite basket showing off his belly.

Anyway, she is a blessing in our lives to say the least. Whoever let this one go should be regretting it.

Thanks for everything you do!

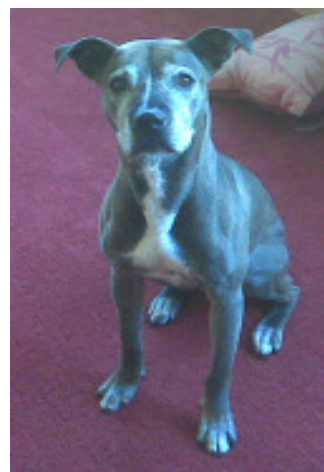
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If you are interested in giving one of our shelter dogs a better chance for a happy ending, please contact us.

The TLC program is a temporary arrangement; foster dogs are welcome at our adoption events, where foster families can share their personalities, attitudes, and histories with potential adopters. We'll also keep them listed on our website, and remind our visitors that they are available.

Working together, we can find forever homes for healthy, happy foster dogs. What a bow-wow-wonderful concept!

P.S. If you'd like to be Didi's "forever home" call the Shelter today!



Join us and support the Shelter!

The Dog Days of Summer

Sunday, June 14

"PAWS IN THE PARK"

13th Annual Dog Walk & Pet Fair

1 p.m.

Snell-Crawford Park

Contests, prizes, drawings

See the pledge sheet in this newsletter



Friday, July 10

"PUTTS FOR PETS"

Humane Society Golf Tournament,

4-person Best Ball

Fort Dodge Country Club

12 noon Shotgun Start

\$340 per team

Hole-In-One Contest -- win a brand new car

from Fort Dodge Ford/Toyota and \$\$\$ from

Kingsgate Health Insurance

Call the shelter or Mark Good at 570-4106 to enter your team or for more information



Saturday, July 25

C & S Products presents

"PET-A-PALOOZA"

Webster County Fairgrounds

4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Blue Island Tribe band

Peaches & Diesel

Local Musical Talent

Children's games, activities

Picnic Supper available catered by Hy-Vee

Tickets \$15 adults; children 12 and under free with adult



After 2 long years waiting for a home . . .

Hi everyone,

Just wanted to let you know that Blade arrived "home" after a small bout of car sickness. He sat out of his kennel most of the trip either napping or looking out the window just as nice as can be. He had no inhibitions about his new home or his new family, in fact when the two younger children went to bed, he layed on the floor and looked longingly up the stairs where their bedrooms are.

We took him on many walks and he likes to sniff everything and sniff the air too. It seems he likes all of us, he's even met a few of the kids' friends and there are no problems; we're easing him into all the "newness" so he doesn't feel overwhelmed with change. He likes to run on the leash too, and behaves really well on it.

As you told me Thursday, don't play tug-of-war with Blade. He sometimes likes to force the issue a bit when you have a towel or are adjusting his blanket! He likes to play! But he also likes to curl up between the kids and take a nap. My wife and I are amazed at how big he really is, how strong he really is, and how intimidating he looks. But he is a softie for sure. He is very well behaved in our house and doesn't make a peep!

So since you asked for a LOT of pictures, I'll start you out with a few of more than 40 we have so far.....

Thanks again.

Mark Buss (and family)



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