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The board of directors serves as the governing body for the organization. All members are volunteers. The board reviews and approves operational policies, oversees fundraisers and distributions of shelter funds, and supports staff to fulfill the mission of the organization.

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MAPS UNLEASHED

FALL/WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER



Message from Karen Rau, Executive Director

KITTENS, KITTENS, KITTENS!

It happens every year like clockwork. EVERY.SINGLE.YEAR. Our phone rings off the hook and emails and messages come pouring in daily asking if we can take kittens. It is a daunting and heartbreaking task to keep up with all the requests. So many kittens are being born and need homes. It is also difficult for our staff to inform people that we can't take in every kitten or pet surrender. Our wait list has over 70 names on it. We're at our capacity most of the year. Pet adoptions are important to free up space at the shelter. Unfortunately, many of our adult cats are overlooked during this time and they can sit for months at the shelter because kittens are the desired pet.

Why so many kittens? Kitten season! Unaltered females can produce up to two litters a year. We receive calls about cats showing up on people's property and giving birth in sheds, under porches and other remote areas. Other kittens come in from overpopulated areas of unaltered

community cats. And the most frustrating is people's unaltered pets giving birth to unwanted litters of kittens. The key to reducing the number of kittens being born is to SPAY & NEUTER! (read more about low cost spay and neuter inside).

We were hit hard again this year. At one point we had over 50 mama cats and their kittens in 9 different foster homes. This is in addition to all the dogs, cats and kittens already at the shelter. There is A LOT to juggle every day. All the animals in our care, whether at the shelter or in foster homes, need constant monitoring and check-ins to see how they're doing. Routine vaccines, scheduled deworming, weight checks, health evaluations, among other things are part of the juggling act. Foster families are constantly coming and going from the shelter with their mamas and kittens in tow. Our medical and animal care expenses have exceeded \$49,000 so far this year. Your donations are needed more than ever. **Please spay and neuter and DONATE!**

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OUR TILE & BRICK FUNDRAISER

Choose from a 12" x 12" ceramic tile to complete our inside floors or a 4" x 8" brick paver placed outside along the walkway in front of our patio.

Looking for the perfect gift?

Commemorate a beloved pet, remember a loved one or a special friend, honor your children or parents, promote your business, or mark a special event in your life with an engraved tile or brick with your personal message and optional graphic.



Actual tiles and bricks ordered by donors and installed at MAPS in August



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IN THE NEWS

Low Cost Spay/Neuter, The Fix Is In

On August 12, 2021, we hosted our first low cost spay and neuter clinic with our partner, The Fix Is In. The Fix Is In is a not-for-profit organization providing high quality, low cost spay and neuter services to local communities throughout Wisconsin. Spay and neuter surgeries are performed by veterinarians inside their mobile truck. Pets then recover from surgery in our conference room until their owners pick them up at the end of the day.



We are so excited about our partnership with the Fix Is In! Our partnership is bringing low cost spay/neuter services to our community. Why is this important to us? Because in order to reduce the number of animals entering our facility, we need to reduce the number of unwanted litters being born every year. Removing cost as a barrier will help get more animals fixed. Also, there are many health and behavior benefits to getting pets fixed.



Through a generous \$4,000 grant from the Marshfield Area Community Foundation, we are able to offer financial assistance for spay/neuter services for those who qualify.

We will be hosting monthly clinics with The Fix Is In at MAPS. All of our clinics fill up FAST! To learn more about The Fix Is In and future dates for low cost spay/neuter clinics, visit www.marshfieldpetshelter.org/low-cost-spay-neuter.

Other local low cost spay and neuter programs are FIXAPET at Clark County Humane Society in Neillsville. Currently there are appointments available. Visit www.cchs-petshelter.org/fixapet to schedule your appointment!



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Charity Calendar

Featuring our 12 winners from the Picture Perfect Pet Photo Contest!

Available at Schierl Tire & Service
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Supports the Marshfield Area Pet Shelter

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100% of proceeds from calendar sales will be donated to MAPS!

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ANIMALS NEED YOUR HELP



Betty is approximately 8 yrs old and has been with us since July. She came to us as a stray found in Marshfield with a nasty ear infection. No one came to reclaim her. Her veterinarian has tried everything to alleviate the infection and the pain, but now her condition will require a \$2,200 surgery by a specialist.



Harry is a 6 year old Yorkie with really bad teeth. At his dental procedure on Nov 8, his veterinarian removed **29 teeth!** The cost of his procedure will exceed \$800.



Buck is a two month old kitten found on the side of a road. He is missing an eye and will require surgery to help him feel better.



Sparrow is a one month old kitten found as a stray. She was so sick with a severe upper respiratory infection when she arrived at the shelter. Because the infection was never treated before coming to us, her eyes were affected and she will need both eyes removed. Regardless of how she looks, Sparrow is a happy, playful kitten and her condition does not slow her down one bit.



Shark Boy was a 5 month old kitten found on the side of the road dragging his right front leg. After being seen by Dr. Lauren at Wildwood Animal Hospital it was determined that he had no feeling in his foot and therefore his right leg was amputated. Dr Lauren fell in love with him and decided to adopt him!



Marley had a condition known as Luxating Patella. The condition limited Marley's activity and interfered with his beloved play time. At only two years old, we had to restore normal function to his knee. Though the surgery was costly at \$1,300, it greatly increased Marley's quality of life.



Boo's puppies came in for their 4 week checkup on Oct 14. At their visit, our vet tech staff discovered the puppies had ringworm. Ringworm is a very contagious fungus that lives on their hair. It is not life threatening, but it does require a minimum 6 week treatment by staff who must use gowns, gloves and booties to prevent it from spreading to other animals in the shelter. It is very time consuming in addition to all the work that goes into TEN puppies! Your generous donations helps us pay our valuable staff, our utilities, and other occupancy expenses so we have the facilities to provide the best care for our animals.



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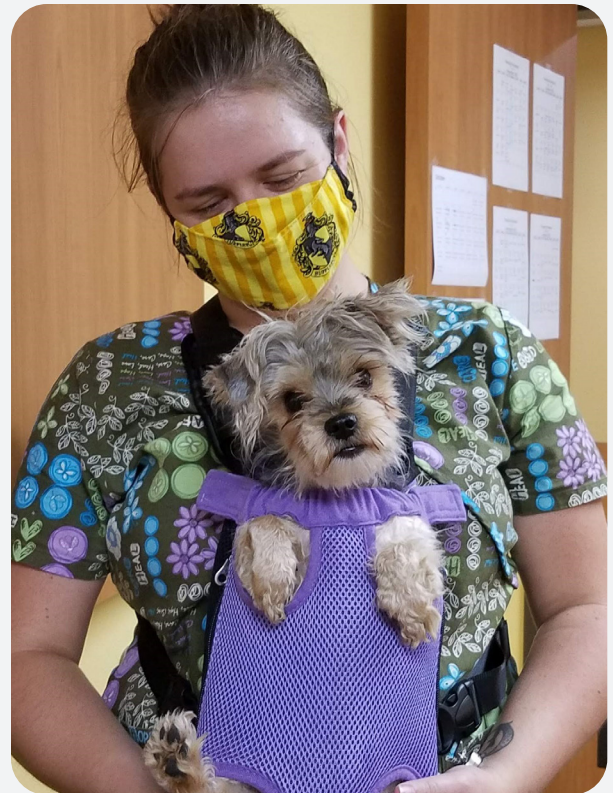
THANK YOU FOR CARING!

Every year more than 500 animals enter our doors.

Most are found as strays in our contracted areas of City of Marshfield, Village of Spencer, Townships of McMillan, Richfield, Lincoln and Rock. Many animals are sick and scared. Many require extensive medical attention.

Your support allows us the resources to provide a warm bed, a full belly, and medical care probably for the first time in their lives. YOU make it possible to reunite pets with owners and find loving homes for displaced animals. We could not do THIS without YOU! From the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU!**

Please **DONATE** and remember to **Spay/ Neuter and Microchip!**



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