

Meet Reggie!

Reggie came to HBAS and is looking for his fur-ever home. He is a 14-year-old Toy Poodle and he is very friendly. Reggie caught up on his dental work and is ready for his new family.

Give HBAS a call and offer Reggie a place in your home and heart.



Hurray for finding furever homes!

Meet Ozzy and Jackson. These brothers were adopted from HBAS eight years ago and were brought back to the shelter due to the death of their owner. But these boys get to stick together as they were adopted as a pair and can continue to happily be playmates forever.



HURRAY FOR FINDING FUREVER HOMES (cont.)!

Meet Duchess and Peaches. These sisters were brought to HBAS and were thick as thieves. Separating them wasn't really an option and pair adoptions are doable but may take time. Luckily for the girls, they found their furever home and can continue to hang together and bring joy to their new family.



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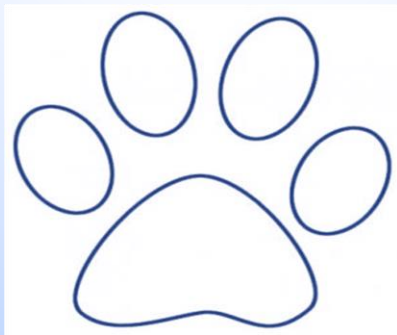
An enormous THANK YOU to Meijer's! The donation of a \$500.00 gift card will go a long way to help our animals with the food, supplies, and medications that are essential for them to thrive. Your kindness, generosity, and support are greatly appreciated by all of us.

Save the Paws

Our community really came through for us with donations to our Save the Paws campaign from 2020. As you remember, due to COVID-19, all of our fundraisers had to be cancelled. These fundraisers help fund and provide food, shelter, medical care, and a fur-ever home for our sheltered animals.

Through this campaign we were able to raise over \$21,000.00 to help fund the care and upkeep of our sheltered animals.

Won't you help us start out this new year by donating to the 2021 Save the Paw fundraising drive and fill the paw?



Donate today - check out our website:

www.HomewardboundManistee.org

So, you spy a cat outdoors

Is this cat a community cat (feral), a stray, or an outdoor cat? How can you tell the difference? What should you do to help this poor creature during this cold weather?

Let's look at the obvious signs. An outdoor cat is one that has a home so the coat should be well groomed, possibly be wearing a collar, and the cat should look well kept. A stray cat will look disheveled, thin, and shabby in nature as he was probably once someone's cat but since he is not used to hunting for food nor grooming away what the elements send at him. A community cat will be secretive, well groomed, and adept at hunting in the wild so he will be trim.

Another telltale sign is how the cat interacts with humans. An outdoor cat will allow petting and getting close. A stray cat may be skittish, as he has lost contact with humans or have little interaction so he may be wary and cautious. A community cat will not interact with humans as he will be distrusting and fearful.

Between stray and community cats, other signs present themselves so watch for them. Stray cats may walk like an outdoor cat – tail up and towards or around you. Community cats will crouch low and not give eye contact. A stray cat may vocalize and answer if talked to – community cats will not vocalize. Stray cats tend to live alone where community cats tend to live in colonies.

The best way to provide shelter during this cold weather is to create a shelter with the following aspects: place the shelter in a discreet location, keep the interior small, above the ground, camouflage it, use straw not hay in it, and keep the opening small (so predators cannot get in) and facing south.



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Winter tips for your pets.

The severe winter cold is upon us and while we can reason that we need an extra layer for our warmth and comfort, our pets cannot tell us how the cold is affecting them. Here are a few tips to remind us of how best to help our pets through this cold snap.

If it's too cold for you to stay outside, it is too cold for your pets. Some dogs are made for outside and revel in the cold and snow. It is another playscape to explore. But puppies, elderly, short-haired, and thinner dogs may have a difficult time navigating the cold and snow. Be aware just how much time they are spending outside or you may want to go out with them to keep track of how the cold is affecting you and know that your dog may be as susceptible. Remember too that cars can act like refrigerators and keep the cold inside so do not leave your dog in a car in the freezing weather. Pets can get frostbite.

Paws, paws, paws. After a walk or romp outside, remember to wipe down your pet's paws with a damp towel and dry them thoroughly. Check out the belly area too. Salt, de-icer, and other chemicals (like antifreeze) can stick to fur and cause your pet great harm if ingested. Drying thoroughly and checking for cracks or between the toes is important as these are signs of possible burns. Look for salt or de-icers that are pet safe which can be found at vet offices and other local business. Petroleum jelly rubbed onto pads of paws before going outside helps to protect from salt and other chemical agents, however, be sure to clean the pads for any salt or chemicals that stuck to the gel. Booties also provide greater protection. Be aware of snowballs or ice stuck between the pads of paws as these can cause severe discomfort. Trimming the hair between the pads of the paws helps to keep snow/ice from collecting in between the pads.

Bathing and shaving should be kept to a minimum during the winter months. Bathing can remove essential oils on the skin and cause dry, flaking, itchy, irritating skin issues. If bathing must take place, look for moisturizing shampoos or rinses. For longer haired pets, keep belly area and legs trimmed so snow, ice, and chemicals don't build up and cause issues.

Best to keep your pet leashed or in a fenced in area. Snow cover can result in familiar smells being disguised and pets can get disoriented and lost. Tags, collars, and microchips help pets find their way back home.

Ice is slippery for you AND for your dog. Dogs can slip on the ice just as you can. Muscles can be pulled and serious injuries may occur especially if the ice breaks.

Bang on your hood when cleaning your windshield. Engine bays provide great shelter for community cats (feral) as do wheel wells. Before starting your car, honk your horn or bang on your hood to help wake cats and give them a chance to flee before starting your car.

Feeding a bit more is a good thing. A few extra treats or kibble can help your pet by providing much needed extra calories and having plenty of water available helps to keep skin hydrated and healthy.

A snuggly, warm place to rest. Check the placement of your pet's bed as drafts and cold floors can be uncomfortable. An extra blanket can help joint comfort and keep your pet happy and healthy.

Remember: If it's too cold for you to stay outside, it's too cold for your pets!





Valuable Volunteer: Sherri Ely

Sherri has been volunteering at HBAS since July, 2012. Sherri came to us with 17+ years of work experience from Community Mental Health. Sherri volunteers on Fridays for 2-4 hours per week, working at the front desk and lobby area. Loads of Sherri's efforts are put forth sorting, organizing, and tallying the Family Fare receipts into the bundles necessary to submit for the donation.

Sherri has rescued her two cats, with special needs, from HBAS and is especially drawn to the "orange cats" that come in. "Orange cats are calm, nice, and just something special". At the front desk, she is visited by Big Mike and any other cats that need a bit of a snuggle or who occupy the "cat chair" for attention. Sherri doesn't get to visit with the dogs as much as she doesn't like to leave the front desk and phone. Sherri likes that the shelter business keeps her mind engaged and learning every time she volunteers. Sherri especially likes learning how the shelter works and how HBAS provides the needed assistance to the community. Her heart is involved when she deals with the animals. She also likes to be able to share her shelter knowledge with the community and helps to answer questions anyone has.

Sherri believes that volunteering at HBAS is a rewarding experience and should anyone be interested in getting involved, stop by the shelter and find out about volunteering firsthand. With Covid restrictions, making an appointment is necessary but HBAS welcomes new volunteers to help walk dogs, socialize cats, clean, and with laundry duties.

Feel free to drop off your Family Fare grocery receipts at the shelter and help us collect enough receipts to earn \$1,000.00 for HBAS. This is a simple and easy way to support our efforts to improve the lives of the animals we serve.

ADOPTION UPDATES 2020:

Finding our Fur-Ever homes!

Cats and kittens:

January – March: 51

March – May: 56

June – September: 62

October – December: 78

Total adoptions: 247

Dogs:

January – March: 17

March – May: 7

June – September: 9

October – December: 12

Total adoptions: 45

WANT TO HELP? If you cannot adopt a pet, you are welcome to sponsor a pet by helping to offset the adoption fee. Check out our website for more information on pet sponsorship:

<https://homewardboundmanistee.org/programs>



Zeke

A snuggler, looking for his furever home!

Zeke is a handsome boy who's strong and secure looks disguise his personality as a true cuddle bug that loves the warmth of blankets and sleeping in. Each morning he can be found under his blankets and will only arise when his favorite volunteer John comes in to get him going in the morning. Once up, Zeke loves to go on walks and playtime in the yard. His favorite pastime is making white fluff out of plush stuffed toys and licking peanut butter out of Kong toys. No beef for this guy though, he has an allergy to it and cannot have beef food or treats. He is also fearful of small kids and should be in a family where the kids are of teenage years and older. He gets along with adults and other friendly dogs with a slow introduction to both. Despite his peculiarities, given a chance, Zeke will make a wonderful companion.



Meet your Homeward Bound Board of Directors



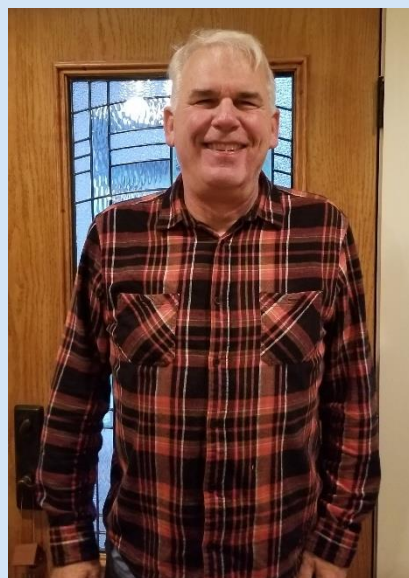
President: Colleen Kenny

Colleen has been involved with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter for 12 years with 10 years on the Board. Colleen is an accountant by day and a fierce animal advocate by night. Her 4 pets are all rescues from Homeward Bound: 2 dogs and 2 cats. Colleen started out volunteering to walk dogs every Saturday and eventually found her way on to the Board. Colleen also enjoys helping to support the Shelter staff on Saturdays, when needed. She is currently interested in watching wildlife, finding new hiking trails for her dogs and finding new ways to increase interest in our shelter. In her spare time Colleen enjoys reading, gardening, and

spending time with family and friends. She lives by the motto: *"You can't go back and change the beginning but you can start where you are and change the ending."* ~ C.S. Lewis

Vice President: Mark Evans

Mark's involvement with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter has been going on nearly 4 years. Mark is retired from doing cancer research but spends his time working with nonprofits as a consultant. He is into woodworking, reading, walking, and going to auctions. Mark helps in anyway he can at the shelter but mainly he is in charge of the Operations Committee which keeps the shelter up and running. Small projects that need attention at the shelter are referred to his committee and he gets the job done. Mark lives by the motto: *"Be kind and have fun!"*





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Secretary: Mary Tebbenhoff

Mary has been with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter for almost two years now. Pictured with Mary is Gracie, who was featured in the 4th quarter newsletter. Mary retired from the Coca-Cola Company after 34 years of service. She was the Director of Field Technical Quality & Quality Systems. Mary now spends her time helping her mom, reading, cooking, and playing with her dogs. She is also spending her time creating stained glass pieces, laughing with friends virtually, and looking into other forms of art that may catch her interest! Mary lives by the motto: *"A day without laughter is a day wasted!" ~ Charlie Chaplin*

She wants you all to remember that "Laughter is the best medicine"!



Treasurer: MaryAnn Wreschnig

MaryAnn has been with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter for 11 years. MaryAnn is retired but any time you visit the shelter, you will most likely see her there! Caught up with her at the Shelter hanging with the kittens. She keeps the money flowing and the books straight. MaryAnn fills her days with knitting and reading. She is currently interested in computer "stuff", the Roaring 20's, and Mackinac Island. MaryAnn lives by the motto: *"The present is the living sum-total of the whole past." ~ Thomas Carlyle*



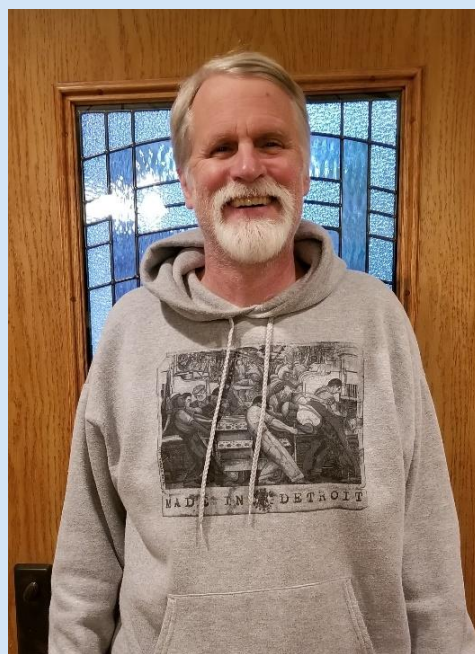
Kathleen Wellington: Member at-large

Kathy Wellington, the newest member, is originally from the Southern Berkshires of Massachusetts growing up on a small family farm with a wide variety of animals. She worked in the paper industry for 20 plus years holding managerial positions in Production, Safety, HR, and Purchasing. Through her love of animals, she developed an interest in animal grooming and enrolled and

received a grooming certificate from the Michigan School of Canine Cosmetology. Kathy relocated to Manistee area to be near her son. Since then, she has continued in her passion for animals and stepped in as the Animal Welfare Supervisor at Homeward Bound Animal Shelter and then left to accept the position of manager of Lodging and Tech Assistant at Parkdale Animal Hospital. She shares her home with two rescue cats Mario and Jimmy and her dog Buddy. Kathy's life motto is *"Life is short so be kind, work hard, be thankful and don't forget to dance"*.

Michael Bull: Member at-large

Michael has been with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter for almost two years now. Michael is retired from a large multi-national materials company. His job with them was as an Engineer/Metallurgical scientist. Michael spends his time as a "puppy raiser" for the organization PAWS with a cause. He uses his engineering and project management skills to improve HBAS's facilities, as well as helping with HBAS's long-term financial goals. He spends his down time playing guitar, woodworking, and auto restoration. Michael's life motto: *"Your life's journey is made interesting and fulfilling by the people you meet along the way."*





Catherine Ciotti, Member at-large

Catherine has been with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter for almost two years now. She is a retired secondary mathematics/ English teacher. Catherine put herself through college while working at GM in the engine test lab. She is also a certified Yoga instructor, motorcyclist, and raises puppies for PAWS with a cause. Catherine is an avid reader, Harry Potter fanatic, and a dabbler in hobbies. She loves opera and doting on her kids and granddaughter. Catherine's life motto: *"Cook good food and serve great wine to amazing people."*



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Meet your Homeward Bound Shelter Administration:

Shareen Edmondson, Shelter Manager

Shareen has been with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter for 8 years. She is in charge of shelter operations, which means she is a jack of all trades. Shareen helps with all aspects of shelter business from changing light bulbs to writing grants. In her off hours, Shareen is interested in History, Ancestry/Genealogy, animal behavior (domestic and wild). Her passions are golf and gardening. Shareen's life motto: *"Don't over think it and stay positive even in the worst of moments because all moments are just moments and will pass."*



Theresa Zeh, Animal Welfare Supervisor

Theresa has been with Homeward Bound Animal Shelter for 4 years. She oversees the welfare of the all the animals at the shelter. Not only is Theresa responsible for their day to day care, but also for their vet visits, medications, shots, and scheduling any necessary surgeries or special care. Theresa also enjoys caring for her own cats and dogs as well as getting her gardens ready for spring! Activities like fishing and hunting keep her busy and just reinforces her love of the outdoors. Theresa's life motto: *"Work hard or stay home, enjoy what you have."*



COVID Requirements at the Shelter

Just a reminder when visiting the shelter... **REQUIRES:**

- Calling and making an appointment: 231-723-7387.
- Masks are required for all entering the building - *children included*.
- Groups will need to be by appointment and limited to 5 or less people.
- Volunteering - please make an appointment as those who have will take precedent
- We will not provide masks to the public but will sell a disposable mask for \$1 if currently in stock.
- When making an appointment and upon approval at the shelter you may be asked a few questions: Are you currently under quarantine for exposure to COVID? Are you aware of being exposed to the virus? Have you recently traveled? Do you have any of the known symptoms of the virus?

