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What milestones did you celebrate in 2023? Are you planning for the holidays that will be here oh so soon? Do you feel life has ebbs and flows, that you blink, and the year is nearly gone? We do, sometimes. Often, things feel insurmountable, but we look back and we are on the other side. How? One day, one animal, one gift at a time. I know, you have heard it all before, our community is simply the best, but you must know we can't do this without everything you do - every financial gift, the sharing of our posts on Facebook, every word of encouragement, each person who so unselfishly gives his or her time to be the boots on the ground so to speak, people who come to give our dogs rides to help with their boredom and those who provide random gifts for staff and volunteers because sheltering can be hard, harder than most realize. Our shelter animals might be misplaced in the moment, but oh, how they are loved. Some are thrilled to be our guests, as for some, this is the best they have ever been treated. They thrive. Others are initially lost, and their hearts hurt, they are bewildered and do not understand why they aren't "home" any longer. We try to sit with each and snuggle, play, and whisper to them. Our dogs go on walks, they get frozen treats, chew treats, clean beds, and play time. Our cats have colony rooms with toys, so many toys, but if they feel they should be the only cat in the world we give them their own cat condo to reside in with daily enrichment and play time. We truly try our best to spend time and to enjoy all animals while they're with us, and we are so grateful when each one is matched to the right home. Three times a day someone is with the "guests", even on holidays. We do all this because you allow us to continue. Please remember that kindness matters. You matter, they matter, and we need you to help us be their voice. We are grateful from the bottom of our hearts, and we wish you peace for the holidays and the year ahead.

## A "Home" for the Holidays

By Patricia Newby, Shelter Director

As the end of the year fast approaches, many people plan to be with family for the holidays. What vision or memory does that evoke for you? Family means many things, doesn't it? Here at EBAS, we are a different sort of family, 2 and 4 legged alike. But at the shelter we are indeed a home for the holidays, and we offer laughter, caring, hope, respite, and we become a community. So while we hope you celebrate in your fashion, please know that we celebrate our home for the holidays with love because they give us paws, too.

# **Murder Mystery Dinner**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> ever EBAS Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser was a sell-out event and huge success! The costumes were creative, the food was delicious and the fun was plentiful! Thank you for all who attended, donated and sponsored our event. We can't wait to reveal what we have in store for next year!















# In Memory

This edition of the EBAS newsletter is dedicated in loving memory of Jan Jeffcott. Jan was a longtime volunteer, board member and an all-around champion of our shelter. Her kindness and steadfast devotion to our cause was second to none. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who were lucky enough to have had their lives made better by knowing her.

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# Happy Tales About Happy Tails Apollo

By Debbie Huebner



After losing a beloved family pet, I decided to go to the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter to see what kittens were available, and there we found three little six-week-old, adorable orange fluff balls to choose from. I picked one of the male kittens, and we named the newest member of our family "Apollo". I loved him right from the start but the more he grew, the more our love for each other grew. Apollo was the most cuddly cat I have ever met; if someone sat and snuggled him in a lap all day long he was very content. He got along well with any dogs, cats, and people he met. He was my sidekick, and he even slept next to me every night. Apollo made my life so much

better and I'd like to believe I gave *him* the best life any cat could ever ask for. Because of the love of Apollo, our home will never be without at least one cat.



## In Our Care - Rugby

By Patricia Newby, Shelter Director



This year has certainly been the year of the cats, and from wood piles, under porches, alongside roads they have come. But Rugby, while he certainly hadn't been treated kindly recently (maybe not ever) needed our help. While I was sitting in an airport waiting for a flight, my phone dinged. Someone had found an emaciated feline with patches of fur missing and something wrong with his jaw. The shelter was full, like *full*. By maneuvering and shifting and calling in favors a space opened, and the boy arrived. Yes, he had an old jaw fracture, yes, he was very underweight and yes, he absolutely knew how to purr. Shortly we found that hard food with water added could be readily eaten, and oh, how he loved to have people attention. When he gained a

pound or two, off to Thompson Vet Clinic he went for some TLC of the veterinarian type. It was discovered he had an open fracture of the jaw that was now healing, and they also confirmed that he was just the nicest boy. The clinic dubbed him "Rugby" because he looked pretty banged up. Rugby drools initially when you pet him and will sit on your lap for hours, as he is way content to be snuggled. His jaw is a bit crooked, but it just makes him more endearing. He is the sweetest black boy with the most charming personality. He has a couple of shelter caregivers who spend special time with him, and he absolutely deserves it.







# In Memory

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### Canine Pain Sensitivity by Breed - Surprising Results!

Dog breeds differ in pain sensitivity, but these differences don't always match up with the beliefs people - including veterinarians - hold about breed specific pain sensitivity. In a new study from North Carolina State University, results found that a dog's temperament (specifically in the way they interact with strangers) may influence the way veterinarians view breed pain sensitivity.

Veterinarians have a fairly strong consensus in their ratings of pain sensitivity in dogs of different breeds, and those ratings can be at odds with ratings from members of the general public, according to North Carolina researchers. The researchers wanted to know – first – is any of it true? If we take 15 dogs of 10 breeds rated as high, medium, and low pain sensitivity thresholds, would we see differences, and if so, would they be consistent with what veterinarians believe? Or is it possible that these views are the result of a dog's emotional reactivity and behavior while interacting with a veterinarian?

To answer this question the researchers looked at both male and female adult healthy dogs from 10 breeds subjectively rated by veterinarians as having high (Chihuahua, German Shepherd, Maltese, Siberian Husky) average (Border Collie, Boston Terrier, Jack Russell Terrier), or low (Golden Retriever, Pitbull, Labrador Retriever) pain sensitivity. A total of 149 dogs participated in the study.

To measure pain sensitivity, the NC State team looked to methods used in human clinical medicine. Since reactivity to external stimuli is a measure commonly used in neurology and pain clinics for humans, researchers adapted these measures for pet dogs and used them in the study. Each dog's sensitivity to pressure and temperature was tested by pressing a pressure tool (think of both ends of a ball point pen, pointed and blunt) then a warm thermal probe against the top of the back paw. The stimulus was withdrawn immediately when the dog moved the paw. Each test was repeated five times and the results were used to measure sensitivity.

The researchers also conducted two tests of emotional reactivity that were designed to see how the dogs reacted to unfamiliar things or people and to mimic some of the stressful aspects of a visit to the vet: the novel object test and "disgruntled stranger" test. The novel object was a stuffed monkey that moved and made noise. The disgruntled stranger was a person involved in a loud phone conversation prior to noticing and calling the dog over. These sensitivity tests were compared to questionnaires that veterinarians and the general public had filled out on breed pain sensitivity.

The researchers found that there are real breed differences in pain sensitivity thresholds, but that those differences don't always match up with rankings from veterinarians. For example, Maltese tended to have a high sensitivity threshold, or low pain tolerance, which meant they reacted quickly to pressure and temperature stimulus. This finding was in line with how veterinarians ranked them. However, veterinarians also thought Siberian Huskies were highly sensitive - but test results placed Huskies in the mid-range. In fact, several of the larger breeds veterinarians ranked as sensitive actually had an average-to-high pain tolerance.

Researchers noted that dogs who were less likely to engage in the novel object and disgruntled stranger scenarios were also sometimes rated as having a lower pain tolerance, raising the question of whether an animal's stress level and emotional reactivity at a vet visit could influence a veterinarian's pain tolerance rating for that breed. These behavioral differences might explain the different veterinarian ratings, but not the actual pain tolerance between breeds. The study is exciting because it shows that there are biological differences in pain sensitivity between breeds. Now we can begin looking for potential biological causes to explain these differences which will enable us to treat individual breeds more effectively. These findings show that we need to think about not just pain, but also a dog's anxiety in the veterinary setting.

### In Honor

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Sunday, December 10: Soup lunch/bake sale, 11 am – 2 pm, Manistique Senior Center. Lunch will feature up to a dozen delicious soups, along with breads and desserts. The bake sale will offer baked goods, cookies, cakes and the well-loved homemade truffles!



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### **Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Mission Statement**

The Eva Burrell Animal Shelter (EBAS) believes that it has the ability and power to effect change one animal at a time. It is our goal to be worthy of their lives, to be enriched by their presence and not to miss the lessons they teach. We pledge to educate, to lead by example, to learn, to help when and where we can, to be diligent in our fundraising, and to be worthy of the trust placed in us.