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The Unexpected Rewards of Shelter Volunteering

By Susanne Barr

It's hard to believe that I've been with EBAS for over nine years. Eight years as a volunteer and the last year as a staff member. Especially hard to believe since I used to think, "There is no way I can be a shelter volunteer. I couldn't handle it emotionally." Suffice it to say, my fears, based on ASPCA commercials and stories from overcrowded big city shelters, were unfounded. In reality, volunteering and working at the shelter have been some of the most rewarding years of my life. I discovered gifts and talents that I never knew I had (photography, cat whisperer, dog calmer, computer savant, etc.). But it was as a staff member I learned that sheltering was not all cuddling and clean-up.

In some ways running a shelter is like running a business (supplies to order, regulations to maintain, bills to pay, lots of paperwork, etc.). In other ways, it feels like a busy health clinic. This one needs a vaccination, that one needs to be spayed, another has goopy eyes, etc. All of this has to be coordinated, completed, and documented. You also never know what you are going to deal with on a daily basis. One minute you need to drop everything to go rescue an animal and the next a patron who just lost their beloved pet needs comfort. There are times of despair when we find out one of our guests is not going to heal, and there are times of joy when we find out that the lump was not cancer. There are stressful times such as when we are informed we need to take in 80 cats, a dog is sick and we don't know why, or when we experience cruelty. What makes it all worth it, though, is knowing we saved countless lives. It is thrilling when we receive a happy update about one of our former guests. After all, at the end of the day, everything we do is for the animals. We are their advocates, and it is our job to provide them a comfortable, safe, loving environment until the day comes for them to be with the family they choose.

Management note: From an occasional volunteer all those years ago, Susanne became an integral and indispensable part of the daily work of EBAS. She was the voice on the phone when you called and the friendly face behind the front desk when you visited the shelter. We have been extremely grateful for Susanne's faithful presence. Volunteers: priceless!



A quick question from EBAS management

Hello, hello, hello anyone out there reading this? Ummm, anyone at all? We have been sending out our newsletter for a long, long time now, and we were wondering what you, as readers, would like to see more or less of. More pictures? More stories? (Might you even want to be removed from our mailing list?) Suggestions would be nice to hear. Are we just right? Want the thank you list posted on our website but leave the *in memory of*, and *in honor of* in the newsletter? That would certainly give more room for stories... so if you read us, tell us. Drop us an email at shelter@upebas.org or snail mail us a note at EBAS 6091W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI 49854, or call 906.341.1000 or ...well, you get the picture. Thank you - we look forward to your feedback!

In Our Care Lily



Lily lived, or rather existed, in a crate most of her short life. She is a Lab mixed with some Parson terrier (Jack Russell Terrier) and a touch of something else. She knows how to crate far, far too well, but what she doesn't know is just about everything else. She drank 8.5 cups of water in less than 24 hours... Nope, a check at the vet clinic revealed nothing wrong, she just wasn't used to having access to water. She can hardly contain herself when she is free. She is over the top exuberant. Why wouldn't she be? She is energy unleashed. Oh, but she is learning! She has never met a stranger, she

has no sense of personal space, no stranger danger, she absolutely loves everyone. She wants to explore and experience EVERYTHING she has missed. We've got you, girl. We are expanding her world, allowing her to discover and explore. We are struggling with her potty training because she has never been trained to potty outside. How could she know when for two years of her young, young life it was potty-in-your-crate. Life wasn't what it should have been. Lily's date of birth is 2/9/21, and we are hoping that we will help erase all her past and build her a wonderful future. Lily, the amazing.

Planned Fencing Project

By Patricia Newby, Shelter Manager



Oh my! We will soon be updating and improving our outdoor fencing. We will make it taller, stronger, safer, and it will connect our separate side yard with a walk-through "catch" area, making everything more accessible. Easy? Umm, not exactly. Costly? Oh, more than we can guess. Are the dogs worth it? Unquestionably. Will it be chaotic, frustrating, worrisome, and everything that comes with construction projects? Yes, yes, and yes. But watch our dogs run, watch them play, and watch us grow. Fingers crossed that when we start to get project bids, we are able to move forward and fit it into our

budget, for the sake of those four-legged friends who absolutely trust us. Oh, for the love of dogs. Always!

Thank You!

Louise Yieser

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Paws to love an animal!

Happy Tales about Happy Tails

Isabella

By Jeannie & Kelly King



There once was a little kitty named Isabella, who came from the town of Isabella. The Shelter, a kind and caring place, took great care of her; she was very shy and didn't come out of her cocoon carrier very much. She has a bad eye and doesn't see well, so things can be frightening. Maybe this made folks unsure about adopting her. In order to see what her personality was, Patricia talked with us about fostering Isabella for a while, with the possibility she would come out of her shell and be the cat she really could be. We said we would give it a try, so brought her home on a Tuesday, the end of March, and set her up in a quiet space in the basement - food and water, toys and litter box, and of course, her cocoon carrier. Overnight Isabella found a hiding spot under

some shelving; after some coaxing she came out for pets and moved up to a spot on the shelves. Over this past month she has come to be very curious, coming out to watch the birds, scratch on her specially-made scratching pole, play with her toys (of course there are more toys now) and to sleep on the bed with us. She even has her own water fountain that she really likes to drink from! She talks to us a lot, follows us but still is skittish when we walk around - worried that she'll be stepped on. We just couldn't bear to think of her starting over, and we decided that she belonged with us, so we formally adopted her. What a wonderful decision for her and for us. So please consider fostering, even if you can't adopt, knowing that every cat and dog deserves a loving home.

What's New?

By Patricia Newby, Shelter Manager

Oh, I am so glad you asked! Warmer weather, spring has finally sprung. Thank goodness. We are awaiting our flowers to pop up so we can once again ooh and ahh. Have you checked out our Facebook page? We always have things happening there - updates on former friends, adopted pets, some giggles and interesting facts. https://www.facebook.com/EBAShelter. Look us up, "like" us, even, and help us grow our page! Oh, and speaking of interesting, did you know we have a military veteran who is walking the Appalachian Trail, barefoot! I kid you not. He is from Manistique, one of the "First Street Coffee Gang". Jeff Thayer started walking on April 20th. He is raising funds for us, the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter, how awesome is that? If you wish to donate, here is the address for GoFundMe: https://www.gofundme.com/f/6tpdaa-vets4petsus/donate?utm_source. Snail mail EBAS or give us a call at 906-341-1000. Be sure to mention Vets4Pets. Additional information can also be found at the following:

Facebook: Jeffrey Thayer

-FarOut - @Ozzaawaagosh Instagram: @thayerjeffrey

Vets4Pets-US Charity Hike

In Memory

Peggy Visser – Dennis Visser Nathan Allor – Shelter friends Les Gould – Patricia Newby Connie Lange – Patricia Newby Dave & Bert Smith – Patricia Newby

Elmer - Sigrid Doyle

Homer - Joseph & Jane Barnes

John Males – Dixie Anderson, Medical Advantage, Bob & Lauris Barr, Gregory & Karen Stiffler, Bruno & Debbie Vallercorsa, Gerald & Patricia Rogers, Donald Teeple, Jr., Joann Nordstrom, Susan & Ralph Bjorne, Melissa Males, Kathleen Zaleski, Michelle & Tuan Ngyen, Nathan Roskey, Mia & Kate Broullire

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Louise Matson – Sandy Stetkar & family

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Wes Nelson – Michael Farley

Pauline Gaffney – Tony & Cheryl Tennyson, Heidi & Douglas Troyer, Bill & Sunny Cole

Dewdrop - Deborah & Mark Burns

Benji - Cheryl Hamant

Mooshka - Mary & Natasha Schmidt

Sally Ketchum – David & Blake Ketchum

Miley - Patricia Newby

Jewell Petz – Edwin & Laurie Nelson

Gretchen and *Sunny* – Kathy Ellsworth

Marianne McBurney Gregurash -

Kerri Unger, Sherri Jenerou, Pete & Gail Jacobs, Bette & Paul Ozanich, Elaine & Ron Cook, Harold & Pat Toenessen, Jackie Jackson, Ron Pavlik, Colleen Barlow, Jo Blahnik, Jane & Terry Patz, Frank Klarich, Kenneth & Kimberley Klarich, Korie & Jani Gould, Linda Weber, Janel Rinehart, Bob & Buffy Bruggeman, Michael Klarich, Robert & Gina Lindquist

Volunteer Opportunity!

By Patricia Newby, Shelter Manager

We have people who cut our grass, folks who tend our flowers and people who volunteer inside our shelter, but do you know what we are missing? Oh, I am so glad you asked! We need a monthly maintenance person. Are you gifted that way? We'd like someone to tighten things, change filters and take care of the maintenance things. Is that your gifting? We sure would appreciate you!

Have you lost a pet or found a stray?

Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Sheriff (906) 341-1000 (906) 341-2122 Mstq. Public Safety Thompson Vet. Clinic (906) 341-2133 (906) 341-2813

State Police (906) 341-2101

First-of-its-Kind Oral Feline Diabetes Treatment

Recently, the US FDA approved a new drug, Bexacat, as the first orally administered prescription medication for diabetic cats. An estimated 600,000 cats in the U.S. are diagnosed with diabetes during their lifetime. The prevalence of this disease has been increasing over the past decade. Research shows that 125,000 cats go untreated, partially because traditional insulin treatments require frequent dosages and additional supplies for injectable administration. Left untreated, feline diabetes can result in weight loss, loss of appetite, vomiting, dehydration, severe depression, problems with motor function, coma and even death.

Bexacat introduces a new mechanism of action for veterinarians and pet owners that offers a non-insulin, needlefree, once-daily oral medication specifically designed for cats with diabetes mellitus. Its use is limited to otherwise healthy cats with diabetes not previously treated with insulin (i.e., Cats newly diagnosed with diabetes mellitus). The use of Bexacat in this group of cats showed that 83% of cats were considered a treatment success by day 56.

Bexacat may be a solution for today's on-the-go pet owner lifestyle. While cats with diabetes mellitus have traditionally been treated with a combination of diet and twice-daily insulin therapy, the newly approved tablet offers the alternative option of an oral medication administered once per day.

As with people, the cells of a cat's body require sugar in the form of glucose for energy. Cats with diabetes mellitus cannot properly produce or respond to the hormone insulin, which helps cells use glucose as a source of energy for normal function. Without treatment, cats with diabetes will have high levels of glucose in both their blood and urine. The first symptoms of diabetes mellitus are usually increased thirst and urine output, weight loss, and increased appetite. Bexacat prevents cats' kidneys from reabsorbing glucose into the blood, causing excess glucose to be passed in the urine and resulting in lowered blood glucose. Potential patients must be selected carefully and screened to evaluate for kidney, liver, and pancreatic disease, as well as ketoacidosis (a complication of untreated diabetes mellitus). All cats that receive Bexacat should have blood tests at regular intervals after starting the treatment to help mitigate potential safety concerns of the drug.

Bexacat is expected to be available to veterinarians in the first quarter of 2023.

















Wish list

Zero Odor Laundry Odor Eliminator Made in the USA Bully Sticks Scent free dryer sheets Dog training treats (made in USA) Paper towels

Monetary donations

In Honor

Char Crosby – Patricia Newby Jean Ammendola – Ron Pavlik Judy Gross – Ron Pavlik Connie Meade – Shelter friends **Betty** and **Jane** – Nila Haug ***Abby*** - Barbara & Ken Collum **Barbara** & **Ken Collum** – Patricia Newby



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EVENTS







Flyball tournaments, Escanaba – July 15, 16

2023 marks the 11th year that EBAS, along with Delta Animal Shelter, has sponsored this event in which flyball teams come from all over the US. Location is the Miracle of Life Building on the state fairgrounds. Spectators are welcome, admission is free and large raffles will benefit each of the shelters.

Annual Rummage Sale – planned for Friday of Labor Day weekend, VFW. Watch local media during the month of August for details.

EBAS is planning a Halloween-themed "*Murder Mystery Dinner*" October 21st at the Elks Club in Manistique. Catered meal, costumes encouraged, drawings and raffles to be held during the evening. All proceeds will benefit the loved and adoptable animals at the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter.

Thank you!



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2023#1	*** No, I do not wish to be listed as a contributor in your newsletter and wish to remain anonymous

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.