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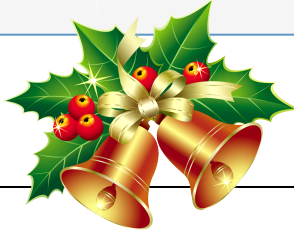
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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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IF YOU SEE SOMETHING – SAY SOMETHING!

By now, most of you know about our Feline Fiasco. Fortunately, we were able to step in and help 75 cats and kittens living in a single house in Manistique. Unfortunately, some of the cats and kittens had already succumbed to the unlivable conditions there. Lots of questions have come our way about how this could happen. Why didn't someone say something to save these animals?

There are several reasons people are hesitant to report animal abuse or neglect.

Lots of times people just aren't sure an animal is in danger. They're not sure if what they saw or heard is really abuse or neglect. They may think, "Who am I to judge?" It's easier to identify outright abuse like seeing an owner striking a dog in a public park. It's more difficult to determine if abuse or neglect is going on behind closed doors. Do you suspect animals are in danger when you hear the constant howling of cats from that house down the block, or see that emaciated dog with his head down and his tail between his legs in the yard on your way to work? Well, you don't need to be sure, and you certainly don't need to investigate it yourself. There are people in your community whose job it is to do that...but they can't help that defenseless animal if they don't know something bad is going on. So, YOU need to report it.

Some people are afraid to report it. Maybe it's their neighbor and they fear retaliation. Or it's someone they know and they don't want to get that person in trouble. You can't be more afraid to report it than those poor abused or neglected animals are afraid for their lives. They can't speak for themselves. So, YOU need to report it.

Others may be confused about how to report suspected animal cruelty and to whom. There are several ways you can do it, some anonymously. The most immediate is to contact your local police. If you'd rather not contact the police directly, you can call your local animal shelter. They can work with the local police to assess the situation and determine what should be done

For those of us who love animals, dealing with abuse is emotionally difficult, but it's unbearable if such a situation is allowed to continue. PLEASE speak up next time you witness or suspect animal cruelty. Be the voice for suffering animals. Save a life.

If you are a pet owner and you are trying to help more animals than you can, contact your local shelter. They can help with food, litter and litter boxes, may be able to help with spay and neuter costs, and, if needed, can also help find new homes. Shelters are here to assist individuals who get in over their heads trying to help homeless animals by themselves.



As 2021 Ends . . .

By Patricia Newby, Shelter Director

Soon we will be preparing for Thanksgiving and all too quickly Christmas will be upon us. We will wonder where 2021 went. We here at the Shelter will reflect on the dogs and cats we handled and saved, and those we lost. It's been quite a year. Covid, the Delta variant, add in some of our largest intakes, and 2021 was at times a blur. Thankfully, we navigated an intake of 33 from Luce County, and later 75 from one home in our own town, which we dubbed our Feline Fiasco. All this, followed by our wonder boy, Legend, thrown like garbage from a moving car; love didn't save him.

Do you ever feel like there is no light at the end of the tunnel? Sometimes, that is what this year felt like. But "Holy Guacamole," let me share with you what we learned. We have a community of supporters that is a force that can't be stopped! You are like the Energizer Bunny. You have repeatedly exceeded our hopes. During our Feline Fiasco, UPS and FedEx delivered donated items more times than imaginable. Some of our local businesses stepped in and asked what we needed and how they could help. Thompson Vet Clinic was absolutely amazing. Some of you wrote the most encouraging notes and spoke such kind, uplifting words to us. When our hearts hurt, you lifted us up. You were our light. When despair tried to overwhelm, you, each of you, simply said "NO, not today." You matter! You make us who and what we are. You stand with us.

If and when we succeed, it's because of each of you. When we said the Feline Fiasco was a marathon, some of you were all in. When our sweet Scarlett had puppies, you loved the puppy updates. You are our team. You matter, and we are beyond thankful to you and for you. To each of you, to all the businesses, to the shelters who reach out to us, thank you so much. You make a difference!



In Memory

Willow – Debra and William Huebner, Patricia Newby

Elmer – Sigrid Doyle

Mildred Soldano – Ron Pavlik, Shelter Family

Lois Gustafson – Everyone at Thompson Vet Clinic, Shelter Family

Coco – Patricia Newby

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Lois and Duane MacGregor – Ray and Vicky MacGregor

Piper and ***Maggie*** – Brenda and Tom Faulkner

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Powell – Deb Le Blanc

Sara Lee – Beatrice Doan

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Oscar – Beverly Handel

Homer – Joseph and Jane Barnes

Maggie – Mary Hinkson

All adoptions by donation

Happy Tales about Happy Tails

Cat Tito

by Steve Taylor



Where does one even start during these current times of Feline Fiasco? I will start with saying that the Eva Burrell Shelter is more than equipped to handle all these beautiful felines and ensure that they go to loving homes and live their best life. My story with Eva Burrell Animal Shelter begins in November of 2019 when I was lucky enough to adopt my girl Garfet (known now as Cat Tito), who is still quite small, weighing in at a mere 5 pounds 10 ounces.

After filling out the application and exchanging several emails, I was granted the opportunity to adopt a cat. My partner and I had several conversations as to what our guidelines for adoption were: 1) the cat had to be female, the younger and smaller, the better, and 2) the cat had to have “personality.” So that Saturday morning, I drove over to Manistique from McMillan, by myself, to pick out our new cat, the whole time trying to decide if I was going to go by our agreement, or break it and bring the large male tiger cat home that I had fallen in love with online.

I had no sooner sat down on the floor of the cat room when the large male tiger cat came off his post and sat in my lap. The lady working at the shelter said, “Wow, he never gets down for anyone.” My heart sank to the floor, because I knew that I should be taking him home, but I didn’t want to start this new adventure off on the wrong foot at home. I started petting this giant black cat and asked her, “Where is the cat named Tiny?” She started laughing and told me, “That’s the one you’re petting.” Well, I knew that was out of the question. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, this small orange tabby came barreling out of the tube from the outdoor room. I quickly grabbed the cat and asked, “Is this cat a female?” To my surprise, the lady answered me, “Yes, and her name is Garfet.” Excellent, I will take her!

Little did I know that I was getting the smartest cat that EBAS has ever had! She can fetch, catch, high five, sit, and kiss. She absolutely loves to cuddle, sleep, and purr. And, she sits at the door ready to greet us the minute we walk in. She has become an important member of our family.

In closing, I would like to thank the shelter for its vision and love of animals, Director Patricia for taking the time out recently to speak with me during the Feline Fiasco, and the countless volunteers and supporting members of the shelter for making my dreams come true and allowing me to adopt this beautiful little girl.



The Paw Pact . . .

It means when you adopt me you will love me for my whole life NO MATTER WHAT. When you move you will take me with you. When you have a baby you won’t give me up. If you get another pet, you will still love me.

THE PAW PACT = FOREVER



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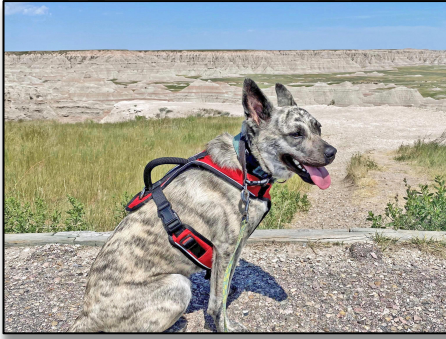




Happy Tales about Happy Tails

Gracie

by Kristine Holmes



Gracie is an energetic and loving, almost two-year-old, mixed breed (possibly Pitbull and Blue Heeler). We weren't sure we even wanted another fur baby in our household until I met her walking with one of the EBAS volunteers in August of 2020. It had to be good fortune smiling on us, because we live in the lower peninsula and just happened to be camping near the shelter. We went home and put her out of our minds, or so I thought. In October, my husband was looking on the shelter's website, unbeknownst to me, and found that Gracie was still there. I filled out the online application, then called a couple of days later. The following day, we drove the 114 miles to pick her up and bring her home. It's been a match from day one, but that's not the only happy tale I want to share with you.

In June of this year, Gracie went on her greatest adventure yet. For a month, we traveled with our 5th-wheel camper out West to Mt. Rushmore, the Crazy Horse statue, Devil's Tower and some other amazing places in between. Gracie was our little trooper the whole way. She met tons of friends, both human and fur baby alike. She was the center of attention everywhere we went. "She looks like a dingo!" "What breed is that?" "Is she part hyena?" We heard these and other questions and comments over and over on our journey. Gracie loved climbing up and down the rocks and through the water on the way to the Devil's Bathtub, swimming for the first time while there. We walked up the Mississippi River from the headwaters at Lake Itasca. She saw bison, prairie dogs, pronghorn deer, and wild horses.

Since returning from the wild, wild West, Gracie has spent most of the summer just a short way from the shelter. She loves her walks on the familiar trails and road she once traveled before she was adopted. Now we are home and she is getting excited about her favorite time of year, winter. She will soon be running and scooping up the snow waiting for next summer's adventure.

In Honor

Trina's Birthday – The Gardner Family, Barb Isom, Lynn Olson, Judi Behrens, Anna Sjogren, Gregor Foster, Ursula VanMeter, Patricia Newby, Kathe Nedeau, Ron Pavlik
Foxy – Steve Taylor
Wonderful Workers – Jan Jeffcott

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Rossi – Trina Rochna
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Patricia's Birthday – Jan Jeffcott, Deb Huebner, Dan & Char Crosby, Sharon & Rob Kovach
Foxy – Steven Taylor & Martin Steinbis

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(906) 341-2133
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The Global Donkey Crisis—Yes, Really!

In January 2020, I had the opportunity to travel with Michigan State University's Large Animal Veterinary Medical Service to Mexico to bring veterinary care to the rural areas of Mexico where horses and donkeys were in use as working farm animals. We travelled to remote locations and provided free care to working farm equids. Prior to this experience, I had little exposure to donkeys, burros and mules. I came to see these animals as very important to the local people. While they were "beasts of burden," their owners recognized their contribution to their own livelihood and wanted to provide modern and important veterinary care to these essential workers.

The "rotation" (veterinary students signed up for this experience and received college credit) consisted of the organizer and fund raiser Dr. Hal Schott and a group of approximately 5 volunteer veterinarians including myself. We met in Mexico City at the airport, and immediately had our vaccines confiscated by border control and were pulled over and searched (male members only) on the streets of Mexico City for suspected human trafficking!

During the next two weeks, 800+ animals were examined and treated by MSU students and volunteers such as myself. Over 200 animals had surgery, with the students performing the surgeries under the supervision of a legendary large animal surgeon who literally "wrote the book" and could remain calm in the most difficult of circumstances. Over 400 animals had dental work, with students performing the work and 2 other DVMs and I teaching and supervising. A number of the animals had hoof care provided by a DVM/farrier who was part of our group, and he taught students how to treat common hoof problems.

During this rotation, I learned about the global donkey crisis. It was hard for me to believe and accept what was happening in our world to these gentle, hard-working creatures who made up so much of the population we treated in Mexico. Here goes an attempt to add some perspective...

The loss of animal life in the 2019-2020 Australian wildfires, estimated as reaching up to one billion deaths, has captured the world's attention and empathy. But in other parts of the world there is a human-made disaster of global proportions affecting another species, one we rarely give the attention afforded the iconic koala and kangaroo: the simple donkey.

Donkeys today are subject to a shocking epidemic of illegal capture, inhumane treatment and mass slaughter in many African countries and elsewhere, like Brazil and Pakistan, in order to serve the exploding demands of the traditional Chinese medicine market.

But China's own stocks of donkeys have collapsed by 76% since 1992, and its annual supply of about 1.8 million donkeys cannot produce enough skins for a surging market which now demands at least four million lives a year. In fact, if the current pace continues, more than half of the world's donkeys would need to be slaughtered in the next five years to feed China's demand for ejiao (donkey-hide gelatin).

Contributing to the problem, the global donkey trade is only loosely regulated. A report in November 2019 by the Donkey Sanctuary linked the trade to criminal networks, animal welfare abuses, increased international biosecurity threats like the spread of anthrax, ecological pollution from unregulated dumping of millions of donkey carcasses, and devastating effects on rural families who have their donkeys stolen.

These effects are especially severe in Africa, where both legal and illegal trade in donkey skins operates in multiple countries. In Botswana, donkey numbers have declined by 39% in the last dozen years. Recently, many African countries have started to fight back by banning slaughter of donkeys or the export of hides, but enforcement is lacking at the slaughterhouse and many donkeys are arriving with broken bones and open sores. In some African countries, poor farmers sell their donkeys to dealers only to find the donkey's carcass (minus the skin) left in

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the bush for the predators to eat. Other slaughterhouses receive donkeys who have been transported a thousand miles with no food or water. Since none of this affects the value of the skin, little attention is given to their welfare. Reported killings, including being bludgeoned with hammers, have been documented. The AVMA and the World Veterinary Association both have recently condemned the trade.

All of this may feel like a distant problem for many Americans, but the United States is the third largest importer of ejiao from mainland China. In traditional Chinese medicine, ejiao is considered one of the three treasures. It is used to treat a wide range of ailments from simple colds to insomnia and impotence, and demand in the Chinese market is soaring.

One way to help is to donate to reputable international nonprofits which are fighting back, such as the Donkey Sanctuary and the Brooke USA Foundation. Working with local governments and communities in Africa, these nonprofits are helping local residents envision solutions, like the design of corrals that protect their donkeys from abduction. Another way to help would be to adopt a donkey from one of the many donkey rescue facilities.

It is hard to believe that these hard working, cute, doe-eyed creatures are being abused and killed for their skins. Please do what you can to help and spread the word about this abuse that is decimating the world's donkey population.



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Eva Burrell Animal Shelter needs your help to produce our quarterly newsletter. Four times a year, we send out this newsletter to our supporters, members, pet adopters and other people interested in the work of our quality-of-life shelter. The newsletter is also a major source of donations for us, so it's important that we continue to distribute it.

And, that's where your help comes in. We are asking for your business to make a \$500 donation to cover the cost of printing and mailing one of our quarterly issues. Your donation is 100% tax-deductible and, in consideration of your contribution, we will put your business name on the front cover and place a Thank You advertisement in the newsletter.

We really need your support now to continue our newsletter distribution!



EVENTS



PETIQUE GIVING TREE

Our Giving Tree will be up at Petique in Manistique from November 26th to December 27th. Pick a needed item, purchase it at Petique, and leave it under the tree. Thank you!





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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.