



Paw Prints

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Go for the Gold

Mark your calendars! MADWAG 2008 is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 12-3PM at the Rotary Shelter in Edmundson Park in Oskaloosa. We are very excited to offer many new activities for you and your dog. This year's theme is "**Canine Olympics**".

This event is an important fundraiser for the Stephen Memorial Animal shelter in Oskaloosa. Last year, the event raised over \$18,000. All of these donations directly benefit the homeless pets of Mahaska and surrounding counties. Our goal is to raise \$20,000 in 2008. There are great prizes, including bicycles, gift certificates, pet items and more! Let's set a record this year! Start collecting those pledges.

Activities for the day include:

- 50/50 drawing
- Canine Olympics – Great Prizes for both you and your pet.
- The Fast and the Furriest (a.k.a. Radar Run)
- Iron Dog – Does your dog

have what it takes?

- Best Pet Trick
- Nail trimming (freewill donation)

Let's GO FOR THE GOLD!

Plan to come with your family, stay for the games, and enjoy an afternoon celebrating the cherished pets in our lives.

You do not have to own a pet to enjoy a wonderful day

at the park.

We are looking for volunteers to help plan this important event or to help on the day of MADWAG. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Connie Rogers at (641) 673-5096.

Lea Buerman and
Connie Rodgers

MADWAG 2008 Chairpersons



Don't Judge a Book by Its Cover

When some people come to the shelter to look at animals, they sometimes do not see the potential in a dog or a cat. Look at the dog in the first picture...not very adoptable



looking is he?

When Hunter came to the shelter, he was quite scared and matted, with actual live maggots and feces intertwined in the mats. You could tell he'd



had no care for many months, or even years.

Two weeks, several "spa treatments", and a donated trip to Angie's Pet Grooming and Hunter wasn't the same dog. Look at picture #2. YES, it's the same dog! The day he returned from Angie's, he actually "strutted" around the shelter, showing everyone just how handsome he was. Hunter is now a renowned traveler with his new parents, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Polhill of Belvidere, IL.

A HAPPY TAIL: AJ & Tank

Hello, just wanting to let you all know how the "boys" are doing. Shimmer (Tank) and Micki (AJ) are doing great. They are such a great addition to our family, and we are thrilled to have them both!

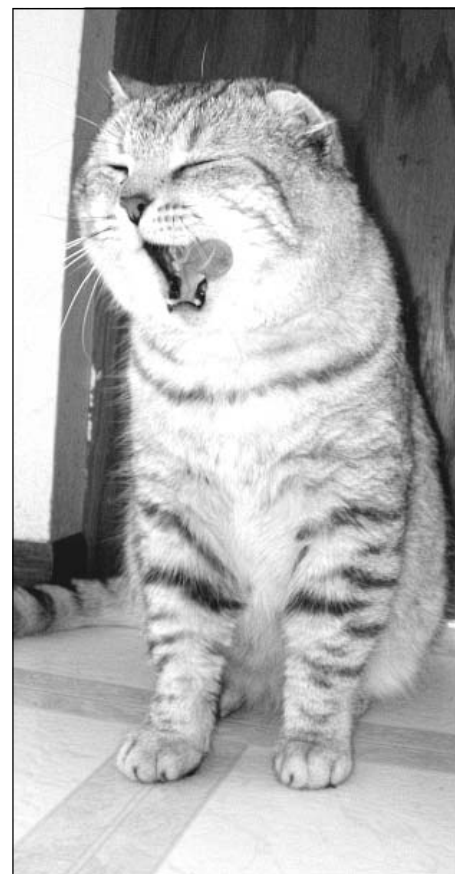
Tank is doing SOOO great, he hasn't urinated anywhere but his litter box. He also hasn't tried marking either. So we are extremely happy that every thing worked out with him. Tank has turned out to be a huge lover! A little persistent for his attention at times, but we LOVE it! He's such a big, fat, loving ball of fur.

AJ is doing great also, haven't had ANY problems with him! He's such a great, happy, and

energetic little cat! He is quite the cat, FULL of personality!

They are doing great, and doing awesome together! They wrestle and clean each other all the time, and are new best friends. I just thought I'd let you all know how they are doing.

Thanks so much,
Ashley Russell



A View on Volunteers

This Canine Helper Loves Cheering People

Hank is an old dog that likes to help the homeless pets at Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter and bring cheer to people around the area.

He's 10-½ years old and receives insulin shots for diabetes twice a day. He had surgery in July to have cataracts removed from both of his eyes. A canine ophthalmologist at the University of Missouri School of Veterinary Medicine performed the surgery. Tests completed prior to the surgery had diagnosed Hank as blind.

Health problems have not slowed Hank down though. He loves to visit schools, nursing homes and other non-profit organizations. He has 20 different costumes that he models, each to a different song. Hank's "Mom," Cindy Drost, says examples of his costumes are a black leather motorcycle-dude costume, complete with goggles, that he shows off to the song "Born to Be Wild." He also has a

striped prisoner outfit that he wears to Elvis' "Jailhouse Rock," and a Hawaiian shirt, khaki shorts and sunglasses for Kenny Chesney's "When the Sun Goes Down."

Cindy's daughter, Jordan, dresses Hank and leads him around while Cindy narrates the program. Cindy says she always begins the program by asking "How many of you own a dog?"

"If it's a program for a church or civic group, I tell them that my goal is that before the end of the program, those who don't own a dog will be ready to go to Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter to adopt a dog," Cindy says. "If it's a program for a nursing



home, I ask the residents to share stories about dogs which they used to have. I also explain during my program the health benefits of owning a dog."

Hank doesn't charge for the programs he puts on, but sometimes groups give him money anyway. Hank donates all of the money given to him to Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter, making Hank a canine volunteer.



Left: Hank models his prisoner costume. Above: Jordan Drost and Hank visit with residents of a nursing home.



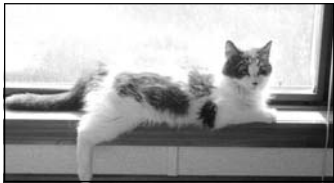
Lucky

Lucky's mom was caught in a leg trap last year and had a litter of pups while caught in the trap. Mom and pups were found by a DNR employee and brought to the shelter. Lucky is one of those pups.



Sadie

1½ years old



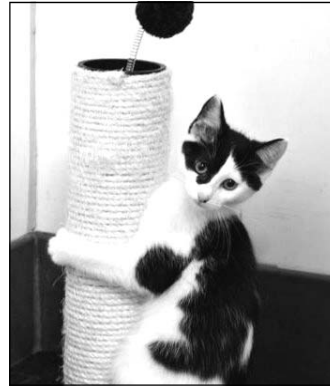
Carly

9 months old



Sheena

12 weeks old



Remy

4 months old



Betsy

3+ years old



Sugar

1 year old



Saint

2 years old



Lovey

2 years old



Mabel

2 years old

Adorable Adoptables

To adopt these, or any of the animals at the Shelter, please call (641) 673-3991. The adoption fee for dogs is \$85, and for cats it is \$65.

If you care about them... would you help us care for them?

This time of year is a demanding and stressful time for us as the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter. But, it is also rewarding! This is the season when we receive many, many litters of kittens – some healthy, but many sick and underage, without their mothers and in need of much care and nurturing. We also receive many sick and injured dogs and cats during these warm months of the year. It puts a tremendous strain on our staff and

our volunteers to take care of these animals in great need of medical care – but they rise to the occasion so beautifully.

This time of year not only demands much of us physically and emotionally but also places great demands on our financial resources to provide the veterinary care these little guys need to get well and become adoptable.

With each new kitten and puppy (and there are so many!), I think of

how grateful I am to each and every one of you who have made the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter such a wonderful sanctuary of love and caring for the animals. And, of course, we take important care of people too, since those little guys, when they are well, will go on to be someone's very best new friend!

With many thanks for your continued kindness, consideration and support.

Gabby Evans, Director



GO FOR THE GOLD

6th Annual MADWAG

Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

(You can walk anytime during the afternoon)

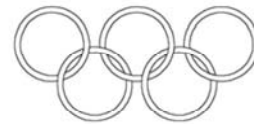
**Register at the Rotary Shelter
in Edmondson Park in Oskaloosa**

Rain or shine, we will be there!

Enjoy a fun afternoon out with your pet and raise money to benefit homeless animals at the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter. This is like any other pledge walk, except you get to bring your pets! Everyone is welcome, even if you don't have a canine companion. Join us for the fun!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 12:00-1:00 **Registration & Walk**
- 1:00-2:30 **Canine Olympics**
 - Fast & Furriest (aka Radar Run)
How fast is your canine?
 - Iron Dog - *Does your dog have what it takes?*
 - Digital Pet Pose Photos
 - Nail Trimming (*freewill donation*)
 - Best Tail Wagger
 - Best Trick
- 2:30-3:00 **Raffle Drawings & Contest Prizes**
 - 50/50 Drawing
50% to the winner – 50% to the Animal Shelter
- 3:00 Blessing of the Animals



LET'S GO FOR THE GOLD!

A kind Oskaloosa donor has offered to double our pledges. You can help us set a new record! Start collecting those pledges today!

PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES

Raise \$50 in pledges and receive a T-shirt & bandana. For every \$10 above and beyond the \$50, you earn another prize ticket. The top pledges in each division (13 & younger and 14 & older) receive first choice of prizes. The remaining prizes will be distributed by ticket drawing. The more you raise, the more chances you have of winning.

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Pet Boarding • and Many More**

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RULES AND WAG-ULATIONS: Participants must provide verification of a current rabies vaccination for their dog(s). • All participants must be 16 years of age or accompanied by a parent or guardian. • All dogs must be kept on a leash. • Participants are responsible for cleaning up waste from their dogs. Pet clean-up bags and disposal sites along the route will be provided. • Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter representatives retain the right to refuse admittance to any animal they feel is potentially harmful to others.

2008 Oskaloosa MADWAG Registration Form and Pledge Sheet

Please turn in this completed registration form at the registration table at the Rotary Shelter in Edmundson Park as soon as you arrive. Please print clearly.

Walker's Name: _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____ City, State, ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____
 Dog's Name: _____ Rabies tag #/Exp. Date: _____
 How did you hear about the walk? _____

I, hereby for myself, heirs, executors and administrators, release and forever discharge the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter (SMAS), its members, sponsors, agents, representatives, servants, successors, and assignees and any other bodies, corporations, firms, associations, municipalities, or persons from any claim for damages resulting in injury either to myself, my dog, or my family during SMAS's 2008 MADWAG on Sept. 27, 2008. I also give full permission for the use of my name and photograph in connection with this event. In compliance with the rules, I confirm that my dog has received current distemper/parvo/rabies vaccination. I certify that I am at least 16 years of age, and that if I am under the age of 18, the signature of a parent or guardian is included. Persons under 16 years of age should be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Please collect pledges. All proceeds benefit homeless pets at the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter. Please take your pledge sheet and ask friends, relatives, co-workers, neighbors, and others to sponsor you by making a financial commitment for you to walk. **Please collect the money when it is pledged and turn it in with this form on the day of MADWAG.**

WALKER SIGNATURE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE _____

The more money you raise, the more chances to win one of many PRIZES!

Pontoon Rentals • Gift Certificates • Bicycles • Jewelry •
 Pet Boarding • and Many More

COLLECT \$50 IN PLEDGES AND RECEIVE A T-SHIRT AND A BANDANA *For every \$10 over and above \$50, receive a prize entry ticket*

	SPONSOR'S NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	PLEDGE AMOUNT
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I cannot participate in MADWAG, but have enclosed my donation of \$ _____ to help homeless pets.

Total Pledges: \$ _____

Donations may be mailed to the Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter, 2299 235th Street, Oskaloosa, IA 52577. For more information, please call the shelter at (641) 673-3991.

THANK YOU!

Memorials & Donations

The animals at Stephen Memorial Animal Shelter thank the following individuals and organizations who have made donations to help.

In Memory of Wilma Brau

Sylvia McClune

In Memory of Marie E. Cook

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In Honor of Julie Flory

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In Memory of Their Family Pet Abby

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Sponsor 1 Cat and 1 Dog

Andrew Glover

A HAPPY TAIL: Rusty



I am sending you pictures of Rusty so you can see how happy he is in his new home. He loves the grandkids, loves his freedom of his new wide open spaces here on the farm and swimming in the pond. He and his "brother Toby" get along good. He is truly a great smart dog and I'm so thankful I found him and got to adopt him.

Lona Harbison
Fairfield, Iowa





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Our “Wish” List

- Treats
- Toys
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Bath Mats
- Office Supplies
- Brushes
- Blankets
- Throw Rugs



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