



Heartland News



July 2021

EXPERIENCE THE BEST SUMMER EVER!

A Very Happy Ending

Ten years ago a tiny kitten was found in an abandoned car, and there was no mother or other kittens with her. When she was taken to a volunteer she was named Zoe and taken to the Vet to be checked. She was very frightened and feral, but she was healthy. After being fostered for a month she was brought to the shelter.

Around this same time a stray mama cat was turned into the shelter. She soon had four kittens. One of those kittens was named Daisy May.

These two kittens were housed in the same area and became fast friends. While the other kittens in the same litter as Daisy May were adopted, she did not warm up to any possible adopters. Instead, she stayed by her friend Zoe, who remained shy and unable to feel comfortable with human touch. If anyone tried to pet or hold Zoe she would panic and not allow it. Her "body guard" Daisy would rescue her by standing between Zoe and the human wanting to touch her. Neither of these girls were aggressive, but they soon made it clear they would allow a soft stroke or two but did not want to be held or cuddled.

While they spent their lives in a room at the shelter, they seemed very content. There were windows to sit by and watch the birds and they were not confined in cages, so they had a comfortable life.

When Scott joined the Heartland board he toured the shelter and found Zoe and Daisy May pulling at his heart. Each time he came to the shelter he would go their room and visit with them. While they had a good life at the shelter, Scott did not want to see them spend the rest of their lives without having a home and family of their own. He decided to adopt both girls. We were all thrilled for our girls to be going to their own home.

It has taken a little time but they are making great progress in their new home. Each day they take another step forward and relax a little more. They feel safe and are settling into the new life as house cats and part of the family. They are enjoying the attention that Scott is giving them and the freedom of having a whole house to roam in and enjoy.

We love all the happy endings when our "kids" find their furever homes, but for Scott to adopt these two was a very special happy ending.

Volunteers Needed

As you know, Heartland Pet Welfare is a no-kill, not-for-profit animal shelter that operates strictly on donations from the general public. What you may not know is, behind the scenes, we rely on a staff of volunteers from the local populace to help and maintain the shelter. From cleaning the cages to socializing (playing with) potential adoptees, mostly kittens, these volunteers are essential to keep the shelter up and running. And we could sure use your help. If you have even a couple of hours a week to give to help support our operation, we would really appreciate it. And so would the kitties. Please contact us at 815-273-0556, or email us at admin@heartlandpetwelfare.org for more information. We thank you, and our kitties thank you too!

4 Way Donation Day

Earlier in June our intrepid board members held a "fill the bucket" event at the four way stop outside of Mt. Carroll. Thanks to local travelers we were able to raise over \$1100 in donations. This amount was the most we had collected at any fund raising event we have held, to this point. A big thank you goes out to all who stopped and donated to help keep Heartland operating.



Zoe & Daisy May

www.heartlandpetwelfare.org

Volunteer Spotlight

In this newsletter we are introducing one of our awesome volunteers. This is Janet (holding Paisley). She has been volunteering at the shelter for over a year working with the cats and kittens getting them ready for adoption. Socializing the kitties is so important, and Janet will play with them, brush them and give extra attention to the shy ones. She is a very kind and loving influence on our furry friends.

When asked how she liked coming to the shelter, Janet said "I wish I had done this sooner. This is my happy place." She has been a welcome addition to the shelter as she loves the cats.... and they love her!

It is because of all of our valuable volunteers that we are able to do the work we do and find loving homes for our furry friends. They are more than valuable.....they are priceless!



Donations

Even if you are unable to donate your time, we are always in need of physical donations (besides money). Here is a list of items we greatly appreciate you donating to the shelter to help our cause:

- Cat food, specifically Purina brand Kitten Chow
- Laundry soap, or dish soap
- Bleach
- Disinfecting wipes
- White kitchen garbage bags
- Postage stamps
- Computer printer paper

If no one is at the shelter when you drop these items off, there is a large plastic tote outside you can leave them in. Thank you for your help and support!

Support for Heartland Pet Welfare provided in part by:



DONATION CARD

- Yes, I can volunteer
- \$10 a month Sponsor-a-pet
- \$20 Yearly membership
- \$50 Initial vet check/check-in for one kitty
- \$125 Cat food and litter
- \$200 Shelter supplies
- \$ _____ Other

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