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Mission Statement

Protecting and teaching compassion for the animals in Antrim County.

Center Hours

Tuesday 10am-Noon
Wed-Fr 10am-4pm (closed 12-1 for lunch)
Saturday 10-Noon
Closed Monday and Sunday

Annual Events

6th Annual Pet Run/Walk
Thursday August 14th, 2014

**14th Annual Chili Cook Off
and Silent Auction**

Sunday, October 26th, 2014

10th Annual Holiday Pet Photos
Saturday, November 15, 2014

12th Annual Garage Sale
Saturday, June 2015

Look for other WaLHFMF events throughout the year.

WaLHFMF loves to hear from adults and kids! Send us your stories, jokes, drawings, and pictures.

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Sweet Alice and Conrad find their forever homes

Sweet Alice came hopping down the bunny trail...or should we say the bird feeder trail. Alice was fed all winter by a nice couple who found her at their bird feeder. She became good friends with them and it was determined that she was not a wild bunny at all. Right before Easter Alice hopped right into a cage and found her way to the center. She adjusted well to life here, enjoying snuggle time and play time in the quarantine room. Alice quickly found a home as a house bunny. She now has even more room to run around and bunny siblings to play with!

We often tell people when they adopt from the center that they are saving two lives; the one they adopt and the one that comes to fill the empty spot. Conrad is just another example of that.

Conrad's owners gave him up when they could no longer keep him, by placing him over the fence at animal control, a poor example of relinquishing a pet. The officers found a frightened and lonely Conrad the next morning. That was July, 2013.

After his stay at animal control Conrad arrived at the center and adjusted well, playing with his new friends and enjoying the attention. He was about 7 months old, a hound mix and was promptly sent off to get neutered.

Conrad went through much of his puppyhood here at the center making friends with all of the volunteers and furry residents. He left his mark in many ways, by chewing walls, a few corners of the bench and a pair of glasses to name a few. During Conrad's stay we celebrated his 1st Birthday, Christmas, Valentine's Day and he even got his green on. The biggest mark he left was in everyone's hearts.

All the volunteers kept saying Conrad needs a family with kids to play with and snuggle buddies. That he would be a perfect family dog. Finally, after 8 months at the center, that perfect family discovered Conrad. He now has everything we hoped for and more with his new family!!



ADOPT-A-PET!

Miggy and Prince are a year old and have grown up at the center. The brother-sister team would love a home together but are looking for any way out of here! They are both up to date on shots, spayed/neutered and tested negative for FEL and FIV. Indoor home only please.

President's Corner



Looking back on the last year at the Pet Crisis Center I think we have had a pretty incredible one.

Antrim County Animal Control is

taking cats again and that is very good news! On several occasions animal control has been at zero dogs. Does that mean spay/neuter is finally taking hold in the dog community and making a difference? I hope so!

We were able to help the feral cat population with donations to the spay/neuter fund. We have had wonderful new homes come forward and adopt at the center. That is probably the most rewarding part of animal rescue to receive beautiful pictures and stories of their new happy homes. We have had some wonderful new volunteers and I think we have the best volunteers in the world. Sadly, we got news three of the center's volunteers passed away. We will never forget them and the parts they played in the growth of With a Little Help From My Friends and the center. We were able to receive, new to Northern Michigan, medical treatment for 17 year old resident, Moka (see article at right). We have also been lucky enough to keep Jenna on as the center coordinator, which has been a blessing.

We never lose sight of the fact that without generous people like you donating their time, expertise and money there would be no With A Little Help from My Friends' Pet Crisis Center. Together we are making a difference in our community and I look forward to another year of reaching goals hand in hand.

Thanks for listening and stop out and visit, it's a great place to fall in love.

Heather Knust
President



— Wish List —

Below is our summerr wish list for items the sanctuary will need to keep stocked. Any donation is appreciated and needed!

- Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies Gaylord gift cards (989) 731-4200
- Cat beds
- Cat & Dog toys
- Cat & Dog treats (nutritional ones)
- Dishwasher
- Dishwasher tabs
- Extra large heavy trash bags
- Fleece blankets or material
- Money for pet supplies
- Postage stamps
- Recycled newspaper cat litter
- Thick paper towels
- 40" or larger flat screen for presentations, and... animals need entertainment, too!
- Pre-pay at North Country Veterinary for medical expenses
- Motivated volunteers ☺

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a little help from
my friends...*

—John Lennon

Regenerative Medicine

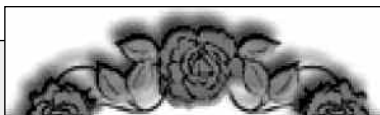
Regenerative medicine refers to a group of procedures that utilize a patient's own healing cells to repair damaged tissues and reverse disease processes. When performing these techniques, veterinarians harvest blood plasma, platelets, stem cells and many other healing components found in the body. These special components are normally used to repair damage from routine wear and tear. When harvested in large numbers and amplified, these cells can be administered directly into injured tissue to dramatically speed the healing process. That is, of course, the simple explanation of regenerative medicine

In a way, it does seem simple. We take the cells and biological components that an animal uses every day to repair damage and put them where we want them to work. The truth is, while we understand the basics of how these components work, we do not know exactly what is happening at every level when we use these procedures. Stem cells are the body's reserve force. They lie dormant in many different tissues until the immune system calls them to work. They are called stem cells because they have the ability to differentiate into any type of cell that is needed for the repair - new ligaments, cartilage, even kidney or liver cells. There are lots of other factors that help this process. The platelets found in the blood signal other healing factors to join the fight.

Cytokines and interleukins work with the other components to restore the damaged tissue. With regenerative medicine procedures, we get the benefit of all of these and bathe the area in a flood of healing factors and repair cells.

As veterinary professionals, classically trained in the best schools of medicine in the world, we get frustrated by things we can't fully explain. Here is what we do know, the results of stem cell therapy and other regenerative medicine techniques are astounding. We expect that more than 90% of dogs treated with stem cell therapy for arthritis will improve. There is building evidence that regenerative medicine techniques

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In Memory Of

Alan Childs and Don Boh

Seifried

Gayle Sallcup

“Angel Kitty” Be’Be

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Be’Be

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John Zoller

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**Our beautiful Muffin
who adored her Dad Ed**

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Linda Rose

Bailey

Nancy and Dennis Richardson

Daisy

Julie and Lee Wollgast

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Joann Homberg

Donald Minish

From your Favorite sister Carol

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18 years old, died 11-12-13

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**Maverick, Moka & Misty, your loving
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From the Front Lines

by Jenna Minish, Center Coordinator

Many phone calls start with someone asking if the Pet Crisis Center is a no kill shelter. Although I can answer with a "yes we are," there is more than meets the eye when it comes to a no kill facility.

The Pet Crisis Center has the luxury of picking which animals come into the center, checking out behaviors and making sure the animals are healthy before they arrive. If an animal does not have a desirable personality and would not do well at the facility then they are not brought in. When the cages are full the center does not take in any more animals. It is as simple as that. We are a no kill shelter for all practical reasons. Since opening in 2011, only 8 animals have been euthanized either for an untreatable medical reason or for aggression that did not show until they had lived at the center for a while.

When the topic about an animal going to the county shelter comes up, most people's first reaction is, "oh no, they will be killed there!!" Does the county animal control euthanize animals? Yes, they do. They euthanize so that places like the Pet Crisis Center do not have to. They weed out animals that would not do well in a home or rescue and ones that have behavioral or medical issues.

County animal controls are open intake, they have to take in all the strays no matter how full they are. Simple math tells you that if all 10 of your cages are full and you have two new strays come in, something has to give.

If I look around the cat room here at the center I see some spectacular personalities, cats that are here for no obvious reason besides there is just nowhere for them to go. Many of the cats have been here 6 months, a few over a year. These cats have somewhere safe to stay while they find a new home, however, how long will they be in transition? The center is better than being in a barred cage waiting for a home, but it is not a home. There are 20 cats all competing for the attention of one adopter. The shyer cats will be staying a lot longer. This can be disheartening for not only the cats, but the volunteers and staff as well.

If it upsets you to see healthy animals euthanized and animals sitting in cages for months or even years, then do your part. The only way to make a dent in numbers euthanized is to lower the number of animals through spay and neuter.

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can also benefit patients from other diseases that have proven stubborn to treat in the past; diseases such as kidney failure, diabetes and liver failure are showing response to these treatments. We don't understand fully how regenerative medicine works but we are finding more and more indications at an amazing rate. News stories are coming out almost daily describing new uses of stem cells in both human and veterinary medicine.

I am convinced that stem cell therapy and other regenerative medicine procedures are going to change the way we practice medicine. We're on the edge of a revolution. It's all very exciting! What's even better is that we can now give real relief to animals that have suffered from debilitating and painful conditions such as osteoarthritis and hip dysplasia and finally make them better without just covering up their pain with pharmaceuticals. In my mind, that is beyond exciting!

If you have a pet that has arthritis or another chronic medical condition and would like to find out if regenerative medicine can help, please give us a call. We would be happy to set up a consultation.

*Dr. Chris Randall, DVM
North Country Veterinary Service
(231) 588-2190*

Leaving their mark on our hearts, saying goodbye to three permanent residents



Moka went to sleep for her last time May 8, 2014. She was 17 years old and her body and mind were done.

Moka was the first dog brought into the center July 3, 2011. She leaves quite a legacy being the first dog in Northern Michigan to receive a stem cell transplant, leading the way for others.



Maverick, the Mega Esophagus black Lab, also lost his battle the week before Moka. As everyone knows, life can be very emotional at times.

Moka and Maverick not only left marks on our hearts, but their mark in this life.

When the center was quiet that week you could almost hear Maverick saying, "Come on up ole' friend, lets play."



Misty, the third and last permanent resident, lost her battle with thyroid complicated with other medical issues. Misty came to the center March 2012 during a horrific snow storm that left the area without power. Her homeless owner brought her here where she was later diagnosed and put on thyroid medication. Misty, like Moka and Maverick, had many followers who loved her for who she was – a sweet, pretty, independent cat who left her mark on our hearts.

Many Thanks to our Hardworking Volunteers for all the time, love, and tears they give for the cause. And to the following businesses and individuals.

- **Antrim County Animal Shelter** for their continued support.
- **Antrim County Businesses** for their support of the Silent Auction and other events.
- **Antrim County Residents** for their outpour of support!
- All the **Antrim County Restaurants** that kindly donate chili for our cook-off every October.
- **Antrim County Review** for their help with PR.
- **Antrim County Veterinarians** for their dedication to the cause.
- **Bellaire Chamber** for their continued support of all events.
- Jack Bodis of **Creative Characters** in Central Lake for his help in the formatting and printing of this newsletter.
- **Carrie Dewey and Family** for all the photos, videos and their dedication to the animals.
- **Central Lake High Schools Shop Class** for constructing the new bird feeders for the cats to enjoy.
- **Denny Thompson** for his cold weather dog walking dedication. Brrrrrrr!
- **GT Industries-Mancelona** for their volunteer hours.
- Christian Randall DVM and staff from **North Country Veterinary Services of Ellsworth** for all their compassionate work.
- **Tammy Stead** of Bellaire for grooming the center's pets.
- **Village Markets** for support and donations of community cash.
- **Wags to Wiskers Pet Supplies** in Gaylord for their donations and support!
- **Mark Winn** for updating WaLHFMMF website.

ADOPT-A-PET!



Clover will turn 3 in August, weighs a little over 40lbs, is spayed AND micro chipped. Born in the Philippines, she came to the states last year with her owner. Clover is a fun loving dog with lots of personality and is very loyal and protective of her space and people. She loves bones and her toys and can safely be left in the house without getting into trouble.



Piper is a 1.5 year old lab mix. She has lots of energy, loves other dogs and would like an active home. Piper is spayed and up to date on shots. A fenced in yard is required for adoption.

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Remember when you have shopping to do –



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For those in the Antrim County area...

If you save your receipts (including gas receipts) from the Elk Rapids, Rapid City and Central Lake Village Markets, mail them to With a Little Help From My Friends. A portion of their Community Cash program will be donated to WaLHFMF.

Did you know many credit card companies allow you to turn your reward points into gift cards?!!

You can then donate these gift cards to your favorite charity!

"I am in favor of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being"

—Abraham Lincoln



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