

NEWSLETTER

Fall 2014

Saving Ricky—Happy Tails!!!

Summer is always a busy time around here at CHA. One special day will always stick out in our mind, the day Bear was adopted and the story that unfolded after he left CHA. A story of a determined lady, a scared Shepherd and a newly adopted “saint” will leave a warm spot in your heart.



This story starts two years ago when Liz had an acquaintance who was a breeder. This lady had several German Shepherds adults and puppies. Many needed to find homes immediately due to an illness in the family. So Liz decided to rescue one, she picked a beautiful sable female named “Ricky”. Now, Miss Ricky was a little on the shy side, scared to be exact. Liz felt

that probably she wasn’t socialized well as a puppy. Making the decision to enroll Ricky into obedience class, was the first step in getting her over her fears. This helped Ricky along a little bit, but didn’t take away the anxiety that was still so rooted in her. After spending much money and time on countless classes, equipment and obedience trainers, Liz started looking for help using Cesar Milan’s techniques. She noticed that Cesar’s dog “Daddy” was used in countless shows to ease fear in dogs with aggression issues. The idea of having a calm, obedient, secure male around, Liz thought, may be the “ticket” to helping Ricky have a normal life.

So her search began. Countless hours were spent scrolling through the Petfinder™ website looking for that faithful dog that would help Ricky become confident in herself. After contacting several shelters in the St. Paul area and not being able to find the right fit from them she

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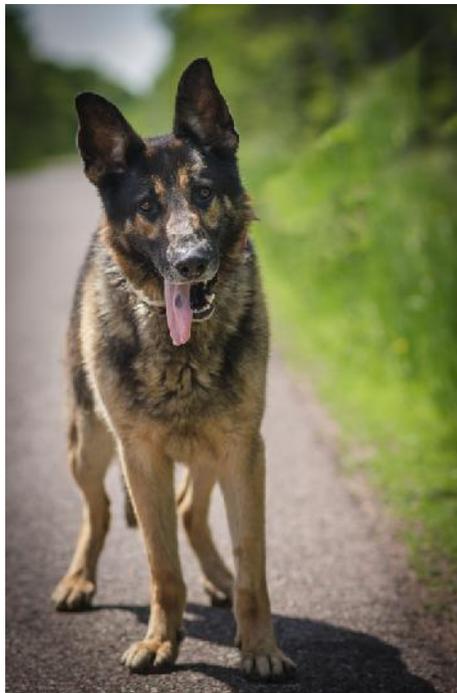
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started to expand her search. Then, there he was, Bear. Liz immediately fell in love, just from the pictures. She quickly sent in her application, figuring it would be another disappointment of “not a good fit” or “already adopted”. But to her surprise, she got the call to come and get Bear. “It’s a miracle, our prayers have been answered” Liz thought to herself.

On a cool sunny Monday, Liz set off on the odyssey from St. Paul to Ashland, and back. On the way home Bear was checked out by her Veterinarian and Micro-chipped; he was a little hesitant but quickly calmed during his exam. Not even thinking to herself whether it would work out or not, she just knew this had to be the answer. He was so perfect, a gentleman to be exact. Full of love, kisses and more love! This plan had to work! What was to unfold was a bit more of an undertaking than expected.

Seeking advice from her trainer on the proper way to introduce the two of them, she was quick to find that there was a problem. Ricky was being aggressive to Bear; it was heartbreaking to say the least. She called CHA to let them know that this may not work for Bear. Ricky was possessive of Liz and anytime she would pet Bear, Ricky would attack him. She would have to alternate crating them to keep from anyone getting hurt. Bear took everything in stride, he was again a complete gentleman. Everything they were trying was not working, and quickly she started thinking this was not fair to Bear. After several failed attempts of trainers, nobody could help. She considered a \$5,000.00 live in program for Ricky, but Liz was starting to feel that maybe her problem was genetic and this would just be putting off the inevitable. Liz



then spoke with a trainer that works with a Police Canine Unit. He recommended something nobody else had, using a kennel with a divider. Ricky and Bear would spend 8 hours a day in the kennel. This was one way they could be safe, but still get to know each other through the fence. At first Ricky wanted to kill Bear, lunging and barking like crazy. Bear would bark a few times back with an “Oh, no you didn’t” look on his face. Liz had that sinking feeling in her stomach again.

Four days in to the experiment, something changed. A quiet, almost playful expression had developed in Ricky

through the fence. So she brought them in the house, Bear on one side and Ricky on the other (with a gate in-between). They playfully nipped at each other through the gate. Liz’ husband was sure something had changed, but Liz didn’t want to take any chances. Then Bear marked the wall on his side of the house; Liz opened the gate and ran to get the cleaner but alas, the gate didn’t close. What happened next was a miracle; Liz saw Bear running full blast out the doggie door with Ricky in pursuit. They chased each other for a full 15 minutes on the back yard. When they were

done, they were the best of friends. No fighting, biting or growling, just happy, and the rest is history!

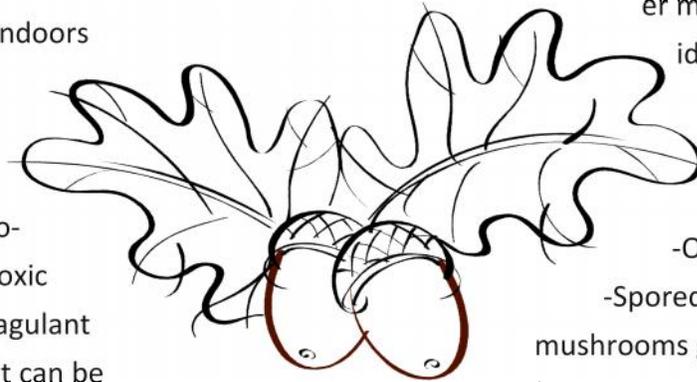
Bear had done what thousands of dollars in training and equipment couldn’t do. Bear showed Ricky that she didn’t have to fear anything. Best of all, he showed her that he was here now and that she could lean on him, and there isn’t anything to be afraid of. Bear gave her the gift of self-confidence, he is her rock. So now Liz has two loves in her life, Ricky and Bear.

“I thank CHA for sending Bear to our family, we love him”

Keeping Your Pets Safe During Fall

It is starting to feel like fall with the kids back to school and the crisp, cool morning air. Good planning and organization can keep our fur people from hazards during the autumn months. So, here are a few safety tips to consider:

- **Rodent Watch!** Rodents are out and about in the fall trying to seek and build shelters from the cooler temperatures. They will try to move indoors as well. Therefore, be careful when using rodenticides around the yard and house. Rodenticides are highly toxic to pets causing anticoagulant bleeding disorders that can be fatal. An alternative to rodenticides is using live traps. In addition to rodenticide poisoning, your pet may also get worms and intestinal parasites by eating rodents. Make sure you keep your pet on year round preventative and have your pets stool tested at least once a year.
- **Mushroom Danger!** The fall season can produce mushrooms that are beautiful, edible - and poi-



sonous! The poisonous mushrooms can make you or your pet very ill. Poisonous mushrooms can cause a range of clinical signs from mild gastrointestinal upset to severe hallucinations and even death. The

most poisonous mushroom around is

the Amanita spp., this mushroom contains a very strong toxin call amanitin which can be fatal to both humans and pets. Other mushrooms that also need to be

identified and removed from your yard are LBMs (little brown mushrooms) which are common in suburban lawns, Jack

-O-Lantern mushrooms, and Green

-Spored Lepiota. All of these toxic mushrooms grow in the fall and spring

months.

- **Snakes!** Autumn is the season when snakes who are preparing for hibernation may be particularly "grumpy," increasing the possibility of severe bites to those unlucky pets who find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. Pet owners should know what kinds of snakes, venomous or not, may be in their environment. Know where these snakes are most likely to be found and keep pets out of those areas.

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Looking for Happy Tails...

to feature on our website and on Facebook. If you would like to share your story with us, send us an email at cheqhumane@yahoo.com along with a few photos of your happy pet! We look forward to reading and sharing your stories and photographs.

Calling All Volunteers!!!!

Volunteer Orientations held on the First Sunday of every month at noon!

⌘ Dog walkers ⌘ Cat companions ⌘ Fund-raising Assistant ⌘ Data Entry ⌘ Grant writing Assistant

(Individual orientations are available by appointment only)

We have been busy this past Summer!



Fourth of July Parade in Ashland

CHA had a wonderful turnout of staff, volunteers and animal lovers at Ashland's Fourth of July Parade! We were able to give out newsletters, shirts, water bottles and of course candy to the welcoming crowd! We are hoping next year to be able to put together a float, so keep us in mind if you want to help out!



Bayfield Apple Fest 2014

Once again we participated in Bayfield's 2014 Apple Fest. This year we were awarded Judge's Choice and received an award of \$100.00. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us put this winning "Teacher's Pet" Float together!!!



Your Ad Here!

With a targeted circulation of almost 2000 readers and their families, CHA's newsletter is a great place to advertise

3"x3" \$60.00/ Issue

For more information or to place an ad, contact Kari at 715) 682-9744.

Thank You Midland!!!

Thank you Midland Services and Thank You to the ENTIRE COMMUNITY for participating in the Midland Services/Cenex patronage program. It really pays off! In early September we received a check for \$3,150.00! Remember if you purchase gasoline at Midland Services you can give them the shelter's patron number (104-619) and we will receive a rebate based on the total amount of purchases!



Upcoming Events!!!!

FURBALL 2014

SAVE THE DATE

WHEN Saturday, Nov. 1, 2014.

TIME: Music from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
(Doors open at 6)

WHERE: Americ-Inn Conference Center of Ashland.

COST: \$50.00/per person

Join us in celebrating our fabulous four legged friends! Enjoy local food, beer, wine and drinks as you scan our amazing tables jammed packed with auctions!

Tickets can be purchased at the shelter or through our website via PayPal at: www.chaadopt.org (Visit our Events page or Contact Kari at CHA for more information and/or tickets 715.682.9744)



More Ways to Donate!

Thrivent Financial

Local members of Thrivent Financial have become a major sponsor for CHA. As members of Thrivent, individuals earn choice dollars. Individuals can then decide how they want those dollars to be spent. A huge thank you goes out to all those members who have sent their dollars our way! This money goes directly to care for the animals at the shelter and allows the staff at CHA to continue its important work in keeping the animals safe, clean and healthy. If you are a Thrivent member, but unsure how to access your Thrivent Choice dollars here's a step-by-step guide of how your choice dollars can go to the Chequamegon Humane Association. You can use the internet or the phone.

One thing you have to know is that you must elect a destination each year for your choice dollars, you can no longer have continuous payments going to one charity.

To use the internet:

1. Log on to www.thrivent.com.
2. Sign in with your username and password or REGISTER for an account.
3. Once you have registered and signed in, scroll across the top tool bar to "Thrivent Community". Click on "Thrivent Choice".
4. You will see a box "How do I Direct My Designated Choice Dollars?" In the box, click "Get Started".
5. In the middle of the next page, type "Chequamegon Humane Association" in the Organization Name box and click search.
6. Chequamegon Humane Association will come up with a button to press, "Direct Now". Click that button. You will be able to assign all of part of your choice dollars to the Chequamegon Humane Association.
7. Click the "submit button" and your Thrivent Choice Dollars will be sent to the Chequamegon Humane Association.

To use the Phone: call 800-847-4836.

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When shopping online, a portion of your purchases can be donated to CHA if you visit the GoodShop website and use their GoodSearch engine to find Good deals for yourself. Goodshop donates over 11 million dollars to non-profits every year, lets get some of those donations to help our local homeless pets! Its super easy, and doesn't cost you anything! Look near the top right of the webpage for "Find a cause to support", click that link and make sure you enter **Chequamegon Humane Association** as your charity!!! You do not even need to create an account (although doing so does carry some benefits) to help start earning money for CHA - just return to the GoodSearch page and start searching/shopping. <http://www.goodsearch.com> Remember to add it to your bookmarks/favorites and use it each time you shop/search online.

Deep Water Grille & The Alley Frequent Diner Program

Consider joining the Frequent Diner Program at the Deepwater Grille & the Alley in Ashland. Every food and beverage purchase you make at either restaurant or bar is tallied. When you hit specific levels (\$100, \$250, etc.) you will automatically be sent gift cards on your birthday, your spouse's birthday, your anniversary (or whatever date you choose), and you will receive exclusive emails regarding their special events. In addition to these benefits, 1% of your total purchase annually will be donated to CHA!! Please stop into The Alley or Deepwater Grille for the form to sign up, and remember to check CHA as your favorite local charity.

CWO Auto & Scrap Removal

Donate your metal to CWO Auto & Scrap Removal and CWO will pay a premium price to the sponsored charity of your choice. An additional \$0.05 per pound for non-ferrous (i.e. aluminum, copper, brass) and \$10.00 per ton for ferrous (i.e. steel and junk vehicles.)

MidlandServices.com - 3 Locations

When shopping at your local midland Station at their Ashland, Mellen, Hurley and Brule locations, make sure to use CHA'S Patron number (104-619). This patronage number helps tremendously and every little bit helps! Please consider keeping this number handy when making purchases at these locations.

Fundinco / Amazon

Another way to help raise much needed funds for CHA is to "start" all of your Amazon shopping from our Fundinco homepage. Shopping this way means 3% of your purchase price will be donated to CHA. Just click this link and you can shop at Amazon.com: <http://www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=410> Remember to add it to your bookmarks/favorites and use it each time you shop/search online.

Where there's a Will....

...There's a way. Giving a gift in your Will is a very special way of leaving a lasting legacy. By choosing CHA as a preferred recipient you can continue to support animals of the Chequamegon Bay area. A charitable bequest is a distribution of your choice through your last will. We ask that you to think of the animals at CHA when considering your final Will.



Adoptions! February 2014 – September 2014.

FEBRUARY

“Beau” Ryan Lindstrom
“Marble” Emily Loker
“Left-eye” Deb Bates
“T-Boz” Matthew Chingo
“Faith” Deb Bates
“Coconut” Bob Denman
“Banana” Brittany Weisbecker
“Chilli” Jennifer Mika
“Cheetah” Nicole Nordhaugen

“Sophia” Rich Murphy
“Mufasa” Allie Chornolby
“Woodford” Whitney Johnson
“Harley” Pauline Grooms
“Penny” Jessica Brandis
“Jasper” Sharon Hammond
“Kanene” Anthony Budreau

“Knick n’ Knack” Diane Flanders
“Thumper” Linda Decker
“Purray” Sue Lemieuse
“Faith” Deb Bater
“Bianca” & “Lucy” Lori Diesburg
“Peaches” Mary Davis
“Molly” Julie McKuen
“Levi” Jenny Galley
“Willie” Kari Olinger

MARCH

“Raven” udi and George Holevat
“Hope” Amy and David Owen
“Rosie” Traci Webb
“Rum” Barb Keiser
“Monety” Garrett Soufflet
“Lafayette” Marissa Mountain

MAY

“Sierra” Brianna Wiener
“Siko” Paul Tolliver
“Alejandro” Julia Novak
“Tazz” Michelle Aronson
“Lyra” Dale & Zak Hoopman
“Izzy” Robyn Eddy
“Oscar” Maya Wenner
“Addison” Angela Hannu
“Ayo” Defuk Family
“Aubrie” Penny Juoni

JULY

“Bootsy” Michelle Derusha
“Hedwig” David Hulburt
“Butch” & “Sundance” Julie Hall
“Toto” Claire Fliess
“Popcorn” Teri Kerille
“Minnie” Katherine Hinson
“Harley” Barbara Zakis
“Baby” Kay Bratley
“Nika” Jackie Kinny

APRIL

“Sparky” Sandra Maloof
“Benny” Elaine Fergus
“Napolean” Tami Salawater
“Tyson” Jenny Biolo
“Tyrion” Sherry Stolarzyk
“Hokie” Kim Henri
“Pokie” Jill Rodgers
“Leah” Aaron Bruney
“Bowser” Rebecca Chalberg
“Rogue” Lee Foster
“Jasper” Brianna Martin
“Dopey” Richard Depaoli
“Marley” Linda and Chad Black

JUNE

“Chi” Tayloer Lane
“Lilly” Kim Welty
“Jade” Penny Juoni
“Susan” Abby & Leslie Hill
“Edmund” Laurel Fyock
“Dublin” Amanda & Pat Tutan
“Coca” Renee Smith
“Peter” Cassy Morrison
“Warner” Jessi Livingston
“Bear” Elizabeth Gahn

AUGUST

“Luna” Lori White
“Zoey” Pat McQueen
“Major” Cindy Karaba
“Charlie” Ann Theien
“Chestnut” Dennis Danielson
“Freya” Jeanette Defoe
“Rolo” James Wiener
“Oreo” Josh Katon
“Yoda” Stacy LaPointe
“Midnight” Charles Wiggins



- "Sparta"** Kyle Bernhoft
- "Madeline"** Sarra Felske
- "Arwen"** Jasmine Montano
- "Prince"** Ben Hamann
- "Layla"** Kelsey Wilmer
- "Dock"** Julie Huard
- "Burrito"** Lonore Cameron
- "Toulouse"** Jason Ermilio
- "Lionel"** Lana Froemming
- "Peanut"** Casey McCoullough

SEPTEMBER

- "Lenis"** Eric Leecy
- "Tally"** Julia Bushma
- "Lynx"** Dawn White
- "Fred"** Sandra Owen
- "Champ"** Michelle Andrieiko
- "Nevaeh"** Julie Huard
- "Rimmey"** Brian Herringa
- "James"** Timothy Wright
- "Oscar"** Pam Krieger



SPAY/NEUTER

CHA has been aggressively trying to keep the unwanted pet population down in the Chequamegon Bay Area. We have taken an approach of prevention in addition to sheltering animals. Hopefully with less available puppies and kittens our adult animals will have better chances of adoption at CHA. We have partnered with Animal Allies of Duluth and their Spay/Neuter Clinic. We have also participated in their spay/neuter discount programs as well. Programs called "Happy Neuter Year" and "Beat the Heat" were programs directed towards controlling the cat population. "Precious, not Parents" was directed at fixing puppies and kittens and "Primp your Pit" was focused on Fixing Pit Bull and Pit Bull Mixes. Each of these programs only charged \$20.00 per animal, additional assistance was available to those who could not afford the fee. These programs are done for 2014, but we look forward to participating in more in 2015. If you would like to help support this program, just make a note on your donation.

Meet Abby—CHA Manager

Meet Abby! Abby grew up in the town of Glidden, WI, and moved to Ashland, WI in 2007. She attended the Ashland High School, and received her diploma in 2011. Abby has always had an avid love and compassion for animals. Throughout high-school Abby attended a DNR camp on a 20,000 acre wildlife refuge. While attending for four summers, Abby got to work closely with animals, including tagging geese, and identifying invasive species in plants and animals.



During High-School, Abby went to WITC-Ashland. She received her CNA license in April of

2011. After finishing classes at WITC, Abby started working at Golden Living, in Ashland, WI. Abby decided after a short few months at Golden Living, that taking care of people wasn't to do what she wanted in life.

That is when she saw an ad for a kennel staff worker at CHA in October of 2012. Abby started working at CHA as kennel staff one month later, and has been working there ever since.

Throughout her time at CHA, she has learned a lot about animals that she didn't know, and has found her niche in life. In late 2013, Abby was promoted to assistant manager, then in September of 2014 Abby was promoted again to Shelter Manager. She is excited to be working closely with the public on finding the animals at CHA, as well as animal control their new forever homes.

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- **Car Coolant!** Many people choose fall as the time to change their car's engine coolant. Ethylene glycol-based coolants are highly toxic, so spills should be cleaned up immediately. Consider switching to propylene glycol-based coolants. Even though they aren't completely nontoxic, they are much less toxic than other engine coolants.
- **Trick or Treat: No chocolate for dogs!** There are several foods that you should never feed your dog. Number one on that list is chocolate, which is toxic and can lead to severe illness and sometimes death. Instruct your kids and any visitors that they are not to give chocolate to your dog. Keep the candy and goody bags out of reach of the dog. If possible keep your dog indoors in a room removed from the front door. Noise affects dogs and the constant ringing of the doorbell may

cause your dog to become skittish and anxious. Halloween costumes can also alarm some pets who may not be used to the constant flow of strangers in strange costumes. Know your dog and decide if it is best that he celebrate at a distance from all the action.

- **A Feast!** While the humans are chowing down their Thanksgiving Day dinner, give your cat and dog their own little feast. Offer them Nylabones or made-for-pet chew bones. Or stuff their usual dinner, perhaps with a few added vegetables (try sweet potato or green beans, without any butter or toppings) inside a Kong toy. They'll be happily occupied for awhile, working hard to extract their dinner from the toy.
- **Bad to the Bone!** Never give your pets any bones from your Thanksgiving Day dinner. Bones can splinter when chewed. This can cause broken teeth, gastrointestinal upset, lacerations, punctures or death. Also avoid hoofs and pig ears.

CHA is now Microchipping

Starting in late October CHA will be offering Micro-chipping to all animals adopted through CHA. Microchips work like an identification tag. But unlike tags and collars, microchips cannot fall off, get lost or be forgotten. They are tiny, harmless devices that are implanted between an animal's shoulder blades. They transmit a signal with a number that can be detected by a scanner that other shelters, animal control officers and many veterinarian clinics use. The number corresponds to a number in a database, linking the animal to its owner's contact information. If an animal gets lost, anyone with a wand can link the microchip to the owner's contact information and get him or her home quickly. We are looking to in the near future offer micro-chipping clinics to the public in an effort to help get lost pets back to their owners.



CHA Welcomes New Board Member.



Mark Dixon

I moved here to Ashland in 2006 to host the morning show at WBSZ-FM where I am currently working. I am originally from Iron River, Michigan. Once I moved to Ashland I had a friend suggest I visit the Chequamegon Humane Association, where I met Isaac a Labrador Pit-bull mix. He is very special to me and I cannot imagine life without him. I am currently involved with CHA as a Board Member. I am also involved in the local car club and helping out the Ashland Dog Park with their construction of a dog park for Ashland area residents. I am very grateful for the opportunity to help CHA in any way I can.

Thanks!



Board Members

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Adoption Fee Increases As of 07/08/2014

\$50 for an adult cat less than 7 years old but greater than 1 yr.

\$35 for senior cats, 7 years or older

\$120 for dogs less than 7 years old but greater than 1 year

\$85 for dogs older than 7 years

\$75 for kittens

\$150 for puppies

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