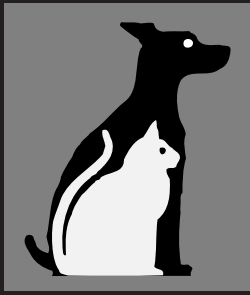
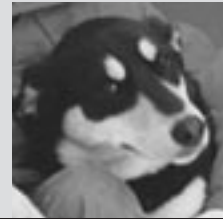


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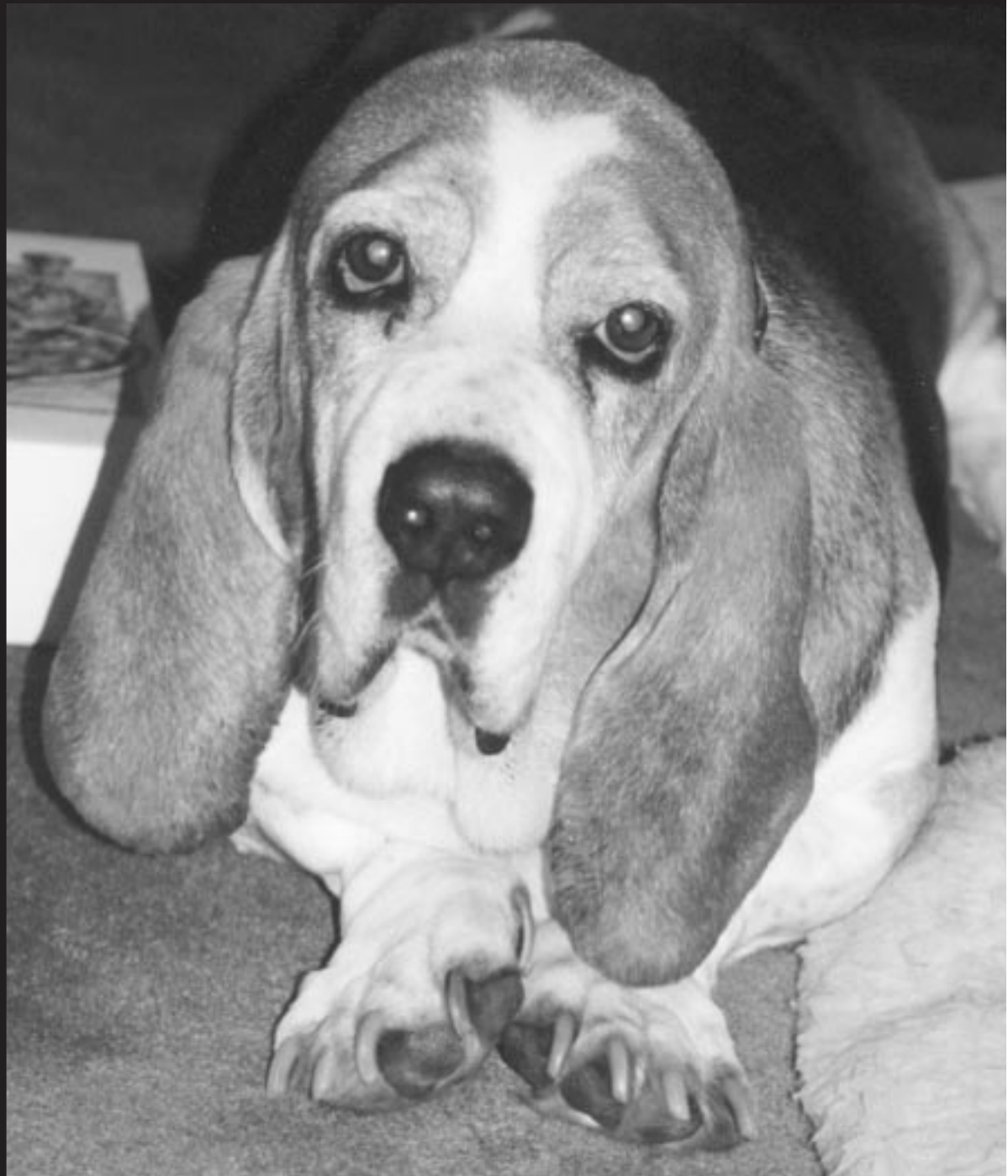


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## Animal News



Newsletter of the South Wood County Humane Society



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**Bozely the Basset Hound**

**On the Cover:** Basset Hound Bozely has been a part of the Brown family since his adoption from the SWCHS in April of 1991. Bozely is approximately 13 years old, but still young at heart. The Browns' write, "Boz is proof that adopting a dog from the SWCHS is the best way to go. He is a part of the family...We would like to encourage all prospective pet owners to adopt from SWCHS before going anywhere else."

## Letter from the Director

A matter that is frequently debated here at the SWCHS is whether a pet should live inside or outside. It is the belief of the SWCHS that pets should spend as much time as possible with their humans and live inside. We do make exceptions with certain breeds of dogs, however not very often. We have all too often seen the result of a dog that has spent its life outside, then is relinquished here as a result of the behavior he has developed from lack of training and little to no socialization. Another common instance is the outside cat that comes into our shelter after raiding garbage cans, killing wildlife, breeding uncontrollably and usually in need of medical care. The SWCHS makes its adoption decisions based on what we feel is in the animals best interest, so they can go to the best of homes.

Lori Marceau, SWCHS Director

## Letter from the President

April is here and that means two things. The first is that spring is supposed to be here and the second is that the Annual Walk for Kindness is soon approaching. Judging by the recent snow-fall, I cannot declare spring upon us yet. BUT, I can confirm that the Walk for Kindness will be May 11th. The Walk is the Humane Society's most important fundraiser of the year. Last year the Walk generated proceeds that accounted for a tenth of our entire operating budget!

A large percentage of the shelters funding comes from these fundraisers and private donations. While the last year has been a difficult one for the shelter and the community we thank you for your past and future support. Please plan on attending the Walk. Remember, every little thing you do means a lot to the animals that visit the shelter.

Dan Sullivan, SWCHS President

## Alumni News

### Letters from adopters

This is my story about my dog:

I went to the Humane Society with my Aunt to look at the dogs. Then I saw this dog and I took this dog for a walk. When I got home I asked my Mom if I could get this dog. It is the next day and we go to the Humane Society. I am so happy. My Mom said yes!!!! Thank you Mom!!!! Then we go home to show my Dad. Thank you for the great dog, Humane Society. My dog's name is Tanner. She is so much fun, and likes to get into all kinds of mischief and trouble! We still love her a lot!!!! Sincerely, Kaleb Merk



When we were looking for a cat for companionship, a friend and a mouser, we called and you said to come down and look at the available cats. The first cat that took our eye was the cat named Patty Cake and we ended up adopting her. She is the best thing in our lives. She is so spoiled, it's unreal! Here is a picture of her the day we brought her home all snug in our bed. Thank you so much. She is more than what we were looking for.

Janet Ristau & Bob White

**Visit us at [www.swchs.com](http://www.swchs.com)** to view cats and dogs available for adoption from SWCHS with a brief description and a photograph of the animal. Current events and other shelter information is also highlighted.

**Dog Walkers Always Needed!** On average we house 15-20 dogs at the shelter. Unfortunately, many of these critters are not getting enough exercise, socialization, or attention on a daily basis. By donating even a half hour once or twice a week, you can help make the stay of a shelter dog more enjoyable until a new home for him or her can be found. Please contact the shelter for more info.

**Keep Bringing Us those Aluminum Cans!** Thank you to all who drop-off their aluminum cans. We appreciate the continued support of many area citizens. Spread the word...cans can be dropped off at any time in our can "kennel" in front of the shelter building. Cans do not need to be crushed. We do ask that cans are secured in plastic bags. Thank you!

**The 2001 Christmas Bazaar was a huge success!** A big thank you to all of those who donated baked goods and craft items AND those who shopped our sale. We truly appreciate your support and look forward to next year's sale.



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# Walk for Kindness

Saturday, May 11, 2002

**Be Kind to Animals Week May 5 - 11, 2002**

## In honor of Be Kind to Animals Week...

- Teach children to be kind to animals. Take your children on a nature hike, or take them on a tour at a local animal shelter.
- Bring your cats inside — permanently! Indoor cats live longer, healthier, safer lives.
- Spend quality time with your dog on a daily basis. Remember not to leave your dog alone in a car, especially during the hot summer months.
- If your companion animal is not spayed or neutered, make an appointment to have that done!
- Thinking about adding a new member to the family? Use this week to research different types of companion animals to see which animal fits best with your lifestyle. Then find a rescue or shelter and save a life!
- Donate supplies to your local animal shelter or rescue.
- Stock your car with an animal rescue kit (nonperishable food for hungry strays, bottled water, a cardboard cat carrier, a leash, towel, a bandage to use as a muzzle and emergency phone numbers)
- Humans are animals too. Practice a random act of kindness.

Be Kind to Animals Week!® is sponsored by the American Humane Association to spread the message about kindness to animals and to draw attention to the wonderful work being done by the nation's humane societies. This year represents the 87th consecutive year for Be Kind to Animals Week!

## Plan to participate in the SWCHS Walk for Kindness!

In conjunction with Be Kind to Animals Week, the SWCHS is holding its 21st Annual Walk for Kindness on Saturday, May 11th. Leashed pets may join in our walk! This year's walk route will follow the Airport Trail. All participants receive goodie bags and walkers collecting over \$50 in pledges will receive a T-Shirt which will be available the day of the walk. Additional activities are planned. Pledge forms are available on our website, [www.swchs.com](http://www.swchs.com) and at the shelter. Hope to see you Saturday, May 11th!

## How to participate in the SWCHS 2002 Walk for Kindness:

- 1** Set a goal for yourself and ask friends, relatives & neighbors to sponsor you by pledging a set amount for the entire walk.

Try to obtain as many sponsors as possible. List additional sponsors on a blank sheet and attach with this form.

To facilitate collection of pledges, whenever possible collect pledges prior to the walk. If you wish to wait until after the walk, please send in all pledges to the SWCHS by May 20, 2002.

- 2** When you arrive, check-in at the registration desk. Please bring your pledge form & collected donations.

**If your dog will be walking, you must show proof of rabies inoculations at the time of registration.**

**Only shelter dogs with current rabies vaccinations will be allowed to participate in this year's Walk for Kindness.**

Walk will be held rain or shine.

- 3** The course is approximately 5 miles long. If walking a pet, make sure that he or she is in good shape. All canine walkers must be on a leash at all times.

Official T-shirts, featuring a new design will be awarded to all walkers with collected donations of \$50.00 or more. To receive a T-shirt the day of the walk, walkers must turn in \$50.00 or more in collected pledges at registration.



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# Walk for Kindness

**Saturday, May 11, 2002**  
**9:00am**  
**Shelter Grounds**

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Additional forms available at the shelter, at [swchs.com](http://swchs.com) or list additional names and information as above on a blank sheet of paper and attach to this form.

Walker's Name	
Address	
Telephone	Age
<p>In consideration of my signing this agreement, I hereby for myself, my heirs and administrators assume any and all risks which might be associated with the Walk for Kindness. I waive and release any and all rights and claims for damage which I may have against the organizers and any others connected with this event, their representatives, successors, and assigns for any and all injuries or damages of any kind whatsoever suffered by me as a result of taking part in the walk and any related activities.</p>	
Walker's Signature	Parent/Guardian Signature if walker under 18

For Office Use Only:  
Pledges rcvd 5/11/02: \$  T-Shirt

## Fleas 101

It is stated that one in three pet owners will have to deal with a flea problem at some point during their life. Being more of a nuisance than a threat to humans, they are both to dogs and cats.

Left untreated your pet can suffer from anemia, rash, inflammation, hair loss and tapeworms.

These wingless insects are 1/8" long, have three pairs of legs and are able to jump up to 6 feet! They are happy to feed on anyone in the household, but will most likely choose a pet whose fur provides warm camouflage for their breeding ground.

The life cycle of a flea has four stages. Eggs, larvae, pupae and adults. Females lay as many as 50 eggs a day, starting a cycle that can be completed in as little as three weeks depending on the temperature and humidity. The eggs hatch into larvae which feed on "flea dirt"—excrement of partially digested blood. Larvae grow and molt twice and then spin cocoons, where they will grow to pupae and finally adults.

An adult flea does not spend much time on your pet. The best detection is the fleas excrement. A popular site for this is around the base of the tail. If in doubt as to whether it is dirt or excrement, remove a small amount from the skin and sprinkle onto a wet paper towel or glass of water. Flea excrement will turn red.

Prevention is always the first step. There are many new flea products on the market. If you are unsure which is best for your pet, ask your veterinarian and always read labels. Never use a product on cats that is labeled for dogs only.

## Two Spay/Neuter Stamps to be Issued

Prevent a Litter Coalition, (PaLC) has announced the issuance of not one, but TWO United States Postal Service (USPS) Commemorative Stamps dedicated to the lifesaving and preventative message: "Spay/Neuter."

One hundred and twenty five million stamps will go on sale in September 2002 as one of the USPS's premier stamps of the year. For the year that they remain on sale, USPS Headquarters and postal employees in 38,000 post offices nationwide will join with us in PaLC's efforts to build awareness of the issue and end the tragedy of surplus and unwanted animals.

The spay/neuter stamps feature shelter animals. One is a photo of a mixed breed kitten named Samantha and the other shows a photo of a mixed-breed puppy named Kirby. PaLC recognizes the need to promote older animals as well, but decided that baby animals on the stamps would help emphasize that pets should be sterilized before they are old enough to breed.

For more information about the new spay/neuter stamps, visit [www.palc.org](http://www.palc.org) or [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

## Memorials & Honors

**In memory of Norma Tess**  
from Dan & Susan Janz

**In memory of Norma Tess**  
from Jim Janz

**In memory of Paul Grosklaus**  
from his Family

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**In memory of 'Rags'**  
from Steve & Linda Raap

**In memory of 'Sparky White'**  
from Susan Holly-Newman

**In memory of 'Tammy' & 'Bandit'**  
from Richard & Cathy Heiser

**In Honor of Don & Nancy Bemke's  
40th Wedding Anniversary**  
from Terri & Larry Dobbs,  
Glenda Erickson & Steve Walter

# Thank You!

Despite our name—The South Wood County Humane Society, we do NOT receive funds from the county. All of our revenues come from donations, memberships, fundraising events, municipal contracts and monies generated by our operations. We are a totally non-profit, private animal protection organization.

That is why we need your support. We could not exist without your generosity. Thank You!

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If we have made an error or omitted a name from these lists, please accept our apologies.

## Special Thanks to...

**All area veterinarians** for their continued support.

**Debbie Adler, Josh Schoenick and Jennifer Ellis** for updating and maintaining the swchs.com website.

**Vi Bredl** for handling memorial plaques.

**The Daily Tribune/Gannett Newspapers** for giving a \$1000 grant to the SWCHS.

**Gone to the Dogs Pet Grooming** for free pet grooming.

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**JoAnne Harmon** for bringing us pet food from 'Second Harvest' food pantry in Milwaukee.

**Dawn & Elizabeth Metzger** for organizing a bake sale and thrift sale with all sale profits donated to the SWCHS.

**WGLX & Panama Jack** for featuring a Pet of the Week every Friday afternoon.

**Dr. Vruwink - Mobile Veterinary Practice** for a free spay/neuter every month.

**Wisconsin Rapids Kennel Club** for offering free obedience classes to all dogs adopted from the SWCHS.

## SWCHS Membership

The SWCHS accepts annual membership dues throughout the calendar year. As a current member, one is invited to attend the annual board meeting (date and location posted in the Daily Tribune each year). Members also receive the SWCHS newsletter (one per address), which is published twice a year. Current membership dues are:

- \$5.00 Junior (17 & younger)
- \$10.00 Senior Citizen
- \$25.00 Individual
- \$100.00 Lifetime Membership

Please consider becoming a member of the SWCHS. Dues are used for the general operating expenses of the shelter. Your Membership indicates your support of the South Wood County Humane Society and its mission.

## Donation Form

### Thank you for supporting the South Wood County Humane Society!



South Wood County Humane Society Annual Membership enclosed:

- \$5.00 Junior\* (17 & younger)
  - \$10.00 Senior Citizen
  - \$25.00 Individual
  - \$100.00 Lifetime Membership
- \*Non-voting
- Check if membership renewal

Donation Only  
Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help support the work of the SWCHS.

I would like more information on the Sponsor a Kennel program.

I would like to participate in the Spay/Neuter Sponsor program

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used towards the spaying/neutering of a shelter animal.

I would like to sponsor a:

- Dog  Puppy  Cat  Kitten
- You decide

I would like to make a memorial gift in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Honors the memory of a friend or the departure of a loved pet)

Name of person to be remembered \_\_\_\_\_

Name of pet to be remembered \_\_\_\_\_

Name of pet to honor \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a honorary gift in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pays tribute to someone by remembering special days such as birthdays or holidays)

Specify the person and/or occasion \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form with your donation to:**

**South Wood County Humane Society  
90 Pepper Avenue  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

Mark your calendars!



# Putts & Pets

South Wood County Humane Society Golf Outing



- Friday, July 12th, registration at 4:30 pm
- Ridges Golf Course
- Third Annual Golf Outing for the SWCHS
- Registration Forms available at the shelter or download at [www.swchs.com](http://www.swchs.com)

South Wood County Humane Society

## Wish List

- Monetary Donations
- Canned Cat Food
- Purina Kitten Chow
- Non-scoopable Kitty Litter
- Spay & Neuter Sponsors
- Purina O.N.E. Lamb n Rice for dogs
- Purina Puppy Chow
- Rawhides & Dog Chews
- Dog & Cat Toys
- Laundry Soap (liquid)
- Towels
- Box Fans
- Carpet Covered Cat Condos
- Bleach



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SWCHS Mission

The South Wood County Humane Society is a private non-profit organization whose purpose is to prevent cruel or inhumane treatment of animals and provide temporary or permanent shelter for old, homeless, abandoned, sick or injured animals.

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