



# Pet Tales



TWENTY-FOUR

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NORTH IOWA

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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **May 27**

Bark in the Park

Preregistration Deadline

#### **June 11**

Bark in the Park

Check for more information at [www.hsni.org](http://www.hsni.org) or at the Pet Adoption Center 1520 North Federal Ave

A little over three months ago I began my duties as the first Executive Director of the Humane Society of North Iowa. Even though I adopted animals from our Pet Adoption Center (PAC) on North Federal I wasn't prepared for all the things I didn't know about the history, the mechanics of running the center and all the committees that have been meeting for the last few years.

Mary Arndt, our Board President, brought me big-Very Big plastic file boxes full of information on grants, spay and neutering certificates and ideas for a capital campaign for our new building. Denece Knudson, our Treasurer, brought me all kinds of papers filled with numbers and Mary Ann Burnett, our Vice President, brought me files on the work she and Mary did on Grant Writing as well as her own Public Relations notes. In this newsletter you will see a listing of our Board Members. They are remarkable people who in many cases have full time jobs or stay at home mothers—who are so busy in our community—that they never stay at home! Our board is very active!

My husband and I have, over the 25 years that we have lived in Mason City, adopted companion animals from the Pet Adoption Center. Currently Ben and Rizzo share our home. So visiting the Pet Adoption Center during my interview wasn't a new experience—but looking at it as an executive director places it in a very different perspective. Tracy our PAC Manager along with Andrea, Rachel and our newest assistant, Yovette work in a space that was meant to be Dr. Roman's Veterinary Office and never meant to shelter the number of animals we care for each year. In the last three years our numbers have gone up over 100 animals each year. We had to turn away 250 animals in 2004 or put them on a waiting list. The air quality in the building has diminished and our neighbors have been more than patient with barking dogs. Through all of this, our staff, board and volunteers have continued their mission to love and care for each animal while working for their adoption. They have faced many challenges with great heart and generosity.

Many people have followed the story of Miracle the puppy. Miracle had been shot along with her mother; Miracle survived and has gone through 2 operations. Though she is still having some breathing problems she is managing to play—and chew—as any normal puppy. But Miracle's story has opened the door to so much generosity—many people donated to the Miracle Fund so that Miracle and any other animal that needs extraordinary medical care and is otherwise adoptable will have funds available. In fact, the Miracle Fund has already helped Hannah a severely mauled dog who is being cared for by one of our Board Members in her home—since she needs concentrated medical care—in fact, Andrea our Assistant Manager, has been Miracle's foster mother since she arrived at our door. The love of animals does not stop at the end of the day.

I have learned a lot about the spirit, the dedication and the dreams of this organization—I hope to mirror what I have learned with the same care and understanding of those around me. By the way, if you would like to contact me, I'm working out of my home until we are able to move, so please e-mail me at [pengvin@mchsi.com](mailto:pengvin@mchsi.com) I'd love to hear from you!

~Estelle Gabel



Rizzo



Ben

**BOOK REVIEW**

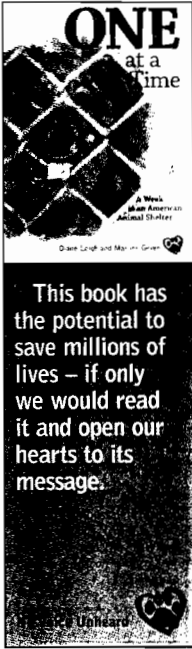
*ONE at a Time*

*A Week in an American Animal Shelter*

Diane Leigh and Marilee Geyer

ISBN 0-9728387-0-8 \$16.95

[www.NoVoiceUnheard.org](http://www.NoVoiceUnheard.org)



Sometimes a book can be heart warming and heart wrenching at the same time...each chapter of *ONE at a Time* tells the story of an animal or animals and of their stay in an animal shelter. Some animals find a family to love them but others do not. The purpose of this book is to remind us that there would be no need to euthanize if we spayed and neutered our pets, made sure each of our animals was tagged so they could be returned if they wandered away, adopted shelter animals, and made a lifelong commitment to our companion animals. While The Humane Society of North Iowa does not euthanize for time or space the stories of each of these animals are typical of any animal without a home. This is a compelling book, it is not easy to read at times, and the stories of many animals will stay with you long after the last page is closed. It should be noted that while the pictures of the animals are cute this is not a book for children. But it is an important book, and it has the potential to spark a flame in each of us to volunteer, adopt, and educate all on the need for spay and neuter programs. Each of these stories is a photo on a page, you can visit individual animals any day of the week at our Pet Adoption Center (PAC) with similar stories and needs.

**T**hese are simple, yet profound actions that can bring an end to the homeless animal tragedy, and they are in your power.



Make sure your animals are always wearing current ID. This is their ticket home if they become lost.



Spay and neuter your animals so they don't contribute to overpopulation.



When you are ready for a companion, save a life by adopting a homeless animal from a shelter or rescue group.



Finally, make a life-time commitment to all the animals who are part of your home.

**ONE at a Time**

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**MEMORIALS**

- ~ Jerry & Marlys Petznick in memory of Arlene Tenold
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- ~ Keith & Mary Lou Norris in memory of Rebel
- ~ Maxine Sandberg in memory of BJ

**Mark Your Calendar Bark In The Park**

**June 11, 2005**

**Registration Deadline May 27th**

What is Bark in the Park? Take your Dog for a walk on one or more of the Trails at Lime Creek—there will be dog biscuit and water stops. It's a great way to raise Funds for the Humane Society of North Iowa—make a pledge and or collect pledges for your walk.

There will be post walk festivities—a prize for the most pledges—pre-registered entrants will receive one event XL T-shirt. There will be demonstrations, contests, and people food. Rain or Shine For more information and a downloadable entry please see our website [www.hsnj.org](http://www.hsnj.org) or stop by the Pet Adoption Center at 1520 N. Federal, Mason City, Iowa.

Deere Humane Society -  
My name is Rob Roy and I am 7 years old and  
I am a Sheltie. My master showed me the  
picture of "Miracle" and I herd about the  
good things you are doing. I think what  
you are doing is wonderful and I hope  
"Miracle" will get well quick. I tolled  
my Master and Mistress I will guard there house  
for free and they can send my guard daug fee  
to help yew too help less Hunat dawgs ---  
or katz or parits



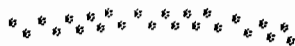
Wayne  
Cupboard  
Bovard

This came from Judge & Mrs. Bovard's  
dog name Rob Roy.

# "Miracle"

## THE MIRACLE FUND

The Miracle Fund is truly a miracle for any animal that is brought to us with extraordinary medical needs, named after Miracle a puppy who had been left for dead but had the heart to live, this fund guarantees that an otherwise adoptable pet will have medical attention even when the cost would put a strain on our budget. Contributions are gratefully accepted.



Thank you to the following special donor's; Granny's Cupboard, and . . .



Miracle



Miracle at Wayne's Ski & Sports



Hannah



J.J. Gerard & Andrea & Miracle



Miracle at Jitters



Food Donated to the "Miracle Fund"

## IN-KIND DONATIONS

Sandra Lockwood  
Harding Elementary School  
Brownie Troop 200, c/o Jill  
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## WISH LIST

- ☛ Purina, Iams, Science Diet, Nutro, or Diamond Dry Dog and Puppy Food
- ☛ Purina, Iams, Science Diet, Max Dry Cat or Kitten Food
- ☛ Weight Control Cat Food
- ☛ Clay Cat Litter
- ☛ Canned Dog, Puppy, and Kitten Food
- ☛ Paper Towels
- ☛ Toilet Paper
- ☛ 13 and 33 Gallon Trash Bags
- ☛ Old Towels
- ☛ Liquid Laundry Soap
- ☛ Chlorine Bleach

- ☛ Liquid Hand Soap
- ☛ Cat Climbers
- ☛ Catnip Toys
- ☛ Kongs for Dogs
- ☛ Pig Ears
- ☛ Rawhide Bones
- ☛ Newspaper
- ☛ Postage Stamps
- ☛ Envelopes (Small)
- ☛ Index Cards 3x5 & 4x6
- ☛ 20 lb weight paper in Green, Purple, Yellow, and Blue
- ☛ Ink Cartridge for HP printer size 56

- black and 57 color
- ☛ Windex, Pledge, and Oust
- ☛ Revolution for Cats and Kittens - must be prebashed at vet office and we will pick up (Animal Medical & Brookview)
- ☛ Sun Tarps for Outdoor Kennels
- ☛ 75 Ft. Coiled Hose
- ☛ Power Washer
- ☛ Outdoor Bench

*If you wish to donate please call the Pet Adoption Center to determine current needs.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

*I want to help the Humane Society of North Iowa continue it's work of educating people in the protection and care of companion animals.*

**Please Check all that apply:**

\_\_\_\_ I would like to become a member of a HSNi Committee: \_\_\_\_ Fundraising \_\_\_\_ Property \_\_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_\_ Other

I would like to work with the animals: \_\_\_\_ Walk the Dogs \_\_\_\_ Provide a Foster Home  
\_\_\_\_ Donate Food, Toys, Newspapers or Wishlist item \_\_\_\_ Kennel

\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation to the Miracle Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Please send me information on how to remember the Humane Society in my will.

\_\_\_\_ I would like to make a donation to the Operation of the Humane Society \_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_ Other

Please Contact me about my making a \_\_\_\_ monetary pledge and/or an \_\_\_\_ in-kind donation to The Building Fund.

## BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

**Carol McClemons** has a full house with her husband Dan and their children Matt, Michael and Alicia and their pets –Dogs Bailey, Mandy, Shelby, Bodie, Jax and their cats Magnum, Tasha, Cutie, Tabatha, Rueben, Speedy, Dumpster, Bandi, and Morris. Carol also works as a Dialysis nurse at Mercy. When she is not at home or at work she is volunteering for the Humane Society and serves as the Board Secretary. Carol became involved with the Humane Society when her daughter volunteered to complete service hours for Newman.

Carol has volunteered to kennel the animals; she has fostered and adopted animals along with being on the board.

Carol says, ( I wanted to) “try to make a difference.” “The most rewarding aspect of volunteering for the Humane Society is watching animals come into the shelter, that are sometimes hurt, scared, or untrusting, and through the love and support of our staff, volunteers, community, and donations of time, needed items, and yes--money, they become healthy, trusting, loving, and adoptable family members.”



Carol McClemons

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**Yovette Murphy** is our newest employee. Originally from Manly she moved to Mason City in 1990. Yovette is married to Bob and has a greyhound named Amos and a kitten named Smokey. She watches the Animal Planet, loves to read and go for motorcycle rides.

Yovette wanted to work for the Humane Society because she wanted to make things a little better for the animals that are brought in. “The animals come in scared and confused so I spend a little extra time with them.”

We are happy that Yovette joined us and shares her love with our animals.

Yovette says “My favorite part of the job is when I see an animal and a family fall for one another. It may not be the animal they came looking for, but they found each other anyway. People know me from HSNi, no matter where I see them they always ask ‘didn’t I get Fluffy or so and so from you? We just love him or her!’ It makes me feel so good to have played a part in that.”



Yovette Murphy

## DREAMS OF A NEW HOME

This promises to be a special year in the life of the Humane Society; we are beginning the process of building a new Humane Society Building. As many of you know because of the vision of Dave Murphy and Alice Ann Blackmore and many other dedicated volunteers we have had a home for 18 years—but now it is time to look for another. We are growing and the need is great. Our service area includes Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth. Many people confuse us with Animal Control which is funded by the city, but we are a private, non-profit agency dependent on donations, grants, fundraisers and volunteer effort. Our Pet Adoption Center (PAC) is located on 1520 N. Federal.



We are asking you to help us in any way possible—do you belong to a group that needs a speaker? Does the company you work for have a foundation or match funds for hours donated or donations given? There are many wonderful organizations that are in need of your help and we are no different. We could do so much more and help the animals that we turn away daily. Each of you are so necessary to the success of this project—please help us get the word out about the work we do, support our fundraising efforts and if possible find a way to donate to our building fund when it begins. In-kind donations as well as cash donations will be appreciated.

## MEMORIALS

- ~ Ruth DuPuis in memory of Skyler and in honor of Brodie
- ~ Jacque & John Burke in memory of Alex
- ~ Linda Schluter in memory of Eldie
- ~ Teri Reed in memory of Whitney, companion of
- ~ Susan & Glen Hendershot
- ~ Jerry & Debra Sedars in memory of our many cats & dogs, past & present
- ~ Ruth DuPuis in honor of Brodie
- ~ Brian & Jan Lewerke in honor of Bonnie Lewerke
- ~ Les Turner in honor of Chelsea Turner
- ~ Marjorie Sutton in honor of Kathy Wild
- ~ Eric Kerkove in honor of Kayla Johnson
- ~ Mick & Sally Baker in honor of Star
- ~ Philip Currie in honor of Helen Currie
- ~ Susan McKinness in honor of Ed McDaniel

*Volunteers are always needed and appreciated at the Shelter. Call and inquire for details.*

*A special note of thanks to all who donated to the Miracle Fund*

# Puppy's name, Miracle, just about says it all

By **JULIE BIRKEDAL**  
*Of The Globe Gazette*

**MASON CITY** — There's a little blonde puppy with big brown eyes in foster care fighting for life.

Miracle, a yellow and white Labrador mix about 14 weeks old, was found in a field northeast of Hampton on Jan. 28. She was brought into the Humane Society of North Iowa the next day, said Andrea Oppedal, her foster mom from Mason City.

Someone had shot the puppy

through the roof of its mouth, said Stacy Rooney, Humane Society board member. It was found laying with another dog, believed to be its mother, that had died.

Someone saw the dogs in a field in West Fork Township in the north-eastern corner of Franklin County and contacted the property owner, who brought Miracle to the society, said Franklin County Sheriff Larry Richtsmeier.

Miracle is still receiving veterinary care but may be up for adop-

See **MIRACLE, A2**



JEFF HEINZ/The Globe Gazette

Andrea Oppedal holds Miracle, a 14-week-old yellow and white Lab mix found shot through the roof of her mouth in a field in north-east Franklin County. Miracle's temporary home is the Humane Society of North Iowa shelter in Mason City.

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