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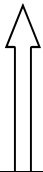
Prairie's Edge Humane Society

Summer 2010

Prairie's Edge
Humane Society
1201 Cannon Circle
Faribault, MN 55021
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Hours

T-F: 1 pm - 7 pm
Sat: Noon - 5 pm
Closed on Sundays,
Mondays, and
Holidays



NOTICE OUR SUMMER HOURS?

PEHS is feeling the same financial pinch as the rest of the country. We did the math, and being closed on Mondays for the rest of the summer looks like a relatively painless way to save. Watch for our new fall hours in September!

It's (nearly) August- Time for the New "Not-a-Phone-a-thon"!

Time was, a phone call was something to look forward to. Time was, everyone had a telephone wired to the wall of their kitchen. Time was, when volunteers of the Rice County Humane Society called supporters every August during the Phone-a-thon, people answered the phone and pledged donations to support the work of the shelter. Times change. Fewer people have phones wired to their walls, and fewer people look forward to the ringing of the phone; it seems to bring more bad news and offers of home siding than chats with friends. The Rice County Humane Society has changed, too-it's now Prairie's Edge



Humane Society. This year PEHS has modified its phone-a-thon to match the times. We know you're not around to take our calls, and we know you'd rather not take our calls. Our solution?

A "Not-a-Phone-a-thon"!

Look for a letter from PEHS sometime around the beginning of August. In that letter will be a

donation envelope. If you send your donation to PEHS **before the deadline of August 6, we won't call you during the Phone-a-thon.** It's that simple. If you prefer to be called, or if you forget to send in your pledge, we will contact you by phone (dates for the actual Phone-a-thon this year are August 10-12 and 17-19). There will be no high pressure-just a sincere thank you for past support, and a request for that support to continue.

(Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks?)

2010 SPRING WALK FOR THE ANIMALS

Our 23rd Annual Spring Walk for the Animals was held on May 15th at Alexander Park North in Faribault. We had a beautiful morning and a great turnout: **99 walkers and 58 dogs** joined us for a great event which to date has raised close to \$10,000.00.

Thank you to all of our sponsors, especially Invisible Fence, KOWZ Radio, and Canine Design. Please see the list of sponsors on our website and thank them by supporting their businesses.

Our top fundraising walkers were: 16 and under: **Ryan and Paul Johnson**. Adult: **Heidi Johnson**. Thanks to them and all of our walkers for their great fundraising!

Raffle Prize Winners were: Twins Ticket Package: **LeeAnn Bestland**. Dog Print Blanket: **Sandy Vesledahl**. Sloucher dog carriers: **Sue Schumann, Tammy Rosett, Bev Davidson**. Premier Dog Toys and Handmade Blanket: **Kristin Bell**. Bird House: **Pat Rice**. Small Dog bed/leash/collar: **Eric Bauer** Large Dog Bed/leash/collar: **Dana Kuyper**. Wine and Golf Passes: **Joni Becker**. Winner of "Guess How Many Dog Treats in the Jar": **Skylar Meyer**-(the answer was 150). Thanks to everyone who donated prizes.

Mark your calendars for May 21, 2011 for next year's 24th Annual Spring Walk for the Animals.



Sponsorships Explained

You visit our animals online or at the shelter, falling in love with so many of them, yet recognizing it may not be the right time for you to add to your family by adopting a new pet.

Show your love by sponsoring that special animal who has stolen your heart!

Your sponsorship contributions will be used to care for all of the animals in our shelter, including those who do not have sponsors. (All of our animals receive the same high quality care whether they have sponsors or not.)

For your donation of \$25, you will receive a photo of your favorite shelter animal, a certificate of appreciation, and the knowledge that you have helped the pet who stole your heart!

Your sponsored animal gets special attention via a cage card declaring "I'm special-I have a Sponsor!"

Each sponsorship is \$25 and lasts for one month. You may sponsor as many animals as you wish.

Sponsorship is a great idea for businesses and organizations who want to help the animals.

Thank you so much!



*We all thank our
sponsors for making us
feel special!*



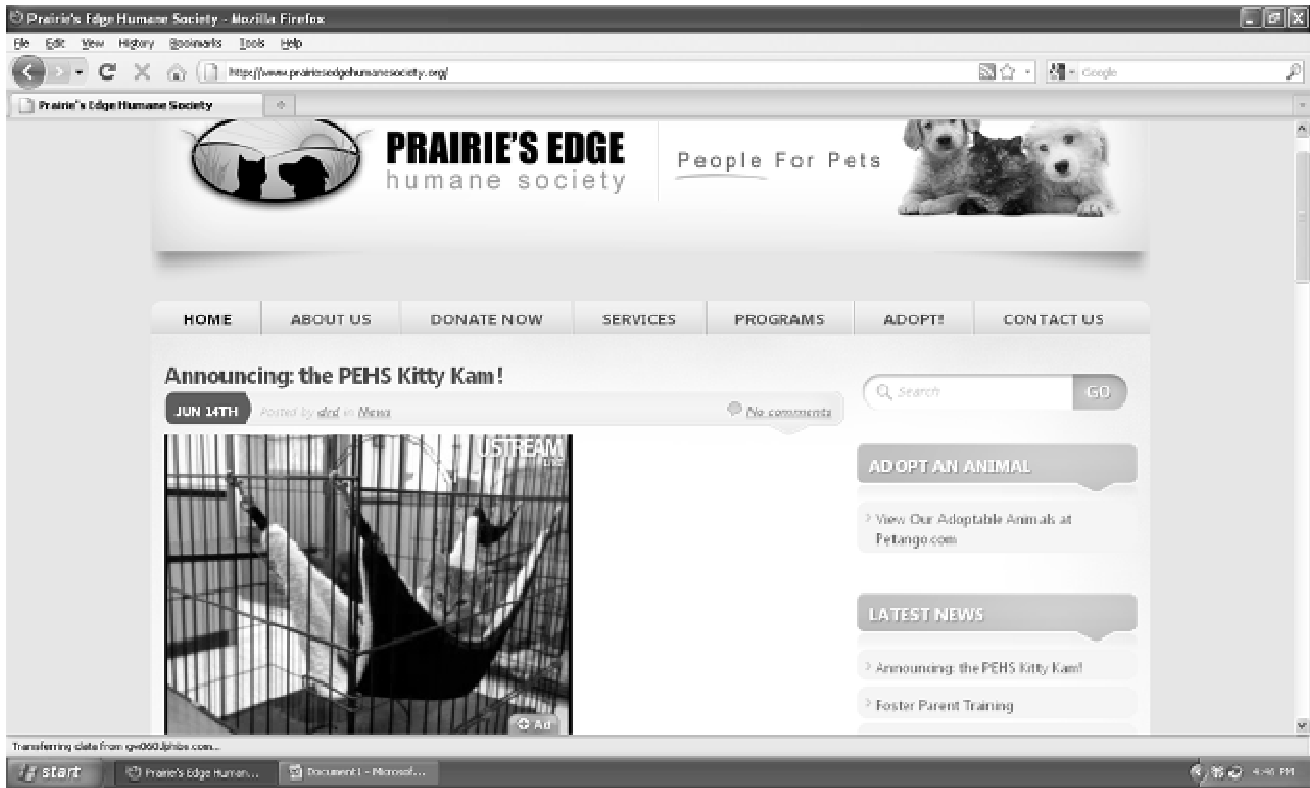
Fall Fun for You and Your Pet!

The 2nd Annual Sue Perry Memorial Walk for the Animals to benefit Prairie's Edge Humane Society will be

held on Saturday, September 25 from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at Sechler Park in Northfield. People and pets welcome! Raffles, prizes for top

fundraisers, vendors, and refreshments for all. Pledge brochures will be available soon at local veterinarians, banks, and other businesses and also at the Humane Society

Prairie's Edge Humane Society is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. All donations to us are completely tax-deductible.



A screen capture of the front page of www.prairiedgehumane.org showing the Kitten Kam

The idea started with Jeff Johnson at KYMN radio in Northfield during a radio interview with Dr. Terri Derr, Director of Operations at the shelter. An off-handed comment about watching kittens play led Jeff and Tim Freeland to create a live broadcast focused on adoptable animals at Prairie's Edge via Ustream. Thanks to KYMN radio, the "Kitten Kam" is a reality. The live feed plays on the KYMN website, the PEHS website, and is also linked

to the shelter's Facebook page. We change the camera angle frequently, and the kittens being broadcast do their best to keep you entertained. The best times to watch are during morning cleaning (about 8 to 10 am) and mid afternoon. The broadcast runs 24 hours a day, but of course after sunset the shelter is dark and the kitties are sleeping.

**PEHS wants your old treasures
for the Millersburg Garage Sale event
September 25, 2010**

Start saving your donateables to benefit the animals of Prairie's Edge Humane Society! Your items must be clean and premarked with a reasonable price. (No computers, carseats, or broken stuff, please.) Bring your items to the shelter during business hours between Monday, September 13 and Friday, September 24. Thank you for your support!



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A Happy Tail from PEHS

You may think a broken tooth is no big deal to a big dog, but you would be mistaken. When Hemi came to our shelter (because his owner had to move) he had fractured his upper right canine tooth. The canines in a dog are big old teeth with big old roots. A fractured canine can lead to infection which travels up the root, causing constant pain and a risk of systemic illness.

Prairie's Edge Humane Society lacks the equipment to do the kind of oral surgery required to remove a tooth of that size. We put Hemi up for adoption (after vaccinating and neutering him) with full disclosure of the seriousness of his dental problem.

Many people saw Hemi but hesitated to adopt him because of the expense of the dental care needed. He stayed in our care for a month-quite a long time for a handsome, happy dog like Hemi.



Hemi was adopted by his forever family the day after his oral surgery. He has come back to visit us at the shelter, and his smile has gotten even bigger!

This is where the magic came in. A visitor to the shelter fell in love with Hemi. She offered to pay half the cost of his surgery. We called Heartland Animal Hospital in Faribault and arranged for Dr. Brad Prestemon to perform the surgery. By the time the operation was completed two days later, two other angels had donated to Hemi's care, and his original Good Samaritan paid the remainder of the bill.

Saving Hemi was a community effort. His first owner brought him to us, trusting that we would do the right thing for his dog. We did our part, but were unable to provide all the care this great dog needed. Citizens who support us and learned about Hemi offered financial support, and finally, a local veterinarian provided the professional care needed. Our supporters help Prairie's Edge Humane Society offer hope to animals like Hemi. Thank you!