



Paws for Thought

St. Croix Animal Friends is working to build an animal shelter in St. Croix County and is not affiliated with any other shelter.



First Annual Dance is a Hit

Shake, Rattle and Roll . . . that's what was happening at the first annual "Blast From the Past Dance"! The fun took place on Saturday, March 29, at the Valley House located on Highway 35 between North Hudson and Houlton. Many people had such a great time at this event that they even started calling it a party!

BLAST
from the
PAST
Dance



Attendees came in costumes of the eras— from poodle skirts to flower children to Jackie O. look-a-likes. Music provided by KMZ and room decorations in an "oldies" theme set the mood perfectly!

In addition to dinner and dancing, attendees were invited to participate in limbo contests, hula-hoop contests, raffles and a silent auction.



Through the generosity of attendees and one anonymous donor, the event raised an amazing \$12,000. Thank you to all attendees and sponsors for your support. Without individuals like you, we would not be able to further our goal of helping animals.

Thank you to the following table sponsors: New Richmond Veterinary Clinic, Angel's Pet World, 1st National Bank of River Falls, WESTconsin Credit Union, Memories by Marnie, Taste of Home, Baldwin Veterinary Center and Bremer Bank. Special thanks to the many individuals who donated items for the Silent Auction.



Friends gather for an evening of fun, games and dancing!

Summer Brings Raffle Sales

It's that time of year again! With the summer season comes the opportunity to purchase and/or sell SCAF Raffle Tickets! Items to be raffled this year include:

- **1st Prize:** Packer/Viking Tickets Date: 11/9/08, 12 p.m. at the Metrodome
- **2nd Prize:** \$100 Cash
- **3rd Prize:** Patio Set
- **4th Prize:** Toaster Oven
- **5th Prize:** Duffle Gym Bag Set

Prize drawings will be held on Saturday, October 25th at 1 p.m. at Angel's Pet World in Hudson. If you'd like more information on purchasing or selling raffle tickets, please contact Diana Neubarth at 715-386-4004. Need not be present to win.

SCAF Gets Green at Greenraising.com

Have you gone green? SCAF has found a way to help at Greenraising.com! This site offers an earth-friendly fundraising option.

Greenraising.com offers eco-friendly products along with many hand-made gift options. This program was created to offer organizations a better product line to sell that would help raise money and help keep the environment safe at the same time.

For every purchase made at this site, a percentage will be given back to SCAF. Simply select an affiliate (SCAF) when you are viewing your shopping cart to designate SCAF.

Check out Greenraising.com today!

New Board Members Elected

At the Annual Meeting on June 5, 2008, SCAF and its members elected new board member, Jean Mattiacci as its new Treasurer.

Dr. Art Rutscher, owner of Somerset Animal Hospital, was also elected as an Honorary Board Member.

Welcome to both of our new Board members!

Thank you for your dedicated service to exiting Board Members Jane Terkelsen and Nancy Petersen.

Animal Walk 2008

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Our Mission:

- To offer abused and injured animals a safe refuge, nourishment, care and an opportunity for a better life.
- To promote responsible pet ownership through humane education and spay/neuter programs in the area.
- To work to unite lost animals with owners and place unwanted animals in caring homes.
- To build communication and community support so people will value animals and treat them with respect and kindness.
- To provide care and respect through the life and death of the animal using qualified veterinary professionals.

Board of Directors:

Sharon Elliott, President
 Diana Neubarth, Vice President
 Amy Thurston, Secretary
 Jean Mattiacci, Treasurer
 Judy Webster
 Carrie Van Dyke
 Dr. Art Rutscher, Honorary



It was windy and chilly and the clouds threatened rain, but the weather did not stop the second annual Raise the Woof Animal Walk! Dedicated animal lovers came to walk to raise money for St. Croix Animal Friends.

As participants lined up for the walk, dogs found themselves with another type of four-legged friend— Shetland Ponies. Pine Lake Pastures, an organization who uses ponies/horses as therapy animals, came to enjoy the walk. They were a fun and gentle addition to the day!

After the 1.3 mile walk, participants gathered for the award and prize ceremony. Our top pledge collectors included the following individuals:

- **Grand Prize: Flat Screen TV**
Lanette Barnes collected \$2,067
 - **Adult: iPod Nano**
Doug Van Dyke, Jr. collected \$220
 - **Youth: Portable DVD Player**
Shelby Ducklow collected \$80
 - **Child (Male): Mountain Bike**
Hunter Neubarth collected \$460
 - **Child (Female): Mountain Bike**
Amanda Webster collected \$520
- Plus, many door prize were won by participants!**

Participants and sponsors raised a total of \$7,200 for this year’s walk! Thank you to everyone who participated and donated! Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Event sponsors include: Apple Rive Coffee Co., Anez Party Rentals, Back to Books, Patricia & David Bruhn, Cedar Crest Ice Cream, Coke, Econo Foods, Expressive Design, Inlow Designs-Goldsmiths, KMZ DJ’s, Knotty Vines Wine, Spirits & Beer, Sherry Mentel, New Richmond Veterinary Clinic, Oakwood Dental, Somerset Animal Hospital, Village Liquor Store and Willow River Saloon.



Lanette Barnes is the top pledge collector for two years counting!



Douglas Van Dyke, Jr. took home an iPod for his efforts!



Shelby Ducklow holds up her new Portable DVD Player!



Amanda Webster proudly poses by her new bike!



Hunter Neubarth is ready to ride his new bike away!



Volunteer Spotlight



SCAF would like to spotlight volunteers throughout the year that have shown their continuous dedication to the organization. Thank you for the hard work and donations. Please know you are greatly appreciated!

Member/Volunteer: Lanette Barnes

Dedicated is one word to describe this edition’s featured volunteer. Lanette Barnes has been volunteering for SCAF since day one. She diligently fundraises for the Raise the Woof Animal Walk and is our top pledge collector for the second year in a row.

Lanette also is an instrumental part of the Bake Sales we have held at Mr. Movies in Hudson. She not only bakes goodies for humans, but also bakes up her secret recipe of liver treats for pets too! Thanks Lanette for your support and that great smile!



Lanette Barnes

A Hero for a Special Friend



Last October, during the Halloween Costume Party at Angel's Pet World, SCAF met a special friend, Rascal the dog, along with his extraordinary owner, Kristen Dobbins.

Rascal, a six-year-old Shepherd/Chow mix, has a disorder called "mega esophagus" where his esophagus is much wider than normal and lacks the tone required to propel food down into his stomach. As a result, he must be fed through a tube which has been surgically inserted into his stomach. Kristen prepares his food in a blender and feeds him through the tube twice a day.



King Rascal and Queen Kristen Dobbins pose for a photo at the Halloween costume contest.

Despite the feeding tube, Rascal has few limitations and enjoys walking, riding in the car and cuddling with his owner. There are times though when caring for a special needs dog can be challenging, especially if the need to travel arises. "You can't just ask someone to come over and give your dog a bowl of food," says Kristen. However, when asked if she would ever adopt another special needs dog, she answers, "yes, because every animal deserves a chance."

There is no doubt that Kristen is Rascal's hero. Her dedication and commitment to Rascal is very apparent, but she also credits Dr. Bonner, Dr. Bianco, Dr. Braudaway, Dr. Mouringin, Dr. Corder and Dr. Meyers from the University of Minnesota who have been instrumental in his care. Thank you Kristen for being Rascal's hero!

UPDATE: Just prior to the printing of this newsletter, Kristen sadly contacted SCAF with news that Rascal lost the battle with his health issues and passed away on 6/24/08. Rest in peace our friend!

PET news

What You Should Know About Ticks

Basics: Hosting a tick is the price dogs or, less commonly, cats may pay for investigating shrubbery, brush or undergrowth. Immature ticks often feed on small, wild animals found in forests, prairies and brush. Adult ticks seek larger hosts like dogs and cats who venture into these habitats.

Risks: Ticks are most often found around a dog's neck, in the ears, in the folds between the legs and the body and between the toes. Cats may have ticks on their neck or face. Tick bites can cause skin irritation and heavy infestations can cause anemia. Ticks are also capable of spreading serious infectious diseases (Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever) to the pets and people on which they feed. Disease risk varies by geographic region and tick species.

Treatment: Prompt removal of ticks is very important because it lessens the chance of disease transmission from the tick to your pet. Remove ticks by using tweezers to firmly grasp the tick as close to the pet's skin as possible and gently pull the tick free without twisting it. After removing the tick, crush it while avoiding contact with tick fluids that can carry disease.

Pets at risk for ticks should be treated during tick season with an appropriate tick preventative. Your vet can recommend the product best suited to your pet's needs. If your pet has been in an area that is tick-prone, be sure to do a routine tick check to help protect their health.



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Save-the-Date Casino Trip

Join us on October 5, 2008, for our third annual St. Croix Casino Bus Trip! Reserve your seat on the bus today! Complete and return the enclosed registration form!

Memorials & Honorariums



We would like to express our appreciation for the following gifts given to SCAF:

In Loving Memory of . . .

Dick Friedrich

Gift received from
Mary Louise & Craig Olson

Mary Pulse

Gift received from
Diana & Denny Neubarth

Dusty Bauermeister the Cat

Gift received from
Denise & Ricky Burkett

Tessa & Max

Gift received from the
Higgins Family

Kovlak the Dog

Gift received from
Denise Burkett

Abby Hillert the Cat

Gift received from
Judy Webster

Snoopy Hillert the Dog, Gift received from Judy Webster

Community Support Appreciated

Luther Chev Honors SCAF

SCAF would like to say Thank You to all employees at Luther Hudson Chevrolet! At this year's holiday party, employees took up a collection to support SCAF. We are honored that you chose to support the animals in St. Croix County, and we appreciate your generosity!

Tim Linehan Fundraiser

SCAF was recently the recipient of a \$1,000 grant from the Tim Linehan Memorial Fund. The fundraiser has become an annual event to remember Tim Linehan, former owner of Johnnie's Bar in River Falls, WI. Tim was an active community member in life and his family continues his legacy of community support through this fundraiser that benefits many local organizations each year. Thank you to Tim for your legacy and to Sandy Linehan and the St. Croix Valley Community Foundation for selecting SCAF as a recipient of this grant.



Hudson Middle School Student Council Makes Donation

Last fall, Hudson Middle School Student Council members selected St. Croix Animal Friends as an organization they would devote funds to from their fundraising activities throughout the school year.

The group worked hard to raise \$700 to donate to the group. Fundraising activities that they sponsored included purchasing the opportunity to wear a hat to school on sponsored days and holding school dances throughout the year.



SCAF Board Member and Hudson Middle School Teacher, Amy Thurston is pictured here with the HMS Student Council.

Thank you to Student Council

members for your outstanding work and commitment to the community! We would also like to thank all the students and teachers that participated in the fundraisers!

Random Act of Kindness Strikes From Viking Middle School in Woodville

Recently, SCAF was pleasantly surprised by a random act of kindness from the Viking Middle School Random Acts of Kindness Club in Woodville, WI.

Students from this school organization arranged a pie throwing contest and selected several different organizations to receive their contest's proceeds. SCAF was one of the organizations who received \$43.25 along with a little card reading, "You have just received a Random Act of Kindness. If you enjoyed this kind act, please "pass it on" along with this card. Together we can change the world— one person at a time."

Thank you for your donation to SCAF and for your belief in the Random Act of Kindness Program. We commend your efforts to make the world a better place!

For more information on Woodville Viking Middle School's Random Acts of Kindness program, please log on to www.actsofkindness.org.

Did You Know?



Why Not a Black Dog?

If you have ever toured an animal shelter before, you may have noticed that there seems to be a much higher number of black or dark colored dogs compared to the lighter colored dogs.

It seems that people tend to pass by a black or darker colored animal because they may not have the unique markings that a lighter colored animal may have. That a darker dog is "just another black dog." But this is simply not the case!

Just like humans, no matter the color of the skin— or the fur, each person and animal is unique! Personality has nothing to do with color!

Next time you are looking to adopt a dog or any animal, please remember that black or dark colored animals are more likely to be euthanized when space becomes an issue at shelters or pounds that are NOT no-kill facilities only because they are less likely to be adopted.

This is truly a shame because they offer just as much love as lighter colored dogs!



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ANIMAL FRIENDS

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Volunteers Needed

SCAF is seeking volunteers in the following areas:

- Public Relations
- Fundraising Sales
- Staffing Fundraising Events
- Planned Giving

Join us
on October 4, 2008,
for a Blessing of the
Animals at St. Paul's
Episcopal Church
in Hudson!



Join Us!

Meetings:

Come check out SCAF for yourself! Join us at an upcoming meeting.

Public Meeting

Time: 7 p.m.
 Date: First Thursday of each month
 Location: St. Paul's Episcopal Church
 502 County Road UU
 Hudson, WI

Fundraising Committee

Time: 7 p.m.
 Date: First Tuesday of each month
 Location: Perkins
 1040 Pearson Drive
 Hudson, WI
 Contact: Diana Neubarth
 715-386-4004

Public Relations Committee

Time: 7 p.m.
 Date: Second Thursday of each month
 Location: Hudson Bagel & Coffee Co.
 800 Carmichael Road
 Hudson, WI



Membership:

Becoming a member of SCAF means you are supporting our effort to build a shelter in St. Croix County. Your membership also allows you to assist in decision making by voting in Board elections, to receive e-mails of upcoming events, and to receive newsletters three times a year. Complete the form below and return in the enclosed envelope to become a member today!

Name: _____
Address: _____ **Date:** _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
E-mail: _____ **Phone:** _____

Membership Categories

Adult	\$25
Family	\$40
Senior (62 +)	\$10
Junior (16 & under)	Exempt
Patron	\$50
Corporate	\$100

Total Memberships: _____
 Other/Donations: _____

Would you like to be a volunteer committee member?
YES NO

If YES, special skills you will lend: _____

Please mail payments to: St. Croix Animal Friends P.O. Box 1169 Hudson, WI 54016

Thank you for supporting SCAF. We are grateful for your memberships and donations.