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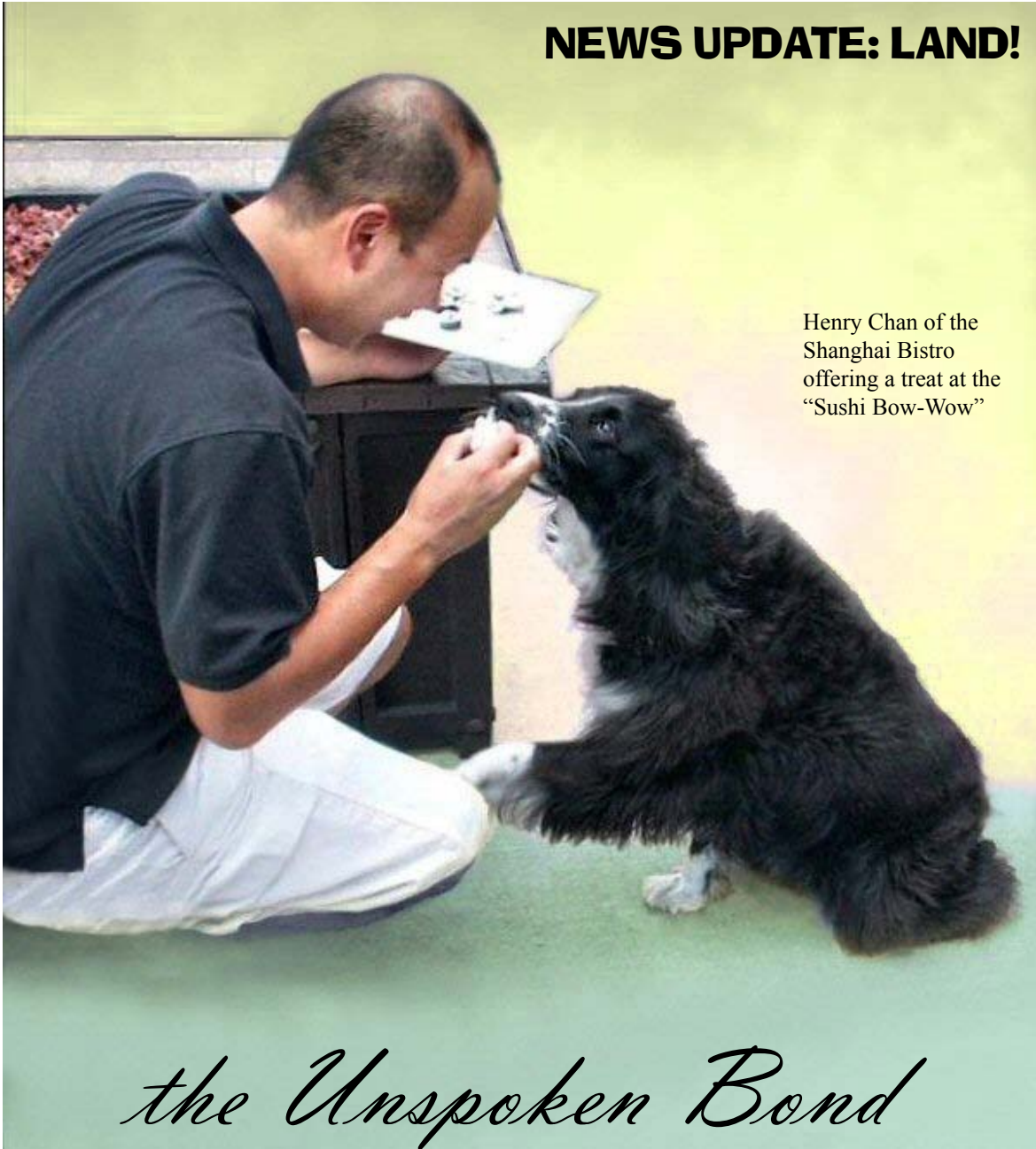


ANIMAL
FRIENDS

Spring 2011

Paws for Thought

St. Croix Animal Friends is working to build an animal adoption & education center in St. Croix County and is not affiliated with any other organization.



NEWS UPDATE: LAND!

Henry Chan of the Shanghai Bistro offering a treat at the "Sushi Bow-Wow"

the Unspoken Bond

SCAF: Encouraging Animal Awareness Through Education



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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 a spay/neuter program.
- 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.

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Tim Kern / Donna Cramer

Dear Supporters,

It is so wonderful to be able to report that we accomplished our goal of land acquisition this last September 26th, 2010! After a long period of exploration and research we purchased 6.5 acres of land in St. Croix County. We are very happy with the site as it is a great location with easy access. In addition, we are happy to report that the land is completely paid for. We have no debt on the property because of the generosity of the donors, members and sponsors who believed in our mission, and graciously supported our work to purchase land for the purpose of building an animal shelter. We want to give special thanks to David Hillert ESQ, who donated many hours of his valuable time to help us with the legal aspects of land acquisition. We also want to thank the Warren Township Board and the St. Croix County Board of Adjustment whose support made the land purchase possible.

Looking forward there is much work to be done. We are currently in the process of developing plans for a shelter design and preparing for a Capital Campaign to raise the funds to build the new shelter.

In order to carry out these plans to get a new shelter built for the animals, we will continue to need the ongoing support of the community. We are always looking for new volunteers with varied talents and skills and donations to our **Building Fund** are vital to our success and sincerely appreciated.

Again, we want to thank everyone who contributed to make our land purchase possible and we hope to see you at our "Raise the Woof" Animal Walk on June 11th, 2011.

A Big Thank You

We want to acknowledge the efforts of the following businesses that sponsored a fundraiser in the recent past for St. Croix Animal Friends. Sponsoring an event on our behalf is something we really appreciate as it allows us to focus on other work that needs to be done and is a great way to help spread the word about our work to build the facility.

- **Inspiring Actions** (Outside Tala Yoga)
- **Paws and Claws** (Halloween Dog Costume Photo Contest)
- **Perkins Restaurant Hudson** (Pies for Pets)
- **Mr. Movies** (Holiday Bake Sale)
- **Embody Health** (Zumba Party)
- **All About Dogs** (Doggy Spaw Days)
- **Utimissimo** (Candle Sales)

Our Website... Making A Connection

Lost a pet, found an animal or need to find a home for a pet? Our website may be the place to go! Our website is set up to help serve as a place where displaced animals or those needing homes can be posted. We serve as a liaison between your situation and the public which has often resulted in many happy endings for animals. So, if you have lost or found a pet, please visit our website, enter your contact information with a picture of the animal and submit! If you are looking to place or adopt an animal on our website, please contact us at info@stcroixanimalfriends.org and we may be able to help.



Hot Air Affair Removes Winter Chill



Cindy Otten, Sharon Elliott (SCAF President) and Kami Telschow are pictured above getting ready for the big night.

The Hot Air Affair concert and silent auction, sponsored by Spot's Pet Grooming, was held at the Hudson House on Feb. 5th, 2011. Over \$4000.00 was raised to benefit St. Croix Animal Friends! Special thanks to Kami Telschow for all of her hard work to make the evening a spectacular success and Jaysen Kaladi of Kaladi's 2.0 for attending and donating his fabulous food! Thank you also to Concentral Unplugged for entertaining everyone throughout the evening with their music. We are immensely grateful to all who sponsored, worked at and attended this event. It was definitely a night to remember!



Food was donated and served by Jaysen Kaladi of Kaldi's 2.0. Katrina Larsen is pictured as a recipient of the delicious cuisine.



As you can see there was a great turnout!



Everyone enjoyed the Silent Auction.



**5TH ANNUAL
RAISE THE
"WOOF"
ANIMAL WALK**

2011 ANIMAL WALK!

Help Us Raise Funds to Build the Adoption and Education Center

Saturday, June 11th, 2011

Lakefront Park, Hudson, Wisconsin

Top Pledge Winner Prizes:

Laptop Nintendo DS iPod eReader

For details see the pledge sheet in this issue or go online at stcroixanimalfriends.org

Volunteer Spotlight



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

Amber Gabranski

Volunteer Amber Gabranski enjoys sharing her many talents with St. Croix Animal Friends. And we enjoy the creative ideas and enthusiastic energy she brings to the organization! Amber is a pleasure to work with and was very instrumental in the preparation of our 2011 Animal Walk literature. Even with her busy schedule, Amber made time to ensure that everything was ready to go for this big event. She designed the Animal Walk brochure which will be distributed in area businesses and the pledge sheet found in this issue. Amber is currently going to school to study internet and web development. We are grateful for the time she graciously donates to make our events run as smooth as possible.

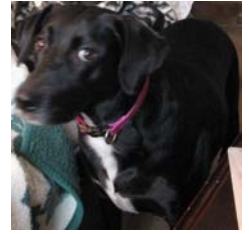




Check Those Collars!

An important part of animal care is to routinely check to make sure your pet's collar is comfortable and not too tight. Collars do not expand, but puppies and kittens grow quickly. Their collars should be checked at least every week until they are fully grown. When they are fully grown their weight often fluctuates and their collars should be checked every two weeks. If not loosened to accommodate these changes, collars can literally grow right into your pet's neck causing excruciating pain and even death. A tight collar can restrict air flow when an animal is breathing and can also make swallowing hard or impossible for an animal. When doing this important check, you should be able to easily slip two or three fingers between the collar and their neck. By paying attention to make sure that your pet's collar is not too tight (or too loose!) you can help ensure the good health and safety of your pet.

Microchipping Your Pet



When my newly adopted Lab mix, Ava, continued to chew and remove every name tag I attached to her collar, having her microchipped became an absolute necessity for her identification and safety. I had always thought that a dog or cat needed to be "put under" to have this done and was delighted to find out, instead, that this procedure is very quick, easy and similar to receiving a simple shot! You can get your pet microchipped at any local veterinary clinic.

A microchip is a tiny computer chip about the size of a grain of rice. It is implanted between the animal's shoulder blades under the skin with a needle and special syringe. Little or no pain is felt by the animal. The chip is there for the life of the animal and does not need to be replaced. Once the chip is implanted, the animal must be registered with the microchip company. Each chip has a unique code that, when read by a scanner, enables animal organizations to unite lost animals with their owners. It is important that owner contact information be kept current. Owners should make sure that if they move or change phone numbers, the microchip company is called and updated.

While I am still working on being able to place a name tag on my dog's collar, I have peace of mind knowing that if she got lost, I would have a good chance of being reunited with her because of her microchip. And that's a great feeling! Remember that while it is extremely important that your pet wears a visible I.D. tag, it could become damaged or fall off. Microchipping your pet may be something you want consider talking to your veterinarian about.

Judy Webster

HELPING HUNGRY ANIMALS



Throughout the year, SCAF has been able to help many animal owners who need assistance with feeding their pets. Our Reaching Out program was developed to provide pet food for those who have fallen on hard times and have difficulty providing for their pets. Many pets are relinquished when owners cannot afford to feed them. Our goal through the Reaching Out program is to help ensure that animals are able to stay in their home during a tough economic period. If you, or someone you know, could benefit from this program please call Diana at 715-386-4004.



Memorials & Honorariums

In Loving Memory of . . .

- "Lea" Mentel the dog from Judy Webster
- "Bonnie" "Oscarson the dog from Tom & Mary Kay Obert
- "Winston" the cat from Frankie & Georgie Burkett
- "Katie" the dog from Elena MacDonald
- "Woody" the dog from Tracy Jones & Family

- "Pyewacket" Kern the cat from Judy Webster
- "George" the dog from Tracy Jones
- "Callae" the dog from Judy and Sherry

- Wanda Schullo from Diana & Denny Neubarth
- Tom Dorsey from Mary Louise & Craig Olson
- Dr. Tom Bloom from Sue & Harley Timmerman

- David Johnson from DDON & Friends
- Duane Kuschel from Mary Louise & Craig Olson

Celebration Donations

- Wedding of Matthew Curtis Zaremsky & Samantha Jillian Ley from Barb Burkholder
- Gary Porter's 60th birthday from: Sharon & Gregory Babcock and Charles & Cynthia Dehler

Something To Bark About



Top: Henry Chan, Kristin Elmquist, "For The Love Of Dogs" and Tim Kern, SCAF photographer.

The Sushi Bow-Wow

On August 29th, 2010, Henry Chan, owner of the Shanghai Bistro in Hudson, invited canine companions to accompany their owners to his restaurant for a sushi treat. This first time event was a spectacular success, with owners and animals enjoying an afternoon of great food and socialization on the restaurant patio outside. All animal attendees were on their best behavior and displayed impeccable manners!! SCAF is grateful to Henry for his hospitality and generosity and for his profound demonstration of the magical bond that can be shared with our animal friends.

Right: Kristin, one of the event sponsors, socializing with a customer.



A Good Match!

If your place of employment offers matching gifts, you might be able to double the amount of your donation to St. Croix Animal Friends! Donations that you may already plan to make in support of our work to build the adoption and education center will go twice as far if you take advantage of your company's matching gift program. As a 501(c)(3), we qualify for most programs. What to do:

- Check to see if your employer has a matching gift program by contacting your Human Resources Department. They will check to see if SCAF qualifies for their program.
- If your employer does have a matching gift program, and SCAF qualifies, Human Resources will supply you with a form that you will need to send in with your donation to us. We will take care of the rest!

Thank You For Your Support Of SCAF

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize, thank and acknowledge all of you who have supported us during 2010. Without your support we could not carry on this work for the animals. Thank You!

2009 / 2010 Members

Croix Valley Vet
Barb & Fred Austin
Jerry & Barbara Baber
J.A. Baker
Kathleen Baker
Greg & Lanette Barnes
Teddi Bauer
Steve & Colleen Behrendt
Lindsay Buss & Nick Bilderback
Sue & Jeff Blackwell
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Lillian Dawn Brandstrom
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Paula & Chuck Edson
Sharon & Bruce Elliott
Brianna Falgren
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Sheila Fox
Dina Gagne
Barb & Robert George
Helen German
Nancy Geurkink
Barbara Burkholder
Ruth Burkholder
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Geraldine Cammisa
Denise & Rick Carter
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Edwin & Mary Paul Ross
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Julie Schommer
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St. Croix Gas

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Vine Street Florist
Knoke's Chocolate
Croix Valley Vet
Lumberjack Liquor
Knotty Vines
Shanghai Bistro
New Richmond Utilities
Oakwood Dental
Randy Schwark
Pine Meadows Golf
The Valley House
Angel and Al Duratti
Super 8 Motel
Star Prairie Trout Farm
New Richmond Bowling
New Richmond Vet Clinic
Bobtown Vet Clinic
S/S/G Corporation
Minnesota Twins
Green Bay Packers
Minnesota Wild
Elan
Badlands Golf Course
Anytime Fitness
Dominos Pizza
Great Clips
Bristol Ridge Golf
New Richmond Golf
The Orchard Restaurant
Sharon and Bruce Elliott
Paws & Claws
Barb & Tim Kern
Diana Neubarth
Denise & Rick Carter
Bremer Bank
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Purr_fect Dog Training
Fennern Jewelers
Willow River Saloon
Designs for You by Erika
KMZ D.J.'s
Best Maid Cookie Co.
My Sister's Garden
New Richmond Vet Clinic
Apple River Coffee Co.
Pine Lake Pastures
Janell Norman

The Button Guy
Petco
St. Croix County Sheriff
Officer John Stenseth
Coca-Cola
Kim Kiel
Winnie Gardner
Expressive Design
Applebee's
Embody Health
Erickson Oil
For the Love of Dogs
G.B. Curly's
Family Fresh Market
St. Croix Casino
Harel Chiropractic
New Richmond Chamber
Gary Hoyer
Meyer Middle School

Grants

The Terry Devitt & Michael
Hoffman Family Fund of the St.
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Amber Gabranski
Lana Vogt
Joleen Schwellenbach
Rob & Trish Neubarth
Presley Neubarth
Diana Wedell
Kelsey Jurek
Pam Johnson
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
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Beth Posel
Perkins Restaurant
Tori Boomsma
Stephanie Swanson

Special Thanks ...

David Hillert, ESQ
Village of Roberts Board
Warren Township Board
Pam Quinn
St. Croix County Board of
Adjustment
Tammy Rickesecker

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to ensure the accuracy of our
recognition list. If your name
does not appear here contact
us at:
info@stcroixanimalfriends.
org**

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ANIMAL FRIENDS

Saturday, June 11, 2011
Lakefront Park-Hudson, WI
9:00am: Registration
10:00am: Walk Begins

Walk with us to raise donations and awareness for St. Croix Animal Friends to build an animal adoption and education center to serve our animal friends in all of St. Croix County. Learn more about St. Croix Animal Friends by visiting www.stcroixanimalfriends.org

5TH ANNUAL
RAISE THE "WOOF"
ANIMAL WALK



REGISTRATION

Registration Fee*: \$20 per Family (Registration Fee waived if \$50 or more is collected in pledges.)

Name	Pet(s) Name	Phone
E-Mail	Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Check your age group below</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Child-Age 13 and under FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/> Child-Age 13 and under MALE <input type="checkbox"/> Youth-Age 14 to 17 <input type="checkbox"/> Adult-Age 18+ {Runner Up} <input type="checkbox"/> Adult-Age 18+ {Grand Prize}		<p>Prizes</p> <input type="checkbox"/> [Nintendo DS] <input type="checkbox"/> [Nintendo DS] <input type="checkbox"/> [iPod] <input type="checkbox"/> [eReader] <input type="checkbox"/> [Laptop]
<p>*Prizes may change depending on donations</p>		<p>Waiver: I, and on behalf of heirs, successors, and assigns, assume any and all risks associated with the Raise the Woof Animal Walk, and waive and release any and all rights and claims against St. Croix Animal Friends, its agents and representatives, and any others connected with the event for injuries and damages of any kind suffered by myself or my animal.</p> <p>Registrant's Signature (If minor, parent or guardian): _____</p>

PLEDGE

Sponsors can get our newsletter too!
 If you would like to receive our newsletter, include your email.

Sponsor Name	Sponsor Address & E-Mail	Daytime Phone	Payment Method	Pledge	Corporate Match
Ex: Cloe Smith	555 Stade Rd. Hudson, WI 54016 luckydog@walk.com	715.555.5555	check	\$20	
1.					
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REMINDER: Bring in this filled out form and pledges the day of the walk and be ready to have some fun!
 Need more lines for pledges? Feel free to copy this or make your own and attach it to this form! **Make checks payable to St. Croix Animal Friends.** St. Croix Animal Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and is not affiliated with any other animal organization.

\$ _____
TOTAL AMT COLLECTED
 (Including Corporate Match)

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ANIMAL FRIENDS

stcroixanimalfriends.org

P.O. Box 1169
Hudson, WI 54016

Volunteers Needed

SCAF is seeking volunteers in the following areas:

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



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 54016

Fundraising Committee

The committee currently meets as needed. Check the web-site for upcoming meetings. If you are interested in taking part in this committee, contact: Diana Neubarth at 715-386-4004.

Public Relations Committee

The public relations committee is seeking members at this time. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, please contact Diana at 715-386-4004.

Membership:

Becoming a member of SCAF means you are supporting our effort to build an animal adoption and education center in St. Croix County. An annual membership (Jan. - Dec.) also allows you to assist in decision making by voting in Board elections, and to receive organization newsletters. Complete the form and return to the address below! 3/11

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.

