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Angel's Wish is dedicated to reducing animal overpopulation, rehomeing companion animals, and raising awareness of animal welfare issues in South Central Wisconsin.

Lois Lawrence, a founding member of Angel's Wish, once rescued a kitten from a construction site. Weak with starvation, dehydration, and a severe upper respiratory infection, neither veterinary treatment nor Lois' love and care could save the kitten from the effects of that hot June day. Angel died that night in Lois' arms. We believe that Angel's Wish would have been that no other animal be subjected to pain, suffering, abandonment or neglect.



Volunteer Needs

Angel's Wish is an all-volunteer organization that continues to grow. Whether you have one hour a month or fifteen, and no matter what your skills or interests, we likely have a volunteer opportunity for you!

We are looking to bring in more people to cross-train in various areas, as well as bring in some new energy and ideas! For every position, there is a veteran volunteer available to train and mentor you. An example of some of the opportunities available with Angel's Wish are:

- Pet Adoption & Resource Center Greeters
- Pet Adoption & Resource Center Cashiers
- Pet Adoption & Resource Center Retail Committee Member
- Pet Adoption & Resource Center Volunteers
- FUNdraising & Special Events Coordinator
- FUNdraising & Special Events Committee Members
- Online Auction Volunteers
- Workshop/Seminar Coordinator
- Marketing/PR Committee Members
- Pet Videographer
- Board of Directors Member
- **Feline Foster Parents always needed**

Please visit our website at www.angelswish.org/volunteer and click on the "View Volunteer Opportunities" button. You can also subscribe to our volunteer email newsletter at www.angelswish.org for frequent updates.



Angel's Wish



December 2009 Newsletter

Foster a Lonely Pet

A NEW HOLIDAY PET FOSTERING PROGRAM FOR YOUR SHELTER OR RESCUE GROUP

Coming soon to TV: "A Dog Named Christmas," based on the book by Greg Kincaid

When Todd McCray, a developmentally-challenged young man still living on his parents' Kansas farm, hears that a local animal shelter is seeking temporary homes for its dogs during the days leading to Christmas, he knows exactly what he wants for the holidays. His father objects, but Todd's persistence quickly wins out. Soon the McCrays are the short-term foster family for a lovable pooch the young man names Christmas. But what about all the other dogs who will be forced to spend the Yuletide season in cages? In the days that follow, Todd uses his special gifts of persuasion to encourage his hometown to participate in the "Adopt a Dog for Christmas Program." What follows from his small act of kindness will teach his family, and his community, about peace on Earth and goodwill toward men – and animals.

From this heartwarming story comes the first annual "Foster a Lonely Pet" foster program that will take place nationwide, hoping to help thousands of homeless animals feel like they are part of a family for the holidays. Angel's Wish is proud to be a participating animal welfare group!

We ask for a short-term commitment of a minimum of two weeks. Angel's Wish will provide any needed supplies you don't already have to care for your foster pet, or you can purchase and take a tax-deductible donation.

Of course we hope that our homeless pets will have the best holiday possible. We also not-so-secretly hope you or your holiday guests may fall in love with your foster pet and adopt. Or perhaps you will find fostering so rewarding as others do and decide it is something you would like to consider doing in the future.

Interested in fostering a pet for the holidays (or anytime)? Email us at info@angelswish.org or call us at (608) 848-4174.



Considering a new pet for the holidays?

More families bring pets into their homes during the holidays than at any other time of year. What better gift can any of us give during the holiday season than to give a home to an orphaned animal? Angel's Wish, as part of Iams Home 4 the Holidays, is joining thousands of shelters nationwide to work together to match the needs of the pets with the desires of the families. Everybody wins!

If you are considering bringing home a new pet this holiday, here are a few tips to consider:

- Make sure everyone in the family wants a new pet. Choose an age-appropriate pet for your family, and remember, it is always the adult's responsibility for animal care. The novelty of the new pet will wear off for your child, and some pets live 15 to 20 years.
- What is your routine over the holiday season? Are you traveling to distant relatives, or will you be having a large family gathering? You want to have a low-stress, happy homecoming for your new pet that helps them adjust to your family's regular routine. On the other hand, will you have a few days off of work and the kids from school to enjoy with the new pet?
- Want to surprise someone with a pet? Make a basket with a pet adoption gift certificate and a few pet-related items, and enjoy the adoption experience together!

Looking ahead to 2010

Here's what Angel's Wish has in store for you in 2010:

January

9 Annual Membership Meeting 4pm at Angel's Wish

February

National Prevent a Litter Month

National Pet Dental Health Month

23 Spay Day USA

April

Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month

3 Every Day is Tag Day

18-24 National Pet ID Week

May

16-22 National Dog Bite Prevention Week

June

Adopt-a-Cat Month

National Disaster Preparedness for Animals Month

1-30 Angel's Wish On-line Auction

5 Take Your Dog to Work Day

TBD DogFest

TBD Angel's Wish 10th Anniversary Celebration

August

21 International Homeless Animals Day

Sept

TBD: Dog Jog, UW-Madison

12 National Pet Memorial Day

October

Adopt-a-Dog Month

National Pet Wellness Month

TBD: Adopt-a-Less-Adoptable Pet Day

November

Adopt-a-Senior Pet Month

1-30 Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Drive

December

1-31 Home 4 the Holidays Adoption Drive continues

1-31 Foster a Lonely Pet

Did you know...

...that in addition to fun and basic items for pets and pet people, the Angel's Wish retail store also has a variety of specialty items to maintain your pet's health and well-being?

- Now featuring Royal Canin and Felidae feline food
- Wide variety of cat toys
- Scratching needs, from basic to fancy, functional and fun
- Specialty products for stressed kitties, including Rescue Remedy (Five Flower Formula) and Calming Collars
- Specialty products for urinary issues, like Feliway, Cat Attract Litter, and accident clean-up products like Nature's Miracle and Urine-off

...that Angel's Wish serves a large number of counties?

In 2008, our homeless pets came from 19 different counties in Wisconsin. The largest number were from Dane County (308), followed by Jefferson (85), Green (29), and Columbia (27).

...that there are always items Angel's Wish needs to help care for homeless pets?

- Cat and kitten food
- Clay cat litter
- Revolution for cats
- KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement) and Just Born
- Paper towels
- Copy paper
- Stamps



...that Angel's Wish offers microchipping to the public?

Held the first Sunday of every month from 1pm to 4pm, these clinics offer a safety net for your pet for just \$20/pet.

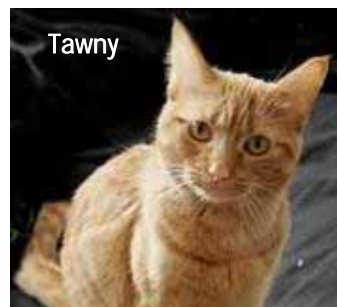
...that Angel's Wish offers a wide variety of options for giving?

- ACH/Direct Debit from your checking or savings account
- Online via AW's website, PayPal, and Just Give
- Stock, real estate, and charitable gift annuities via Madison Community Foundation

...that Angel's Wish has an online following on Facebook of over 1000 fans and over 2500 subscribers to our email newsletter? Please join us online!



Sky



Tawny



Marco (aka Mouse)



Felix

Angel's Wish Adoptables

Dear Angel's Wish...

"We've finally decided on a new name for Rory. After 6 days of having her and much debate, we have renamed her with the soft name of Ebony. She is getting along great with Winston and the kids, she is so sweet and loves to cuddle. The only members of the family that she is timid around are the dogs. We are doing a good job of keeping her safe and protected though and she seems to appreciate it... She is a very patient and sweet natured kitten and we are glad she is part of our family now. Thanks to Chuck for being such a great foster dad. She is definitely a little lover and we are so happy to have her. I hope the other kitties there find their forever homes soon! I've told all my friends about Angel's Wish and the wonderful work you do! Thanks again, Aidan"



"Just wanted to let you know Toro is doing great! He is such a lovable and good kitten. He's fitting in very well here. Our dogs get along with him great. It took him awhile to feel secure in his new home, but now he rules the house. He had his first vet appointment last week and is a healthy little guy. Everyone at our vet's thought he was adorable. We love him very much and promise he'll always be well taken care of. He's actually pretty spoiled here. We want to thank you and everyone at the Angel Wish Rescue for doing what you do to find good homes for your rescues. The care you give these animals is such a wonderful gift to our community. Thank you again! I'm also attaching a picture of Toro on his cat tree. Take care, Wendy"

"Enclosed are four checks given in memory of my mother. You may not be aware, but Angel's Wish placed a Snowshoe cat named Franklin with Mother just over a year ago. Frankie, as he became known, gave Mother a wonderful last year of life, and now resides with my niece and her Black Lab, Flash. I feel so strongly that not only do pets do wonders for the elderly, but the elderly can give new life to pets like Frankie. He still loves his warm lap-time, but can be found jumping to the highest place in each room, is always eager for more food, and can hold his own in any conversation. Sincerely, Ellen."



Please share your happy ending story with us—we love to hear how your Angel's Wish adoptee is fitting into your family! We are also making happy ending collages that hang in our adoption center. Email us a digital picture and we may even put it on our website or email newsletter. Send an email to your pet's foster parent or adoption coordinator, or to info@angelswish.org...or drop us a note in the mail. Thank you!

Kitten spotted on the Beltline!

Thanks to two amazing grants from Esurance and Maddie's Fund with consideration from Adams Outdoor Advertising, Angel's Wish reached the "big time" in marketing!

Throughout November this billboard was located prominently on Madison's Beltline Highway in three different locations.

We are excited to generate more attention and awareness for the homeless animals we help. This little kitten shares the message in his meow: adopt a homeless cat, donate to help homeless pets, or volunteer for one of the 80 different opportunities available with Angel's Wish!

