



## Year of the Cat

Cats tend to take a back seat most times in the grand scheme of animal rescue. Active dog photos and their stories are printed everywhere. The majority of pet advertising features cute pictures of canines. A sleeping cat on the family couch doesn't create such an eye catching image. Most families don't take their felines for walks (though some do, this writer included). A higher percentage of dogs and pups are adopted out from humane societies and other rescue groups, because there are always a higher number of cats and kittens waiting patiently to be placed.

CSHS would like to join in on the excitement of the Chinese New Year (The Year of the Dragon begins on January 23, 2012) by dedicating 2012 as our *Year of the Cat*.

Did you know there is no Chinese Year of the Cat? See the accompanying article for the story of the Chinese Zodiac and why the cat was not included. Just another reason for us to honor the cat this year. We think they are due!

Carver-Scott Humane Society has lots of cats and kitties up for adoption. We especially have quite a few black cats waiting for forever homes. So this issue of Furry Footnotes is dedicating its **ADOPT•ME** feature to black felines. Black cats can get a "bad rap" from ancient superstitions, but we are here to enlighten our readers on some of the world's positive attitudes on the black cat. See inside and don't be surprised if you decide to give CSHS a call on adopting one of our featured cats. From one black cat owner to another: "the eyes will lure you in."

### THE LEGEND OF THE CHINESE ZODIAC

There are several different explanations of the Chinese horoscope and how the twelve animals of the Chinese Zodiac were chosen. This version offers insight to some of the traits of each animal.

When introducing time, the Jade Emperor challenged the animals with a swimming race. He promised them that the first twelve to cross the river would be awarded by having a year of the zodiac named after them.

**RAT, CAT & OX:** As the animals lined the river bank waiting for the race to begin the rat and the cat, who were then good friends, worried about making it across because neither was a strong swimmer. They decided to ask the ox if he would carry them to the other side of the river and he agreed.

Just before they reached the shore the rat pushed the cat off of the ox and jumped to shore. The rat made it to shore first and the kind ox came in second. So, the first year of the zodiac is the year of the rat and the second year is the year of the ox.

**TIGER, RABBIT & DRAGON:** The tiger fought against the river's strong current, but arrived on shore third. The rabbit, who had hopped from log to log in order to make it across the river, arrived fourth while the winged dragon was the fifth animal to reach the shore.

The Jade Emperor asked the dragon why he hadn't arrived first since he could both swim and fly. The benevolent dragon explained that he had stopped to make rain for people who were thirsty and to blow a gentle wind to help a rabbit who was stranded on a log, make it safely to shore.

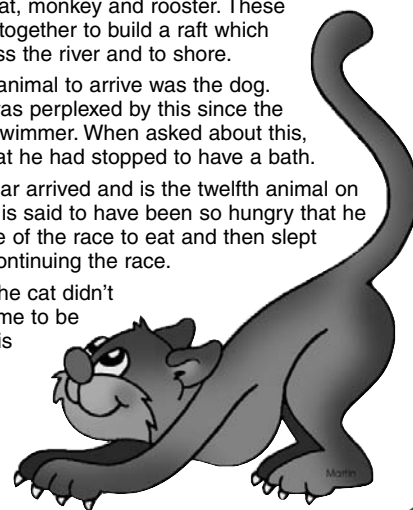
**HORSE & SNAKE:** Just then the sound of horse's hooves filled the air, but the snake slithered in front of the horse startling him so that he jumped back. The sneaky snake therefore arrived sixth while the horse became the seventh animal of the zodiac.

**GOAT, MONKEY, AND ROOSTER:** The next three animals to arrive were the goat, monkey and rooster. These animals had worked together to build a raft which got them safely across the river and to shore.

**DOG:** The eleventh animal to arrive was the dog. The Jade Emperor was perplexed by this since the dog is such a good swimmer. When asked about this, the dog explained that he had stopped to have a bath.

**BOAR:** Lastly the boar arrived and is the twelfth animal on the zodiac. The boar is said to have been so hungry that he stopped in the middle of the race to eat and then slept off his meal before continuing the race.

**CAT:** Unfortunately the cat didn't make it to shore in time to be part of the zodiac. It is said that this is the reason why cats and rats do not like each other to this day.





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# A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Carver-Scott Humane Society's Board of Directors sadly accepted the resignation of its **President, Bev Fiedler**, at its October 2011 board meeting. Bev, with her husband and pets, have retired and followed their dream of moving to Costa Rica. Vice President, Jennifer Williams, has moved up to fill in until the term expires next March. Dave Lies has accepted the interim spot of Vice President.

CSHS wishes to thank Bev for her four years as president and many more on the board. Bev has been instrumental in the fundraising development of the society as it functions today.

**Here's a paw print of her giving to CSHS:**

- Joined the board as Development Chair (Fundraising) in 2001. Bev wrote for her bio: "I have always loved animals and had many growing up. I am very much interested in helping animals who can't help themselves. I meet many people selling real estate and hope to be able to bring more volunteers and/or board members into our humane society, as well as financial contributions."



- Soon joined the annual walk committee. Took home the first place prize for top monetary winner 2 out of 3 years. She was still head of registration last year.

- Part of original wine tasting/fall fundraiser committee and was still soliciting silent auction items in 2011.

- Created the Cutest Pet Photo contest and developed local sponsors.

- "Rescued" Scout, our Mascot, and put him in the PR department.

- Put CSHS behind the brat stand grill. Selling brats is still one of our best money makers, since it only takes volunteer on-the-spot time.

- Became President in 2007.

- Member of the Pedaling for Pets fundraiser committee.

- Signed on the dotted line for CSHS as we accepted the donation of future shelter building land. A very historical moment.

- Pushed for the research and development of our current database software to bring CSHS into the future.

- Led the board to vote yes to dog training classes.

- Flipped a page to promote the CSHS Pet Photo Calendar.

As you can see, Bev was our biggest fundraiser in all aspects. She always had an idea of some new event to try. She promoted change and growth, no matter how hard or what a stretch it might be. Nothing was too tough for the sake of the animals.

CSHS extends a sincere **THANK YOU, BEV**, for all your hard work. We hope you are **RAISING** a little **FUN** in the sun!

As Bev would say, "Come check us out at the annual meeting."



Jennifer and Bev



**CSHS  
Annual Meeting**  
Thurs. March 15, 2012  
Chaska Community Center  
7-9 PM

- 2011 Recap • 2012 Forecast •
- Volunteer Awards •

**Open to the public.**  
Refreshments provided.

# WALK FUR



**COMING SOON!**

**Sunday, May 20, 2012 • McKnight Park, Chaska**

For information & forms:  
[www.carverscotths.org](http://www.carverscotths.org) • 952-368-3553

Online Fundraising!

## **Shred-it Party**

**Saturday, April 7, 2012**

**9:00 AM–12:00 noon**

**CSHS office/Lehman's Garage  
1320 Crystal Lane, Chaska**

just off Chaska Blvd. and Audubon Road

Bring your confidential documents to be securely  
shred on site by **Shred-it USA**

**\$5.00 donation to CSHS** per grocery  
sack of documents to be shred

**Foster dogs on site 10:30 to 11:30**  
(adoption day at Chaska PETCO, just 7 minutes away,  
from 12:00 noon to 3:00)

• **CSHS office/dog training site open •**  
**Lehman's Garage open for tours/ estimates**

**Drawings for door prizes**

## **New Dog Training Classes BEGIN February 15th!**

**Sign up now!** All classes will be held  
at the Carver-Scott Humane Society's  
location on the 2nd floor of Lehman's  
Garage, 1320 Crystal Lane in Chaska.

### **OBEDIENCE LEVEL I**

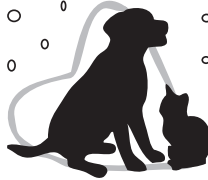
In this class, you will be introduced to  
more commands for your dog to build  
your dog's vocabulary, creating a stronger  
bond for you and your canine companion.  
You will work on longer sits, downs,  
stand, come, controlled walking. Your dog  
must be at least 5 months old. This is an  
8 week course beginning Wednesday,  
February 15th at 6:00 PM. Cost \$100.

### **OBEDIENCE LEVEL II**

In this class, you will continue  
working on the commands you learned in  
Level I, but you will now have Heel,  
longer distance Recalls ("Come"), Come  
to Finish, Sit and Down with toy and  
food distractions. You will begin off-leash  
work. This class is a precursor to our  
Canine Good Citizen class. This is an 8  
week course beginning Wednesday,  
February 15th at 7:15 PM. Cost \$100.

For a registration form for either of  
the above classes go to the CSHS web  
site: [www.carverscotths.org](http://www.carverscotths.org).

Questions? Call Julie at 612-963-0944



## **Carver • Scott Humane Society Taste on the Lake**

**Sunday • February 12, 2012**

**2:00 - 5:00pm**

**Join the Carver • Scott Humane Society  
at Captain Jack's Taste on the Lake**

**Wine, Beer & Liquor Tasting**

**Animal Related Vendors**

**Skijoring Demonstration** (snow permitting)

**K9 Demonstration**

**Sample Foods, Chili Cookoff, Cake Contest**

**Tickets: \$10 in advance • \$12 at the door**

**Proceeds benefit CSHS**

**Dogs are welcome but must be on a leash**



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**3950 Green Heights Trail SW**  
**Prior Lake, MN 55372**  
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## The Black Cat

Ask anyone what comes to mind when a black cat is mentioned and cat lovers will inevitably say: mysterious, alluring, beautiful, playful, elegant and gorgeous. But non-cat owners would come up with: bad luck, witches, evil, demonic, mean, spooky and Halloween. So you can see the superstition lives on even today.

One of the prevalent black cat superstitions alive in the western culture today is if a black cat crossed your path it is considered bad luck. Interestingly, in most other cultures, the black cat is a prized possession and owning one is said to bring the owner good luck. The origin of the black cat and good luck is said to have begun in Ancient Egypt with the sacred black cat of BAST.

In the Yorkshires, a black cat was said to bring the fishermen home safely from the seas. In parts of Europe, if a black cat crosses your path, you are considered to have good fortune. If a black cat walks into your house or home, you are truly blessed. But in the United States, the term Black Cat was used by the fishermen and sailors of Michigan's Lake Superior for a boat that was believed to have a spell cast upon it and therefore, never will carry a full crew. The attitude towards black cats is said to have changed sometime around the pilgrims arriving at Plymouth Rock. The pilgrims were devout Christians and they were deeply suspicious of anything deemed of the devil. Here are more superstitions from all around the world. Some are good and some not necessarily so:

- A strange black cat on your porch brings prosperity—Scottish
- If a black cat walks towards you, it brings good fortune, but if it walks away, it takes the good fortune with it.
- Some believed that if a black cat lived in the house, the young lass would have plenty of suitors—English
- It is believed that if you find one white hair on a black cat, Lady Luck will smile upon you—French
- While it is lucky to own a black cat, it is extremely unlucky to come across one accidentally—English
- It is thought that black cats were reincarnated being able to divine the future—Celtic

# ADOPT·ME

*Dedicated to the ones who are sometimes overlooked.*

To learn more about all our animals up for adoption, visit our website [www.carverscotths.org](http://www.carverscotths.org).



I am **XAVIERA** and I became homeless due to the bad economy. I'm a one-year-old, calm, affectionate, female cat who is friendly to kind kids and some male cats. I have shiny black hair with a touch of white here and there. After a long day, you'll find me waiting for you at the door, then I'll rub against your legs and tag along to the next room. I'll jump into your lap and stay as long as you sit. I hope you have wand toys and enjoy brushing me.



When you come home **MAGGIE** will be at the door and usually will talk to you with her cute trill. Pet her and she'll loudly purr her gratitude. Maggie likes to be combed, picked up and play with interactive toys. When you sit she jumps into your lap and stays for a while if you pet her. Maggie is a smart, friendly, black/white eight-year-old who'd like to be the only cat. This foreclosure victim doesn't understand why she needs a forever home.



This sleek, three-year-old, black female will meet you at the door at the end of a long day. **MISSY** hopes you will brush her, pet her and maybe give her a tummy rub. Playing with interactive toys is the 'cats meow.' Missy is quiet plus friendly with those she trusts and avoids strangers. She hasn't met dogs or kids, but with proper introductions, gets along with some cats. Missy would like a home with you.



**XENA** would love a home with you and hopes you'll want her 'security blanket' sister, Zanthus, also. Xena is sweet, quiet and initially shy of new people. She adores head scratching and playing with toy mice and balls. Xena lets you put her in your lap and stays as long as you pet her. She was born March 2011. Xena gets along with respectful kids, most cats, and hasn't met dogs. Have you a spot in your heart for Xena?

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This classy black cat is looking to be your sweet companion. If **SHEBA** knows you, she'll hop into your lap and stay purring and kneading while you brush or pet her. She enjoys tummy rubs, scratching, petting, being held and carried. Get out the interactive toys and enjoy the entertainment. When you arrive, five-year-old Sheba will be at the door and follow you, wanting your attention. She awaits your call.



Are you looking for an easy-going friend for you and your lonely pet? Playful, friendly **TAO** would like to apply. He enjoys lap sitting for as long as you let him stay and likes being held up near your shoulder. Tao's soft purr can be felt when you give him tummy stroking. He's initially shy if he doesn't know you, but is friendly and affectionate with trusted folks. He'll meet you at the door, rub your ankle, and tag along. Date of birth: May 2009.



Four-month-old **SMOKEY** is a friendly, sweet, male pup who gets along with everyone. He likes petting, tummy rubs and playing fetch and tug'o'war. He does okay in the car and looks forward to walks. He will let you place him in your lap and follows you around the house. He is working on housetraining. He will be a large dog when full-grown and currently weighs 17 lbs.

Hello and Meow,

It's been a few years since I sent in my first letter. It was all about my adoptive parents and sister and all about my wonderful life. My mom thought I should write in again, because this issue is dedicated to the cat. I'm a big black tom cat so I guess my story fits right in.

I am almost 15 years old now, and spend my days sleeping alot, especially in the sun, which I follow around the house. Nothing has changed there in all these years!

I still harass my little sister who is 13 years old now. We have never been cuddlers, but we will sit next to each other on dad's lap and watch TV.

I like going outside for walks on the leash and rolling in the catmint plant. I still try to be sneaky at eating my sister's food. So I am still happy and healthy and so glad I found my forever home!

Willy Abu Lehne

## CAT HAPPY• ENDINGS

Dear CSHS,

In June, I was fortunate to adopt a lovely one-year-old cat. She has enhanced my life in numerous ways. Each night she meets me at the door with a lovely cat smile and welcomes me home. She is a dear friend I hope to have with me for many years.

Thank you for rescuing her and providing a loving home. When she was with you her name was Valvoline. She is now called **JANE**.

Please accept this humble cash gift in honor of your Cat Cordinator Marjory. Thank you again for all you did for Jane and other cats needing loving care.

Sue Garretson  
Jane Austin Garretson

Hello,

I just wanted to thank everyone—especially Marjory—for matching me with Zelda, the cutest little girl kitty cat in the world. She has adapted to my home wonderfully. She sleeps on the end of my bed every night and spends her days spying on my Big Boy Buttons.

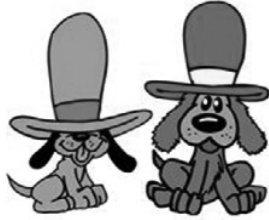
Zelda found my toy basket in the first 15 minutes of being home and now there is not a room in my house that I do not find one of her many toys lying around. She is such a proper little lady, quiet and dainty, but completely rules the roost. My boy cat Buttons is loud and lets everyone know exactly what he wants. He purrs as loud as a jet engine and drools when doing so, but I have not yet heard a peep from my girl. But one look in her big round eyes as she sticks her hinny in the air and you are smitten.

Thank you so much for making my home complete, for I have totally fallen in love with my little girl Zelda.

Kari J. Vohs

Our HAPPY•ENDINGS feature welcomes your successful adoption story. If you'd like to see your pet in print, send in your story or letter along with your pet's photo to:

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## CSHS Rounds up the Rescues

CSHS's 2011 fall fundraiser and silent auction was newly themed **Rescue Roundup**. Being held just before Halloween, it was a perfect chance to don our cowboy hats and bandannas. It was held at The Mustard Seed Landscaping & Garden Center, west of Chaska. Just when the weather was turning cooler and darkness encroaching

on the day, CSHS supporters found ourselves in a colorful oasis of plants and flowers. Though it felt like the tropics, everyone ate like they were on the roundup trail. Large steak sandwiches, cowboy beans, steak fries and more couldn't have been more appropriate for the occasion.



The silent auction was cleverly placed in sections among the greenery. CSHS rounded up over \$4,250 to help the animals in its care.

Thank you to The Mustard Seed and to all sponsors listed here. Hope to see everyone around the campfire next year!

Above: Scout welcomed guests.



Left: Walk volunteers, Paul and Julie Halloff and Kathryn Lehne came dressed in theme to help set the mood.

## CSHS Graduates Good Citizens

Carver-Scott Humane Society is proud to be able to congratulate it's newest **AKC Canine Good Citizens!** On Wednesday, January 11, 2012, 3 dogs passed their CGC test. Pictured are from left to right, Kate Bender with her Golden Doodle, Lucy, Annie Nakagaki with her Golden Doodle, Gus, and Wendy Voigt with her Pit Bull mix, Raven. Evaluations were done by Nancy Murray, pictured far right.

In order to pass the Canine Good Citizen test, you must pass all 10 items on the test. These ladies worked very hard with their dogs not only at the CSHS Training Center, but also at an outside class at Petco and at home to achieve their standing with AKC as Canine Good Citizens. *Congratulations, Ladies!*

## THANK YOU TO...



**The SCNAVTA (Student Chapter of National Association of Vet Techs in America)** organization at Minnesota School of Business—Shakopee raised and donated \$130 to CSHS by selling Rootbeer Floats and Ice Cream Sundaes during the Summer Session of 2011. Pictured is interim vice president Dave Lies accepting the donation check.



# MEMORIALS. HONORARIUMS

The CSHS Keepsake Program provides a wonderful way to remember our loved ones in either of two ways:

- **MEMORIAL donation:** remembers the past life of a beloved pet or special person.
- **HONORARIUM donation:** made to honor our living pets and special people in our lives.

Making a donation to CSHS's Keepsake Program is a great opportunity to express your personal feelings while sharing a deep concern for animals. Your donation will benefit the animals housed in the CSHS foster home program and it is tax-deductible.

## THANK YOU!

The following were received from Sept.–Nov. 2011.

### In Memory Of

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#### "MadeeMoiselle"

Barbara Kennedy

#### "Lillian"

Sally Hurd

#### "Daisey Duke"

Andy Sager

#### "Deuce" Carlson

Laurie Kelly

#### "Katie"

Jann Oylo

#### the "Chessies"

Denny and Lynn Owens

#### "Charles (Charlie) Dickens"

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#### "Poos"

Tina Nelson

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### Judy Gourley

Mary Starr

### Pete Eliassen

Jackie Christiansen

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Carver-Scott Humane Society

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## THANK YOU TO... THANK YOU TO...



The staff and clients at **The Canine Club & Spa** had a costume contest last Oct. 31st. Held as a fundraiser for CSHS, Charlie was glad to send his photo and a \$300 check our way.

**Custom Creations Photography** in Shakopee for collecting 484 lbs. of assorted dog food, cat food and cat litter. It was part of their *Dog Days of Fall* promotion.

**Give to the Max Day** was held last November 16th. Carver-Scott Humane

Society reported donations of \$2,180 (2011), an increase compared to \$1,580 donated in 2010.



**Ana Silverman** sewed and donated cat fleece blankets. Ana must believe every cat needs a "blankie" to curl up on. How fitting a donation in honor of our *Year of the Cat*.



**Elizabeth Murphy**, accompanied by friend Riley Lyons, delivered her birthday party donations to a Pet Adoption Day in October. Not only did Elizabeth donate \$190, but her "gifts" included food, toys and cat litter.



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## EVENTS • CALENDAR

### February... *Prevent a Litter Month*

Feb. 4 ..... **Pet Adoption Day** ..... 12-3 pm  
Petco, Chaska

Feb. 18 ..... **Pet Adoption Day** ..... 12-3 pm  
Petco, Eden Prairie

Feb. 28 ..... *Spay Day USA*

### March

March 3 ..... **Pet Adoption Day** ..... 12-3 pm  
Petco, Chaska

March 15 ..... **CSHS Annual Meeting** ..... 7-9 pm  
Chaska Community Center, Room B

March 17 ..... **Pet Adoption Day** ..... 12-3 pm  
Petco, Eden Prairie

### April... *Prevention of Animal Cruelty Month*

April 7 ..... **Shred-it Party** ..... 9 am-12 pm  
CSHS Office, Chaska *See page 3*

April 7 ..... **Pet Adoption Day** ..... 12-3 pm  
Petco, Chaska

April 21 ..... **Pet Adoption Day** ..... 12-3 pm  
Petco, Eden Prairie

### May

May 20 ..... **Walk Fur Love** ..... 12 noon  
McKnight Park, Chaska

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