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# Honoring the legacy of Ted Frey



**T**here are some individuals who make a lasting impact during their time on earth, and Ted Frey was undoubtedly one of those people. Edward, “Ted” John Frey, Jr., a true and tireless animal advocate and ambassador, recently passed away at the age of 77 after a long battle with cancer. Ted was a longtime and generous supporter of Little Traverse Bay Humane Society (LTBHS) and was passionate about making a difference in the lives of homeless animals in need.

Over the many years of supporting LTBHS, he made countless gifts to the organization and was instrumental in helping to establish the current shelter building in the early 2000’s. Additionally, his contributions helped to build the Little Traverse Bay Veterinary Clinic when it was constructed in 2017. He was a constant supporter of the LTBHS Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Program, as well. Ted was dedicated to helping all animals but had a soft spot for dogs in particular. He treasured time with his own dogs, most recently, his loving chocolate lab, Henry.

Ted was a Harbor Springs resident for 40 years where he resided with his wife, Brenda. In addition to being a loyal supporter of LTBHS, Ted was a true philanthropist

in every sense of the word. With a giving spirit and focus on humanity, he was actively involved in the communities of Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Charlevoix, and Grand Rapids. Ted supported causes focused on providing equal housing, education, employment, and health care for all individuals. Additionally, Ted served as a trustee, treasurer, chairman, and investment committee member on the Frey Foundation in Grand Rapids where he was instrumental in leading the foundation’s support of numerous philanthropic causes.

We are deeply saddened by Ted’s passing and will remember him as a kind, generous individual who truly made a tremendous impact in the lives of thousands of homeless animals. His spirit and legacy will live on in his work at Little Traverse Bay Humane Society and in every area of the community in which he’s contributed. We will miss him, and we offer our sincerest condolences to his wife, children, family and friends.





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# Let's get ready to read!

## Shelter Buddies Reading Program returns June 16

Kids, pets, and a good book--what could be better? The Little Traverse Bay Humane Society Shelter Buddies Reading Program will return once again this summer for readers of all ages. Children will have the opportunity to read to a shelter dog or cat every Thursday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. during the summer months. The program will run June 16 through August 25. Children and their guardian can schedule 20 minute time slots to read to an animal.

This program not only helps school-age children gain valuable reading skills and confidence in their abilities, but also helps shelter animals gain exposure and socialization at the same time, which leads to more adoptions. The program is wonderful for both children and shelter animals alike!

Interested individuals may sign their children up for the program starting the week of June 6 by calling 231-347-2396.



MaKayla Kennedy reads with her mother, Heidi, to shelter resident, Mia during a past Shelter Buddies reading session. Mia has gone on to find a forever home.

## Youth involvement

### A caring community of young animal lovers



LTBHS is fortunate to have a wonderful community full of young animal advocates. Pictured (l-r): Regular volunteer, Eva, 4, spends time with shelter cat Lucky. Petoskey High School students, Drummond and James, pictured with shelter dog, Finn, (now adopted) chose LTBHS for their Act of Kindness project for their civics class and stopped by recently to drop off donations. Theo, Julia, and Viv hosted a fantastic Valentine's Day fundraiser for the animals at LTBHS and stopped by the shelter to drop off the money they raised. Thank you all!





# A forever best friend

Some of our fondest memories are rooted in our love for the family pets when we are children. National Kids and Pets Day is celebrated every spring and recognizes the special bond between children and animals. This day is aimed at teaching children about responsible pet ownership and proper interactions with animals in their household. It's also a day that recognizes the benefits that pets can have on children and visa versa.

There are many ways to strengthen the bond between children and pets and to ensure that everyone stays happy and safe. Some of these ways include:

- Teach your children not to disturb an animal (particularly dogs) when they are eating, sleeping, or caring for puppies. This goes without saying but it's important to teach kids not to take treats or prized toys away from a pet. Hands or fingers should never go in food bowls when the animal is eating.
- Don't put an animal in the position where they are uncomfortable or have to defend themselves. This may mean leaving them home for parades and busy events or even crating them during large celebrations at home. This can be difficult for young children to understand, but pets who are put in stressful situations are more apt to lash out or bite.
- Encourage your child to come along when you socialize your pet outside the home. Socialization, especially if done correctly without too much stimulation all at once, is great at increasing confidence in dogs and makes for a better behaved pet.
- Have children help care for the pet with appropriate chores depending on their age. This could include helping to feed/ provide fresh water for younger children and older, more responsible kids can enjoy walks with the animal and training activities.
- Teach kids to respect boundaries. Just as they have to do with siblings, children should learn to honor the personal space of pets. This means having them learn not to climb on the animal, pull on them, or put their face right in theirs.



- Encourage empathy. Pets are a wonderful way to teach little ones to care for others and consider feelings. Is the animal looking sad or anxious? Does it need to eat or let outside or simply be left alone? Picking up on these cues is a great way for children to learn about nonverbal communication.
- Pets are a lot of work, so why not let kids help out? This helps them learn responsibility and gives them something they can feed proud of. Most of the time, however, parental supervision is needed when kids help out feeding, cleaning, or walking the pet.

Pets are wonderful and bring a lot of companionship, comfort, and unconditional love into our lives. Animals and children can be the best of friends as long as there's the commitment from a parent or guardian to do what's best for both.

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## Encouraging kids to become involved

Looking for ways to get your young animal advocate involved? Check out these ideas!

- Volunteer-they will need to come with a parent or guardian, but kids can walk dogs, help socialize cats and even some light cleaning if they're up for it!
- Host a bake sale or lemonade stand-this is fun for kids and it help the shelter, too-win, win! Have them gather a few of their friends and organize a simple sale selling homemade treats (or even crafts!). It's hard to resist a yummy cookie from a cute kid with a great cause!
- Birthday donations-have them ask family and friends to gather supplies, treats, food or money for shelter animals in lieu of birthday gifts. The feeling that they get of giving back is often greater than receiving a bunch of presents that they may or may not actually like.
- Start a donation drive at school or part of an extracurricular group! If the teacher, principal or leader of the group are on board, a donation drive is a great way to gain essential items like food, treats, toys, leashes, collars, litter, bleach and other cleaning supplies.
- Foster an animal-this obviously requires the entire family's participation, but if everyone is up for it, consider becoming a foster family to an animal in need. Animals that typically need to be fostered are ones recovering from an injury or health related issue (such as Heartworm disease) or litters of kittens and their mom who aren't ready to be adopted yet. Kids can be a big help caring for foster animals and also learn just how much work it can be to care for an animal in need at the same time!







# A new start after an Unimaginable Past

Animal welfare organizations throughout northern Michigan come together to help rescue over 160 dogs from a horrific over breeding situation in Traverse City



Pictured (top to bottom, l-r): Fritz was just one of the 44 dogs brought to Little Traverse Bay Humane Society. He has been adopted. LTBHS staff members Kristen Rapin, Elise Ramsey, Danielle Blasko, and Elizabeth Hart hold some of the new arrivals. Grand Traverse Animal Control Officer, Jaime Croel, holds Roscoe, another dog who made the trip to LTBHS. Stevie is held by a LTBHS staff member shortly after he arrived at the shelter. At Cherryland Humane Society, small dogs from the situation are kept in cat condos since there are so many of them.



Little Traverse Bay Humane Society Director of Operations, Elise Ramsey, holds Samson after he arrives from Cherryland Humane Society. Samson has found a loving home.



14 years, and has held the position as the Grand Traverse Animal Control Supervisor since 2018. She said the scene was truly appalling.

“Initially, our worst case scenario was between 50-70 dogs,” Croel said. “When we got on the property, we quickly began to realize it was way more than that. We had no idea what we were getting into.”

The property was littered with countless old vehicles and RV’s which served as shelter for some dogs while others sat in cramped, urine and feces-soaked crates. Still others were chained throughout the yard with no shelter at all. No animals had food, water, or even bowls for such. It was amazing the dogs were alive. Sadly, there were many that weren’t.

**A**s animal lovers, we just want to ensure that all of our furry friends are treated as well as possible. That they have clean water, good food, and a warm place to sleep each night. That they receive medical attention when they need it, and perhaps most importantly of all, that they have someone to love them unconditionally for their whole lives.

It’s hard for us to wrap our minds around anyone who believes the contrary. Most individuals aren’t naïve enough to think that animal abuse doesn’t happen. However, when it occurs on such a large scale, and right in our own backyard, it’s more than a little shocking.

Shocking doesn’t begin to describe the conditions found on a property in Traverse City this past January. The rural property located in East Bay Township, was initially the subject of blight violations which authorities sought to address, but upon arrival, they found a horrifying scene with over 160 dogs fighting for their lives.

It was apparent that the dogs needed help immediately. In a team effort to assess the situation and remove the animals from harm’s way as quickly as possible, staff from Little Traverse Bay Humane Society assisted Grand Traverse Animal Control, Cherryland Humane Society, local veterinarians, and numerous other local entities with the goal of immediately removing all the animals from the property.

Grand Traverse Animal Control Officer, Jaime Croel, who was on the scene, said she has never seen as many dogs in a situation such as this. Croel has worked in the field for

“It was absolutely shocking,” Croel said. “To see how these dogs were being housed and the lack of care they had was awful. Of course, the first thing that comes to your mind with a situation like this is, ‘Are we really going to be able to save all of them?’”

Little Traverse Bay Humane Society Director of Operations, Elise Ramsey, who worked as a cruelty investigator in the city of Detroit for eight years prior to her job at LTBHS, said the scene was unimaginable.

“When we entered the house, there were dogs everywhere. Some were loose, and many were in crates. The floor was soggy there was so much urine and feces soaked through. In the kitchen, there was a hole straight through to the basement,” Ramsey said. “It was a home that no animal, or human for that matter, should have been living in.”

“The owner’s wife, who was a victim in all of this, too, invited us in,” Ramsey continued. “Upon entering, I asked her if we would find any deceased dogs in the home, and she said yes. She led me to the back of the house where there were bodies shoved into an old dog food bag and thrown on top

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**Pictured (l-r):** Clove, one of the dogs who was rescued, arrived pregnant. She went on to have three puppies who all found homes. Shelter and Community Medicine Veterinarian, Dr. Gildersleeve, examines one of the new arrivals.







Pictured (l-r): LTBHS staff member, Elizabeth Hart with Maude, Executive Director, Danielle Blasko with Chewy, Gretel, and Cherryland Humane Society Shelter Animal Welfare & Behaviorist, Tia Barbera with Lucy. All dogs have gone on to find loving homes.

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of a kennel full of other dogs. It was awful.”

Once each dog on the property was identified, the team got to work transporting them to Cherryland Humane Society to be evaluated.

“Once we realized just how many dogs we were dealing with, we started pulling out every crate we had and lining our conference room with them,” said Tia Barbera, who serves as Animal Welfare Manager and Behaviorist at Cherryland Humane Society. “We lined that room with dogs one by one.”

The dogs were medically evaluated and those in need of immediate care went to Bay Area Pet Hospital. Some of the animals were in very poor condition, due to basic lack of care.

“The conditions they were living in were disturbing and deplorable,” Barbera said. “These dogs all had terrible issues with their teeth. When they were examined, we pulled tons of fur and feces out of their mouths. On top of that, many of the dogs had molars that just fell out of their mouths. Every animal was caked in feces and urine. They had so much in their crates, they couldn’t even fully extend their legs to stand.”

“One dog, Gladys, who was the oldest of the group at 15, had to have all of her teeth pulled out,” Barbera continued. “When they went to do that, they found that her jaw was broken in two places, as well, and part of it had to be removed. It makes you wonder what else was going on in this house.”

Thankfully, Gladys was able to recover, and was recently adopted by a Cherryland Humane Society volunteer. Barbera noted that the saving grace in all of this was the amazing response of the community coming to their aid.

“There are no words for how phenomenal our community has been in all of this,” she said. “As soon as people found out about the situation, donations started rolling in and volunteers offering to come help clean or do whatever we needed. It was amazing.”

The other factor that helped tremendously in the situation was the outpouring of support from neighboring shelters, Barbera said. In total, 11 different animal welfare organizations in Michigan, including LTBHS, stepped up to help. Five veterinary teams, including Shelter and Community Medicine Vet, Dr. Gildersleeve, and Shelter and Community Medicine Tech, Morgan Fox, assisted in the initial evaluations and care of the animals. Three local grooming centers also contributed their time.

Dogs were then transported to various other shelters throughout northern Michigan to be placed for adoption. In total, LTBHS took in 45 of the dogs, of which two had puppies. All 45 and the puppies have since been adopted.

“After having these animals go through this tragic situation, seeing them get adopted into loving homes is reason for us to cheer and celebrate,” Barbera said.

Aspen, formerly Phil, was the last dog of the group transferred



to LTBHS to find a home. Aspen, who was extremely fearful and had other behavioral issues, struggled to find a home as quickly as the rest of the dogs. He eventually caught the eye of Onnalee Gibson and her husband, Sam.

Gibson was immediately charmed by Aspen and instead of focusing on his behavioral issues, saw a little dog in need of a lot of love.

“It was love at first sight for me,” she said. “After learning about his past, I knew that a dog from a situation like that wouldn’t be housebroken or trusting, and I was ok with that. Those issues are workable, and I knew right away I wanted to take him home with me.”

Gibson said learning about Aspen’s past situation made her feel even more compelled to open her heart and home to him.

“After reading about what he’d been through, I just couldn’t wrap my head around how someone could treat an animal like that,” she said. “It was gut-wrenching and brought me to tears. I knew he needed someone who could give him a lot of love, and I’m so glad we have him. He’s adjusted so well in the past few weeks and fits right into our family.”

“I feel so grateful that he was the last to be adopted and that someone else didn’t swoop down and pick him up before us,” she continued. “I can’t say enough good things about

this little guy. We love him—he’s the best dog ever.”

LTBHS Director of Operations, Elise Ramsey, said the best part of the whole situation is to witness where the dogs came from and where they are now, each living in their forever home, and being loved for the first time in their lives.

“It’s crazy to think of what these dogs have been through. It’s incredibly sad to know that before this, these dogs were just viewed as something to breed and make money with,” Ramsey said. “It’s amazing to think of this group of strangers who came together for the unbelievable display of love they’ve had for these little dogs. We now have the incredible gift of each dog being adopted by people who will love them and spoil them rotten for the rest of their lives, which is the icing on the cake. It doesn’t get better than that.”

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**-Elise Ramsey  
LTBHS Director of  
Operations**



**A special thank you to the BISSELL Pet Foundation for a grant to provide all spay/neuter surgeries to animals from this case. We greatly appreciate your support!**

## What to do if you see evidence of animal abuse

Concerned individuals often worry about animal abuse and rightfully so. Unfortunately, there’s more of this that occurs than we’d like to believe. So how can you tell if an animal is in a potentially abusive or negligent situation? Here are a few things to watch out for:

- Lack of food or water-this one is pretty basic, but if you notice that every time you see an animal, there is no clean water or food, then there is definitely a problem.
- Lack of proper shelter-like food and water, this one is pretty obvious, but an animal should have access to a clean dog house at the very least, which keeps the animal protected against the elements. It should have clean straw to keep them warm (straw, unlike blankets, doesn’t hold water). A big, red flag is when you continually see the animal outside without any protection from the weather. An animal that is constantly caged/tied up-if every time you see the animal it is caged or tied up with little room to move around or is unable to stand/turn, it’s time to report the incident.

- Speaking of being tied up...if you see any chains, padlocks or tight collars, this could cause major problems, as the item around the neck can become embedded eventually leading to infection.
- Injuries or poor body condition-if they have a noticeable injury that doesn’t seem to be being treated or if they have matted, dirty fur, is cause for concern. Also, pets infested with fleas or ticks or those who are underweight is a problem
- You see that fighting is evident-sadly, dog fighting is a popular (and illegal), underground sport. If you see items commonly associated with dog fighting, such as treadmills, spring poles, etc. around the yard or home, take notice of the dog’s condition. Usually, dogs that are made to fight are lean, have obvious scars, open wounds, and may even be missing their ears or tail.
- You purchase a dog from a breeder and immediately have concerns. A responsible breeder should always let the potential buyer come onto the property and view both parents. The adult dogs should be in good health as should the puppies.
- Obviously, any animal who you see being hit, having items thrown at them or other physical abuse is an issue, as well.



There are many resources to help animals in abuse situations. If you spot any of the warning signs above, don’t hesitate to reach out to the local authorities. By speaking up, you just may help to save a life. Reports of animal abuse in Emmet County should be reported to 911 in order to receive officer assistance.

# Ask the Trainer

Our Training and Behavior Specialist, Sarah Schertel, provides us with some great training tips and ideas for working with our pets at home. Anxiety is something we associate with humans, but it's extremely common in animals, as well. Check out Sarah's tips below on how to help anxious pets.



**Sarah Schertel** serves as the organization's Training and Behavior Specialist.

**Q:** Can my pet suffer from anxiety, and if so, what can I do about it?

**A:** The first week in May is Dog Anxiety Awareness week, but did you know that all animals can exhibit anxiety? Usually some of the first signs are an animal behaving anti-social, trembling, crouching down, and making their body look small; they may avoid eye contact and flatten their ears when they feel anxious or stressed; they may yawn or lick their lips as well, excessively lick themselves or other objects, or vocalize insistently. While these initial signs may or may not be obvious to the casual observer, they are important pieces of communication from our pets. These signals are quite literally our pets' only way of identifying their feelings of uncertainty. It is our

job as their advocates to notice those behaviors, educate those around us, and help them through these situations. Unfortunately, if we continue to push our pets too far into an anxious state of mind, they may turn to more severe forms of communication including scratches and bites. A simple modification we can make to help our pets cope with fear or anxiety is to remove them from the environment. However, when that environment is the veterinary office, your home, or another area where you cannot leave, there are other options to helping ease the tension, which include:

- Interactive enrichment tools such as Kong toys, lick mats, muzzle toys, snuffle mats, or slow feeders and toys which encourage animals to take advantage of some of their natural self-soothing behaviors. Both licking

and sniffing are proven to help lower the heart rate of a stressed animal and support stress relief and problem solving in future scenarios.

- Exercise, take part in training, or schedule cuddle time! Sometimes simply incorporating a walk, play, a short training session, or a one-on-one snuggle session into your daily routine can greatly increase your pets' ability to cope with stress. Creating a positive association in a time when your pet feels uncertain is likely to trigger more positive memories later.
- Play classical or calming music, nature sounds, or even white noise. Try looking up some premade playlists on Youtube. Many have been tested to provide the maximum comforting effect on pets.
- Adaptil and Feliway are synthetic pheromones used to mimic those of a dog or cat's mother after they are born. These products come in sprays, diffusers, and even collars making them convenient for travel or in-home use.
- Thundershirts are a jacket for cats and dogs which is used in a similar way that a human baby would be swaddled. It provides gentle pressure to the body of the animal, helping to relieve anxiety and promote calmness.

If you take advantage of all these tools but are still noticing signs of stress in your pet, you may want to consult with a trainer and/or with your pets' veterinarian about additional options. Of course, we offer training services through LTBS, and I would be happy to discuss any behavior questions you may have! Simply scan the QR code below, fill out the inquiry questions, and I will send you an email to set up some time to chat!



## The gift of fostering

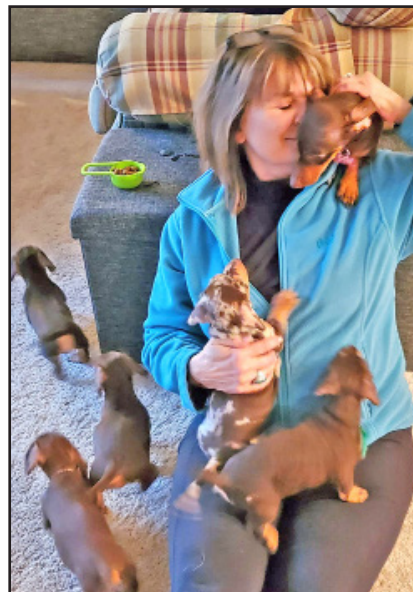
Having a network of available fosters is extremely important for any shelter or rescue group. Foster families play an important role for animals who are not yet ready for adoption and need a place to reside outside the kennel environment. Animals may require foster care while they recover from an illness or surgery.

June is National Foster a Pet Month which raises awareness of the number of animals in shelters who would benefit from the love and care of a foster home. It also encourages individuals to consider fostering a shelter pet in need. The experience is often just as beneficial for the family as it is for the pet.

Fostering was essential for some of the dogs who arrived from East Bay Township in Traverse City as mentioned in this issue's feature story. Two pregnant mamas in particular, Olive and Clove, were immediately placed into foster care when they arrived at the shelter. Both stayed with their foster families while they gave birth until they were ready to be adopted.

LTBHS Board Member, Lori Jodar, stepped up to foster Olive and her pups. Olive arrived at Jodar's home two days before she gave birth. Fortunately Jodar was familiar with the process as she'd had dogs of her own who had given birth in the past. Thankfully she was experienced when things didn't go as expected once Olive was in labor. One of the puppies had gotten stuck in the birth canal and once Olive was rushed to Little Traverse Bay Veterinary Clinic, a C-section was performed.

Unfortunately, Olive took a turn for the worst shortly after the puppies were born and was exhibiting warning signs of preeclampsia which put her health in immediate danger. The decision was made to rush her and her pups to emergency care in Traverse City at Bay Area Pet Hospital. After some initial testing, Olive turned the corner and began to miraculously improve. Then, with her puppies, she was placed in foster care with



Jodar where the new family resided until they were ready to be adopted.

"Fostering is a short-term commitment in helping to save a life," Jodar said. "We are always in need of monetary donations, which are wonderful to receive, but fostering is giving of your life and time. As much work as it was to care for them, I'm so glad I did it. It was truly humbling, and I'm proud have been part of it."

**LTBHS Board Member, Lori Jodar, recently fostered a mother dog and her litter of seven puppies.**



# Ask the Doctor

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Shelter and Community Medicine Veterinarian, Dr. Diane Gildersleeve, provides pet owners with essential advice on how to keep their pets happy and healthy. In this issue she discusses Lyme Disease in dogs. Lyme Disease is a bacterial illness that is easily spread through infected ticks commonly found in fields and heavily wooded areas across the state. Read on to learn more about keeping your pet safe!



**Dr. Diane Gildersleeve and rescue dog, Gill.**

**Q: What is Lyme disease and how does it affect our pets? How important is it for pets to be vaccinated against Lyme?**

**A:** Lyme Disease is an infectious disease carried by some ticks. Symptoms of Lyme Disease in dogs include limping (joint pain), decreased appetite, fever, and lethargy. Treatment consists of a month-long course of antibiotics.

The organism that causes Lyme Disease is called *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Black-legged ticks – also known as deer ticks – can carry this bacteria in their saliva. When the tick

bites, it can pass the bacteria along through its saliva. The tick has to be attached to a dog for at least 24 hours before it can transmit the bacteria, however.

Unlike many people, most dogs who are exposed to the bacteria never get Lyme Disease. Their bodies fight the bacteria off naturally. Rarely, a dog will develop complications from Lyme Disease in their kidneys. Lyme-related kidney disease is very serious. For some reason, it seems to be more common in retrievers, including Labradors and goldens.

Preventing tick bites before they happen is the best way to minimize the risk of Lyme Disease. To do this, use a combination of home environmental controls and targeted preventives for your dog. These include:

At home:

- Minimize leaf litter and brush around your yard.
- Surround your yard with a border of crushed rock or pavers or similar inorganic material – aim for at least three feet wide. Keep things like decks, entertaining areas, play areas, and sports areas away from the edge of the yard.
- Cut your grass frequently.
- Guinea hens and chickens eat ticks. You can move them

around the yard using a chicken tractor or have free-range birds. Bonus: They love to eat Japanese beetles, too!

- Deer and mice are other hosts for deer ticks. Keep your yard free of objects that might attract them and use fences or other barriers to keep out deer.

For your dog: Talk to your veterinarian about a tick preventive that makes sense for your dog's lifestyle. Options include:

- topical spot-ons,
- chewable tablets
- collars

Ticks can be active any time the temperature is greater than 40°F. Since 2020, there have been only two months in Petoskey where temperatures did not reach 40 degrees on at least one day (January 2021 and January 2022). It makes sense, then, to use tick prevention year-round.

For dogs who live in or travel to areas where there is a high prevalence of Lyme Disease, having them vaccinated is a good idea. Currently, Emmet and Cheboygan counties are considered "possible" risks for Lyme Disease, but Charlevoix County has a "known" risk of the disease.

For more information, see the article "Lyme disease: a pet owner's guide" on the American Veterinary Medical Association's website: <https://www.avma.org/resources/pet-owners/petcare/lyme-disease-pet-owners-guide>

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## LTBHS campus expands

LTBHS acquired an additional building in 2021 which will increase capacity for providing important services and programs. The building is currently undergoing renovations. Stay tuned for more updates about this exciting project!

Want more information about our services including Boarding, Grooming, Daycare, or Training? Contact us at 231-347-2384.



8580 Commerce Court, Harbor Springs.

# Howl at the Moon

Thursday, August 18, 2022

6-9 p.m.

New location! Offield Family Viewlands

## ***An evening to Howl about***

Join us for a wonderful evening all about the animals! Chef Bob Vala will serve a strolling dinner with a perch station, raw bar, charcuterie table, slider station, and a delicious assortment of desserts with mini hummers. As always, there will be a fantastic online silent auction and a spirited live auction as well.

**Tickets are limited and \$175 each.**

**Purchase yours at [www.ltbhs.com](http://www.ltbhs.com) or 231-622-6356**

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## **Join the Pet Host Committee**

Is your furry friend the most beautiful in town? Then be sure to show them off by joining our Pet Host Committee! Simply submit a high-resolution photo of your pet which will be shown off at the event on August 18, in our event program, and on our Howl at the Moon website. It's \$100 per pet to participate in the Pet Host Committee. To join, email your high-resolution photo to: [jevans@ltbhs.com](mailto:jevans@ltbhs.com). If you'd like to sign up by phone, please contact Events Coordinator, Teresa Chaney, at 231-622-6356 or go online <https://cbo.io/bidapp/index.php?slug=ltbhs>





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*Howl at the Moon Sponsors are essential in helping us to continue our mission to provide nutritious food, a warm bed, and essential medical care to every animal who enters our shelter. As a Howl at the Moon Sponsor, you'll receive a number of invaluable benefits for you or your business, including tickets to Howl at the Moon! We are extremely thankful to all of our Sponsors who help make the event a success.*

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# Happy Tails

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Read below as we share some of the 'Happy Tails' of our past Little Traverse Bay Humane Society shelter residents. These lucky pets have gone on to find forever homes, and we are thrilled that they now have families to call their own.



## Otter

Otter is doing great! I feel like I really lucked out with him. You guys supplied me with some beds and a KONG toy that you can fill with treats - this has been a lifesaver! It keeps him from scarfing his meals instantly. When I first brought him home, I had him in a carrier, and he went full Kujo in there! If given the time he would have chewed right through it, but ever since getting him home here he has been a joy. He has learned how to sit on command, and we are starting on "down" now (this is proving to be much more difficult). He has natural leash manners which I think will only get better with reinforcement. Otter loves his daily afternoon oatmeal chews between meals. When I'm working on my home computer, Otter likes to lay on the couch with his head on the armrest and gaze sleepily out the window. He prefers to sleep on the couch at night while I'm upstairs sleeping. I think it is his couch now!

**-Wesley Hemstreet**

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## Quasi

Quasi has grown so much and is such a sweet boy. He is naughty from time to time, but he is young still, so we let it slide. He loves to cuddle with us at night and enjoys playing and wrestling with my French Bulldog. Every time she drinks water, he runs over to drink it with her, which is adorable! I just want to thank you again for helping us make him a part of our little family. He's the perfect fit and is so loved here!

**-Eileene Naniseni**

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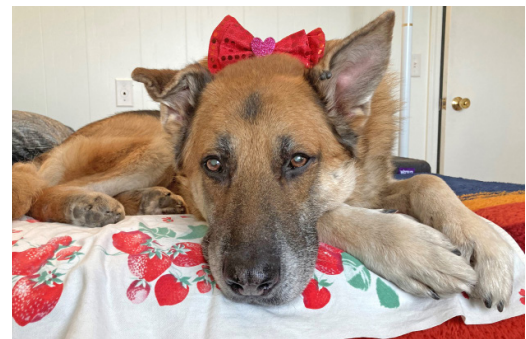


## Monte

Monte is doing great! I was surprised at how skittish he was when he moved in, seeing as how extroverted he was in the shelter, but he's acclimated just fine now. He loves to snuggle, which has been a great joy on my work-from-home days. He spends most of the night sleeping by my feet or by my side. I'm very happy, and I think he is too!

**-Jon Anthony**

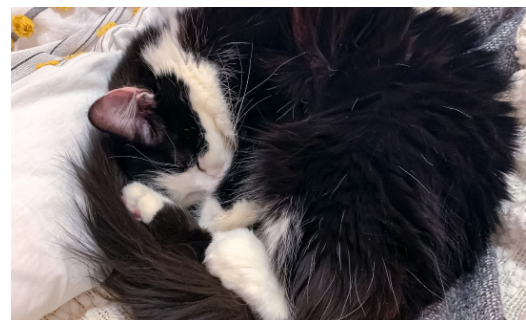
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## In loving memory of Riggs

Ten-year-old Riggs arrived at our shelter in 2021 with his companion, Abby, after their former owner was unable to provide the care they needed due to becoming homeless. Due to his advanced age, it took Riggs a bit longer to find a home than some of our younger shelter residents. However, we were so thrilled when he was adopted by Becca and David Moore, who gave him a wonderful, loving home until he passed away in May 2022. Rest in peace, sweet Riggs.

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## Percy (formerly Ellie)

Percy is doing so well! She is still adjusting slowly, but we are giving her plenty of time and treats to help ease the new home. Percy likes climbing and sitting at the table waiting for any cheese shreds. She purrs and cuddles on her own terms, but she seems to be genuinely happy!

**-Marley Burdick**



# Five Star Favorites

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*Some shelter residents are adopted quickly while others wait longer to find a home. No matter how long it takes, every animal has a temporary home with us until they find a permanent one of their own. Read about some of our long-term shelter residents who are still waiting to find a forever family.*

## Larry

My name is Larry, and I've traveled quite a distance to find a forever home in this beautiful state known as Michigan. Originally, I was born and raised in the Bahamas, so I'm called a Potcake dog. If you're wondering what that means, here's the abridgement: the islanders make a pea and rice stew that leaves a cakey substance in the bottom of the pan which they feed to the street dogs like me. Hence, it's a cute name for a feral dog, or what you call a stray. Consequently, because the gene pool is somewhat limited on the islands, Potcakes tend to look very similar, therefore, we've become our own special mixed breed. We are very smart, loyal and loving, especially when we belong to a family. That's why I'm here. If you can understand all that then you are definitely the one for me. I hope you'll get in touch ASAP, because I really would like some forever love. Here's hoping to be yours, Larry Potcake.

## Mariah

You know how they say that good things come to those who wait? Well, I sure hope that's true, because I've been waiting for quite some time. Waiting for a forever home, that is. Hi, my name is Mariah, and I am a six-year old, shepherd/whippet mix looking for the right family to call my own. I came to LTBHS from Ingham County Animal Shelter down in Mason Michigan some time ago. When I arrived here I received treatment for something called heartworm disease. I'm not exactly sure what that is, but it made me feel pretty yucky. Thankfully, after spending several months recovering in a nice foster home, I feel much better and I'm now ready to find a permanent family. I have a very sweet temperament, but I can be pretty shy at first. I don't really get along with other dogs very well, and cats are a no go for me. If you have a dog, I would prefer to meet them ahead of time to find out if we can get along. Even though I've been with my friends at LTBHS for several months now, I'm hopeful that the right family is out there somewhere just waiting to meet me. Stop by and ask for Mariah.



## Shadow

When a cat is left to himself after living in a home, it just isn't a good thing. My name is Shadow. I know it's not my given name, but that shall remain anonymous for now. Abandoned cats don't like to talk about their past. Most of them, like me, prefer to move on. Of course, it's not always easy to move forward into the unknown, but possible. When I was on my own, I was fortunate enough to come upon a foster family to take me in and fix my scars, both physical and emotional. They already had a large family of cats to take care of, so they were unable to keep me. They brought me to LTBHS in order to find a new family that would love me as much as they did. I'm very grateful for their kindness. I'm trying to adjust to this new place, but to be honest, I'm a little bit scared. I love the attention everyone is giving me; however, I'm still overwhelmed by this change in my life. My foster mom said that I was one of her best kitties ever, so I'm hoping you'll be able to see through my inhibitions too. I know that once I'm settled into a forever home, I will feel better. I just need someone to give me that chance like she did, so I can prove what an exceptional guy I am.

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