



# Eva Burrell Animal Shelter

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## 2022 In Review

December -- how on earth did that happen? We are already in the middle of the holiday season and all that it brings. Where has 2022 gone? So many changes, so many challenges, so much changed. So very much.

We had the parvo on steroids outbreak in Michigan, plus a construction project at the shelter, and more felines than we should have. We have navigated many firsts, along with employees and volunteers leaving. What a year.

Yet, in the midst, we have had laughter, tail wags, cat purrs, trust built with shy animals. Adoptions that were wildly successful, new employees joining our team, and new volunteers stepping up.

Some of you have called to share your heartbreak when your adopted friend has passed, and we have grieved with you. Some of you have reached out to allow us to fill your home again.

Through it all, we have been a team. You have been steadfast in your kindness and support. You have helped us help them. The lost, the surrendered, the cast-off, never truly the misfits, but often the misunderstood. You keep us going, you help us give them a place to be safe, fed, cared for and about, and "understood."

"Thank you" isn't big enough, but it is all we have to offer, from our hearts, their hearts, and everything in between. So Happy Holidays, and may 2023 be just enough.

Enough for us all.





## Shopping with Your Computer Makes “Cents” for EBAS

Many of us use our smartphones, tablets and computers to do shopping over the Internet. It’s fast, easy and convenient. But, did you know that you can have much of your online shopping benefit the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter . . . at NO additional cost to you?

How does this work? Three popular donation sites you can use are AmazonSmile, GoodShop and iGive. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), [goodshop.com](https://goodshop.com), and [igive.com](https://igive.com). Then register and select the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter as your designated charity.

Amazon has tens of millions of products eligible for donations, GoodShop represents over 3,000 online retailers, and iGive has over 2,100 retailers that will donate to EBAS. All donations are paid by the companies as a percentage of your purchase price, with no additional money from you.

And, try GoodShop’s main web site, [goodsearch.org](https://goodsearch.org), and use it as your main search engine (powered by Yahoo!). Every time you search the Internet, GoodSearch will pay a penny to EBAS.

It’s a win-win for you and the shelter: you get Internet search results plus merchandise from thousands of top retailers you normally would use, and the shelter gets a donation directly from the companies. As the holiday shopping season approaches (or anytime throughout the year), check out these smart new ways to support our shelter!



## In Our Care

*Sam*

Sam had a home, as he was adopted from here in March 2019 as a cute little kitten...oh, he was a cutie. Imagine our surprise to have this domestic short hair, orange tabby brought in, micro-chipped, neutered, and just frozen with fear. Yes, our boy Sam was back and just frozen. He didn't lash out, he didn't hiss, he didn't move, his beautiful eyes were the size of saucers. Nothing could entice him to move, to trust, to engage. He just crouched in his litter box and stared. Was his heart broken? I know ours was breaking. We whispered, we tried treats, we pulled out all the tricks.

Every day, I continued to whisper, continued to touch Sam, continued to try to engage, and those eyes. Oh, those eyes. I think I have a thing for the weary, the downtrodden, those who have trust issues. Okay, I have a thing for *all* of them. But Sam, oh Sam. I would talk and ask him how he was today, I would softly call him boyfriend and try to lure him from one side of his condo to another, and soon (it felt like an eternity) his eyes softened, he followed my hand. Sam started to try to roll over. Oh, it *was* happening. Sam became the lover he was always meant to be. He started to trust and interact and engage, because he's Sam. Because he's wonderful, and because he is amazing.

Someday soon, someone will love Sam and we will be just a distant memory. Thank you, Sam, for trusting just one more time.





# Thank You!



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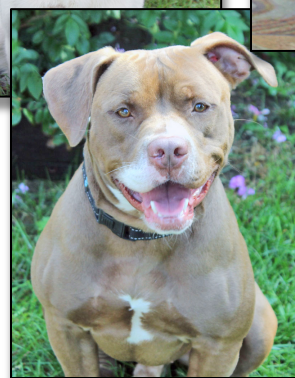
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## Wish List . . .

Cat food – “Purina Complete”  
 Canned dog food  
 Canned pumpkin (plain)  
 Bully Sticks (made in America)  
 Low sodium canned green beans  
 Peanut butter  
 Bottled water  
 Forever stamps & other postage/  
 postcard stamps  
 Money donations are always appreciated  
 Kind words  
 Notes of encouragement  
 Homes for our pets





## Christmas at the Shelter

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‘Tis the night before Christmas and all through the town, every shelter is full – we are lost but not found. Our numbers are hung on our kennels so bare, we hope every minute that someone will care.

They’ll come to adopt us and give us the call, “Come here, Max and Sparkie – come fetch your new ball!” But now we sit here and think of the days we were treated so fondly – we had cute, baby ways.

Once we were little, then we grew and grew . . . now we’re no longer young and we’re no longer new. So out the back door we were thrown like the trash, they reacted so quickly – why were they so rash?

We jump on the children, don’t come when they call, we bark when they leave us, climb over the wall. We should have been neutered, we should have been spayed . . . now we suffer the consequence of the errors THEY made.

If only they trained us, if only we knew . . . we’d have done what they asked us and worshiped them too. We were left in the backyard, or worse . . . left to roam, now we’re tired and lonely and out of a home.

The kind workers come through with a meal and a pat . . . with so many to care for, they can’t stay to chat. They move to the next kennel, giving each of us cheer . . . we know that they wonder how long we’ll be here.

We lay down to sleep and sweet dreams fill our heads of a home filled with love and our own cozy beds. Then we wake to see sad eyes, brimming with tears – our friends filled with emptiness, worry and fear.

If you can’t adopt us and there’s no room at the inn, could you help with the bills and fill our food bin? We count on your kindness each day of the year . . . can you give more than hope to everyone here? Please make a donation to pay for the heat and help us get something special to eat. The shelter that cares for us wants us to live, and more of us will . . . if more people will give.

Author Unknown



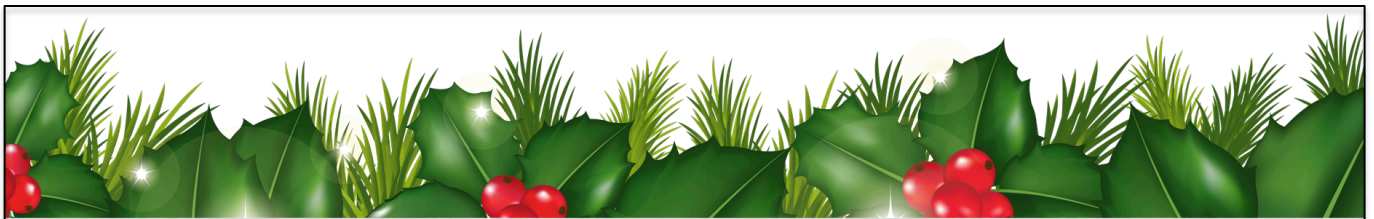


## *In Memory*

**Alexandra (Alex) Epps** – Kathe and Rick Nedeau  
**\*Elmer\*** – Sigrid Doyle  
**Tom Pfaff** – Heather & Gregg Polidori  
**Katelyn Breanne Howay** – Kathleen & Philip Howay  
**Mary Jane Sanders** – Karen Klaus  
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**\*Minnie\*** – Harry Kreuzwieser, Bryan Oberstar, Mary Ellen Debelak  
**Bill Wedegartner** – Mary Ellen Debelak, Doris Norman  
**\*Cinnamon\***, **\*Shadow\***, **\*Max\***, **\*Kincaide\***, **\*Cody\***, **\*Washington\*** – David and Elaine Allore  
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**Jewell Petz** – Edwin and Laurie Nelson  
**Mike Mueller** – Ryan & Cass Fritze

**Sadie Lou** – DJ and Danielle Neadow & Family  
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**Christina Roddy** – Patricia Newby  
**\*Kit\*** – Shelter Friends, Tony Wright  
**Karin Sjogren** – Anna & Elsa Sjogren  
**\*Eddie\*** – Dixie Anderson

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**\*Fritzie\*** – Tina and Tom Selling  
**Mary Glen MacGregor Weaver** – Family  
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**Junior DesJarden** – Nancy Ellis Kounelis, Paul & Priscilla Brenner, Randall & Terry Savage, Deb Neadow  
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**Carrie DeWinter** – Erin O'Brien Willard  
**Laura Lee Tegtman** – Dennis Tegtman  
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**\*Blackie\*** – Rex & Judy Slingsby  
**\*Sarah Lee\*** – Mrs. Beatrice Doan  
**\*Rose\*** – Ann Ballash



### Have you lost a pet or found a stray?

<b>Eva Burrell Animal Shelter</b>	(906) 341-1000	<b>Mstq. Public Safety</b>	(906) 341-2133
<b>Sheriff</b>	(906) 341-2122	<b>WTIQ Radio</b>	(906) 341-1490
<b>State Police</b>	(906) 341-2101	<b>Thompson Vet. Clinic</b>	(906) 341-2813

## **This Blood Test Detects Cancer in Dogs . . . But Do You Really Want to Know?**

Start-up company PetDX has announced its pioneering multi-cancer, early detection test for dogs. The test has been validated with the largest clinical validation study ever performed in veterinary cancer diagnostics. The study demonstrated the test's ability to detect 30 different canine cancer types, with overall sensitivity and specificity mirroring multi-cancer early detection tests recently developed for cancer screening in human patients. OncoK9 has an 85% detection rate in three of the most aggressive canine cancers (lymphoma, hemangiosarcoma and osteosarcoma), a 55% sensitivity across all canine cancer types (meaning it will pick up 55 cases out of 100 cases), and a 98.5% specificity (meaning a false positive rate of only 1.5%).

Cancer is the leading cause of death among dogs, especially elderly dogs. Approximately half of dogs age 10 and older die from cancer. Routine testing, such as blood panels and urinalysis, often misses the disease before symptoms set in, so unfortunately cancer may not be diagnosed until it is too late. In cases of suspected tumors, surgical biopsies to confirm the diagnosis can be invasive, expensive, and dangerous to vital organs.

Pet parents have long asked veterinarians: Isn't there a blood test for cancer? Dr. Andi Flory and her partner Daniel Grosu have recently developed "liquid biopsies" (i.e., blood testing) for dogs, which they named OncoK9. The company launched the product in 2021 and markets the test as a routine tool for older dogs and high-risk breeds, and for confirming suspected cancers when other evidence exists. The test uses a genomic analysis looking for mutations or other biomarkers of cancer in the DNA that floats in the bloodstream. The conclusion was that OncoK9 detected 85% of the three most aggressive canine cancers (lymphoma, hemangiosarcoma and osteosarcoma) with about 55% detection of total cancer cases.

The prospect of a blood-based cancer screen for dogs elicits both excitement and caution from veterinary experts and ethicists. "It might help a lot of patients and could be really exciting" says bioethicist Lisa Moses of Harvard Medical School "But it really has to be carefully used." Because blood screens are noninvasive, they are safer and less expensive than surgery to confirm that a patient has cancer, especially for hard-to-reach tumors in the spleen or liver. But in cases where an early diagnosis still does not offer much hope for treatment, is knowing sooner worth the stress?

Dr. Grosu understands first-hand about canine cancer, having had advanced stage cancer diagnosed in her own dog, Poppy, when she was only 4 years old. "Poppy's diagnosis was kind of the last straw for me. At some point, you feel like you need to fight back." Grosu's idea for a screening test was based on cell-free DNA, or cfDNA. As cells and DNA degrade naturally, fragments can chip off, leaving traces in the bloodstream like crumbs. Diseases like cancer may increase cfDNA levels. If you sequence that cfDNA, you can identify the genetic material of the healthy cell or tumor that sheds it. For an OncoK9 test, once the veterinarian draws blood and it is shipped to the lab, blood is centrifuged to separate plasma which is mixed with special beads that stick to cfDNA and isolate it. This genetic material is sequenced and run through an algorithm that looks for changes previously associated with human and canine cancers. When the team compared results to dogs with known cancer diagnoses, about 55% of the total cases, representing 30 varieties of cancer, were diagnosed. It is most accurate when identifying late-stage cancers or any stage of the aggressive types.

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Since dogs do not have as many treatment options as people do, veterinary ethicists are cautious about cancer screening in dogs, noting that owners may be stressed without really having any options for treatment available at the time of diagnosis. Although the false-positive rate is only 1.5%, it still is not zero. The worst-case scenario would be somebody misinterpreting how the test works and using it as a basis for deciding on euthanasia.

A new study launched by the company in 2021 will follow more than 1,000 cancer-free dogs with biannual blood screens for lifetime. Dr. Grosu hopes this “lifetime assessment” will prove whether OncoK9 can reliably catch cancers early. Currently the company recommends the test for dogs considered to be at elevated risk for cancer as well as for use as a diagnostic aid when veterinarians suspect cancer.

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### **In Honor**

**Nancy B. McDonald** – Ruth R.  
Kath

**Trina Rochna, Northern Tails Pet  
Resort** – \*Brody\*

**Volunteers, Board of Directors &  
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**\*Molly\*, \*Jefferson\*, \*Franklin\***  
– David and Elaine Allore

**Nana** – The Kidlets

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### **EVENTS**

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**Soup Luncheon/Bake Sale** – Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at lunch time at the Manistique Senior Center.

**Petique Giving Tree** – Our Giving Tree will once again be up at Petique in Manistique from Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, through Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Pick a needed item, purchase it at Petique, and leave it under the tree.

Thank you!



Midnight Joy,  
Administrator

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I would like to sponsor an adoption with a contribution of \$75.

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**Eva Burrell Animal Shelter Mission Statement**

The Eva Burrell Animal Shelter (EBAS) believes that it has the ability and power to effect change one animal at a time. It is our goal to be worthy of their lives, to be enriched by their presence and not to miss the lessons they teach. We pledge to educate, to lead by example, to learn, to help when and where we can, to be diligent in our fundraising, and to be worthy of the trust placed in us.