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### **In Our Care**

#### *Life in da Shelter*

*by Patricia Newby, EBAS Director*



I lived in a different county with a whole bunch of felines, some of them I kinda liked, others not so much. Then, one of the humans died, and the other, they said she was overwhelmed. I'm not sure what that means. We had food, and we could hide in some pretty creative places. We didn't go to the vet's office, or get shots and stuff, but she loved us to the best of her ability.

So, the shelter in our county didn't have the capacity to handle us? What does that mean? I dunno, we were a wild and wooly group, I suppose. But our other person needed to move, so this lady Patricia rounded up a group of people and it was a roundup of felines. I was one of them. They say it takes a village, well let me tell you, it took a well laid out (sometimes sheer luck) plan.

Lots of people stepped up: Denise, Bonnie, Mark, Linda, Becki, oh and I think Patricia helped, too. So here I am . . . a black cat learning how to not hide, how to be friendly and engage. I know, go figure. I have even been to the vet. Wow! Not something I want to do every day. I've learned to play with toys, purr, and I like treats. Seriously, I'm kinda digging this shelter thing.

So, a few of my friends are still scaredy cats . . . LOL, see what I did there? I made a joke. But me, I am coming around. I think I am almost ready for adoption. Someone who would give me time and a tad bit of space and treats. Oops, I might have mentioned that before. By the way, my name is Cole, oh and you might want to consider my friend Dusty. We sorta play well together.

## *In Memory*

- \*Baron\*** – Shelter Friends  
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## **ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND COLLEGE STUDENTS!**

If you find that you have an hour or two to spare during the summer and winter/spring breaks, think about giving back to your community by helping out the Eva Burrell Animal Shelter!

You could help by walking dogs, which in turn gives our regular volunteers time to work with the dogs in the yard. There are different pathways to walk the dogs and it's great exercise! And, if walking isn't your thing, sometimes we have dogs that love car rides.

If you're not a dog person, there are many ways to help our cats too. You can cuddle kittens, help socialize cats by reading to them, sit in the room and talk to them, and/or engage the cats in play with a laser light.

It doesn't have to be a long-term commitment. If this is something you would like to do, please stop by the shelter and tell us how you would like to help.

Thank you!

## **KITTEN CORNER**



## All adoptions by donation

### Happy Tales about Happy Tails

*Millie*

*by Susanne Barr*



Sometimes an animal comes into the shelter with such a nasty disposition you start to wonder if maybe “Cujo” or “Pet Sematary” were based on true stories. When one such cat arrived, I was told this tiny black cat was so mean that it was nearly impossible to move it 15 feet from the quarantine room to the cat condos.

Since nobody wants to adopt a cat that is channeling the spirit of Ted Bundy, I (and other dedicated volunteers) spent time working with it. The cat started to make progress when we discovered its fondness for laser lights. Eventually it would come close but it was still untouchable. I named it Millie even though nobody knew if it was male or female. After a while,

Patricia, the Shelter Manager, suggested it was time to move it into the cat room. There were two kittens in there already and we thought this may be good for all of them. We had a plan. This time I would move the cat and Patricia would get the door. With a prayer and a piercing cat scream, the cat was moved.

Millie immediately ran to a litterbox, laid down and gave us a terrifying glare. This cat wasn't content sitting in the corner. Staring hatefully, it started to attack. Patricia quickly escaped the room. The kittens were terrified and I was losing hope. Armed with a water spray bottle, Patricia re-entered the room to re-assess the situation. The kittens would have to move to another room.

Over the next few days Millie became quite affectionate. So affectionate that we realized this cat was indeed female and in heat. Normally we wait for females to be out of heat before being spayed. In this case, Patricia called the Thompson Vet Clinic and said, “if you value the life of your staff, you will get this cat spayed ASAP while she's friendly.” Thankfully they were able to fit her in quickly.

In the meantime, Patricia and I discussed Millie's future. If Millie did not make progress, there was a high probability she would be euthanized. There was still time before we had to decide. But at some point, if she continued to attack humans, scare other cats and be miserable, this would not be a great quality of life for her. We had to consider what was in her best interest.

I was afraid for Millie and cared deeply for her. I really wanted her to succeed and be adopted, but not by me. I didn't want another cat. With much thought, prayer and tears, I decided to foster her. I thought this would be her best option. I set up a spare bedroom, complete with an automatic laser light, and brought her home after her surgery.

Who would have guessed that underneath all of the aggression and false bravado was an amazing cat? It took a few months but Millie did come around. She follows me around the house and greets me at the door when I come home. Millie likes being petted, eating homemade baby food and chasing her laser light. She is fun, quirky and loving. I officially adopted her April 9, 2021.

### The Paw Pact . . .

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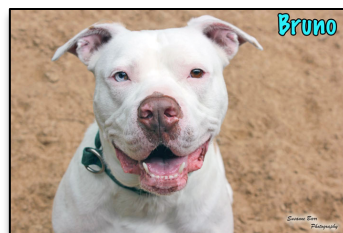
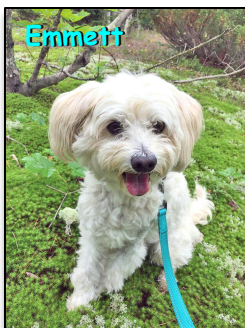
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## Hearts of Gold

by Samantha Tennyson

I would like to take a moment to thank and recognize some very special young ladies who demonstrated that no matter your age, you can be driven and full of purpose for the greater good of others. This past school year, four of Mrs. Lacey Agawa's fourth-graders came up with a wonderful idea of creating artwork and selling it for the purpose of donating the proceeds to a charity of their choice. Together they were able to raise \$66.16, which they decided to donate to EBAS.

At the very affordable cost of just a few pennies each, this was a lot of masterpieces to create! While that was so generous, even more remarkable was that they thought of our little shelter. I was fortunate enough to spend some time with the girls, their teacher and their mothers, and could immediately see why their compasses are pointed in such a kind direction. I hope they had as much fun as I did showing them the shelter with some of its residents, and to talk a little bit about what we do for our animals. I hope I have inspired some of them to come back and spend more time with us as volunteers when they are a little older (or accompanying their moms, now . . . hint, hint). We are always looking for good-hearted individuals to share their time and help our fur babies find their forever homes.

So . . . a big thank you to their mothers and teacher, Mrs. Lacey Agawa, for guiding their lights, and a huge shout out to Brooke, Aleah, Macie, and Kambriah. 😊 We can't thank you enough; your kindness is an inspiration to all of us!



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## **Neuter or not? That is the question....**

In the United States, non-altered dogs are a rarity. Only about 30% of pet dogs in the country are not neutered, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), while the American Pet Products Association's owner surveys estimate around 20%. The percentage of dogs that receive an alternate procedure -- such as a vasectomy or hysterectomy, which sterilizes the dog while sparing the hormone-producing reproductive organs -- are so few that it does not feature as an option in the pet product association's polls.

Currently, a long-held opinion that responsible owners must always remove their pets' reproductive organs may be starting to shift, as a growing body of research finds that neutering can increase the risk of cancer, obesity, and joint problems, and as pet owners look to other countries with different ideas.

Some studies, such as one published in 2013, have found that early neutering increased the risk of several cancers, including hemangiosarcoma, in golden retrievers. These studies have started to chip away at the default position of neutering all dogs. In 34 additional dog breeds, researchers have found that early neutering increased the risk of joint disorders and cancers in many larger dogs, although the effects varied widely by breed and were often ameliorated by waiting until the dog was older. Smaller dogs saw little increased risk.

Despite the rigid dogma being taught at many veterinary schools that all dogs get neutered at six months of age, the AVMA's current opinion is that "there is no single recommendation that would be appropriate for all dogs when it comes to neutering." Canine cognition experts note that hormones produced by the gonads are not just involved in reproduction, but also in growth, musculature, and the brain. Estrogen, for instance, is implicated in learning and memory function, and progesterone can play a role in inflammation in the case of injury. Neutering almost certainly reduces sex drive, and it will often improve behaviors such as mounting or marking but there is little evidence to suggest that it reduces aggression. Research has found that only about 25% of male dogs neutered for aggression saw an improvement in their behavior, and other studies have found evidence that neutering can increase aggression and fearfulness in some dogs.

Widespread neutering is not the default everywhere. In some parts of Europe, it is considered unnecessary, cruel, and abusive. German pets are only neutered 43% of the time and estimates in Sweden are as low as 10%. Norway's animal welfare prohibits neutering in most cases. Dogs in these countries are left intact, and it is up to the owners to ensure that they do not mate. In France, neutering is regarded as something close to abuse.

In the United States, in contrast, neutering your dog has long been a badge of responsible pet ownership. Many boarding centers, dog parks and apartment buildings require pets to be neutered. At least 31 states and the District of Columbia require that shelters alter dogs before adopting them out, according to the AVMA. The strong social pressure in favor of neutering in the US is in part a result of the work of humane societies and activists who have fought since the 1970's to reduce the population of unwanted dogs. That campaign has been a huge success. Studies have found that about 13.5 million cats and dogs were killed in shelters in 1973. Today, that number is about 1.5 million, according to the ASPCA.

Many dog owners in the US never confront the question of whether to spay or neuter their pets. Neutering is standard practice in rescue organizations and shelters, where about 36% of owners obtain their dogs. An additional 19% of owners buy their dogs from breeders, who are also likely to require that the animals be altered.

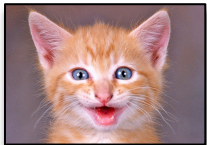
Leaving a dog intact comes with certain dangers, especially for female dogs who are at risk for pyometra, an infection of the uterus that can be life-threatening. This risk can be ameliorated if the uterus is removed but it can be hard to find a veterinarian to perform that surgery, which is not widely taught in veterinary schools. Female dogs that are never spayed, or that are spayed after their first heat, are also at higher risk for mammary cancer.

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Despite the cancer risks to some dog breeds, studies have found that dogs that are neutered live longer. Although some suggest that these studies may be biased by the fact that owners of neutered dogs are more willing to take their pets to the vet for other things, there could also be a biological basis for the evidence that finds that desexed dogs living longer.

In the end, it is possible that there is no one right decision, a fact that should help owners relax. We can never predict what will happen to an individual pet.



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