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Thanksgiving Pet Safety



Here's a few tips to keep you and your pet safe and happy this Thanksgiving!

- Don't allow your pets to overindulge.
- Keep your pets away from raw batter or raw bread dough.
- Turkey is OK, but avoid undercooked, raw, or dark meat, and never give your pet the carcass, as the bones can cause issues in the digestive tract.

To date, Rescued has donated over

\$649.125

to pets in need!

November Hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm

As a reminder, please do not park in the lawyer's parking lot north of our shop. Extra parking is available in the south lot.



Happy Tails: Shelter Super Stars

Written by: Kathy Wiggins

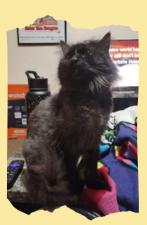
There was a slogan years ago, "It's raining cats and dogs", referring to the huge number of adoptable animals that were available at shelters across the country. Sadly, we're still dealing with that rainstorm. According to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, each year 6.3 million pets are surrendered to US shelters – an average of 17,260 per day.

King's Harvest Pet Rescue, located in Davenport, IA is one of our local shelters. They handle 20–25 dogs and a maximum of 100 cats everyday. Hard-working employee Crystal states that foster homes also help house and care for additional animals available for adoption. All of these animals are owner surrendered. Sometimes, dogs that had been adopted out are returned for various reasons, including owners moving, or no longer working from home because they are returning to the office. Some animals come from out-ofstate "kill" shelters, too. Animals are only euthanized at King's Harvest for veterinarian recommended medical reasons. Dogs stay at King's Harvest up to one month, and cats stay two to three months. King's Harvest is funded by grants and donations.

<u>Quad City Animal Welfare Center</u> (QCAWC) was founded in 1977, and serves the Quad Cities and surrounding area. They have two locations: an adoption and education center, and their spay & neuter and wellness clinic. Both are located in Milan, IL.

QCAWC takes in about 1,400 assorted small animals a year. Approximately 200–250 are cared for at the shelter, with another 30 in foster homes. Because so many people prefer kittens and puppies, these little guys only stick around for a week or so. Older animals may remain at the shelter for months. Among the services performed before dogs and cats are adopted out are spaying or neutering, vaccinations, and micro-chipping. Dogs are heart-worm tested and cats are checked for feline leukemia and FIV. No animals are euthanized for space reasons, only for veterinarian recommendations due to health issues.

QCAWC also offers low-cost spaying and neutering for owned dogs and cats. A wellness clinic is held every Wednesday where low-cost vaccinations, heart worm treatment, and flea treatment are offered.



Meet Noelle, who was one of King's Harvest's longest residents, from April 2020 to July 2023!



This happy face belongs to Bullador, who was the longest resident at the Quad Cities Animal Welfare Center, spending 705 days with them and just last week went to his forever home!

"We believe every animal deserves a second chance at a long life with a loving family. We believe when you adopt from a shelter you save two animals: the one you take home, and then the space you open for us to take in another animal", states director Patti.



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Patti also added, "Our hearts are so full as we see our community come together and choose to adopt or foster. Thank you to everyone who shares our shelter animals' stories, and to all of the staff and volunteers who love our animals like their own. This is why we do what we do."

Another shelter located in Davenport, IA, is <u>Humane Society of Scott County</u>. Every year 3,000–4,000 animals are housed and cared for at this facility. About 95% of these animals are strays, with less than 5% of incoming animals having been previously spayed or neutered. This contributes to litters of unwanted kittens and puppies being brought to the shelter. The Covid pandemic compounded this problem with irresponsible breeding of animals, according to Ericka, one of the dedicated employees at Humane Society of Scott County.

On an average day, this shelter houses 70-80 dogs and 200-300 cats. Foster homes care for an additional 100 animals, with the number rising to 250 during the summer months with all the litters of kittens and puppies.

The shelter is able to adopt out, return to owner, or transfer to shelters in Wisconsin, or to Quad Cities Animal Welfare Center 97% of the dogs that come in. Cats have an 86% save rate. The average stay for both dogs and cats is 30–40 days. Animals are only euthanized for behavioral or health issues.

Summing up, Erika stated, "The staff members at the Humane Society of Scott County put their heart into every minute of their work each day. We strive to be a resource for the community. We are transparent with our data and operations because that is what the public deserves. The support we have seen blossom in the last two years has made it possible for us to grow to one of the largest foster programs in the state, become a shelter that does not euthanize for space or time, and triple monthly adoption rates! We love our community for the wonderful things they have made possible for our organization and the animals of the Quad Cities".

There are so many wonderful homeless animals at all of our local animal shelters – some very young and some still young at heart. Some may look a bit different or have physical disabilities. But, if you're thinking about adding a new furry family member, please check out all the great animals just waiting to brighten your day with their love. And remember, DON'T SHOP, ADOPT!



Here's Sugar Pie, another "Happy Tale" from Humane Society of Scott County!





This is Barcode and his new best buddy, adopted after 329 days at Humane Society of Scott County!



Maker Spotlight: Uncommon Snouts









Morene is the maker behind <u>Uncommon Snouts</u>. Her homemade dog treats prioritize the use of natural ingredients, and are free from artificial flavors, colors, or preservatives, so you can feel good about what you're feeding your dog. Every package not only holds delicious treats, but is decorated with a customized dog drawing that captures the essence of the recipient.

Morene has been baking homemade doggy treats for friends and family for years. But this last year, she thought "why not share the love?" and took the leap to make it official and started offering her treats to the public.

Morene is inspired to make and sell homemade dog treats because of her "deep love for dogs and the joy they bring to our lives." She adds, "There's something incredibly special about the bond we share with our four-legged companions, and I wanted to contribute to their well-being in a meaningful way." The positive feedback and happy dogs she's encountered on this journey are her daily dose of inspiration to keep doing what she loves.

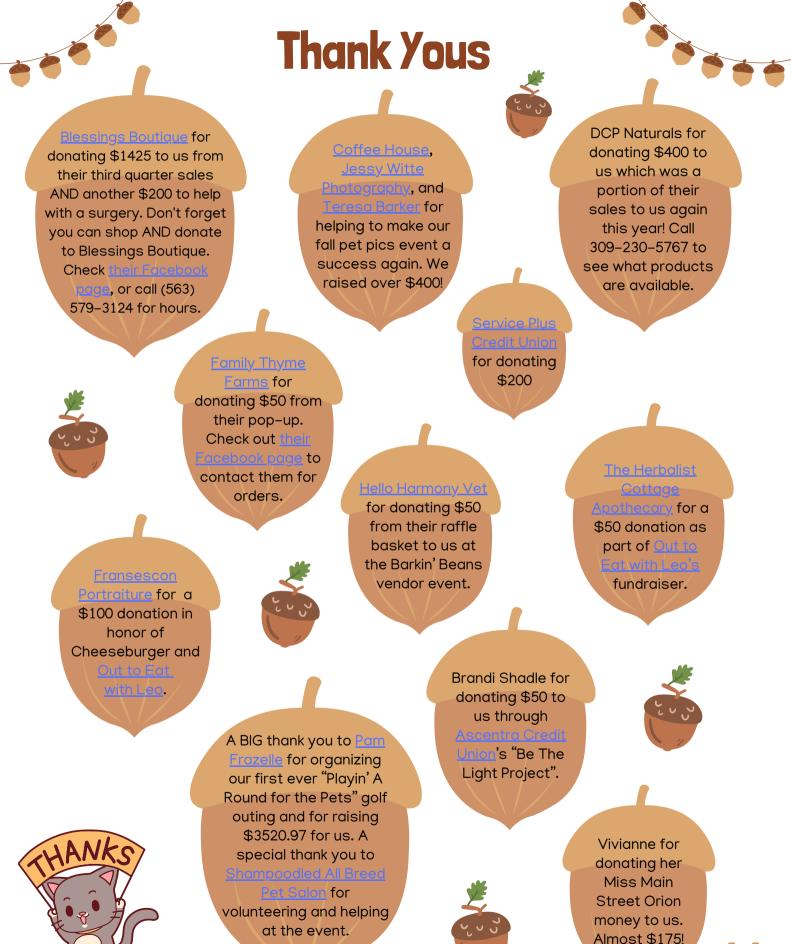
Morene loves knowing that she can assure customers of the quality in her homemade treats. She has complete control over the ingredients, and states, "It brings me peace of mind to know that my dogs are enjoying treats that I've carefully crafted with their health and well-being in mind."

When asked about advice for newbies starting out with a small business, Morene remarked, "Success doesn't happen overnight; it's a process that requires patience and dedication. Your enthusiasm and love for what you do will be your greatest asset when faced with challenges." She added, "Stay patient, keep learning, adapt to the changing landscape, and don't lose sight of why you started in the first place."

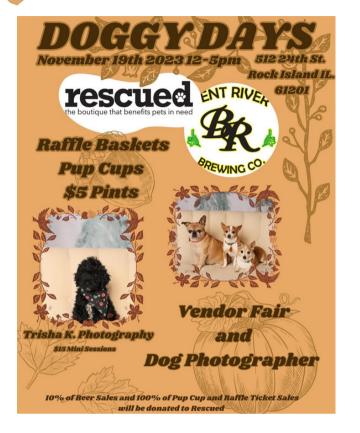
Morene is excited be partnered with Rescued. She comments, "Every pet that has come into my life has been a 'rescue', and having a business as an avenue to support a cause I believe in truly means the world to me."

You can find her homemade treats at Rescued, or visit Uncommon Snouts online at <u>www.uncommonsnouts.com</u>





Fundraisers, Events & Gifts



Doggy Days at <u>Bent River Brewing Company</u> is happening November 19 from 12 – 5pm. There will be raffle baskets and \$15 pints. There will also be onsite vendors and <u>Trisha K. Photography</u> will be doing \$15 pet pic mini sessions.

From 12 – 3pm, <u>Cool Beanz Coffeehouse</u> will be having a pup cup bar AND a hot chocolate bar. Cool Beanz is donating money to us from all pup cups sold.

Sugar a la mode will be printing YOUR pics on cookies for \$3/cookie (minimum of 6) with 50% of sales going to us. Available immediately at the event!



Save the Date: December 1 & 2. Rescued will have a booth at <u>Made</u> <u>Market</u> in East Moline, IL.



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Save the date! Small Business Saturday is November 25. <u>Kneaded Kindness</u> and <u>Ametrine Apothecery</u> will be doing a pop-up at our shop. Stay tuned for details!



We have Rescued beanies in the shop! They are a fantastic gift idea. All beanies are \$25/each. Quantities are limited, so get them before they're gone.

