St. Croix Animal Friends is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization working to build a Humane Society Adoption and Education Center in St. Croix County.

A Perfect Match!
Milo finds his forever home in New Richmond, WI
Message from the President
Diana Neubarth

St. Croix County is the fastest growing county in Wisconsin and we need a comprehensive centralized shelter. As Bailey and I look to the future, I believe that we will get the St. Croix Animal Friends Humane Society Adoption and Education Center built.

The overpopulation of unwanted pets is not a new problem. The problem has been around for years, but it’s rising at an alarming rate. Shelters across the country are overwhelmed with animals and face the only solution they deem possible and that is to euthanize pets they believe are unadoptable. Sadly, healthy, loveable animals are leaving this earth way too soon, many without ever knowing love or companionship.

We have many rescue groups in the area that are doing a wonderful job. Some families are fostering anywhere from one to ten animals just to keep them out of shelters. When I attended the Annual Meet and Greet, an event sponsored by Helping Hands for Pets, I was delighted to meet, listen to and talk with the various rescue groups in the area who are working together to find homes for animals in need. Yet, even with all this help, the need for a centralized shelter is apparent.

Even with a shelter, there needs to be cooperative effort between animal organizations to promote exposure of these animals, in the public eye, until they find their forever homes. Saint Croix Animal Friends is proud to be working with various groups, such as PAWS, Lucky Paws Midwest, Helping Hands for Pets and, most recently, Dunn County Humane Society. Collaboration is the only effective way to help all of the animals find proper placement. Animals in a no kill shelter can sit for months to years before finding a forever home. Why? Because these animals don’t have enough visibility to reach that one person or family who will connect with them. Working together, we can create visibility for these animals in order to increase their exposure to families looking to adopt a pet.

“We are a nation of animal lovers. We spend $50 billion every year on their care. We miss work when they are sick. We cut back on our own needs during difficult economic times because we can’t bear to cut back on theirs. And when it is time to say good-bye for the last time, we grieve. We deserve shelters that reflect or values.”
-Nathan Winograd

OUR MISSION
Offer a safe refuge, nourishment and opportunity for a better life for unwanted, abused or injured animals.

Promote responsible pet ownership through humane education and spay/neuter programs in the area.

Work to unite lost animals with owners and place unwanted animals in caring homes.

Build communication and community support so people will value animals and treat them with kindness and respect.

Provide care and respect through the life and death of the animal using qualified veterinary professionals.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Diana Neubarth, President
Matthew Hall, Vice President
Nette Jenkins, Co-Treasurer
Denise Carter, Co-Treasurer
Heather Linnerooth, Secretary
Vicki Donatell, Executive Assistant
Barb Avery
Leslie Charles
Maggie Clayton
Dr. David Datt, DVM
Colleen Davis
Jennifer Evens
Michele McElmeel
Kate Nelson
David Walker
Judy Webster

NEWSLETTER
Leslie Charles, Editor
Colleen Davis, Graphic Design
Kate Nelson
Shiloh Trenholm
Judy Webster

ON THE COVER:
Troy, Courtney, Flinn, and Milo (adopted through SCAF) with his new family this past June
Building the Shelter

Benefits the Whole Community

As SCAF continues to raise the money to build the shelter, it is important to remind ourselves that this shelter will benefit more than just the animals. And this message is not lost on two important organizations in our community.

Turningpoint of River Falls is one organization that sees tremendous benefit in a future animal shelter and looks forward to the opening of the St. Croix Animal Friends Humane Society Adoption and Education Center. Working with approximately 1,000 people a year, Turningpoint is dedicated to helping victims of sexual and domestic abuse in Pierce and St. Croix counties. According to Alena Taylor, Executive Director of Turningpoint, “Many people don’t realize that one factor keeping people in abusive situations is their animals”. Abusers don’t only terrorize their families, they terrorize and threaten pets. Turningpoint can accept service and therapy animals into the shelter, but Turningpoint’s insurance will not cover other animals or animals in foster situations. “We hope the SCAF animal shelter will provide temporary emergency shelter for animals in these situations,” says Taylor. Knowing there is a safe place for their pets to go will encourage people in abusive situations to seek help. In addition, Taylor points out that too often, children from abusive homes see mistreatment of animals. She believes that Turningpoint and SCAF could work together to teach children the proper way to care for pets. “When we learn how to care for small animals, it’s a great way to learn how to love something the right way,” Taylor says.

ProAct in Hudson is another organization in the community who sees the benefit of a comprehensive, centralized local animal shelter. As an organization that provides day services and job development for adults with disabilities, ProAct helps approximately 30 clients a week on site and provides many more with opportunities to interact with the community through job opportunities and activities. According to Margaret Christensen, Program Coordinator, ProAct strongly believes in the healing power of helping those in need, including animals. Animal interaction with clients with disabilities is a powerful tool to helping their clients learn skills and compassion and to feel the love that animals provide. Not surprisingly, ProAct has therapy dogs and “canine good citizens” visit their facility on a regular basis. But Christensen envisions a bigger opportunity for her clients. The St. Croix Animal Friends Humane Society Adoption and Education Center will be a great opportunity for her clients to learn useable workplace skills while also giving back to the shelter through their volunteer efforts. To show their support for SCAF and our mission, ProAct clients recently made pet beds and collected supplies for our adoptable animals. The activity was a great success. “One man even brought in his own dog’s toys,” Christensen shared, illustrating the passion her clients feel in helping the animals. Christensen sees the opportunity for future involvement between her clients and SCAF as a win-win opportunity for both groups.

go local

Save money and support local businesses. A portion of your purchases will be donated to St. Croix Animal Friends.

We Have a New Website!
www.SCAFshelter.org
We are now also on Twitter and Instagram
https://instagram.com/scafshelter/
https://twitter.com/SCAFShelter

Jennifer Offner, Erica Satre, Justin Lasse, and Mari Kowalchyk
Our Reaching Out program is one of SCAF’s most widely used and important programs, through which we provide pet food and kitty litter to needy families. The program is so very important because one of the big reasons that pets are surrendered to shelters, or abandoned on the street, is because of financial issues. Each year, SCAF donates thousands of pounds of food to individuals and food pantries. And while we have done this for many years, we rely heavily on community donations of food at our food drives. You may have seen us at several area businesses, such as County Market, Family Fresh, or Chuck and Don’s. We are so very grateful to these organizations for allowing us to be on site to collect donations.

But the demand for food is ever increasing and our donation shelves have been bare numerous times throughout the year. To our loving donors in the community who provide a bag of food to us each time we host a food drive, we cannot say thank you enough! It is YOU who are feeding empty tummies and allowing these needy pets to thrive at home with their families.

Hard worker Zack Johnson volunteering at one of SCAF’s food drives. Thanks for helping us collect all that food, Zack!
Our Success Brings a New Partnership

Saint Croix Animal Friends has been very successful in finding homes for the animals who have come into our care. Because of this, we are able to assist other rescue organizations with overcrowding. Finding animals needing a home is not a problem.

St. Croix Animal Friends recently partnered with Dunn County Humane Society, in Menomonie, to help find loving homes for the many cats and dogs overwhelming that shelter. Currently, the shelter in Dunn county is overflowing with 140 cats on site and approximately 30 dogs. There are so many pets who need new families that the shelter is looking into an expansion of their current facility. Josh Dalton, Executive Director at the Dunn County Humane Society, says “Within the animal care community, I view collaboration between humane organizations as one of the most important activities that help us save lives. In this case, working with St. Croix Animal Friends helps us get some of our animals out of the stressful (and sometimes crowded) shelter environment and into calm home environments until they find their permanent homes. We don’t currently have a robust foster program, so partnerships with groups like SCAF are one of our only outlets to successful foster placements. We’re excited about the future collaboration and see SCAF as a critical partner in our goal to save more lives and get more animals home.”

Certainly, this partnership is a good thing for the animals at the Dunn County shelter. SCAF has prepared for the increase in pets coming into our care by improving the processes for animal transport, finding additional foster homes for the animals, and improving how we showcase available pets. According to Diana Neubarth, President of St. Croix Animal Friends, “We are so excited to be working with Dunn County Humane Society and assisting them in providing public exposure for their pets.”

Saint Croix Animal Friend’s foster program is growing and continues to seek families willing to provide foster care. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Jennifer Evens, Foster Director, at JeniferE@SCAFshelter.org.

A Super Gesture!

Last May, several board members from SCAF met with the president of Super America, Jack Helmick, and Matthew Sieh, Food Service Manager, Super America, at their corporate office. Together, they discussed SCAF’s goals and mission to build the shelter. After reviewing our organizational materials, including our case statement and newsletter, they felt our mission was not only worthwhile but also achievable. The result was a major sponsorship from Super America/Northern Tier for our Raise the Woof animal walk. In addition to the sponsorship of our event, Super America/Northern Tier also provided all of the pop and cookies for the event. Jack even attended the event and ran the 5K route with our other attendees...in the rain. Now, that’s a great supporter! Thank you Super America and Northern Tier.

Thank you to our sponsor
HEPPNERS AUTO BODY
SCAF Events

Life’s a Parade!

This past July, the Hudson Booster Days Parade drew a crowd of thousands and SCAF was not going to miss out on the fun! We had a big turnout of volunteers, supporters, and pets to walk the parade route and hand out fliers and goodies along the way. And to truly send the message that SCAF supports ALL pets, we even had Hank, the Tortoise, riding in his tank on the wagon! The dogs stopped along the route for pats from children and everyone enjoyed the interaction, even if we did slow the parade down a little bit. Life is too short to pass up a wet nose kiss from a pooch, right?

Raise the Woof

This year’s Raise the Woof Animal Walk included a new event, the 5K-9 run, through Hudson’s Lakefront Park. After many months of planning and careful execution, the event started bright and early on Saturday, June 13. Unfortunately, mother nature was not our friend and the day was a rainy one. But, this didn’t stop our vendors and supporters from coming out, despite the weather! We had a number of runners who battled the elements and a few animal friends who spread their doggy cheer. One special attendee was Anthony Church and his Alaskan Malamute, Koda, who put on some pulling/skijoring demonstrations. Also for spectators was an agility course with demonstrations by Nicole Parker and her dog, Steele, many great vendors, food, and music by DJ Tammie Hildebrandt from KMZ Music and More. Thank you to everyone who came out to support us in the rain!

Parade attendees (alphabetical order): Leslie Charles, Anthony Church, David Datt, Vicki Datt, Sam Datt, Katie Davidson, Nate Demuth, Vicki Donatell, Doug Drews, Peg Drews, Jennifer Evens, Taylor Evens, Cody Hepfler, Carah Koch, Maiya Koch, Madison Koch, Matt Koch, Kee Leichtle, Leah Smith, Isabelle Stewart, John Stewart, Joyce Stewart, Will Stewart, Jaeden Turner, and Jenna VanAllen; Pets: Annie, Bailey, Hank the tortoise, Koda, and Mitzy

You Shop. Amazon Gives.
smile.amazon.com
With every purchase you make, Amazon donates!
Select: Saint Croix Animal Friends

State Farm
Wendy Peterson Insurance Agency Inc
2217 Vine St Ste 100
Hudson, WI 54016-5864
www.wendypetersoninsurance.com
715-381-9663
Several times throughout the year, SCAF has held adoption events. These events are always fun and for our volunteers and the people who stop to visit the animals. Fortunately, all of our dogs and cats have been adopted and more are on their way. Our adoption program wouldn’t be successful if we didn’t have great foster families to love these pets while they wait for new homes. We are very thankful to Chuck and Don’s for providing us a space to host our events. Next time you see an adoption event, stop on by- we’d love to see you! If you’d like to consider being a foster family, please contact JenniferE@scafshelter.org. Take a look at some of the pets who recently found new families through St. Croix Animal Friends!
The Orchard is the perfect location for your upcoming wedding or special event. With multiple rooms for different size gatherings, we can host events of all sizes. We have experience in hosting large and small weddings, from plated dinners to buffet style with our professional trained staff.

We have many different event rooms to accommodate your needs!

**Weddings**  
**Banquets**  
**Parties**  
**Events**

Check out all our options on www.theorchardofbaldwin.com
Our Community Pays it Forward

Sebastian Kulow donates cat product at a food drive at Chuck and Don’s in Hudson. Thank you, Sebastian, for helping to feed our hungry kitties!

Brett Breitenstein, of Hudson, chose to donate money he received, for his First Communion, to SCAF. Thank you, Brett, for this amazing gesture of kindness!

A wonderful donation was made to St. Croix Animal Friends by the Woodville Town Board.

Volunteer Spotlight

One of our newest volunteers, but one of the most important, is our Volunteer Coordinator, Amy Coleman!

Amy is a woman of many talents and we are fortunate to have her with us at SCAF. She is a Certified Veterinary Technician (CVT) who graduated from MN School of Business with an Associates Degree in Veterinary Technology (AAS). From there, she was certified with the MN Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA). According to Amy, “I am an active member in the MN Association of Veterinary Technicians (MAVT).”

Amy started her role with SCAF one year ago, by being invited into the role, and has stayed with us due to the abundance of compassion and love she feels for animals in need. As Volunteer Coordinator for SCAF, Amy keeps details on current and potential volunteers who are interested in working various events for SCAF. She does many callbacks with potential volunteers to learn how much time they have available to volunteer or what their interests are so that volunteer opportunities can be matched to fit the individual. In order to maintain contact with potential volunteers, Amy holds quarterly volunteer meetings to inform people of volunteer opportunities and she also attends board meetings to keep current on events where volunteers will be needed. Amy always makes sure we have enough volunteers on hand at our various events. The most challenging part of the job? “Getting people to commit to and follow through on the volunteer opportunities,” says Amy. Perhaps YOU would like to volunteer with SCAF? You can contact Amy at AmyC@scafshelter.org. Note: Amy is an avid Vikings fan, but we at SCAF don’t hold that against her.... much.

www.PawsitiveDog.info
Shar Patnoe 715-808-4384
Erin McKee 715-222-9167

In Your Home Sessions
Group Training
Workshops
Association of Professional Dog Trainers
Certified AKC CGC Evaluators

Take your walk for a dog with WoofTrax!
Support SCAF every time you walk your dog. wooftrax.com

www.SCAFshelter.org Paws for Thought Fall 2015 • 9
Telling their stories through memories

Memorial for "Frankie" the dog

“Frankie, a Brittany spaniel, lived life with endless enthusiasm, a love for everyone, and the belief that he was the luckiest dog in all the world. He was loved and adored by his parents, Mark and Jennifer Lammers, and his passing has left a huge void in their lives. I will always love you too Frankie!”

--Leigh Entenza

Memorials and Honorariums

“Bob” the cat from Barb Burkholder
“Red” the dog from Judy Webster
Gladys Baker from Gary & Melissa Porter
“Red” from Greg & Lanette Barnes
“Puddy-Tat” from Judy Webster
“Belle” the cat from Barb Burkholder
Betty & Ed Hanson from Siri Smith for Father & Mother’s Day 2015
“Sophie” the cat from Barb Burkholder
“Homer” from Jeff Klatt
“Frankie” from Georgia Entenza

Donation in honor of Leigh Entenza, in recognition of her tireless and loving work for animals in need, from Jennifer and Mark Lammers

Gilbert Memorial Golf Tournament

Mike Gilbert of River Falls was a veteran, a beloved husband and father, and a cherished friend to many. He enjoyed participating in various outdoor activities, including the game of golf. Mike was also an animal lover who took a special interest in SCAF’s work to build the animal shelter. Sadly, Mike passed away last winter. To honor his memory, his family and friends (many of them fellow veterans) joined together to host the “1st Annual Mike Gilbert Memorial Masters Golf Tournament”. The tournament was held in June at the Badlands Golf Course in Roberts, WI and proceeds from this event were donated to St. Croix Animal Friends.

To commemorate the legacy of a special person by orchestrating an event so worthwhile in his honor is an amazing accomplishment and overwhelming testament of love and respect. We’re sure Mike would be pleased to know that the people who meant so much to him chose to carry on and generously contribute to a cause he cared about. We want to extend a special thanks to Mike’s incredible wife, Lisa, and wonderful friends, Tracy & Amber Meyer of Hudson, who organized this magnificent event and raised $1,304.00 to help us build the shelter!

Wallypalooza

To honor the memory of their beloved Bassett Hound, Peanut, the Walrack family of Hudson held an all-day charity event to benefit and support St. Croix Animal Friends! This spectacular event was called “Wallypalooza” and proved to be a fun-filled day featuring yard games, live music and great food. Over 200 people from the community attended and $750.00 was raised. Thank you to the Walrack family for honoring Peanut by hosting such an amazing event to help other animals and also thank you to everyone who attended this event. We, at SCAF, are tremendously grateful to be recipients of your amazing generosity!
Upcoming Events

For more information on these events, please visit events.SCAFshelter.org. All interested persons are welcome to attend the monthly Board of Directors meetings. Meetings are held at 6:30 PM at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, 502 County Road UU, Hudson.

NOVEMBER
5 SCAF Board of Directors Meeting
1-16 Pies for Pets
21 Adoption Day and Pet Food Drive, Chuck and Don’s
30 No-Show Virtual Fundraiser

DECEMBER
1-31 No-Show Virtual Fundraiser
4 SCAF Board of Directors Meeting
6 Adoption Day and Pet Food Drive, Chuck and Don’s
26 Adoption Day and Pet Food Drive, Chuck and Don’s

JANUARY
7 SCAF Board of Directors Meeting

Capital Campaign Naming Opportunities!

With SCAF being in the midst of its capital campaign, it is time to roll out the list of naming opportunities for the new upcoming shelter. And, what a list it is! There are donation opportunities at every level from $25 up to $500,000. Some of the features up for naming rights include:

- Canine or Kitty City housing wings
- Community Education Room
- Medical Suite
- Covered picnic pavilion
- Boarding/daycare facility
- Pavers
- Animal rooms
- Remembrance wall plaques
- Benches
- Pet drinking fountains
- Rainbow Bridge area

All money raised to purchase naming opportunities goes directly to the building fund. Donations can be requested “In Memory of” or to celebrate someone special. Please consider these wonderful gestures to financially support the building of the St. Croix Animal Friends Humane Society Adoption and Education Center. For more information, contact info@SCAFshelter.org.

Become a Member

You can become a member of St. Croix Animal Friends by filling out this form or by visiting membership.SCAFshelter.org. As a member, you will be eligible to vote at Board of Directors elections and you will be entitled to receive a copy of our annual report and bylaw change notices. Best of all, you are helping to support our community programs and to finance shelter construction.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY/STATE/ZIP

EMAIL

PHONE

MEMBERSHIP TYPES

- ADULT $25
- FAMILY $40
- SENIOR (65+) $20
- PATRON $100
- YOUTH (UNDER 16) exempt
- CORPORATE $200

Make your check payable to SCAF and mail to:
St Croix Animal Friends
PO Box 1169
Hudson WI 54016

How would you like to receive the Annual Report and By-Law change notices? (select one)

- MAIL to above address
- EMAIL to above address and sign me up for current news and updates via email (you can opt out at any time)
- NEITHER I prefer not to receive any communications from SCAF except my annual membership renewal notice

CROIX VALLEY Veterinary Hospital, LLC
655 O’Neil Rd
Hudson, WI 54016
715-386-9052

Drs Vicki and David Datt
and Dr Becky Bohlmann

www.SCAFshelter.org  Paws for Thought  Fall 2015  •  11
PROGRAMS WE OFFER:
Spay/Neuter
Micro-chipping
Foster and Adoption
Reaching Out Pet Food
Emergency Medical Assistance

St. Croix Animal Friends is working to build a Humane Society Adoption and Education Center

Volunteers Needed!
What is your talent? We need you!

Reasons to volunteer with St. Croix Animal Friends:
Helping animals makes you happy
Make new friends
Learn a new skill (or several)
Meet community members
Be recognized for making a difference

★ Make a difference in an animal’s life

Volunteer opportunities abound!
Tell us about yourself at info@SCAFshelter.org

Connect with us!
www.SCAFshelter.org
info@SCAFshelter.org
www.facebook.com/SCAFShelter
715.749.3763
PO Box 1169 Hudson WI 54016

Andy Krochalk with “Annabelle”