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Success Story

Ming Ling gets a forever home. After nearly two years of shelter living, a nice lady came in to adopt her. Ming Ling is just one of six kittens that were born here. Her mom’s name was Licorice, she too was also a black cat. The weirdest part about this group of kittens was the fact that all of them and I do mean all them, were exact copies of their mom. All black and all were girls. To tell them apart we were able to shave the hair off of different parts of the body. The hair grew back rather quickly. To remedy the problem we micro chipped each kitten. Of the six little black kittens two remain, Dusky and Zin Zin. Hopefully a nice family or person who needs a loving black cat will come into the shelter make them a success story too. Good luck Ming Ling!



Supplies Are Always Needed

Bellwether Harbor is a non-profit entity that relies on the gifts of donors and volunteers to continue its mission of helping animals and people make a connection through education, training and adoption. If you or someone you know is interested in donating any of the following items to the animals at Bellwether Harbor contact the shelter at 231-924-9230. All donations are tax deductible.

- Tennis Balls
- Cat Toys
- Towels
- Newspapers
- Dog toys
- Purina dog, puppy, cat and kitten chow
- Crates, wire cages, and pet carriers
- Fabric softener sheets unscented
- Rawhides (non-flavored)
- Unscented Clay cat litter
- Peanut Butter for Kongs
- Liq. All Free detergent
- Leashes and collars
- Clorox Bleach & wipes
- Used Blankets and comforters

Visit Us On The Web: www.bellwetherharbor.org

Our website has information about Bellwether Harbor its policies and how to adopt an animal. It also has tips for owners needing to find a home for their cat or dog. Adoption applications are accessible on the site, as well as a lot other useful tips.

Visit petfinder.com, adopt-a-pet.com or pets911.com to locate many shelters and animals available for adoption. On Petfinder over 9000 shelters filled with over 200,000 animals are waiting for you to come and take them home. Logging onto Petfinder’s main page, you are just a click away from numerous shelters nationwide. Look at photographs, read bios, and watch video of Bellwether’s amazing pets.



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HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Why I Volunteer

by Phyllis White

Lost, alone, friendly, obedient, the red Doberman followed me home from a walk. When Bellwether took him I became a volunteer for one reason: to play with a dog I loved but couldn’t keep, a dog Bellwether named Rex. Bellwether’s staff trained me to train Rex, and soon I was working with all kinds of dogs.

Then I put cats on my social calendar. Cat’s antics lifted my spirits. Feline intelligence was not to be underestimated. Pebbles, recently adopted, listened to poetry. Mia, a longtime resident, sits, catches a toy, and throws it back. Carson, a new arrival, gives the best hugs.

So thanks to Rex who was adopted shortly after he went to Bellwether, I’m a lifetime volunteer. The reason? It’s one of the mysteries; the more you give the more you get back. Working with Bellwether cats and dogs they begin to feel like a wonderful extended family. Their devotion, their talents, their quirks, their amazing smiles, makes my day. When one goes to a forever home, I miss them but I’m glad. Spending time with rescued animals can make a difference, in their lives and in ours.

Bellwether Harbor is in need of an ID tag machine.

We are striving to make sure pets have proper identification. This service will be available to everyone. Most of us know that pets wearing tags have a better chance to get back home.



IMARC tag engraver

The cost of the tag machine is \$3,295, but thanks to a lot of generous people we only need to raise \$300 more! If you would like to know about the tag machine and how you can donate contact us here at the shelter.

Phone: 231-924-9230 or email: contactus@bellwetherharbor.org

Thank you!

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Bellwether’s
Mission Statement

“Helping animals
and people make a
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Heartworm Disease and Prevention

Capable of causing severe illness and death in dogs, heartworm has become an important factor in your animal’s health. Transferred by mosquitoes, the baby worms (microfilariae) are picked up from an infected dog during a blood meal. The mosquitoes then bites the non-infected dog, passing the next larval stage into the blood stream. Once the microfilariae are in the blood stream they travel to the heart and mature into adult worms. It takes 6 months for the heartworms to mature in the final host. They commonly reside in the right chamber of the heart and pulmonary arteries, which send blood to the lungs.

These adult worms reproduce and spread microfilariae into the blood of the infected dog, which can then be picked up by another mosquito and transferred to yet another dog. A dog with heartworm disease may have the following symptoms; coughing, lethargy, and low exercise tolerance. Heartworm disease can often be treated depending on how advanced the disease has become. The treatment can be problematic under certain conditions.

A heartworm preventative can efficiently prevent this from occurring in your pets. There are many heartworm preventives out there, the most common being monthly treatments. These come in either an oral form (by mouth) or topical form (applied to the skin). Heartworm prevention is an easy and effective way to keep your pet safe from heartworm disease. Ask your Veterinarian if you are concerned about your pet or need more information on heartworm preventative options.

Resources: Merk Manual eighth edition

Micro Chip Clinics-

Bellwether Harbor holds microchip clinics the second Saturday of each month from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. Appointments are taken but walk-ins are always welcome.

A tiny microchip that fits in a hypodermic needle contains a one-of-a-kind ID number. You may choose from Home Again or Avid microchips. Avid is a one time fee of \$30; Home Again is \$30 with an additional activation fee. Either type will help to insure the safe return of your pets if you get separated. Over 94% of pets micro chipped with Home Again have been reunited with their families. Without ID 90% don’t make it home. A single injection equals a lifetime of protection. Now you can easily protect your loved ones! Call 231-924-9230 ext 2 to make an appointment.

For more information visit them online: **Home Again:** www.homeagain.com or call 1-888-HOMEAGAIN; **Avid:** www.avid.com, 1-800-336-AVID



Bellwether is dedicated to helping pet owners through education if you have any questions please feel free to call us.

More Volunteers Are Always Welcome and Very Much Needed

Bellwether Harbor is always looking for committed volunteers to help at the shelter.

Volunteers are needed in all areas including:

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| - Socializing cats and dogs | - Kennel Cleaning | - Dog Walking |
| - Bathing and grooming animals | - Adoption Days | - Education |
| - Housekeeping | - Special events | - Photography |
| - Fundraising | - Marketing | - Advertizing |



New volunteers to add to the Bellwether pack: **Natacha Cudnehufsky, Betty Messing, Alex Santos, Kris Swanson and Jim Spurgeon.** Welcome and thank you for help us out! The animals love you for it! Volunteers must be 15 years of age or older. For more information on volunteering and how you can help at Bellwether Harbor visit the shelter or contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Carmen Froehle at 231-924-9230 ext. 3 or carmen@bellwetherharbor.org.

Have you met...

Cashew and Chestnut? These two adorable little redheads came into our shelter along with their two orange brothers, Coconut and Peanut, and beautiful little brown tabby sister, Pecan. Together, they make up our 'Nutty Kittens', a very fitting name for a bunch of silly babies! These guys came in at 3 weeks of age and were raised by one of our dedicated foster moms. (See their kitten pictures on our facebook group page!) Cashew and Chestnut have been fixed and are UTD on vaccines. They have also tested negative for feline leukemia and have been dewormed. Their approximate DOB was 5/11/10 and their date of arrival was 6/1/10. They don’t have to go home together but it would be nice to see them with a loving family.

Cashew



Chestnut

