

PET PALS 2013

Pets Pals is a Hands on Humane Education Program, it's a great opportunity for kids ages 8-14 years of age that are just too young to volunteer. The program has a shelter/home animal health care section. Kids can see and learn about parasites that our pets can get, they learn about some of instruments used in the healthcare field of pets, look at some x-rays and learn about the anatomy of a dog.

There is a dog grooming session. The kids help bathe a dog and learn the importance and techniques of washing, drying and brushing. Plus they learn about proper cat grooming with socialization.

We will have dog training and agility. This is done in the Bellwether training room. We have a brief discussion about dog training with the benefits of it in everyday life. The kids will help give commands the dog uses as they travel a course. At each station the dog must perform a task. There will be an agility course in place and the kids learn how to use it and help the dogs with this as well.

Lastly, we have animal safety. The children will watch a short video about dogs that they may or may not know. The problems that they could come across if a dog should approach and how they should protect themselves. Not leaving out how to properly greet a dog. We certainly can not leave out snack time! It will be light refreshments of juice and animal crackers! Ending the day with receiving a Pet Pals Certificate.

The time in which Pet Pals is held is 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. If you are interested in having your child participate please register at Bellwether Harbor to hold a spot.



Our limit is 20 students and the cost of each class is \$20. Dates set for Pet Pals are June 19th, July 17th and August 14th. Please join us!

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Bellwether's Mission Statement

“Helping animals and people make a connection through education, training and adoption”



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.

- Hard Dog Toys
- Peanut Butter for Kongs
- Purina Dog, Puppy, Cat and Kitten Chow
- Cat Toys
- Liquid All Free Detergent
- Newspapers (no inserts)
- Crates, Wire Cages
- Clorox Bleach & Wipes
- Fabric Softener Sheets Unscented
- Pet Carriers
- Large Garbage Bags
- Leashes
- Copy Paper
- Unscented Clay Cat Litter
- Large Garbage Bags
- Used Blankets and Comforters (no zippers)
- Paper Towels



Have you met Cybelle and Swiper?



Cybelle (left) is the Roman 'nature mother goddess', a very fitting name for this darling little girl. She was found living in the woods, caring for her 6 tiny puppies in a hollow log. She has been an excellent mom to her pups. They have now all been adopted and she is finally ready to find a new home and a family of her own.

Cybelle can be a shy and cautious when first introduced to strangers but warms up to most people after awhile. She can be a little barky with new people as well. With people that she knows well, she is a cuddle bug that likes to be held close. She has tested negative for heartworm and is up to date on vaccines. She is spayed and also will be micro chipped before going to her forever home. She is probably a lab/beagle mix and weighs in at about 38lbs. Her approximate date of birth was 12/12/08 and her date of arrival was 11/30/12.

Swiper (right) is a sweet guy that loves, loves, loves his people. He is a cuddler but is happy to run around outside, too. Swiper has a great personality and wins people over with his charm very quickly.

Swiper is up to date on vaccines and is heartworm negative. He is neutered and will be micro chipped before going to his forever home. He was found to have an old injury to his hip that has been surgically repaired. At some point in the past, he suffered from a broken leg. It had healed on its own, without human intervention. Unfortunately, the break did not heal correctly and our veterinarians have corrected this issue. Swiper will have to be on restrictions for awhile, but would love visitors! His is extremely mobile and will be able to play and run around after he is healed. The funny way he sits is just him, it does not have any medical causes.

He is a black and white Pit Bull Terrier mix. His approximate date of birth was 2/26/10 and his date of arrival was 2/20/13.



More Volunteers Are Always Welcome and Very Much Needed

Bellwether Harbor is always looking for committed volunteers to help at the shelter. The animals love you for it! Volunteers are needed in all areas including:

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

Volunteers must be 15 years of age or older. For more information about 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.

How hot do cars get? TOO HOT FOR SPOT!

Have you ever noticed how hot it can get inside a car on a summer day — far hotter than it is outside? That's because a car acts like a greenhouse, trapping the sun's heat. A study by the Animal Protection Institute showed that even moderately warm temperatures outside can quickly lead to deadly temperatures inside a closed car.

The study, conducted during a local heat wave, compared an outside temperature of a shaded area with the inside of an automobile in three states: fully closed, with four windows cracked, and with two windows cracked. Inside temperatures were measured with an indoor/outdoor thermometer and an oven thermometer (both readings are given). All temperatures use the Fahrenheit scale.

This is only one particular day with the windows cracked. If you visit this website: www.redrover.org/mydogiscool/how-hot-do-cars-get you can compare others days with other scenarios, as well as other information about leaving your pet inside your car.

OUTSIDE TEMPERATURES		INSIDE AUTO - WITH 4 WINDOWS CRACKED	
		Indoor/Outdoor	Oven Thermometer
9:15 am	84°	98°	98°
10:00 am	88°	103°	105°
10:30 am	90°	108°	108°
11:00 am	92°	109°	109°
12:00 pm	95°	113°	113°
1:00 pm	101°	114°	115°
2:00 pm	110°	123°	120°
3:40 pm	112°	129°	128°
4:00 pm	115°	132°	130°

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Is your pet wearing an I.D. tag? ID tags should be worn by your animal at all times. A dog or cat can easily slip out through an open door and run off. The tag should be worn on a properly fitted collar, reducing the chances of the collar slipping off.

Do you have up-to-date information on the ID tag? Make sure to update your pet's ID tag or microchip information immediately when you move or change phone numbers. We offer both services here at Bellwether Harbor. Available anytime are tags which are engraved here while you wait, for a reasonable price. An ID tag will allow anyone who finds your animal to immediately call you or return your dog to your house.

Get your pet(s) Micro Chipped!

Microchips are a great source of identifying lost pets; a veterinarian or shelter can scan the chip and bring up the owner's information. Standard ID tags are still highly recommended to use along with a microchip. Microchip clinics are held every second Saturday of the month or by special appointment.

This year is our 9th year for Run Forrest Run, the date of this huge fundraiser is October 5, 2013. Over the last 9 years, we have learned many things. One of them was having RFR moved onto our shelter grounds was the biggest and best move we have made. We will still have many of the same great things like best pet trick contest, RFR King and Queen with Prince and Princess, games for kids and dog wash. We would like to have more things for family with their pets. That is why we will be having a RFR meeting very soon. The date will be announced via website and social network. The meeting will be open to anyone who would like to give their opinions and/or help. We want to hear what great ideas you have that would make RFR successful! Watch for a meeting date and time! Thank you.



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Visit Us On The Web: www.bellwetherharbor.org

Our current 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. An adoption application is accessible on the site, as well as a lot other useful tips. Find out about dog training. Look at photographs, read bios, and watch video of Bellwether's amazing pets. Get the latest news with activities or just read up on shelter news. New to the site is an online volunteer application and a calendar of events.

