

HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Christmas Open House 2012

The year end fundraiser is most fun, because the shelter is decorated with greenery and lights. So many scrumptious homemade treats are made and displayed at the Gourmet bake sale. Santa appears for the young and old, starry eyed kids and pets for an opportunity to sit and have a photo taken with him. Bellwether's Boutique is always available to buy all your pet's holiday presents. And a the micro chip clinic too! It is so nice to see many

new faces and some familiar stop by the open house to partake of the festivities. It was a fabulous turn out and monies were raised to help Bellwether's babes.

Like Run Forrest Run, money from Bellwether's Christmas open house fundraiser is used for shelter operations, which continues to supply the dogs and cats with comfort year around. As always, monetary gifts and supplies are greatly needed. Your generosity benefits the animals at Bellwether Harbor. Thank you.

Start the new year out right! Become a volunteer! Bellwether volunteers are vital and appreciated. Contact the volunteer coordinator Carmen Froehle to find out how you can be a volunteer. Volunteers must be at least 15 years of age.



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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.

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| - Hard Dog Toys | - Purina Dog, Puppy, Cat and Kitten Chow | - Peanut Butter for Kongs |
| - Cat Toys | - Liq. All Free Detergent | - Newspapers (no inserts) |
| - Clorox Bleach & Wipes | - Fabric softener sheets unscented | - Copy Paper |
| - Unscented Clay cat litter | - Used Blankets and Comforters (no zippers) | |
| - Crates, Wire Cages | - Pet Carriers | |
| - Large Garbage Bags | - Leashes | |



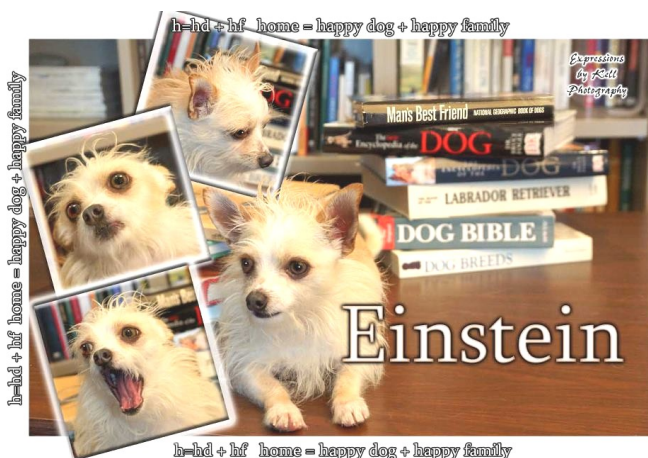
Have you met... Rosa and Einstein?



Rosa (left) is a pretty little girl that has overcome a lot in her life. She came into the shelter along with her sister and 2 brothers. Together, they make up our 'Cinco de Mayo' kitties. All four were very thin. Rosa is a petite girl and probably stay quite small. She loves people and attention. Because of her early neglect, Rosa has developed a condition known as IBD. She requires a weekly dose of medicine that is very inexpensive and helps her to remain happy and healthy. Rosa is UTD on vaccines and is FLT- negative. She has been

spayed. Rosa is a DSH calico. Her approximate DOB was 4/21/11 and her date of arrival was 5/5/12

Einstein (rt) knows that he is adorable. He loves 'his' people and is perfectly content to be carried around and fussed over. New people need to be introduced, but become his new best friends quickly. Einstein is neutered. He is also heartworm negative and will be micro chipped before going home. As can be typical with the little guys, in his mind, Einstein is a Great Dane. In reality, he is probably a Chihuahua/Yorkie cross. He is buff and white and is wirehaired. Einstein's approximate date of birth was 11/15/10 and his date of arrival was 7/5/12.



h-hd + hf home = happy dog + happy family

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:

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

Holiday Hazards

During busy and festive times of the year, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, pet owners need to be alert to the potential dangers that exist for their animals. A few precautions will prevent unnecessary grief.

DECORATIONS: Sharp or breakable ornaments, ribbons, yarn, angel hair, icicles, and tinsel are all very real hazards to dogs and cats, who often ingest these items when attempting to play with them. These are NOT appropriate toys.

TREE: Pine tar from needles, sprayed on preservatives, and flocking are all poisonous – as is the water in the tree pan which animals might drink. Electrical cords and strings of lights can give a deadly shock when chewed on,. Instead of sharp “fish-hook” hangers, use green or red pipe cleaners for attaching ornaments; twist tightly and they won’t fall off. Also, be sure to secure tree from falling over onto pets.

PLANTS: Poinsettias, mistletoe, and holly are very poisonous to pets. Keep them out of reach.

FOOD: All that rich, fatty dressing and gravy can make your pet sick. Turkey bones can splinter and lodge in an animal’s throat or intestines. The string used while cooking the turkey is tempting and hazardous; dispose of carefully. Chocolate is poisonous to animals, and alcohol is equally fatal. Keep all these away from your pet.

OTHER: Lighted candles, ribbons tied around a pet’s neck, and open doors through which your pet can dash (often unnoticed) and become lost. Keep collars and I.D. on all cats and dogs in case they escape from your home or yard. When expecting guests, confine animals in a quiet room and keep door closed.

Remember, your pets will be curious and excited by all the activities, and more likely than usual to get into trouble. By taking the proper steps ahead of time, and using a little caution, you can insure that your holiday season is joyful, and not marred by needless tragedy.

http://www.benderplace.com/allcreaturesgreatandsmall/pet_safety.htm#Holiday

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Just a Handful of Notable 2012 Adoptions!

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.



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. Look at photographs, read bios, and watch video of Bellwether’s amazing pets. In the next few weeks we expect to launch our new website with videos and more info and ease of use! Stay tuned!