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

It takes a lot to help the animals in our care! Have you considered volunteering your time? Volunteers are vital in the shelter. Dogs need to be walked, socialized, bathed and loved. Cats need to be groomed, exercised and socialized too! You might have other talents you can donate to our shelter. You may have thought of donating. Monetary gifts and a variety of supplies are greatly needed. Perhaps gift cards would be easier. The animals use many types of food to stay fit. Gift cards can be used to purchase those foods and cleaning supplies also. You can donate on our website too! No matter how you donate, your generosity benefits the animals. Bellwether Harbor is a non profit 501c3 organization. Thank you.



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 info 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 get 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 a special appointment.

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 our site, as well as a lot of other useful tips. Look at photographs, read bios, and watch videos 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.



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HARBOR HAPPENINGS

Baby it's hot in there!

The dangers:

You've probably heard news reports of dogs suffocating inside cars on warm days. Here are suggestions for educating people about leaving pets in cars, and what to do if you see a pet in distress. It takes only minutes for a pet left in a vehicle on a warm day to succumb to heatstroke and suffocation. Most people don't realize how hot it can get in a parked car on a balmy day. However, on a 78 degree day, temperatures in a car parked in the shade can exceed 90 degrees and hit a scorching 160 degrees if parked in the sun! Rolling down a window or parking in the shade doesn't guarantee protection either, since temperatures can still climb into the danger zone. And if the window is rolled down sufficiently, the pet can escape. What about leaving the dog in the car with the air-conditioning running? Many people do this, but tragedy can strike and it has. For example, in 2003, a police dog in Texas died after the air-conditioning in the patrol car shut down and began blowing hot air. The air system's compressor kicked off because the engine overheated.

Animals are not able to sweat like humans do. Dogs cool themselves by panting and by sweating through their paws. If they have only overheated air to breathe, animals can collapse, suffer brain damage and possibly die of heatstroke. Just 15 minutes can be enough for an animal's body temperature to climb from a normal 102.5 to deadly levels that will damage the nervous and cardiovascular systems, often leaving the animal comatose, dehydrated and at risk of permanent impairment or death.

Precautions:

- * Leave your dog at home on warm days.
- * On trips with your pet, bring plenty of fresh drinking water and bowl.
- * Don't let dogs ride loose in pick-up truck beds. The hot metal can burn a dog's paws, the sun and flying debris can hurt the dog, the dog can accidentally be thrown out of the truck if the brakes are suddenly applied, and the dog can jump out if scared or upon seeing something interesting to chase. Instead, use a crate to create a safer space for the dog if you can't fit the dog inside the truck cab.
- * Download free brochures to use to educate pet owners.

If you see a pet in a vehicle on a hot day, take immediate action:

- * Note the car make, model, color and tag number, then go to the nearest stores and ask the managers to page the owner.
- * Call the police, which usually can respond much faster than can animal control departments. The police have the capability to enter the vehicle and rescue the pet.

source: http://www.paw-rescue.org/PAW/PETTIPS/DogTip_HotCars.php

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Bellwether's Mission Statement

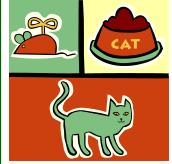
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Supplies Are Always Needed

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.

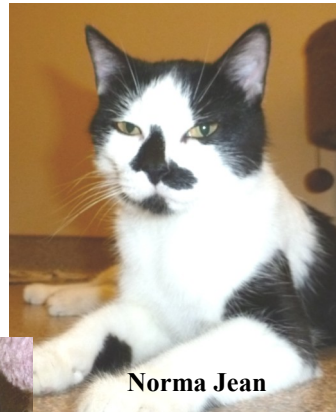
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| - Hard Dog Toys | - Purina Dog, Puppy, Cat and Kitten Chow | - Peanut Butter for Kongs |
| - Cat Toys | - Liquid All Free Detergent | - Newspapers (no inserts) |
| - Clorox Bleach & Wipes | - Fabric softener sheets unscented | - Copy Paper |
| -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



Have you met...our Norma Jean and her Kittens???

Momma Norma Jean came to us about 3 weeks before giving birth to a litter of 5 of the sweetest kittens. There is Kennedy, Bobby, Jackie O, DiMaggio and John John. All five have been handled since birth, making them affectionate little dolls. All are up to date on vaccines for their age and though they are too young to test, mom did test negative for FIV/FLV. They are still too young to be neutered or spayed. They will, however, be microchipped before going to their forever homes. Their date of birth was 5-4-14.

Norma Jean was a great mother to her babies, but now she is on her own again and looking for a loving home. She is a sweet girl and loves attention. Norma Jean will be spayed before going home and is up to day with her vaccines. She tested negative for FIV/FLV. She also will be microchipped. Her approximate date of birth is 5-1-14.



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 | - Advertising |

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

Milestones!

We planted the Memorial Garden's main trees on Arbor Day. The garden is slowly taking shape.



Pet Pals 2014

Pet Pals has been in educating children since 2006. WOW, that's 8 years! We went from one class to having 3 Pet Pals each summer helping kids grow. They get to experience what we do in the shelter and a small taste of volunteering. Some have come back as volunteers in high school.



RFR 2014

This will be Bellwether's 10th Annual RFR! We are excited to announce that we will have Bill Camp and his Famous Flying Dogs joining us! He has performed for many sporting events such as halftime shows at NFL venues.

Silas got a home! When Silas arrived he was in bad shape. He was underfed, full of parasites and heart worms. He was afraid of many things and had little trust. The photos speak for themselves. We got him healthy and with time and love, we watched Silas grow into the great and super dog he was meant to be!

