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## Paw Print Chronicles

*Quarterly Newsletter*



### SAVE THE DATE!

**August 8, 2024**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Talcott Event Center**  
**4060 M-75**  
**Walloon**

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Charlevoix Area Humane  
Society



# Happy Tails Adoption Stories



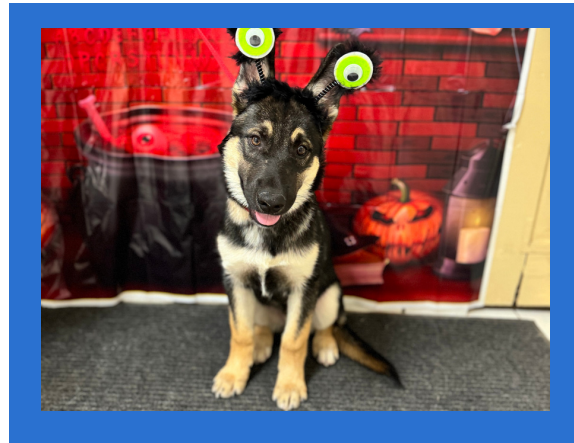
## Poppy now Azuzu

We are thrilled to share that she is fitting right in! She is smart and sweet and brings so much joy to our lives. She loves cuddles and zoomies and playing with her new big brother, Bash. Our older gal, Jada (we adopted Jada from CCHS 7 years ago) was slower to warm up to this little ball of energy. But we are happy to report that even she couldn't give this little sweetie the cold shoulder forever.

We are dealing with some normal, new puppy issues but nothing especially surprising. We know she's young and has spent a lot of her short life in a kennel, not a living room. But after a few adjustments on our part the damage has been reduced to a minimum. For months after we adopted her big sister, Jada, we called her "Jada the destroyer" for all the chaos she wrought during our first attempts at leaving her alone. Well.. Azuzu has temporarily inherited this title. On a happy note, she is completely potty trained, we have not had a single incident with potty messes in the house! A much better track record than any of our past pups!

In summary, we just love her. She's warmed our hearts and made our little family complete.

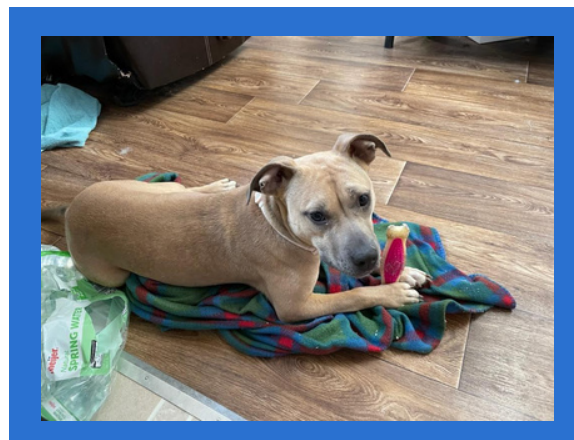
Thank you all so much!



## Arthur now Zee

Hello team at Charlevoix Humane Society. I just wanted to give you an update on Arthur. I have renamed him Zee and he is doing very, very well. He has learned how to sit, walk, go in and out of doors without jumping, go up/down stairs, jump in the car, wait for his leash to be put on, and is learning more every day. He loves playing with his new siblings and he has brought a lot of happiness- what a clown!

I thought you guys would enjoy this picture as part of the Halloween holiday. Thank you so much again for the gift of Arthur/Zee



## Monkey now Sasha

Sasha is adjusting beautifully. She still has accidents in the house, but we're working with her. She's getting along great with the other animals in the house. We just love her.

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## Blueberry now Bella

She is adjusting slowly but gets along great with Freddie our 6 1/2 month old tabby. She doesn't like to be held but is starting to want to be petted as she gets jealous if we are petting Freddie. I've spent a lot of time on my hands and knees talking quietly to her. She wants attention too. We did have her in for a checkup with our vet and she was found to have a high alkaline phosphatase level and a high enzyme. Will be following up in a month with more blood work but otherwise she is a great kitten. She has such a sweet face. Wouldn't trade her for anything. Enjoying some nap time together



## Cake now Orea

She is doing great and has adapted well, or we have adapted to her. She is PERFECT!! She snuggles up on me in the middle of the night or if I'm on my phone she comes up and gets between the phone and me and plops down. Like ok, enough screen time. My turn. I love her and am so happy I got her.

AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



## Meet Gomer

This chunky boy is Gomer! Gomer is a big guy, weighing in at around 16 pounds. Don't let his size fool you though, Gomer is just a big teddy bear. While he can be shy, Gomer will sit for hours and let you pet him. Gomer is about as tolerant as they come with a very mellow personality. Gomer is a bit of a hider and can use some coaxing to come out and be social. Gomer was surrendered to us in 2020, adopted, then returned in 2023 due to his owner moving. Stop in and meet this big fella and consider being his forever home!



ADOPTIONS BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY



## End-of-Life Care for Your Beloved Pet

The death of a companion animal can be just as traumatic and heartbreaking as losing a beloved human. We enter the relationship knowing our pets have a shorter life expectancy — and perhaps we love them a bit more fiercely because our time with them is limited and precious. By being present with our pets, and knowing the signs of decline, we can ensure that our last moments with them are full of love, grace, and comfort.

Signs that your pet is nearing end-of-life:

- Less active, lethargic
- Loss of interest in previous activities
- Eating and drinking less
- Loss of weight and muscle tone
- Loss of mobility, limping
- Urinating or defecating in the home
- Whimpering and flinching with touch
- Change of behaviors or personality
- Hiding



If your pet has any of these symptoms or been given a terminal diagnosis, it is important to discuss next steps with your veterinarian. Bring a prepared list of questions and ask for all available treatment and comfort options. At-home hospice care with treatment may be a possibility. Medications, modified diets, mobility aids, incontinence pads, shallow food bowls, and altered sleeping arrangements can help sustain your pet's quality of life.

Although a painful decision, choosing to euthanize a sick or aging pet can be an act of compassion and love. Consider how your pet's pain and suffering are affecting their quality of life. Ask yourself and your family members the following questions:

- Are they having more good days than bad?
- Are you able to provide the at-home care and support your pet needs?
- If you delay euthanasia, can you still alleviate your pet's pain?

Why are you considering delaying euthanasia? Are you extending your pet's life for a legitimate reason, like waiting for a family member to return home to say good-bye, or are you just delaying the inevitable?

What would it be like for your pet and what would you need to do to prepare for a "natural death"? "Letting nature takes its course" may seem preferable, but it does not necessarily mean a painless, peaceful, or less traumatic death — especially if your pet dies when you are not there to provide comfort and care in the last few moments of life.

Feelings of uncertainty, regret, and sadness are normal and a sign of your devotion to your pet. Be gentle with yourself, too.

### Preparing for Euthanasia

Even though your companion's death is inevitable, you still have control over when, where, and how your pet will die. Planning for your pet's peaceful and loving death is the last gift you can give them. In addition to euthanasia at a clinic, some veterinarians offer in-home euthanasia. This eliminates the trauma and anxiety of bringing your pet to a medical office and allows your pet to die peacefully among family, in their home and with their favorite blanket, toys, and other items. The opportunity to have a home funeral or sit vigil as a family and take time to say goodbye is a priceless opportunity.

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## Shelter Wish List

Cat Toys and Dog Toys (especially durable, enrichment toys for dogs)  
Dog Collars  
Fleece Blankets - Large  
Herm Sprenger Chain Training Collars  
Herm Sprenger Quick Release Collars  
Interactive Food Feeding Dishes  
Leather Leashes (no retractables ones please)  
Martingale Collars  
Peanut Butter (xylitol free)  
Purina Kitten and Cat Food  
Soft Training Treats

Wash Cloths  
Cleaning Supplies  
Bleach  
Dawn Dish Soap  
Liquid Laundry Detergent  
Sponges

Office Supplies  
Postage Stamps  
Computer Paper  
9V Batteries

### Shelter Hours

Monday–Friday: 12:00–5:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00–5:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

Or by appointment.

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday: 10:00 am–5:00 pm

Saturday: 12:00–5:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

During any holiday season,  
please contact the shelter for changes in hours.



### Shelter Location

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Pets@charlevoixhumane.org

Dedicated to the protection and care of all animals, the Charlevoix Area Humane Society is an independent non-profit 501(c)3 no-kill animal shelter that has been serving pets and their humans in Charlevoix County since 1974. We rely almost exclusively on donations and fundraisers to help the lost, neglected, abused, and abandoned animals of Charlevoix County.



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