Our mission: to provide a safe haven for stray or unwanted animals, to foster the human-animal bond, to promote responsible pet ownership and to end pet overpopulation through spay/neuter programs.

Rescue, Reunite, Rehome...

2019 was a year of change for HSBC. We moved into our new home on County Road D, resulting in some amazing things! Having a more visible and spacious facility has led to increased foot traffic. Many more people come to tour the new digs, often bringing gifts with them in the form of wish list items.

It also allows us to support a greater number of volunteers. More people are able to work on socialization with resident cats and dogs without worrying about space constraints. This leads to happier, more adoptable pets.

Larger facilities brings larger numbers. Since 2017, HSBC has nearly doubled its capacity to rescue, reunite and rehome animals simply due to more space. In 2019, 375 dogs and cats were cared for while waiting for their owners to reclaim them or to be welcomed in their new adoptive home.

Rescuing pets includes many things: owner surrenders, accepting stray animals, and saving pets from abandonment and hoarding situations. HSBC has almost doubled its capacity to house and care for dogs and tripled the number of cats it has been able to help.

Reuniting lost pets with caring owners is high on HSBC’s priority list. It is a heartbreaking thing when pets inadvertently get lost. Our network of Facebook followers has increased the number of family reunions, as well as dropped the length of time lost pets spend at the shelter. Nothing spreads the word faster than a dedicated group of people sharing information. It’s a win-win for both pets and people!

HSBC has been able to almost triple the number of adoptions of all pets since 2017. Through the use of the HSBC website, Facebook page, posters on community bulletin boards, and the Weekly Wag, HSBC is able to introduce pets to prospective families long before people ever step foot in the shelter. In January 2020 alone, there were 30 pets who found fur-ever homes—17 cats and 13 dogs.

While these numbers measure the hard work and success of the volunteers, staff, and board members at HSBC, we realize that none of this would be possible without the continued support of the community. Whether attending fundraisers, donating goods, opening your home to a pet, helping at the shelter, or even just throwing your spare change in collection jars, our Burnett County residents embody the caring community that HSBC is trying to foster. Let’s work to keep these numbers skyrocketing!
While pleased with the strides made toward providing safe havens and homes for stray or unwanted animals, we are taking a look at our current offerings and working on new, dynamic ways to serve the community. We are also seeking new avenues for funding these projects.

HSBC has become a Bissell Partner for Pets, which makes us eligible to apply for grants from the Bissell Pet Foundation. The foundation’s goal is to help reduce the number of animals in shelters and rescues through adoption, spay/neuter initiatives, and microchipping. An award from this foundation can help defray some of the operating costs that are currently funded through adoption fees.

Feline overpopulation a real and troubling problem for our community. Even though there is more space in the current shelter, there are still times homeless cats cannot be taken into the shelter until there is sufficient space. To help with this, HSBC is working on bringing back the low-cost spay/neuter clinic days that we hosted last spring.

Plans are currently being developed to renovate the storage space at the west end of the building into an indoor activity room (see “Award Winning” for more on the Pedigree Foundation grant that makes this possible). In addition to being a great place to socialize dogs during the long winter months, we hope it may also lead to developing training and socialization classes not only for the shelter residents, but for the public.

Great things are coming!
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Saturday, April 4; 5–8 pm
Webster Lions Community Center
Join us for a scrumptious lasagna dinner, cash bar, silent and live auctions, and raffles. It’s sure to be a fun time!

Taste of Siren
Saturday, May 2; 6–9 pm
Northwoods Crossing, Siren
HSBC is the featured non-profit at this event! Enjoy small bites and samples of food and drink from Siren area restaurants, cafes and bars.

Annual Plant Sale & Brat Feed
Saturday, May 23; 10 am–2 pm
Peggy Schilling Animal Adoption & Education Center
Get your garden going and have some lunch with us!

Save the Date!

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Thursday, July 2; 5–7 pm
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Saturday, August 8; 10 am–2 pm
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Athletes for Animals has successfully connected professional athletes with a shared passion for animals. They support best practices in animal welfare through fundraising and grant distribution. HSBC was awarded a $1,000 grant earmarked for Star’s Fund. Star’s Fund allows us to provide extraordinary veterinary care for dogs and cats who need more than basic medical intervention. Procedures covered by Star’s Fund include dental care, heartworm treatment, and amputations for animals whose limbs are too damaged to repair.

HSBC was recently awarded the Pedigree Foundation Program Development Grant. This $10,000 award is designed to support activities that expand operational capabilities, in turn increasing dog adoption rates. The receipt of this grant will allow us to renovate the currently unfinished space in the west end of the shelter building. Plans include an indoor play area which will allow volunteers to work with resident dogs regardless of the weather.

The ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative provides grant funding to qualified nonprofit brick-and-mortar shelters and spay/neuter clinics, tribal authorities and government agencies in Alaska, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin. Over the winter, HSBC received a Northern Tier Initiative grant for improved cat housing. These funds were used to purchase two banks of cat condos in the adoption room. The new structures allow for several configurations, creating duplex housing, separating litter boxes from eating and drinking spaces, and to create quads for kittens.

The Bissell Pet Foundation’s goal is to help reduce the number of animals in shelters and rescues through adoption, spay/neuter initiatives, and microchipping. HSBC has recently applied to be a Bissell Partner for Pets, which will qualify us to apply for grants at the next opportunity.

Congratulations! Keep up the good work!
We just recently adopted MJ. We decid-
ed to keep her name. A month or so before we adopted Oreo (Lady), MJ was very lovable to people right away and loved her new home but didn’t want anything to do with Oreo. Thankfully Oreo is very persistent! I think she was just so grateful to have a buddy that she didn’t care if that buddy hissed and swatted at her.

As you can see in the pic, they are new good friends! They sleep together and run around the house and play and wrestle. MJ LOVES catnip! Whenever I spray it on a toy or her cat post, she goes crazy!

I’m very happy with both of them and am glad they love each other. I know Oreo was lonely during the day before we adopted Oreo. MJ LOVES to wrestle. MJ LOVES catnip! Whenever I spray it on a toy or a blanket on the couch, then I can sleep close to him. Sometimes my boy is not at home. Mom tells me and reassures me he will be back in a few days.

Someplace called college.

Mom takes me out in the morning and before bed. She feeds me, gives me treats, pets me and calls me her little boy. She really likes to kiss me on the nose and tell me she loves me, so I do the same back to her!

I love looking out the window at the cabin and at our yard...Sampson does not like thunderstorms, and will jump right into bed with us until the storm is over! When I don’t have any kids in my bed, he joins me for the night. I want to let you know I have the most loving family you will ever meet. I hear “I love you” more times than I can count in a day. My dad comes home first and brings me on car rides on most days. He scratches my ears and pets me a lot. I stick pretty close to dad whether we are inside or outside. Dad is training me on an invisible fence. He loves me so much that he wants to make sure I stay in the yard. Speaking of yards, I have a big yard to run and play! My family says I look perfect in our back yard and is something I might not have had.

My boy is something else. He bought me some new toys and I love every one of them. He calls me his little buddy and loves to hug me. I think I need this boy as much as he needs me. If my boy puts a blanket on the couch, then I can sleep close to him. Sometimes my boy is not at home. Mom tells me and reassures me he will be back in a few days.

As a lifelong cat person I am so happy to finally have a cat of my own again. Chickie is my son’s first cat and he loves her dearly. He enjoys feeding her and playing with her.

POPEYE

This is Popeye! My mom is helping me write this, since I haven’t mastered using her phone. I want to let you know I have the most loving family you will ever meet. I hear “I love you” more times than I can count in a day. My dad comes home first and brings me on car rides on most days. He scratches my ears and pets me a lot. I stick pretty close to dad whether we are inside or outside. Dad is training me on an invisible fence. He loves me so much that he wants to make sure I stay in the yard. Speaking of yards, I have a big yard to run and play! My family says I look perfect in our back yard and is something I might not have had.

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I love looking out the window at the cabin and at our home. My family says I look like a meerkat, whatever that is. I have been working hard to show my family how much I love them. I have not had one accident. I don’t chew on anything in the house, not even my one bone that could be chewed. I do not whine when I have to be put in my kennel at bed time or when we go to the cabin. I love to give kisses and will not miss a chance to get pet. My family says I just want to be loved. They are right!

BOGEY (MILO) AND ACE (BILLY)

Bogey(Milo) and Ace(Billy) are settling in well. They continue to find new nooks and crannies to explore throughout the house. They enjoy snuggling in the rocking chair and looking out the patio window. We laugh as they chase and wrestle each other after a dose of catnip. Overall, I think our fur babies love their new home!