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## MHS is expanding

As you know, we have a very successful spay/neuter clinic. Some time ago we expanded to include many other veterinary services. Now, we are stretched to the limit of what our building can handle with adoptions and veterinary care.

Within the coming months construction will begin to add examination rooms, separate vet clinic reception area and office space for our director and veterinarian. We have recently added more medical equipment for even more ways to care for our pets and our clients. Our ultrasound machine has already been put to good use and at some point we will add dental cleanings.

If you wish to contribute to this project, we certainly will accept with glad hearts. As time goes on, we will come up with a list of specific items we need to get. Many people like the idea of buying a specific item.

The vet clinic has proven to be extremely important for the animals in our shelter. We also pride ourselves in providing veterinary care to those who may not be able to afford it for their pets.

Looking forward to 2021,

Kyle Musselman  
Director

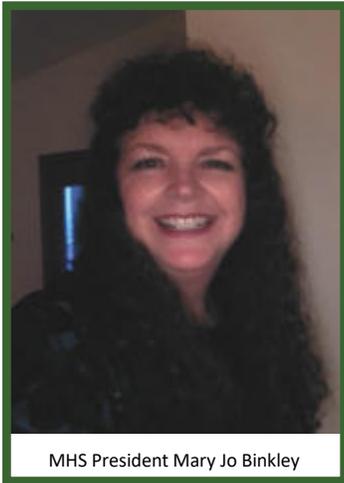
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# SHELTER HAPPENING'S

## From The President...



I am excited to announce that I have been elected as the new President of the Board of Directors at the Missaukee Humane Society.

I am taking over this position from Carolyn Wilson who has served as President over the past 2+ years. I have some big shoes to fill, but I am up to the challenge! Fortunately for us, Carolyn will still be very involved in the operation of MHS as the Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

I have served on the MHS Board of Directors as Vice President for the past two years. I fully support the no-kill shelter philosophy that MHS lives by. Every animal deserves a second chance!

My background has been in post-secondary education with Baker College; most recently with the Cadillac Campus. I moved up here from the Owosso area 16 years ago.

I look forward to working more closely with the forward-thinking, visionary Director, Kyle Musselman. He has done great things for MHS over the years and I know he has new goals and aspirations to move this organization forward.

Please join me in thanking all of the wonderful staff at MHS for their support, care and love that they provide to all of our animals each and every day. Also, special thanks to you, our donors, who help to provide for our animals in so many ways.

These are exciting times for MHS and I am honored to be a part of such greatness!!!

**Mary Jo Binkley**  
President  
Missaukee Humane Society

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# SOME HAPPY TAILS!



## **Catio Project - GOAL HAS BEEN MET!**

A HUGE thank you to all those who have donated to our Catio Project!

We are greatly appreciative of our supporters and donors who help make the lives of our shelter pets better.

Until they find their forever homes, while at MHS:

Our adoptable cats and kittens will have their own enclosed outdoor area to enjoy the fresh air and sunshine!

Prospective adopters and volunteers can enjoy the Catio area.

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Meet Ella McInerney!  
She is 11 years old. She makes and sells homemade dog treats. You can find them for sale at Walravens Nursery and Northwood's Feed. The money she earns she buys pet food and supplies!



A huge shout out to the Baker College Vet Tech program spending some time this week getting some hands-on experience. MHS staff and all the animals thank you!

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# SHELTER HAPPENING'S CONT.



We often receive animals who are in desperate need of medical care and love.

Your donations help save these animals.

Your donations help us give them a safe and better life. Donate today.

## Missaukee Humane Society assists MSP in cruelty case

In early November, we were contacted by the Michigan State Police and the Gladwin County Animal Shelter to assist with a cruelty case involving over 100 live animals.

Many animals had already died.

While it's still an open case, we cannot go into details of the horrific scene we witnessed. We can let you know that the animals MHS took have received urgent medical care from our wonderful veterinary staff. For most, the treatment and care are on-going and will be for some time. Including the dogs we took, MHS also volunteered to take over 15 chickens.

They are receiving the best care they've had in a long time. Please consider making a donation towards the care of animals that MHS rescues and saves.



**This dog, who we call "Isabelle," lived in a dark basement stall in an old barn. Secluded and isolated from everything in life she lived in this horror for who knows how long.**

**In the next stall, laid other animals who did not survive.**

**All the dogs are starting to gain weight. They are excited to see people.**

**Over a month later, they are blossoming into the beautiful souls that were once hidden and frightened to come out.**



# FOSTER & ADOPTION STORIES



We wanted to give you an update on Snow-White, now known as Honey. Her hair is still short so I have purchased winter coats and jammies to keep her cozy. She is really a sweetie and we love her. We have another rescue dog, a female, is also 12 years old with some health issues, too. You can be confident that Honey is living in the lap of luxury. She lounges on the couch with a fleece blanket when she's not out on a walk or playing in our fenced back yard.



Three homemade meals are served to the pups each day. Lean meat and veggies ground up in a Cuisinart. Both dogs have teeth issues that make chewing hard. At night she and our other rescue girl sleep in our bed. Good thing we have a king size bed! Thank you for saving this new addition to our family. We love her.

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