

Love is a Four-Legged Word this Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is fast approaching and to some people it means love, flowers and chocolates. To others it's a day of tears and anger, and for some it is just another day. No matter how you choose to acknowledge February 14th, why don't you celebrate this day as a day to give love to others, more specifically, the four-legged and furry kind?

Northwoods Humane Society is celebrating Valentine's Day by finding foster homes for some of our animals. We will be playing matchmaker and setting up a foster family with a dog or cat that would be a good fit. We are hoping to have the animals in a home by 4 p.m. on February 12th, where they will stay and get some extra love until February 15th. Everybody deserves to be spoiled a bit, so why not an animal? Here are some animals that need some love and a forever home.

Have you ever wanted to meet Hollywood Royalty? Who wouldn't want a friend who knows how to wear all the latest trends and commands attention? Well, the chances of meeting anyone like that are probably slim to none, but if you stop into Northwoods, you could meet a cat that embodies that of a rich socialite.

Sadie is a 3 year old domestic shorthair who thinks she is the star of the show. Always dressed to impress, Sadie never goes anywhere without her little white bikini. If you look at her stomach, it looks as if she is wearing a two piece bathing suit. Sadie is currently Northwood's longest staying guest; she has been with us since September 20, 2008! This girl is full of spunk and attitude. Sadie really is the ruler of her domain. Being the little queen that she is, she only tolerates the other animals. On slow days, Sadie is let out of her kennel to rule the lobby, and rule she does! If something doesn't go her way, she will let you know. We can't figure why she hasn't been adopted yet. This cat has so much personality and is extremely entertaining. Sadie really deserves a second chance at a new life. Could Sadie be your Valentine's Day Sweetheart?

Alright guys, us girls know that Valentine's Day usually isn't your favorite day, so why not spend it with the guys. Hanging with the boys means no pressure to plan a date or spend your hard earned money on a gift. Even if your other buddies have to do the attentive boyfriend thing, you can still spend it with some of the coolest guys around. Meet Sanford and Bandit, two boys who love the outdoors and big adventures.

Sanford is a handsome Lab/Border Collie mix who was found as stray. We have learned that Sanford enjoys the company of other dogs and people. Sanford recently went for a hike with some of our volunteers. He loves being active and receiving all the attention. Despite his cuteness and calmness in his kennel, nobody ever inquires about him. Sending Sanford out for the weekend will ensure that we learn more about him, so we can find him the perfect family. That is, if his foster family doesn't fall for him first.

Bandit, a Blue Heeler Mix, has lots of energy and a very sweet personality. He loves to be outside, even on these cold days, and loves to go for long leisurely walks. Bandit needs some help with socializing; but with his willingness to learn and intelligence, he should be able to learn very quickly. With his big, brown eyes and black mask, it's hard to imagine that anybody could just pass him by. Just like Sanford, Bandit is still here, still waiting for a new family.

We feel that both dogs would do best in a home without small children and no cats. These dogs would be perfect for anybody who loves being active and enjoys

outdoor activities. Lounging around in front of the T.V. probably wouldn't be opposed to either. So fellas, if you are looking for a cute chick magnet and a fun work out buddy, one of these two boys might just be it.

These are just a few of the wonderful animals that are waiting for a new family at Northwoods Humane Society. If you are interested in having a four-legged date for Valentine's Day, please contact the shelter so we can set you up with a dog or a cat. Who knows, it could just be a match made in heaven.

No matter what you are looking for in life, a new best friend, someone to grow old with, or just a fun-loving companion, an animal will provide all the love you will ever need. Think about spending your Valentine's Day with someone who really needs some love, a shelter animal. Our four-legged friends love us no matter what; February 14th is the perfect time to love them back.