

Addendum to For Your Information dated April 1, 2021

Animal Control:

INTAKE

*Cats: 14

*Dogs: 62

OUTCOME

	CAT	DOG	OTHER
ADOPTION	0	2	0
RETURN TO OWNER	0	11	0
TRANSFERRED (RESCUE)	8	35	1
EUTHANIZED	1	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0

March 1, 2021 Clewiston Animal Control received a phone call reporting a missing senior dog from Montura named "Beau". His owner expressed great concern and ACO Amanda Nelson reassured CAC would do everything to help find him. She advised him to send pictures to help ID Beau. Few weeks later on 3/30/21 during a regular patrol in Montura, Clewiston AC seen an abandoned trailer, later discovered to be deemed unlivable, condemned and to be demolished in the future. In the window stood 2 large dogs. Amanda Nelson immediately recognized one of the dogs as Beau! Hendry County Sherriff Office was called along with Code Enforcement and arrived to assist CAC with the seizure of 2 dogs and 1 juvenile Pigeon. Beaus owner was called to share the great news Both were shortly reunited and happy to have the family whole again!



(Officer Nelson with Beau & Owner)

On December 31, 2020 a residence in City of Clewiston was issued a search warrant. At this residence 10 dogs were present. 3 large adults and 7 juvenile pups approximately 7 months old. Clewiston Police Department requested CAC to come help remove the k9s. Due to being unsocialized these dogs proved difficult to apprehend. Over the next few months Clewiston Animal Control managed to catch 6 of the dogs. During those months there were reports of the last 4 remaining dogs running the streets, chasing cars, bicycles, destroying yards and garbage. At this point we requested assistance from neighboring ACOs at LaBelle Animal Control. With their help we managed to catch 3 of the 4 remaining dogs. With the last dog still remaining CAC was working against the clock as we had been informed the property was deemed to be demolished. Finally after multiple attempts and assistance from neighbors Friday March 19, 2021 the final dog was caught. We are proud of everyone involved and greatly appreciated the patience from the community along with their information on the dogs whereabouts and popular locations.

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The daily duties of any animal shelter will always include washing dishes! Clewiston Animal Control averages about 10-20 cats and 6-14 dogs on most days. With that many mouths to feed there is at least that many food and water bowls if not double! Being an animal control facility completing daily task can be difficult on our busy days so at times hand washing 30+ bowls can be time consuming. Evidently we were not the only ones who noticed. On March 15, 2021 Public Works shown up to CAC with a brand new DISHWASHER! They informed us that an anonymous person had purchased and donated it to CAC! The task time has now been cut almost in half! We sincerely appreciate this amazing and kind donation!



Clewiston Animal Control has recently purchased a new software program: Shelter Manager! With this amazing new step up for the department we can now access all shelter data quickly and almost instantly from desktop or in the field. Until now CAC has only been using paper documentations and when needing to find previous information it could prove time consuming or almost impossible as previous staff may have filed incorrectly resulting in major delays or complications. Now with Shelter Manager we are able to collect necessary data, have information on previous animals or residents, along with mapping of the jurisdiction and much much more! We are extremely excited and thankful for this new program to help improve CAC service!

Over the years CAC has unfortunately seen its fair share of unspeakable cruelty/neglect cases involving the animals of our area. With Hendry County being such a rural area it is notorious for things such as: Dog Fighting, Puppy Mills, Rooster fighting, animal dumping and much more. Recently CAC reached out and began connecting with The Humane Society of the United States. A relationship with their investigators quickly grew and is proving to be extremely valuable in aiding CAC in the fight against cruelty. We are thrilled to announce we now have a working relationship with an incredible asset to our community but more importantly to our animals!

Clewiston Animal Control Officers,
Jamie Wright & Amanda Nelson