

MECA NEWS



UPDATE FROM MARLA

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In partnership with FOX Sports Network (FSN), Dr. Lichtenberger, DVM, DACVECC and The Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals hosted another successful event for the MECA Foundation this past July 20th 2013.

In total, over 1200 people attended showing their support for the Foundation's mission of raising awareness and crucial funds needed to help protect Wisconsin Police K-9's with bullet resistant and stab proof vests and to assist Wisconsin Police K-9 Units with funds needed to acquire their police K-9 partners.

Special guests included Milwaukee Brewers Martin Maldonado, Brandon Kintzler and Caleb Gindl who came out to reinforce MECA's mission and to bolster their support for such an important cause.

Various Police K-9 departments were on hand to showcase k-9 demos and to emphasize what an important role k-9 officers play in protecting our communities.

During the presentation ceremony, Greenfield Mayor Michael J. Neitzke introduced Greenfield's new K-9 "Karma" who was donated to the city by the MECA Foundation. Dr. Lichtenberger also donated a brand new protective vest for the Oak Creek Police new K-9 "Nox".



The MECA Foundation, founded by Dr. Marla Lichtenberger, DVM, DACVECC is a non-profit organization dedicated to protecting every police dog in the state of Wisconsin with bullet resistant and stab proof vests. In addition, the MECA Foundation also assists Wisconsin police K-9 Units purchase police dogs by donating grants to Wisconsin k-9 Units.

Whether you're a business or an individual who would like to donate to the MECA Foundation you can log on to mecavestak9policedogwi.org or call 414-543-7387.

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Milwaukee Emergency Center for Animals
 Greater Milwaukee's Choice for Prompt Animal ER Care, 24/7

MADACC Submitted by
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Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC), tucked away next to the Journal Sentinel building on W. Burnham Street in West Milwaukee, is a place that remains unknown to or unnoticed by many residents of Milwaukee County. Few who pass by the building or have business at the shelter realize that MADACC has the responsibility for rescuing and caring for over 12,000 stray, abandoned, mistreated and injured animals each year — more than any other animal care and control facility in Wisconsin.

MADACC opened August 1, 1999 to provide animal care and control services for the 19 municipalities of Milwaukee County, and has been full ever since!

Upon admittance, the MADACC veterinary staff scans animals for a microchip, conducts a health exam, and administers vaccinations and necessary medications and preventatives. Every animal's photograph is taken and posted onto MADACC's website, www.madacc.org, which is updated hourly. By law, animals are sheltered for a minimum of seven days to allow owners to reclaim missing pets.

MADACC receives calls on a daily basis regarding sick and injured stray animals. If an animal requires emergency veterinary care after hours, MADACC will send the animal to MECA's veterinarians for necessary diagnostics and treatment. MECA's veterinarians provide MADACC's Medical Director with veterinary reports to guide continuing care and a place for second

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Dr. Lichtenberger, DVM, DACVECC supports a variety of animal rescues, humane societies and animal welfare organizations statewide. Debuting with our Fall Newsletter, you'll learn about Dr. Lichtenberger's medical support, volunteerism, educational seminars and various other ways she offers assistance to these organizations.



24 HOUR ANIMAL ER
Milwaukee Emergency
Center for Animals

And Specialty Services

Nicholas Juleen, DVM Celebrates Fourth Year At Brentwood Animal Hospital, Oak Creek

Dr. Juleen will be celebrating his fourth year anniversary with Brentwood Animal Hospital on September 30th, 2013.



Growing up with two dogs, Dr. Juleen realized at the young age of eight years old that he wanted to be a veterinarian while accompanying his father to the local vet for their family dog's yearly exam.

He attended the Veterinary school at the University of Wisconsin and has been practicing veterinary medicine for the past eight years.

The favorite part of Dr. Juleen's job is participating in the daily interaction with clients in the exam rooms. His most memorable case was treating a Miniature Schnauzer for immune mediated hemolytic anemia which was thought to be caused by an idiosyncratic reaction to antibiotics. The pet was in treatment for six months with three different immunosuppressive medications. At the end of that period, she was taken off all medications and remains healthy.

In his spare time, Dr. Juleen enjoys being with his family, reading American History and American Military History and being in the great outdoors. His family currently share three pets, "Elise" a black Labrador retriever, "Salem" a domestic Shorthair and "Buster" a Mini- rex rabbit.

PK *Written by Dr. Carolyn Jochman*

P.K. came to see us in early August of this year after being hit by a car. He and his owner were visiting Milwaukee and P.K., excited by his new surroundings, ran into an unfamiliar road.

Travis, his "dad", immediately saw that P.K. had been struck very hard and was already having difficulty breathing. He was at the hospital within minutes.

Initial evaluation revealed that P.K. had sustained severe chest trauma and was in immediate need of CPR to save his life. Thankfully he is a young, strong dog and his heart appeared to have escaped damage. His lungs were the life threatening issue.

The decision was made to evacuate suspected air accumulating around his lungs. 2 liters of air had already been trapped into the space between the lungs and body wall (this is called the pleural space). This was causing his lungs to collapse. If he had been any further from the hospital he may have died from his collapsed lungs. P.K. also had severe bruising on his lungs and fractured ribs which, by themselves would have been enough to cause him to have an extreme difficult time breathing.

He was given pain medications, oxygen and IV fluids and admitted to the ICU. Overnight it was necessary to perform a needle extraction to remove the air from around his lungs 2 more times (for a total of 6 liters of air). In the morning, the decision was made to place a chest tube so the air could be removed in larger quantities and at a more rapid rate, as we were having trouble keeping up with the air being produced. Often times when pets sustain severe trauma to the lungs, part of the lung ruptures and causes a continuous leak size and number of leaks. Unfortunately in most cases, the only way to know for certain the amount of damage to the lungs, is to perform an exploratory surgery to examine the lungs. At this time the damaged part of the lung can be removed. Many times the leaks can close on their own by keeping the pleural space evacuated and allowing for the normal pressures inside the chest to normalize and thus seal off the ruptured tissue.

Even after chest tube placement, we were unable to obtain a seal. We had one tool left in our arsenal - a continuous suction pump. This machine continually removes air from the pleural space. Until this point P.K. would not eat or sleep because he was uncomfortable from the constant accumulation of air in his chest. Once he was started on continuous suction he was comfortable, sleeping, eating and left the hospital with a new leash on life in 3 days!

Today P.K. is healed from all his injuries and is able to enjoy the last warm days doing what he loves best - running, playing and enjoying time with Travis.

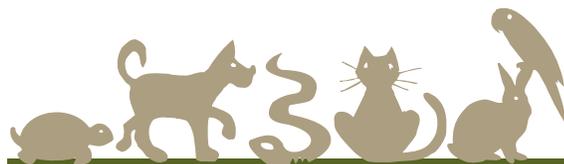


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opinions and diagnostic testing.

In addition to providing emergency medical care to stray animals, MECA supports MADACC in other ways as well. Dr. Marla Lichtenberger led a CPR and First Aid class for pet owners, and used proceeds from the event to purchase a new pulse oximeter for MADACC's low cost spay/neuter clinic. MADACC veterinary staff uses this equipment to monitor surgery patients' well-being while under anesthesia.

This summer, MECA was also a temporary home to 6 MADACC adoptable kittens. MECA staff lovingly cared for and displayed the kittens and is pleased to report that each is now in a loving forever home!



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