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Waushara County Animal Shelter "An Old Boarding Kennel Transformed"



Located on State Highway 22 just outside of Wautoma, Wisconsin is the Waushara County Animal Shelter (WCAS). Until a couple of years ago, the greater Waushara County area was without a caring facility where unwanted or abandoned dogs and cats could find temporary refuge. The shelter was the vision of local veterinarian, Dr. Kristina Mott.

The concept of the WCAS started taking form in 2018 with the acquisition of an old run-down boarding kennel. In October of 2022, the transformation into a modern, state-licensed facility was complete, and the State of Wisconsin certified the building to be open for business. "We are licensed to handle 18 dogs. Since the state does not regulate cats, we have a self-imposed capacity of 10 cats," said Greg Foster, Vice President and working volunteer.

While the inside of the building had been completely remodeled and repaired, the outside dog kennels were still in seriously sad shape. The kennel roofs were built with a combination of galvanized and fiberglass roofing panels. Over the years, the fiberglass panels had totally deteriorated and they leak badly whenever it rains.



Wanting a solution that would not sacrifice light transmission, the WCAS team decided to replace the aging fiberglass panels with LEXAN™ Greca corrugated polycarbonate panels. Greg explained their decision: "We chose the polycarbonate after doing online research that showed the PC would be more durable and weather resilient than fiberglass."



Stronger than traditional fiberglass panels, LEXAN™ Greca polycarbonate panels feature the latest in product technology, offering outstanding physical characteristics such as high light transmission, advanced UV-protection, and excellent impact resistance. Panels are stocked in standard colors of clear, softlite, opal, and bronze.

Concerned that clear panels would let too much light and heat pass through, the WACS team picked the softlite panel. This panel uses advanced polymer technology to diffuse and scatter natural light. The result is a softer light that helps to eliminate hot spots, glare, and shadows, creating a more comfortable environment for both people and animals. "The kennels were always so gloomy and cold feeling," Greg said. "Now they are much brighter and provide a warmer, friendlier environment for our furry friends."

As a working volunteer, Greg was tasked with removing the

old and installing the new panels. He found the corrugated polycarbonate panels easy to work with. "The panels cut easily with a fine plywood blade on a 7-1/4" circular saw. With some fixturing, we were able to cut 3 to 4 panels at a time. Predrilling was easy and went quickly." He went on to say the corrugated polycarbonate panels integrated well with the existing steel roofing panels.



The board and volunteers are all very pleased with what in now the Waushara County Animal Shelter — a special place where displaced dogs and cats can be taken in with the intent of finding them a loving forever home. "We have shared project photos with our Facebook followers, and we have had nothing but positive feedback," Greg said with a smile. "They feel the increased lighting makes things so much more friendly looking."

The staff and board of the Waushara County Animal Shelter is made up of volunteers. No one gets paid. They are a non-profit organization that relies on fundraising and donations to support its operations. To learn more about their mission and/or donate, please visit their website: www.wausharacoanimalshelter.com.

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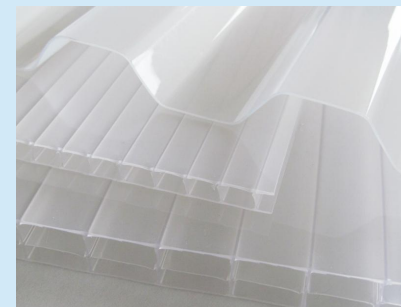
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DIY Tip of the Month

Polycarbonate Wind Barrier

Are you looking for a cost-effective way to block the elements from your front porch, entry way, or maybe your back garage door?



Multiwall polycarbonate panels are a durable and easy-to-install DIY solution. Unlike evergreen shrubs or wooden lattice fencing, translucent multiwall polycarbonate panels allow light to pass through while still offering some visibility of your surroundings.

- Let Natural Light In
- Keep Gusty Winds at Bay
- Won't Block Your View

Multiwall polycarbonate is light in weight and easy to work with. Panels can be cut and installed using standard construction tools and fasteners.



Virtually unbreakable, multiwall polycarbonate panels can withstand the impact of blowing snow or freezing rain, providing years of wind protection.

Note: For the most effective wind block, run the polycarbonate panel from the ground to the roofline. This will direct the wind up and over the roof instead of settling back down on the other side.

Stuck-on Labels



Q: What is the best way to remove a 'stuck-on product label' from a sheet?

A. First method: Saturate the label with soapy lukewarm water to loosen the adhesive. The label should remove easily after about 15 minutes of soaking.

Second method: Wet a soft cloth with rubbing alcohol. Lay the cloth over the face of the label and leave on for 15 minutes. Starting at one corner, slowly peel off label. Rinse thoroughly with lukewarm water.

Third method: Wet a soft cloth with white vinegar diluted with equal parts water. Lay the cloth over the face of the label and leave on for 15 minutes. Starting at one corner, slowly peel off label. Rinse thoroughly with lukewarm water.

Depending on the thickness of the label, you may need to let it soak for a bit longer.

[More FAQs](#)

Can Polycarbonate Sheets Withstand Harsh Weather?

Weatherability of Polycarbonate Sheets



Tough, durable and impact resistant, today's multiwall polycarbonate sheets are manufactured to withstand whatever mother nature throws at it.

Advanced UV protection on one or both sides of the polycarbonate sheet ensure its longevity and lasting performance characteristics.

Whether you are planning a large-scale commercial project or a DIY project around the house, multiwall polycarbonate sheets are an ideal glazing choice for all types of climates and weather conditions.

Weather Resistant Benefits



- Blocks Harmful UV Rays
- Stands Up to Hail & Ice
- Tough Against Strong Winds
- Supports Heavy Snow Loads
- Provides Years of Enjoyment

Links of Interest

- [Easy to assemble and dismantle, this mobile store is a temporary lightweight structure built of wood, steel, and multiwall polycarbonate.](#)
- [Designing with daylighting in mind is an important architectural strategy for improving the comfort and energy efficiency of indoor environments.](#)
- [A Japanese shoji-style shed is clad with translucent polycarbonate, creating a naturally lit gardening space during the day and a glowing light box at night.](#)

Company Highlights

Meet the A-Team

Employee Spotlight | Jazlyn Voss

Looking for a challenge and a more stable work schedule, Jazlyn joined the AmeriLux A-Team in October of 2022.

As an Account Manager with AmeriLux International, the majority of Jazlyn's day is spent accurately entering information into the company's computer system, resolving issues with orders as they arise, and keeping track of materials needed to fulfill orders. "I love that I learn something new every day," said Jazlyn. "I get to work with different people from different departments who I learn a lot from just by talking with them."

When asked how she would define the culture at AmeriLux, Jazlyn had this to say: "Everyone is encouraged to make plays and have a positive outlook. Since the day I started, everyone has been willing to help me learn or there if I have questions."



"The culture at AmeriLux is very positive and comfortable."

"Don't Confuse Activity with Results"

"We don't complain or blame when problems arise but focus on effective solutions. When evaluating decisions and outcomes, we continually ask: "Is it effective?" We prioritize things that contribute positively to a "win," and avoid things that are neutral



or negative. We measure the usefulness of our activity by the meaningful results we produce.”

January's Brand Ambassador: Tim Wagner

Financial Analyst - AmeriLux International

How We Succeed at AmeriLux

Upcoming Tradeshows

If you're planning on attending one of these upcoming shows in February, please visit our booth to learn more about our wide range of building materials and plastic sheet products.

World Ag Expo

- Where: Tulare, CA
- When: February 13 - 15
- Booth#: 6739 & 6740

NAHB International Builders Show

- Where: Las Vegas, NV
- When: February 27 - 29
- Booth#: C6648

Southwest Car Wash Association Show

- Where: Fort Worth, TX
- When: February 28 - March 1
- Booth#: 237



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