



Happy Tails

The Will County Humane Society Newsletter

"to seek justice for and intercede on behalf of all animals"

Spring 2010

Fundraising Events for Spring 2010 – Save these Dates!!!

I would like to thank those of you who have already started supporting WCHS this year with your regular contributions, memorials, support of the Spaghetti Dinner and Texas Hold em Tournament. The shelter has a new slogan "**From a cage...into your home**". This has been placed onto a new pull over hoodie style (sweat shirt) which is available at the shelter for purchase. Also available are our new denim button front shirts, baseball caps and dog scarves. We have marked down the 2009 t-shirts and sweat shirts to \$10.00, get them while supplies last. WCHS has a wide range of opportunity this year for you to come out and show your support.

Mark your calendars!!! Upcoming events include:

March 28th

Adoption Event and Bake Sale, PetCo (RT 59)

April

Texas Hold em Tournament, Date (TBD)

Moran AC Hamburger Night, Bake Sale, April 8

May 8th

Annual Adopt-a-thon

12pm – 5pm, Annual Adoptathon, Plant Sale and More

At this annual event, we invite you to come to the shelter and meet the adoptable cats and dogs at the shelter. Last year, 9 animals found forever homes. The plant sale will include the sale of hanging baskets, potted plants, and flats of flowers and vegetables. Gardeners will be able to shop for new and used tools, gifts, and décor at the garden resale table. For a nominal fee, try your hand at a make and take project. Purchase a special pom pom puppy bouquet. There will also be a bake sale, raffles, and the sale of shelter merchandise. This is a great place to pick up a Mother's Day gift. Check our website for additional information and updates.

We will be taking donations of the following for this event – garden themed raffle gifts, any of your extra indoor or outdoor plants, any new or gently used lawn and garden items for the resale.

June 26th & 27th –

Garage Sale Days

Remember due to space limitations we will not be able to accept clothing or shoes. Donations for the Garage Sale accepted after May 1st.

July

Bakeless Bake Sale

To make this the biggest year ever, please share this information with all your family and friends.

For a complete list of all upcoming events please call the shelter, visit our web site or facebook page.

Kim Lake, Fundraising Chair

Adopt an FIV+ cat



Twix and Tony are looking for new forever homes. These sweet cats were turned in as strays.

Although they were both diagnosed with FIV (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus), this doesn't mean they should spend the rest of their lives at the shelter. It's common

for FIV+ cats to live a full lifespan without exhibiting signs of the virus. This virus is not transmittable to people, dogs, or other species - but it IS transmittable to other cats. For this reason, FIV+ cats can not go into homes with cats who have tested negative for this virus. They can also go into a home as the only cat. Tony is a large black male approximately 7-8 years old. Twix is a declawed female torti about 5-6 years old. They are both currently being kept in the isolation room away from the other cats. So please open your heart and your home to these special kitties.



MADGE HAS NEW "DIGGS"!

By: Patty Danko

We are so pleased and excited to announce the adoption of our Madge! You may remember our sweet dog that we featured several times in our previous newsletters. Madge is a 7 year old, Australian Shepherd mix, who came to us from a kill shelter 2 years ago. Even though she has a sweet and loving disposition, she was difficult to adopt due to her shyness around strangers, her fear of other dogs, her age, and the fact that she is blind in one eye. Luckily for Madge, her new mom, Christine, didn't care about any of that and Madge's shyness disappeared when Christine walked into her cage. We were amazed how easily and quickly Madge took to Christine, licking her face and rolling over to get her belly scratched.

Madge has now moved into her new home in Downers Grove and lives with her mom and "sister" (a cat named KitCat). Madge and KitCat are still going through an adjustment period, but Christine is confident they will become pals soon. In the meantime, Madge is settling into her new life as "top dog". She enjoys curling up on the couch with her mom to watch TV, going on lots of walks, getting brushed, playing with her "squeakies", chewing on rawhides, and at the end of the day, sleeping in a nice, cozy bed with her mom. Christine said, "She gets so excited when I get home - she 'dances' in place with her ears down flat and lets me hug her...she is such a sweetheart and SO well behaved!"

We are pretty certain that after 2 years in a cage, Madge is wondering if she died and went to heaven. So a huge thank-you to Christine for being our (and Madge's) hero and thanks to all of you, our supporters....without your generosity, success stories like Madge's would not be possible!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You !!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Special Projects committee would like to give a great big THANK-YOU to all of our loyal supporters. The response to our plea for help to purchase new cages for the puppy room and the cat isolation room was overwhelming. Due to your generosity we were able to buy twenty-four new cages! The cages have been installed and they look fantastic. They have created added space in both rooms so when the cats, kittens, and puppies are out of the cages for exercise they have more room to play.

The cages are also easier to clean- a feature both the staff and volunteers are enjoying! The doors close securely so we no longer have to worry about anyone getting out of their cage. We are in the process of ordering plaques to list those who purchased a cage. Those will be on display in both rooms. It has been reassuring to know that when our animals need help we can count our shelter friends.

Once again our most sincere thank-yous. This could not have been done without your help. Please stop by the shelter and take a look at what you have been a part of. The animals thank-you and so do we.

By Cindy McKeand

Volunteer Corner

Please keep the shelter in mind if you have time to donate. It's a lot of fun and the animals really need our love and attention.

Our official volunteer program operates on Monday/Wednesday/Friday however, we need volunteers on the weekends to walk dogs. When volunteers aren't there on the weekends, the dogs are outside but they don't get walked. They truly need some human interaction. The weather is getting nicer so relieve your cabin fever by getting out and spending time with the dogs. The weekend walking hours are 8:30-11:30am.

Note that we cannot accept volunteers under the age of 12. Children 12-16 are welcome if they're accompanied by an adult.

Birth of a NO-Kill Shelter (final)

In summary, I would like to thank our generous community for all their support and those that have remembered us in their wills as that has made it possible for us to pay property mortgage and be able to build our shelter, we could not have existed without you.

To the many volunteers, past and present, that have given of their time and talents so freely.

To Dr. Roger Hitt, who has been with us from the beginning and helped us medically so generously and patiently waited to be paid, such endurance.

I would like to give a tribute to our shelter manager, Larry Ringbauer, whose greatest attribute is his great heart and compassion for all the orphans. If they come in frightened or anti-social, Larry will win them over, animals sense a good heart.

I would also like to remember Marge Meyers, who passed away this past spring due to her failing health. There was no one more dedicated to animal rescue. She had no limit to helping an animal in need. I'm sure St. Francis welcomed her home.

Finally, I would like to thank our Board of Directors for diligently working to improve our shelter for all our guests. I would also like to recognize one past board member who moved from our area that had a gift of smoothing our wrinkles or problems before we knew they were there. Kathy Harms was an asset to our group and is missed by many.

May God bless our community of animal lovers.

By Babe Baker

THE LUVABULLY CORNER

In this newsletter, I want to share some insight into this fascinating breed. The pit bull breed is a sensitive subject these days. Mentions in the media of the misunderstood breed are usually negative but breed supporters have taken notice & we are working hard to change public perception of pit bulls. Many people do not like to refer to them as "bully breeds". But did you know that the term "bully" actually refers to this breeds bull related past & is not a reference to their temperament or character? Did you know that in the early 20th century years, the American Pit bull Terrier was Americas favorite breed? Petey, star of the popular "Our Gang" show featuring the Little Rascals was a pit bull! Many famous people owned pit bulls including President Theodore Roosevelt, Laura Ingalls Wilder & Helen Keller. The RCA dog, the Buster Brown dog, both were pit bulls! A pit bull-mix named Stubby received a commendation for being a hero during WW 1. Today, this breeds loyal, loving, anxious to please temperament, along with their strength & tenacity has also been a downfall for them as in the hands of the wrong people, these qualities are taken advantage of & these wonderful dogs are used in the horrible act of dog fighting. I implore all who read this to learn more about this excellent breed. Recent history has not been too kind to the bully breeds, but with a properly informed public & media, dedicated owners, & responsible breeders, there is absolutely no reason our pitties can not get the love & respect that they deserve. A good website to visit is www.dontbullymybreed.com Please help us to spread the good word about a great breed!!!!!!!!!!!!

Kathy Simon

We Appreciate All Types of Donors

A special thank you goes out to all of our donors. Without them we would not have a shelter as we receive no other funding. We have several types of donors I'd like to mention.

1. We have our regular faithful donors that respond to our needs with no special solicitation.
2. We have donors who always respond to any fundraiser we have.
3. Memorials on behalf of a deceased animals accounts for additional monies. Often the beloved animal was adopted from the shelter. The stories that accompany the donations are heartwarming.
4. Finally, a large portion of our revenue comes from memorials requested upon a person's death or via their will. Often we will hear how the deceased person loved animals and believed in our mission. Most of our large projects have been funded through this source.

We take the stewardship of this donated money very seriously. We have very little paid help. To conserve funds we have a large crew of volunteers who faithfully work on whatever is needed.

Thank you for your help through out the year.

Jackie McTee

Wish List

Pet Supplies

Purina Dog Food (Canned & Dry)**
Purina Cat Food (Canned & Dry)**
KMR (Kitten Feeding Formula) – Wal-mart**
Esbilac (Puppy Feeding Formula) – Wal-mart
(ALL BRANDS ACCEPTED)

Pet Nurers

Cat Litter (Generic is fine)**
Leashes & Collars (any size)
Kongs (any sizes)
Blow Dryers
Heating Pads
Guillotine-Type Nail Clippers
Portable Veterinary Scale –Model #49-114
(Revival Animal Health)
(800)-786-4751
High-Capacity Stand on Scale - Model #49-115
(Revival Animal Health)
(800)-786-4751

Office Supplies

First-Class Postage Stamps**
2100 D HP Laser Printer Cartridges
2200 D HP Laser Printer Cartridges
HP Toner Cartridges, 78 & 45
Brother Products - DR400 & TN430
Copier Paper (White and Color)
Mailing Labels 5160 (Bulk Mailings)
Clipboards (Both Sizes)
Post-It Notes
Plastic Storage Bins (to file paper)

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CURRENT SHELTER HOURS:

Tuesday	12:00 to 5:00pm
Thursday	12:00 to 5:00pm
Saturday	12:00 to 5:00pm
Sunday	12:00 to 5:00pm

Phone: (815) 741-0695

Web Site: www.willcountyhumane.org

Adoption Fees:

Adult Dogs	\$175
Puppies	\$125
Cats	\$75
Kittens	\$50

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Address: _____

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to the above address)