

Paw Prints



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Spread the word

February is Spay/Neuter Month

By Mary "Tief" Tiefenbrunn

In 1995, the Doris Day Animal League designated the third Tuesday of February as "Spay Day USA." Since then, animal welfare organizations across the U.S. have chosen February as the month in which they will make special efforts to conduct low-cost spay and neuter clinics and increase awareness of the benefits of spaying and neutering companion animals.

On Spay Day last year, more than 1,600 Illinois pets were spayed or neutered! Since its inception, Spay Day USA participants have spayed or neutered more than 1.2 million companion animals.

Everybody knows that spaying and neutering cats and dogs helps control the population of homeless animals. But did you know about these other benefits?

- Spayed and neutered pets are not as motivated to roam as intact animals. That means they stay closer to their home and family and are less likely to be lost or injured by cars.

- Spayed dogs do not experience the hormonal and physiological effects of a "heat cycle." These effects can be stressful for both the animal and her human companion.

- Spayed and neutered pets are less likely to become agitated and aggressive. That means they are less likely to bite people and fight with other animals.

- Spaying your pet can lower her chance of developing certain medical conditions, such as breast cancer; and eliminate her risk of developing uterine or ovarian cancer.

- Neutered males are not at risk for testicular cancer and are less likely to develop prostate disease.

- Neutered cats are less likely to spray and mark territory.

Across the United States, spay and neuter campaigns have significantly reduced the number of animals that are euthanized simply because they are homeless. These efforts have been so successful in some northeastern states that many animal shelters in those areas currently have a "shortage" of adoptable dogs. Here in the Midwest, more needs to be done and we hope you'll join CCHS in raising spay/neuter awareness this month.

If your pets are already spayed or neutered, you can still help with our spay/neuter awareness efforts. Word of mouth is often the best way to influence people. If you know someone – a neighbor, friend or co-worker – who hasn't spayed or neutered his pet, start a dialogue about the benefits of spay/neuter. If you're too shy to speak up, consider slipping your associate a spay/neuter information sheet. You can download and print out handy fact sheets for free at www.spayusa.com and www.hsus.org. You could also use these materials to educate your children about spay/neuter and encourage your kids to ask their scout or 4-H group to hold a fund-raising drive to raise money for spay/neuter programs. Or, make your own donation to CCHS, and earmark that donation for spay/neuter programs. Watch the CCHS Web site (www.cchshumane.org) for more information on local spay and neuter programs this month. 🐾

Photo by Barbara Meyer



Mrs. Clause provided a comfortable lap in one communal cat room in December. Real-live laps are sought to help socialize cats who aren't able to enjoy the freedom of the communal rooms.

Seeking cozy cuddlers to soothe and socialize cats

By Gloria Sax

You may wonder which lucky cats are chosen to live in our two communal cat rooms – a home-like setting complete with couches, chairs, hidey-holes and no cages.

You might not realize that CCHS has a number of long-term residents – some with us for more than two years (Evalynn, since December 2003) – not because they are not wonderful cats, but because they have just not yet clicked with the person who will provide them their forever homes. These are the cats we strive to move into this living environment, if they like to live with other cats.

Unfortunately not all cats like each other, so for those long-term residents who have to live in a cage – and for all of our other cats – we have very special folks who go to great lengths

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Good mews!

Since Christmas, nine long-term cats were adopted from CCHS:

Willow, arrived 6/10/04; adopted 1/9/06; (Senior for Senior)*

Zima, arrived 08/2/04; adopted 12/30/05 (Senior for Senior)*

Owen, arrived 11/6/04; adopted 12/27/05

Donavan, arrived 12/11/04; adopted 1/15/06

Brandi, arrived 12/24/04; adopted 1/13/06; (Ms. Garbo)**

Stars, arrived 1/18/05; adopted 1/8/06

Pepper, arrived 1/8/05; adopted 1/16/06; (Senior for Senior)*

Smudge, arrived 2/28/05; adopted 1/15/06

PJ, arrived 5/19/05; adopted 1/13/06 (Ms. Garbo)**

*Senior for Senior program allows seniors 55 or older who adopt a cat 8 years old or older to pay no adoption fee.

**Ms. Garbo Fund pays the second adoption fee for any pair of cats adopted that were each over a year old.

From the Executive Director **Jason Smith**

Cold noses, warm hearts make for a happy holiday season

Regardless of how we each observe the holidays, one thing holds true. Holidays are about love, compassion and the celebration of life. Never was this ideology more exemplified to me than at the Champaign County Humane Society in December.

Early every December, CCHS sends out an annual holiday appeal. Our card this year featured Maeve, one of the pets we were able to help thanks to your support.

The winter months are our slowest time for adoptions, a slow period for special events and traditionally a time when donations are limited due to holiday shopping. The combination of these factors makes the winter months a financially precarious time for CCHS, which houses hundreds of animals year round.

CCHS counts on the infusion of donations during this time to survive through the winter until adoptions begin to increase again in the spring. CCHS is no stranger to pinching pennies but having entered its third fiscal year in a deficit budget, this year's mailer was especially anticipated.

As I walked through the kennels and watched the cats in the communal room participate in their morning play ritual, I could not help but hope that our donors could find it in their hearts and pocketbooks to be especially compassionate to CCHS this year.

We have exciting plans to better the lives of animals in the shelter and beyond. I knew



Jason and Griffin, his CCHS alum

that the weak growth of the economy and rising energy prices were taking their

toll on our expense accounts, as well as the revenues that we so desperately count on. But by late December, I knew that something special was happening.

As of Christmas, we had seen an unprecedented response to our Christmas appeal. We had exceeded our expected donations and we were continuing to receive envelopes every day. When all was said and done, our Christmas appeal had raised more than \$42,000 (and still going as of mid-January). Not only did this exceed our anticipated \$37,000 response but is the largest documented response ever to our direct-mail appeals!

If you donated this year, you are no doubt reading this article (we never miss an opportunity to acknowledge our new friends). I hope you realize that you were part of something very special. Your generous gifts not only provided a warm, safe and clean environment for our resident pets but has invigorated an amazing staff by showing them that they have your support in our efforts to provide for Champaign County's homeless pets. 🐾

Seeking cat cuddlers

to give these cats as much affection and attention as they can.

These angels of mercy are our volunteer cat socializers.

Joanne Haynes, who has been volunteering for four years, believes one of her most important roles is keeping the cats used to coming out of their cages and accepting love from people so they don't develop a preference for becoming cage-bound.

Janette Maher likes to make sure that the cats' cages are comfortable (and hopes the cats

*"Time with cats is never wasted."
— Collete*

agree with her idea of comfort!) by providing soft bedding or toys if staff haven't had a chance to do that yet in their normal routine.

Holding, brushing, playing – these are all things the socializers do in an effort to make the time at the shelter as comfortable and pleasant as possible for our feline friends.

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And the rewards? Haynes' reward comes from seeing that she's made a difference in the life of even one

animal. "The tiniest thing we can do ... is never wasted," she said. "And seeing a cat who was terrified of people become happy and go home with somebody, and knowing I helped with that – [the feeling is] delicious. It's just absolutely satisfying."

The French writer Collete said it best:

"Time with cats is never wasted."

Do you have time to spare? Are you looking for a rewarding, satisfying experience?

Consider becoming a cat socializer and an integral part of enriching the lives of the homeless animals waiting to find just the right person or family.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Katie Widlacki at katie.widlacki@cuhumane.org or 344-7297.

You will be purredly rewarded if you do! 🐾

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Pets all smiles about dental program that gives them a healthy start

By Ginny Hudak-David

Open wide!
These days, those two words make a world of difference to CCHS residents. Dental care provided while pets are at the shelter not only makes them more comfortable, it can make the animals more attractive to potential adopters who take home a healthier pet that does not require extensive dental treatments.

Many of the pets at the shelter have severe gingivitis, tartar and dental calculus, and some have serious dental infections and broken teeth. Seniors from the College of Veterinary Medicine under the supervision of Dr. Sandra Manfra visit the shelter once or twice a month to perform cleanings, extractions and other dental work. The dentistry rotation is an opportunity for the students to polish their skills in the field.

"Treatment can make some of our furry friends staying at the shelter much more adoptable, especially the

older ones who often have a significant amount of dental disease," said Dr. Jennifer Stone, CCHS staff veterinarian.

Dr. Manfra was instrumental in making this program possible by securing the donation of a significant amount of equipment, including an ultrasonic scaler, a high-speed unit with polisher and drill attachments, dental surgical packs, pain medicine for dogs, and toothpaste for polishing teeth. Donors include Cislak Manufacturing, which contributed the hand instruments; the Pfizer Co.; the Kankakee Valley

What are the signs of dental problems?

Bad breath or visible tartar

Difficulty eating

Discharge from the nose

Swelling under the eyes

Pawing at the mouth

Veterinary Medical Association; Harry Meliga, who repaired the scaler; and Janet Mertz, who funded the repair of the high-speed unit. The equipment and supplies are available to Dr. Stone when the students are not at the shelter.

"The end result has been remarkable," said Dr. Manfra, who is grateful to the donors who gave time, money or equipment for the project. "We've augmented the services already offered to the residents at the shelter and we're providing an invaluable experience for the students at the College of Veterinary Medicine."

Like most humans, the pets probably don't look forward to their time at the dentist. Still, any discomfort is temporary and leads to a gleaming smile and a healthier animal.

"We're so grateful to Dr. Manfra and the senior vet students for their services," said Dr. Stone. "Dental care is often overlooked by pet owners but it is a very important part of overall health. Starting with clean teeth and a bright smile helps give these animals a healthy start when they go to their new homes." 🐾

Thank you!

Generous response to Katrina Relief Fund

By Jason Smith

On Aug. 29, millions of Americans watched in horror as Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast and displaced hundreds of thousands of residents.

Soon after, generous supporters of CCHS contributed to our Katrina Relief Fund in support of the thousands of animal victims left behind to fend for themselves.

National organizations such as the HSUS and the ASPCA sent rescue teams. Shelters around the country opened their arms to animals transferred from the Gulf Coast, but here at CCHS, the ongoing disaster of pet overpopulation in our area meant that – as is the case 10 months out of the year – we were full to the brim with animals from Champaign County waiting to find homes.

While we could not provide shelter, we knew that our sister shelters in Mississippi and Louisiana would be in desperate need of supplies and medication to treat the thousands of animal victims.

CCHS placed collection boxes in area businesses, advertised the fund during the "Pet of the Week" segment on WCIA-TV and posted an Internet

plea for funds to purchase supplies. Our vendors gave us discounts, free merchandise and free shipping on any orders sent directly to shelters in need. In the end, CCHS sent \$15,246.25 in supplies to Gulf Coast shelters. Thousands of vaccinations, medications and medical supplies were sent to shelters that served as preparation points for animals transferred to other facilities that could adopt them into new homes.

To those shelters impacted by Katrina and the animals in their care, we send a message of hope, prayer and our sincerest appreciation for lessening the devastation. For those of you who supported the CCHS efforts and donated to the Katrina Fund, Tara High, executive director for the Humane Society of Southern Mississippi, said it best: "THANK YOU A MILLION TIMES OVER!!! We received the shipment this week and Julie did this jump in the air squeal thing when she realized someone had donated the much needed meds. We are so grateful for your generosity and kindness." 🐾

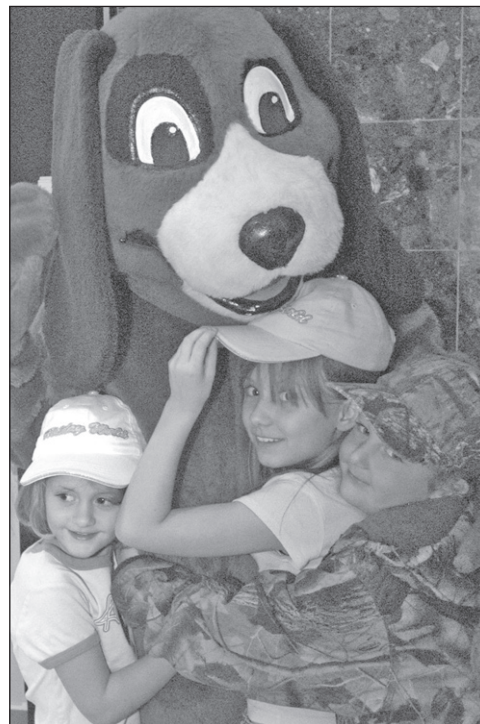


Photo by Barbara Meyer

Thanks for your 'Hopeful' response! CCHS board members took turns portraying Dogman at Market Place Mall during the busy holiday shopping season to bring attention to CCHS and its "Tree of Hope" at the mall. A Christmas tree was decorated with shelter residents' faces and suggestions for presents that could be purchased at the mall to make the homeless pets' holiday brighter. A big THANK YOU to Dallas and Co. for lending us the costume and to Market Place for our space at the mall.

Nosing out the news

Singing for CCHS

By Nancy Rubel

Kittens, Canines & Karaoke was one CCHS event that will forever bring a smile to my face. Held on Nov. 13 at the Esquire Lounge in downtown Champaign, it was organized by the C-U Downtown Independent Volunteer Association aka: DIVA.

The DIVAs are an energetic group of 25 women who, aside from enjoying each other's company, are committed to being an active and positive force in our community. DIVA Mindy Manalokes was so moved by the animals after visiting CCHS that the idea was born.

Music was provided by the Live Karaoke Band, backing a celebrity sing-off. People voted with their dollars for their favorite singers. The Esquire donated a percentage of sales at the non-smoking bar, and Classic Events donated delicious appetizers. Great prizes courtesy of local businesses were raffled.

The master of ceremonies was Mike Coulter who, in between introducing the celebrity singers, regaled us with stories of his dog Lace, a CCHS alum.

The celebrities pulled out all the stops, Diane Dusey from Light Rock and WILL's Ed Kieser were my favorites. Toward the end of the evening, CCHS staff and board members filled the stage and sang a roaring rendition of "Stray Cat Strut." A great time was had by all, and we are hoping to add this to our annual calendar.

The event raised \$3,137 for the animals.

I am happy to report that almost all the animals in the table-top photographs have been adopted! Many thanks to DIVA and all those who gave their time, services and donations so freely in aid of CCHS.

First Mutt Strutt a fun success!

CCHS launched a new event in October, dubbed Mutt Strut. People and their canine companions enjoyed walking along the trail in Crystal Lake Park.

Twenty dogs from the shelter also enjoyed the event, thanks to the sponsorship of some kind folks in the community and the trained CCHS dog walker volunteers. Thank you to both!

After the walk, we had contests, including Best Pet Trick and Best Costume. Two of the CCHS dogs won the gold for Best Dog Kisses and Waggiest Tail! \$1,800 was raised at this event.

We're planning Mutt Strut 2006 and we're hoping to make it bigger, better and even more fun! Keep an eye on the Web site - www.cuhumane.org - for updates on events. 🐾



CCHS dog walkers Debby Borg, left, and Cindy Doyle walked two of the 20 shelter dogs who walked in the first Mutt Strut at Crystal Lake Park in October.

Photo by Marlene Walker

Fetching Ball raises \$30,000

For the sixth year, Hawthorn Suites graciously donated their space, scrumptious food and friendly staff to help CCHS raise



Photo by Barbara Meyer

Dr. Julia Whittington brought Nokomis to the Fetching Ball to inspire bidding on the behind-the-scenes tour of the Wildlife Clinic at the U. of I. That item raised \$250 in the live auction.

money to benefit the homeless pets with an evening of food, fun and auctions. We raised \$30,000 this year and had a marvelous time. Many thanks to our supporters and merchants who donated

items, and to those who attended the event, bought auction items and also to those who could not attend and sent money anyway.

We want to make Fetching Ball 2006 even better. We'd really appreciate your suggestions of how we can improve the event. We're also looking for a new name for the event. Please send your constructive comments to the development committee at marlene021@hotmail.com. 🐾

Calling all cooks: 'Bone Appetit!'

With the help of some very dedicated volunteers and a lot of teamwork, new recipes - along with some old favorites - were collected and published in the latest edition of the CCHS cookbook, "Bone Appetit!"

This new cookbook includes a wide variety of dishes, from appetizers to vegetarian entrees. Of course our furry friends have their own pet treats section.

Also included in "Bone Appetit!" are helpful conversion tables of common measurements, important information about pet care, information about CCHS, and thoughtful words from and about our beloved pets.

The \$15 price includes mailing to any address, or copies are available for pick up at CCHS. For more information, call CCHS at 344-7297 or stop by the shelter to view a sample copy.

All proceeds benefit the homeless pets at CCHS.

Wish List

Our needs are great, our budget is not. You can assist in the care of our homeless pets with your in-kind donations:

Pet Food

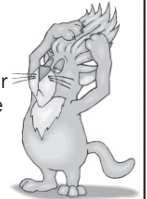
- Canned or dry puppy/dog food (Science Diet)
- Canned or dry kitten/cat food (Science Diet)
- Kitten milk replacement
- Dog biscuits/treats
- Rawhides
- Small-animal food (hamster & guinea pig)
- Timothy hay & rabbit food

Pet Supplies

- Small bottles (for feeding kittens)
- Cat litter (non-scoopable and unscented)
- Plastic litter boxes
- Food & water bowls
- Wire crates and pet carriers
- Dog toys (not stuffed)
- Dog Kong
- Pingpong balls (for cat toys)
- Cat toys (especially cat nip toys)
- White pine chips for small animals
- Fish aquariums & small animal cages

Medical and Grooming Supplies

- Heating pad (for puppies/kittens)
- Heavy duty electric pet hair trimmer
- Size 40 blade for pet hair trimmer
- Kwik Stop stypitic powder
- Small pet-nail trimmers
- Ear-cleaning solution
- Brushes and combs
- Unflavored Pedialyte
- Q-tips
- Cotton balls
- Speed-read thermometers
- Craft sticks



Things we can always use

- Folded newspapers (directions on CCHS Web site - www.cuhumane.org - under "Wish List")
- Towels & sheets
- Paper towels
- Bleach
- Laundry soap
- Blank pet-themed greeting cards and rubber stamps
- Pet stickers

Special Thoughts

Your special thoughts are meaningful to those who send them, to those who receive them and to those who are helped by them. We make every effort to list memorial and honorary donations correctly; if there is an error, please let us know. This issue contains all the special thoughts recorded at CCHS through Jan. 18.

In Memory of

Mary Lou Anderson

Steve Burgoyne; Wayne L. & Patricia J. Nash; Jean Gride; Shirlee Mayerick; Don & Betty Coulman; Jeanette & Bary Stelford; Dorothy, John & Kim Neill; Staci & Paul Baum; Delta Airlines Care Team; Clifford & Elizabeth Carter; Rob, Jaimi, R.J. & Josh Wilkes; Jim & Evelyn Neill; Harry L. Bremer; Lawrence & Jane Bergman

Mary Armstrong

Brett Eisenhauer

Buckley, beloved dog of Ken and Sari Aronson

Vicky Allan & family

Richard Auth

Gretchen Filer & Scott Johnson

Sheryl Benson, for her many acts of kindness to animals and humans

Donna & Tim Fogerson, Jean Edwards, Swagnesh & Shushma Patel, Kent & Marlene Mitchell, Susan Shute, Sherry & Ruby Slade, Don & Eunice Holste, Carol Fiock, Connie & Gordon Wilson, Judy & Mike Kelley, Harold & JoAnne Thomson, Mary & Art Muehling, Ann Tipton, Rob & Diane Ore, Renee & Richard Clift, Rosalie & Ron Schmitt, Barbara Nonrie, Dean & Debbi Marketti, Carol & Bill Peterson, Paul Benson & Family, Ann & Henry Tipton, Nancy Johnson, Bonnie Armbruster, Chet & Carmen Zych

Boo Boo

Amanda McWilliams

In memory of the Brunos

Kenni, Tom & Scout

Muray, Cori, Puppet and Trixi, the Ball family pets

Jake & Sharon Hyland

Murphy, my best buddy

Betsy Epling

Claire Bailey

Kathy Bailey, Patrick John & Patricia Goolsbey

Carolyn Brown

Ann Parker

Lorenz Busboom

St. John Lutheran Church of Royal

Clyde Barnes

John & Betty Alsop

Warren Byard

Bill & Helen Carpenter, Helen Schowendgerdt

Ally, my dog

Ellen Banks

Norma Clifford

Jean Fellman, Jan Otto, Carol Jo Morgan, Jean & Byron Bradford, Carol & Chuck van Rossum

Buffy Clemons, my cat of 17.5 years

Robert Clemons

Eric J. Corley

Ronnie & Susie Cole, John & Trixy Corley, Teresa & Terry Wells, Rink Hogan

Virginia Charlton, a lovely, gracious lady who welcomed all with a smile

Harold & Pat Jensen, Lois A. Wensch, Lott & Su Ann Thomas, Barbara Meyer

Diva, our friend for 19 fantastic years

Sarah Cardiff & Webb Peterson, Bill Cardiff & Lynda Kuehn

Misty

Sondra Curry

Sheba, she gave us 13 years of love

Cletus & Norma Day Jr.

Jim Gray

McKinley Health Center West One Clinic & friends, Lowell & Linda Gifford, Betty Kingery, Marjorie Nelson, Anonymous

Kalie

Vida J. Murry

Foxy, beloved companion of Mike Vaillancourt and greatly valued friend of Julia Saville

Julia Saville

Aunt Audrey Fox

Michael, Vicki & Joshua Costa

Frog, beloved pet of William Freyman

Dennis & Johnette Sparks

Ernie, a friend and companion of Glenda Fulfur for 16 years

Sherry Slade

Garrison

John Epifanio & Jean Flemma

Carol George

Jan & Bruce Miller, Lorna Clauss

Mary V. Kirby

Betsy K. Adrian

Mary Gordon, who loved cats and dogs

Barbara & Larry Slanker, Jean Meyer, John Joyce, Robert Dorsey, Jeanne Ward, Carl & Susan Luebchow

Scooter Garland

Karen Koenig

Grace Gammon, our mother, and Lloyd Gammon, our brother

Juanita Gammon, Carolyn Gammon

Our kitten Flora, the sweetest and kindest cat I have ever known; she will be greatly missed

Rose & Craig Gran

Mary Beth Greene, Piewacket, Magic, Luther and Mac

Ken Bengoechea & Nancy Johnson

Buffy, Archie and Popo, my beloved cats

Susan Gabay-Laughnan

Mary Gordon

Brian & Heather Stahl, J.M. Chase, Mary Leming, J. Melissa McQuaid, Shaun & Bill Gaston

Eugene Hall

Ana Marie Lombardi, Pat Morris, Michael & Susan Bruner

Hunter Hanoka

Garrie Burr, Harriett Weatherford, Nina Cottingham

Zephyr, Sarah Hurley's otterhound companion

Harriett Weatherford & Tom Schaeffes

Lois Hershbarger

Karen Sperlin, Sally A. Corby, Steven Sanders, Bonnie Ball

All our four-footed and two-footed friends who gave us so much love

Barbara Weaver

Don Holthoff and his wonderful dog, Patches

Brenda Holthoff

Harry and Viola Hilgert

Joyce Hilgert

Jephra, loyal, old friend of Manfred & Ellen Isserman

Andrew & Ellen Jacobsen Isserman

Pamela Pence Joy

Steve & Susan, Doug & Bea, Greg & Kay, Janet & Phil, Jim & Phyllis

Jersey

Karen Koenig, Carolyn Burrell, Harriett Weatherford, Barbara Meyer, Marlene Walker

Allie, David McDaniel's cat

Dena Mumm

Peanut

Karen Koenig, Barbara Meyer, Harriett Weatherford, Marlene Walker

The Hurricane Katrina animals who couldn't be saved

Annette Becherer

Scott Kammerman

Bob & Connie Frerichs

Tillie, Tom Kilton's feline friend

Mildred Luther, William T. & Kathryn Luther Henderson

Bo Mann

Alyson, Nicole & Rowan Kramer-Martin

Karen Kruegar, rescuer of dogs and people

Candace & Steve McMaster

Robert Joseph Lish, beloved companion of Barbara Meyer

Ruby & Sherry Slade; Carolyn Burrell; Carolyn Flowers; Greg & Dixie Whitt; Karen Koenig; Linda Lorenz; Wayne & Suan Meyer; Harriett Weatherford; Jim & Mare Payne; Staff of the U.S. General Services Administration, St. Louis Field Office

Waylon, beloved Bloodhound of Barbara Meyer

Ruby & Sherry Slade, Carolyn Burrell, Greg & Dixie Whitt, Karen Koenig, Wayne & Suan Meyer, Harriett Weatherford, Jim & Mare Payne

"Roy" Kimbrell

Alice Campbell

Loqui

McKinley Women's Health

Cleo, a CCHS alum and beloved pet

Jane Lohmar

Rebekah, my mother who was devoted to animals

Jane Lohmar

Stinky, John Leishner's dog

Jim & Sue Gortner

Dax the Cat

Gary W. Maxwell

Naomi McClaine, who had a true and profound love for all animals

Carol & Jeffrey McClaine

Mandi, my CCHS adoptee loved for 17 years

Eleanor McDonald

Moose, lovable black Lab with soft ears; meet me at the bridge

Marlene

Taffy, Charlie and Murphy, our beloved pets

Dena Mumm

Smokey, we hope you knew you were loved; we miss you so much

Diane Middlebrook

Ace, Zina, Taffy, Ernie, Rocky, Dallas, Max, Buddy, Butler, Katie, Tiara, Mittens and Rachael

Animal Hospital of Monticello

Mitzey, a CCHS alum

Lois & Bob Rooney

Marlowe, the cat

Emily Rogers & Gardner

Lois Matter

Jeri & Denny Bowsher

Moki, Ann Mester's cat

Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Kevin Neely, beloved brother of Karen Pope

Jack & Sandra Moore, Karen Koenig, Wayne & Pat Mathews

Brandy, adopted from CCHS in 1993 by Pat Phillips

Anonymous

Nina Rubel

Ben Juday

Sherry Routh

Kathy Stewart

Annie, our best friend ever

Hildegard Reineke

Gauge, Nicky and Zoe

Dogs-R-It Inc.

Ann M. Redman

Colette Whicker

Cathy Carter

Amy Robinson

Alma, who also loved our cats

Walter & Marguerite Maguire

John Scheidel

Jim & Connie Jamison

Estralita, Matt Propst family's horse

Jim & Connie Jamison

My dog Duncan

Devin Scheidemantel

Gabby

Cara Scheidemantel

Bodey

Ben & Lisa Snoke

Molly Sox

Karen Koenig

Harold Slade

Ruby & Sherry Slade

Jane Smith

Jody Campbell

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Mary Jane Smith, who had a great compassion for all animals

Clarice Henry, Jim & Lisa Stewart, Ray Noble, Pat Marris

Spencer, friend of Jane Block & Paul Kruty

Tom Kilton & Geoffrey Ross

Stella by Starlight, my dear companion

Jo Ann "Jodie" Steggerda

Buddy Simpson

Friends of Buddy Simpson

Chelsea Stifle, Shelby's cat

Harriett Weatherford

Chester and Snowman, who left too soon

Terry Traxler

Adam van Melle, we miss you

Lori H. Ozment; Joyce Anderson; Brian & Gloria Rainer; Terri Fields; Marvin Gerstein & Meriane O'Grady; Laura Huth & Jeremy Morgan; Jan Simon; Anne Ehrlich; Cherie Lenz; Rena Lee Lenz; Stan & Kristy Freeman; Jeffrey, Andrew, Brian, Starr & Raine; Dan & Catherine Majdiak

Vera Vaughn

The Allan Family

L.B., our wonderful shelter dog

The Allan Family

Jack Washburn

Brenad Manala-Boykins, Celia & Don Snyder, Scott & Jane Wilson, Dorothy Rice, Carol Porter, Kay Place, Peggy Pennell Family, Gwyn Ortiz, Macy Ives, Gerald Althaus, Champaign County Court Services

Walter Wood, my beloved husband and all our pets in heaven with him

Betty Wood

Jingles, my best friend

Martha McFarland

Donna Lovingfoss

Lorraine & Jim Glasa

Fleetwood

Lynn Phillips & Allison Bell

Lucky, Margaret Parkinson's dog of nearly 14 years

Cathy & Roger Inman

Marjorie Vogt

R.E. Dearth

Fisher

Gail Buettgenbach

Freckles

Deborah Stewart

Charles & Sadie

Lewis & Rufus

Lacey, best little girl I ever knew

Robert & Ola Smith

All our beloved shelter dogs

Mrs. Howard Lamb

Ben, a yellow 13-year-old lab who was the beloved dog of the Raaymaker Family

Carl & Sandy Duderstadt

Elaine Shealey

June Robin & Nancy Melin

Chester

Robert & Cheryl Munds

Spencer, black with white toes, our beloved boy

Jane Block & Paul Krey

In Honor of

All our friends at CCHS who stepped in to help us when we really needed it, and showed us that people who care about animals care about people too

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Brigadier

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Sidney

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Happy New Year from Ferrari, adopted November 2004

Marc Wanagas

Wimpy Flanagan

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"Blue," owned by Sue Anderson of Champaign

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Those who have collected much needed items or raised funds for CCHS:

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Petstravaganza!

**A day of interactive learning
about animals**

Saturday, April 29

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us at the U. of I. Stock Pavilion in Urbana for a fun family day of humane education about pets. Exhibits will assist children (and us all!) in developing compassion, a sense of justice and responsibility, and a respect for the value of all living creatures, and in particular, animal companions (pets).

Sponsored by the U. of I. Department of Animal Sciences, CARE Center and CCHS.

For more information, visit
<http://events.ansci.uiuc.edu/companion/petstravaganza/>.

Nine board members elected in September

Nine board members were elected at the annual meeting of CCHS, held Sept. 14 at the Urbana Civic Center.

Re-elected after serving one-year terms were Brad Hudson and Vickie Jarrell.

Marlene Walker, who was appointed to the board in May, was elected to a full term.

Karen Koenig, who served on the board from 1998 to 2003, rejoins the board. A former president of the board, Karen also chaired the committee to study the options of building a new building versus remodeling the present structure.

Also elected:

- J. Garrie Burr
- Mary "Tief" Tiefenbrunn
- Lisa Kelly-Wilson
- Dan Wood

Committee assignments and contact info are posted at www.cuhumane.org.

Wanted Your photos of your pets

- The Editorial Committee
- invites submissions of
- your pets, particularly
- those adopted from
- CCHS, in high-resolution
- digital format, please.
- We have many uses
- for them in the works.
- One of our alums graced
- the cover of our holiday
- card this year. We can't
- guarantee yours will be
- the next cover girl or boy,
- but we'd appreciate your
- contributions.
- Send submissions to
- mlpayne@uiuc.edu.

Mark Your Calendar

The following events include those that CCHS is sponsoring as well as co-sponsoring. Check the CCHS Web site – www.cuhumane.org – for the latest details on these and other events that will unfold this year.

Feb. 16 and April 3 (same session offered twice)

“Cats 100”

Questions about cat behavior will be addressed by representatives of CCHS and the Companion Animal Resource and Education Center. Offered through Urbana Adult Education. To register, call 384-3530. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Free

Feb. 23 and April 10 (same session offered twice)

“Cats 101”

A companion class to “Cats 100,” this class delves deeper into some common challenges that can arise with household cats. Offered through Urbana Adult Education, with representatives from CARE and CCHS. To register, call 384-3530. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Free.

March

Spring Has Sprung Adoptathon

April 15

Lunch with the Easter Bunny & Easter Egg Hunt
11 a.m.-2 p.m. Lake of the Woods Botanical Gardens, Mahomet. Hunt begins at 2 p.m. CCHS will be among the participants.

April 22

Humane Education Seminar

April 29

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9 a.m. - 4 p.m., U. of I. Stock Pavilion, Urbana

May 26-27

CCHS Giant Garage Sale

Kesler Hall, Champaign County Fairgrounds, Urbana
(Drop-offs begin May 18 at Kesler Hall)



Photo by Barbara Meyer

How do you do? Mistress of the Mutt Strut Marlene Walker faces off with Louie Payne before the walk through Crystal Lake Park in October. A bigger and even better Strut is planned for September.

May through fall

Market at the Square

Lincoln Square Village

CCHS booth will sell items and promote events

June 17

Kitten Shower

Lincoln Square Village

July

Casino Night

August

Pet Portraits

September

Mutt Strut

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