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## Humane Investigator and Educator Joins CCHS

In September 2006, Clay Foley joined the CCHS staff to fill the new position of Humane Investigator/Humane Educator. As a certified humane investigator, Foley will respond to calls the shelter receives from the community reporting possible violations of the Humane Care for Animals Act. Jason Smith, Executive Director of CCHS, explains that it had long been a goal of his to create this position because "it was becoming impossible to responsibly handle the number of calls we were getting by having employees do investigations between their normal duties." In addition, Smith says that combining the job of investigator and educator makes perfect sense because humane investigations will put Foley on the front lines where education opportunities frequently arise.

Foley says that he finds conducting humane investigations rewarding because he gets to participate "actively and immediately" in improving an animal's life. "Whether I am removing an animal from an abusive home, ensuring that a sick cat receives veterinary care, or just spending a few quality minutes with a lonely dog, I know that that animal's life is at least a little better because of my presence."

Foley plans to keep detailed statistics on his humane investigations to determine where animal welfare education and assistance is needed most in Champaign County. As the humane society's first humane educator, Foley will also develop and implement education programs on humane animal care and welfare. Foley says



that "social change best comes from educating and enlightening children at a young age" and he is already taking opportunities to speak with groups of children at area schools and during tours of the CCHS shelter.

If you would like Foley to visit your child's classroom or speak to your community group, contact CCHS.

## Annual GIANT Garage Sale

The area's largest treasure trove – the annual CCHS GIANT Garage Sale – returns Memorial Day Weekend. And it needs YOU! We need YOU (and your friends) to fill Kesler Hall at the Champaign County Fairgrounds with your castoffs to help the castoffs at CCHS. Your good, usable, unbroken items will be gratefully accepted at Kesler Hall (the big green pole barn) for four days only: Thursday, May 17, through Sunday, May 20, a reduction of one day from years past.

We appreciate the generosity of every donation – large and small – but there are some things that we cannot accept. We must turn down large pieces of furniture, large kitchen appliances, windows, doors, outdated computer equipment, paint, chemicals and remainders from other organizations' sales. But just about everything else is needed: clothing, jewelry, housewares, small appliances, toys, tools, gardening, holiday decorations, sports equipment, animal-care items and other treasures you no longer need.

We need YOU (and your friends) to come and volunteer to unload cars during drop off, organize merchandise during set up, assist shoppers during the sale and clean up afterwards. And we need YOU (and your friends) to come back to shop. The sale begins at 7 a.m. Friday, May 25, and continues until 6 p.m. A \$2 entry fee will be charged until 3 p.m. that day. The sale continues on Saturday, May 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our \$2 bag sale will begin at 3 p.m. this year.

The Unique Boutique – full of collectibles, antiques and other treasures – will be back. And Jack and Phyllis Bidwell will be serving coffee, doughnuts, lemon shakeups and sandwiches throughout the sale days.

All proceeds from the sale benefit homeless pets at the Champaign County Humane Society. Join us for this annual event!

### Sale Dates

Friday, May 25, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
\$2 fee from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturday, May 26, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
\$2 bag sale at 3 p.m.

### Donation Drop Off

At Kesler Hall, Champaign County Fairgrounds, Urbana  
Thursday, May 17, noon to 7 p.m.  
Friday, May 18, noon to 7 p.m.  
Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday, May 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### To volunteer

Contact CCHS at 344-7297, or e-mail Volunteer Coordinator Greg Lipes at [2.volunteer@cuhumane.org](mailto:2.volunteer@cuhumane.org) or Garage Sale Chairperson Mare Payne at [mlpayne@uiuc.edu](mailto:mlpayne@uiuc.edu)

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## From the Executive Director



It is with a heavy heart that I have tendered my resignation as the Executive Director of the Champaign County Humane Society, to be effective once a permanent replacement for my position has been found. To those people with whom I have worked over the last two and a half years of my tenure as the Director, it will come as no surprise when I say that my time at the helm of the society has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I will carry with me forever the fond memories of our time spent making the humane society into as strong and effective an organization as it has ever been.

It was a difficult decision for me to leave the Champaign County Humane Society during such an exciting and prosperous time, as I have never been more confident of the Society's ultimate success than I am right now. Our strong foundation of staff, volunteers, supporters and Board of Directors has, in a very short time, built a momentum that will change the face of our community and how we relate to companion animals.

In the end, I feel that while I was the right person to lead the humane society for the last few years, we have thrust ourselves into a new era of companion animal welfare here in Champaign County such that an Executive Director with different strengths than I possess will be better equipped to build on the amazing accomplishments we have made over the last 26 months.

This is, of course, in addition to the fact that I am excited at the prospect of moving to the next chapter of my life. My recent marriage and our aspirations of building a business together in the west led me to "take inventory" in my personal life. The humane society has been, and always will be, a very special place. It is only because I know that the society is strong enough to embrace change that I am so confident in the humane society's continued success despite my departure this summer.

I hope that you will all join me in welcoming a new Executive Director when our search for a replacement is over. I will be pleased to let them know that they are to inherit an organization made up of the most passionate, caring, responsible and dedicated people I have ever known.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at the humane society and there is no doubt that this wonderful organization and the people who make it work will forever have a place in my heart and prayers.

Jason Smith

## Letter from the President

Jason's passion for the future and growth of the Champaign County Humane Society is evident in his letter of resignation, where he puts the Society's needs above his own aspirations. Jason has worked tirelessly for the good of the animals and the organization during his tenure as Executive Director. He assumed this role during a very difficult period, and it is due to his dedication and tenacity that we are the strong and effective organization we are today. I couldn't be more appreciative of his many, and excellent, contributions.

While I believe Jason has the capabilities to lead us into that "new era of companion animal welfare" he mentions, I admire his candid self-appraisal of his talents, and wish him well in his future endeavors. I feel confident he will be a success in whatever path he chooses.

Please join me in thanking Jason for being a true leader when we needed one; for encouraging our staff to become the best they could be; for representing the interests of the Society in a professional, compassionate manner; and finally, for caring so much about the animals in our community.

Thank you, Jason; we will miss you, but we hope that you won't be a stranger!

Gloria Sax  
President, Board of Directors

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### **Shelter Hours**

Adoptions  
Monday - Friday: 2 PM to 7 PM  
Saturday 11 AM to 6 PM  
Sunday: 11 AM to 4 PM

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Monday - Friday 2 PM to 4 PM  
Saturday/Sunday - 11 AM to 1 PM

[www.cuhumane.org](http://www.cuhumane.org)

# Consider The Older Pet

Puppies and kittens are undeniably cute and irresistible. That's probably why the youngsters at CCHS are adopted so quickly. While we are very happy to see our puppies and kittens go home with their new families, our hearts still break for the older pets in our care who are so often overlooked.

Adopting an adult dog or cat is a great option for many people and families. In some ways, it is easier to find an adult pet that has the characteristics that suit your lifestyle than it is to guess at which puppy or kitten will grow up to be your ideal companion. If you're looking for affection and companionship, adult and senior pets have plenty to offer. Dogs and cats of any age will form strong attachments with their caregivers and despite the old adage that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks," the fact is, you can! Adult dogs are not merely trainable, they actually thrive on intellectual stimulation and are delighted to interact with their humans. Best of all, you get the benefit of your new pet's love and devotion without the nonstop action that comes with a puppy or kitten. To put it bluntly, adult pets need less supervision than youngsters, so if you are a busy person, adopting an adult dog or cat might be the best option for you.

Don't forget that CCHS has a great "Seniors for Seniors" Program! We waive the adoption fee for anybody over the age of 55 who adopts one of our senior cats. If you are interested in more information, please call the shelter or stop by and pick up one of our Seniors for Seniors brochures.



## A Need For Foster Homes

Some of the animals that come to CCHS need special care or rehabilitation before they are ready to be adopted into new forever homes. For example: A pregnant mother needs a warm and loving environment in which to give birth and raise her litter; newborn puppies and kittens need special attention that is difficult to provide at the shelter; a dog with a broken leg needs a comfortable place to recuperate until he is ready to be put up for adoption; a cat or dog is too afraid of people to interact with them at the shelter. Foster care providers take these animals into their homes and provide them

with the care they need. Our ability to place animals in foster care is essential to our mission of providing a second chance to as many companion animals as possible.

Becoming a foster parent or family is a great way to make a difference in an animal's life. If you would be able to care for a pet on a short-term basis or are interested in learning about our foster care program, please give us a call. All of our foster care providers are licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the CCHS staff can help you fill out the application to obtain a license.



## CCHS Welcomes New Volunteer Coordinator



*Greg and his cat, Cookie*

"Our volunteers make a difference everyday." These are the words of CCHS Shelter Manager, Kate Meghji. Whether they are walking dogs, socializing cats, folding laundry, or assisting with clerical work, CCHS volunteers are an invaluable resource and without them, we could not survive.

There is no stereotypical CCHS volunteer. We have volunteer opportunities for people of different ages and abilities in a wide variety of areas. Some things to consider are the amount of time you have to volunteer, your ability to volunteer at the shelter, at home, or at other events, and even your preference for cats, dogs or small animals. Training is provided for those who volunteer at the shelter so no experience is required. Shelter volunteers enrich the lives of animals in our care with exercise, socialization and companionship. If spending hours at the shelter is not for you, there are plenty of other ways to help CCHS.

If you think you might be interested in volunteering at CCHS, you should meet Greg Lipas. Greg is the new, full-time CCHS volunteer coordinator and events planner. Greg started volunteering at CCHS in 2005 and is one of our foster care providers for special needs dogs. He is very excited about the possibilities for developing new volunteer programs at CCHS and would be delighted to meet you if you are thinking about volunteering with CCHS. To obtain a volunteer application, print one from our website ([www.cuhumane.org](http://www.cuhumane.org)) or stop by the shelter to pick one up. You can complete it and mail it to us at CCHS, 1911 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802.



# SPECIAL THOUGHTS

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**Marc Anderson – We'll miss you Marc...Go NASCAR**  
*Paula Anderson, Sof McCord*

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*Bill, Cindy, Lauren and Amy*

**Chelsea**  
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**Sweet CJ, who made a dog lover out of everyone she met over the past 15 years. She blessed many lives and will be greatly missed.**  
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*Quarter C*

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*Ruby and Sherry Slade*

**Sheba and Neka, our beloved shelties**  
*Cletus and Norma Day*

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*David and Mary Ann Berg*

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*Shirley Huber Merryman*

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*Gloria Sax, Barbara Meyer,  
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Before our mother passed away, she fell outside. A stray cat stayed with her for over an hour until she was found. We want to make a donation to honor this dear cat, who we call "Guardian Angel Kitty", as well as our dog, Sandy, who passed away this summer after 15 wonderful years. She was a CCHS alum.  
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**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS HELP US  
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THANK YOU!**

# KIDS PUZZLE PAGES

Do you have a tough time finding the words to describe how you feel about your best animal friend? Try your hand at this word search and you'll never have trouble telling people how much you love playing with your dog or cat, cuddling with your friend's rabbit or listening to music with your grandmother's bird.

See how many of the words listed at the bottom of the page you can find in this word search.

These words are written every which way--backwards, diagonally, forwards, up and down.

All of these words are related to you and your relationship with your special animal:

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# CCHS Launches Low Cost Spay Neuter Program

With kitten season upon us, we are faced once again with the harsh reality that the problem of pet overpopulation will not go away if we, as a community, don't address the problem where it starts – at birth! While this reality is what's driving our new humane educator to spread the word about the benefits of spaying and neutering companion animals, it's also driving our veterinarian, Dr. Jennifer Stone, to scrub up and start getting the job done.

Early this year, Dr. Stone began performing spay and neuter surgeries for just \$35 for individuals who are facing financial hardship and seek assistance in getting this important surgery for their pet. Although Dr. Stone and her staff devote most of their time to keeping the CCHS animal population healthy, they feel it is an important part of the CCHS mission to provide low-cost spay and neuter services when they have the time and resources to do so. So far this year, Dr. Stone has performed 6 dog and 10 cat surgeries in addition to providing some low-cost spay and neuter surgeries for other animal rescue organizations, such as CatSnap (Champaign Area Trap Spay Neuter & Adoption Program).

Although the extra surgeries require some extra time and effort, Dr. Stone has already found that providing this special service can be quite rewarding. People who care about their animals and know that they should have the surgery are often quite distressed when they can't come up with the necessary funds. One client, an elderly woman on a limited income, worked with CCHS staff to schedule her dog's surgery on a day when she knew she could come up with the \$35 fee. When it came time for her to leave her little dog in the hands of CCHS medical staff, she nearly cried. The little dog's surgery went off without a hitch and the companions were reunited later the same day. Now this pet owner can rest easy knowing that her little friend will avoid a host of medical problems down the road.

Dr. Stone hopes that in the future CCHS will be able to expand the low cost spay neuter program. Plans are also in the works to collaborate with other animal welfare groups to run some larger-scale spay/neuter clinics.

## The Dog Days of Summer

With summer approaching, it's a good time to review hot weather tips for keeping your pet safe. The following tips from the ASPCA should help ensure a healthy, happy summer season.

A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer check-up is a must; add to that a test for heartworm, if your dog isn't on year-round preventive medication. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe, effective flea and tick control program.

Never leave your pet alone in a vehicle—hyperthermia can be fatal. Even with the windows open, a parked automobile can quickly become a furnace in no time. Parking in the shade offers little protection, as the sun shifts during the day.

Always carry a gallon thermos filled with cold, fresh water when traveling with your pet.

The right time for playtime is in the cool of the early morning or evening, but never after a meal or when the weather is humid.

Street smarts: When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog standing on hot asphalt. His or her body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

A day at the beach is a no-no, unless you can guarantee a shaded spot and plenty of fresh water for your companion. Salty dogs should be rinsed off after a dip in the ocean.



Provide fresh water and plenty of shade for animals kept outdoors; a properly constructed doghouse serves best. Bring your dog or cat inside during the heat of the day to rest in a cool part of the house.

Be especially sensitive to older and overweight animals in hot weather. Brachycephalic or snub-nosed dogs such as bulldogs, pugs, Boston terriers, Lhasa apsos and shih tzus, as well as those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. And please be alert for coolant or other automotive fluid leaking from your vehicle. Animals are attracted to the sweet taste, and ingesting just a small amount can be fatal. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 if you suspect that your animal has been poisoned.

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Dog Days, continued

Good grooming can stave off summer skin problems, especially for dogs with heavy coats. Shaving the hair to a one-inch length—never down to the skin, please, which robs Rover of protection from the sun—helps prevent overheating. Cats should be brushed often.

Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals. Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, diarrhea, excessive thirst and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.

Having a backyard barbecue? Always keep matches, lighter fluid, citronella candles and insect coils out of pets' reach.

Please make sure that there are no open, unscreened windows or doors in your home through which animals can fall or jump.

**WATER SAFETY**

For a lot of families, summertime means swimming time. If your pooch will be joining you on your adventures, be it lakeside, oceanside or poolside, please read our following tips:

Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool. Not all dogs are good swimmers, so if water sports are a big part of your family, please introduce your pets to water gradually.

Make sure all pets wear flotation devices on boats. Try not to let your dog drink pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals that could cause GI upset.

Visit [www.asPCA.org](http://www.asPCA.org) for other great animal care tips and information. Reprinted from the ASPCA.

## CCHS Needs Your Support!

Please join us in our efforts to promote humane attitudes and to prevent cruelty and suffering in our community by becoming a member of the Champaign County Humane Society. Your additional gift in memory or in honor of a loved one makes a difference in the lives of companion animals in our care. All donations throughout the year (October through September) count toward your level of sponsorship.

\_\_\_ Diamond Paw \$500 \_\_\_ Gold Paw \$250 \_\_\_ Silver Paw \$100 \_\_\_ Bronze Paw \$65 \_\_\_ Four Paws \$35

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Please make checks payable to Champaign County Humane Society  
Mail this form and your check to CCHS, 1911 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802

## Mutt Strut Returns

Our dog walk and canine contests are back! Saturday, May 5th is the date for fun and frolic with your favorite four-legged friend at Centennial Park in Champaign! If you don't have your own canine companion, you can sponsor one of the Humane Society residents. There are three ways to get involved in the event:

**Strut Your Own Mutt:** Registration is \$25 per dog before the event or \$30 per dog at the event. Each registered dog will receive a bandana with the CCHS logo and a T-shirt with the event logo for human companions. Registration forms are available on our website or can be picked up at the shelter.

**Sponsor a Shelter Dog:** For a donation of \$10, you can sponsor a homeless dog for the walk and games. The registration form to walk your own dog can be used to sponsor a shelter dog. Shelter dogs will be walked by trained CCHS volunteers.

**Help CCHS raise money for the homeless animals and win a prize for yourself.** Participants who gain sponsorship from others can win gift certificates from Market Place Mall. We are promoting this event at [www.FirstGiving.com/cuhumane](http://www.FirstGiving.com/cuhumane). You will find easy to follow instructions at this website on how to set up your own fundraising page. E-mail your fundraising page to friends and family, requesting them to sponsor you by donating to CCHS through your FirstGiving page. The top 3 fundraisers will receive gift certificates for \$300 (first place), \$200 (second place), and \$100 (third place.)

Check-in at Centennial Park is from 8:00-8:45 a.m. The dog walk starts at 9:00 a.m. and games and contests begin at 10:00 a.m. The lure course will be back by popular demand. All proceeds from Mutt Strut benefit homeless pets at the Champaign County Humane Society.



# Mark Your Calendar!

April 28 Petstravaganza

May 5 Mutt Strut

May 6-12 Be Kind to Animals Week

May 25-26 GIANT Garage Sale

June is Adopt a Shelter Cat Month

June 27 Take Your Dog to Work Day

October 12 Cold Noses, Warm Hearts

Visit Care Center at the Urbana  
Market at the Square, the third Saturday  
of the month, June through October

PawPrints  
Champaign County Humane Society  
1911 E. Main St.  
Urbana, IL 61802



## Mutt Strut 2007



Saturday May 5  
Centennial Park in  
Champaign



Dog Walk  
Contests  
Games  
Prizes

Strut your own  
mutt or sponsor  
a shelter dog for  
a walk!



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