

MARCH-APRIL 1988

PAWPRINTS



NEWSLETTER OF THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

Last Chance — Paws of Fame!!!

--Take Two, They're Small

The deadline of May 14 is fast approaching to place your reservation for a Paws of Fame square of concrete. This is a truly unique opportunity to have your concern for animals "leave an impression" for paws-terity. Or how about as a graduation present for your favorite senior?

The ceremony will be in late May or early June, depending on the actual move into the new building, and we will notify participants well ahead of time. But in order to 'choreograph' this spectacular event (over 200 individuals and groups have so far reserved spaces), we need to know your intention now.

Each square costs \$150 and can be imprinted with paws or inscribed with a message of your own devising, perhaps in remembrance of a loved one. We are happy to accept pledge payments during 1988. Please send in the reservation form in this issue, and if you have any questions, call Christine or Diane at the office (384-0065).

Third Annual Garage-To-Garret Sale

Marilyn Toppe is the chairman of this year's annual garage sale to be held June 3-4 (Friday 8:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., Saturday 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.) at Floral Hall and Exhibit Hall at the Fairgrounds. We will be accepting donations of your treasures the two weekends preceding the sale (Fridays from 5:30 - 8:00 P.M., Sat & Sun from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., May 20-22, 27-29). Pick-ups will be limited to large items since there are increased demands on volunteer time due to the move. We really appreciate your help in bringing your items by yourself. Marilyn asks for loaners of sawhorses, lumber for tables, tables, and clothesracks--all will be returned. Thanks!!

Volunteers

--A New Feature Column

Because April is Volunteer Month, this seems an appropriate issue of Pawprints in which to introduce a monthly column devoted to "paws-itive" talk about Humane Society volunteers. These folks have been, are, and will continue to be an intergal part of the function and purpose of the CCHS, and we feel they deserve to be recognized on a regular basis.

Non-profit organizations are dependant on volunteers for many of their programs, both on-going and seasonal. Paid staff members can't do it all and volunteers make it possible for staff to pursue tasks that limited time and small budgets wouldn't otherwise allow.

You can make an impact on our activities and know that you have made it paws-ible for more unwanted, abandoned animals to find homes in a healthy environment.

The Garage Sale is approaching and bulk mailings continue to be processed and hauled to the post office. Animals are exercised and made ready for new homes, and the move to the new Humane Center is being planned. Is there a place for you in all this activity? If you feel there is, please let me know. I (or my answering machine) can be reached at 356-1540. I'll be very happy to hear from you and you will find a volunteer position which will be highly satisfying right here at the CCHS.

Catherine Yancey

APRIL IS
NATIONAL VOLUNTEER
MONTH

**Thank You
Volunteers!**



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	Sunday	12:00-4:00
	Thursday	Closed
Office Hours:	Monday-Friday	9:00-5:00

Staff Notes

The CCHS staff bid a reluctant farewell to Peggy Millete in March. Peggy is finishing her third year at the U of I in the veterinary medicine program. For the past year she has been a part-time employee at the Shelter in the position of veterinary technician assistant. Increased coursework and assignments at the College of Veterinary Medicine have forced Peggy to resign in order to concentrate on her career. The concern and care shown to the Shelter animals lead us to the conclusion that Peggy will be a most humane veterinarian. Thanks and good luck!!

Moving Day Volunteers Sought

Plans for the actual move from Bondville to 1911 E. Main in Urbana are shaping up, and we still have slots for volunteers who would like to take part in this physically demanding, noisy, but wonderfully rewarding task. Please call Catherine Yancey at 356-1540.

Sit Up & Beg

- "star" markers and Cycle labels from Gaines products.
- reference books on animals and animal welfare for our Resource Center.
- book shelves for our fledgling library.
- dog toys - solid ones would be better as the squeaky kind are torn up pretty quickly.
- cat toys.
- rawhide chewies.
- softsoap refills.
- popsicle sticks or tongue depressors for the lab.
- a refractometer to check for dehydration. Many of our dogs have really had a bad time of it and come to us in terrible condition. Is there a veterinarian out there with an extra one he or she would be willing to part with?



Paws-O-Thon '88 A Resounding Success

During the Society's first Paws-O-Thon recently, CCHS board members and staff talked with more than 250 of our members, and enjoyed hearing their comments and suggestions about how we might continue to meet the animal-related needs of our constituency and the community.

We also welcomed 52 new members to the newly formed President's Circle, a donor/advisory group which will help us determine plans and policies for the new era of the Humane Center. Membership in the President's Circle is \$150, includes a Paws of Fame, a special certificate as a charter member of the President's Circle, and invitations to two annual advisory meetings. We are looking forward to working with this dedicated group of members. If you are interested in additional information about the President's Circle, please call the office.

Because the first phon-o-thon proved such a valuable source of input, the CCHS board of directors plans to conduct another Paws-O-Thon, but not until 1989. Meanwhile, your comments and constructive criticisms are always welcome.

Remember, all donations to CCHS are tax deductible. For donations of items like those above, we'll be happy to provide you with a receipt.

Special Thoughts

In memory of:

Truffles ...Polly Dodson, U.

Caroline D. Hough and in honor of Spunky, her pet cat which she loved so much
 ...Marjorie Roberts & Alta Cover, U.
 ...Alice Hamish, C.

Richard Cisne
 ...Kathryn Russell & Andy Pomakoy, C.
 ...Marge Mills, C.

Chuck Wikoff ...The Harold Slade family, U.

Pepi ...David Kruse, C.

Arkie, a dear friend of Virginia Bradford ...Irene Anderson, U.

Dr. J.B. Christie
 ...Dr. & Mrs. Marcus Hedcock, C.

Mrs. Petronella Birkhoff
 ...Susan Hansen, U.

Mr. Jack Hayes ...Mr. & Mrs. B.B. Wiese, C.
 ...Lillian Speck, C.

Our beloved dogs, Rambo, Misty & Courtney ...James & Julie Clapper, Mahomet

Thaddeus Perry ...The Wiley Gang, U.
 ...Mr. & Mrs. Edward Cheesman, Hudson, FL
 ...Lewis & Dorothy Morrison, Indianapolis, IN

Ame' ...Dorothy Ward, Annapolis, MD

Scuffy my beloved dog I had for 13 years and in honor of Charlie our cat we've had for 15 years

...Nellie Manselle, U.

Bud, a horse I will never forget
 ...Nanci & John Withrow, Mahomet

Casey ...Nancy Yaxley, C.

Lady Tuffer ...Paul Keller, C.

Muffin ...Sandra Savignon, C.

Carmel ...Mr. & Mrs. Joe Rayburn, C.

My little Amy ...Julie Steveson, U.

Tara and Fiona, beloved friends still missed ...Joan Mahaney, Rantoul

Schatten who died last Valentine's Day ...Ralph & Jean Shumaker, U.

Shawnee our beloved Samoyed
 ...Patricia Ford, Cisco

Emily Mulliken ...Alice Dodds, C.
 ...Mrs. Donald Kemmerer, C.

Virginia Hopson ...Mrs. Donald Kemmerer, C.
 ...Jeanne Seyler, U.

Chief, a special friend to many ...Elizabeth & Ernie Baillon, C.

Toni Moonshadow Wellington
 ...Walter Alspaugh, U.

H.C. Paterson ...Mr. & Mrs. T. Krizan, U.

Gretchen. She was our sunshine
 ...Boyd & Kay Jackson, C.

Whimpy, our beloved Granimal (Aug. 19, 1970 - Feb. 2, 1988)
 ...Mr. & Mrs. A.C. Klippert, Jr., Des Plaines

My Goofy Dog, gone a year but not forgotten ...Eleanor M. McDonald, Rantoul

Marian Harman
 ...Benjy & Dorothea Williamson, U.
 ...Florence Harding, U.

Cally ...Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schmidt & Wick, C.

Trigger, Sugar, Rennie, Thunder, Lightin, & Princess and in honor of G.B. who is still with us
 ...Betty & Bus Wagner, Tolono

Mary Beth Greene...Mr. & Mrs. Michael Brennan
 ...Melora Felts Foley, Lakeland, FL

Wilbur, a Schnauzer born on March 15, 1970 ...Paul Patzer, C.

Kelly & Cagney Shirley ...Lisa Hemmerich, C.

Bonnie Nichols and Shasta dog
 ...Gladys Paul, U.

Anthony Costanelinos Monypenny who is greatly missed by his family
 ...Laura Monypenny, C.

Marian Harman, a fine scholar and a lovely lady ...Mary Ceibert, C.

My mother, Ruth Jester ...Mary Fincham, C.

My uncle, Rolland Allen
 ...The DeAtley Family, C.
 ...May Kurata, C.

D.R., our 12-year-old Calico cat who passed on Mar. 22, 1988. She came from a shelter in Heath, OH and gave us 11 happy years. She is being missed by her adopted brothers and sister -- Samurai, Gizmo, Siddig and Indiana Jones. Even her Doberman sister, Lorelei, knows someone's missing from the family
 ...Marijane Willis & Family, U.

In honor of:

Charlie, our cat, we've had for 15 years ...Nellie Manselle, U.

Crystal Graham's birthday
 ...Alberta Marshky, C.

Lord Jim and Lady Brett, my much loved Siamese cats
 ...Virginia Garvin, Monticello

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Learning From the Wolves

Members and friends of CCHS were treated to an engrossing evening with Dr. Eric Klinghammer at the March general membership meeting at the Urbana Civic Center. Dr. Klinghammer, an ethologist on the faculty of Purdue University, also operates the North American Wildlife Park Foundation Wolf Park near Battle Ground, Indiana, a study and educational facility.

Having served as a consultant and testified in a number of cases involving dog bites and also having provided training to animal control agencies in handling techniques, he told us that we can learn a great deal about "vicious dogs" from understanding wolves and their behavior in packs. Klinghammer asserts that there is no such thing as an "unprovoked" attack - an innocent victim may unknowingly trigger killing behavior. Dogs are predators. A running child may elicit the hunting chase. A toddler who falls and cries out becomes, for one fatal moment, injured prey. Dogs are pack members. An elderly person may stumble and thus show that weakness for which the pack is ever alert - vulnerability that brings out the fight for dominance.

Klinghammer believes that aggressive behavior is 100% predictable if the genetic background and training history are known. The pit bull, for example, in the past was bred for aggression toward strange dogs and a willingness to fight to the end, while viciousness toward humans was culled as it made the dogs too dangerous to handle. Today many pit bulls are now in the hands of less experienced or ignorant owners and are directing this innate aggression toward humans.

Dog psychology, like ours, is based on the pack or family group. A responsible pet owner understands this and recognizes that even to Muffin or Rags, themes like rank and aggression, dominance and submission, predator and prey are deeply rooted issues that go back a very long time indeed -- to the time of the wolf. EBM

To Learn More About Wolves

If you're interested in learning more about wolves or in observing them, participate in a "Howl Night" or maybe want to adopt-a-wolf, write: WOLF PARK - NAWPF, Battle Ground, IN 47920 for details on membership and directions on how to get there.

Solving the Vicious Dog Problem

In a guest column in the *Journal and Courier of Lafayette, IN*, Dr. Klinghammer had this advice to offer to lay the foundation for peaceable human-dog relationships:

- Breeders must breed for good temperament above all else. Looks and breed standards come later.
- Puppy owners should expose their dogs to young children at a very early age.
- Owners must learn to become dominant over their dogs without resorting to senseless and unnecessary beatings.
- Dog owners must always know where their dogs are.
- Children should be taught how to behave around dogs - not to tease, not to run, and not to pet strange dogs.
- Potential pet owners should be selective in choosing breeds that fit their lifestyles and abilities.
- Breeders of companion dogs should systematically select against potentially dangerous and no longer necessary behaviors, such as hunting patterns and the killing bite.
- Communities should enact and enforce good animal control ordinances.
- Until this better world comes along, everyone needs to support humane societies, animal shelters and animal control wardens.



Program Underwriting Sought

Does your business or organization search out worthwhile projects to support for their contribution to the quality of life in Champaign County? If so, you might consider becoming a sponsor, for a day or a week or a month, of one of the Society's community-wide programs such as Pets on Wheels, Humane Education in the Schools, or Cruelty Intervention.

In exchange for underwriting part of a program or service, the Humane Society will credit the sponsor on a prominently displayed easel in the foyer of the new Humane Center, and list the underwriters in a special column in *Pawprints*. If you are interested in becoming a program underwriter, call Development Director Christine Frey at 384-0065.

LAST CHANCE FOR PAWS OF FAME



In June, 1988, over 200 animal lovers will join us at a special ceremony to impress their pets' paws or inscribe personalized messages in concrete squares in the Paws of Fame Portico in front of the new Champaign County Humane Society Humane Center.

You can still be a "star" in our midwestern version of Grauman's Chinese Theatre and also help build the most effective animal shelter in Central Illinois by reserving your space today. Group and business subscriptions are welcome. Your reservation will be confirmed and the date and time will be announced by mail within a month. *Deadline for reservations is May 14, 1988.*

Yes! I want my concern for animals to leave an impression!

Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ Paws of Fame (one square ft. @ \$150.00). Please reserve my space for the special ceremony.

Please reserve _____ Paws of Fame. I wish to be billed later.

I support the Champaign County Humane Society. Enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

Checks may be made payable to CCHS, 113 North Race Street, Urbana, IL 61801.

(Special Thoughts Cont.)

In honor of:

The wedding of Owen & Carol Fabert
...Teena & Neil Weisman, Indianapolis, IN
Willis, Wendy, and Bo, my
best friends ...Linda Stowe, C.

Our pet dog, Toby, adopted
from you July '86
...Leo & Paula Duggan, Mahomet

Delores Lipton & her staff at
Lipton Animal Hospital for all
their caring ...Denise Halberstadt, U.

Fagel Silver ...Lanie Silver, Chicago

Tuffy, my grey and black tabby, who
is my friend and companion and
doesn't realize he is a cat!
...Sheila Welch, U.

And appreciation for our two
alumni, Wolf and Hiyeux
...Larry Johnson & Mardell O'Brien, C.

John Graham's birthday ...Alberta Marshky, C.

Alberta Marshky's birthday ...Sherry Slade, U.

Dr. Neitzel for bringing Tess
thru a crisis ...Margaret Ford, C.

KEEP THEM WITHIN PETTING DISTANCE.



Be kind to animals week/May 1-7, 1988

Arthur & Clio: Reflections on Homeless Animals

Before I came to work for the CCHS, the term 'homeless animals' brought a lump to my throat and a tear to my eye. In those days, a visit to the old shelter--and the sight of all those anxious faces, the sadly wagging tails, the whole litters of puppies and kittens needing good homes--always resulted in a good cry before driving back to town. Like many people, I perceived the problem, responded to it emotionally, and went on my way.

Four and a half years with the Society have changed the way I perceive the problem. After a while, you no longer cry. There's too much to be done to alleviate the misery and suffering first, and then to set about trying to do something to prevent it in the first place.

The problem of pet overpopulation is far more complex than not being able to afford spaying or neutering. Consider the case of Clio, now a 7-year old, 85 pound couch princess known affectionately as 'Goofus'.

Clio arrived at the shelter with her 8 brothers and sisters of lab/dobe origins. The owner cheerfully announced he had brought the pups for us "to sell". Totally unaware that the litter of puppies was not a valid contribution to the Society, he seemed equally unconcerned that some of them might be euthanized. Because of health problems and space constraints at the old shelter, two-thirds of them were in fact euthanized. No chance to be couch princesses, or anything else.

The story of Arthur, my other shelter alum, is also sad. Named after Arthur Melnick, our Pets on Wheels coordinator who introduced me to the big orange cat one day at the shelter, Art had been impounded from his owners because he was kept on a heavy chain in the backyard in all weather with no shelter. When the Cruelty Investigator cut him off his chain, she found it was so short he couldn't even get behind a tree to get out of the bitterly cold wind.

Arthur and Clio's stories have happy endings, but many thousands do not. In most instances, human ignorance is at the root of the avoidable suffering. How to change these attitudes will be my topic in the next issue.

Free Advice

Have you looked into your pet's ears lately? Ear infections are common in our pets. Floppy-eared dogs such as spaniels are frequent victims of bacterial or fungal ear infections. The ear canal is kept dark, warm and moist by the covering ear flaps, providing ideal conditions for bacterial and fungal growth. If you lift the ear flap, you may notice a foul odor, redness of the skin inside the ear, an accumulation of moist brownish discharge, or the ears may feel hot. The animal may shake its head, scratch at the ears, or snap if the ear is touched.

Cats, ferrets, rabbits, as well as dogs, may get ear mites. These are microscopic creatures that feed on tissue in the ear canal. Animals get them through contact with other infected animals or their environment. The mites produce a brown crumbly or crusty discharge in the ear that sometimes resembles coffee grounds. As in other ear infections, the pet may shake its head, scratch, and irritation and redness may occur.

Treatment for ear infections involves removing discharge and placing drops of a medicine into the ear that will kill the

infecting organism.

Although ear infections generally represent only a minor health threat, they can be irritating and painful to the pet. If left untreated, more serious infections of the middle and inner ear can occur. The head shaking and scratching may also cause an aural hematoma. This condition results from ruptured blood vessels inside the flap. The blood collects between the two layers of skin which make up the ear, causing it to swell markedly. If the blood is not drained by a vet, and stitches placed in the ear to prevent the flap from refilling, a permanently deformed ear will result.

To prevent ear infections, you can gently clean out the ear with a swab dipped in mineral oil. Because the ear canal of an animal is L-shaped, you cannot puncture the drum, but you should avoid packing any dirt or discharge down into the ear during swabbing. When bathing your pet, place cotton in the ears to prevent moisture from entering the ear canal.

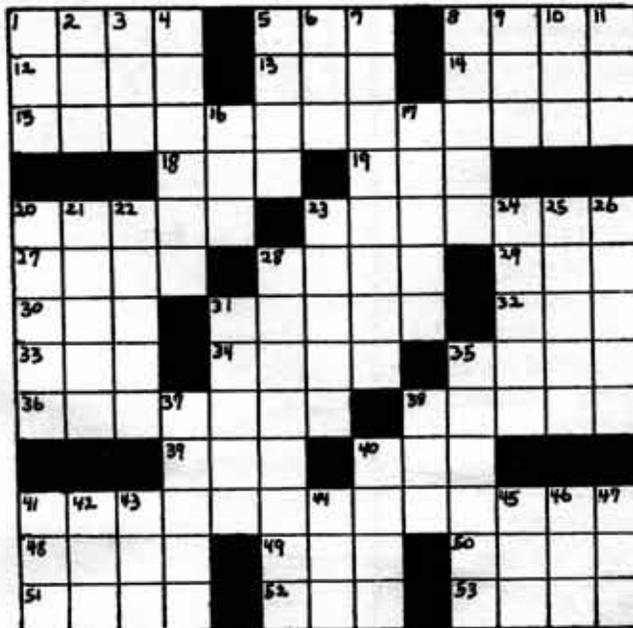
The earlier an ear infection is noted, the less expensive and more easily treatable it will be. So examine your pet's ears regularly and consult your veterinarian if you note signs of infection.

Sarah Hurley

The Humane Society Requests . . .

ACROSS

1. Keenly interested
5. Rosebush fruit
8. "Coming of Age in Samoa" author
12. Nevada City
13. Greek letter
14. Premium
15. First line of request
18. Service or stick
19. Form of Esperanto
20. C-U's Gold Medalist
23. 27th State
27. Garden tool
28. Kind of magazine
29. Machine fastener
30. Go astray
31. Card game
32. Retriever
33. Past
34. Elvis _____ Presley
35. Sharpen
36. Civil War ship
38. Nonsense
39. Levy
40. Status
41. Second line of request
48. Stalk
49. Resort
50. Lean
51. Spring vegetable
52. Spring month
53. Esthetic



DOWN

1. French sculptor
2. Firm up
3. Ticket order
4. Hockey position
5. Dickens character
6. "_____ a Wonderful Life"
7. Steve McQueen movie
8. McCollum or Markland
9. Self
10. Utter publicly
11. Put on
16. Title
17. _____-a-pet
20. Fresh-water fish
21. "Key _____"
22. Ohio city
23. Frenzy
24. Artic home
25. CBS's Sawyer
26. "Tintern _____" (Wordsworth poem)
28. Convulsion
31. Turkish tribe
35. Excitement
37. Gossip column tidbits
38. "Ben _____"
40. Loading area
41. Eerie cognition: abbr.
42. Shoshonean
43. British drink
44. Wartime agency: abbr.
45. Drum or mark
46. Explosive: abbr.
47. Visionary's limit

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Thank you

- A special thanks to the kindhearted folks who donated paper goods, office supplies, coffee and stamps. These donations are appreciated.
- Our heartfelt thanks to the U of I College of Veterinary Medicine for the generous donation of stainless steel cages which will go right into the new building. We appreciate the myriad instances of support from the College of Vet Med.
- Our hats are also off to our friends at the Parkland Vet Tech Club, who have voted to donate a live tree to enhance the landscaping at the new Humane Center. The partnership with Parkland is a valuable asset to the Society.

SOLUTION
TO
CROSSWORD
PUZZLE



Cat Show

Cats of all shapes, sizes and colors were on display at the Third Annual Illini Cat Club Show held March 26 and 27 at the National Guard Armory in Urbana. Visitors were treated to a close-up look at over 200 gorgeous felines, both purebred and household pets. These well-groomed and pampered pets came from all across the country to compete in a regulation championship show sanctioned by the Cat Fanciers' Association. The CFA is a national organization which sets the standards by which each breed is judged based on physical conformation, color and temperament.

The Illini Cat Club deserves congratulations on a very well-run show, enjoyable to exhibitors and visitors alike. We'll be looking forward to next year!

CCHS "Thank You" Policy Explained

For the past couple of years, it has been our policy not to send thank-you notes or acknowledgments for most donations. It's not that we're lazy, careless, ungrateful, or keep bad records. This policy came about largely through your numerous requests that your donations go to the animals, not the post office. Recently, over 90% of you, by checking off a box on your renewal slip, indicated that you did not want us to waste postage and printing costs by sending back an acknowledgment.

We do hope you understand that we are enormously grateful for your contributions, but with postal rates increasing again and printing costs rising constantly, we feel that the money could be put to better use, and we know you do too. If you ever do need a receipt, please let us know. And of course, we send acknowledgments of your memorial and honorary gifts of any amount if you tell us to whom and where they are to be sent.

A Final Thought

We will be moving into the new Humane Center Memorial Day weekend. Please make a note of our new address and phone number which will take effect at that time: 1911 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61801, (217) 344-PAWS.

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