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for animals

MAKING THE MOST OF WHAT WE HAVE: The CCHS Medical Program

Toby had double trouble when she arrived at the shelter. She was homeless, and she was in pain – constantly squinting because the eyelashes of one of her lower lids were rubbing against the tender surface of her eye.



Cooper, left, formerly Rory, and Emma

This congenital condition, known as entropion, is correctable with surgery, and fortunately for Toby, CCHS veterinarian Jennifer Stone stepped in. Assisted by a fourth-year veterinary student from the University of Illinois, she performed the procedure in the medical unit at the shelter, and now Toby is healthy and active in her new home.

Then there was Rory, a big marmalade cat, with an eye infection.

He visited the cramped medical facilities at the shelter many times during his treatment program, and today he enjoys a loving home with several feline siblings.

Cramped Quarters, Quality Care

Eight feet by eleven feet – that's the size of the CCHS operating room. It's tiny, but what happens in here has an

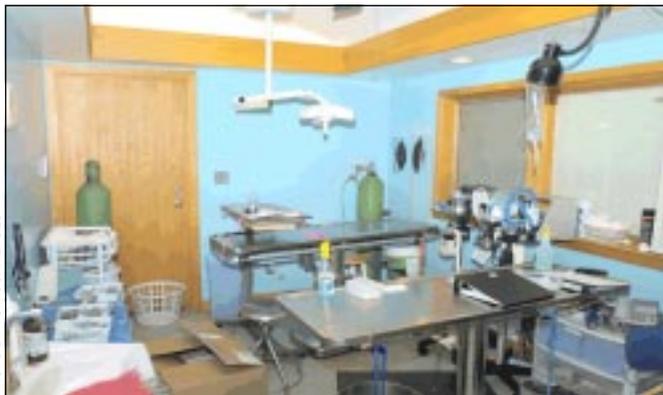


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CCHS veterinarian Jennifer Stone would like to expand the surgical suite to three tables to accommodate a rotating fourth-year vet student.



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Vet techs Lauren Beck, left, and Abby Wiegel test Chester for feline leukemia.

enormous impact. Here is where shelter staff stitch wounds, lance abscesses, remove masses, repair hernias, sometimes clean teeth, and perform many other procedures that make the animals in our care more comfortable and adoptable. And here is where we spay and neuter pets before we send them back into the community, so that they won't contribute to the tragic pet overpopulation. The treatment room is just as small but offers the same quality care to the hundreds of animals at the shelter awaiting permanent homes.

Success stories like Toby and Rory's are possible because of the CCHS medical program, supported by your generous contributions.

Critical to the well-being and comfort of the hundreds of animals that come through the shelter each year, funds from the medical program support the treatment of injuries and chronic conditions, spay/neuter operations, and vaccinations and diagnostic testing. Each adoptable animal gets a complete physical. Cats are tested for feline leukemia, and dogs are checked and sometimes treated for heartworm. All are

(See Medical Program, page 4)



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Each year CCHS spends more than \$75,000 on medical and surgical supplies.

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From the Director's Desk

At this writing we have 530 animals in our care. The enormous task of caring and finding homes for these animals weighs heavily, though the staff and logic tell me that with kitten season coming to an end the shelter population will go down. The care of these animals has a high financial and emotional cost.

We are doing what we can to reduce our costs. Every line item in the budget is being scrutinized to see where we can cut. We won't cut in areas directly affecting the health and welfare of the animals. We will cut our administrative costs by combining our annual membership appeal with this issue of Pawprints, which will save us thousands of dollars. This is money better allocated to the direct care of the animals.

We need your help. Let your friends and families know that we have wonderful healthy and happy animals waiting to share their home and lives. **Show your financial support by renewing your membership in the Humane Society by responding to this appeal.** (See page 15 for form).

Combining our annual membership mailing with Pawprints may be risky. You – our members and supporters – are used to responding to a separate appeal. We think this is worth a try. **Please renew your membership in the society now.** 🐾

The Ms. Garbo Fund

“The trouble with a kitten is that it eventually becomes a cat.”

—Ogden Nash



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For those of us who love felines, age makes no difference. In a shelter setting healthy kittens quickly steal the hearts of the adopters and find homes more readily than do their older cousins. Cats, a year or more old, often have a hard time finding someone to give them a home.

Do you have room in your heart and in your home to adopt two adult cats? A generous donor is willing to help you do just that. The Ms. Garbo Fund has been established by Jack and Shelby Stifle to help families adopt the second adult by paying the adoption fee. CCHS has more than 400 felines in its care. Please consider giving one – or two – of these great animals a good home. Visit the animals at the shelter and ask about the Ms. Garbo Fund. 🐾

Annual meeting draws crowd of 75 CCHS members, supporters

The bottom line, interim executive director Harriett Weatherford said at the CCHS annual meeting Sept. 15, is what's best for the animals.

And even though the bottom line of CCHS's financial report was \$83,000 in the red at the end of the fiscal year, Weatherford said the animals will continue to get the finest care.

More than 75 members in attendance at the Urbana Civic Center heard Dr. Jennifer Stone, who joined the CCHS staff in May, detail the extensive medical program she heads and heard Weatherford give her state of the shelter report. Ten board members were elected.

Dr. Stone emphasized that CCHS is not a no-kill shelter. Animals that show multiple health problems or do not respond to treatment may be euthanized when the medical staff feels the animal will have a low quality of life. Animals will not be put up for adoption if they

exhibit aggression over food, with other dogs or toward people. Behavioral tests are part of the duties of the medical staff, and she would like implement additional screening for those breeds in which these traits are more common.

The medical staff is evaluating the nutrition program at the shelter, and Dr. Stone said their evaluation of the Hill's Program suggests that CCHS would be able to provide a higher quality food than it currently does at a savings of about 50 percent. She said the board will vote on this issue soon. *(See story page 1 for the bulk of her presentation)*

Weatherford said CCHS supports the county's plan to create its own impoundment facility, and hopes to continue the good relationship with the county and the cities.

"Our job is to adopt animals," she said.

The deficit in the shelter's bottom line was covered by prior years' earnings. An

audit of the CCHS records will take place in October and will be available on the Web site, Weatherford said.

To ensure a healthier budget this year, she said every event CCHS does has to be a fund-raising event.

"We're doing the big things (A Fetching Ball was Oct. 8) and the little things, like dog washes and car washes (the Sept. 18 car wash raised \$900). We'll do more. And we have to take the animals to where the people are," so more off-site adoption events, such as those successful at PetsMart and Select Comfort and elsewhere will take place.

One cost-cutting measure is to forgo a separate membership mailing this fall by including an appeal in this issue of Pawprints *(See envelope in the middle of this issue and form on page 15.)*

Weatherford said the census at the shelter has remained constant over her 15 years of involvement at CCHS. About 5,500 animals come into the shelter each year. About 3,000 are adopted, and about 1,900 are euthanized or die at the shelter. About 550 are returned to their owners.

Sixty-nine ballots were cast. Because of the large number of new directors this year, and the need to retain a three-year rotation, lots will be drawn for one-, two- or three-year-terms at the board's organizational meeting Oct. 13. Elected: Lisa Burgoon, Lauren Conrad, Chuck Feinen, Brad Hudson, Vicki Jarrell, Bruce Kelso, Carole Lindholm, Leroy Neitzel, Mare Payne and Gretchen Reid. 🐾

Daisy Trust goal: Increase dog adoptions

A trust fund has been established by a long-time supporter of CCHS in memory of her beloved terrier. The Daisy Trust is intended to fund programs and activities aimed at increasing dog adoptions.

The first account was set up to fund the PhD program, coordinated by Brianna Guidi, which teaches dogs the basic niceties that we'd all love for our canine companions to know. Seven to eight volunteers are involved in the training and our hopes are to expand the program to include more trainers and adoptable dogs. Brianna has been involved with PhD since February and 50 dogs have been encouraged to sit on command, take a treat nicely and walk on lead. Forty-five dogs have finished the program and have been adopted.

The Daisy Trust has also made it possible to acquire a new anesthesia machine, which has enabled our veterinary staff to have two veterinarians operating at the same time. This has greatly improved our ability to ensure that as many adoptable animals as possible are altered before they go home. 🐾

The CCHS Medical Program continued from page 1

examined and treated for internal parasites, fleas, ticks and ear mites. Every adopted animal gets a microchip and a “going home” physical as well.

“We’re constantly working to make the medical program at the shelter more effective and more professional,” says Dr. Stone. She cites several recent improvements, including:

Staffing

- A fourth-year U. of I. vet student on a clinical rotation in the shelter provides direct animal care to the pets. The student receives invaluable experience in a multi-animal environment while CCHS gains critical medical expertise at minimal cost.

- Staff training has been enhanced to increase clinical proficiency and to improve specific skills.

Equipment

- A new anesthesia machine, added this summer, increases the number of surgeries that can be performed at the shelter.



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- A high-quality microscope, recently donated, is dedicated to cytology and other specialized exams. The older microscope is now used for routine fecal tests.

Facilities

- Recent physical improvements to the on-site operating room mean that a greater number of operations,

particularly spay/neuters, can be performed at the shelter.

What It Takes Today

Like medical care for humans, the medical program for the pets at the CCHS shelter isn’t cheap.

More than \$75,000 is spent on medical and surgical supplies annually. Personnel costs – for Jen Stone; Cindy Johnson, a part-time veterinarian; other CCHS staff; and outside veterinary services – increase the annual expenses to more than \$220,000 per year. Equipment costs and facilities improvements, made incrementally as funds permit, add significantly to the bottom line of the program.

While the adoption fees for cats and dogs were recently increased by a modest \$10 (to \$75 for cats and \$85 for dogs), the fees do not begin to cover the cost of services that directly affect

the quality of life for the pets at the shelter.

That’s where you can help. Your gift will help



PHOTO BY TOM SCHAEFEGES

Two kitties are treated for an upper respiratory infection in a nebulizer, which provides vaporized inhalant medication.

support the medical program and allow us to reach our program goals of providing healthier animals to the community sooner.

A Time of Change

“We’re in a time of change, for the better,” says veterinarian Stone. Her vision for the future includes enhanced training programs, equipment and facilities.

You can turn that shared vision into reality. Your gift in support of the CCHS medical program will have a direct effect on the lives of pets that we serve. Please use the enclosed reply envelope to show your support for the medical program and help CCHS reach its program goals sooner. 🐾



PHOTO BY TOM SCHAEFEGES

Vet tech Lauren Beck clips Jasper’s nails while Jessica Bell holds him. Each adoptable animal also gets a complete physical.

With Your Help: Plans for the Future of the Medical Program

Staffing

- Development of new treatment protocols
- More extensive behavioral testing of the pets before adoption to better identify aggression toward people, food or other animals

- More formal training of CCHS staff on an ongoing basis

- Development of updated information for adopters and staff
- ### Equipment

- Supply an expanded operating room facility with the needed equipment
- Purchase at least one more surgical light, and another surgery table and anesthesia machine
- Upgrade lab equipment, such as an otoscope for examining ears, a tympanic thermometer and a digital scale in order to provide better physical exams

- A new computer and printer for the medical program

Facilities

- Reconfigure square footage currently used for an office to enlarge the operating room suite

Please use the enclosed envelope to send your membership renewal – and an extra gift for the medical program – today.

Special Thoughts

IN MEMORY OF ...

Smokey, Sissy's beloved Persian
Christine C. Smith

Lucy Valentine, a faithful friend
Helen Grandone

Piewacket, Luther, Magic
Mary Beth Greene, Nancy Johnson

Josie Rockhold
Gary Benard

Jessie, a wonderful dog
Luther and Jacqueline Terry

JoAnn Graham
*John and Bonnie McMahon, Main Library
Managers of the Cincinnati Public Library,
Kenni and Tom Pinckard, Harriett
Weatherford and the Garage Sale
Volunteers*

Robert E. Brown
*Michael and Karen Kesler, Peggy and Roger
Taylor, Michael Moore, Pat Carrington,
Stan and Pat Gilles, Mrs. Jason Collins,
Perry and Brenda McLellan, Charles Nogle*

Edward Heiser's Collie/Shepherd
Ed served in WWII for three years. His dog
greeted him with love on his return.
Edward Heiser

James W. Crady
*Friends and neighbors, Staff of the Tuscola
National Bank, Staff at Cabot*

Captain Chancy Scott Finfrock
Lois Finfrock

Vinnie – a precious little boy, loved by so
many
Hope Eastin

Taffy, much loved dog of the Esgar family
Nina

Georgia Sensenbrenner
Robert and Sharon Schmidt, Mary H. Clegg

Missy Fitzgerrald
Roger and Betty Hollister

Ella
Barbara Schleicher

Cleo, CCHS Class of 1987. She passed
away on Aug. 31, 2002, but she still lives in
our hearts.

Andy Gregory

Dick Smith, extraordinary librarian and
human being
Robert and Sonia Carringer

Alfred Weatherford
Joyce Hilgert

Mary Tresch
*Eathel N. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. Doug
Behrens*

Teri LaRoche
Mrs. Barbara New

Jack R. Turnell
Jackie Lang and friends

Kim Bogaert
*Mike, Donna and Babycat Burwell, Fred
and Virginia Payne, Linda Tichenor,
Dianne Gibbs Hays, Bruce & Christine
Bonds, Linda Payne, Lynette Frank*

William May
Connie Kaiser

Maggie May Borich, beloved dog of Peter,
Carrie and Payton Borich, for all the love
she gave during her stay on earth
Martha H. Pence

Mildred Weidner
Larry and Georgia Isaacs

William C. Phillips who loved the CCHS
cat he adopted
Barbara Picard

Toby Morgan, the canine friend of Carol
Morgan and Joe Niernberger
Heidi Leuszler

Stormy Weech, beloved 18-year-old cat of
Eunice and Terry Weech
Gloria Rainer

Dino, my precious little companion. I loved
him dearly! He is sorely missed.
Velma Baker

Liesel, our schnauzer princess
Boyd and Key Jackson and Gretel

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IN MEMORY OF

(Continued from page 5)

Arvilla R. Watson
Bob Watson

Matthew C. Schoeffel, who is missed very much
Carol, Sadie, Jazzper and Steve Burger

Katinka
Tobias Barske

Aris
Sally, John, Kate and Peter

Renfield, the bravest cat we ever met
Carol and Jeff McClaine

Skipton Majdiak, beloved dog of Dan and Catherine Majdiak
Debbie Black and Marge Anders

Helen Smalley Hurlberg, for the animals she truly loved
Judy Cameron

Angus
Mary-Elizabeth Hamstrom

Lucas Hale
Champaign Country Club, Cindy Duffy, Rebecca Bell Boskey, Joel and Sheila Burwash, Suzanne Martensen, Cliff and Jenny McClure, Josephine Skonberg, Kaye Buss, Sharon Hosley, Anonymous

Pumpkin Thomas, our sweet, precious little girl. You were a wonderful, loyal friend for 15 years!
Rob and Carrie Thomas

Audrey Gretchen Faulkner
Glenn and Ann Schmidt, Maryanna Cain, Margaret Little, The Sensenbrenners (Ken, Joan, Will and Kenneth)

Rosayla F. Schmidt
The Sensenbrenners (Ken, Joan, Will and Kenneth)

Jedi, beloved companion of Bryan and Barb White
Linda and Mike Case

Buddy, Connie Dorsett's sweet boy. He was a beloved friend.
Linda and Mike Case



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"We're looking for new CCHS members. Send in your dues today in the envelope on page 8-9!"

Joan C. Dawe
Cindy Mann and Lyman Dawe

Erline Bright, who would have single handedly saved all the pets in the world
Bari Koelbl

Rusty II
Dr. Lynn Stevenson-Burger and Dr. Michael Burger

Hughie Raisner
William, Helen and Joe Basehart

Tutti Hirschfeld
Pam Tork

Moose, beloved character and companion of Lynn and Nancy
Ranger, Heidi and Rick

Dumas, beloved beagle of Vernon, Tammy and Brandon Carswell
Margaret Cupps

Alex McCoy
Karen S. Koenig

Alec Troxell, a wonderful pet who will be greatly missed
Meme and Pops, Jack, Suzanne and Mocha Troxell

Cori Laidlaw
Esther and Bill Werstler, John and Shirley Goin

Gingersnap Thomas, the most loving and gentle companion for 16 wonderful years!
Rob and Carrie Thomas

Bertrand Holley
Carle Hospital House Officers

Thelma Cox, she loved her dachsunds
Diane Stensland

Barbara E. Roberts, she loved animals
Tammy Ernst

Jack Roeper
Sally

Lilli
Edwin and Lenrose Jahiel

Barbara R. Springer
William and Sheree Jones, Timothy and Lynette Gilles, Larry and Margaret Brady, John and Carolyn Carter, Robert and Susan Darmody, Pat and Stan Gilles

Gordon Grubb
Mrs. Bess Grubb; RMP Trucking and Progressive Propane employees; Doris, Lain, Ron and Camila Presley; Diane and George Miller

Joan Taylor
Robert and Kathe Shinham, Sherri Faith, Norman and Lana Maske

David Day
Nancy and Dick Nash, Barbara and Dick Barker, Mary Ann and Paul Luedtke, Mel and Ann Parker, Peter Feuille, Donna Morgan, Gene and Betty Jo Oliver, Kendrith and Jean Rowland Sr., Sheila Sullivan, Martin Wayne, Diane and Rob Ore, Cindy Dodds

Arthur H. Brady
Katina Ekstrom, Harold and Gladys Colbert, Jack and Fran Morris, Edwin and Darleen Knapstein, Jo, Anonymous, Doug and Susie Parrett, Robert Archer, Charles and Joan Amacher, Nancy Sitterly, Sue and Bud Cavette, Bill Fox, Lisa and Mike Higgins, Dean and Kris Eaton, Laurie Scott, Keith, Cindy, Jenny and Sarah

Pamela Jo Burke Herriott
Anonymous, Dee and Laura Brunkow, Roger Williams and Family

Viola Hilgert
Eileen Gifford, Sherry and Ruby Slade, Anonymous, Jane Phillips, Margaret M. Tsiang, Harriett Weatherford and the Garage Sale volunteers

Stan and Mary Weaver, they loved animals
Beverly Harney, Jody Ellison, Cheryl Cavill, Jim Harney and family, Jon Harney and family, Helen L. Stoner

Dr. B. Smith Hopkins
Richard Cogdal, Ruth Miller

Lily
Karen Kovacs

Bruce Craddock
John and Julie Wilcox

Rascal, Amy Jonker's cat
Linda Langston

Darlene Burr, a lovely lady who loved all animals
Velma Browning, Bank Illinois, Jack and Shelby Stifle, Steve and Brenda Kiser, Tom Byrnes, Kevin Broys, The Good Gals Group (Judy Harry, Mary Bamert, Edna Haubner, Edna Teuscher, Eileene Foile, Allice Garrelts, Sharon Tipsword, Mary Grossman, Ann Riley, Anita Millar), Harriett Weatherford, Connie Ogden, Manny Roth, Valley of Bloomington Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, The Burr Siblings (Ron and Pat Moncelle, Roger Burr, Mary Jo Hoback, Barb and Ken McElroy), Mona and Jimmy Kaiser, Joe and Vera Hanoka, Lynda and Bob Byrd, Anonymous



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"I'm warm and fuzzy – just like that feeling you'll get when you join CCHS. Reply envelope is inserted on the next page."

Mrs. Wilma Torenson
Douglas and Mary Schroer, William and Cynthia Green

Mollie
Renee Potter, Rick and Ellie Broyles

George Costello
Nancy Lopeman

Norma Rosenberg
Janet Tucker

Short Stuff, my precious male 17-year-old cat, the love of my life
Bettina Chapman

Rick Weinberg
Peggy Weinberg, Gary and Delores Eaton

Dale Holloway
The Raschers

Armenia Howk
Ann Frichtl, Arnold and Nancy Brucker, Sue Dorner

Herb Schloz
Janet Schloz-Bastin

Everett "Babe" C. Young
Staff of the Office of University Counsel at U. of I.

Larry Haneline
Melody Lampert, Anonymous

Dominick, a wonderful little dog
Warren and Marcia Johnson

Bootsie, our precious cat for 17 years
Gary, Sandy, An and Christy Dayton

Jay Gooch and Tawny – together again
Bede Gooch

Chloe, beloved cat of Juliet
Mary Dorn

Kristi Johansen
Jim and Deloris Holliman

Phoebe Landis
Anonymous

Matt Fejes Jr., animal lover and Pee Wee's best friend
Karen Koenig and Jim Schultz; Bob, Bolly and Brigadier Clemons

Johnson, a collie who was a soul mate to Ben Hohn and Amy Wilensky
Christopher Hohn

Curly, beloved companion of Sonda Gabriel
Sherry Slade

Viola Gortner
Jim and Becky Hicks and family

Kotah Becherer
Rebecca and Betsy

Katrina J. McDaniel
Hickory Point Bank and Trust

Andy, faithful and dearly loved friend of Del and Elaine
Sara Peters

Maggie, beloved dog of Mr. and Mrs. James Acheson
Mary and Louis

Apollo McLaughlin, the best greyhound ever. We will always remember you.
Donna Olach

Daniel Drawbridge
Anonymous

Buddy
Christina Ashworth

Spencer Grant
Anonymous

Maxine Roe
Chuck and Karen Siems

Beebs, our missed buddy
Randy and Melody Eimen

Lola Pierce
Bert and Louis Owens

Ami Jean, a beautiful, beloved friend
Eleanore Taden

Zoe, our sweet diabetic cat
Beverly Herzog

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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 Sept. 17.

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IN MEMORY OF ...

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Snuggles and Sir Winston, for years of devoted love
Terry and Judy Iversen, Jennifer and Derek Iversen

Dino
Velma Baker

Harry, beloved companion dog of Casey and Linda
Linda Coleman and Casey Sutherland, Trudy, Sandy, Candi and Kristy

Charles L. Abbott, my brother-in-law who loved dogs
Linda Clem

Dirk Lusk
From your devoted four-legged friends: Ollie, Ben and Grady
Max, joy with four paws



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"You and your CCHS membership go together like us – a purr-fect match."

Susan Cohen and George Monahan

Tippy, Buffy and Angie
Jack and Minnie Rindt

Mil Gollither, beloved sister-in-law
James Gollither

Annie, my daughter and son-in-law's dear little cat
Margaret Bruce

Heine, Digsy and Frisco
Bob and Suzanne Twohey

Mambo Nieto
David and Linda Berg

Lorraine Trebilcock
Fran Black Kettler

Don Bolton
Carle Clinic

Misty
Peggy Anzelmo

Wilma Toreson
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence McNabby, Dorothy Albin

Irisis, beloved dog of William A. Christensen
Margaret Christensen

Jade, beloved companion of Connie and Bill Fox
Shirley Huber Merryman

Don Holthoff
Brenda Holthoff

Christopher, beloved cat of Kathy, Don, Andy and Katelyn Barbour
Margaret Christensen

Lillian Toth, my aunt who loved and cared for many animals
Sandy Nieman

Florence Cummins and her beloved dog Mindy
William Alfeld

Roy
Leon and Alice Campbell

Annie, Fiona and John Griswold's precious cat
Anonymous

Sable Johnson
Tom, Brenda, Jonathan, Kelly and Holly Koester

Cocoa Mir Isis
Pamela Joy

Princess, beloved dog of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cramer
S. Schmidt

Mary V. Kirby
Betsy Kirby Adrian

Mini, fond Westie of the Buerkett family
Anonymous

Howard and Eleanor Gifford
Viola and Joyce Hilgert

Scooter
Allison and Ryan Perry, Kristin and Jeff Geis

Dream, Fred, Luther, Beau and Dempsey
Andrea Ellinger

Roxy. What a dog she was! We loved her and she loved us more.
The Jarling Family

Babe and Sophie
Barbara and Merrill Huffman

Mabel, Curly and Matisse
Sonda Gabriel

Sophie, Alice Novak's sweet, big-hearted lab
Jim, Laurie, Alison Dey and Brownie

Sam, a best friend for 12 years
Jim, Laurie, Alison Dey and Brownie

Betty Gregory, a wonderful friend and neighbor
Jim, Laurie, Alison Dey and Brownie

Marajen Stevick Chinigo, a generous employer and friend to all animals
Jim, Laurie, Alison Dey and Brownie

Beano Matzke. All cats go to heaven – if Nan and Fred live a good life, are kind to animals and root for the Packers, they'll see her again someday.
Cassandra Brown

Winky
William T. and Kathryn Henderson

David Hocker
Diane Hocker and family

Allan Hewardnine
Lois and Ed Hesterberg

Allen Mundsinger
Jack and Shelby Stifle

Ronnie Griffen
Jack and Shelby Stifle

Claire, the little cat from the cornfield; 13 years was not long enough
Maryann Mercer and Catherine Craglow

Max
Nathan and Lisa Degler

Wallace "Bud" Dorner. He was well loved.
Cindy Dorner

Jilly
Michael and Donna Burwell

Spookie, my friend for 17 years
Karen A. Atwood

Gracie Merkle
Judy Huelsbusch

Pam Herriott
Dee and Laura Brunkow

Bill Brunkow
Dee and Dusty Brunkow

Ky, to commemorate the anniversary of his
adoption
Shirley Merryman

Sheba, a beautiful golden retriever
*Jane and Chuck Facer, Wayne and Joyce
Eberhardt*

IN HONOR OF ...

Phyllis Vokes and Darlene Lorton, for their
care of Alex
Henrietta Schwartz

Sherwood, my new grandkitty
Maryann Mercer

Iffy, beautiful green eyes
Judith Tymchek

Dr. Kent Davis, our new veterinarian
Jean Hadfield and Ed Sutton

Stephanie Graham, for her continuing
service to her church family of Mahomet
Christian Church
*The cast from "Acorns to Oaks" and their
families*

Steve Notaro
Shelby Stifle

Muffin and Mindy Guymon
Karen, Mark and Stephanie Guymon

Ginger
Nancy Yaxley



"I shudder to think what could have happened
to me if CCHS hadn't been there. Won't you
become a member to ensure CCHS will
always be there for all the homeless pets?"

Judge Heidi Ladd
Joyce Ahrens

Harry Gordon
Jerry and Judy Blaker

Linda Kirby
Tatman's Collision Repair Centers

Mark and Shane Reynolds
Anonymous

Juliana Trach
Jenny Singleton

Don and Lora Runyon
Patti and Jim Ash, Tina and Jason Grooms

Sherry Slade's birthday
Alberta Marshky

Einstein
Beth Kowyna-Ebenein

Lauren Schwarzenraub, Happy Birthday!
*Rick, Lisa, Abby and Lauren
Schwarzenraub*

Anthony K. Cassell, Happy Birthday!
John and Julie Wilcox

Aunt Betty Cook, Happy 80th Birthday!
Jim and Kay Cook, Sgt. Jeremy Smith

Ruth Aydt and Van Welch, congratulations
and best wishes
*Catherine Majdiak, Steve and Stephanie
Sutton*

Dr. John Wilcox, Happy Birthday!
Anthony K. Cassell

Sorry I missed the Dog Walk
Kathy

Iffy, beautiful green eyes
Judith Tymchek

Molly Cowan
Karen, Mark and Stephanie Guymon

Diane Heidbreder, Happy Birthday!
Gentry and Earle

Sorry to miss the Bark-in-the-Park event
Kent and Teresa Schurg

Collected at Blue Jean Day for CCHS
Urbana Adult Education

Collected at a fund-raiser for CCHS
Credit Union 1

For all the hard work and challenges by the
CCHS staff
Mary and Jerry Young

Sonda Gabriel, godmother of Chelsea, my
adorable CCHS alum
Sherry Slade

Mr. and Mrs. John Inskip
Nancy Uchtmann

George Lukaseck, my uncle and true animal
lover
Ruth Aydt

Brigadier, beloved companion of Holly and
Bob
Heidi, Rick and Ranger

Jip
Paul and Janel Telthorst

Dolly
Jack and Minnie Rindt

Bill Rinne
Al Bock

Gloria Sax, my favorite co-worker, good
friend and dedicated animal lover
Neal Merchen

Harriett Weatherford
*Michael Walker and C.K. Gunsalus, Susan
and Chris Fowler, Karen Koenig, Bill and
Lamar Murphy*

Suzy and Chloe
Miranda Dodge

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IN HONOR OF ...

Sarah Jones, Happy 17th Birthday
Junior Class of the High School of Saint Thomas More

Deb Stewart
Kelly Halcom

Sandy on her 8th birthday and Fluffy on her 10th birthday
Cindy Dodds

Pamela Halm, I'm glad you got cats from CCHS!
Brett Eisenhauer



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"Did you see that envelope before you turned the page? It's an easy way to renew or begin your CCHS membership."

Peppermint
Elizabeth Harris

Joan Lathrap
Sheila Sullivan

Harvey and Marilee Hoffswell, our dear uncle and aunt
Howard Hall and Paula Moore

Kitty, Felix and Scooter
Pamela Garrison

Catie, Happy 9th Birthday
Katelynn, Halle, Hannah, Michael, Ellison, Kinzie and Tony

Alberta Marshky, Happy Birthday!
Sherry Slade

Dennis Brya, one of the world's truly great neighbors
Shirley Huber Merryman

Sari and Ken Aronson, Happy New Year!
Patrick and Sandra Hammond

Buster
Eastham and Hamilton families

Dr. Leroy Neitzel
... He served our furry family so well
Rose and Craig Grant
... For the loving care he gave my buddies, especially Julie and Scooter
Marilynn Farnham
... For all the many years he cared for and about our loving pet families
The Harold Slade Family
... For all he's done for CCHS and the animals of this community
Barbara Meyer and Bob Lish
... In grateful appreciation
Robert and Beth Zeiders

Dick and Lynne Gebhart
Dick and Janet Gebhart

Jim and Kim Huss
Dick and Janet Gebhart

Heidi Howard
Dick and Janet Gebhart

Doris Trotter
Dick and Janet Gebhart

Christy Toups and Family
Dick and Janet Gebhart

Helen Prestin
Anonymous, Dave and Stephanie Johnson, Dick and Christine Read, Prestin and Jen Read, Co-Bandy's of Hoopston

Dave and Stephanie Johnson
Anonymous

Dick and Christie Read
Anonymous

Prestin and Jen Read
Anonymous

Bundy's of Hoopston
Anonymous

Gracie
Dolores and Roger Yarbrough

Taya Ross in honor of her birthday and of her cat Breutus
Tammy Nicasastro and Iren Aikman, Andrew Belmont, Wendy Shields Bauer, Robert and Linda Burton, Donna and Charles Warwick, Jon Sokolski and Mary Dodd

Renita Jackson
Karen Atkins and Managers, Dena Melloncamp

Abby, nursed back to health by a kind CCHS volunteer and now 8 years old!
Deborah, Andrew and Emma Fell

Sandra and Patrick Hammond, Happy Holidays!
Sari and Ken Aronson

Melanie Berry and Mike Slepka's marriage
Susan and Thiede Gonzo

Rose and John Kearns
James Kearns

Drs. Dianne Dunning and Steve Marks, great friends to our family, including our dogs!
Dierdre McGlone and Stig Lanesskog

Max, Claire, Malcom and Charlotte, cats extraordinaire!
Maryann Mercer

Mary Young, Merry Christmas
Robert, Karla, Shannon, Diana, Angela, Dawn and Amanda

Ron and Bonnie Ball
Sharon and Brian Ball

Sheila Sullivan
Joan Lathrap

Kim and Bruce Long and their dogs Cooper and Leah
Merle Oyer

Shirley and Brutis Burton
Christine and Kevin Wolter-Krupp

Tim Phillips
Katrina Phillips

Deb Stewart and Della Perrone
Holly Kruse

Robyn Meyer
Amanda Zoller

Roxy, our beloved English mastiff friend
The Clapper Family

Mrs. Dill and Mrs. Carper, teachers at Sangamon School in Mahomet
Kyle Clapper

Mrs. Sandra Sorensen
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorensen



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"Your membership in CCHS will ensure continued service to homeless animals. An extra gift earmarked for the medical program will help achieve Dr. Stone's goals."

Sheba, adopted from CCHS in 1991
Evelyn Pyle

Reba and Lily
Terry and Teri Emerson

Ruth and Maurice Gordon, Happy 50th Anniversary!
Anonymous

Vera Vogel, Happy Holiday!
Pat and Roger Martin

Everyone involved in the CCHS benefit party: CU Divas, Lynda Worner and her staff, and all who made donations
CU Divas (Downtown Independent Volunteer Association)

Terri and Dave's marriage
Elizabeth Edwards

Nancy Krug, in appreciation of all her work on the educational exhibit at Verde Gallery
Champaign Spinners and Weavers Guild

Tiger and Mittens
Margarethe Williams

Cloe, Kelly, Pinkie and the 2 new terrors!
Marilyn Silkwood and Marilyn Sullivan

Sam, our wonderful dog we adopted from CCHS
Renee Baillargeon

Sassy, we're so glad you recovered!
Gerald and Judy Day

Sharon and Jake Hyland
Ronald and Bonnie Ball

Betty Homa
Jason McCord

Richard & Cheryl Buse
Roessler Construction

SPECIAL THANKS...

Our thanks to those who have collected much needed items or raised funds for CCHS:
Next Generation Head Teachers: Lori Frick, Shari Turner, Lori Jacobs, Denise Stewart, *Brekin Bartlow, Crystal Rexroat, Erin Harding, Rachel Cox, Danelle Win, Mimi Kwak, Katie Donoho, Holly Swain and Andrea*; 6th and 7th Grade Sunday School Class of the Mahomet Lutheran Church; *Sarah Treece and her friends*; 2nd Grade Classes at *Holy Cross; Sidney Megeff, who asked for donations to CCHS instead of gifts for her birthday; Seth and Andrea Isaac, Alan and Sandy Buenting, Pat and Patti Walsh, Earl and Diane Buenting, Rachel Buenting, Renee Buenting, Paul Buenting and Lorraine Stagen, in lieu of exchanging holiday gifts; Julie Berg for her donation of pet supplies; Deb Skaggs and Osco Drugs for organizing a very successful car wash; Rob Skaggs and Steamatic of Champaign Urbana Inc.; Raymond and W.S. of World Class Auto Detailing for their help with the car wash.*

Thank you to the following businesses for letting us show off our animals at their sites: *PetSmart, Animal Outfitters, Prairieland Feeds, Select Comfort, Greenview Nurseries, Hill Animal Care of Mahomet.* 🐾



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"Oh my! Thank you! Your generous gifts and your membership will be put to good use at CCHS."

Thank You Volunteers

In a time when budgets are tight, many people look for ways to make a difference in their community that does not require a monetary donation. Volunteering your time is a great way to help the community, and it is also one of the best ways to help homeless animals. Whether you prefer to walk dogs or cuddle cats, or to help during a fund-raising event, you can make a big difference in the lives of many homeless animals. When you give animals the gift of your time, you'll get back as much as you give – maybe even more! CCHS has been lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers give so much of their time. In 2003, volunteers gave more than 18,000 hours to the homeless animals of Champaign County.

Last year, volunteers gave almost 7,500 hours at the shelter walking dogs so they could get fresh air and exercise; cuddling cats so they could enjoy a warm, comfy lap; and helping the medical staff give medications to sick animals. Six volunteers gave more than 100 hours: Alex Boyd, Lisa Burgoon, Sonda Gabriel, Nancy Krug, Cherie Lyn and Bob Martin. Joanne Haynes gave more than 250 hours to the shelter, as did Brad Hudson. If you include events, Brad's total jumps to more than 300 hours.

Other volunteers worked nearly 3,000 hours at events such as the Giant Garage Sale and A Fetching Ball that raised more than \$100,000. Many others volunteered at the Kitten Shower and Adopt-A-Thons to help place our homeless pets into new, loving homes.

Still other volunteers spent more than 7,500 hours as foster parents, taking the neediest

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Volunteer Spotlight: Hannah Leskosky

Stories on the news about young people running afoul of the law may make you wonder about the future. If you want to be reassured that there is still hope for today's kids, that there are still a lot of good kids with big hearts and love to give, visit CCHS on any given weekend and you will see Junior Volunteers, ages 10 to 15 years old, giving their valuable time to the animals in our care. Junior Volunteers such as Hannah Leskosky.

What started out as a project for her Bat Mitzvah has turned into a long-term volunteer position. Hannah, along with her mother, May Berenbaum, has been a part of the CCHS volunteer program for more than a year. As a Junior Volunteer, Hannah comes



Hannah Leskosky and one of her cats – a CCHS alum named Punkie.

to the shelter regularly to spend time cuddling the numerous cats in our care. She plays with them, cuddles them, brushes them, and sometimes, simply gives them a warm lap to curl up in. Hannah has also helped at some of the shelter's adoption events, such as Adopt-a-Thons and the Kitten Shower. Hannah even requested that guests at her Bat Mitzvah celebration bring

a donation for the shelter, instead of gifts for her. Hannah stunned all of the CCHS staff when she brought in the donations from the celebration – donations that exceeded \$2,100.

The CCHS staff is grateful to Hannah for her generosity and dedication to CCHS. Her time and effort proves that even Junior Volunteers can make the biggest difference to some of the animals in our care. 🐾

Volunteers

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animals into their homes until they were ready to be adopted. They cared for orphaned puppies and kittens, many needing to be bottle fed around the clock. They also cared for sick animals whose medical needs varied from upper respiratory infections, to heartworm to ringworm. Some foster homes provide socialization for otherwise healthy animals

that are scared or timid, and need someone to show them love so they learn to trust people.

Whatever the job – from cleaning cages to folding newspapers to bottle feedings, every CCHS volunteer has made a difference in the lives of homeless pets. A huge, heartfelt thank you to all of the valuable CCHS

volunteers from all of the CCHS staff, as well as all of the animals in our care. We couldn't do this without you.

If you would like to volunteer your time at the Champaign County Humane Society, or would like more information on volunteer programs, contact the volunteer coordinator at 344-7297. 🐾

Are you prepared if disaster strikes? Are your pets?

Disasters come in all forms. No matter where you live, the unexpected can occur. From blizzards to earthquakes to tornados, emergencies happen, which means that everyone should have a disaster plan for their family – including their pets.

“It’s crucial to make plans ahead of time to ensure your pets’ safety in times of disaster,” says Betsy McFarland, director of communications for companion animals for the Humane Society of the United States. “Whether it’s a natural disaster or a terrorist attack, you must have a plan in place. Pets depend on their caregivers to provide for their safety and well being.”

Remember that good disaster planning takes every possibility into consideration. It is imperative that you make plans ahead of time to evacuate your family and your pets in any situation. Arrange for a trusted neighbor who is frequently at home to evacuate your pets if an evacuation order is issued and you are at work. Keep a three-day supply of your pet’s food, medicines, leash, veterinary records and other necessities altogether in a pet carrier that’s ready to go.

If You Evacuate, Take Your Pets

The single most important thing you can do to protect your pets is to take them with you when you leave. Animals left behind in a disaster can

easily be injured, lost or killed. Animals turned loose to fend for themselves are likely to become victims of exposure, starvation, predators, contaminated food or water, or accidents. Leaving dogs tied or chained outside in a disaster can be a death sentence.

Don’t Forget ID

Your pets should be wearing up-to-date identification at all times. It’s a good idea to include the phone number of a friend or relative outside your immediate area.

Find a Safe Place Ahead of Time

Because evacuation shelters generally don’t accept pets (except for service animals), you must plan ahead to ensure that your family and pets will have a safe place to stay.

- Contact hotels and motels outside your immediate area to check policies on accepting pets. Ask about any restrictions on number, size and species. Ask if “no pet” policies would be waived in an emergency. Make a list of pet-friendly places, and call ahead for a reservation as soon as you think you might have to leave your home.

- Check with friends, relatives or others outside your immediate area. Ask

if they would be able to shelter you and your animals or just your animals, if necessary. If you have more than one pet, you may have to be prepared to house them separately.

- Make a list of boarding facilities and veterinary offices that might be able to shelter animals in emergencies; include 24-hour telephone numbers.

If You Don’t Evacuate

If your family and pets must wait out a storm or other disaster at home, identify a safe area of your home where you can all stay together.

- Keep dogs on leashes and cats in carriers, and make sure they are wearing identification.

- Have any medications and a supply of pet food and water inside watertight containers, along with your other emergency supplies.

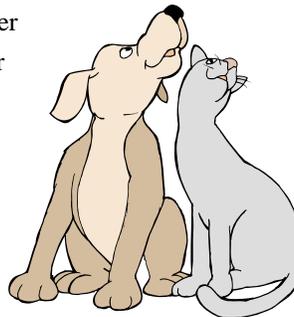
As the Disaster Approaches

- Call to confirm emergency shelter arrangements for you and your pets.

- Make sure your disaster supplies are ready to go, including your pet disaster kit.

- Bring pets into the house and confine them so you can leave quickly.

Whether it’s a tornado, a traffic accident or a terrorist attack, preparedness can help save lives. Pets are part of the family and it’s imperative that they be included in all family disaster plans. Remember, they’re counting on you. 🐾



Ideas for Giving at Year End

A gift to the CCHS demonstrates your belief in our mission and reinforces your commitment to making a difference in the lives of the homeless pets in our care. Many types of gifts allow you to fulfill your charitable intentions and may result in immediate and possible future benefits for you.

Gifts of Cash

Cash contributions are deductible as an itemized deduction in the year you make the donation, up to a total of 50 percent of your adjusted gross income. Excess charitable donations can be carried forward for up to five additional years.

Gifts of Securities

The best stocks to donate are those that have increased greatly in value, particularly those producing a low yield. In order to preserve tax advantages, it is critical that you transfer the physical securities to CCHS rather than the proceeds from a sale.

- **Appreciated Securities.** If you donate stock that has risen in value and that you've held for more than one year, you pay no capital gains tax on the transaction and are entitled to a charitable deduction for the full market value of the stock. (Your income tax deduction is limited to 30 percent of your adjusted gross income. Any excess can be carried forward for five additional years.) If you wish to continue investing in a specific stock, you could donate the stock to us and then use cash to purchase shares with the same company, thus increasing your cost basis to current fair market value.

- **Depreciated Securities.** If you have stock losses, generally you should not contribute the stock, but rather sell the stock yourself to realize the loss for tax purposes. You can

then contribute the cash and take a charitable deduction.

- **Mutual Funds.** A charitable contribution of mutual fund shares can provide the same tax advantages as a gift of appreciated stock. Due to the complexities involved in the transfer of mutual fund shares, we encourage you to begin the transfer process well before Dec. 31.

Gifts of Life Insurance

You can contribute a life insurance policy to CCHS by naming us either as the owner of the policy or simply as the beneficiary. If you name us as owner and beneficiary, you will be entitled to an income tax deduction limited to the lower of the value of the policy or your cost basis in the contract. In addition, if you continue to pay premiums on a policy that we own, you can deduct the premium payments.

Life Income Gifts

Life income gifts allow you to receive an income as a result of making a charitable gift. Depending upon the plan you choose, the income can be fixed or variable, and can be for you or other beneficiaries you choose. For example, you might create a charitable remainder trust to pay income to you for life and contribute money, stock or property to it. Once placed in the trust, the assets can be sold (without capital gains tax) and the proceeds reinvested to produce a higher yield. Life income gifts entitle you to an immediate income tax deduction, which is based on the current value of your gift to us.

Gifts of Real Estate

If you own property that is not subject to a mortgage and has appreciated in value, a charitable gift may be an attractive option. You can claim an income tax deduction based upon the fair market value of the property, avoid all capital gains taxes and remove the asset from your taxable estate. Or, you can transfer your home or farm to us now and continue to use the property for life. Because of the complexities involved, we encourage you to contact us while working with your financial advisor.

Your support can benefit CCHS and create a legacy that touches the lives of homeless pets. Please contact us at 344-7297 for more information. 🐾

Grant to help spay/neuter all pets

Petsmart Charities is helping CCHS achieve its goal of neutering all cats and dogs before adoption with a \$44,446 grant supporting a collaborative spay/neuter program between CCHS and the U. of I. School of Veterinary Medicine. 🐾



Yes, I support Champaign County Humane Society!

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

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Please make checks payable to the Champaign County Humane Society. Mail the form and your check to:
CCHS, 1911 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802. Gifts to CCHS are tax deductible.

Wish List

Folded newspapers (no inserts please)

Laundry soap

Bleach

Dishwashing soap

Paper towels

Terry cloth towels (used are fine)

Unflavored Pedialyte

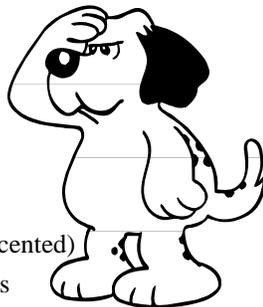
Kitten milk replacement

Cat litter (non-scoopable and unscented)

White pine litter for small animals

Cat toys

Stainless steal non-tipable water dishes



Bridge club plays again for CCHS

Bridge at Ginger Creek, a community club that has been holding fundraisers for CCHS for more than 20 years, has done so again.

The club offers beginner and intermediate lessons on Tuesday evenings. It held a special Novice Bridge Night for CCHS members Oct. 7.

More information about the Tuesday lessons is available by calling Urbana Adult Education, 384-3530, or Karen Walker, 359-0042 or kwalker@insightbb.com.

Thank you, Bridge at Ginger Creek, for your two decades of support.

What's Inside?

- 🐾 CCHS Medical Program
- 🐾 Renew/begin your CCHS membership; envelope enclosed
- 🐾 Two new funds that honor the memory of beloved pets encourage adoptions



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Mark Your Calendar

For more information on these events, contact the shelter at 344-7297 after 11 a.m. Keep your eyes wide and your ears pricked for these and other events to come.

Nov. 12-13 — Chris Cringle Craft Show, Assembly Hall

Visit the CCHS booth for dog and cat treats!

Nov. 25 — Closed for Thanksgiving

Nov. 27 — Greenview Nursery, Champaign

CCHS adoptables available!

Dec. 3-5 — Home for the Holidays Adopt-a-Thon



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