



Paw Prints

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Is a Rabbit Right for You?

We're not all about cats and dogs. At the time of this writing, the shelter had a rabbit population of 21! That's in addition to four chinchillas, two ferrets, two doves, and the usual mix of gerbils, mice, guinea pigs, and rats. But 21 rabbits is a lot. We can't say for sure, but it's a good guess that some of our rabbits might be in homes today if their original owners had taken the time to research and understand rabbits before acquiring them in the first place.

Don't misunderstand; rabbits can make excellent house pets. They are generally clean and can be trained to use a litter box. They are interesting, docile, interact well with people, and can be quite affectionate. It may take them more time than a dog or cat to feel comfortable in new surroundings and bond, but given time, patience, and proper handling, they will eventually do so. Rabbits can live in harmony with other household pets such as well-mannered dogs, cats, birds, guinea pigs and other bunnies. Dogs should have basic obedience skills first, and interactions with both dogs and cats should be well-supervised to prevent injury.

If you're thinking of adding a rabbit to your household for the first time, it's very important that you know what to expect. They are natural chewers – like cats are natural scratchers – so trying to change that behavior will not be successful. For their protection and the protection of your belongings, "rabbit proofing" your home is necessary, along with providing them with plenty of appropriate chew toys. Because their teeth never stop growing, chew toys will also aid in wearing them down and keeping them in check.

People often think that a cuddly bunny will be the perfect pet for their young children. This isn't necessarily the case; many rabbits don't like to be picked up, and children usually want to hold them. If not handled properly, rabbits can become fearful and their first impulse is to kick, bite, or scratch. If a rabbit doesn't want to be held, he will struggle vigorously, and due to his delicate structure, he can easily become injured while trying to escape. A rabbit might, however, make an excellent and interesting pet for older, quieter children.

Rabbits have a unique method of expression, unlike that of a dog or cat, and understanding it will help you bond with them. When happy and full of energy, they'll zip around the room. When hungry, they will beg or get cranky and start chewing on what is available – like molding and furniture. When they want attention, they will dig on you until you pet them. Rabbits like being stroked on their forehead and cheeks, or getting a good back scratch around the shoulders. They don't like being touched on the ears, neck, feet, stomach or tail. Neutered rabbits tend to be easier to litter train, and neutering will also decrease the risk of territorial marking.

The essential rabbit diet includes hay, fresh pellets, and fresh vegetables daily. They need daily attention for grooming, affection, and mental stimulation. Rabbits are social, and do not do well in isolation. Well-cared for rabbits, and especially those housed indoors - the preferred place - can live into their teens.

If you've got what it takes to make a home for a bunny, please come to the shelter and meet our resident rabbits. If you'd like to learn more first, a good resource for information is the House Rabbit Society, www.rabbit.org. Their web site offers a wealth of useful information on care, behavior, and health.





From the Executive Director

Being a “Humane Society” Is About More Than Being Humane to Animals

In common parlance, the term “humane society” is understood to refer to an agency that cares for animals. The American Heritage Dictionary defines the word humane as, “having the good qualities of human beings, as kindness, mercy, or compassion.” Humane societies traditionally focus their kindness, mercy, and compassion on animals, rather than humans. Our supporters tend to be people who feel an affinity for animals, and people who don’t feel that affinity support other types of charities.

While our organization’s focus certainly is on animals, it disturbs me a little that the impact we have on the lives of humans is often overlooked or diminished. My first

14 months on the job have shown me that helping animals and helping people are inextricably linked.

Many non-pet owners may not understand how it is that we are helping people. They’ve never spoken on the phone with a widow who is distraught because her failure to manage her dog’s behavior prevents her friends and family from visiting. Nor have they taken the call from the senior citizen whose cat is in dire need of veterinary care that he cannot afford. They’ve never shed tears with a father relinquishing the family pet because he lost his job and can’t afford the expense. It wasn’t until the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina that a broad spectrum of the population saw what happens when pet owners are given the choice of evacuating without their animals or staying in harm’s way with them. At the Shelter, we witness the human-animal bond being threatened and broken routinely. It’s not on the same scale as a natural disaster, but it is no less tragic.

We’re here to help animals. But when you’re consoling a pet owner on the phone, or standing across the intake counter offering a Kleenex, there’s no doubt that you’re in the business of helping people.

Providing spay and neuter services to low-income pet owners is another way that we help people just as much as we help animals. I must admit that our primary motivation for offering these services has been to reduce overpopulation of companion animals. But after working at the two high-volume spay/neuter clinics we held last year, I’m no longer sure that the goal of reducing pet overpopulation should trump the goal of helping low-income pet owners obtain basic veterinary care. Perhaps helping people should not be secondary to our concern for animals; perhaps the two have equal value.

We recently received a thank-you card from a woman who brought her cat to CCHS on Cat Nip/Tuck Day. She expressed her gratitude for the services provided to her cat--the vaccines and the micro chip equally important to her as the surgery. But she didn’t stop there. She went on to explain that experiencing the generosity of Cat Nip/Tuck Day had renewed her belief that there are good people in the world and, since that day, she had started being a kinder person herself. Did we help this woman’s cat? Yes. Did we further our cause of decreasing the cat population? Yes. But arguably the most profound effect was on the cat owner, not the cat.

Perhaps the most important way in which we serve the people of Champaign County is through our interactions with children. Last year, our Humane Educator, Clay Foley, was a guest in 11 first grade classrooms in the Champaign Unit Four School District. He was invited to those classrooms to assist the teachers in presenting lesson plans that he helped create and that had been accepted into the First Grade Curriculum. This year, our partnership with the school district continues and we anticipate even more invitations for Clay. We also provide educational experiences for children through the Cunningham Children’s Home, the Juvenile Detention Center, the Orpheum Children’s Science Museum, and the Urbana Free Library. These humane education programs don’t simply teach children facts about animals. They use topics about animals to teach lessons about respect and kindness towards all living things, in addition to responsibility, fairness, and caring. The lessons young people learn through these programs will make them good people, not just good future pet owners.

Although our concern for the animals of Champaign County takes top priority and we are driven by a desire to do right by them, we should not be shy about the fact that we also serve the human residents of Champaign County. Humans, too, are deserving of kindness, mercy, and compassion and we live our mission when we extend our humanity to all living beings.

Mary Tieferman

Champaign County Humane Society Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2007-08

Performance Highlights

Placement

A homeless animal is "placed" when s/he is adopted or transferred to a reputable rescue organization. For the FYE 2007-2008 we took in 2,594 animals and placed 1,779 of them, achieving a placement rate of 68.6%. The Humane Society of the United States estimates the national average for shelters to be 50%.

Population Control

100% of CCHS cats and dogs were altered (spayed or neutered) before placement.

CCHS collaborated with other members of the Central Illinois Animal Welfare Coalition to hold two one-day spay/neuter clinics for low income cat owners. Over 400 cats were altered thanks to Cat Nip/Tuck Days I & II.

CCHS also provided 286 alteration surgeries for low-income pet owners or area rescue agencies.

Humane Education

During the 2007-08 school year, 33% of first-grade teachers in the Champaign Unit 4 District utilized lesson plans developed by Humane Educator, Clay Foley, and the CCHS Humane Education Committee.

GIANT Garage Sale

The annual CCHS GIANT Garage Sale broke all previous records by earning \$45,929!

Fur Ball

The annual dinner auction earned CCHS \$50,645.

Financial Information

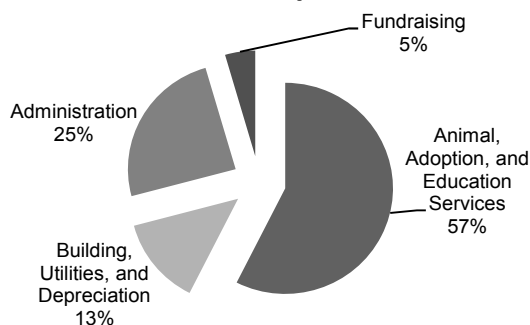
CCHS Fiscal Year: July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

Total Revenue \$566,219
Total Expenses \$734,681
Net Income (Loss) (\$168,462)

Total Assets (as of 6/30/08): \$2,349,835

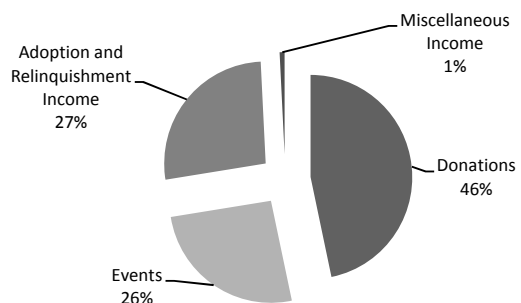
Fiscal Year-end 2008 Expenses

Animal, Adoption and Education Services	\$422,088
Building, Utilities and Depreciation	\$98,714
Administration	\$180,675
Fundraising	\$33,204
Total	\$734,681



Fiscal Year-end 2008 Revenues

Donations	\$264,428
Events	\$145,838
Adoption/Relinquishment Income	\$151,485
Miscellaneous Income	\$4,468
Total	\$566,219



SPECIAL THOUGHTS

YOUR SPECIAL THOUGHTS ARE MEANINGFUL TO THOSE WHO SEND THEM, TO THOSE WHO RECEIVE THEM AND TO THOSE WHO ARE HELPED BY THEM. WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LIST MEMORIAL AND HONORARY DONATIONS CORRECTLY; IF THERE IS AN ERROR, PLEASE LET US KNOW. THIS ISSUE CONTAINS ALL THE SPECIAL THOUGHTS RECORDED AT CCHS FROM FEBRUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 2008.

IN MEMORY OF

Virginia Allen

Robert Allen, Phyllis Winters-Williams, Muriel Hesse, Sharon & Jacob Hyland, Theodore & Chris Merritt, Marla Mast, Martin & Kay Matthews, Michael McMonigal, James & Deloris Holiman, Brad Hudson

Christopher Allen

H & E Sieger, Jane & Walter Myers, Ann Finnegan, Brian & Gloria Rainer, Franklin Ridgway, Susan Gregson, Marguerite & Walt Maguire, Elaine Land & Russel Peppers, Mandy Wescott & Tracy Kopecky, Employees of Volition, Inc.

Gracie

Jason Brechin

Whitney Ballance, she will be missed.

Melanie Starke

Carly

Trudy Diepholz

Kate

Patricia & Peter Kale

Charles Brown

Shirley Franzen, Katy & Ernie Podagrosi, Mary Deason, Gladys Corby, Champaign Official Organization

"Charlie" Brown

The John Pletcher Family

Ba-ba-loo, Dusty, Taco & Curly, our faithful companions

Dee Brunkow

Katie, The Brya's beloved Golden Retriever

Shirley Merryman

William Bryan

Gerald & Charlene Swanson

Clayton

Fred Jaher

Penny, sweet companion of Lisa Burgoon and Jose Agusti.

Amy Fischer, Kevin Brown

Toby, we miss you!

Pamela York

Doris Clifton

Directions, Inc., Debbie & Steve Rugg

Nikki Cole

Rich Cole, Pamela York

Raymond Collins

Lenora Hed, Phyllis Winters-Williams

Bubba, a beloved Schnauzer.

Mark Rowe

Dante

Anonymous

Hobbes

Cindy Dodds

Phil Dillon

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Elsie Divelleau

Sonny & Diana Reynolds, Richard Reynolds

David Dreyer

Sharen & Judith Kloster, Lori & Dan Henry, Phil Bloomer & Sheila Paul, Jan Meyer, Shauna Hausle, Deborah McKillop, Michelle Hesterberg, Nancy & Evan Rader, Judd & Edith Hendricks, Deborah & Doug Wentworth, Debra Merz, Kim & Gretchen Smith, John & Deborah

Mickey

Wayne & Joyce Eberhardt, Pat & Harold Jensen, Clarence & Jane Facer

Two newborn kittens, rest in peace little ones.

Karen Masel

Anthony Edwards

Steve Followell, Wilma Goble, Danny & Lynn Ferguson, Margaret Cozad, John & Mary Workman, Maxine Poff, Steve & Lee Ann Perring, James & Janis Kouzmanoff, Francis & Patricia Smith, Bernadine Reynolds, Karen Reynolds, Donna Edwards, Sally Swarts, Susan Herm

Sebastian

Andrea Ellinger

Destin and Palmer

Melanie Starke

Merlin, a CCHS alum.

Mary Farner

Sophie

Debra Tasic

Debra Fisher, who loved her CCHS dogs.

Kathryn Waldyke

Henry "Buzz" Fitch

Paul & Priscilla Wilson

A dear friend

Marlin & Penelope Fourman

Kaylie

Cora Musial

Gus George

Chapel Class of the Tuscola United Methodist Church, Murle Edwards, Norman Compton

Mr. Goose, 18-year resident of Crystal Lake Park.

Sherry & Ruby Slade

Alfie

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Danuta Gorecki

Richard & Mary Beth Greene and their beloved pets.

Ken Bengoechea & Nancy Johnson

Cleo, a CCHS alum.

Andy Gregory

Thomas Grove

Patterson Office Supplies

Cody

Alice & Henry Hadley

John Hanson

Rebecca Hanson

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Pamela York

Carol Hartrett

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Mary Ellen Hooser

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Viola Hoover

Nancy & Tom Ashley, Tara & Bryan Schmeiser, J. T. Ashley, Linda Hoover, Sherry & Glen Polson, Jennifer & Adam Holleman, Brett Polson, Dana, Greg, Zach

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Beverly Hoover

Renee Hough, Deerfield Trails

Buffy, a CCHS alum who brought joy and laughter to our lives.

Dallas & Tanya Jackson

Aesop

Karen & Robert Janney

Molly

Amy Fischer-Brown, Shelby & Jack Stifle

Misty and Mandy

Jim & Lois Campbell

Bondi, a CCHS alum.

The Kelly Family

Beth Kircher

Dawson Property Management, Lorene Nelson, Luella Westfall, Miriam Hunt, Michelle Foster, John Davenport, Gloria Ingleman, John Ingleman, Bryan Ingleman, Northern Trust of Belleair Bluffs, FL, Joseph & Cindy Kapp, Tom & Sandy Stroyne, Julie Ingleman, Rick

Pauline Kresin

John & Amiee Ward, Dale & Nancy Benz, Louis Bullock

Baron, beloved pet of the Krisman family

Bruce & Jan Miller

Fred Lange

Rebecca Winkler, Nichols Farm, Helen McCown, Jeffrey McCown

Hammie was loved and will be missed.

Betty Jang & Jason Pych, Walter Alspaugh

Cherie Lenz

Debbie & Steve Rugg, Sandra & Bill Volk, John & Eva Scouffas, Rena Lee Lenz, Donald & Joyce Smith, Vicki & Robert Patton, Anne Ehrlich, Doris & James Roush, John & Norma Gremer, Edith Volk, Jeff & Carol McClaine, Jack & Phyllis Ehram

Emma

Bob, Holly & Brigadier Clemons

Riley Loane, a great dog who gave pleasure to many people.

Elaine Newman

Jean Lowary

Glenn Lowary

Molly

The Security Office

Robert Manske

Mary Brueckner, Mary Keith, Lisa Gates, David & Julia Guth, Laura Miller

Travis Marmion

Karen Marmion

Marge Licht Martinie

John & Suzanne Kamradt

Timothy, the best cat in the universe.

Karen Masel

Raymond McCabe

Louis & Brenda Blanc

Rory

Jeff & Carol McCaine

Enid Miller

Virginia Bigelow, Thomas Kerkering, Paul & Sybil Kellog, Donald & Susan Mason, Joan Payne

Lena Grace Miller

John & Mary Ann Miller

Patti Miller

Clarice Thode, Marilyn Eisenmenger, Dan & Marcia Block

Razze

Marilyn Ryan & Umeeta Sadaranjani

Jazz, sleep tight little girl.

Karen Masel

Tony Edwards

Richard & Arlene Chambers, Sheila & John Shevchenko

Jo Jo, a CCHS alum.

Paul & Carol Normholm

Rosebud O'K Nickel, she entered Basset Hound heaven 6/23/08.

Mr & Mrs. Earl Swanson

Maggie

Carol Woodcock

Freckles

Pamela York

Dixie, we will miss your cute face.

Judy Cameron

Geneva, she will be deeply missed.

Pamela York

Gina Pelose and her beloved cats.

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Mary Ann, Brent & Kevin Tiedemann

Annie and Alex

Edward & Teri Pfau

Beth and Johnathan Reid Porter

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Helen Prestin

Grace Samford

Luwana Preston

Shirley Meece, Lois Ogle

John Pydek

Tracy & Mandy Wescott

Gladys Reifsteck

Brian Wills

Carl Roberts

Tammy Ernst, Christina Johnson, Robert Powers

Connie Robinson

Paul & Nancy Moore

Glenn Rohrbach

John & Laura Bottorff, Jeffrey & Barbara Zick, Ross & Susan Merkle

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Andrea & Reagan

Frank Russ

Glenn Percival, Carol & Jerry Loyet, Robert Mussey

Cheyenne

Mark & Lisa Klein

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Molly & Steig Sandgren

Clarence & Nettie Schmitt

Ron & Rosalie Schmitt

Jim Schmitt

Ron & Rosalie Schmitt

Inka

Pamela York

Mady

Bill, Cindy, Lauren & Amy Dippel

Hattie Mae

Patricia Silver

Ron Sims

Betty Wood

Rick Smestad

Karen Huffman

Christina Camp Smith

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Magic

Brenda Smith

Amesess Snyder

Cornelia Smith, Celia Snyder, U. of Illinois Dept. of Education Organization and Leadership, C. I. & Diana Reynolds, Brick Layers #8 of Illinois

Thomas Speirs

Carle Foundation Hospital

Ali, a CCHS alum.

Anna Woessner

Sara Stevenson

Donald & Mary Schlorff, Ronald "Skip" Anderson, Elsie Pettyjohn, Ralph & Bonnie Stephenson, Bruce Komadina & Jennifer Putman, Lawrence Starr, Michael Stevenson, George & Rosemary Porter, Jeffrey & Jill Jones, Frederick Green, Ann Gehant, Kay Fink, Edward

Vera Stirewalt

John & Marilyn Gones, Annice Johnson, Beth Gamble, Clarence Nash, John Marker

Virginia Strzesak

Charles & Dorothy Zahnd, Michael & Betsy Ryan, Pam & Mark Strzesak

Christina Tarter

Champaign Builders Supply, Jim & Tommie Calhoun, Deans Superior Blueprint, Dodds Company, Martin, Hood, Friese & Associates, Darlene Mills, Jack & Wilma Allen, Heidi & Bruce Pugh, Sharon Gibson

Dorothy Tibbs

Mary Hay

Betty Tracy

Carol Mullis

Smith, a CCHS alum.

Stephanie Foote

Rosemary Tucker

Arlene Wakefield

Trees Dikjman Van Es

Carol & Jerry Loyet

Chuck Vaughn

Dave & Laurie Eckerty

Robert Walfeldt, we all miss him!

Janet Wesse

Gary Walker

Chuck Hallett, Misty Martin, Kassi & Kevin, Anita Heath, Lori Wimer Family, Mike, Debbie & Robert, Darlene & Edward Osgood, Lise Helmuth, Rodney Nicholls, Willard & Terry Carney, Betty Henson, Geraldine & Charles Gregory

Berri

Karen Koenig

Ricky Ray Walters

Patricia Webb, Jenilee McCarthy, Paula White

Alan Webb

Mildred Davis

Little Wing

Jan Kruse

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Ina Wetmore, Cathy & Monty Eveland, Patrick & Julia Daly, Duane & Shirley Silver, William & Rita Godsell, Joe & Mary Vermillion, Robert Rice, Diane Easton, Bryan & Vickie Hart, Burgundy Bake Red Hatters

Tiger

Margarethe Williams

Norma Williams

Randolph & Melody Eimen

Mikey

Carol Woodcock

Cathy Wozencraft

Debra Piercy, Joseph & Marshal Creek, Virginia & Michael Conron, Howard & Sharon Griffy, Walmart, First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust

Ruffie

Dawn & Roger Wright

Sophie

Pamela York

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Rex & Sandy Bradfield

Lucille York

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Yossarian

Natalie Dalton

Carolyn J. Davis

Lois J. Hall, Shirley Johnson

Dasie & Whoppie Hearn

Helen & Bill Carpenter

Samson DeLaMar

PJ Leonhard

Bob, Holly & Brigadier Clemons

Patrick Gunning

Melinda Morgan, Mary Jane LaMontagne, Erritt & Donne Booe

Jim Payne & his "lifetime"

companion, Morgan. I'll meet you both at The Bridge. Love you both. Always- N.

James Payne Jr.

Judith & D. Scott Charlton

Percy Cressman

Nancy & Michael Mahoney

Judy Barnes

Marylou Ellis, Sharrol Brisbin, Ken & Paula Price, Kathryn Carlson

Russell Wascher

Nancy McLaughlin, Larry Wascher

Maggie

Julie Ohlsson

Buddy

Judy Hennagen

LaVonne Creek

Audrey & Fred Mohn, Herman & Marion Krier, Jennifer Putman & Bruce Komadina

Helen McCall

Richard & Betty Jones

Anne Sliz

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Mikucki. Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Mikucki

Bob Lish & Waylon, in loving memory.

Barbara Meyer

Fritz Hurley, CCHS alum.

Mary Stuart

Taylor, Harriett and Tom's beloved companion.

Sally & Drew White, Shelby Stifle, Carol & Yoram Miznabi

Minnie

Diedra Douglas

Buffy, beloved companion to Pat Gill and Richard Wheeler.

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Joan Bucher

Kay Schwartz

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Jan Orr

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James McDonald

Bench Mark Group

Marjorie Moyer

Marcia Kay McDuffie, Philip C. Mayer, Chris & Evonnnne Hausman

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Mona Stevens

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Greg & Margo Lykins

Gisela Senn

Erich & Cathy Kugler

Sapphire

Peggy Klausner

Tom Graham

Barbara Bromm

John Hynds

Bill & Shaun Gaston, George & Diane Miller

Eileen Stoklosa

Albert Artimisi, Bill & Elaine Delaplaine, Tim & Roberta Barth, Jeff Bunting, Judith & Marvin Meddows

Virginia Bradley

Earl & Dorothy Riggins

Janice Entler

Katherine Entler, Sharon Reinhold

Steven Brown, Jr.

Daniel & Cindy Kempfues, Constance Ingram, Brenda Borri Company

Lorraine Callaghan

Bill & Shaun Gaston, Tom Yaxley, Shirley Huber Mertryman, Joe, Bob & Pedro Osiek,

Jack

Christine Noffsinger

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Larry & Susan Trujillo

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Jan Simon

Michaeleni Pijanowski
Nancy Mahoney

Casey, Aunt Sherry's dog.
Maya Laggerstam

Ricky Walters
American Postal Workers Union, Champaign Area Local 692, Friends from the Champaign Post Offices

Beth Porter
Linda Ponder, Sandi Schaefer & Rick Grieb, GTPS Insurance Co.

Beth & Reid Porter
Your friends as CVT Surgery/Carle Clinic

Molly
Nancy Rotzoll

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Maggie and Darrell

Henry & Tessa and their beloved Rat Terrier
Debi & Brad Diel

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Brad & Lenny

Ernst Braun
Dr. Ellen Jacobsen-Isserman

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Maxamillian
Jodey Schonfeld

Justin & Lucy
Roger William Applebee

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Greg Rogers

John & Jetson
Karen Masel

Ky
Shirley Huber Merryman

Molly Marie Meyer, devoted companion.
Connie Ingram

Roy Brown
Mike & Sandy Arthur

Nan Lindell
Kay Hodson, Amy Bohn, Bob, Joe & Pedro at Esquire Lounge, Friends at Hubers

Sandy Fix
Cindy Dodds

Jake, beloved companion of Bill Thornhill and CCHS alum.
Julia Saville

Buddy, aka Tigerrr
Nicole Gillham

Molly, a 1993 CCHS alum.
Joyce Williams

Ezra, sorry for your loss.
Love, your DIVA sisters

Lily
Dr. Marcella Ridgeway

Peg Fitch & TC, together now forever.
Tom & Robin Decker

Betty Hamilton
Judith Cotter, Lott & Su Ann Thomas

William Gray, Luella Gray
Leigh Hunt

Bobby Joseph
Leigh Hunt

In loving memory of Sydney, adopted from CCHS August 1993.
Jennifer Trapp

Virginia Cain
Jack & Pat Bellinger, Vera Wright, Jack & Wilma Lane, Richard & La Vonne Pixley

Carol Riley
Kenneth & Natalie Riecks, Maurice & Donna Libbey

Velma Baker
Bacon & Van Buskirk

Frances Riggs
David & Ruth Sharpton

Bob Odgen, a dog lover and a wonderful friend.
Dean & Pat Evans

Don Downing
The Kingston Cousins

Ginger Dollahan, beloved and beautiful Dachshund.
Laura Zick-Bottorff

Grace Daniels
Mary Hannagan, Paula Shurtz, Nancy & George McLaughlin, Nancy Schultz, Paula Allen

Gary Wagoner
Lincoln Trail Elementary School

Kathy Armer
Nancy Wilsand, IBEW Local 601

Augustina
Pat Morris

Carmela Wright
Champaign General Agency

Sebastian, sorry for your loss.
Love from your DIVA sisters.

Milton Kresin
Staire, Buck & Cindy

Sarabel, who joins her beloved brother Sebastian.
Andrea Ellinger

John Hynds
Dale Holt

Michael Hynds
Rod Golden, Deb Reddy and the CCSFI Team

Ruth Wilson
Paul & Priscilla Wilson

Milton Kresin
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In loving memory of Fred Green, dog's best friend.
On behalf of Jesse.
Marc & Fran Ansel

Shugan
Carol Skoglund

Dakota
Pat Morris

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Scott Johnson

Nancy "Nan" Lindell
Walter Alspaugh

Anna Birks
David & Ruth Sharpton

William C. Busch
Helen Brown

Clifford McClure
Alan & Sandra Schweighart

Lorraine Callaghan
Mary & Joe Kersey, Scott Rose, Keith Chew, Arthur & Kristine Hightshoe, Wendy Bell, Penny Weaver, Michael Machula, Lisa Margolin, Andy Crossett, Liz Stratton, Jenny Moore

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Betty Curran

Jean Payne
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Claire Bailey
Patrick & Patricia Goolsbey

Jane Lusk
Mary Krick, Dick Bodine, Sara Lundberg, Marian Percy, Rex Cluver, Joan McGrath,

Bonnie & Clyde
Marjorie Nelson

Ruffie
Dawn & Roger Wright

Spencer Reid
Dolores & Ernie Davis

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Marcia Rotunda

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Sara Ellinger, she is missed very much.
Melanie Starke

Bubba
Katherine Anderson

Tami Kearns
Robert & Linda Clark, Rachel Otto & Family, Donald & Kerrie Edwards, C.D. & T.L. Vandever

Lorna Eichmann
Paul & Marla Mast

Annette Gaines
Village Board of Mansfield

Chris Tarter
Cathy Segovich

Belle, beloved horse of the Foil family.
Gloria & Brian Rainer

Jim Johnson & his Jo Jo
Sharon Johnson

LaVerne Seward
Dolores Hoffman

Nancy Boise
Court Reporters of the Champaign County Circuit Court

Wm. Carl Busch
Valerie & Richard Stahl

Sheryl Benson
Doris Colbert

Bubba, my beloved cat.
Dorothy Lawrence

Max
Dennis, Johnette, & Denna Sparks

Buffy and Belle, we still honor and miss you, our beloved canines.
Bob & Holly Clemons

IN HONOR OF

Gloria Sax
Neal Merchen

Bill Brown
Christina Brown

D's Birthday
Robert J. Taylor

Suzanne Hallihan, Happy 40th Birthday!
Lawrence & Mary Diedrich

Jim Stewart,
Happy Birthday Gipa!
Rachel Anderson

Dr. Suzanne Stratton
Happy Birthday from Sinta!

Peaches & Sophie,
CCHS alums.
Charles & Carol Bond

Kelly Collier, Happy Birthday!
Jane Cook

Cutie, who adds sunshine to our lives.
Mike & Ginny Conron

Beverly Herzog & Craig Cutbirth
Kevin McCray

Julie Dempsey, a good friend to all.
Jim & Mary Ann Matthews

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Debi & Brad Diel

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thanks for your kindness.
Deborah Jadhav

Lisa Ochoa
Mike & Karen Folk

Don Pilcher
Richard Mohr

Shirley Record & Jerry Hoffman,
Congratulations on your marriage!
Pam Bostwick, Felice Rhodes, Casey & James

Horace Sharick, Happy 90th Birthday!
Mark & Pamela Strzesak

Dorothy
Russell Wardinsky

Heather Winters
Emma Peddycoart

Bethany Dohleman
Frank Dohleman

CCHS Staff and volunteers
Joseph & Patricia Wenzel

Jon & Judith Liebman's 50th Wedding Anniversary.
Thank you for your support of CCHS!
Jack & Shelby Stifle

Happy Birthday Lorin and Reni!
Leanna Cossman

Boots, Buddy, Lexi, Kattinka
Norman Denzin & Kathy Ryan

Paula Casillas
Grace Casillas

Barbara Beckett, Holy Cross School
The Watts Family

Mary Ann & Betsy,
congratulations on your marriage!
Beckee Bachman

Our dog Samuel A. Volk's 17th Birthday, celebrated with Kevin Elliott's Great Cause-Great Music House Concert.
Bill & Sandra Volk, Patricia Knowles, Kathryn Fries, Helene & Thomas Kacich, Rena Lenz, Carolyn & Don Mullally, Vicki & Robert Patton, Deborah & Stephen Rugg, Jack & Virginia Waaler, Elizabeth & Michael Brunk, Cynthia Hoyle, Philip & Leellen Solter, Jane & Michael Cain, Ray & Liesel Wildhagen, David Meyer & Amy Gajda, Colletta & William Ackermann, Dolores & Andrew Sofranko, Byung & Yangsoon Kim, Sarah McEvoy & Huseyin Sehitoglu, Rosemary & Thomas Costello, Jennifer Hines, Edward & Marie Roy, Marilyn & Donald Krummel, Consuelo & Paul Jones, Carol Binnington, Mary & Kenneth Beth, James & Wendy Smith French

Jeff Bella & Josey Wales
Bryan & Vickie Hart

Sy, on his fifth birthday.
Ellen Hedrick

Happy 50th , Sherlock,
With love from Watson.

Happy Birthday Xanthe and Bella!
Brenna

Cathy Eastman's retirement from the Illinois Natural History Survey.
Michael Douglas, David Voegtlin, David Soucek, Mike Gray, Susan Post, Barbara Steffey, Eugene Killion, Kelly Estes, Gail Kampmeier, Patricia Ann Helm, Joseph Spencer, Bonnie Irwin, Eli Levine, Betty Roberts, John Masianas, Carolyn Nixon, Ruth Johnson, Leellen Solter, Jennifer Schuster, Beverley Harvey, Roscoe Randell

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Cutie Conron, 2003 CCHS alum.
Virginia & Michael Conron

Harvey & Marilee Hoffswell, my dear uncle and aunt.
Paula Moore

Furby, my best friend.
Anonymous

Ingrid, our Black Lab/Chow mix and CCHS alum.
Janine Stines & Family

Happy Birthday, Auntie Treenut!
Kirsten Cleveland

Happy Birthday Patricia!
Mari Alice ReVeal

Duke, the wonder dog.
Mark Carpenter

Marjorie Nelson
Paula & Kenneth Miebach

Tony Casillas
Grace Casillas

Sandy Davenport, on her birthday.
Laura Hicks & June Bishop

Linda M. Green
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Shelby Stifle, in appreciation of all you do to help CCHS.
Tief

Theresa Bonoma,
congratulations on your graduation!
Jeana McAllister

April Wendling
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Happy Birthday, Shelby!
Karla Young

Jane Facer, our Guardian Grandma, who helps in our classroom every week and keeps us in her heart every minute. We love G.G.!
Mrs. Grabow's 4th Grade Class at Thomas Paine School

Janette Maher
Richard D. Mohr

Nicholas Voss
Wyatt Scheiding

Bonnie Wienke
Bronwyn McClellan

Aimee Carbaugh
Your friends at WILL

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Grace Casillas

Arthur
Vicki Schumacher

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Paula Hern & Tom Barbour
Katherine Barbour

Diane & Joe Jones,
Sara & Mike Victor
Rosalie Schmitt

My dog, Andy.
Tammie Redenbaugh

Marjorie Nelson
Andy & Jennifer Holleman

Brigadier, our CCHS alum, and the love of our lives.
Ranger, Brigadier's buddy and Rick & Heidi's beloved canine.
Bob & Holly Clemons

Carle Printing Services & Carle Clinic Marketing
Mary Dougherty

For Bella and others
Michele Burk

Bill Brown,
Happy Birthday!
All the shelter dogs and cats who endure your bathing.

Linda Lehovec
The members of Three Barks Away From a Howl would like to thank you for including them in such an exciting piece. Thanks for everything, Linda!
Lauren Vandivier

Kids Care- Generous kids who ran lemonade stands, held bake sales, or asked for presents for animals instead of birthday gifts:
Cecilia Abbamonte, Erica LeMay's 11th birthday, Eli Inlay, Alec & Brady Neitzel, Sophia Gehrman's 12th Birthday, Sara Gossett, Reni Nugent, Dusty Frye & Matthew Jones, Lia Znaniecki, Jessica Crane, Henry & Sam Laufenberg, Lauren Neitzel, Noah McClaugherty, Lexie & Christian Ribbe.

Brad Pickens and the 5th Grade Class at Paxton-Buckley-Loda Eastlawn School, whose coin drive raised \$116.

Our thanks to those who have collected much needed items or raised funds for CCHS:
Next Generation Early Education School; Martin Luther King Grade School; Mrs. Hummez's 1st Grade Class at St. Matthews; Mahomet Happy Helpers 4-H Club; Claire Dietrich; Greta Goldbart & Elizabeth Peters; Tara & Colleen Coady; Girl Scout Troop #2278; University of Illinois 4-H Illini Summer Academies; Ruskin, Zoe, Ariana and Caroline; Sylvia & Naomi Maehr; Kennekuk Road Runners; Cheryl Turner's 50th.

2008 Giant Garage Sale

Nets Record \$45,000

by Mare Payne, Garage Sale Chair

The Giant Garage Sale has become CCHS's second largest fundraiser and has, in the process, established itself as something of a cultural phenomenon for volunteers and shoppers alike. Last year's annual sale, held Memorial Day weekend at the Champaign County Fairgrounds, earned a record \$45,000.

In addition to the goal of raising funds to care for homeless animals, we are committed to being good stewards of our generous donors' goods. We want to maximize the value we can receive from their sale, of course, but when the sale is over and we are left with good, usable items, we like to find a home for them. Thanks to a very busy bag sale, we had fewer remains than past years, but the challenge of what to do with the "leftovers" still exists. Through years of experience and a growing network of agencies that accept recycled goods, we were able to have a much greener Garage Sale!

The clothing goods are shipped off to Remains, a fabric recycler in St. Louis (by way of Community Resource this year), so we get a little money (this year 6,618 pounds brought \$198) and a very clean conscience. Leftover jigsaw puzzles were salvaged for use by nursing home residents; some housewares went to Habitat for Humanity's ReStore and the Salvation Army. About a pickup load of books were taken by a volunteer for a long-term book exchange program.

Other unsold donations were broken down into their component parts and materials were extracted for recycling. Metals were sold to Twin City Recycling. This year's totals: 2,260 pounds of steel, \$197; 88 pounds of aluminum, \$65.20; 30 pounds of yellow brass, \$42; 63 pounds of wire, \$37.

In addition, during the course of the set up and sale, we recycled about 16 cubic yards of cardboard thanks to Community Resource's Dumpster and 19 90-gallon totes of paper, plastics, cans, thanks to Urbana's U-Cycle.

The 2008 sale set another new record, grossing \$49,024.47, which exceeded last year's gross by more than \$10,000. After expenses, the sale netted a record \$45,929.

A hearty round of applause, please, for our generous contributors of in-kind donations to the sale: Alexander Lumber, Allied Waste, Blum's Office Equipment, Community Resource, Do-It-Best Hardware, Farm & Fleet, Interstate Trailer and Equipment, Kirby IGA, LA Gourmet, McCormick Food Service, Michaels' Catering, Panera Bread, Rogards Office Products, Schnucks of Urbana, U. of I. Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, Urbana's U-Cycle program. And more cheers for the donors who fill Kesler Hall and the scores of volunteers who bring order to it.

It's never too soon to start thinking about this year's Giant Garage Sale! As usual, the sale will be held Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 22nd and Saturday, May 23rd. The sale opens Friday morning at 7am and closes at 6pm; we ask for a \$2 donation until 3pm. On Saturday, the sale opens at 8am (no donation this day) and the bag sale begins at 3pm. We will close the building at 2:30 to organize and then allow shoppers back in at 3pm. Everything you can fit in a bag is \$3; we provide the bags!

Drop-offs for the sale will begin on Thursday, May 14 and continue through Sunday, May 17. Save and post the schedule below as a reminder! We will accept good, useable items that are not broken or worn out. We will accept clothing, but please do not bring items that are stained, torn, or badly worn. We will accept books, but not magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks. We cannot accept anything with broken or missing parts, carpeting, children's car seats, chemicals, console TV's, guns & knives, flammable liquids, chemicals & pesticides, paint, large appliances or large pieces of furniture, mattresses/box springs, lumber, tires, or windows. We have difficulty reselling these items and must pay to have them hauled away. We no longer pick-up donations from people's homes. Donations are tax deductible; you will be given a blank form to list what is donated and its value.

To volunteer, e-mail volunteer coordinator Greg Lipes at 2.volunteer@cuhumane.org or call 344-7297. You can also contact Garage Sale Chairperson Mare Payne at mlpayne@illinois.edu. We will need additional help, especially from people with trucks or vans, on Sunday, May 10 to transport display racks from the Humane Society to the fairgrounds, and again on Sunday, May 24 when we return them.

CCHS GIANT GARAGE SALE



DROP-OFF DATES & TIMES

Thursday, May 14 Noon - 7pm
Friday, May 15 Noon - 7pm
Saturday May 16 9 am - 4pm
Sunday May 17 Noon - 3pm
No drop-offs will be accepted after 3pm
on Sunday, May 17.

DROP-OFFS ARE RECEIVED AT
KESLER HALL, CHAMPAIGN
COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS.

SALE DATES & TIMES

FRIDAY, MAY 22 7am - 6pm
SATURDAY, MAY 23 8am - 6pm



All cats received a complete physical exam prior to surgery to assess their general health before the procedure.



University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine students served as surgical prep teams. Here they prepare a cat for surgery by shaving her abdomen.

Cat Nip/Tuck Day II

On September 6, 2008, the Central Illinois Animal Welfare Coalition held its second one-day spay/neuter clinic for low income cat owners in Champaign and Douglas Counties. Once again, the clinic ran simultaneously at the CCHS shelter and Champaign County Animal Services Facility. Twenty-three area veterinarians and 97 other volunteers provided skilled surgical and pre- and post-operative care to alter 156 cats in one day. An additional 34 qualifying low-cost surgeries were performed prior to or after September 6, bringing the total number of surgeries to 190. One hundred six families were served by the clinic; 87 from Champaign County and 19 from Douglas County.

Low income cat owners paid only \$10.00 to have their felines spayed or neutered. In addition, cats received a physical exam, vaccinations, flea treatment, and micro-chipping. The \$10.00 charge covered the cost of Rabies registration with Champaign County Animal Services.

According to CCHS Shelter Manager, Kate Meghji, the clinic at CCHS ran even more smoothly than the one in March. "Cats were ready to go home earlier in the afternoon, and the check-out process was more efficient for cat owners," Kate explained. "In addition, the planning committee modified some procedures based on what we learned the first time around," she added.

CCHS Shelter Veterinarian, Dr. Jennifer Stone, noted that all of the veterinarians were happy to help out and seemed to enjoy the camaraderie of working together. She explained that "Veterinarians in this community recognize that cat over-population is a really serious problem. Events like this give them an opportunity to help out in a big way."

The Coalition will continue holding low-cost spay/neuter events on a regular basis. The goal is to hold monthly clinics, utilizing approximately 3 volunteer veterinarians at each clinic. The location will alternate between CCHS and the Animal Services Facility. The next clinic is scheduled for for Sunday, March 15, at ASF.



Teams of veterinarians and technicians worked at one of five tables in the CCHS surgery suite to spay female cats. Every cat also received vaccinations and micro-chipping.



Monitoring vital signs like temperature and respiration are an important part of recovery from anesthesia. Volunteers maintained a careful watch of their patients until they were alert enough to return home.

CCHS Supports Youth Literature

by Clay Foley

See Spot. See Spot run.

These two short sentences about a little black and white dog remind many of us of our first experience learning to read. Pets have long been the chosen subject for some of the most popular children's literature. So it makes perfect sense that in recent months, the Champaign County Humane Society has used some of those wonderful books to teach children lessons in responsibility and compassion toward companion animals.

Last October, the Humane Society hosted a booth at the first-ever Youth Literature Festival, organized by the University of Illinois College of Education. Held on the University of Illinois South Quad, kids and their families attended readings by authors & storytellers; listened to local musicians; and viewed films, puppet shows, and other exhibits. They also came to the CCHS booth to tell us about their pets, read short stories, and pick up lots of educational material for children and adults on companion animal care.

Later that month, CCHS staff and volunteers led a "Preschool Tales" program at the Urbana Free Library. Approximately 30 youngsters were treated to readings of "Mutt Dog" and "Forever Friends", two award-winning books describing the bond that develops between dogs and their adopters. Afterward, children colored dog masks to wear home and fool their parents as a well-read canine!

The Champaign County Humane Society also partnered with the Urbana Free Library and Canine Connection for "Read to the Dogs". The program offered dozens of children the opportunity to read to therapy dogs in a casual and stress-free environment. In addition to reading, participants tested their knowledge in animal-related games and activities. Future dates are planned; contact the library for details or check their website at urbanafreelibrary.org/index.html.



Urbana Free Library's Read to the Dogs. Above: Shadow, an avowed bibliophile, listens intently to a story from Gaven Williams. Shadow is the companion of Heather Bradham.

Below: Thistle finds Katie Thies' rendition of a "Clifford" book fascinating, even though the "big red dog" premise seems somewhat dubious. Thistle is the companion of Margaret DeCardy of Champaign. Photos by Elaine Bearden, Urbana Free Library.



A Fur Ball to Savor

Nearly 250 animal lovers and friends of CCHS gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn in Champaign on September 26th for the Fur Ball, our annual dinner and auction to support homeless animals.

Attendees donned their best formal attire for the evening's festivities. They began with cocktails and hors'd'ouvres accompanied by the jazz verve of local keyboardist Don Heitler. During the cocktail hour, guests were greeted by Directors of the CCHS Board, shelter staff, and canine ambassadors Harpo and Lily. While the food, drinks and conversation continued, guests were treated to a photographic montage of shelter residents on several large monitors throughout the room. Conversations were frequently punctuated by interjections of, "I need to go check my bid!" More than 135 silent auction items donated by generous area businesses, artists, and shelter supporters filled a horseshoe of tables with an extensive array of gift baskets.

Dinner followed, featuring a welcome and comments from Mary Tiefenbrunn, CCHS Executive Director. The after-dinner program, emceed by WICD-TV News Channel 15 Anchors, Sara Vincent and Ryann Hubbard, followed and featured the live auction of fifteen truly unique experiences. Items ranged from an overnight stay at the Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Center Point, Indiana to dinner and overnight accommodations in Chicago's River North neighborhood (for those wishing to intermingle with a different breed of "big cat.") Gourmet dining to satiate every palette was available, with private dinners at Bacaro, Radio Maria, and even the Champaign Station 6 firehouse as just three of the options.

The always entertaining and gregarious Mike Namoff provided equal parts auctioneer and comedian as his full tilt enthusiasm kept the crowd motivated and the bidding fast-paced. The highlight of the auction –and the evening overall– was a visit from Samson, a Great Pyrenees and former CCHS resident. Samson was introduced with a video tribute featuring the story of how he and his current family came to find each other. The endearing tale touched many hearts, and evoked those sympathetic to his story to donate over \$16,000 for the other homeless animals who are equally deserving.

Stefanie Pratt, Fur Ball Committee chair and her committee are commended for their tireless dedication to this event, which netted \$50,645. Plans are already underway for next year's event. Watch for information – you won't want to miss it!

Local Author Receives National Award

"Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound", which was featured in the November 2007 edition of Paw Prints, has received an ASPCA Henry Bergh Children's Book Award. Named in honor of ASPCA founder Henry Bergh, the annual awards recognize books based on their exemplary handling of subject matter pertaining to animals and the environment. Beth Finke, author of "Hanni & Beth", and other winners were honored at a ceremony at the American Library Association's Annual Conference in Anaheim, California on June 30, 2008.

"Nothing is more essential to the future of America's pets than educating our children about animal awareness," said ASPCA President & CEO Ed Sayres, in announcing the awards.

Ten award winners and honorees were announced in nine categories, including one for illustration. "Hanni and Beth: Safe & Sound" won in the category of non-fiction books about companion animals. It is a picture book for children between ages 4 and 10 that tells the touching tale of the relationship between Seeing Eye dog, Hanni, and Beth. Told from the point of view of Hanni (her name rhymes with Bonnie), the story depicts her feelings as a playful dog -- as well as her devotion as a loyal companion-- whose number one job is to keep her partner safe. Their teamwork and love for each other are evident on every page. The book also contains four pages of "Notes," which further describe the Seeing Eye School and how Beth and Hanni became friends and partners.

"Hanni and Beth: Safe and Sound" is published by Blue Marlin Publications. The book is also available in Braille (no pictures) from a non-profit organization called Seedlings (www.seedlings.org). A portion of the proceeds from every print book sold will be donated to Seedlings to help them continue to produce high-quality Braille books for children.

This is Beth's second book. In 2003 the University of Illinois Press published "Long Time, No See," a moving and often funny memoir about Beth's life in Champaign-Urbana, her experience losing her sight as a young woman, sticking through subsequent tough times in her marriage, and raising a son (now 22) who has significant physical and mental disabilities of his own. The book made The Chicago Tribune's list of favorite nonfiction books for 2003, as well as the Book Sense 76 Top Ten List of University Press Books.

Beth continues to write radio essays for National Public Radio and Chicago Public Radio; and print essays for the Chicago Tribune, Dog Fancy, The Bark and other publications. You can continue to follow Beth and Hanni at the Safe & Sound blog, "Adventures of a woman and her Seeing Eye dog", www.bethfinkewordpress.com. There are many accounts of the experiences of this intrepid duo, including their trip to Anaheim to receive their award and a dramatic puppy rescue with ASPCA staff on a busy California freeway (see the July 2008 archive.)



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Wild Animals Need Help Too!

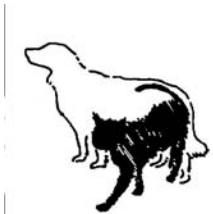
Want to have a lot of fun and help native wildlife at the same time? Then come to the 8th annual Doodle for Wildlife dinner and auction on Saturday, March 7!

This benefit is your chance to bid on dozens of doodles by celebrities—including Jason Alexander, Sarah McLachlan, Bill Maher, and William Shatner—as well as vacation packages, artwork, and gift certificates to local establishments. This event brings in nearly half of the annual budget of the Wildlife Medical Clinic, a non-profit volunteer organization that every year provides care for nearly 2,000 ill or injured wild animals while contributing to the education of veterinary students and the public.

The event starts at 6 p.m. at the I Hotel, 1802 South First Street in Champaign. Round up seven friends—there are special incentives for purchasing a table for eight.

To register, see the doodles, and find other details, go to: vetmed.illinois.edu/wmc/.

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