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Champaign County
Humane Society—in its
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for animals

Mark Your Calendar!

A Fetching Ball Dinner and Auction

Special guests Doug Wilson and Hilda Santo-Tomas
from the hit TV show “Trading Spaces”



Friday, Nov. 7, Hawthorn Suites, Champaign
Festivities begin at 6 p.m.

All proceeds benefit the homeless pets at the
Champaign County Humane Society



Make plans now to join us at the fourth annual Champaign County Humane Society Fetching Ball Dinner and Auction! The evening begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails and features nearly 150 silent auction items donated by local and national businesses. Items include restaurant gift certificates, trips, artwork and much, much more. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. and features your choice of shrimp and steak duet or pasta primavera. Piccadilly Beverages, Champaign, and Premium Brands, Urbana, are providing wine and beer for the evening. The live auction begins at 9 p.m. with recognition of major event sponsors and special celebrity guests Douglas Wilson and Hilda Santo-Tomas. Other special guests include Jennifer Roscoe, news anchor for WCIA Channel 3, and Ed Sayers, president of the American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

This year's featured live auction item is a brand new 2004 Honda Civic! This special prize, valued at more than \$15,000, is generously donated by Twin City Honda BMW, Savoy. But that's not all! Home Depot has also donated two



\$4,000 gift cards and our friends from Trading Spaces are bringing several pieces of artwork from their collections to help raise money for the homeless pets in Champaign County. Other auction items include a custom-fitted set of Ping golf clubs; a \$1,300 Jerry's IGA gift certificate; a trip to Discovery Cove in Florida to swim with dolphins; a trip to Asheville, N.C.; a large Larry Kanfer print; and a portrait sitting from Staske Photography.

Last year's Fetching Ball was the most successful event in Humane Society history, raising more than \$60,000 to help the homeless pets in our care. This year's event is sure to be even bigger and better, so make your reservations early! Tickets start at \$75 per person and sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, contact Ann at 344-9314.

A Fetching Ball is proudly presented by Hawthorn Suites, Champaign, and sponsored by Twin City Honda BMW.

Special thanks to Home Depot, “Trading Spaces” and TLC for helping the homeless pets in the Champaign County area. 🐾

Write On!

Have you dreamed of getting to meet Doug and Hildi in person? Then make plans now to be at the Hawthorn Suites, Champaign, on Friday, Nov. 7, from Noon - 1:30 p.m. Doug and Hildi will be on hand to sign autographs, and photographs of the duo will be available for \$10, with all proceeds going to help the homeless pets at the Champaign County Humane Society. Take advantage of this great opportunity to get up-close with these great designers. We'll see you there! Call Ann at 344-9314 for more information.

From the Director's Desk

A constant theme at the Champaign County Humane Society is that your increased support results in an increased number of pets we are able to save. With our biggest event, A Fetching Ball, drawing near along with the Chris Cringle Craft Show and Santa Paws, let's celebrate the generosity of some of our supporters and the results we have achieved.

A Fetching Ball features "Trading Spaces" designers Doug Wilson (a native of Champaign County) and Hilda Santo-Tomas. Both Doug and Hilda are donating their time and bringing items to our auction – the same type of items seen by their more than 18 million viewers each week. The Learning Channel and Home Depot (the sponsor of the "Trading Spaces") are also lending their support. Locally, for the fourth consecutive year, the Hawthorn Convention Center is donating its facility and dinner. Kent Shirley of Twin City Honda/BMW is donating a brand new 2004 Honda Civic. In addition, we have received many other prizes from local merchants, including more than 20 pieces of artwork. These prizes, combined with more than 300 guests, will enable us to raise the funds we need to help even more homeless pets.

Our recent notable achievements include setting a new one-month adoption record in August by placing 340 pets into new homes. This surpassed our previous record of 308 adoptions set in August 2002. Recently, I have been able to share our success with others. I was invited to speak on how to adopt more pets at the



Stephen J. Notaro and his dog, Smokey

2003 American Humane Conference, to a class of veterinarian students at the University of Illinois, and to the board of directors at the Animal Protective League in Springfield.

In addition to adoptions, we have increased our spay/neuter efforts with the help of Dr. Richard Speck from the Animal Protective League in Springfield. Dr. Speck, along with a group of U. of I. veterinary students, alongside our veterinarian, Dr. Debra Shirley, and our staff. In two surgery days we were able to spay and neuter more than 50 cats.

The bottom line is we share your commitment to save as many homeless pets as possible. When you attend an event like A Fetching Ball, make a donation in response to a letter or phone call, or stop by the shelter with your gift, you are the only reason we can save the homeless pets in our care. Whether your gift is five dollars, or five thousand dollars, it is only by working together that we have achieved the success we enjoy, and share our hope of saving more pets in the coming year. 🐾

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Santa Paws rolls into town Nov. 21-23

Escape to a kicked-up Winter Wonderland this holiday season for special family memories and photos. But what to do with Fluffy and Sparky?

Be sure they aren't left out when you join the Champaign County Humane Society and Andrae's Harley-Davidson for Santa Paws Family Pet Portraits on Nov. 21-23 at Andrae's Harley-Davidson, Urbana.

Portraits will be taken from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23.

Each sitting costs \$45, which includes one 8 x 10, four 4 x 5 and eight wallet photos. Additional photos and

holiday cards also may be purchased, and all photos will be delivered in plenty of time for holiday giving.

Photos may be taken with or without Santa Claus and may include pets and humans. As a special treat this year, you and your furry family members can also choose to have your 2003 holiday portrait taken astride a hog - a Harley hog that is!



Really want to get into the biker theme? Coastal Pet Products is providing special Harley wear for the four-footed members of your family. So dress up or dress down, but be sure to make your reservations early for this popular event.

Reservations are required and space is limited. Call 217-344-7297 for questions or to reserve a seating time. 🐾

Remember your pets' needs as you make winter preparation plans

Winter will be here before you know it. Help your pets remain happy and healthy during the colder months by following these simple guidelines.

★ Don't leave dogs outdoors when the temperature drops. Most dogs, and all cats, are safer indoors, except when taken out for exercise. Regardless of the season, shorthaired, very young, or old dogs and all cats should never be left outside without supervision. Short-coated dogs may feel more comfortable wearing a sweater during walks.

★ No matter what the temperature, windchill can threaten a pet's life. If your dog is an outdoor dog, protect him with a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large

enough to allow him to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in his/her body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

★ Pets spending a lot of time outdoors need more food in the winter because keeping warm depletes energy. Routinely check your pet's water dish to make certain the water is fresh and unfrozen. Use plastic food and water bowls rather than metal; when the temperature is low, your pet's

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Special Thoughts

IN MEMORY OF ...

Frederick Rhodes
Sandra Davis, Lenore Rhodes

Finley
Brad and Linda Black

Ky
Shirley Merryman

Katrina McDaniel
Hickory Point Bank

George Costello
Pat Minogue

Dale Holloway
Jo Anne Holloway, Ted and Dian Holloway, Don and Shron Templeman, Dave, Vicki and Andrew Holloway, Ronald and Elaine Day, Leo and Janice Moore, Paul and Dollie DuMontelle, Brad Knisley, Dr. Kay Lindsay, Dean and Pam Day and family, Bob and Holly Clemmons

Socks, the most beautiful, sweetest Sheltie ever
John and Dot Replinger

Art
Shirley Stillinger

Grace's Callie
Fiona, John and Jack

Misty, beloved companion of 18 years
Carl and Peggy Anzelmo

Kristi Johansen
Michael Blunier, Mary and Ned Parrett, Teresa Lewis, the Craddock family, Jo Ann Wagenbreth, Paul and Phyllis Johansen, Tom and Shirley Henderson, Stephen Poskin, Merlin and Sandra Dresher, Marcella Dresher

Granny Parsons
Pam York and Nina Parsons; Vicki and Karen Jones; Martha, D.J., Laurie and Melanie McFarland

Creede
Lynn and Ira Wachtel

Josephine Clark
Ray Love and family

Scamper, loving, longtime companion of Louise and Bob Cochrane
Anonymous

Martha Feldkamp
Deborah Hlavna, Mrs. Glen Wensch, Sharon Frazier, Tina Johnson, Marge Harmon

Lee
Mark and Jean Widman

Jean Kramer
The Flynn family

Peter and Regina Wagenbreth
Jo Ann Wagenbreth

Mike Pellum - I shall miss our "dog treat" visits at the backyard fence
Dona Olach

Eleanor Gifford
Eileen Gifford, Karen Koenig, Kathleen Pecknold, Joan and Stan Levy

Russell Reed
Wayne and Deena Rasmus, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Casteel

Kotah Becherer
Developmental Services Center

Helen Louis Marshall
Cody E. Weller and family

Beth A. Kircher
Steven Kircher

Gracie Roderick
Lamar and Bill Murphy

Jacob O'Bryne
Mary Ann Hynds

Charlotte Black
Nancy Clinton

Terrine Gomez' two beloved shih tzu ladies
Rick, Cindy and Daniel Borup

Donna Acklin
Wanda Smiley, Beverly Raber, Paula Williamson, Turner Stranger, Nancy Allen, Dwight Simpson, Meda Langenfeld, Jean Rains, Marjorie Gustafson, Sandra Ireland, Ann Nogle, Christine and Dale Gibelyou, Barbara Dallas, Ralph and Beverly Allen, Thomas Barger, Crawford Memorial Health

Mike Pellum
Karen Koenig

Murphy Brown
Commie Ingram

Agent Cooper Underwood - more than a friend and silent confidant, more than a pet - you fulfilled every want. Goodbye beloved pal and friend, you'll be missed forever 'til we meet again.
Don and Trish Underwood

Bertha Taylor
McKinley Health Center

Kotah and Eli
Annette Becherer

Mrs. Betty Korn
Frederick Korn

Armenia Howk
Dr. William Garrett

Midge Graham and her dog, Mollie
Lorene Nelson

Sharon Michael
Mrs. Jack Shepard

Bessie Parsons
Don and Kathy Ennen

Mr. Big and Sadie
Gary and Ellen Graves

Little Guy Rotzoll
Yuki and Tuggles

Bebe Reagan
Lynne, Katie and Rory Reagan

Mandy, Tasha, Misty and Sybil
Leo and Audrey Chapman

Christine Frey
Laurie Talkington

Katrina McDaniel
Mrs. and Mrs. Turk Edwards

Allie
Zoe, Marsha and Mom

Margaret Bohn
*Marcella Stephanou, Christine Doyle,
Sheryl Lawless*

Tess
*Tim, Monica, Caden and Josie Miller,
Gale Brooks*

Holly
Gale Brooks

Ky Merryman
Doris Armstrong

Bogart, beloved kitty
John Bottorff

Socks
Ken and Sari Aronson

Kabuki – the ambassador of cats
Susan Kreidler

Jud
Kimberly Price

Herbert Schloz
*Don Overton, Helen Gaddis, Terry
and Sage McElwain, Joyce
Donaldson, Dr. and Mrs. Adrian
Durant Jr., Joan Schloz Wood,
Jeanette Lewis, Charles and JoAnn
McIntyre*

Tiffany
Mary Ellen Hichel

Preston Foust
Gale and Laura Jamison

Bill Feldkamp
James Scott

Eileen Gifford's parents
Pamela Hohn

Cody, friend to everyone - we thank
you for 20 years of love and miss you
so much.
Terry and John Coffman

Charles Funk
Sandi and Gene Snider

Robert Paul Jr.
Alberta Marshky

Margaret Rowe
Charlotte Golden

Howard Pyle
Janice Hutchison, Denise Geissinger

Blossom
*IEPA staff, Ruth Ann Nichols, Joyce
Eisold*

Jazer
*Carly Baughman, Breanna Taylor,
Samantha Tucker*

Mike Pellum – a warm and friendly
neighbor dog
Karen McLaughlin

Snoopy – Steve and Larry's good boy
and Sam's good friend
M.J. Heckert and Sam

Toby
Larry and Mary Ellen Cravens

Gloria Sax's beloved cat, Tempe
Linda and Mike Case

Nicole Morrison's sweet and gentle
Brian
Linda and Mike Case

Spike
Jim and Susan Gortner

Gretchen Jesse's cat, Ginger
Pam Christman

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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. 30.

Special Thoughts

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IN HONOR OF ...

Greg and Dixie Whitt's 40th wedding anniversary and the pleasure, love, joy and companionship their pets Rover, Morskaya, Daisy, Violet, Pandora, Perseus, Dionysius, Jason and Connie have given them over the years <i>Greg and Dixie Whitt</i>	Jeff and Bella - two of CCHS's alumni <i>Bryan and Vicki Hart</i>
The CCHS staff for their loving care of the animals <i>Ruth Aydt</i>	Windor Road Christian Church <i>Jim Williams</i>
Autumn Gold Dog Training for generously offering a discount to CCHS dog adopters <i>Ruth Aydt</i>	Sherry Slade's birthday <i>Alberta Marshky</i>
Darlen Lorton and Phyllis Vokes for taking such good care of Alex <i>Henrietta Schwartz</i>	Ellen Roessler's birthday <i>Mark and Amy Roessler</i>
Dr. LeRoy Neitzel on his retirement, with gratitude for his kindly help more than 30 years of caring for my cats. <i>Caroline Hibbard</i>	My wife, Fern, for being a great guardian of Fritz, Birdie and Supper! <i>Roy Cozad</i>
Michael Sheppard <i>Judith Rathgeber</i>	Eileen Gifford and her family <i>Kathleen Pecknold</i>
	The staff and volunteers at CCHS <i>Benjamin Chu-King</i>
	Busey Bank <i>Jim Williams</i>
	Sherry Slade's retirement <i>Marcella Nance</i> 🐾

Ode for Vera ... and all who care for bottle babies

To the shelter I went one day
I brought home Henry, Stevie, Susie and tiny, tiny Mae
Four small kittens, born this cold day
to a mommy who went astray

All four fit in the palm of my hand
Their lives as fragile as a grain of sand
So small, so cold and hungry, too
So I warm them, feed them and help them poo
All the day and the night through

To the shelter I went the next day
I brought with me Henry, Stevie, Susie and tiny, tiny Mae
I fed them, and fed them and fed them all day
Trying to work while they slept their fears away

Home I went at the end of the day
Bringing Henry, Frankie, Mannie, Nancy, Bashful, Amy, Frodo and tiny,
tiny Mae
Stevie and Susie in the freezer they lay
Their tiny bodies were not strong enough to stay

When I was ready to head for my bed
there were eight hungry kittens waiting to be fed
Loud and wriggly, rolled in poo
needing my care another night through
Eight little kittens starting to grow
Will they live? I certainly hope so

I am hungry and tired, my house is a mess
These kittens, they cause me a lot of stress
Why do I do this - why am I this way?
Mae stated purring as she ate this day
She is big, beautiful, healthy and strong
To help save her life - how could that be wrong?
Safe she is, as all life should be
and all it took, was some time from me.

Goodbye to a dedicated volunteer

This past August, CCHS placed 340 homeless pets into new homes. A high adoption rate like this would not be possible without the help of dedicated adoption counselors like Sonda Gabriel. A certified adoption counselor for five years, Sonda can be found at the shelter every Sunday, helping the staff help adopters.

As an adoption counselor, Sonda helps match people with the right pet for their home, and she helps adopters with any questions or concerns they may have before they make the final decision to adopt. With her years of

experience, Sonda has been a mentor to newly trained adoption counselors, and has even helped in the training of a few of the newest counselors.

Unfortunately, Sonda will be moving out of state in December, so the staff of the CCHS must say goodbye. Her dedication to the animals at the shelter will be greatly missed by everyone, including the animals in our care. The CCHS will not only be losing a wonderful and dedicated volunteer, but we will also be losing a close friend.



We all wish her the best of luck in the future.

Goodbye, Sonda, we'll miss you! 🐾



Does the sight of a sleeping cat curled up in a ball on a blanket make you smile? Or how about the silly antics of kittens as they play and explore the world around them? Do you find brushing a cat or the sound of their gentle, steady purr relaxing? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy cat cuddling as much as Lisa Kelly-Wilson does.

Lisa has been a valuable member of the CCHS volunteer program for three years. As a Cat Cuddler, Lisa comes in on a regular basis to spend one-on-on



Lisa Kelly-Wilson and her CCHS alumni, Yoki and Kinsly,

time with the cats in our care. This one-on-one time provides the cats with much needed attention they crave. Cats are held, brushed or let on the floor in one of our get-acquainted rooms for some much needed pay time. Lisa also has expanded her

shelter volunteer duties to include being a Kitty Candy Striper (working with our sick cats in Isolation) and a T-L-C Volunteer in our kitten nursery (working with the kittens too young to be adopted).

When Lisa isn't busy working with the cats in the shelter, she can often be found caring for

shelter cats and kittens at home as one of the shelter's Foster Care Providers. As a foster parent, Lisa spends countless hours each day caring for cats and kittens that need a little extra care before going up for adoption. This includes

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How Pets Help People

Many of us enjoy the companionship of pets. In fact, according to a 1998 survey by the American Pet Products Manufacturers Association, 61 percent of American households include pets. These animals don't ask for much – just a short list of basics such as food, shelter, veterinary care, and, of course, our companionship. Pets offer far more in return, teaching us about love, improving our emotional and physical health, and providing us with unconditional affection and friendship.

DO PETS MAKE GOOD TEACHERS?

Companion animals are natural teachers. They help people of all ages learn about responsibility, loyalty, empathy, sharing and unconditional love – qualities particularly essential to a child's healthy development.

Through caring for a pet, children also learn to care for their fellow human beings. There is an established link between how people treat animals and how they treat each other. Kindness to animals is a lesson that benefits people, too.

CAN PETS BE THERAPISTS?

Given the right animal, people, and circumstances, pets can indeed serve as "therapists." In animal-assisted therapy programs, a companion animal may visit with hospital or nursing home patients. For the program to be safe and effective, the animal must be carefully screened and

the pet's caregiver must be trained to guide the animal-human interactions. When a specific therapy is desired, a credentialed professional should monitor the program. Even in less formal animal-assisted activities, where the animal is introduced to an individual or group with no specific therapeutic goal, patients and staff often experience improved morale and communication.

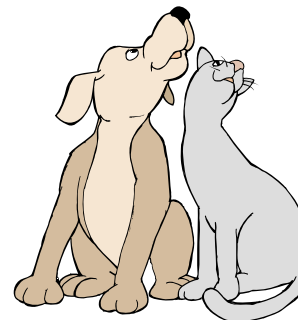
HOW DO PETS SERVE AS HELPERS?

Specially trained assistance dogs provide people who have physical and mental disabilities with the profound gift of independence. These dogs serve as the hands, ears, or eyes of their human partners and assist them by performing everyday tasks that would otherwise be difficult or impossible. Dogs may also detect changes in behavior, body language, or odor that precede seizures in their human partners, alerting them so that they may seek a safe environment.

CAN PETS ALSO BE HEALERS?

Pets are good for our emotional and physical health. Caring for a companion animal provides a sense of purpose and fulfillment and lessens feelings of loneliness and isolation in all age groups. It's well known that relaxed, happy people do not become ill as often as those who suffer from stress and depression.

Animal companionship also helps lower a person's blood pressure and cholesterol levels. And studies show that having a dog increases survival rates in groups of patients who have suffered



cardiac arrest. Dog walking, pet grooming and even petting provide increased physical activity that strengthens the heart, improves blood circulation, and slows the loss of bone tissue. Put simply, pets aren't just good friends, they are good medicine.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Listed below are just a few of the many magazines and books available to help you learn more about how pets help people:

Beck, A., and A. Katcher. 1996. *Between Pets & People: The Importance of Animal Companionship*. Purdue Press.

Fine, A., ed. 1999. *Handbook on Animal-Assisted Therapy*. Academic Press.

Robinson, I., ed. 1995. *The Waltham Book of Human-Animal Interaction: Benefits and Responsibilities of Pet Ownership*. Pergamon Press.

Wilson, C.C., and D.C. Turner, eds. 1997. *Companion Animals in Human Health*. Sage Publications.

Also check out the journals *Anthrozoos* and *Society and Animals*, which frequently focus on the many physical and psychological benefits of human-animal companionship.

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Winter preparation

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tongue can stick and freeze to metal.

★ Warm engines in parked cars attract cats and small wildlife, who may crawl up under the hood. To avoid injuring any hidden animals, bang on your car's hood to scare them away before starting your engine.

★ The salt and other chemicals used to melt snow and ice can irritate the pads of your pet's feet. Wipe the feet with a damp towel before your pet licks them and irritates their mouth.

★ Antifreeze is a deadly poison, but it has a sweet taste that may attract animals and children. Wipe up spills and store antifreeze (and all household chemicals) out of reach. Better yet, use antifreeze-coolant made with propylene glycol; if swallowed in small amounts, it will not hurt pets, wildlife or your family.

Volunteer Spotlight

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animals she diligently gives medication to so they can get well in a quiet, home environment; or ones that are a little scared or timid and need a little extra attention. Lisa also works with litters of "bottle babies," which can sometimes take up to an hour to give bottles to for a single feeding.

With her time and patience, Lisa has made a huge difference in the lives of many shelter cats. Her time and dedication are greatly appreciated by all of the shelter staff, as well as the shelter cats. If you would like more information on volunteering with the shelter cats, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator by email at Julie@cuhumane.org, or by calling 344-7297. 🐾

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Visit the CCHS booth!

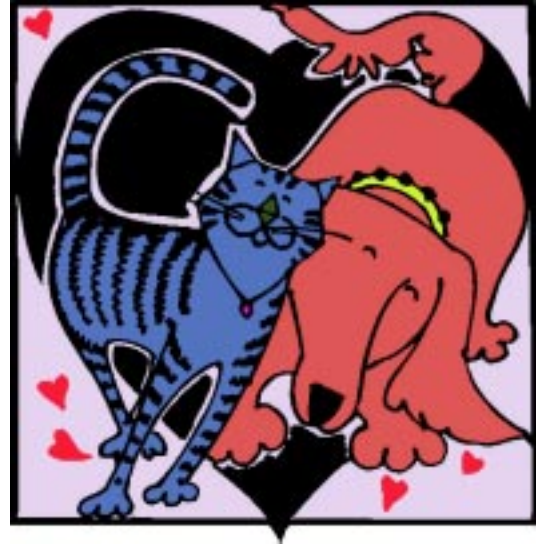
Nov. 21-23 — Santa Paws holiday family pet portraits,
Andrae's Harley-Davidson, Urbana

Nov. 27 — Closed for Thanksgiving

Dec. 5-7 — Home for the Holidays Adopt-a-Thon

Dec. 25 — Closed for Christmas

Jan. 1 — Closed for New Year's Day



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