



A Nice Christmas Present

This year's Holiday Bazaar held November 19th at the Urbana Civic Center was a huge success, netting over \$4,000 for the animals at the Humane Society. It would not have been possible if not for the unflinching energies of our wonderful volunteers and the generosity of the crafters and bakers who donated their time and talent.

We are already beginning to plan for next year. If anyone knows a craftsperson who may be willing to donate to the Bazaar, please call us at 344-PAWS. 1989 will be even bigger and better!

ONLY 362 DAYS UNTIL THE NEXT CCHS HOLIDAY BAZAAR...
DONATIONS OF CRAFT ITEMS
WELCOME THROUGHOUT THE UPCOMING YEAR!



1988 Holiday Pet Food Drive

This holiday season, while stocking up for your holiday feast, please remember the shelter animals with a bag or two of good quality dry food. They will benefit for many months to come. Containers for donations of dry pet food will be near check-out counters of grocery stores in Champaign, Urbana, Rantoul & Mahomet this year from December 17th - 25th.

Each year, donations of adult food far surpasses those for puppies and kittens. Although we hate to sound picky, and truly appreciate all the food donations, won't you consider the younger ones this Christmas? Area grocery stores are very helpful to us in this annual endeavor, but it does require extra time on their part when we need to negotiate the exchange of some of the adult food. **THANKS!**

Halloween Happenings

Once again the Pet Masquerade at Lincoln Square was a howling success. Sponsored jointly by the CCHS, Lincoln Square, DUPC and the News Gazette, this year's event was made even more enjoyable by the addition of a real stage, so those wonderful costumes could be enjoyed by all of the ever-increasing crowd of spectators. Realizing that not all Fluffies and Cujos like being crammed into a clown suit, the contest was open to children without pets as well.

Two year old Timothy Dillon and his Dalmation "Skeeter" won Infants/Toddlers with-pets competition as "A fireman and his dog" and the no-pet division win went to seven month old Cambyr Berman, who came as an egg. Really! Kindergarten/preschool with-pets went to three year old Wendy Bethard, who with her three month old chocolate-point Siamese "Chelsey," captured the class, the evening's Grand Prize and our hearts. Wendy & Chelsey both dressed in long calico gowns and bonnets to become "Prairie Farm Woman and Her Baby." Four year old Brian Mohr won the "no pets" division with one of the best wizard costumes of the evening.

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Champaign County Humane Society

A Happy Ending

Chris Devitte usually manages to break our hearts with her stories of shelter animals. This time, she's given us a happy ending for Christmas. Thanks Chris. After "Scarlet's Story," we needed one.....Editors

Katherine Mahon and her daughter Marie, from Gilman, brought in a yellow lab mix one day. They had seen him running loose and it appeared that no one was caring for him. The family started calling him Chism.

They worried about him, so Mrs. Mahon started leaving a bowl of food out for him when she fed their dog. One night Chism came to their house for supper and to play with the family dog. Sometime during the night, both dogs disappeared.

They came home the next day. Mrs. Mahon was alarmed to see Chism's face covered with blood! She rushed him to the veterinarian, who said that Chism had either been hit by a car or possibly been deliberately struck in the head. Surgery was performed, and one of his eyes was removed. Mrs. Mahon asked that he be neutered as well. His face healed quickly once Chism got back to the Mahon's house to receive all the TLC that he wanted and needed. Chism and the Mahon's dog were both so large and active that it became difficult to control both of them and give them the attention and discipline they both needed. The family made the painful decision to bring Chism to the Humane Society in hopes that he would find a home with a family that loved him as much as they did.

A few days after his arrival at the shelter, the staff changed his name to Basil after the character in the Brenda Starr cartoon strip. Basil was a great dog. He had no trouble getting around with only one eye and had a wonderful personality. Sometimes he would forget the fact that he weighed 70 pounds and would want to be a lap dog! He loved to play with anyone that would come by and was soooo happy! The staff was a little concerned about finding a home for him. A lot of people were put off by his face and when so many animals are looking for homes, it's a lot easier to find homes for the ones without any problems.

But soon a young woman came to the shelter and fell in love with Basil. She saw through his so-called "ugliness" to find his true spirit. Now Basil is making his new home in Champaign. She has been working with him on obedience to help him calm down a bit and gain more control of himself. She changed his name to Fezzik after the giant in *The Princess Bride* by S. Morgenstern. The two of them went on vacation to her grandparents house in Lake of the Ozarks where they both enjoyed swimming and boating. Her grandparent's dog wanted nothing to do with him, so Fezzik enjoyed himself by rushing out of the water just to splash all over the other dog. You see, he even has a sense of humor.

He has adjusted nicely to his new home. But he still doesn't like to be left alone and will chew up things. Oh well. His favorite toy is a cookie monster squeaky toy named "Baby" and Baby goes everywhere Fezzik goes. When out strolling about town with his new owner, people still whisper about that strange looking one-eyed dog. But that doesn't bother him. Fezzik-Chism-Basil has found a home.

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The real heroes of Fezzik's story are the Mahon's, who took him in, paid his vet bills and gave him his start. We thank them for that.

Halloween Happenings (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Monique Merrick and "Alfie" were victorious as "George and the Dragon" in the First/Second Grade with-pet class. Alfie strutted his stuff in his dragon suit with all the pride and dignity one expects from a guinea pig. Christopher Chen captured the no-pet division as "Ninja Warrior." Third/Fourth Grade with-pets went to the Robbie Burnsmier and "Sandi" duo as "A Pair of Dice" while Amanda Cole's clown suit won the no-pet division.

The Fifth/Sixth Grade with-pets class was taken by the triplet team of Karl, Libby and Wiggles Scherer, all of whom were diapered as "Babies." Adam Dill's clever "King Kong and Adam" won the no-pet division. Finally Seventh Grade through Adult with-pets class was won by Shelly Kinser and her dog Tippy, who went as "Hunch-



last year? And how could we overlook the Hall entry "Oscar Mayer Weiners?" (Yep, dachshunds.)

We want to thank our brave judges Chris Devitte, Jack & Sue Wilson, and Bob & Traci Frietag. Once again, we owe our announcer Geni Roark many thanks for an upbeat approach to such foolishness, and we thank the Lincoln Square Mall for putting up with all of us. Thanks too to Perfect Impressions, for providing photo services to those wishing to capture those precious moments forever.

Come join us next year. You won't be sorry.....EBM



back (Shelley) and Damsel in Distress (Tippy)," while Fran Keith frightened the judges into giving her the prize in the no-pet division with her werewolf costume.

And then there was the bewigged "German Shorthair Pointer Sister-Sola" and the Jones boys "Teenage Ninja Mutant Turtles." Snow White Wickenhauser brought her six week old toy poodle named Dezi dressed in a red sweater and impersonating a poison apple. Little Bo Peep Mowry came with her sheep-ferrets "Ribbon" and "Big Guy" who wore their little ferret suits decorated with wooly cotton balls.

Irving the Hanukkah Hound showed up early for the holidays, as did Paul Bunyon-Dill and his blue ox Woody. You can't fool us though. That bovine was a canine. Hey wait a minute, didn't that ox dress as George Washington



Dear Santa,

We have much to be grateful for this year. Due to the hard work and dedication of our staff, volunteers and Board of Directors, and the generosity of our members, we have the most paws-itively wonderful new home in which to stay.

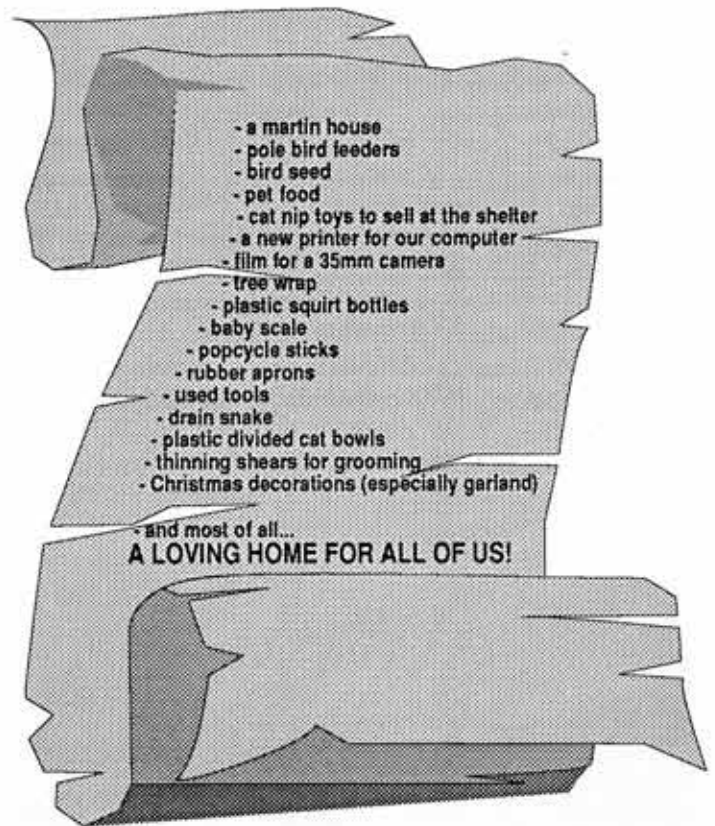
But we still have a long way to go. Bills must be paid, medical supplies must be bought, and all of this costs money. This is why the staff requests donations of certain needed items in each issue of Pawprints. Anything donated saves us money.

Please look into your bag of goodies on Christmas Eve and see if the following items are there. We will be eternally grateful for anything you can give us!

With lots of love from our little hearts,



The animals at the Shelter



For Your Information

Something to Chew On

Runimating over the approaching feast days, it occurred to me that this would be an appropriate time to talk about the weighty problem of pet obesity.

First, let me spit out some bitter facts. It is estimated that 25-44% of dogs and 6-12% of cats are overweight. Although many people look at the portly puss as a well cared for pet, the reality is that the life of such a corpulent kitty is in danger. Studies of dogs indicate that three quarters of obese animals have circulatory problems and half develop cancers, incidence rates that are 25 times those of normal pets! In addition, 57% of fat animals have musculo-skeletal problems such as hip dysplasia, compared to 9% in non-obese animals. Skin and reproductive diseases and diabetes also occur with greater frequency in overweight pets. Obesity complicates surgery and decreases immunity to disease as well.

So why are our pets fat? While neutering pets does increase the efficiency of energy utilization and decreases calories expended by roaming and fighting pets, neutering is not the culprit. Pets get fat simply because their owners have a behavior problem. Fido is flabby because his owner feeds him too much and exercises him too little.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? Let's make a New Year's resolution to make Rover less rotund. Here are some tasteful suggestions which may help.

1. You won't have to cut back the amount of food drastically if you switch to a low-cal diet. Such diets are available from your vet or grocery and pet stores. Gradually changing to the new diet will avoid diarrhea and ease acceptance.
2. Feed several small meals instead of one big one to prevent begging and increase calories burned off by digestion.
3. Exercise for 15 minutes twice a day can burn up 1/6 of your dog's calories and reduce his appetite. It couldn't hurt you either.
4. Offer low-cal treats such as carrots, rawhide or pieces of the diet pet food.
5. Avoid looking at those sad, begging eyes by feeding your pet in another room while you dine.

When you can just feel your pet's ribs without pressing and when viewed from above the hips, he has regained the hourglass shape that most pets should have, you'll have reached your goal and your pet will have gotten the best treat of all—a longer lease on life.....Sarah Hurley

SPECIAL THOUGHTS...NOVEMBER-DECEMBER PAWPRINTS

In memory of Isabel H. Swan

*Norman & Mary Ann Brown, C.
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Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Pugh, C.
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In memory of Woolly Boy, our CCHS protegee.

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In memory of Sybil and Bud

Dave & Laura Dalbey, C.

In memory of Lee Handler

Emil & Muriel Hesse, U.

In memory of JoJo

Abbie Helman, U.

In memory of Sol Cohen, he loved animals, children and his music. Mr. Cohen was a very kind man

Harold Slade Family, U.

In memory of Shadow

David & Sara Gelbach, U.

In memory of Lutie, whom we lost one year ago, and in honor of Harris, a CCHS alum adopted one year ago

Joe & Geni Roark, St. Joseph

In honor of Kelly & Nicholas

Barbara C. Swain, C.

In honor of Clementine, adopted from CCHS three years ago

Lela Cregg, U.

In memory of Casey

Mark & Virginia Hiltz, C.

In memory of Zeke, a former shelter resident

Bruce C. Creamer, C.

In memory of Wilma M. Bohrmann 1921-1988

Peggy E. Ball, C.

In memory of Mrs. Lucien File, great lover of dogs

Broadside Press, C.

In memory of Boscoe

*Virginia Walker, U.
Caroline Kirby, U.*

In memory of Marion Selin

Hans P. Selin, C.

In memory of Schatten, our beautiful Schnauzer who inspired us every day she lived

Jean Shumaker, U.

In memory of Trab

Mr. & Mrs. A. L. Johnson, C.

In memory of Mrs. Farmer who loved all dogs, but especially our CCHS alum, Gina

Joe & Marion McGrath, U.

In memory of Peggy's Murphy, who all of the OB and NEO units at Carle have grown to know and love

Doris Clark, C.

In memory of our beloved pets, Buffie, Necho, Chocho San, Michael, White Noise, Kabucki, Bildad

The Erickson Household, C.

In memory of Rags and Rusti, gone but not forgotten ever...our two very loveable "mutts"

Lois Rooney, Rantoul

The Season of Giving

Recently, long-time members made a magnificent gift to the CCHS: all of the shares of stock they held in a certain company. Their generous gift benefited everyone; the company had been bought by another necessitating a mandatory 'call in' sale of the stocks they "didn't want to hassle with," the CCHS is glad to take care of that for them. They know the proceeds will be used wisely by one of their favorite organizations, and the Humane Society can operate more confidently with the improved financial foundation.

Every gift—small and large, short term or long term—helps your Humane Society grow. As you consider your year end financial planning with your family and your tax advisor, please remember there are many creative ways to help the homeless animals in Champaign County. Today and tomorrow.

CEF

For a free copy of our brochure entitled "The 21st Century Fund," containing information on various ways you can help insure a bright future for the CCHS, please send a self-addressed envelope to the Champaign County Humane Society 1911 East Main Street, Urbana 61801.

Think of the Champaign County Humane Society when you think of your loved ones this holiday season with a gift of membership in the Humane Society...a gift that will benefit the homeless animals at the Shelter.

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Individual (\$10.00) Family (\$25.00) Contributing (\$30.00) Patron (\$50.00)

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Please send a gift acknowledgement to the following person(s):

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All checks can be made payable to the CCHS and sent to: 1911 East Main St. • Urbana, IL 61801 • 217/344-PAWS

"I'm Baking it Paws-ible," the unique cookbook published by the Champaign County Humane Society will be available for purchase this Christmas at an all-time low price of \$4.00. They make great presents for those that are hard to buy for. For details on how to obtain "I'm Baking it Paws-ible," call the shelter at 344-PAWS, or come by the shelter and purchase them in person.

Staff Notes

Many of you know (or have talked to) Diane Young, Office Manager for the Humane Society. She and her husband Mark are the proud parents of a new baby boy, Anthony Vincent, born October 16, 1988. Anthony weighed in at a healthy 9lbs. 7oz.! Congratulations to Diane & Mark. *P.S. We are very glad to have you back with us Diane.*

The Naming of Cats



The Naming of Cats is a difficult matter,
It isn't just one of your holiday games;
You may think at first I'm as mad as a hatter
When I tell you a cat must have THREE DIFFERENT NAMES.
First of all, there's the name that the family use daily,
Such as Peter, Augustus, Alonzo or James,
Such as Victor or Jonathan, George or Bill Bailey-
All of them sensible everyday names.
There are fancier names if you think they sound sweeter,
Some for the gentlemen, some for the dames:
Such as Plato, Admetus, Electra, Demeter-
But all of them sensible everyday names.
But I tell you, a cat needs a name that's particular,
A name that's peculiar, and more dignified,
Else how can he keep up his tail perpendicular,
Or spread out his whiskers, or cherish his pride?
Of names of this kind, I can give you a quorum,
Such as Munkustrap, Quaxo, or Coricopat,
Such as Bombalurina, or else Jellyorum-
Names that never belong to more than one cat.
But above and beyond there's still one name left over,
And that is the name that you never will guess;
The name that no human research can discover-
But THE CAT HIMSELF KNOWS, and will never confess.
When you notice a cat in profound meditation,
The reason, I tell you, is always the same:
His mind is engaged in a rapt contemplation
Of the thought, of the thought, of the thought of his name:
His ineffable effable
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Deep and inscrutable singular Name.

Written by T.S. Elliott

Thank You!

We can never say it enough...thank you. For the newspapers, library books, pet food, pet toys, plants and the many other things you donate to us in reply to our constant requests. We would also like to express our gratitude this issue to the special folks who remembered not only the animals this time, but the staff as well, with gifts of microwave popcorn, cookies, soda pop and office supplies. Things aren't always so pleasant working at an animal shelter and knowing that we are thought of makes for a brighter day.

Volunteers

The Dilema of Doggy Day Care

There is a need in our community for doggie day care. As more pet owners work outside their homes, more pets are left unattended for longer periods of time resulting in lonely pets and worried owners. Pets do sleep during the day, but they still need human companionship and care.

I visualize a WIN WIN WIN situation in which the owner benefits from the peace of mind which comes from knowing that his or her pet is being talked to, walked with and loved by someone trustworthy; the person who has time and interest in having a pet during the day without the responsibility of pet ownership; and the animal who has a lap to sit in and a human voice to listen to during what might otherwise be a lonely, empty day.

If you are a person on either side of this dilemma, please call me at home (356-1540) or at the Humane Center (344-7297) and let's solve three problems in one act of love and compassion.....Catherine



A Final Thought. . .

A joyous holiday season to everyone!

The Staff and the Board of Directors
at the Champaign County Humane Society!

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