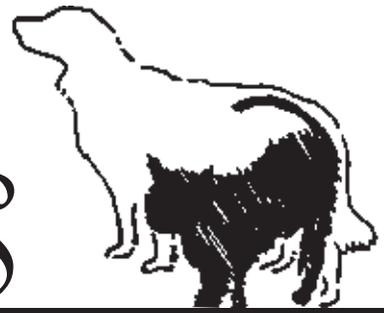


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Annual GIANT Garage Sale

Sale set for May 26 and 27

Drop-offs set for May 18-22

By Mare Payne

Basement bulging? Attic crammed? Garage overflowing? Wondering what to do with your excess?

Think no further than the annual CCHS GIANT Garage Sale.

Donations of good, usable, unbroken items will be gratefully accepted at Kesler Hall at the Champaign County Fairgrounds on Thursday, May 18, through Monday, May 22. The spectacular sale begins at 7 a.m. Friday, May 26, and continues at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 27.

While we appreciate the generosity behind every contribution, there are some things that we cannot accept. We must turn down large pieces of furniture, large kitchen appliances, windows, doors, outdated computer equipment, paint, chemicals and remainders from other organizations' sales. But just about everything else is needed: clothing, jewelry, housewares, small appliances, toys, tools, gardening gear, holiday decorations, sports equipment, animal-care items, and other treasures you no longer have need of.

And now that you've made some room at your house, come back and shop! The Unique Boutique – featuring antiques, collectibles and other treasures – will be back. Concessionaires Jack and Phyllis Bidwell also will be back and ready with coffee and doughnuts for the early risers on Friday (shoppers begin lining up around 5 a.m.) and with an expanded menu all during the sale. Last year the Bidwells generously donated a portion of their sales to the sale. ALL of the proceeds of the garage sale benefit the homeless pets at CCHS.

Volunteers are needed for setup, drop-off, organization and sale days, and clean-up. Contact Katie Widlacki (see below).

Sale Dates

Friday, May 26, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

\$2 fee from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday, May 27, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bag sale at 1 p.m. \$2 bag

Donation Drop-Offs

at Kesler Hall, Champaign County Fairgrounds

Thursday, May 18, noon to 7 p.m.

Friday, May 19, noon to 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 20, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday, May 22, noon to 7 p.m.

To volunteer

Contact Katie at CCHS at 244-7297 or katie.widlacki@cuhumane.org.



Photo by Tom Schaeffges

Small animals, BIG return

When you think of a humane society, you may immediately think of cats and dogs. But all sorts of animals – with wings, scales and fur – are cared for at shelters, and CCHS is no exception.

In recent years the smallest of the furry animals – hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, rabbit and ferrets – have accounted for upwards of 10 percent of annual CCHS adoptions.

Many people long for an animal companion, but are unable to be home every few hours to care for a dog. Adopting a small animal may be the perfect solution!

Hamsters, gerbils and mice live mainly in their enclosures, so they're a good match for people in apartments. They are very curious creatures and are fun to interact with. They often enjoy spending time lounging on the couch with their human companion,

but they do need adequate supervision while they are out of their cage to keep them safe.

Hamsters are the most solitary of the small animals, and they're nocturnal. Gerbils are slightly smaller than hamsters, with long, furry tails. They are not solitary so adopters are advised to get two of the same sex. They are active during the day.

If you are able to have a "house pet" you might consider a rabbit, ferret, chinchilla or guinea pig. These pets are very social and truly enjoy interacting with people. They can recognize individual voices and learn to anticipate play time with their favorite human companions. Rabbits and ferrets can be

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From the Executive Director Jason Smith

It's been more than a year since I wrote my first Pawprints message and told you how proud and excited I was to have been chosen to be the executive director of the Champaign County Humane Society and how confident I was in the staff and volunteers' abilities. I'm pleased to report that in looking back over the last year, and the numerous accomplishments of the staff and volunteers, my faith was not misplaced and we are as enthusiastic and motivated as ever.

In the last 12 months we have changed the layout of the shelter to better promote adoptions, refined our procedures to increase efficiency and successfully absorbed the financial loss of discontinuing animal control boarding contracts as well as telemarketing. Thanks to a dedicated group of supporters, volunteers and staff members, we are now poised to realize our long-term goals.

It has always been our goal at CCHS to expand our service to the community. In the last year, we have instituted a senior's adoption program, joined with the Companion Animal Resource and Education Center to promote humane education classes in our community, and formalized our animal cruelty investigation program. These fundamental programs represent the beginning of CCHS' long-term vision.

In the coming months and years, CCHS will increase its role in the animal-welfare arena. We plan to expand our cruelty investigation program, increase community education, incorporate a "total-care" philosophy into our adoptions, and explore options in low-income

Business Spotlight:

In August of 2005, the Humane Society held an open house to highlight the many changes made in the first part of the year. For that open house, Events1 by Herriott's Party Rental graciously donated a large tent, tables, chairs and linens for our guests. The classic look of a Herriott's Party Rental tent added a whole new dimension to



our event. Herriott's Party Rental values excellent service and quality equipment. Because of their commitment to excellence and generosity towards charitable causes, Herriott's is in the local business spotlight for May 2006! For information on how to have Herriott's make your large or small event a success, you can visit them on the web at www.herriotts.com. 🐾

Employee Spotlight

Originally from Urbana, Kate Meghji lived in Switzerland and France for much of her childhood. Lucky for us, Kate came back to Champaign to complete high school and enroll at the University of Illinois. Kate graduated from the U. of I. with a B.S. in biochemistry in 2005 and became a part of the CCHS team in November because,



she said, "I love animals and I am thinking of going to vet school. The humane society was a perfect match for me." Whatever Kate decides to do, we're sure she'll be successful. Kate has only been with us for 5 months and has already become an indispensable member of our staff. Kate Meghji is in the employee spotlight for May 2006! 🐾



Jason and Griffin, his CCHS alum

Photo by Tom Schaeffges

adoptions. All of this will be in an effort to become a more valuable resource for pet owners and those seeking to adopt pets. People are as important in the equation of pet ownership as the pets themselves.

Pets are our passion here at CCHS. We work *with* them, *for* them, but most importantly, we work hard because we know that every pet is a precious gift. We love animals; that is no secret. What many people don't know is that we love people too. We believe that anyone can benefit from the joys of caring for a pet and we are making it our mission to share that joy with as many people as possible.

At CCHS we enjoy few things more than the opportunity to meet those who believe in, and support what we do. Our jobs are not easy and it is invaluable to know that we are not alone in our efforts. Each person who supports us, whether by coming in to give time, taking animals into their home to foster, adopting, or writing a check to keep the lights on, helps to shoulder the burden of pet overpopulation.

This summer, stop by the shelter, attend one of our events or even send us a card. We'd love to hear from you. 🐾

Pawprints is the quarterly newsletter of the Champaign County Humane Society. The CCHS, incorporated in 1951, is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals, promoting animal welfare, and educating the public about humane care and treatment for all animals. CCHS is an "open door" shelter and accepts all animals in need, regardless of age, physical condition or adoptability. Pawprints is a copyrighted publication; permission to reprint any item is given, provided that CCHS-Pawprints is acknowledged. All inquiries and article submissions should be directed to the Pawprints Editorial Board, in care of CCHS. This issue was designed and edited by Mare Payne.

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Tails from (a Foster) Home

Care gives kittens a fighting chance

By Lisa Kelly-Wilson

In April 2004, I received a call from CCHS about a litter of four kittens needing foster care. When I arrived at the shelter and entered the nursery, it became obvious which kittens I was to retrieve. Three black-and-white and one all-black, they pushed their paws through the bars, and plaintively called out with their tiny kitten voices. Even the healthiest kittens are extremely vulnerable, and these, being so young, thin and unkempt, were clearly even more so. Three of the four showed signs of an upper respiratory infection. While the prognosis for a full-grown (and otherwise healthy) cat with such an infection tends to be good, even the most heroic efforts at treatment and support can fail when the patient is extremely young and malnourished. Within days after getting them home, I had lost two of them.

The remaining two did not make my job as a foster parent easy. At first, I couldn't get them to eat. They only sniffed at the saucer of canned kitten food, turned their noses up at baby food, and walked through the bowl of kitten formula. They were most interested in the bottle but couldn't seem to get the hang of using the nipple. Once they had a little practice and I figured out how to "help them" by applying slight pressure to the bottle, they forced me to develop a two-bottle, two-handed feeding technique, since neither could stand to sit by while his brother ate!

Because they were so small when I brought them home, my husband and I dubbed them "The Punkinseeds." Punkinseed 1 was a poster kitten. The healthiest from the outset, he was perfectly proportioned and beautifully marked. Punkinseed 2, on the other hand, had the face of a cat, the ears of a bush baby, and the body of a Holstein cow. As they grew stronger and more active, we introduced them to our resident cats, and it wasn't long before The Punkinseeds were regular participants in our household's "Sunrise Olympics" and communal



Punkinseeds 1 and 2
grooming sessions. Punkinseed 1 was so gregarious that he even included our 90-pound dog Yoki in his circle of friends — although he loved curling up in a human lap, he found Yoki's reclining form irresistible as a resting spot.

On the feeding front, progress was slow. Eventually they moved from the bottle to formula in a bowl, and then to canned kitten food. Dry food was another matter entirely. Even though they were now certainly old enough to eat dry food, they wanted nothing to do with it. We tried mixing it with formula, with canned food, with baby food, grinding it up, and soaking it in tuna juice, all with no luck. Naturally, once we admitted failure and abandoned all attempts at persuasion, they both took to it as if we'd been attempting to starve them.

It was about this time — after weeks and weeks of runny noses, goopy eyes, a variety of intestinal upsets and the aforementioned feeding challenges — that we found ourselves with two



Nip and Tuck

sleek, friendly and very adoptable adolescents. With great sadness and my fingers crossed, I returned them to the shelter in August so they could find their forever homes. To my admittedly unobjective eyes, the boys spent much longer at the shelter than their personalities warranted, but finally, shelter staff let me know that the boys had been adopted — together!

Normally, this would be the end of my foster story, and the news that the boys would be able to continue to enjoy each other in their new home would have to serve as my happy ending. However, I wanted the adopters to know these boys' story and so I wrote a letter, enclosed "baby" pictures, and passed the packet along to the CCHS foster care coordinator. To my delight I received a reply, new photos and an invitation to visit!

Since December 2004, I have had the great pleasure of visiting with my former foster wards and their adopters Greg and Dixie on several occasions. Now named Tuck (Punkinseed 1) and Nip (Punkinseed 2), they are big, beautiful, happy cats. Tuck is solidly built and powerful; his leaps in pursuit of an airborne toy look like ballet. Nip has grown into his bush baby ears and lost most of his adolescent gangliness. Although he'll probably never be the athlete his brother is, his mischievousness and disregard of rules suggest that with the right technology, he could be the first feline hacker. Greg and Dixie have provided the boys with lots of love and attention, plenty of room to run, a cat's ransom of toys and kitty furniture, and more recently, new playmates Dee and Dash (also CCHS alums). But that's not all — they've provided me with a foster parent's dream come true. 🐾

If you were moved by Nip and Tuck's tale, and you'd like to designate a gift in support of the CCHS Foster Program, see page 7.



It's kitten season again!

The CCHS Kitten Shower will be on Saturday, June 17, at Lincoln Square Village from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be lots of kittens and cats available for adoption and ready for you to take home.

There also will be a retail table with many great gifts for the pet lover, and information will be available about CCHS, companion animals, pet care, behavior and humane education.

See page 8 for kitten/cat items on our Wish List that would make welcomed shower gifts.

Come join the fun at the Kitten Shower!



Making your pet's golden years truly golden

By Nancy Rubel

We humans and our animals all have in common the various physical changes that take place with aging – sometimes gradually, sometimes suddenly. The most common ailments are metabolic changes, difficulty eating and bad breath, often due to dental or renal disease. Diminished eyesight and hearing, occasional bathroom accidents, constipation, decreased activity, obesity, or sudden weight loss due to hyperthyroid or diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, and even forgetfulness are all shared by man and beast. In addition, as we all get older our immune system is not as good as it once was in fighting off infections; it also takes us longer to recover from surgery or accidents.

The best way to keep our four-legged family members healthy and happy in their golden years is to start when they are young, with appropriate diet, exercise and veterinary care. As they get older, the key is to be alert to changes in behavior.

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For aging pets:

- 🐾 **See your vet twice a year**
- 🐾 **Adjust bedding and food if necessary**
- 🐾 **Groom your pet regularly**

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A vet visit is warranted anytime your pet exhibits a lack of appetite, rapid weight loss, coughing, sneezing, house-soiling or expresses discomfort when picked up. Ideally a geriatric animal should have a checkup twice a year. Make a check list for your next vet visit, and ask your vet about special diets, supplements and preventive care.

In the home too, there is much we can do to make our aging pets more comfortable. Don't implement major changes – keep your pets' bed and bowls in the same, accessible place. Provide a ramp leading up to their favorite sleeping area. Since older animals are more sensitive to temperature changes, make sure that their bed is placed away from drafts. Outdoor animals become more vulnerable as they age, and you should strongly consider bringing them indoors.

As our pets get older they sleep more, and it is therefore important that their bed becomes their comfort zone. A heating pad is especially nice for arthritic animals, as are pet beds with orthopedic foam designed to distribute the weight evenly.

Due to declining kidney function, dogs may need to be walked more often. To make sure that your older kitty makes it to the box on time, place it closer to where she sleeps. If the sides of the box have become too high, cut a U-shaped opening. Raise the food and water bowls to accommodate pets with joint stiffness or muscle weakness. Exercise remains important for the overall good health of older animals, but be sensitive to your pets' increasing limitations.



Hannah was adopted from CCHS at three months of age in July 1992 by the Hoeflinger family. She's aged gracefully in her loving home, still enjoying her daily walks. Read more about Hannah in the CCHS Alumni Gallery at www.cuhumane.org.



Since older animals tend to groom less, they require regular grooming sessions to prevent matted fur and skin problems. This is particularly important for cats because hairballs can become problematic and impactions can occur. A fatty acid supplement can restore luster to an aging coat. Grooming your pet can be a wonderful bonding experience, and at the same time you can give your animal a quick exam for lumps or other irregularities. Also pay attention to the claws, and keep them trimmed. Due to a decrease in exercise, ingrown claws are not uncommon and sometimes they are the cause of a reduced activity level.

Growing older with your pet is a gift, and being aware of changes in their needs and behavior will help you to keep your friend happy and healthy. We live in a time where it is more possible to enhance and extend the lives of our furry, feathered or scaled friends. Even though caring for an older pet sometimes requires patience, it also deepens the bond we have forged. Put all this together, and we can make their golden years truly golden. 🐾

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 through March 31.

In Memory of

Kitty Girl, sweet cat of Liz and Jeff Brunson
Karen & Clayton Pope

Rerun
Amanda McWilliams

The Aronson's dog Buckley
John & Dot Replinger,
Lynda, Joe & Rebecca Alper,
Wagontrail

Samantha, Kunta and NuBerie, our beloved pets who have gone on
Steven & Carol Burger

Joe Bauer's brother who passed away in 2005
Edward & Judi Becker

Dick Valentine
Judie Spalding

Joe Beitler
Jane, Rick, Chumble & Romeo

Tom
Jean H. Huston

Art Brady
Dan & Char Brady

Sheryl Benson
Paul Benson Family

My sweet Brandi Girl, who passed away 1/27/05
Jan Clifton

Scratchy Cat, who went to Kitty Heaven 2/7/06. I loved him dearly and miss him so much.
Nina Cottingham

Comet Dalton
Dogs-R-It Inc.

The cat Snickers, who died on 1/28/06. He was the pet of Tara Deminie.
Susan Miller

J.C., Koko and Mysty, our beloved German shepherds
Jack & Cheri Carlson

Ethel Davis
Florida House Residents Association

Shamus, our beloved Scottie
Duane & Beverly Ehler

William B. Hamm
Mary M. Farnor

Holstein, Willy and Whisker, loved forever
Sara Essig

Jake, a wonderful cat, for his years of loving companionship
John, Fiona, Jack & Julian
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Laura & Tony Bleill

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Dan Sullivan

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Gwen Bennett; Sue & Rex Hess;
Lanny Nerlien; Dollie Dumontelle

Esme, much beloved pet of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Siebrecht
Joyce Williams

Tasha and Misty
Audrey Chapman

Cassie, Mutby and Patsy - long-time friends
Harry & Pat Garrett

Spaz and all of the years of companionship shared with the Lairs
Mike & Jessica Alsip

Sophie, a loving golden retriever, gone too soon
Jack & Joan Newsome, Jane &
Chuck Facer

Cebert V. Turner, who gave Peanut Butter the cat a home
Ruth Ann Nichols

Cleo, adopted from CCHS in 1987. Her spirit has guided us to adopt more cats from our Virginia humane societies.
Andy Gregory

Toby, Willie & Lucy
Patricia Silver

Collette Broadhurst-Streeter, the stray from San Francisco who moved to the Loire Valley
Harriett Weatherford

Tucker Wilke & P.J. Lopez
Quarter C Pet Resort

Hazel, Frisco & Indy, and all the other pets in need, we love you
Keitaro Matsuoka

Aggie
George & Diane Miller

Rosemary Murray
Pat Murray

Sara Princess Lesko - we had the joy of having her for 15.5 years. We will miss our sweet and wonderful pet.
Dorothy Lesko

Laura Anderson-McBride, who lost her battle with breast cancer on 1/2/05. She had a special compassion for all animals.
Beth & David Jannusch

Budge McCown, an animal lover
Pat Jay

A lab named Buster, Doris Lawyer's lab
Myrna Rivera

Harold Phelps, my brother
Jerry Phelps

Mari Bess Plummer, you are still loved
Roy E. Cozad

Nova
Mary Jo Licht, Jim Witte Family

Lacey, gone much too soon and always missed
Robert & Ola Smith

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Mandy, the cocker spaniel
Shields Auto Group

Giget
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Buster, adopted from CCHS in March 1995
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My darling little Georgie Boy, who passed away Feb. 15. I miss him so much. God bless you, Georgie Boy.
Betty Wood

Ginger, a golden retriever loved and missed by the Yanik Family
Edward Snyder

Kathryn Schacht
Ellie & Tom Swengel

Edward & Maurine Lotz
Jerry Lotz

Stan, our thoughts and prayers are with you
Mindy & Judy

Katie Widlacki's Nugat
Karen Koenig, Barbara Meyer,
Harriett Weatherford

Dr. Neena Tripathy's beloved dog Winston
Barry Wood

Boogie Crause-Herman
Trudy, Sandy, Zoey & Huey

Collette Frost
Rena Lee Lenz

My dear sister, Mary Lou Anderson
Jack & Minnie Rindt

Mary Greene, Pyewacket, Magic, Luther and Mac
Nancy Johnson

Kiley, our beloved dog of 16 years and alum of CCHS. No dog has brought greater joy to a family than our sweet and faithful Ki.
The Zimmermans

Helen L. Jones
Carol McCabe, Mary Jo McCabe

In Honor of Megan Price, our granddaughter and CCHS volunteer
Larry & Mary Ellen Cravens

Zoe & Toby, my shelter alums
Carolyn Burrell

Millie, welcome to our home
Ellen Forcier

Kyah, rescued in Indianapolis and now in a good home thanks to CCHS
Shirley Fryer & Gail Blair

My husband Gavin A. Steele III. "Keep up the good work."
Charlotte M. Steele

Cassidy & Townes
Angie Kalb

Dirk Lusk & his CCHS alums, Ollie and Grady
Jane Lusk

Karen Pope, who does so much for her 2- and 4-legged friends
Betsy Davis

Basho & Sofia, our beloved pets
Elaine & Michael Palencia-Roth

Corky, the cocker spaniel
Shields Auto Group

My brother, John Sherlock's 80th birthday and in memory of his dog Beethoven

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And a very special thanks to all the terrific kids who held birthday parties or gift exchanges and asked for food and supplies for the animals instead of presents: Emma McNussen, 5; Marie Hunt, 11; Noah and Sophia Gehrmann, 12 and 10; Kristine Carey; James Heindold's fifth-grade class at Lincoln Trail School 🐾

Survey says ... Tell us about you

Help us help you! Let us know what you are like and what you are interested in so we can best manage CCHS to serve you. Please complete the survey and return it to us in the enclosed envelope (addressed to CCHS, 1911 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802) or you can e-mail responses to ebmeyer@uiuc.edu.

Gender: F M

Zip Code: _____

Housing type:

Farm House Apartment Condo
 Dorm Trailer

In my household live: (fill in number)

Adults Children under 18
 Dogs Cats Birds Exotic
 Small animal (rabbit, rat, hamster, etc.)

Were the pets adopted from CCHS? Yes No

If not, where? Why? _____

How did you first hear about CCHS?

Web site Event Family/friend
 Passing by Advertisement
 Store Other _____

Do you attend CCHS events?

No Yes, once or twice a year
 Yes, regularly

Have you seen the CCHS Web site?

No Yes If yes, how often? _____

How long have you lived in the area?

0-5 months 5 months-1 year
 1-3 years 3 10 years
 10-20 years 20+ years

Did you own pets as a child? No Yes

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(Choose no more than 3)

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Do you read local papers? No Yes

If so, which?

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Do you watch local news on television?

No Yes

If so, which station? (Choose no more than 2)

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 NBC WGN

Other _____



Nosing out the news

'Bone Appetit!'

It's not too late to get your paws on the latest edition of the CCHS cookbook, "Bone Appetit!"

With the help of some very dedicated volunteers and a lot of teamwork, new recipes – along with some old favorites – were collected and published.

This new cookbook includes a wide variety of dishes, from appetizers to vegetarian entrees. Of course our furry friends have their own pet treats section.

Also included in "Bone Appetit!" are helpful conversion tables of common measurements, important information about pet care, information about CCHS, and thoughtful words from and about our beloved pets.

The \$15 price includes mailing to any address, or copies are available for pick up at CCHS. For more information, call CCHS at 344-7297 or stop by the shelter to view a sample copy.

All proceeds benefit the homeless pets at CCHS. 🐾



Wanted Your photos of your pets

The Editorial Committee invites submissions of your pets, particularly those adopted from CCHS, in **high-resolution digital format**, please.

We have many uses for them in the works. We can't guarantee yours will be the next cover girl or boy, but we'd appreciate your contributions.

Send submissions to mlpayne@uiuc.edu. Thanks to Loretta Auvil, who sent in Shadow, above, adopted from CCHS in August.

CCHS needs your support!

Please join us in our efforts to promote humane attitudes and to prevent cruelty and suffering in our community by becoming a member of the Champaign County Humane Society. Your additional gift in memory or in honor of a loved one makes a difference in the lives of the companion animals in our care.

All donations throughout the year (October through September) count toward your level of sponsorship.

_____ Diamond Paw \$500 _____ Gold Paw \$250 _____ Silver Paw \$100 _____ Bronze Paw \$65 _____ Four Paws \$35

Donation designated for featured program: \$_____ Small animals \$_____ Foster program \$_____ Kitten Shower

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This is a gift _____ in honor _____ in memory of _____

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Mail this form and your check to CCHS, 1911 E. Main St., Urbana, IL 61802.**



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Small animals, BIG rewards

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litter-box trained, and if your house is "pet proofed" they enjoy exploring the home, playing with toys and cuddling with people, much like cats do. Both need large cages and time outside their cages for exercise and play.

CCHS usually has an array of small animals available for adoption. The cost is low – \$2 for mice, \$4 for hamsters and gerbils, and \$15 for rabbits and guinea pigs

If you are interested in adopting a small animal from CCHS, an assortment of brochures and books are available to help you select the pet that's right for you. Our knowledgeable staff can recommend the proper housing, food, toys and medical care for the particular species that you choose.

Small animals need regular check-ups at the vet, primarily for attention to nails and teeth. Rodents and rabbits have front teeth that grow continuously so they require hard



Gerbils and other small animals can provide companionship and the joys caring for a pet gives if time and space is limited for bigger animals.

food that will wear down those teeth. Rabbits, chinchillas, and guinea pigs also have molars that keep growing so it is important to have the back teeth checked by a veterinarian.

Shelter manager Michelle McKnight stresses that "small animals aren't 'no-maintenance' pets."

No matter which type of small animal you choose to add to your family, you will have up-front and ongoing costs – annual care costs for the small animals are estimated at less than \$200 – as well as daily-care requirements. "We have heard wonderful things from small animal adopters and they all tell us that they couldn't imagine their family without their new little friend," McKnight said. 🐾

If you'd like to designate a gift in support of the CCHS small animal care, see donation form above.

Mark Your Calendar

The following events include those that CCHS is sponsoring as well as co-sponsoring. Check the CCHS Web site - www.cuhumane.org - for the latest details on these and other events that will unfold this year.

May 5-6

CCHS Open House
Come and visit your humane society! Meet the staff! Pet the animals! Learn about animal care! Tour the facility! and more...

May 26-27

CCHS Giant Garage Sale
Kesler Hall, Champaign County Fairgrounds, Urbana
(Drop-offs begin May 18 at Kesler Hall)

May through fall

Market at the Square
Lincoln Square Village
CCHS booth will sell items and promote events

June 17

Kitten Shower
Lincoln Square Village

July

Casino Night

August

Pet Portraits

September

Mutt Strut

Wish List

Our needs are great, our budget is not. You can assist in the care of our homeless pets with your in-kind donations:

Pet Food

Canned or dry puppy/dog food (Science Diet)
Canned or dry kitten/cat food (Science Diet)
Kitten milk replacement
Dog biscuits/treats
Rawhides
Small-animal food (hamster & guinea pig)
Timothy hay & rabbit food

Pet Supplies

Small bottles (for feeding kittens)
Cat litter (non-scoopable and unscented)
Plastic litter boxes
Food & water bowls
Wire crates and pet carriers
Dog toys (not stuffed)
Dog Kong
Pingpong balls (for cat toys)
Cat toys (especially catnip toys!)
White pine chips for small animals
Fish aquariums & small animal cages

Medical and Grooming Supplies

Heating pad (for puppies/kittens)
Heavy duty electric pet hair trimmer
Size 40 blade for pet hair trimmer
Kwik Stop styptic powder
Small pet-nail trimmers
Ear-cleaning solution
Brushes and combs
Unflavored Pedialyte
Q-tips
Cotton balls
Speed-read thermometers
Craft sticks



Things we can always use

Folded newspapers (directions on CCHS Web site - www.cuhumane.org - under "Wish List")
Towels & sheets

PawPrints

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