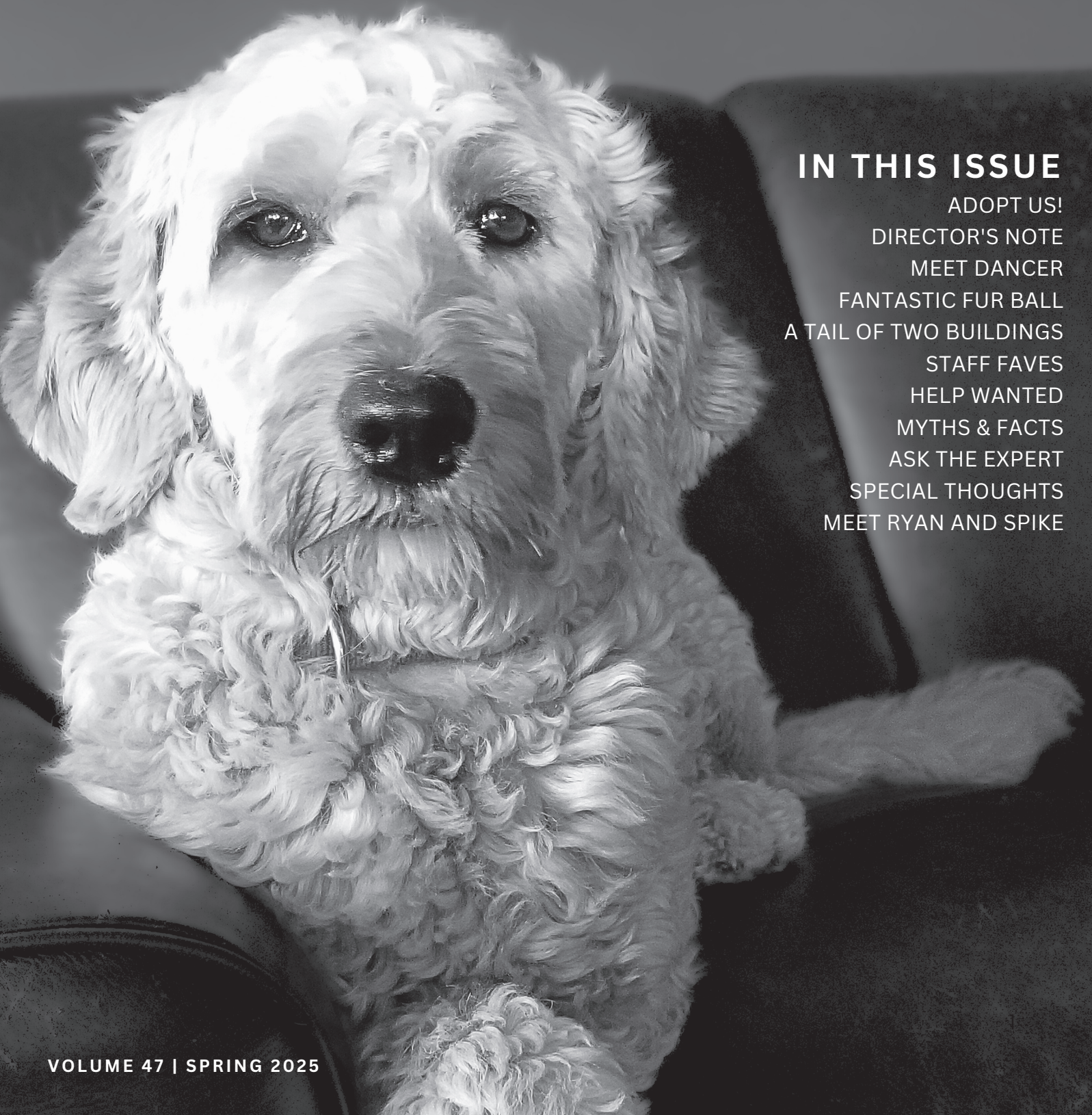




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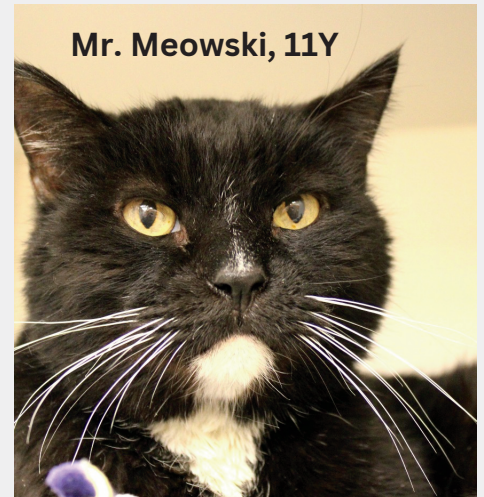
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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*Penned on March 12th, 2025*

With my new volunteer role as President of the Illinois Animal Welfare Federation comes a new responsibility – to track and analyze Illinois animal welfare legislation. (*Note: this “new role” is in addition to my job at CCHS, not a departure!*)

It might surprise you to know that since the beginning of the January 2025 session of the Illinois General Assembly, more than 30 bills have been filed that relate to the welfare of animals.

As a former law student and then judicial law clerk – or maybe just because I have contrarian tendencies – I find myself unable to embrace every proposed law that is “good for animals.” Indeed, the law is never quite that simple.

I’m compelled to look at proposed legislation from all angles – playing the devil’s advocate to draw my own conclusions. I am relegated (by my own mind) to live in a state of conflict – much like a cat that can’t decide whether it wants to be in or out while you’re holding the door open.

I can’t help but apply a legal analysis that includes broader questions like: What is the problem this bill is attempting to solve? Is the law constitutional? Is this a proper role of the government? Is it too vague? Does it unnecessarily interfere with individual or property rights – or free markets? Or, is this problem better addressed at the local level, rather than the state level, given the diverse characteristics of communities throughout Illinois?

As an example, let’s look at two currently proposed bills that would amend the Landlord Tenant Act: Senate Bill 1669 would set limits on landlords’ ability to impose fees on tenants who own pets, and House Bill 1603 would ban landlords of residential housing (containing more than three units) from denying housing or imposing conditions on tenants based on the breed of dog the tenant owns.

Both of these bills might be beneficial to pet owners, animals, and animal shelters currently struggling with high numbers of dogs and cats in need of homes.

Now, I ask you to join me in some devil’s advocacy...

The aforementioned Senate bill provides that landlords can either charge a one-time pet ownership fee or pet rent, but not both. If they go with the fee option, they cannot charge more than \$500. If they decide to charge pet rent, they cannot charge more than \$25 for small animals (25 pounds or less) or \$50 for large animals. (The bill prohibits all fees for assistance animals.)

**What problem is the bill attempting to solve?** I haven’t talked to the bill’s sponsor, but I’m guessing he has some constituents who believe landlords are charging exorbitant pet fees and a law is needed to rein them in.

**What would the opposition be?** I expect we’ll see strong opposition from property owners who will find this bill interferes with their ability to run a profitable business and protect their assets.



They will argue that the bill benefits a percentage of the population that doesn't need to be afforded special treatment. After all, pet ownership is optional, and not one of life's necessities (except to you and me, of course). Valid points.

**Should this be a state law?** One has to consider whether price setting at the state level will have the desired effect when market conditions are so different for landlords in Chicago, Springfield or Champaign, for example.

**What might be the unintended consequences of such a law?** Remember, landlords aren't *required* to welcome pets into their apartments. If the government goes too far in impeding a property owner's ability to manage his/her risks and revenues, they may discontinue welcoming pets altogether. Fewer landlords accepting pets would be a net negative for animals, pet owners, and animal shelters.

This unintended consequence is also a risk when looking at House Bill 1603. In Champaign-Urbana, some larger property management companies allow pets but have a lengthy list of breeds that aren't allowed to reside in their buildings. I can only assume that these breeds have been statistically identified as higher risk for property damage, nuisance complaints, and/or personal injury, as compared to the breeds that make the "acceptable" list.

Or, landlords might decide to mitigate risk by limiting dogs by weight, excluding any dog over 30 or 40 pounds. This would be terrible for shelters, where large dogs are the hardest to find homes for.

We currently have more than 30 pit-mix dogs up for adoption at CCHS, and we know that many pitties are great dogs with highly responsible owners. Increasing the available housing for pittie lovers could decrease the shelter pittie population. But I still wonder if using the strong arm of the government is the best way to achieve our goals.



I'm ready to be adopted. I'm just a puppy, believe it or not. Just ask for Argos when you get here.

It seems that people often jump to the legal system to fix any problem, and it's a good idea to remember that (1) passing a law is not as easy as it sounds, and (2) there might be a better way to solve the problem.

How about lease terms and policies that contain incentives for spay/neuter and dog training; address how common nuisance complaints (like barking) will be dealt with; and provide rules for the use of common areas that keep all tenants safe and the facilities clean and welcoming?

With or without the law, I'd like to see us (animal welfare advocates) help landlords develop effective ways of crafting their leases and policies to protect their assets – and promote responsible pet ownership at the same time.

If you find animal legislation and policy issues interesting like I do, please sign up for our newsletter dedicated to topic. Also feel free to reach out to me directly if you are interested in getting more involved.

If analyzing pet laws isn't your fancy, there are many ways to get involved! The Champaign County Humane Society is so much more than just a place to adopt a pet – it's a place to learn, make friends, volunteer – and yes, advocate, even if you have to play the devil with me once and a while.

Sincerely,

Mary "Tief" Tiefenbrunn  
CCHS Executive Director





# ON THE COVER



Meet Dancer!  
Adopted from CCHS  
in 2021, Dancer is  
now living happily  
with her people,  
Gloria Sax and  
Neal Merchen.



## Want your pet to be on the cover of Paw Prints?

The opportunity to feature your pet on a future cover of Paw Prints will be up for auction at this year's Fur Ball.



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## HOOP TIME



The education center features 2,935 square feet of blue cushioned flooring, an essential for protecting joints – for both dogs and humans.

“It’s foam coated with a flexible epoxy – making it safe for canine athletic activities – and the epoxy coating makes it impermeable to liquids, including dog urine. The technology was developed for equestrian facilities,” says executive director Mary Tiefenbrunn. “It was costly to install, but worth it!”

## NEW EDUCATION CENTER OFFERS



## A Tail of Two Buildings

*By Jill Pyrz*

The Champaign County Humane Society is more than just a place to adopt your next pet – it’s a place to learn.

“It’s called a campus for a reason,” says executive director Mary Tiefenbrunn. “We designed it that way.”

After the big move from the old shelter in Urbana in 2023, the nearly 125-year-old organization is bustling with activity at the new two-acre campus on Kearns Drive in Champaign.

The campus is anchored by two buildings – the main shelter, where you go to adopt a pet, and the education center, a 9,000-square-foot multipurpose building that Tiefenbrunn has been dreaming about for nearly two decades. She realized the need for more space “the day I became executive director in 2007,” she recalls.

### DOG TRANSLATORS

The old shelter in Urbana lacked adequate space for just about everything. But one of its biggest shortcomings was a lack of space for people and animals to learn.



## AMPLE SPACE TO LEARN AND PLAY!



Animal training isn't just a bonus for people who have extra time and want to teach their dog to jump through hoops – though that part of it can be fun, too. Rather, it's an absolute essential to reduce reasons for relinquishment.

In other words, it's not just about getting pets adopted – it's about making sure they don't get returned.

"The likelihood of successful incorporation of a new dog into a home goes up considerably when the owner has the tools to help their dog become a well-mannered and well-adjusted member of the household," Tiefenbrunn explains. "In a nutshell: Well-behaved dogs stay in homes."

CCHS training courses teach people how to understand what their dogs are communicating, which isn't always what you'd expect. While this might be very, very hard to believe, "dogs are not humans," says CCHS animal behavior specialist Breanne Tabbert, who teaches many of the training courses at the new education center.

"Yeah, but she hasn't met my dog," says everyone who is reading this right now. Really though, while Tabbert insists that dogs are not humans, they indeed are our best friends. And best friends are good at understanding each other.

*(continued...)*

## GRADUATION DAY



Sneha, Soutick and Momo on their big day.

### REVIEWS ARE IN — TWO PAWS UP!

We adopted Momo from a rescue when he was 10 weeks old. As first-time dog owners, we needed a lot of help with his training and building a strong bond with him. My wife, Sneha, found out about the classes offered by the Champaign County Humane Society online, and we heard great things about CCHS trainer Natalie Piper from other dog parents.

We first signed up for the Puppy Socialization class. Natalie and Breanne were amazing – helping us train Momo, understand dog body language, and improve communication with him. They were always ready to answer our many questions, even outside the class. They went above and beyond to make sure we had everything we needed to be successful. The class was so helpful that we signed up for the Basic Manners Dog Training class, which was equally beneficial.

So one of Tabbert's goals as a trainer and educator is to help you understand what they are really trying to say so you can have the most fulfilling relationship. In a sense, "we are dog translators," Tabbert says.

## ALWAYS MORE TO LEARN

The six-week courses are offered in two sections: one for puppies ages 2 to 4 months old; the other for dogs over 4 months. Courses are open to any dog who is up-to-date on vaccines, regardless of where they were adopted. And classes are not just for new pet owners.

"Even people who already know the fundamentals of dog training benefit from taking a new dog to a class," adds Tiefenbrunn. Tabbert agrees.

"I think that having people take a little bit of time, take an hour out of their Monday, for a couple Mondays, and just focus on their pet is so powerful and important," Tabbert says, speaking from experience both as a seasoned animal trainer and recent student. Last year, she took her new puppy, Piper, through a 6-week course.

"Even for me, just getting to focus and be fully present with my dog helped us both so much. And doing it in a focused way makes it so much easier," she says. There's always more to learn.

## A THING OF THE PAST

The old shelter lacked more than just a dog training space. "We had no indoor space to conduct dog introductions – for adopters introducing their new dog to their existing dog to make sure it was a good match. We had no indoor space to exercise shelter dogs in bad weather," Tiefenbrunn says. "We had no space for our animal behaviorist to do proper dog temperament assessments – something we do for all new dogs at the facility so we can make sure they are safe for adoption.

"We had no space to do dog training with groups of volunteers or staff. We also had no space suitable for full staff meetings or other gatherings. And we had no space for youth education programs – we had to hold Pet Pals, our club for pet lovers ages 10-15, in the employee break room."

But those headaches are a thing of the past. The new education center is big enough to do all of that – and then some! After all, that's the purpose of any good campus – to be a space for learning and exploration with your new best friends.

## FREE PET FOOD PANTRY



The education building is also home to CCHS' free pet food pantry, where the shelter stores donated pet food and supplies for pet owners in need of assistance. The program offers short-term, emergency-based food for pet owners in Champaign County on a first-come, first-served basis.

The goal of the program is to make sure that pets aren't being relinquished because of short-term financial difficulty. "If we can bridge that gap to keep people and their pets together, then that's what we'll do," says CCHS humane educator Elijah Imlay, who coordinates the free pet food program.

For more information about how to donate or receive pet food or supplies, email [elijah@cuhumane.org](mailto:elijah@cuhumane.org).

**Meet Stella!**

I'd love to be your only gal.







# STAFF FAVORITES



## MAJESTY

Adoption supervisor Daniella Misa, who is celebrating her nine-year CCHS anniversary on April 4, knew exactly who her staff favorite would be. Majesty is a 7-year-old Pitbull Terrier mix, who is so well behaved that she gets to go on trips to nursing homes with CCHS staff. She is gentle with kids and “even gives hugs if you ask her for one!” says Misa. “She’s such a sweet girl with a heart of gold – I can’t believe she is still at the shelter!”



## ALEXANDRITE

Becca Rosen, a University of Illinois animal science graduate who also holds her master’s degree in agricultural education, picked Alexandrite as her number one. This 3-year-old sweetheart has been at the shelter longer than any other cat. Alexandrite had been abandoned in an apartment, but a landlord found her and brought her in. When the staff scanned her microchip, they realized Alexandrite was at CCHS as a kitten. “We were like, ‘Oh my gosh – this is one of our cats!’” While they love seeing her all grown-up and gorgeous, they hope you will come in and give this shy but sweet girl a chance.

## TEDDY

Anixa Amador, who worked at an African wildlife zoo in Ohio before coming to CCHS, is the resident guinea pig whisperer. In her position at the zoo, she worked with Patagonian caviés, rabbit-like critters closely related to the guinea pig. So, it was no-brainer who would be her staff favorites – Teddy, 4, and Turbo, 3, a bonded pair of special “teddy bear” guinea pigs. “Their fur has an interesting texture – it’s shorter so it stands up more and makes them look fluffier, like a plush teddy bear,” Amador explains. These healthy eaters “love fruits and veggies, but their favorite is fresh parsley,” she notes. These “silly and sweet” boys are fairly easy to take care of – and Amador would love nothing more than to introduce you to them.

For more staff favorites, look for this icon on the humane society website.







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**April 25-26th** - Christie Clinic Illinois Race Weekend

**May 4th** - Mutt Strut

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We are also looking for volunteers at the shelter.

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Email [sarahc@cuhumane.org](mailto:sarahc@cuhumane.org) to get started.





# Myths & Facts

ADDRESSING MISCONCEPTIONS

Hi, I'm Yoko

**Myth:** Humane societies are all affiliated and under the umbrella of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS).

**Fact:** Humane societies are independent agencies with unique missions, supported locally.

**Fact:** Yoko is really cute.

*By Mary Tiefenbrunn*

## **As humane society myths go, this one is an oldie but a goodie.**

In a way, it's understandable. There are many nonprofits that operate under a national umbrella – the United Way and the American Red Cross immediately come to mind.

But it has never been the case in this country that humane societies and societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or SPCAs, operate as offshoots of a national organization.

Humane societies and SPCAs started popping up in communities around the United States in the later half of the 19th century. Such organizations typically named themselves by identifying the geographic location they served plus the words “humane society” or the acronym, “SPCA.”

In the modern era, two national organizations, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), grew to be robust national animal advocacy organizations.

To raise funds, they ran highly effective direct mail campaigns and television commercials, frequently showing sad animals in cages.

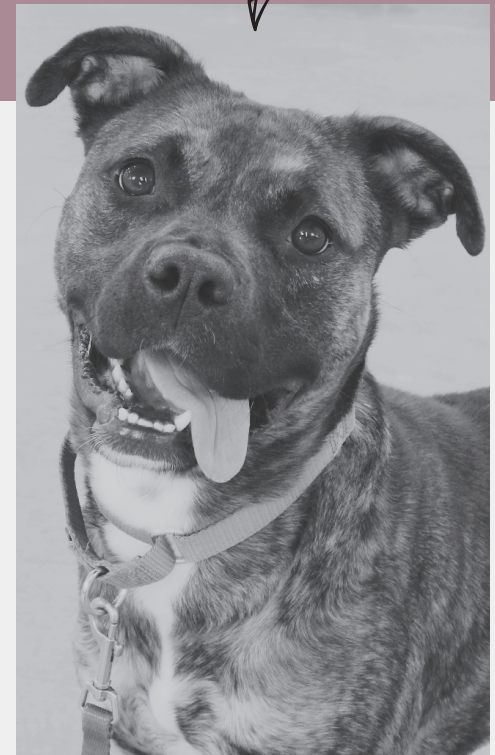
Local humane societies and SPCAs often found that their donors were confused, believing that when they made a contribution to HSUS or the ASPCA, the money would go to their local humane society or SPCA.

We have had personal experience with this many times. Donors would call insisting they had donated to Champaign County Humane Society and inquiring about their acknowledgment, but we could find no record of their contribution. Eventually we'd sort it out, and it turned out they had responded to a letter or advertisement from HSUS, not CCHS.

Many animal shelter leaders felt that the HSUS and ASPCA ad campaigns were siphoning funds away from their boots-on-the-grounds shelters – and they resented it. They also felt that HSUS had to be aware of the name confusion but did nothing to clear it up.

For whatever reason, the confusion has started to wane. And now HSUS has stepped up to put the nail in the confusion coffin.

In February 2025, HSUS announced that it is changing its name. Humane Society of the United States is now Humane World for Animals, a name that



brings its two existing identities - HSUS and Humane Society International – together under one name.

According to their website, they want to “make sure that everyone understands who we are and the bold work that we do.”

It's about time. We are certainly grateful for the clarity and are sure you will be too. And as always, thank you for supporting the Champaign County Humane Society – a name we have officially held for nearly 125 years. I'd bet my cats that in another 125 years it will still be the same.





Miss Pink needs a home.

# Ask the Expert: Embarrassing Questions Edition

By Breanne Tabbert

**Question: My dog keeps marking the side of the sofa. Why does he do this, and how can I get him to stop?**

*Answer:* Your dog is literally leaving his mark and letting everyone know he is here. Dogs communicate with each other via pheromones, and urine carries these important communication pheromones. Much like how humans use their phones to text, dogs use their urine to send messages to each other too!

Different from urinating to relieve himself, marking involves much less urine and is usually done on vertical surfaces in the home, like your sofa. When your dog urinates on trees, fire hydrants or sides of buildings, he's practicing the same idea.

This may happen if there's been some kind of big change to the household – new furniture that doesn't smell like the rest of the home; a new dog, cat or housemate; or even when a new dog moves in next-door. If the urinating is excessive or constant, a vet check may be due to rule out any underlying medical condition. If your animal is intact, having your dog neutered can solve the issue, as some marking is done to signal breeding status – though this is not always true. Fun fact: Both male and female dogs exhibit marking behavior; it's not just for the boys.

Cleaning your sofa properly after marking is so important to prevent recurrence in the same spot. Be sure to use an enzymatic cleaner specific to pet urine, because those contain a solution that doesn't just mask the smell but eliminates the underlying pheromones.

Supervision is also key, so you can interrupt your dog before he marks and calmly take him outside for a more appropriate place to go. Crate training may be beneficial for times your dog can't be supervised to prevent him

from practicing that behavior while you're gone. A quicker solution is blocking access to the sofa so it is physically impossible for him to mark there again.

**Question: Why does my dog like to sniff other dogs' butts so much?**

*Answer:* This answer ties in with the question above. Dogs gather information from smells and pheromones, and the dog's rear end is where their anal glands are located. These glands produce pheromones that share so much information for other dogs to take in – their age, their sex, even their health status and mood!

You may notice that your dog sticks her nose in the air when a dog is within eyesight but far away – your dog is “air scenting” and can gather a little information that way – but up close and personal will give her the most accurate information. Your dog's nose plays such a vital role in how she perceives and navigates the world around her.

Another fun fact: A dog's sense of smell is about 100,000 times more sensitive than a humans!

**Question: Why does my dog go nuts when another dog walks by the fenced yard? Is there anything I can do to help her? It's so embarrassing whenever people walk by!**

*Answer:* Your dog is reacting to the stimulus of another dog being nearby and out of reach. Now, the reason behind the reactivity is where reading dog language and understanding dog vocalization can help.

The barking may be due to the sheer excitement of seeing another dog and wanting to engage with that dog. It may also be frustration with the barrier in the way of your dog's ability to engage. It may be a fear response – your dog could be barking to “make the



scary thing go away.” Or it may be based on aggression.

Without additional context, it’s difficult to determine why she is barking and what can be done to help her calm down. In any case, I recommend figuring out how to interrupt this behavior, because no matter what, she is in an aroused state that can cause stress and frustration. For example, you might consider covering gaps in your fence with a material your dog cannot see through, or taking your dog out on leash so you can keep her close to you, and lead her back into the home BEFORE she notices and barks at another dog.

To modify her behavior, you’ll want to work on desensitization and counterconditioning to stimuli outside of the fence. You can help change her emotional response through positive reinforcement, like giving her a treat when she sees or hears another dog on the other side of the fence. If you try this, remember that timing is important – you must give her the treat BEFORE she starts barking.

**Question: My husband lets the dog lick his face all the time. Is he really giving kisses or is it something else? Is it OK to let dogs lick your face?**

*Answer:* To answer this question, body language is key. Dogs lick for a variety of reasons and determining why your dog is doing the behavior is so important in answering your questions.

Dogs may lick you for attention, from excitement, from stress or appeasement. In what context is your dog licking your face? What else is going on in the environment? And what does the rest of your dog’s body look like?

A soft, level spine and broad tail wag would most likely indicate enjoyment and a positive interaction. A dog jumping up and licking your face when you bend over to talk to him may be a sign he is trying to appease you as you may look large and scary to him.

If your dog's tail is tucked and his eyes are large with dilated pupils, your dog may be licking you because they would like some space – this more commonly happens with young children.

If your dog is happily licking away and you enjoy the attention, go for it! If dog saliva covering your face isn’t your cup of tea, not letting your dog lick you is

perfectly fine too. But if you’re unsure if your dog is enjoying licking or trying to communicate something else, you can always remove yourself and see if he comes back for more.

**BONUS CAT QUESTION: Why do cats like to be scratched at the base of their tails so much?**

*Answer:* Imagine having an itch on that spot on your back that you just can’t reach – and when you finally get it or someone helps you out, it just feels the greatest! That is similar to the feeling a cat can have when you scratch right at the base of their tail. If your feline friend is on the heftier side, you may see them lick another part of their body in response. This is a redirection of behavior because that spot is so arousing to them and is usually a spot they cannot reach themselves. But beware, not ALL cats enjoy this area being touched – scratching too much can cause them to be overstimulated and turn back for a quick bite or swat to ask you to stop.

Meet Lydia! She loves cats and wants to be yours.



BREANNE TABBERT has done it all in her decade-plus career at CCHS. She started as an animal care intern while she was still a student at the University of Illinois and has helped in nearly every department since then. Today, Breanne is the shelter’s animal behavior specialist. When she isn’t training dogs at the shelter, she enjoys hikes with her pup, Piper, and running marathons at DisneyWorld.



# SPECIAL THOUGHTS

## Remembering our loved ones

Green-eyed Gizmo was loved by many CCHS friends and supporters. He was the shelter cat for several years, wandering around greeting visitors and staff, before being adopted by a Chicago area family. He maintained an active social media presence, enjoyed by all his CCHS friends. We will all miss him dearly.



THIS ISSUE CONTAINS SPECIAL THOUGHTS RECORDED AT CCHS BETWEEN JULY 1, 2024, AND DEC. 31, 2024.

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Barbara, Joe, and Marni Basic

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Phoebe, Chelsea and Douglas Koch

**Stuart Jenkins**

George and Kitty Grubb, Keith and Diane Jenkins

**Ellen Johnson**

Jessica Harnish

**Dave Karcher**

Stephanie Karcher-Ramirez

**Laurence and Eva Kirby**

Beverly Brown

**John Lafenhagen**

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**Hannes Leetaru**

Marilyn Leetaru

**Solomon Lokshin**

Sarah Holder, Pickering Family

**Jerry Loyet**

Merril Prager, Peter and Joan Hood

**Edwin "Skip" Luke**

Toni Olinger

**Frederic Mansfield**

Elizabeth Fox

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**Cliff McConaha**

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Una Somerville, Melanie Starke,  
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Terri and Russ Miller

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Hope Eastin, Rogers Supply  
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Sheryle Carpenter, Susan Deppe,  
Denise Esperson, Roger and Cathy  
Inman, Renee Rader

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and William Schwartz,  
Ann Shonkwiler, Sons of American  
Legion Squadron #117, Janet  
Warnick

**Sheila Paul**  
Tom and Sue Smith

**Jean Payne**  
Anonymous

**Kyle Peake's mother**  
Ann Hettinger

**Patty Pfeifer**  
Veronica Yochum

**Don Plotner**  
Dena Mumm

**Nona Retzer**  
Linda and Otto Retzer, Susan  
Swaringen

**David Riddell**  
Gary and Linda Peterson, David  
and Judith Riddell, Spencer and  
Heather Stroh

**Marc Douglas Riney and his furry  
friends Bear, Tank and Cody**  
Laura Riney

**Harold E. Riney and his furry  
friends Susie, Charlie, and Millie**  
Laura Riney

**Bob Rooney and Tobi**  
Lois Rooney

**Martha Sanford**  
Jim and Bianca Green

**Mary Schroer**  
Donna Toulme

**Carolyn Sigl**  
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**John T. Silver**  
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Company, Dana and Jeff Morrison,  
Patricia and Stephen Silver, Lorrie  
Whitaker

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Joseph and Carol Skaggs

**Klint Smith**  
Mike and Lynn Armstrong

**Mark Stone**  
Rusty and Jill Freeland

**Marvin Stout**  
George Ann Muller

**Bea Stratton**  
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**Dick Terwilliger**  
Carlene Terwilliger

**Robert "Bob" Tiefenbrunn**  
Hope Eastin, Harriett Weatherford

**Betty Triezenberg**  
Sharon Dill and Joe Hardesty

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**Mike Welch**  
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**Sally Winters**  
Gary and Marlena Bordson

**Debby Young**  
Vickie and Bryan Hart

## IN MEMORY OF PET

**Abby**  
Madonna L. Boitnott

**Abby & Mini Pisarek**  
Marla and Joe Pisarek

**All the pets I've loved and lost**  
Linda Johnson

**Arthur**  
Vicki L. Schumacher

**Aruba**  
Logan and Korrine Kuhn

**Auggie**  
Pia Sengsavanh

**Baby Girl**  
Beverly J. Atkins-Peters

**Bailey**  
Kathy M. Leischner

**Bambi**  
Logan and Korrine Kuhn  
**Bandit**  
Deborah Brooks

**Bandit**  
Joseph and Michelle Saltiel

**Bandito Andree**  
Holly Clemons, James and Cheryle  
Turner

**Barnaby, Lucy, and Samwise**  
Angela and Robert Gruendl

**Bean (rescue dog)**  
Gaylene Amorasak

**Beans**  
Logan and Korrine Kuhn

**Beau, Soxie**  
Randi G. Lundstedt

**Blitz the German Shepherd**  
Janet Clemons

**Blue**  
Kyle and Kelly Coey

**Bosa, Gilmore, Maggie, Gabby**  
Michael and Denise Sheppard

**Boss**  
Megean Osuchowski

**Browning**  
Diane and Roger Henning

**Bruno Lara-Cinisomo**  
Sandaluz Lara-Cinisomo

**Bucky, Cash, Milli, & Lulu**  
Ashley Marchello

**Butterscotch**  
Cindy Duffy and Rick Borup

**Clara the Calico, adopted in 2003**  
Kirsten Ruby

**Callie**  
Sarah and Mark Johnson

**Callie Nudo**  
Emily Painter

**Carter Braden**  
Lee Ann and Mark Thies

**Casper**  
Elizabeth Pfohl

**Char**  
Rachel Vinsel

**Cheeto on Main St.**  
Daniel Roche

**Chloe**  
Mary Simon

**Jade, Nala and Chloe**  
Loril and Kenwood Sullivan

**Cody**  
Linda Cowan  
**Cole Radke**  
Jessica Peel

**Daisy**  
Sarah Tsai

**Daisy**  
Mary Kay's Holistic Beauty

**DeDe**  
Robert Weedon

**Dooley**  
Pat and Mike Marlow

**Doom**  
Pamela A. Nelson

**Duke Niebuhr**  
Christine Kline

**Fairway**  
Rick and Mary Holiner

**Felix**  
Linda C. Rhodes

**Flower, Mama and Kitten.**  
Donna and Michael Burwell

**Flynn**  
Barbara Miller

**Flynn "Fimochka" Miller**  
Glen and Victoria Miller

**For all our 13 lovely angels**  
Maxine Belle

**Fortuna**  
Jean Burrridge

**Green-eyed Gizmo**  
Gloria Sax and Neal Merchen, Mary  
Tiefenbrunn, Harriett Weatherford

**Goldi**  
Mark and Kristen Waldhoff

**Gonzo**  
Angelica Leti

**Gracie and Darcy**  
Alice Omaggio Hadley

**Gryffindor**  
Robin Allen

**Gwen Killeen**  
Tim and Roberta Killeen

**Hana and Mia**  
Mari, Kathy and Tatsu Shigeta

**Harley (1983-1996) & Huff  
(1996-2011)**  
Barbara Hiser

**Harley Schuster**  
Mary Katherine Dixon

**Henry, a very good boy**  
Jose Carlos and Julie Misa



## Meet Bonus! *a staff favorite*



Executive assistant, Terri Hamer, who is known for spending her lunch breaks with cats who need a little cheering up, picked Bonus because “he is so sweet and had such a hard life.” He was rescued from the streets but has a heart of gold.

**Hildy, Kaya and Trudi Dlott**  
Eve Sweetser

**Hobbs**  
Laura Rexroad

**Holly**  
Debra Gough

**Hummer, Soxie, Beaue**  
Randi G. Lundstedt

**In memory of the many dogs and cats I adopted from CCHS over the years**  
Bev Herzog

**Jack, a good ol' boy**  
Peggy and Raymond Reffett

**Jersey**  
Belinda and Steve Ingold

**Jessie, Nicky, and Mae**  
Todd and Linda Boudreau

**Kacey**  
Phil and Judy Blazier

**Katie**  
Gio Kao

**Katie**  
Cindy Duffy and Rick Borup

**Kellys, Boomerang, Dude, Udibars, Dejays, Kelly.**  
Vincent Hock

**Kevin, keen judge of canine character**  
Mary P. Stuart

**Kevin Hudson**  
Gloria Sax and Neal Merchen, Harriett Weatherford

**Kiki Creutzburg**  
Earl and Lynda Creutzburg

**Lacy May**  
John and Sandra Estergard

**Laila**  
Judith Charlton

**Leila Colbert**  
Anita Hund

**Louie**  
Chase and Nicki Bushman

**Sarah Connelly's cat Lucas**  
Harriett Weatherford

**Lucy**  
Walter and Dorothy Mikucki

**Lucy Lu**  
Mary Jo Hendricks

**Lytic**  
Lorraine McComb

**Mabel Girl**  
Stephanie Karcher-Ramirez

**Rod and Cindy's Maggi**  
Shirley Grady

**Maggie**  
Janice A. Kimpel

**Maggie**  
Kim Smith and David Skadden

**Maggie**  
Stan and Sally Feller

**Mo, the little man**  
James Conlin

**Max & Riley**  
Susan C. Lenzen

**Max the sweetest Black Lab ever**  
Connie Cardinale

**Max and Maggie**  
Shelby and Jack Stifle

**Mini**  
Elizabeth A. Michael

**Mo Hutchcraft**  
Ann Conlin

**My little Mojito Man, Loki**  
Susan Koppa-McClurg

**Molly**  
Rosemary and Randall Neeb

**Mooshi O'Brien, beloved cat**  
Nancy O'Brien

**Morgan, CCHS Alumni Extraordinaire**  
Anonymous

**Morty**  
Mark Kaufman

**My precious cats**  
Maxine Belle

**Neko and Jack**  
Brian Beakley

**Nutty**  
Charles Gonwa

**Obi**  
Mike and Elaine White

**Patches, Kat, Sparky**  
Barbara and Russell Bender

**Poshy & Sheba**  
Jennifer K. Malik

**Pugsley**  
Marci and Robert Schafer

**Rhythm and Blues**  
Dan and Carolyn Finney

**Riley**  
Judith A. Tymchek

**Robert (BobLink)**  
Lieselotte Holsten

**Rocky**  
Margarethe Williams

**Roma**  
Neena Tripathy and Justin Wenzell

**Roojneck**  
Vera Waisvisz

**Rosco**  
Cindy Duffy and Rick Borup

**Roscoe**  
Eileen Walters

**Rosie & River**  
Paula and Jeffrey Carns

**Roxy Pretty Kitty**  
Melanie Starke

**Rufus**  
Timothy and Valeri Williams

**Sassy Costello**  
Laura Perrero

**Sky**  
Catherine and William Hoffman

**Stella Messmer**  
Mike and Debbie Messmer

**Sweet Olive**  
Thomas England

**Sy Guy**  
Ellen B. Hedrick

**Tasha**  
Tom Rozanski

**Tiger**  
Bill Savage

**Tilly**  
Hannah Glass

**Twinkie**  
Laura Owens

**Ty**  
Rick and Cheryl Dixon



**Zac**  
Laura Fiscus

**For Ziggy (formerly Seamus) adopted in 2021**  
Heather Grossman

**Zippo**  
Liana Merriam

#### IN HONOR OF PERSON

**The Ballard Family**  
Liz and Annie Regan

**Ginny Beasley**  
Joyce and David Clark

**Rita Blockman**  
Anita and Stephen Hamburg, Heidi Ladd and Rick Huls

**Callahan's First Birthday!**  
Jordan Oakes

**CCHS Staff working hard for the animals**  
Lisa and Jim Stewart

**Geoffrey Challen**  
Howard and Dorothy Chapman

**Erin Ciciora**  
Steven Ciciora

**Holly Clemons**  
Jolynn RS Page

**Dr. Kim Cradock**  
Shelly Burgener

**Josh Dallas**  
Jilyan Landon

**Molly Daniel**  
Donald Pilcher

**Katie Davis**  
Cody Davis

**Chris DeRosa**  
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**Donna K. Dodson**  
Harbortown Circle Condominium Association

**Cindy and Jim Doyle**  
David and Miranda Mikos

**Hope Eastin**  
Leslie Lundy

**Giving Tuesday Customers**  
Yellow and Co.

**Crystal Graham**  
John Graham

**Lisa Gregory's 5th work anniversary**  
Farm Credit Illinois

**Julia Jamieson and Catherine Case**  
Margaret Rothe

**Stu Jenkins**  
Kelli and Ken Kemper

**Pat Johnson**  
Sharon L. Johnson

**Heidi Ladd, Rick Huls and Cody**  
Shaun and Bill Gaston

**Clara Lee's Birthday**  
Kristy Powell

**Barbara Meyer**  
Tammie Bouseman, Sarah Hurley, Karen Koenig, Mary Tiefenbrunn, Jerry and Mary Young

**Lamar and Bill Murphy**  
Patricia Prieto

**My family in Urbana and Mahomet**  
Caroline Cooke

**Brittany Pritts for Christmas**  
Jerry and Cheryl Miller

**Connie and Mike Scott**  
Pat Korbus

**Dick and Shirley Squire**  
Yvonne Sanchez

**Melanie Starke**  
Dale McElroy

**Shelby Stifle**  
Jeff and Lisa Lee

**Katherine Stout**  
Alliance Chapter NSDAR

**Taylor Swift's Birthday**  
Steph Mayotte

**Tief and Gary**  
Amy Fischer-Brown, Hope and Stachie, Kitty Brother & Stella

**Jodie Varner**  
Bob and Suellen Swaney

**Kathy Wallig**  
Matt Wallig

**Marilynne Wright**  
Hope Eastin, Randi G. Lundstedt, John Petersen

#### IN HONOR OF PET

**Bear**  
Ruth Peters

**Blue, sweetheart of a dog**  
Connie Cardinale

**Buddy Denzer**  
Daryn and Julie Denzer

**Cali, Precious, Mutton**  
Margaret Laroe

**Domino and Rena**  
Diane and William Vander Weit

**Eevee, Merry, Pippin**  
Rachel Vinsel

**Ethel Kitty**  
Jan Siders

**Felicity**  
Randy Cohen

**Gatsby**  
Shirley Olson

**Godiva Truffle**  
Jean and Darrel Wichman

**Gunny**  
Monica Ames

**Irish**  
Rick and Mary Holiner

**Izzy**  
Priscilla Hammons

**Jake**  
Judy Gordon

**My cats, Jasnah and Kaladin**  
Allison Gardner

**CCHS alumni Jessie and Molly**  
Shannon Donnals

**Karma Muse**  
Thomas and Angela Muse

**Kida**  
Bryan and Ellen Ericson

**Lamont Cranston**  
Benjamin Leff

**Louie Bushman**  
Katrina Covello

**Mabel**  
Anne Wilson and Michael Smar

**Maverick**  
Connie Bandy

**Milo**  
Steve and Carrie Brocksmith

**Moose**  
Vicki L. Schumacher

**Morgan and her pack**  
Barbara Meyer

**Nélé Miller**  
Reyna McCoy

**Otis**  
Shirley Olson

**Pearl**  
Andrea K. Hoch

**Pepper**  
Walter and Dorothy Mikucki

**Remmie**  
John and Deanna Wright

**My Riley Boy**  
Lexi Shurilla

**Riley**  
Ruth Hieser

**Bella, Bailey, and Rosie**  
Derek and Judith Robinson

**Saffron**  
Angela Rigg

**Sammy**  
Mary Jo Skrobol

**Snoopy**  
Nageswararao Eranki

**Sturgill and all the loves that came before him!**  
Randy and Lisa Howland

**Sweet Taco Bella**  
Crystal and Michael Vecchio

**TC**  
Barbara and Robin Hall

**Valentina (formerly Daisy)**  
Dalton Stewart

**Harvey the Very Good Boy**  
Paula Boyd and Jennifer Sharpe

**Wade**  
Jo Ann and Paul Wagenbreth

**Wade**  
Madonna L. Boitnott

**Weasley**  
Anne and Kari Little-McKinney

**The 5 wonderful cats I have adopted since 1982, especially Sophie who I adopted at 12 years old**  
David McPheeters

**For Ziggy (formerly Seamus) adopted in 2021**  
Heather Grossman

**Donny and Vega - the bestest dogs**  
Jenelle Orcherton

These special thoughts are meaningful to those who send them, those who receive them, and 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.

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## WELCOME TO CCHS, RYAN AND SPIKE!

Meet Ryan Anderson and Spike, our new development directors, who spent many years together in New Orleans before returning to Illinois.

In his new job at CCHS, Ryan hopes to “help you create the positive change you want to see in our community,” he says. “I’m here to help.”

Spike, a 13-year-old rescue who acts more like a cat than a dog, says his role is “to inspire you to donate.”

Spike will send you NOLA beads like the ones he is wearing here when you make a \$1,313 donation in honor of his age.

