Zero Euthanasia of Healthy and Treatable Animals in 2013

Welcome new staff member Allison Hartkopp

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Upcoming Volunteer Orientations
- Monday, February 10, 6:30–8:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 11, 6:30–8:00 pm
- Please visit our website, www.co.kendall.il.us, or call 630-553-9256, for more information!

Kendall County Animal Control is very happy to announce that there was zero euthanasia of healthy and treatable animals in 2013. This result was truly a joint effort. We were able to achieve this amazing goal through the hard work of the staff, the support of the community and the assistance from other animal welfare organizations. We are extremely grateful for everyone’s contribution.

Thank you to the following businesses that organized donation drives or donated year round:
- Go Dog Go
- Kiddie Campus
- Oswego Library
- Petsmart Distribution Center
- River Heights Vet Clinic
- Target (Oswego)

Thank you, everyone that donated food, blankets, toys, cans, money, and other needed items. Your generosity makes a big difference.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who give so much to the animals in the shelter and assist the staff everyday.

Thank you, foster parents for sharing your home and giving extra TLC to the animals that need it most.

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Allison was recently hired as a part-time Kennel Technician. While she is a new staff member, she is not new to Kendall County Animal Control. Many of you have most likely seen her before as she had been volunteering for Animal Control for about 4 years prior to her hire. Allison not only has years of animal experience, but she also recently graduated with a degree in Graphic Arts from Western University. She will be using these skills to help make promotional items such as our “Pitty” Party flyers. We are very excited to have her as a part of our team. Welcome Allison!
February Events

Kendall County Animal Control is a big part of the community! Please check out our exciting upcoming events:

“Pitty” Party
Are you single and not looking forward to spending another Valentine’s Day alone? This February Kendall County Animal Control is having their third annual “Pitty” Party all month long and you are invited! (Happy couples are invited to join in too!) Anyone who adopts a Pit Bull type breed from Kendall County Animal Control in February will receive a special goodie bag for their new four-legged friend. Not ready to commit to a long term relationship? You can still enjoy the unconditional love of an animal by becoming a volunteer!

Do you already have a Love-A-Bull friend in your life? You can join the online “Pitty” Party by submitting your favorite picture of your bully breed dog. All the pictures will be posted on Kendall County Animal Control’s website during the month of February. For more information go to www.co.kendall.il.us/animal-control/events or call 630-553-9256.

Saturday, February 8 from 10 am – 1 pm: Animal Control will be having an Adoption Event at Go Dog Go (http://go-dog-store.com/) in downtown Oswego. Come out and meet some wonderful animals looking for their forever home!

Saturday, February 8 – Friday, February 14: Go Dog Go is showing us some love and will be donating 10% of the purchase amount of toys and treats to Kendall County Animal Control!

Monday, February 10 from 6:30 – 8 pm: Volunteer Orientation! If you are over 18 years old and interested in volunteering for Kendall County Animal Control, please attend our volunteer orientation at the Historic Courthouse (http://www.co.kendall.il.us/forest_preserve/hch.htm) in Yorkville. For more information on volunteering, please visit our volunteer page.

Donations Needed!

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Puppy food
- Hose nozzles
- Cat litter
- Canned Pumpkin
- Hot dogs
- Easy walk harness—size medium and large
- Buckle collars all sizes

Thank you for your generous support!

Event Locations Wanted

Do you know of a business or organization that would be interested in hosting an adoption event, donation drive, or other event for Kendall County Animal Control? We are always looking for new locations to help promote our adoptable animals and organization. If you know of any businesses or organizations that are interested in partnering with us or if you know of an upcoming community event that we should be a part of, contact Anna Payton at apayton@co.kendall.il.us or call 630-553-9256.
Thank you to the following businesses and organizations for partnering with us and hosting events:

- Country Comfort
- Ellis Equestrian Center
- Emerson Creek and Pottery Tea Room
- Go Dog Go
- Heritage Woods
- Kane County Cougars
- Oswegoland Park District
- Walgreens
- Naperville Area Humane Society
- PACT Humane Society
- Perfect Pooches
- PURRS Naperville
- Recycled Rotts
- St. Sofia’s Forgotten Felines
- Secondhand Snots
- Sita’s Dog Sanctuary
- Small Paws Rescue
- Strays Halfway House

Thank you to the following humane societies and rescue groups for assisting us in finding forever homes for the animals at our shelter:

- 4 Paws 4 U 4 Ever
- ADOPT
- Animal Rescue Foundation
- Chicagoland Lab Rescue
- Cinderella’s Hope
- Fur Angels Animal Sanctuary
- Furever Rescue
- Great Lakes Lab Rescue
- Great Lakes Weimaraner Rescue
- Great Pyrenees Rescue of Greater Chicago
- Heart Bandits
- A Heart for Animals Inc.
- Hooved Animal Humane Society
- Illinois Animal Rescue
- International Doodle Owners Group, Inc.
- Iroquois County Animal Rescue
- Jellystone Bark
- Just Animals Placement Service
- The Lab Connection
- Lucky Dog
- Midwest Mastiff Rescue
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Finally a big thank you to my staff who spends countless hours to ensure the animals in our care never feel unwanted. They take the time to be patient with animals that are nervous and gently coax them out of their shell. They always make sure all the animals have plenty of bedding and toys. They look for new ways to find forever homes. They work hard to find other animal welfare organizations that can help us whenever needed. The staff here is so amazing and I am so grateful to have such a wonderful team!

We look forward to even more support from the community as we strive for zero euthanasia for healthy and treatable animals again in 2014!
Volunteer Appreciation Party

Kendall County Animal Control gave thanks to all our wonderful volunteers at our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party which held on Friday, December 13 at the Historic Courthouse in Yorkville. Volunteers and staff attended along with their families and members of the Animal Control committee including Amy Cesich, Lynn Cullick, and John Purcell.

Three awards were given out to volunteers who put exceptional effort into making an impact for the homeless animals of Kendall County. Kim Baird received the Foster of the Year award. Dana Butikofer received the Fundraiser of the Year award. Nancy Garbe received the Shelter Mom of the Year award.

Everyone received a goody bag and all the volunteers received a Kendall County Animal Control Volunteer t-shirt. Dinner was served and a good time was had by all.

Our volunteers give so much to the animals, the organization, and the staff throughout the year. We are truly blessed to have such a caring group dedicated to make a difference.

Adoption Update—Penny

We recently received the following update from the family that drove all the way from Missouri to adopt Penny!

I just want to touch base and let you know that Penny is an amazing new friend. I can’t imagine why she was abandoned, as she is intelligent, perceptive, friendly, respectful....and potty-trained! She was sitting and laying down on command within 36-hours of being home.

I know you were worried about our little dog Daisey, but be assured that the two of them putter around the yard like old friends. [Penny runs several laps before and after the puttering, of course.] Penny also gives Daisey a face-and-ear-grooming at least once a night before bed. They are getting along better than even I expected.

My husband tells me each day “that it was the best birthday ever.” He so missed having a companion boxer and Penny is clearly a 1-in-a-million girl. We are not normally compulsive people, but we are so glad to have taken a wild chance driving up to your shelter. Thank you for rescuing Penny!
# 2013 Was a Big Year! Here Are Our 2013 Statistics:

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Total Intake: 617  
Total Reclams: 214  
Total Transfers: 136  
Total Adoptions: 189  
Total Euthanasia: 42

Community/Adoption Events: 23  
Humane Education Programs: 5

Volunteer Hours: 2,440  
Spay/Neuter Vouchers Issued*: 31

Donations: $33,307*  
*Free program for Low Income Residents

*Includes $25,000 bequest from Deloris Sharp which was used to establish our Animal Medical Care Fund

## Country Comfort Gives Back

Country Comfort in Yorkville has started a new program and will now donate 10% of the training class registration price to Kendall County Animal Control anytime someone signs up their dog that they adopted from Animal Control.

We are very excited for this new partnership. Thank you Country Comfort for your generosity!
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Kendall County Animal Control is the County agency responsible for the enforcement of the state statutes governing rabies control in domestic companion animals. The State of Illinois requires that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian. Compliance with this law is monitored through the issuance of rabies tags for all dogs residing in the County. All dogs are required to wear their rabies tags when off of the owner’s property. If a pet is lost, rabies tags also provide an excellent means of identifying your pet.

Kendall County Animal Control investigates animal related complaints in unincorporated Kendall County. Animal Control also investigates and tracks animal bites.

Kendall County Animal Control is the only physical animal shelter in Kendall County. Animal Control accepts all stray animals found in Kendall County and also accepts owner surrender dogs from Kendall County residents. A variety of dogs and cats are available for adoption at our facility.

Your Monetary Donation Can Make a Big Difference

Kendall County Animal Control is a self-sufficient department that does not receive any tax money. When you donate to Kendall County Animal Control, you can decide how you want to make a difference by choosing to donate to one of the following funds:

- **Animal Medical Care Fund**: Help to provide medical treatment to the homeless animals in our care above and beyond the standard care they receive. Examples include dental cleaning and teeth extractions, amputations, and corrective surgeries.

- **Animal Control Fund**: Help to provide daily care for the animals while they are at Animal Control. Examples include purchase of food, collars, leashes, toys, litter, kitten formula, and bottles.

- **Animal Control Capital Improvement Fund**: Help to provide capital items needed for providing the best care possible for the animals and for the community. Examples include purchase of a new animal control van and building expansion and improvements.

For more information on donating to Kendall County Animal Control, please call 630-553-9256.