Volunteer of the Month—Tom Novak

Kendall County Animal Control is pleased to announce that our Volunteer of the Month Award for the month of March goes to:  Tom Novak

Tom has been volunteering at Animal Control since December 2013. Tom spends time with every adoption dog, giving them plenty of exercise by taking them for long walks and giving them each individual attention. His friendly and calm demeanor has allowed him work well with even our more energetic and high anxiety dogs. Tom has helped with many of our adoption events, assisting our dogs and cats find their forever homes. He has also gone above and beyond and actively sought out new locations for our adoption events, including our upcoming event on April 26 at Caring Hands Thrift Store in Yorkville. We are truly appreciative of all that he does to help the animals!

Tom and his wife reside in Yorkville.

Congratulations and thank you Tom!

Fastest cat adoption to date!

Our fastest cat adoption to date happened on March 27. Colin, a neutered male, 9 month old Domestic Short Hair moved into our adoption cat room for about 5 minutes before a Plano resident fell completely in love with him and filled out an adoption application. He was soon approved and Colin went to his forever home. Colin’s adoption certainly brings new meaning to the phrase, “As quick as a cat!”

Tom poses with Willow, a 4 year old Blue tick Coonhound that is currently up for adoption.
April Events

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

**Monday, April 7 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](http://www.co.kendall.il.us/forest_preserve/hch.htm)) in Yorkville. For more information on volunteering, please visit our volunteer page.

**Saturday, April 12 from 10 am – 1 pm:** Animal Control will be having an Adoption Event at Go Dog Go ([http://go-dog-store.com/](http://go-dog-store.com/)) in downtown Oswego. Come out and meet some wonderful animals looking for their forever home!

**Sunday, April 13 – Saturday, April 19:** Animal Control Appreciation Week!

**Saturday, April 26 from 10 am — 2 pm:** Animal Control will be taking part in “Caring Paws” Animal Fair at Caring Hands Thrift Shop ([www.facebook.com/pages/Caring-Hands-Thrift-Shop/165451236841532](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Caring-Hands-Thrift-Shop/165451236841532)) in Yorkville. Find your new best friend at this great event!

**Saturday, April 26 from 11 am — 3 pm:** Animal Control will be attending the Spring Home Expo put on by the Northern Illinois Home Builders Association. This event will be at Heritage Home Décor and Design ([www.heritagehdd.com](http://www.heritagehdd.com)) in Yorkville. Come out and meet some of our fantastic adoptable animals!

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**Donations Needed!**

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Puppy Food
- Senior Dog Food
- Canned Dog Food
- Cat litter
- Poopers Scoopers
- Buckle collars—All sizes

Thank you for your generous support!

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**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.
Two Unique Cats Awaiting Their Forever Home

As an open admission shelter, Kendall County Animal Control often receives animals that have special medical needs. Despite their unique qualities, we believe these animals deserve to have a forever home. We currently have two wonderful cats waiting to be adopted that have different conditions that make them unique, but no less lovable.

First, we have Tabitha, a 3 year old Domestic Short Hair cat. She came to Animal Control as a stray. She has an eye condition that was probably a birth defect so her eyes look a little different than the other cats. The veterinarian gave her eye surgery to help improve her comfort. Don’t let her eyes fool you though. She can jump and pounce on toys with the best of them! She is a useful girl and is happy to “help” you with whatever you are working on whether you are writing or working on the computer. She really has quite the personality! Tabitha fully embraces her uniqueness. All she needs is a family to fully embrace her.

Second, we have Emmy Lou, an 8 year old Domestic Long Hair cat. She also came to Animal Control as a stray. She had blindness in one of her eyes. The condition was causing her pain, so the veterinarian removed the eye. She also was very matted when she came in, so she got a lion cut at the groomer. The groomer said she was wonderful to work with. Emmy Lou is a laid back girl who enjoys other cats and napping in the cat tree. She is a very sweet and loving girl. Emmy Lou would love to have a home where she can snuggle up with her family on the couch.

All of these cats have been spayed, are up to date on my vaccines, tested negative for Feline Leukemia and FIV, and have microchip. Their adoption fee is $70.

While we provide the best care we can to animals with special needs, what they need most is a loving, forever home. Sadly, these animals are often overlooked because of their imperfections. Please come to the shelter and meet these two cats and share their story with your friends, family, and co-workers. Please help us make their dreams come true!
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.