August Volunteers of the Month

Kendall County Animal Control is pleased to announce that our Volunteers of the Month Award for the month of August goes to: Skylar Betsinger and Ruth Orr.

Ruth and Skylar are a grandmother and granddaughter pair that spends quality time together by making an impact for the animals at the shelter. They come in for hours at a time to help out however they can. They walk and exercise the dogs. They socialize and play with the cats and kittens. They help with laundry and general cleaning around the shelter. Combined, Ruth and Skylar volunteered for almost 40 hours in the month of August. We appreciate them giving so much of their time to help make a difference.

Skylar is from Shakopee, MN and Ruth is resident of Montgomery.

Congratulations and thank you Skylar and Ruth!

3rd Annual Pictures in the Park

The 3rd Annual Pictures in the Park will take place Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9 am to Noon at Emerson Creek and Pottery Tea Room in Oswego. For $40, you get a 20 minute session with a professional photographer. All your photos are professionally edited and provided to you on a CD.

100% of the money collected from this event goes to help the animals at Kendall County Animal Control.

Appointments are required for this event and spots fill up quickly. Don’t miss out! To book your appointment, call Dana 630-333-3043 today!

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Upcoming Volunteer Orientations

- Wednesday, September 11, 6:30–8:00 pm
- Monday, October 7, 6:30–8:00 pm
- Tuesday, November 12, 6:30–8:00 pm

Please visit our website, www.co.kendall.il.us, or call 630-553-9256, for more information!
September/October Events

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

**Saturday, September 14 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, September 29 from Noon – 4 pm**: Animal Control will be having an Adoption Event at Country Comfort ([http://countrycomfortboarding.com](http://countrycomfortboarding.com)) in Yorkville. Meet some of the wonderful dogs and cats we currently have available for adoption. You may just meet your match!

**Friday, October 4 from 4 – 7 pm**: Visit with adoptable animals from Animal Control at Family Fun Night at the Ellis Equestrian Center ([www.ellishec.com](http://www.ellishec.com)) in Minooka. You may meet the perfect 4-legged addition to your family!

**Saturday, October 12 from 9 am—Noon**: 3rd Annual Pictures in the Park Fundraiser. See page 1 for more information.

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**Donations Needed!**

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Kitten food
- Cat litter
- Canned Pumpkin
- Bleach
- Hot dogs
- Easy walk harness—size medium

Thank you for your generous support!

**Popcorn Fundraiser Was a Success!**

Thank you to everyone who took part in our 1st ever Page’s Popcorn Fundraiser. Volunteers, Kendall County departments, and the public purchased tins upon tins of the delicious popcorn. Due to all the great support we received, approximately $600 was raised to help the homeless animals!
Tips for Moving with Your Pet

Moving can be a stressful time for people and can also be stressful on pets. The following tips can help ensure the process is smooth as possible.

Before the Move

- Be sure to give yourself plenty of time to find new housing for you and your pets. Check the county and city ordinance to find out what the limit is for the number of animals you may have in that area so you know if the number of pets you have is acceptable. If you are renting, there are now many resources out there to help you find pet-friendly apartments and rental properties. When I moved I used a free apartment broker to help me find an apartment that allowed me to have my two large dogs. With so many people relinquishing their pets to shelters because they are moving, numerous animal shelters now list pet-friendly housing resources on their website, including Kendall County Animal Control.
- Check with your veterinarian to insure your pets are up to date on their vaccinations and are in good health. Keep their records someplace that will be easily accessible during the move. This is especially important if you are flying or moving out of state.
- Contact your local Animal Control to let them know you are moving and provide them with your new address and phone number.
- Acclimate your pet to their carrier or crate if they are not already use to it.
- Make a plan for where you are going to keep your pets during the move whether it is with you, a trusted friend or family member, or a boarding facility. It is important for you and your pet to be comfortable with whatever option you choose.

During the Move

- Be sure your pets are secure before opening the doors and moving your belongings out. If you chose to keep your pet with you, keep them in their carrier or crate or in a room with the door closed such as the bathroom. Be sure to put a large “Do Not Enter” sign on the door so your movers or friends do not accidentally let them out.
- Remember the chaos of moving is confusing and stressful to an animal. Of course, your stress level will be sure to skyrocket if your pet escapes on moving day. Keeping your pets safe and secure will not only minimize their discomfort, but also give you one less thing to worry about.

After the Move

- Have your pet’s belongings set up before letting them out of their carrier or crate. Walk your dog around your new place and show them where their water and food bowl, toys, bed, etc. are located. It is a good idea to keep your cat in whatever room you are going to keep the litter box for the first 2-3 days to insure they know where it is and are not overwhelmed by their new surroundings.
- Keep your dog on a leash and walk them around the yard and neighborhood so they can familiarize themselves with their new environment. All the new sights and smells can be very exciting for a dog. Even if your dog is trained to respond to voice commands off leash, it is important to keep them on leash while giving them time to get use to their new surroundings.
- Contact the local Animal Control and register your pets. Make sure you have proper tags for the county or city where you now reside. Update your information with your pet’s microchip company. Also be sure to get new ID tags with your current address and phone number.

Following these simple steps will help create a low stress move for you and your pet!
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 enforces the County’s ordinance that prohibits dogs from running at large in unincorporated, residential areas. Animal Control also reports animal bites as well as pick up stray dogs that are in a contained area. Stray dogs may also be brought to the facility during business hours. Dogs and cats are available for adoption at our facility.

July Summary

There were many memorable moments in July. Among them, was staff and volunteer favorite and expert fly catcher Paisley. Here is a quick breakdown of KCAC’s numbers for the month of July:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 31
- Dogs adopted: 9
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 4
- Cats adopted: 4
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 3

Paisley sports a big grin while posing with her new family.