When it comes to giving back to the animals, it’s a family affair for the Middletons. This set of sisters just started volunteering at KCAC in October but they’ve already made quite an impact.

Kristen and her family own three large dogs (including a KCAC alumni) so she is a huge asset when it comes to walking the dogs here. She’s game for walking all of them regardless of energy level, size, or inclement weather!

Melonie enjoys contributing her volunteer time to the cats and does an excellent job of socializing, brushing, and snuggling with all of the adoptable felines.

We’re thankful to have this pair of dedicated sisters contributing their time on a weekly basis to the adoptable animals of Kendall County Animal Control and look forward to seeing even more of them in 2015!

Throughout December our friends at Canine Physical Rehab will be hosting a Christmas Giving Tree. When you visit them at 2285 Cornell Avenue in Montgomery bring along a donation from our wish list (co.kendall.il.us/wp-content/uploads/AC_wish_list1.pdf) and you will receive some great coupons good at both C.P.R. and See Spot Swim—what a great way to support us while getting a little something in return!
November Events

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

**Tuesday, December 9th, 6:30pm-8:00pm:** Come join us for our December Volunteer Orientation! Kendall County Animal Control is always looking for some great additions to our team of passionate volunteers. You can learn more about the orientation and general volunteer information here: http://www.co.kendall.il.us/animal-control/volunteer/

**Saturday, December 13th, 10:00am-2:00pm:** Join us at our first annual holiday craft fair and bazaar being hosted at Country Comfort Boarding and Grooming! There will be a great mixture of vendor merchandise and home-made crafts available for purchase at this event with proceeds benefitting the animals of KCAC! There will also be raffle prizes and other goodies so come on over for some great holiday gift shopping and fun.

Making a Big Impact with Your Monetary Contribution!

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.
Hazardous Human Foods for Pets

- Alcoholic beverages
- Apple seeds
- Avocados
- Cherry pits
- Candy (particularly chocolate)
- Coffee
- Garlic
- Grapes
- Gum
- Macadamia nuts
- Mushroom plants
- Mustard seeds
- Onions and onion powder
- Potato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Raisins
- Rhubarb leaves
- Salt
- Tea (because it contains caffeine)
- Tomato leaves and stems (green parts)
- Walnuts
- Xylitol (artificial sweetener that is toxic)

We all might be doing a little extra indulging this time of year and though having your dog or cat share in the spoils of the holiday season might be tempting, certain foods can prove deadly.

So don’t hesitate to fill Fido's stocking with a few special dog treats or leave a plate of catnip out for your feline friends, but be sure they don’t consume any of the following hazardous items:

Adoptable Dogs-Murphy and Midas

Meet our favorite dynamic duo, Murphy and Midas! This pair came to us as owner relinquishments in early October and quickly became staff and volunteer favorites. In addition to enjoying each other’s company, they are both super friendly with people and other animals. Murphy is an approximately 8-year-old Puggle and Midas the Beagle is around 5. They are both now neutered, chipped, vaccinated, and heartworm tested. As you can see in his photo, sweet Midas does permanently have his tongue out of his mouth, but it doesn’t impact his ability to eat, drink, or be a regular happy go lucky guy! We’d love for these buddies to find a forever family together, but are also open to finding them separate suitors so come visit these gents during our regular business hours.
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.

November Summary

There were many memorable moments in November. Among our favorites were the double adoption of feline friends Mary and Sophie and the adoption of our senior gal, Sage, to our very own staff member, Ed! Here is a quick breakdown of KCAC’s numbers for the month of November:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 18
- Dogs adopted: 2
- Cats reunited with their owners: 1
- Cats adopted: 5
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 4

Not only did Mary and Sophie get adopted...they got adopted TOGETHER!

Our smiley senior girl, Sage with her new dad and canine sister!