Kristina Kaltenbach

What is your name?
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How long have you been volunteering for Kendall County Animal Control?
Almost 6 months

Please share a special story about a pet (yours or shelter pet) past or present?
There is one animal whose story has really stood out to me over my time here at the shelter. Miss Kady Mae truly made an impact on and inspired me and everyone who met her. Despite being neglected and losing her eyes, her spirits never withered. She was always so happy and playful. She is truly the sweetest dog I have ever met despite her hardships. Kady’s time at the shelter truly highlighted the loving and caring staff and volunteers at KCAC.

What is your favorite part of volunteering?
My favorite part of volunteering is seeing all the wonderful and deserving animals finally finding their furever homes. There is no greater joy than seeing the animals with their new families. I look forward to seeing the photos of the happy families after the adoptions on my Facebook newsfeed and Snapchat. It truly brightens my day. It makes all the hard work done by the staff and volunteers rewarding.

What are 3 things we may not know about you?
1. I have 3 adorable fur babies (cats): Smokey Bear, Ruby Tuesday, and Princess Sheeva.
2. I graduated from college in May with a Bachelors of Science degree. I have a double major in Biology and Health Science and double minor in Chemistry and Physiology.
3. I just received a job working in the quality control lab of an edible oils supplier and prior to that I was a Starbucks barista.

December Adoptable Pet-Melody!
Melody is one cool cat, as in one mellow, laid back cat. She also happens to be a beauty as well. She loves to be loved and to give love. She was a stray so we know little about her past, but we know she came in in rough shape. Even with her poor start she is just full of life and is always such a happy girl. Melody is one of the most affectionate cats ever. We don’t know why no one ever came looking for this girl. She truly is a great cat. She is visually impaired in one eye, but you would never know by the way she behaves. She is now healthy, fully vetted and available for adoption at Kendall County Animal Control. Adoption fee is $70.00.
Upcoming Events

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

Come show us your skills! Kendall County Animal Control is always looking for some great additions to our team of passionate volunteers. You can learn more about orientation and general volunteer information here: http://www.co.kendall.il.us/animal-control/volunteer/

Volunteer orientations are held in the East Wing Conference Room (EWCR) of the Historic Courthouse located at 110 W. Madison St. in Yorkville. Dates for upcoming orientations are:

- Tuesday, December 27, 2016 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
- Thursday, January 19, 2017 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

(Please email R.S.V.P to: Lpawson@co.kendall.il.us or call 630-553-9256)

Adoption Events:

- Saturday, January 14, 2017 - 11am-2pm at Pet Supplies Plus 1755 Marketview Dr. Yorkville, IL
- Saturday, February 11, 2017 - 11am-2pm at Pet Supplies Plus 1755 Marketview Dr. Yorkville, IL

KCAC Looking for More Event Locations

Speaking of events...did you know that we’re always looking for spots in the community to hold adoption events and fundraisers? We’re lucky to have some wonderful partners, such as Pet Supplies Plus here in Yorkville, that host us for adoption events. However, we’d love to have even more spots to showcase our dogs as it is a wonderful way for them to receive some extra socialization and get their gorgeous faces out there and into the public’s eye. If you or a friend or family member has a business that would be interested in partnering with us, please email

Donations Needed!

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Dry Kitten Food
- Hotdogs
- Canned Pumpkin
- Large Dog Weight Scale
- Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Bleach
- Clumping Cat Litter
- Black Kongs/Dog Enrichment Toys
- Buckle Collars (medium and Large)

Adoptable Dog-Luna

Check out this beauty. Her likes include, long walks, belly rubs and of course food. Luna was picked up as a stray so her past is unknown. She is clearly part pug and beagle and we are guessing she might be mixed with boxer. She has a very cute face and her under-bite just adds to her character. We estimated her to be about 3 years of age and she is much smaller than she looks in her pictures. She was shy with us at first but has come to love and adore the whole staff. She is still a bit apprehensive with men, but she is easily won over. With some love and a gentle guidance she will flourish and be a wonderful companion. Please stop in and see for yourself. Luna is fully vetted and available for adoption. Fee $120
Shout Outs and Thank You’s!

We’re thankful for all the wonderful people that come in on a regular basis with donations of food, toys, recyclable cans, and other items on our wish list. This month, we have a special shout outs for folks that went above and beyond.

Thank you Hunt Club Oswego residents for donating pet treats, beds and supplies!

Thank you Callie Ferko for donating food, litter and other supplies in lieu of gifts for her 9th Birthday!

Thank you Ace Hardware Sugar Grove for donating pet food and other supplies.

Big thanks to River Heights Vet in Oswego for collecting donations for the shelter!

Thank you Target of Yorkville for your continued donations of pet food and supplies!

Rescue Tails

On October 18th we received a strange report of an unidentified lizard crawling around in someone’s yard. We received a photo or the unknown creature and it was quickly identified as a domestic green iguana. Unfortunately it also appeared to be in very poor condition. With temperatures dropping quickly, we knew this cold blooded iguana needed to be brought indoors because he would most likely not survive through the night in the cold. When the iguana arrived at the shelter, we could see immediately that he was emaciated. His skin was dark and not the healthy green shade of a healthy iguana. His scales were rough and broken and he was inactive due to being very cold. We did not know how he had gotten outdoors, or for how long, but it appeared to have been a while. We gave him a name, “Renegade.” The first step was to get Renegade’s body temperature up. Once he was warmed up, next came the challenge of trying to get him to eat. It is not uncommon for reptiles to stop eating when in such poor condition, so a reptile appetite stimulant was administered. An exotic vet provided some additional tips to get our new vegetarian friend to start eating. With time and lots of TLC Renegade started to eat on his own and his beautiful green color started to show. We reached out to Fur Angels Sanctuary and they agreed to take Renegade to finish nursing him back to health. After a couple weeks passed, Renegade’s foster Mom, an experienced reptile foster, reported how well he was doing at her home. Not too long after the update, Renegade was adopted into his forever home! Thank you Fur Angels Sanctuary!
November Summary

There were many memorable moments in November. Among our favorites were “Basil” and “Piper”. Beautiful Basil went to his forever home on 11/14/16. Cute little Piper was adopted by a loving family on 11/17/16. Here is a quick breakdown of Kendall County Animal Control’s numbers for the month of November:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 18
- Dogs adopted: 2
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 0
- Cats reunited with their owners: 0
- Cats adopted: 6
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 1

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.