May Volunteer of the Month

Kendall County Animal Control is pleased to announce that our Volunteer of the Month Award for the month of May goes to: Alison Hosler

Alison has only been volunteering with Kendall County Animal Control for a little over 2 months but she has made a big impact in a short amount of time. She brings great experience from previous volunteer experience at other animal shelters. Alison is very dedicated, coming every Saturday to help with everything from cleaning to spending time with the animals to helping out other volunteers that need assistance. She also has helped at Animal Control’s offsite adoption events, promoting the organization and the many wonderful animals that are patiently waiting to find their forever home.

Alison shares her home with a cat in Aurora.

Congratulations and thank you Alison!

Animal Medical Care Fund Established

The Kendall County Board approved the addition of the Animal Medical Care Fund for Kendall County Animal Control at the June 4th Board Meeting. The money in this fund will be used for medical care of the animals at the shelter that require more care than the minimum amount budgeted per animal. Some examples of the care this fund will allow include x-rays, advanced surgeries, and other in depth medical treatment. This fund will be supported strictly by donations. If anyone is interested in learning more about this fund or how to donate, please call Kendall County Animal Control at 630-553-9256.
July Events

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

Friday, July 5 from 4 – 7 pm: Visit with adoptable animals from Animal Control at Family Fun Night at the Ellis Equestrian Center (www.ellishec.com) in Minooka. You may meet the perfect 4-legged addition to your family!

Saturday, July 13 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!

Wednesday, July 17 gates open at 5:30 pm: Animal Control will be a part of the Bark in the Park event (http://www.milb.com/documents/4/8/2/43355482/Bark_in_the_park_g3p4mqoa.pdf) at the Kane County Cougars stadium. Join for a fun night of baseball and meet some of our adoptable dogs. Fans can also bring their dog to the ballpark on this special night! There will be lots of contests and giveaways for your pooch. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Donations Needed!

Animal Control is currently in need of the following:

- Velveeta or generic cheese product
- Bleach
- Hot dogs
- Soft dog treats
- Kongs
- Tennis Balls
- KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement)

Thank you for your generous support!

You CAN make a Difference

Did you know that you can help the homeless animals in Kendall County simply by bringing cans to Animal Control? Kendall County Animal Control collects cans and takes them into a metal recycling facility. Animal Control receives money that they then use to buy food, collars, treats and other supplies for the animals in their care.

You can drop off cans anytime! If Animal Control is closed, simply leave the cans by the front door and the staff will bring them in when they arrive. This simple gesture, can make a big difference in lives of the shelter animals!
Summer Safety Tips for Your Canine Companion

Summer is often an enjoyable season for people and pets. However, hot weather can be uncomfortable for people and animals alike. When you feel the temperatures rise, think about how you would feel wearing a fur coat. If it is too hot for you, it is too hot for your dog. The following are some summer safety tips to insure you and your pooch have a happy, healthy summer.

- Always provide plenty of cool, fresh water.

- When outside, make sure there is shade available that your dog can rest in.

- Take your dog for a walk in the early morning or in the evening when temperatures are cooler. Also avoid walking on asphalt as it can be much hotter than other surfaces and burn the pads on your dog’s feet.

- Heartworm is a deadly disease which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Be sure to discuss with your veterinarian heartworm testing and preventative. Flea and tick preventative should be discussed as well.

- Never leave your dog in a closed car on a hot day. Even with the windows cracked, the temperature inside the car escalates to high temperatures very quickly. Not only is this extremely dangerous and fatal for your dog, it is also against the law. Play it safe and leave your dog at home if you think you might have to leave him in the car.

- Water safety for dogs has many similarities to water safety for children. Never throw a dog into the water, especially if it is their first attempt at swimming. Introduce them slowly in shallow water to insure a positive experience. Dogs should always wear a floatation device when they are on a boat. Do not leave dogs unattended by pools or bodies of water. Not all dogs are good swimmers and those that are can tire out quickly.

- Brachycephalic dogs such as Bulldogs and Pugs have a harder time breathing and panting so keep these types of dogs out of the heat and in the air conditioning.

- The heat can also be harder on overweight and senior pets so they should also be kept in the air conditioning as much as possible.

- Know the signs of overheating! Early symptoms of heatstroke include rapid breathing and excessive drooling. Advanced symptoms include white gums, lethargy, and shock. If you suspect your dog is overheating, immediately try to cool him down and contact your veterinarian.

- Most dogs are scared of fireworks. The loud noise can startle your dog and cause him to run off. Or a curious dog might get injured by getting too close to a firecracker or sparkler. Please leave them at home or inside when taking part in Fourth of July celebrations.

For more information on how to keep your pet safe this summer, consult your veterinarian.
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.

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May Summary

There were many memorable moments in May. Among them, was Bowie, a Siberian Husky who adopted by someone whose current dog looked like he could be his twin. Here is a quick breakdown of KCAC’s numbers for the month of May:

- Dogs reunited with their owners: 20
- Dogs adopted: 9
- Dogs placed with rescue groups: 5
- Cats reunited with their owners: 1
- Cats adopted: 1
- Cats placed with rescue groups: 9

Bowie, smiling, happy to be going to his forever home!